A LIFE REVEALED:

THE DIARY OF GLADYS BOLON COOPER
(1939-1989)

VOLUME V

(JANUARY 1, 1976 - NOVEMBER 18, 1989)

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INTRODUCTION TO VOLUME V
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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 1 through Book 45. The 46th book, which related to two separate trips taken in 1939 and 1968, has been labeled by myself as Book 35A. This unnumbered book contains entries for a trip to South America, particularly Brazil, from March 1 through April 2, 1968, plus a much earlier trip to Arizona, the West Coast and Canada in 1939. Entries for the 1939 trip go from June 10 through August 20. Since I was for a time unaware of their existence, I have included them as an Appendix to Volume 35 for 1968. The first entry for the "regular" diary is September 3, 1939, Gladys's 40th birthday.

The diaries have been transcribed by Dr. Donald B. Cooper, son of Gladys and Charles, and Professor Emeritus of History at The Ohio State University. In making these transcriptions, I have copied the entire original diaries verbatim, i.e. exactly as written, except that certain abbreviations (such as, for example, "D. & D." for "Dorothy and Dick," and "Chas." for "Charles") have been extended. In addition, certainly explanatory comments, such as adding the full names of individuals, where known, or explaining the context of an entry, are added in square brackets, i.e. "[...]". On the few occasions when I have been unable to read words, I have added "[Meg.]" for "illegible." Otherwise, I have added nothing, changed 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; little is written about her own inner feelings, or reactions, as events unfold. Nevertheless, over time, a reader would feel that he or she knows Gladys well. The first four volumes of the diary chronicle her daily activities around the home including baking, cooking, canning, cleaning, washing, ironing, shopping, etc. This final volume deals more with the increasing stress of widowhood, declining health, isolation, and advancing age. Despite the repetitious nature of the entries, there is much information that would interest a social historian. Over time the complete diary has much data on such themes as family structure and interaction, economic decision making and prices, leisure time activities, the professional and social lives of university faculty, and their wives, at The Ohio State University, all from the vantage point of a well educated, middle class, woman, one who lived for ninety years. I have highlighted the leading social, family, and historical elements from each year of the diary in the Synopsis, or Abstract, that I have written for every volume. There is some information about other family members, especially Gladys' three children, Charles William "Bill" Cooper, who preceded Gladys in death in 1988, Dorothy Jean Cooper Kutchera, and Donald Bolon Cooper, and, in time her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gladys had 11 grandchildren; the last one, Linda Marie Cooper, was born in 1965. She had 26 great-grandchildren, including several born after her death. The last one was Kyle Jeffrey Channell, son of Linda and Jeffrey Channell, born December 11, 2000.

With the completion of Volume V the entire diary has been transcribed. I intend to donate the original diaries to The Ohio State University, and copies of the transcribed version to Ohio State, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon Church), and 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 in 1997 some eight years ago. It has taken hundreds of hours to complete; more than once I gave it up as impossible. Now that it is nearly complete, it somehow feels as if I have lost my mother a second time. She wanted me to have her diaries, but I'm sure she never could have imagined they would live on for so many years after her death. As her son, and as a professional historian, I believe she would be very pleased.

I started this project in my later years when I came to realize I knew almost nothing about three of my four grandparents, all of whom died before I was born, and still less about my great-
grandparents. I found myself curious about whom these people were. Although we never met, I'm sure their lives, values, and fortune, both good and bad, all indirectly shaped my own family culture. Who I am, and what I became, owes so much to these forebears. It occurred to me that in years to come my own grandchildren or great-grandchildren, or nephews and nieces, might have a similar curiosity about their own family origins, especially as they face the later years of life. 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.

Although the Diary proper will be complete with Volume V, there will be a Volume VI. It will bring together in one place all of the Synopses, or Abstracts, now scattered throughout five volumes, two more brief writings of Gladys, and some biographical summaries of those family members who chose to participate.

One final word: This transcription is, of course, dedicated with eternal love and gratitude to my unforgettable mother, Gladys Bolon Cooper (1899-1989).

Donald Bolon Cooper, son, March 7, 2005.
Gladys, age 77, opened her diary for 1976 with "Am glad I am here to start another year. Wonder what it will bring?" She would find many moments of pleasure, even joy, but they had to be found within a narrowing circle of activities and friends. There were times of discouragement as the road ahead sometimes seemed too difficult and uncertain to bear. On July 2 she wrote "So blue and lonesome. I don't often cry, but so blue." At other times she wrote "Don't have enough to do. Can't seem to read like I used to;" "So seldom go out at night;" "The weekends are so long. Phone seldom rings on Saturday or Sunday;" "A long, lonesome day;" "Sometimes I think 'What is the use'?"; "The evenings are so long, sometimes I think it will never come time to go to bed." Once, anxious for "something to do," she washed every piece in her china closet. On May 2, which would have been Charles' 77th birthday, she wrote "I'll never get over missing him." She continued, of course, to find much pleasure and pride in her house, her children (and their families), her friends and neighbors, and her church. It was these four core areas that nourished and sustained her in her elderly years.

In the home she continued her usual regimen of cleaning, dusting, washing, ironing, and yard work, but hired help for certain more difficult jobs, such as cleaning out the gutters, and painting interior walls and the outside trim. Outside it was Gladys who mowed the grass, applied the Turf Builder, raked the leaves, planted the plentiful coleus, marigolds, and ageratum, both in front and in back, picked up the acorns (which were "terrible" that year), swept the walks and driveway, brought in the firewood from behind the garage, and planted her small garden. She planted onions, cucumbers, squash, peppers and tomatoes. Wilt and squirrels threatened her tomato plants and some died, but Bill gave her healthy replacements, and Don gave her a big sack of tomatoes from the garden of Ellen's father, Dr. Clayton Hutchins. In fact, she put 25 containers of tomatoes in the freezer, as well as several of apples and cherries. The apples and cherries came from Don's backyard. She enjoyed her television in the basement, and in cold weather had a fire and popcorn. She watched a lot of football and basketball. Only once does she mention wanting to see a movie in a theatre, but the bus never came and she gave it up. She still had her cat, K.C. although one of her two parakeets, Polly, died. Don buried Polly under the magnolia tree next to Lindy, her former bird.

Outside the house her favorite recreation continued to be bridge. She belonged to two "foursomes" and except in inclement weather played once or even twice a week. She also played bridge with the University Wives. But one notes more hesitation on the part of the aging members to drive in questionable weather. Bridge was usually preceded by lunch at a restaurant, or the clubhouse of the Ohio State University Golf Course. Top prize continued to be $1.00, and Gladys won her share. She joined a Senior Citizen Center where the main activity for women seemed to be sewing. "[I] don't care much about it, just somewhere to go." She continued to make her usual frequent visits to the library, bank, groceries, drug stores, and shopping center. At Crestview Presbyterian Church, where Gladys had been a member since 1931, she was still quite active. She belonged to a "Circle," to "Golden Crest," and the Women's Association. In fact, she declined an offer to be President of the Women's Association. She completed a six-week Bible study class, worked on the annual Bazaar, helped with the "Mother -Daughter" Banquet, enjoyed "Chat'n Sew," which made afghans for hospital patients, and usually attended the Sunday Brunch for widows. On one occasion 17 women attended the brunch.

She did less shopping than had once been the case, but she does record the cost of several purchases. There was a new handbag, $10.37, marked down $2.00; a dress, $28.00; blue shoes, $20.00; onion sets, $ .59 a pound; tomato plants, $.39 apiece; one-half bushel apples, $3.00;
furnace checked, $26.24; calling a plumber. $52.37, and hiring Mr. Dickerson to wash all inside walls, $30.00. Her neighbors continued to be good friends and her daily source of strength and support. Her best friends were Barbara Kaiser, across the street, and Jeanette Davis, next-door. Jeanette and Gladys played many games of scrabble usually in the afternoon but sometimes at night. The number of visits back and forth among the neighbors seems almost amazing. Frequently people would "drop in" with some sort of gift. These included various kinds of fruit, vegetables, candy, soup, and pastries. When Gladys baked a cake or pie she would often take half of it to a neighbor. Kindnesses had to be acknowledged and repaid. There was a neighborhood block party once a year. More than anything else it was the constant attention Gladys got from her neighbors that allowed her to continue living alone in her own home. She had now been living in her house for 19 years. On February 22 she wrote "19 years ago today we moved here. How proud we were of our new house. I have had three new homes;" the two others being 393 Mimring Road and the cottage in Wisconsin. Beyond the neighborhood close friends were Helen Utterback and Blanche Smith from church, as well as her bridge friends.

Gladys had few trips outside of the city. She spent Christmas with Dorothy and her family in Cincinnati. She and Helen enjoyed a one-day "Mystery" bus tour; a trip to Marietta, Ohio, for a riverboat ride, and an overnight to West Virginia to see the musical "The Hatfields and McCoys." Her health continued good. She continued to monitor closely her blood pressure, complained at times of a sore knee, and took fewer walks. She got a swine flu shot. Her major worry was her eyesight which was lessened by a cataract. "[I] am worried about my eyes. Charles would have taken care of me."

As usual Gladys records some details about her three children and their families. Her chief concern for her children concerned Bill's health. Despite his earlier bout with Hodgkins' Disease, Bill seemed to be in remission. His blood count was good once again, but even so he had a one-month course of radiation. On September 27 he was admitted to Riverside Hospital with a sudden onset of what later was called shingles. Don drove to Bill's farm in the middle of the night to take him to the hospital; he was admitted at six in the morning. Gladys was very worried. "How I miss Charles when these troubles come, but don't know what I would do without Don." Bill spent 11 days in the hospital, and lived with Gladys for the next six weeks. He sought to retire from teaching on a medical disability, but had not been able to convince a doctor to approve it. Bill and Karen took a nine-week course on hand sign language so that they could better communicate with Colleen, both deaf and blind. Bill and the girls had dinner with Gladys every Monday evening on class days. He continued to live in a trailer on his farm, and rented out the farmhouse. Gloria, his former wife, whom Bill still saw on family occasions, moved to Westerville. Bill enjoyed his new jeep. He made an attractive grave blanket for Charles' grave.

Dorothy and Dick continued to live in Cincinnati at 11410 Gresham Place. Earlier they had purchased a house trailer and kept it on a sizable lot in the countryside. Unfortunately it was severely damaged during a hard storm. It was blown over and all windows were broken. This may have been why they purchased a new mobile home on July 12. Chuck and Melanie were married on March 19. Their son, Jeremy, was born May 29. He was 6 pounds, 4 ounces, and "a real doll." Chuck worked at a local country club. Barbara Jean ("B. J.") married Gary Novak on June 12. They had met while students at Miami University of Ohio. The wedding was outside Oxford in a state park. Both Dorothy and Dick continued their very active physical lives. They both liked to run, and competed at times in racing events. Dick once jogged 6 1/4 miles to work. They also enjoyed square dancing.

Don and Ellen continued to live with the three children at 1896 Baldridge Road in Upper Arlington. He continued as the Senior Professor of Latin American History at Ohio State. John graduated from Upper Arlington High School with National Honor Society recognition, and earned a 3.6 average his first quarter in the university. He also tested out of so many hours that after one quarter he lacked only four hours for sophomore standing. During the summer John worked at Voyager Village Golf Course in Wisconsin. He went to the cottage alone on June 12,
and opened it up by himself. This included installing the dock, and turning on the water system, gas, and electricity. The rest of the family joined him on June 21. Tom continued at Upper Arlington High School where he excelled at wrestling. Linda went to the Mother-Daughter Banquet with her grandmother at church. Ellen's parents, Dr. Clayton and Mrs. Gladys Hutchins, broke up housekeeping. They sold their long-time residence at 6110 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, and moved to a comfortable Retirement Community at 403 Russell Avenue, Apt. #404, in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Don drove a large truck back to Columbus with various items of furniture.

Gladys did not include for 1976 her customary end-of-year summary of major events.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1976 A cloudy day, but mild. I baked a loaf of apple, raisin, carrot bread. Watched Rose Bowl parade, and later the game. [Ohio] State lost 16-10. Ate my supper on tray in front room. Am glad I am here to start another year. Wonder what it will bring?

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1976 Another cloudy day, only a few sprinkles of rain. Went to Blanche Smith's for lunch. Had a good lunch and a very nice afternoon.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1976 Snow on ground and shrubbery - didn't stick to roads. Bill left at ten. In P.M. I went to Kroger's, library and drug store. Had a fire in evening. Watched basketball, Ohio State and Indiana. [Ohio] State lost by two points.


TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1976 Lovely, sunny day. Had my hair done and went to bank. In P.M. decided to go downtown. Had mailed my bank book several days ago to have interest marked and it hadn't come back. Stopped payment in case it was stolen. Went to Lazarus - bought a new bag, part tapestry ($10.37). Marked down $2.00. After I came home, Carole [Hoffman] came down. [Robert "Bobby" Cooper's 4th birthday. Son of Gary & Kathy; great-grandson of Gladys.]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1976 Miserable morning, snow, ice, and slippery streets. Snowed hard most all day. Gerry insisted on driving to bridge at Golf Course. No trouble and nice afternoon. Such long evenings, can't read as well as I did with this cataract and T. V. a little blurred.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1976 10°. Such a morning! More snow during night, about 5 inches on driveway. All schools closed and small towns around closed. Bill called at 8:30. He made the trip not knowing schools were closed. Sun shone all day. I tried to clean some of drive. Shrubbery frozen and covered with snow. Big limb broken in a tree next to Scott's. Mrs. Pegg called. Otherwise no calls and saw no one.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1976 A record 4° below zero. I started car and
cleaned a little of drive. The snow is at least 5 inches deep and I can't clear all the drive. Won't get
car out 'till it melts.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1976 Lovely sunny day. Mr. Heidorn
took four of us to bridge to their house and brought us home. Fleeta had such a nice lunch. I
won first prize. $1.00. Four above!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 1976 Cloudy day and snow melted a very
little. I could not get car out, and too bad around church, so home all day. Talked some on
'tphone.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1976 Got up to 33°. I cleaned bathroom,
made a lemon pie. Bill, Karen, and Colleen here for dinner. Mrs. Young brought me a piece of
cake.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1976
Gloomy day, rain began about noon. Cleaned up some drawers. Long days, too bad to go
out. Edna Scott came in awhile - to get two packages left here. Had hard electrical storms and very
high winds. Bill had P.T.A. and I worry about him going home and being there alone. [Since his
divorce from Gloria, Bill lived alone in his trailer on his farm about 40 miles south of Columbus
near Lancaster. His address was 5675 Horns Mill Road, S.E.; Sugar Grove, Ohio, 43455.]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1976
Don't have much to do, and too bad to go out. Nice, sunny day but driveway and our street
a sheet of ice. Got ice cleared from front walk and some of driveway.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1976 Sunny in morning and I got
more ice off driveway. Clouded up and drive froze again. Went in to Jeanette's in P.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1976 Another day to be shut in. Days are
sunny but too cold to melt ice. Got drive cleared to street on one side. Jeanette got me a dozen
eggs. [Charles "Chuck" Kutchera's 18th birthday.]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1976 Haven't been anywhere for a week
except to Jeanette's. 10° above and too cold to melt ice. BJ. in town and called. High of 14°.
Watched basketball game in evening.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1976 Missed church for the second Sunday
because of ice on drive and street. Leona [Benton] and Helen [Utterback] called to see if I was

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1976 10°. Washed and ironed. About noon
went to A&P and drug store. Our street still a sheet of ice and parking lot same way. Had to go for
groceries, got along O.K. Dorothy called in evening. A tornado hit their trailer [in countryside]
and upset it. All windows broken, one apple tree uprooted and another damaged. Had a fire,
popped corn and watched basketball game. [Ohio] State beat Illinois by one point.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1976 Snowed all night. Had 3.3 inches. Cancelled my hair appointment. Barbara Kaiser came over in P.M. My turn to drive tomorrow to bridge, but afraid to. Gerry [Jones] will stop for me.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1976 More snow — to be 2 inches. Decided not to go to bridge. Finally, it was cancelled. Snow flurries most of day. Started to clean stove.


FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1976 Didn't sleep well last evening, and felt miserable. Slept and watched T.V. About 3:30 went out and got some snow off drive. Have a path cleared from garage to street.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1976 41° today. In morning I cleaned more snow off the drive. Mr.Heidorn took us [to bridge at OSU Golf Course] from North end, any of us could have driven. I was hostess. Merle [Axline] and I tied for second place. We put $.75 ($2nd), and pennies together and split money. $.56 apiece. Florence Sandler broke her arm and had a substitute.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 1976 Had intended going to church, but raining and decided to stay home. Fleeta [Heidorn] called and told me not to go, rain had frozen and very icy. Home all day. Some telephone calls.


TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1976 Fairly nice day. Called beauty parlor and Teresa could take me at ten o'clock. Swept the house. In P.M. went to Dr. Rose, blood pressure, 154. Started to make fudge, had no chocolate bits, so got car out for third time and went to A&P. Fudge for our foursome tomorrow. Street down our way very icy.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1976 Beautiful day, but our street down this way very icy. Went to Golf Course for lunch with Edith, Frieda, and Merle. I drove. Merle took Edith and Frieda home. Marvene [Shonting] called, we talked a long time. Played here.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1976 Snow flurries in morning, then cleared off. I went to "Chat'n Sew" and had a nice time. It was postponed a week because of weather. Had pot luck and didn't get much dinner. Ice melted in our street.


SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1976 Didn't feel very peppy. Slept a lot. Didn't dress until Don called after seven. He came over and spent the evening. Brought me homemade vegetable soup.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1976 Started to snow at ten o'clock. I was afraid of freezing, so stayed home from church. (4th Sunday [T have missed]). It stopped snowing, so I took books to library. Went to our Brunch [at church] - sixteen there. [Karen Cooper's 16th birthday.]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1976 1° above zero. Nice, sunny day, but cold. I washed one washer. Bill, Karen, and Colleen were here for dinner.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1976 Did the ironing, not much else. Don't have enough to do. Can't seem to read like I used to.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1976 A lovely day, more snow melted. I went to bank and to Tarpy's [grocery]. Then, to bridge at Golf Course. I took Gerry and Mable. Don left his hat Saturday and Ellen came to golf course to get it. She stayed for lunch. After I came home, went into Jeanette's.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1976 A miserable day. Snow, sleet, freezing rain. I baked blueberry cookies. Don't have enough to do. Long days and evenings.


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1976 11° above. Didn't do much today. Clean papers in closet in my room. Got ice off porch, step, walk and some on driveway. Twice I have had to clear ice from drive. Never have had to before. Gerry Jones called. Only person I spoke to all day.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1976 The fifth Sunday I have missed church. Driveway and our street are covered with ice. Had some telephone calls.


WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1976 Another nice, sunny day. My knee seems better. Went to bank, then later to Northland [Shopping Center].

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1976 Beautiful, sunny day. Went to library and Kroger's. Had fire in evening.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1976 Another nice day. Dusted, but didn't do much. Jeanette came over in P.M. My mother [Wilma Hayes Bolon] was buried 51 years ago today, and it was Friday, the 13th.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1976 Beautiful, sunny day. Went to bridge at Stew Harrison's. Gerry drove. I won first prize, $1.00. Had lovely valentines from Bill and Dorothy's family.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1976 Cloudy, with some sunshine. Had missed five Sundays at church, glad to go today. Cut a branch off evergreen that ice had broken - about 15 feet long, and clipped some of branches. Brought in more wood. Carole came down to tell me about their trip to Florida. Brought me an orange and a grapefruit. Blanche Smith called. Sundays are long days.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1976 58°. Some rain today. I washed one washer, baked a peach pie. Went to Indianola Plaza. Bill and girls here for dinner. Bill wasn't feeling too well. Came here and rested while girls had lesson. Don called and he is home with flu.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1976 A beautiful day in high fifties. Did the ironing. In P.M. washed my car and finished sawing up limb ice broke off tree - about 15 feet long.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1976 Hard rain in night - very windy. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Gerry drove. Edith has dropped out of club.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1976 Nice mild day. I did not do anything special. Used all the bread wrappers - four rugs here finished.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1976 A beautiful, mild day. Went to bank and Kroger's. Jeanette and I went to Northland, had dinner at Halloway House. Saw first robin [Ellen's 41st birthday.]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1976 Cloudy, drizzly day. I made a batch of cookies. All I did but feel miserable with a head cold. Spoke to no one except Don and Ellen.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1976 Nice day but cold. Felt some better. Went to church and coffee hour afterward. Long day. Slept in P.M. Nineteen years ago today, we moved here. How proud we were of our new home. I have had three new homes, [393] Mimring [Road in Columbus], [626] Yaronia [Drive South, in Columbus], and cottage [29327 County Road H, Danbury, Wisconsin 54830, on Fish Lake].


TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1976 Beautiful day - 62°. Went to beauty parlor at 8:30, then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. University Wives. Nice afternoon. Carole was down and Don called.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1976 61°. Another lovely day. I cleaned furniture with Liquid Gold in pink bedroom. Cleaned the bathrooms. Went to mailbox and walked around circle. Carol came down to fix some lights on my Christmas tree. Watered the flowers at Kaiser's.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1976 62°. Lovely weather continues. Went to bank and locked keys in car. Jeanette got my other set and brought them to me. Then, went to "Chat'n Sew." Went in to Jeanette's.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1976 64°. Can hardly believe our beautiful weather. Went to grocery. Cleaned up some leaves in back yard.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1976 Another spring-like day. Went to bridge at Holiday Inn. Gerry [Jones] and I both drove, since we had extra passengers. Fleeta had to help Frieda get dressed. She has a broken shoulder. Called Dorothy about six o'clock. Mrs. Young brought me oranges, grape fruit and tomatoes from Florida.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1976 Leap Year and an extra day. Went to church. Had a T. V. [frozen] dinner. Went to cemetery to get Charles' grave blanket. It is a nice one, Bill made. Then, went to Don's to take him a tax booklet. No one home but Don. We had a nice visit. In evening watched "Sound of Music."


TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1976 70°. Cloudy, but warm. I did ironing, clean papers in bathroom shelves. In P.M. watered Kaiser's flowers, took a walk.


FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1976 Cooler today. From six o'clock to eight temperature dropped from 70° to 59°, but a nice day. I went to library and Kroger's in evening. Mama would have been 100 today.


TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1976 Lovely weather continues. Had my hair done. In afternoon to Bible Study class that runs for six weeks. Took a nap, then Jeanette came in and stayed 'till 5:30.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1976 Cloudy, and began to rain in afternoon. I cleaned some cupboards in kitchen, also cleaned them with Liquid Gold. Didn't speak to anybody all day or see anyone. No 'phone calls.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1976 47°. Another lovely day. More clean papers in kitchen cupboards and more woodwork cleaned. Went to Kroger's. In P.M. went to mailbox and around circle. [A walk around the neighborhood of about 1 1/4 miles.]

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1976 Finished cleaning woodwork in kitchen. Went to Frisch's for dinner with Wanda Ochs and Gladys Creasup. They came here afterwards and stayed 'till 8:30.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1976 A real March day. Snow flurries, at times about a blizzard. Then, cleared in late afternoon and sun came out. I didn't do anything. Fire in evening.


MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1976 Nice day. Washed a washer and baked a cherry pie. Went to Golden Crest -helped in dining room. Stopped at drug store. I had dinner (4 pounds chicken) all ready for Bill's. He called at five. Colleen was sick and they couldn't come. I called Jeanette - she came over and ate with me. We played three games Scrabble.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1976 Dorothy's 48th birthday. I called her in morning. Four inches snow predicted - got .7 of an inch. Snowed all morning, cleared up about noon. I watered Kaiser's flowers. Went to Bible Study - only four there.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1976 Typical March day. Snow flurries, then sunshine. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Gerry drove. Had better score.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1976 Baked cookies. Helen Utterback and I went to Riverside [Methodist Hospital] to see Mrs. Pegg. A nice day. Don called in evening. Hope we have had our last snow.


SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1976 First day of spring! Went to bridge at Stew Harrison's, took Fleeta, Gerry, and Frieda. Almost twenty miles. Gerry fell down steps at restaurant.
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1976 Cold and windy. Went to church and stopped at A&P. Wilma Harper [Secretary in Department of Engineering Drawing] called just as I was ready for dinner. I had baked half chicken - had late dinner. Went to mailbox and Hoffman's asked me to come in. So glad to have someone to talk with. Carole came down later, brought two bananas and fruit salad.


TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1976 Got a permanent. Had to be there at eight o'clock ($12.50). Gone up $2.50. Then went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Martha Frye drove. Just finishing supper when Bill came. He had day off for income tax and went to Dr. Stevenson - told him blood count best it had ever been. I got supper for him. He left at 7:15.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1976 Made a loaf of apple, raisin, carrot bread. Washed a shelf of dishes in china closet. Planted more onions and raked backyard. Mrs. Kaiser came over in P.M. Such a shock! Letter from Dorothy, Chuck was married last Friday [Wednesday, March 17, according to another source]. Baby in June.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1976 Nice day. Washed dishes on another shelf in china closet. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a good lunch and nice time. After I came home raked side yard and burned leaves. Went in to Jeanette's.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1976 Beautiful spring day. Washed more dishes in china closet. Went to Buckeye Mart and got Turf Builder, then to library and Kroger's. Worked some in yard, took walk after dinner.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1976 Some rain in morning and very high wind. Washed rest of dishes in top of china closet. A long day. One telephone call and paper boy to collect.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 1976 Beautiful day. Went to church and stayed for coffee and doughnuts. Raked back yard in afternoon. Sunday is always a long day.


TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1976 78°. A lovely, spring day. Washed more dishes in china closet. Went to Bible class. Took one storm window off porch to get air in my bedroom.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1976 Finished washing all the dishes. Cleaned some furniture with "Liquid Gold." Not out of house all day. Carole was down.
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1976 Windy and cold. I went to luncheon at church. Stopped at shopping center on way home.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1976 Nicer day, but still cool. Cleaned more furniture. Went to library and Kroger's. To Jeanette's in afternoon. Don surprised me by coming over and bringing my tax papers. He stayed until nine.


MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1976 Washed and ironed. Went to bank and to get my car license. In evening went to Guild of Riverside Hospital as guest of Ada Lewis. Such a treat to get out an evening! Bill, Colleen, Karen, and Colleen's boyfriend from Colombia, South America, here for dinner. Sure did like him. From here they went to Don's.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1976 Beautiful day. Went to Bible class and to have my hair done. Jeanette here in afternoon. Don called.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1976 Lovely day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had high score. 6500 points. Richard [Davis] put on my new license plates. Worked outside a while after I came home.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1976 Beautiful day, but cool. Mr. Dickerson washed all the walls ($30.00). Also fixed light in my closet. I washed all the pictures, the curtains over sink and top ones of my bedroom curtains.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1976 Nicer day - still cool. Went to A&P in morning. Surprise visit from Hatch's in early afternoon. Later, Helen Utterback and I went to see Mrs. Pegg. Helen left her car here and I drove.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1976 Another nice day. I washed kitchen curtains by table. Went to Kroger's. Baked a big cake. Took some to Davis', put one layer in freezer. The weekends are so long. Phone seldom rings on Saturday or Sunday. Letter from Frieda [Cooper in Phoenix], she won't be able to come to Barbara's wedding because Margie is coming [from Hawaii].

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1976 Some rain during night. Wore my winter coat to church. Cold! Home rest of day and a long day. Edith [Walter] called.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1976 60°. Beautiful day. Went to Bible class - our last one. In afternoon mowed front yard and some other outside work.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1976 72°. Lovely day. Washed and ironed, also lower half of curtains in my bedroom. Took a walk before supper.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1976 Warmest day yet. Baked cookies, put some flowers in garage, cleaned up leaves around garage. Leona Benton called. She stopped for me to go to communion service. So seldom go out at night. A nice service.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1976 83°. Real summer day. I took all flowers to back porch. Took a walk after dinner.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1976 Another warm day. Put screens in small windows and in front door. First time to eat on porch this spring and put birds [parakeets] there. At ten Dorothy called to wish me a nice Easter.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1976 Up in 80°. Easter Sunday, people went to church with no coats. I would have been invited to Don's but Ellen had to work [at the Convalarium of First Community Village]. Ate on back porch. First time to sit on front porch. Carole [Hoffman] was down. She and I took Trixie a walk. Later on talked with Mrs. Martin. Don called. A lovely Easter service at church.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1976 Another summer day. Mowed front yard, washed dining room window, put screen in bathroom. Went to Golden Crest. After dinner went to Jeanette's. We need rain very badly.


WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1976 Cloudy and some much needed rain. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Some thunderstorms and high wind in part of city. Ate a "piece" [snack] for supper in front of T.V.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1976 Lovely day and cooler. Washed lower half of kitchen curtains, took rest of wool things to basement. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a nice time. Had potato salad left - took some to Davis'. Worked out[side].


SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1976 Nice day, but cooler in evening. Washed a quilt and some other things. Faced a dress, did some mending. Mowed front yard, swept drive way. Clocks turned forward one hour.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1976 Rainy morning. I went to church. Home rest of day. Too cool to work outside. Late, went to mailbox and Carole asked me in for a cup of tea. Her mother was gone, she was lonesome and so was I. [Carole Hoffman was a slightly retarded young woman who lived with her mother. Much younger than Gladys, but still a good friend.]

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1976 36°. Really chilly but sunny day. High of 42°. We went to bank, then to the shopping center. Looked for a dress but didn't find one. Got yarn to crochet a baby comfort. We had lunch at Halloway House.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1976 35°. Lovely day - still cool. Dorothy trained clematis vines and fixed my jet washer. Tied up pillow cases for Barbara and Melanie. Dorothy left at one o'clock. Helen Utterback and I went to see Mrs. Pegg.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1976 55°. Beautiful day, a little warmer. Didn't sleep well last evening. Didn't do much today. Started baby afghan. A long walk after dinner.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1976 65°. Another lovely day. Went to grocery. Worked some in yard.

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1976 61°. Mostly cloudy, but only a few sprinkles. Went to lunch and bridge at [Stew] Harrison's. I was second, $.75. Gerry [Jones] drove.

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 1976 Charles' 77th birthday. I'll never get over missing him. Went to church. We had our brunch afterward. Home rest of day. Dorothy called. She always does on Charles' birthday. A storm came up about six o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 3, 1976 Washed a washer and ironed. Had my hair done. Moved front yard and swept drive. It was a mess after wind yesterday. Lucille Reeder in town. Also Gerry Gifford called. Jeanette was here in afternoon. Bill and Karen here for dinner.

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1976 60°. Went on a "Mystery" bus trip with Helen Utterback. Went to Franklin Village close to Lebanon [Ohio]. Shops and a good lunch at nice restaurant. Went 1-71 [Interstate 71] home. Three small towns - Route 42. A nice day.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1976 Lovely day, about 80°. Lucille Reeder came at nine o'clock and stayed until almost eleven. Then, went to bridge at Golf Course. I drove, took Gerry and Edith. After I came home, mowed back yard. Jeanette came over to see where we went on our trip yesterday. Later, I went to her house and we played three games of scrabble.

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1976 Went to Dr. Rose. Blood pressure, 144. Went to lunch at Stouffers. With Merle, Edith, and Frieda, and to Frieda's to play. Edith drove.

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1976 46° this morning. A high of 53°. Washed a washer. Went to bank. Kroger's and A&P. Bought eight tomato plants at A&P. $.39 each. Too cold to work out. Don called to wish me a
Happy Mother's Day. They are going on a retreat this weekend. Linda and a friend [Kelly] skipped school yesterday P.M. Police found them quite a ways from home.

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1976 Beautiful day, but a little cool. Home all day except to mailbox. Did ironing. Worked outside. "Genie" went bad on door of garage. I called Gloria to wish her a Happy Mother's Day.

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1976 Beautiful day. I went to church. Called Dorothy to wish her a Happy Mother's Day. She was going to call me. Bill came about 4:30. He took me to Worthington Inn for dinner. We had such a good dinner and nice time. He stayed overnight. Don and Ellen on a retreat. He called after they came home. Later, Don gave me his picture.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1976 Set out some flowers along driveway. Went to Circle meeting. Helen [Utterback] is gone and I had to take meeting. Bill and Karen here for dinner.

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1976 Lovely day, except a brief shower that didn't amount to anything. Set 29 coleus along drive. Mowed front yard. Planted a row of beans by garage. Took a walk after dinner. Still haven't got garage door fixed. Called Lucy [Dennis].

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1976 42° last night. Lovely day. Worked out some. Man came and fixed the garage door. Worked fine when he was here. I tried to close it at five o'clock and it wouldn't work. He didn't charge. Went in to Jeanette's. After dinner walked a mile and half. Ellen called. John made National Honor Society.

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1976 Another beautiful day and warmer. Set flowers by porch and in front of shrubbery. Have set out 40 altogether. Planted cucumbers and squash. WasRed the car. Went over and sat on patio with Ada [Lewis]. Don called.


SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1976 Rained almost all day. Don brought Linda and she went with me to Mother, Daughter Banquet. We enjoyed going. Played scrabble and solitaire. Stayed up 'till twelve to watch Miss U.S.A. Pageant. Minnesota won.

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1976 Some drizzle but did not last long. Linda and I went to church. In afternoon played Scrabble and double solitaire. I took her home about 4:30. Don gave me a tomato and pepper plant. Swept driveway.

MONDAY, MAY 17, 1976 Washed and ironed. Went to Golden Crest. Began to rain in afternoon, kept it up all evening. Still too cool to set out tomatoes.
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1976 Down to 38°. Got out my winter coat. Went to church to stay in office in morning [?]. Got along O.K. Home for lunch. Had my hair done in P.M. Too cold to work out. Our Saturday bridge called off.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1976 45° last night. Lovely day, but cool and very windy. Mr. Miller fixed garage door opener for third time. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. The lows bought lunch for the highs. I took Lola Farbis. Gerry drove. After I came home mowed, raked, and trimmed back yard.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1976 Beautiful day, up to 80°. I went to bank and post office. Mowed and raked front yard. Set out tomatoes (9) and three pepper plants. Ate on porch, first time for quite a while.

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1976 Another lovely day. Went to Kroger's and A&P. Worked outside.

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1976 A perfect day. Didn't do anything special. Worked outside. Planted more beans and cucumbers. Richard [Davis] cut a limb off lilac tree for me.

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1976 Beautiful day. Went to church. Helen Utterback and I were greeters. Went down for coffee and a doughnut after church. Then went to Woolco's and got a geranium and marigolds for [Charles' grave at] cemetery. After dinner went over and set them out.

MONDAY, MAY 24, 1976 41°. Such a cold night. It was cold and windy today. I was hardly out of house. Washed a washer, and made a blueberry pie. Bill and Karen here for dinner. Don called. John has a job at Voyager Village [in Wisconsin] as life guard. Goes ahead [of the rest of the family] on 14th.


WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1976 Beautiful weather continues, but need rain. I went downtown to see about a certificate [of deposit] I am trustee for. Looked around, home at noon. Went in to Jeanette's.


FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1976 Another nice day. How we need rain. Went to Kroger's and library. Carole and I went to Frisch's for dinner, then walked down to A&P.


TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1976 More rain today. I went to bank, then to beauty parlor. From there went to Nellie's for bridge with Gerry and Mable. I was second. Got caught in two hard rains.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1976 Cloudy, but no rain. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Just two tables as some aren't playing in summer. I drove, took Gerry and Edith.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1976 Nice day. Went to hardware store and got glass cut for Don's picture, then to bank and Kroger's. In evening went to Women's Association - pot luck. Took Jeanette as guest. Had a nice time and home before dark.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1976 Lovely day and warmer. Went to bank - then downtown to bank. Cashed a certificate for Bill. Long evenings!

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1976 A perfect day. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. I drove, took Fleeta, Gerry, and Frieda. Fleeta brought me two packages ground meat for taking her to bridge, about 4 pounds. They have their [illeg.] worked out after I came home. Trimmed shrubbery in front of living room. Carole [Hoffman] came with strawberries. I got two quarts.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1976 Another beautiful day. Went to church and stopped at A&P. Sat in back yard in P.M. Jeanette asked me to come over. Didn't come home 'till 7:30.

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1976 Lovely weather continues. Washed one washer. Mowed, raked, and trimmed front yard. Bill and Karen here for dinner - last time for Monday night dinner. [Evidently Bill and Karen had completed the nine-week course in sign language they took in order to communicate better with Colleen.] Barbara Kaiser was over.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1976 Need rain, but lovely weather. Did ironing. Went to church and worked awhile on bake sale. Stopped to vote. Linda's 11th birthday. She had a party.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1976 Our 53rd wedding anniversary. Warm day. Don came and had lunch with me. Stayed 'till 3:30. Barbara Kaiser was over. Later, Jeanette came, brought gifts to Chuck and Barbara. [Chuck just married; B.J. about to be.]
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1976 A hot day. Went to Northland [Shopping Center] in morning. Got a dress, $28.00, and pair [illeg.] blue shoes, $20.00. Barbara Kaiser in P.M. Asked me to ride to A&P. After dinner I went to get the specials.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1976 Still hot and no rain. Baked a cherry pie. Richard [Davis] took out rest of storm windows. Don stopped and left me a nice bag of lettuce. Bill finished school and went to see about radiation treatments. One a day for a month. Was here for dinner. Left around seven.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1976 Left at 9:15 for Beauty Parlor and locked keys in house. Ones outside were gone! Mr. Scott took me down and came for me. We found keys in the ground; some animal had knocked them off. Barbara and Gary's wedding day! Don came for me, left their house at 3:30, not enough time. Had to drive very fast and we made it five of six. Wedding at six, but Dorothy said they would have waited. A beautiful ceremony, a lovely bride. Chapel at Miami [University in Oxford, Ohio]. Nice reception at Houston Woods [state park]. Don brought me home, about one when I got to bed. Had been a hard storm. Electricity off 2 1/2 hours. John left for Wisconsin - life guard.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1976 Dorothy and Dick's 23rd wedding anniversary. I went to church - 9:30 now. Home rest of day except in to Jeanette's. Ada Lewis, Barbara Kaiser and Carole [Hoffman] were here. Mrs. Cochran sent me a piece of cake. Afraid I am losing my tomatoes to "wilt." John called - reached cottage safely. [John, age 17, working alone, opened up the cottage by himself. This included turning on all the plumbing, starting the pump and gas, and putting in the dock. This was no easy task, and John did it beautifully.]

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1976 Another very hot day. Baked an apple pie to take to church. Went to Boulevard Gardens to see about tomatoes. I bought four more. Then to Circle meeting. Mother [Fanny Cooper Stewart] would have been a hundred today. [She lived to be 95, and outlived both of her twin sons, Ralph and Charles.]

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1976 Heat continues. I went to Second and Summit and joined there. [This was a Senior Center.] Helen Utterback took me. We sewed quilt patches in morning, ate lunch there, had a table of bridge in P.M. Jeanette was over. Worked out side] awhile.


THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1976 Lovely day and cooler. Our foursome went to Stouffer's for lunch and to Edith's to play. I had to be home by four as a man came to see me about insurance for nursing home. [Something Gladys would never need.]

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1976 Nice day, 'till a brief rain in evening. Went to Kroger's & A&P. Mowed and raked front yard. Ellen hurt her back. Decided not to go with the family to Wisconsin - to fly up later. I went in to Jeanette's after supper. Another man came to see me about nursing insurance.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 1976 Hard rain during the night. Baked cookies, faced a dress and did some mending. Showers and storms during night.
SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1976 Went to church. In P.M. went to Don's. Had to get further information on tax return. They are leaving for cottage tomorrow. John flew up. Working as Life Guard. Ellen hurt her back and almost didn't go, but decided she could. I seeded three quarts cherries for them [from large cherry tree in Don's back yard]. Too cool. Turned furnace on in evening.

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1976 Very gloomy day but no rain. Washed one washer. Went to "Golden Crest," a June birthday party. I had devotions. Had several compliments on my devotions. Went in to Jeanette's awhile. Don's family left for cottage. Were to stay overnight in Chicago with Ellen's brother [Ralph, marred to Florence, or "Flo."]

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1976 Nice day - some warmer. I did the ironing. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course -University wives. Had such poor cards, only played one hand.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1976 Lovely day. Baked apple pie. Had my hair done and went to bank. Bill was here for dinner. One of my tomatoes died and worried about them.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1976 Rain almost all day. Baked an apple pie to take to church. Went to "Chat'n Sew." We knotted two comforts. I brought one home to bind. Really poured after I came home. Don called to tell me they had a good trip and all was well [at cottage].

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1976 Nicer day, only a few sprinkles. Helen Utterback, Blanche Smith, and I went to Bill Knapp's [Restaurant] for lunch. It was Helen's birthday. Blanche paid for Helen's and I paid for Blanche, since I owed her. They came here and stayed until almost 3:30. Later, Bill came. He brought me five tomato plants, volunteers from his garden. I have lost some of mine. He sprayed mine. I got him some supper and he left at six.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1976 Lovely day, much warmer. I was hostess at bridge at Stew Harrison's. Frieda drove. Mowed back yard and raked after I came home. More tomatoes died. Do hope I can save some of them. 


MONDAY, JUNE 28, 1976 Nice day until some stormy weather about nine o'clock. Called Boulevard Gardens, said they would replace tomatoes. I had bought four - they gave me eight. Not very nice this late. I set them out. Swept drive.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 1976 Nice day, but hot. I went to [Senior] Center to sew. I drove and took Helen Utterback. In P.M. Helen Reimer and Gerry came and we had a game of bridge.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1976 Went to Huntington Bank to deposit checks. In morning to church to see about making something for bazaar [at church]. Mowed and raked front yard. Letter from Don.

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1976 Beautiful day. I went to bank, then downtown to buy a certificate [of deposit]. Home about one. Woman fell off seat on bus, called emergency squad and put us on another bus. Went in to Kaiser's, and Davis' to pay Richard for cleaning gutters on Tuesday.

FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1976 Another nice day. I went to grocery. Worked outside awhile. So blue and lonesome. I don't often cry, but so blue.

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1976 Nice day. Didn't do anything special. Mowed, raked, and trimmed back yard. Talked with several of the neighbors.

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 1976 We had an old-fashioned church service. Many dressed in colonial costumes. I didn't stay for brunch - don't like to eat dinner so early. A long day. Barbara Kaiser and I sat in yard at Jeanette's awhile. I enjoy the chaise lounger in back yard.

MONDAY, JULY 5, 1976 Beautiful day. I did two loads of wash and ironed. In afternoon Barbara, Gary, and his sister stopped. So glad to see them. After dinner I walked about a mile and a half.

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1976 Didn't do much today. Went to bank. Didn't go to Senior Citizens Center since Helen Utterback is out of town.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1976 Another nice day. Went to luncheon and bridge at Golf Course. I drove, took Gerry and Frieda Beltz. In evening went to church to crochet workshop. Home at nine.

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1976 Gloomy, dark morning. For "something to do" baked two batches cookies. Cleared up in P.M. Bill surprised me. Came with Chris [grandson, son of Kay Rehl]. Made a trip here to bring me more tomato plants. I mowed and raked front yard. Jeanette brought me some pineapple.

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1976 Another nice day. I didn't go anywhere and had nothing special to do.

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1976 Hot, almost 90°, but didn't seem warm here among the trees. A long, lonesome day. Only spoke to Jeanette and Richard [Davis]. Phone didn't ring. Watched Miss Universe 'till twelve.

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 1976 Really hot. 90°. Went to church. Barbara Kaiser here in P.M. Jeanette [Davis] asked me to play Scrabble when I took keys over. We had four games. The lights went out at 8:20. I came home at nine. Writing by candlelight. Good rain.

MONDAY, JULY 12 1976 Got everything ready to go to Dorothy's. Went on city bus to Greyhound bus station. Left at twelve. Dorothy met me. My first look at Jeremy [infant son of Chuck and Melanie Kutchera],
who is six weeks old. He is a little doll. In evening I went with Dorothy and Dick to look at a mobile home. A lovely evening and enjoyed the ride. They like the Mobile home, called later and bought it.

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1976

Dorothy and I went to store in morning. In afternoon played a foursome of bridge at a friend of Dorothy's.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1976

Dorothy and I went out to breakfast at the "Dunkin' Doughnut" shop where Valerie works. In afternoon took Chuck's shoes to him. Saw where he works at Country Club. Then went to Oxford [Miami University] to see B.J. They have a cute little apartment. Such a hot day! In evening sat in front yard until after ten. Dick jogged to work, 6 Vi miles.

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1976

Another hot day. We were home all day. Valerie worked 'till two. Craig came to see her. Stormed and cooled off.

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1976

Rainy morning. I stayed with baby while Dorothy went with Chuck and Melanie to sign lease on their apartment. We stopped at work for Valerie. She and Dorothy took me to bus. Left at 2:35. Storm and hard rain on way home. It cleared up by time we got to Columbus. Caught a city bus right away. All well at home. Went to Frisch's for dinner. Carole brought me a piece of cake from Mrs. Cochran.

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1976

Beautiful day. I went to Kroger's, mowed and raked back yard, scrubbed front porch. Ada Lewis and Jeanette [Davis] were in.

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 1976

House so cold, turned furnace on to take off chill. A record 53°. Went to church. In P.M. went to mailbox. Stopped at Cochran's to thank her for cake she sent me on Friday.

MONDAY, JULY 19, 1976

Up 6:10. Helen's [Utterback] came about 7:10 for me, and took two others to bus station. Left at 8:30 for our boat trip. Went to Marietta. Had over four hours on boat and launch. Home a different route. Driver bought us all a double dip ice cream cone. Columbus at 6:30. Four of us came home on bus. A lovely trip and such a perfect day!

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1976

Warmer today. I took my car to Helen's and went with her and Helen Rymer to [Senior] Center. We sewed patches 'till 11:30, had lunch and sewed 'till one. Gerry [Jones] came and we had a table of bridge. Squirrel pulling off my tomatoes, put wire fence in front of them.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1976

Another hot day. Only a few sprinkles of rain. Baked cookies, put another container of beans in freezer. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Gerry drove. Only had one table.

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1976

Hot day. Rained during night and storm in evening. I went to post office, then to "Chat'n Sew" [at church]. We had a nice time. Took a walk in evening.

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1976

Another hot day. Bill was here a short time. Mr. Dickerson [hired man] started to fix bathroom.
SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1976
Nice day, cooled off by later afternoon. I washed the car, cleaned carpet in my bedroom. Cut some limbs off the magnolia tree. Jeanette came over for two games of Scrabble. After she left, I was sitting on porch. Mr. Martin came by with his little dog. Sat down and stayed over an hour.

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1976
Beautiful day and cooler. Went to church. Barbara Kaiser was over. Talked with Mrs. Scott. Sundays are long days.

MONDAY, JULY 26, 1976
Another lovely day. Had my hair done and stopped at Shopping Center. In P.M. took Jeanette some peaches for feeding the birds. We took a walk around Wynding Drive.

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 1976
Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. University wives. Only had three tables. I was high. Won $1.00. Barbara [Kaiser] over in evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1976
Home all day. Didn't do anything except mow and rake front yard.

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1976
Same as yesterday, except mowed and raked back yard. Cooled off in evening.

FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1976
Nice day. Didn't do much except clean the bathroom. Went to A&P. Jeanette and I took a walk after dinner.

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1976
Another nice day. I dusted the house. Went to Wendy's for my supper, sandwich and frosty.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 1976
Went to church. We had brunch afterward. 23 there. Shaffer's [the minister and his wife] ate with us. Lucille [Bolon] showed Hawaii pictures.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1976

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1976
Another beautiful day, but cool. I was sitting in back yard and Ada asked me to walk down in ravine. We stopped at Woodley's. Went to bank and got gasoline.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1976
Another lovely day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I drove, took Gerry [Jones] and Mable [Turner]. While I was eating dinner, Bill came. I got him a bite of supper. He left at 7:15. Was third at bridge.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1976
Went to grocery and library. Called to put my 'phone on limited service. Wanda Ochs came and we went to Wendy's for supper. Big tree up street was trimmed. [Marginal note added later in pencil] Later took it [phone] off limited.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1976 Went to lunch at M.C.L [cafeteria] with Frieda [Beltz], Edith [Walter] and Merle [Axline]. Then to Merle's to play. Had a nice afternoon. Frieda drove. Had hard rain and storm during night. Began to rain again in P.M. Kept it up all evening. Don called at 11:30 (I was asleep) to tell me they were home. Couldn't go back to sleep. Got stomach cramps and slept very little. Rained most of night.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1976 Didn't get up 'till nine o'clock. Don came over in P.M. Brought me ajar of [wild] red raspberry jam and one of jelly, and a zucchini. So glad to see him. [Colleen Cooper's 19 birthday.]

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1976 Lovely day, but cool. I had as many covers on my bed as winter. Went to church. After dinner tried to go downtown to a movie. Waited 45 minutes, no bus, came home. Sat in sun in back yard to read. Ada [Lewis] asked me to take a walk through ravine. Don called. So glad they are home.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 1976 Another beautiful day, but still cool. I washed and ironed. Went to drug Store. Mowed and raked back yard. In to Jeanette's in P.M. Asked me to be President of Women's Association [at church], but said "no." Dorothy called, also talked with Valerie.


THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1976 Warmer! Jeanette and I went to Warner's for corn, then I went to Kroger's. Mowed and raked front yard.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1976 None of predicted train comes. Bill's 52nd birthday. He came for dinner. Brought me a truck load of [fire]wood and some vegetables. Had a surprise. Ellen and Linda stopped on way home from Washington. Brought me two big bags of tomatoes from her father's garden. Don drove a truck with furniture they got from Hutchins'. Bill left at seven.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 1976 Made a mistake and set alarm for 5:30 instead of 6:30. Helen and William [Utterback] came for me at 7:30. Left bus station at 8:30. Began to rain soon after we left. Through Portsmouth, Waverly, and fronton. Ate lunch at Beatty's cafe at Huntington [West Virginia]. Cleared off about four o'clock. Beautiful drive through mountains. All heavily wooded. Arrived at Beckley - Ramada Inn about 5:45. Had trouble finding our room. A beautiful room, all in blue. Forgot to mention we changed busses in Charleston - something wrong with signals on first bus. Had trouble getting served in coffee shop. Some didn't have time to eat. Must have driven twenty or more miles to outdoor theatre. Saw the Musical, "Hatfield's and McCoy's." Very good. A quarter 'till one when we got to bed.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 1976 Slept until almost 8:30. Had to wake Helen. A good breakfast at the coffee shop at motel. Drove to Hawk's Nest. Beautiful place overlooking deep gorge. Had lunch there. Another lovely
ride through mountains. Driver got us all an ice cream cone in Zanesville. In Columbus about a quarter 'till eight. Helen's son came for us. All well here. [Barbara Jean "B.J." Kutchera's 21st birthday.]

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1976 52° last night. Turned furnace on a little while. Put 17 containers of tomatoes in freezer that Ellen brought me. Jeanette [Davis] and I took a walk after dinner and bought some things at a garage sale. When we came home Don was here. He had got key and is storing some things in my basement.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1976 Still lovely weather. A record low last night. 49°. Took my car to Helen's. Went with her to sewing. After lunch a table of bridge with Helen Rymer and Gerry [Jones].

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1976 Still cool in morning. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Gerry drove. Jeanette and I took a walk in evening.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1976 Another lovely day and warmer. Went to Mr. Denig's [jeweler] to have my rings checked. Then to A&P. Mowed, raked and trimmed back yard. Took a walk after dinner.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1976 No rain - still lovely weather. Frieda called. Mr. Dickerson painted lower half of small bath ($18.00). He left some paint, and I painted small cabinet. Don's 45th birthday.


MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1976 Very warm, but my house is cool. Washed and ironed. In P.M. went to Northland [Shopping Center]. Got some vitamins for Polly [parakeet ].

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1976 Another hot day. Had my hair done, then went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I took Martha Fry. Had such poor cards - got low score. A man came to see about trimming magnolia tree and some others.


THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1976 Very dark morning and poured rain. Made a pie shell and baked dish to take to "Chat'n Sew." Had a nice time there. Stopped at A&P [grocery]. A day of sad memories - seven years since I lost Charles. I shall never get over missing him.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 1976 Beautiful day. Getting ready for Don's family for dinner. In the afternoon one of my little parakeets died. I buried him under the magnolia tree beside Lindy [another parakeet]. I shall miss him. I had a good dinner for Don's. They left about nine. Bill called.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1976 Baked a carrot cake. Put two containers of tomatoes in freezer from what Don gave me. Bill came about five and we went to Don's for dinner. Gary's family all there. Had picnic supper and rain drove us in. Very hard rain! Home after dinner.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1976 Beautiful day and cool. Went to church and in afternoon went back to a Board meeting. Mr. Benton died. Seven years ago today was Charles' funeral. Sometimes I think "What is the use?" Am worried about my eyes. Charles would have taken care of me.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 1976 45° last night. Turned furnace on in morning. Put another container of tomatoes in freezer. Now have twenty. Had to have plumber to fix bathtub. ($16.00). Mowed and raked back yard. Went in to Jeanette's. She and I took a long walk after dinner.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1976 Beautiful day. Went to [Senior] Center to sew with Helen Rymer and Helen Utterback I drove. Gerry [Jones] came and we played bridge in P.M. In evening Jane Custer stopped for me and we went to funeral home for Mr. Benton [married to Leona].

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1976 Cloudy, only a few drops of rain. Two more containers of tomatoes in freezer. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Gerry drove. Birthday cards are starting to come.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1976 Lovely day. Went to Women's Association. Stopped at drug store. When I got home the tree trimmers were here. Had magnolia tree and other shrubs cut. $46.00. Don invited me for lunch for my birthday, but Helen Utterback had already invited me.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1976 Beautiful day. MY 77th BIRTHDAY. Helen Utterback took me to lunch at Bill Knapp's, and was given a nice birthday cake with "77" and two candles. Blanche Smith went too. Helen went home. Blanche stayed awhile and I took her home. Jeanette brought me blackberry jelly, and Siamese cat candle. Don spent the evening with me, brought me half gallon ice cream and two pound box candy. Blanche brought me lovely roses. Several cards. Dorothy said we would celebrate when she comes up later. [On] September 13th [she] brought me a bracelet.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1976 Lovely day until about six o'clock, then hard rain. Mowed and raked front yard. Mr. Scott cleaned gutters on garage. Mrs. Young came over and brought me two roses. Barbara [Kaiser] was over.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1976 Lovely day. Went to church - had our brunch afterward. In P.M. went to Lewis' awhile. Sundays are long days.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1976 Another beautiful day, but more like Fall. I did my laundry, one more container of tomatoes in freezer. Now, 25. In P.M. I took a walk. Mrs. Carl asked me to sit on porch awhile. [John Cooper's 18th birthday.]

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1976 Lovely day. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. I drove to Helen's [Utterback]. She drove. In P.M. came to Helen Utterback's to play bridge. Jeanette and I took a walk in evening. Bill called.


THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1976 Cloudy and rain began about dinner time. Went to Kroger's and drug store. In the afternoon mowed and raked back yard. Had a good rain.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1976 Nice day but seems like Fall. Went to Dr. Harris for my eyes. Right eye only slightly worse. Left one the same and taking over for the right one. Said to come back in a year. Went to Lazarus. Home at 12:30. Raked front yard. Hard rain and wind last night. Jeanette and I went to Wendy's for supper, then two games Scrabble.


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1976 Another perfect day. Went to church. Helen [Utterback] and I were greeters at Tower door. Home rest of day except to mailbox.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1976 Lovely day and warmer. Baked a carrot cake. Mowed and raked front yard and swept drive. Dorothy came at noon. We visited all afternoon. Jeanette was over. Walked two miles after dinner.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1976 Another lovely day. Dorothy ran around the "block" twice. [Dorothy and Dick were both avid joggers.] In P.M. went to Northland. Don came and spent the evening. He and Dorothy exchanged jelly and jam. Don brought us two pieces blueberry pie.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1976 I took Dorothy to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Took Mable and Gerry [Jones]. Had a good lunch and nice afternoon. In evening we went to Jeanette's awhile, then watched some T.V.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1976 Cooler and cloudy. Dorothy and I went to A&P. Then to Northland to get mite spray for the bird. She left at 12:30. Called Marvene [Shonting] and talked over an hour. Watched an excellent movie, "Last of Mrs. Lincoln."
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1976 Cloudy, gloomy day. Rain in late afternoon. Went to library and Kroger's. Got a nice basket at rummage sale. Potted more plants for our Bazaar [at church]. Karen called to tell me they are moving to Westerville.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1976 Didn't do much. Washed a quilt and some other things. I called Frieda [sister-in-law in Phoenix] in evening - had not heard for about three weeks. She had written three times and I didn't get mail. Ellen came home from hospital. Dr. could not find enough trouble to justify surgery.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1976 A perfect day. Went to church. Raked front yard, and picked up a big bag of acorns.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1976 Some rain during night. A gloomy day. Washed and ironed. Went to Golden Crest [at church]. Took Blanche Smith, she had roses for six tables.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1976 46° this morning. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Took Helen Rymer. After I came home swept drive and picked up a bag of acorns. Furnace feels good.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1976 Beautiful day. Days are getting cooler. Had my hair done. In P.M. mowed, raked front yard and put on Turf Builder. Jeanette was in. Had to call [Columbus] Dispatch. No paper until nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1976 Another lovely day and warmer. Went to "Chat'n Sew." After I came home swept drive and picked up acorns. Kaiser's came home from trip. Brought me a can of maple syrup.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1976 Lovely day. Baked cookies, did some mending. Mowed and raked the back yard. Raked front yard, picked up more acorns. Jeanette came over about six, then I went to her house. We played two games of Scrabble.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1976 Beautiful day. I dusted the house. Didn't see anyone all day to speak to except mail man. Worked some outside. Weekends are long.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1976 Raining when I got up. Kept it up most of day. Went to church and stayed for coffee hour. A miserable, long day. Had stomach cramps. Went to bed quarter 'till nine.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1976 Did the laundry. At 10:30 Don called to tell me Bill is in hospital. Don went for him in the night and got him admitted at six this morning. One eye is swollen shut and a rash. He has shingles. I went over at six to see him. How I miss Charles when these troubles come, but don't know what I would do without Don. [Gary Cooper's 25th birthday.]

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1976 Cleared off and sun shone. Baked a loaf of raisin, apple, carrot bread. Went to bridge -University Wives at Golf Course. In evening went to see Bill. Dark when I came home.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1976 Lovely, sunny day. Went to bank. Swept the drive and raked front yard. The acorns are terrible. Have to pick them up. Went to see Bill. He seems better. Brought Mrs. Cochran home. Her husband in room with Bill. In evening Kathy and Gary stopped to get books and magazines Don left for their children. Don went to a convention [Southern Historical Association].

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1976 Rain during night and a drizzly morning. Went to bank, library and Kroger's. After lunch to see Bill. When I left went to Don's to get Bill's keys, etc. I stayed awhile. After four when I got home.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1976 Cleaned the yard and driveway. Picked lots of acorns. Trash men on strike. Went to see Bill at noon. Leona [Benton] brought me \( \frac{1}{2} \) bushel apples. ($3.00).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1976 Beautiful day. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Our bridge club started for winter. I won second, $.75. Mr. Heidorn took us. Went to see Bill at six. Gloria and Karen came. Went to see Mrs. Terry. About dark when I came home. Dorothy called.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1976 Lovely day. Up early and baked two cakes to take to Brunch [for widows]. Went to church. Had one cake left and put it in freezer. Every day I pick up acorns. In the evening went to see Bill. Don was there. Glad he got home from trip.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1976 Another beautiful day. Went to bank. After lunch went to see Bill. Swept driveway and picked up four kettles full of acorns. Jeanette and I took a walk after dinner, stopped to see McLean's new room.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1976 Lovely day. Went to see Bill. His head looks so bad and worried about eye. Swept drive and front yard. Picked up a lot of acorns. Delta Crass called. [Roommate at Denison University in 1918?] Karen and Gloria stopped in evening.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1976 Rainy, gloomy day. Had my hair done. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Poor cards. I drove. Went to see Bill. He goes home tomorrow. His eye not so good.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1976 I went to hospital to get Bill. Took him to eye doctor. After lunch took him to have prescription filled and to A&P. Kathy came for him at 3:30. She was to call when she got home. Didn't get home until after eight and I was so worried.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1976 Baked zucchini bread. Swept drive, planted grass seed, picked up acorns and potted more flowers. About four went to church to get ready for Bazaar tomorrow. A nice day, but cool.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1976 Rainy day. I left early to work on church Bazaar. Our Circle had the rummage and such a lot of things! Ate lunch there. Didn't get home 'till 4:30.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1976 Nice, sunny day. Went to church. Home rest of day. Cleaned leaves in front yard and picked up acorns.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1976 Beautiful day. Did the laundry, potted some flowers and moved them to bedroom. Went to Circle meeting. Raked leaves from back yard and piled them in front. Jeanette fixed front door bell.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1976 Another lovely day. Left at nine for [Senior] Center to sew. I drove and took Helen [Utterback]. After I came home mowed and raked back yard.


THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1976 Made zucchini bread. Went to Doctor Rose for swine flu shot and blood pressure which was 138. Swept leaves from driveway and raked back yard.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1976 A lovely day. Swept leaves from front yard, put storm windows on porch. Carried in some [fire]wood. Have been so worried about Bill. Called Mrs. Habridge, and a few minutes later he drove up. Had been to eye Doctor. He said eye was better, but would take two weeks more to clear up. He went right to bed and slept all evening. I called the family and canceled bridge for tomorrow.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1976 Cooler, but nice day. Cleaned up the house and leaves in back yard. Am so worried about Bill. He fell in the dining room. Called Dorothy. Don was over in afternoon. Brought a lot of vegetables - rest of garden.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1976 Nice day, but cooler. Don't know when I have missed church until today. A long day, no one came. I think Bill might be a little bit better. Frost got all the flowers.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1976 31°. Nice, sunny day. I didn't do anything except rake a few leaves. Bill dressed and moved his car to Davis' drive. I went to bank and to drug store to get prescription filled for Bill. Jeanette and Barbara [Kaiser] were in.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1976 Another nice day, but getting cooler. I cleaned the leaves on side yard and back yard. Didn't do anything else. Bill seems to be improving slowly.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1976 A miserable, rainy day. I baked cookies, started to bind quilt for the church. Days like this really depress me.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1976 A nicer day, some sunshine. Went to A&P. Made more zucchini bread. Frieda [Cooper] called [from Phoenix] to see how Bill is.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1976 Nice day, but cool. I went to library and Kroger's. Bill went out and bought a fluorescent light bulb for bathroom and replaced worn out one. Leona Benton brought me another peck of apples.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1976 Gloomy day, rain began in afternoon. I made a pie, raked leaves in back yard, around garage and front yard. Bill and I listened to football game. In the evening Karen and Gloria stopped.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1976 Another gloomy, drizzly day. Second Sunday I have missed church. Don took Bill to farm. Left at 12:15, didn't get home 'till 7:30. All was well except someone had stolen some [fire] wood. He stood trip well.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1976 Gloomy, drizzly day. I washed three washers (2 for Bill) and ironed. He was in bed most of day. In the evening we watched a movie. Story of Amelia Earhart.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1976 Nicer day. Sun came out. Washed another washer. Had my hair done and stopped at Shopping Center.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1976 Much colder, but a nice day. Took my car for an oil change and check up. Cost $51.20. Made zucchini bread. Bill left for farm soon after twelve. Went in to Jeanette's. [Gloria Cooper's 52nd birthday.]


MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1976 Nice, sunny day. Washed two washers and did most of ironing. Bill left for farm about noon. I went to Northland [Shopping Center] to get lava stone for Polly [parakeet] and they were out. Home at two o'clock, raked leaves in back yard. Ada [Lewis] and Mrs. Justus here to collect money for Mr. Martin, who died Friday.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1976 Lovely day for election. Baked cookies and went to vote. Raked more leaves. Jeanette was here in P.M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1976 Nice day. Baked a pumpkin pie. Went to Bazaar at Westminster Terrace [Retirement Home]. Helen Utterback drove - Helen Rymer. We played bridge with a woman from Westminster. She could hardly see. Had our first snow - heavy flurries.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1976 Another nice day. Kay and Nicole [Kay's daughter] were here for lunch. Bill left at 2:30 for farm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1976 High of 50°. Nice, sunny day. Raked leaves in back yard, front and driveway. A big pile in front. I think this will be the most at one time, but more to come down. Watched football in afternoon.


MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1976 25°. Cold. I went to Circle meeting. Since it was so cold, Bill thought he had better go home [to farm]. He left at 12:15. In evening I watched first installment of "Gone with the Wind." Bill doesn't know when he will be back.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1976 Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Don't care much about it, just somewhere to go. Lovely day. Cold and windy. So many leaves have blown in, but too windy to rake them. Dark at 5:30 and such long evenings!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1976 Not so cold or windy. Had my hair done. After I came home raked leaves from back yard and driveway. After lunch did the front yard - had more than last week. Big piles clear across lot except driveway.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1976 Cloudy, a few snow flurries. I repotted my hanging basket, started a comfort for Jeremy [great-grandson, son of Chuck and Melanie]. Went to grocery.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1976 Nice day. Baked a small apple pie for me. A larger one to give Bill when he comes. Took my scissors to be sharpened. Gerry Jones stopped in P.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1976 26°. About same temperature we have had all week. Went to our foursome at Gerry's. I was high. Had a nice afternoon.


MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1976 Beautiful day. Washed one washer and ironed. Bill added some pine cones to Charles' grave blanket and put it in trunk of my car. I went to Golden Crest [at church]. He stayed for dinner, left at 7:15.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1976 Another lovely day. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Played bridge in afternoon. Gerry asked me to go to Ponderosa [Restaurant] with her and Carole. Stopped at shopping center. A good dinner and a treat to go.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1976 Another lovely day. Man came about garage door. Nothing wrong except the switch turned off in the kitchen. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Had had score 6020 points. On way home took Charles' grave blanket and put on grave. I drove and took Gerry.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1976 Still lovely weather. I went to "Chat'n Sew," did not have many but had a nice time. I brought a comfort home to bind.


SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1976 Another lovely day. In house all day except to mailbox. Didn't do much. Watched Michigan game. They beat State 22-0.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1976 Went to church. In the afternoon Jeanette and I went to a movie "The Wilderness Family." Had a real snow blizzard in late afternoon. Don has such a bad cold and cough. I am worried about him.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1976 Snow flurries all during the day. Washed and ironed, baked cookies. Bill came around five for dinner and overnight. Had a fire in fireplace. Don went to Doctor. He has bronchitis.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1976 Nice day. Had my hair done. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Nice afternoon. Bill met with a Doctor today to decide if he could retire on disability. Don is better and called in evening. Also, Gloria called. [Tom Cooper's 15th birthday.]


THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1976 THANKSGIVING DAY. A lovely day and much to be thankful for. Baked a pumpkin pie. Left for Don's about noon - home at 5:30. Good dinner. Dorothy called. I talked with her, Dick, Valerie, Chuck and Melanie. Bill came about nine o'clock from dinner with his family. He was here overnight.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1976 Drizzly day. Bill did his laundry. Left about noon. I went to bank. Cleaned a few more leaves and brought in more wood. At five B.J. and Gary [Novak] stopped on way home from Cleveland. The evenings are so long, some times I think it will never come time to go to bed.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1976 55°. Pretty nice day. I went to grocery early. Richard [Davis] cleaned gutters, swept the roof and helped me clean up leaves off roof. I gave him $10.00 - more than he asked. Carole [Hoffman] was down and brought me candy. I raked the front yard - surely last time this year.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1976 Gloomy, cold day. Helen Utterback and I were greeters at church, also helped with doughnuts and coffee. Did not go to Board meeting. Slept two hours. Watched football. Never saw a game in such snow. Began snowing about six.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1976 Over two inches snow and 11°. Baked cookies, washed my pitcher collection. Bill called at 12:30. He was at Glenmont and High - fuel pump broke in jeep. I went down for him. Got his lunch and took him down to get jeep. Then went to "Pill Box" [pharmacy]. Never thought I would drive on a day like this.


WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1976 I listened to weather report and an inch of snow predicted. Gave up going to bridge, got a substitute. Could have gone. Sun even came out at times. Worked on comfort for church, and one I am making for Jeremy.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1976 Pretty nice day with some sunshine. I went to the Christmas Tea at church. A nice meeting. Getting colder.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1976 9° above here, 1° above at airport. Went to Don's to get box of fruit, he got for me through University. Then went to bank and post office to get Christmas stamps. In to Jeanette's.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1976 Wanner today. 28° at airport. Went to bridge at Stew Harrison's. Gerry drove. Trying to get both foursomes here.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1976 Nice day. Went to church, had brunch afterward. Worked on Christmas cards and wrote letters.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1976 Cloudy, rain in late afternoon. Washed and ironed. Went to A&P and Pharmacy to get gift for our exchange on Saturday. Worked on Christmas cards.


WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1976 Had my hair done and went to bank. Made fudge for party tomorrow. Left out margarine -too hard. I can't use it.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1976 Another nice day. Went to candy store and bought a pound for party. Edith [Walter] drove. We went to Golf Course for lunch. Frieda and Merle. Merle didn't feel well and didn't eat. Came here to play.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1976 Didn't do much today. Finished all out of town cards and went to mailbox. Such long evenings!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1976 Nice day. Went to lunch at M.C.L., then to Margaret Harmon's to play. I had low score. I drove, took Gerry. Soon after I came home Bill stopped awhile. He was going to a dinner with some of teachers.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1976 Had planned to take Fleeta [Heidorn] to hospital to see her husband. Mildred Berkes scared us all out with freezing rain warning. I was provoked. No church, turned out to be nice day. Called Dorothy, Jessie Boyd, and Gloria.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1976 Beautiful day. My Circle was here for pot luck. Only eight and we could eat at dining table. Had a nice time. Juanita [Shupe] called and invited me to go to dinner tomorrow on her birthday. Our leaves were picked up.


WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1976 Another lovely day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I have had the poorest cards lately.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1976 Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a nice time. Stopped at A&P. Bill stopped a little while. He is having trouble with Doctor's about his retirement.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1976 Baked orange cookies and decorated them. In P.M. took some and fruit to Youngs, and to Lewis'. Went to Jeanette's but she wasn't home. Made fudge.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1976 Another nice day. Took cookies to Jeanette. Had my foursome - Nellie, Gerry, and Mable. Don and Tom stopped and left my gifts.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1976 50°. A lovely day. Went to church. Don called. John got home from Florida. Made 3.6 first quarter. With tests he took, four more hours and he will be a sophomore [at Ohio State]. Barbara Kaiser came over in evening.


TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1976 14°. Cold! But a sunny day. Karen and Colleen were here for lunch. We had a nice time.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1976 A nice, sunny day. Got a permanent. $12.50 + $1.50 for Christmas. Jeanette brought over cookies and candy. Don and Ellen surprised me by stopping at 7:30. They were here 'till nine. Getting ready to go to Dorothy's tomorrow.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1976 Up early, and took Polly to Young's. Hollie and Juanita [Shupe] came about 10:15. A lovely day, but cold. We got to Holiday Inn at twelve and had a good lunch there. Dorothy and Dick came before we were through lunch. Several years since I have been there for Christmas. Barbara and Gary [Novak] came in evening.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1976 Dorothy and I went to grocery. Mrs. Kutchera came in afternoon. In evening we went to eleven o'clock candlelight service. Afterwards Dick drove around for us to see the lights. Never saw the candles in paper sacks before - beautiful. Chuck, Melanie, and Jeremy here awhile.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1976 A little snow in morning, but turned out to be a nice day. We opened presents about nine o'clock. Dorothy and Dick gave me six pair hose. B.J., soap and cologne. Valerie, a soap "angel." Bill, perfume and linen calendar. Don, a Christmas record and 2 pounds candy. Karen, book on house plants. B.J., Gary, Chuck, Melanie and Jeremy, and Mrs. Kutchera here. A fine dinner. Chuck's car wouldn't start and they took Dorothy's to go home. Missed Charles so much.


MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1976 Weather bad, Dorothy and Dick didn't want to drive to Columbus. Later, cleared off and nice day. I called Juanita [Shupe] at Kentucky. They stopped for me at Holiday Inn at quarter 'till two. All was fine here. Went over and watered Ada's flowers, and started the car. Went for "Polly." Had a hard fall carrying her home. Mr. Young helped me. Didn't hurt myself. Dorothy gave me fruit cake and cookies and some for Bill.


THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1976 14° when I got up. Didn't do much all day. Jeanette and Richard [Davis] cleaned my driveway. Snowed almost all morning - three inches on ground. Jeanette came over in P.M.


END OF BOOK XXXTX, PART ONE (JANUARY 1, 1976- DECEMBER 31, 1976)
Gladys, age 79, continued most of her customary routines now well established for many years. There were, however, some reminders of her advancing years centered chiefly around some health issues. On February 27 she fell down three steps on her front porch, but suffered no serious aftereffects. On various days she wrote that she wasn't feeling very well. This may have been one of the reasons she visited Lutheran City, a Seniors' retirement community. Her declining eyesight was a concern. She wrote "I feel so bad and can't see out of my right eye." She was reassured by her doctor, however, that the problem was an artery stoppage and could be treated successfully. Her cataracts did not require surgery. Blood pressure readings continued to be good. Her greatest concern was the stroke she suffered on September 20. About to leave for church suddenly she suffered a severe headache, and was unable to walk. Don came at once, and Ellen spent the night. Her family physician, Dr. Rose, came to the house and diagnosed the problem as pertaining to the inner ear, but Don insisted she go to the hospital. After various X-Rays and a brain scan she was admitted on September 22. On September 28 she was told she had suffered a slight stroke which affected only her balance, and that she would make a good recovery. On October 10 Don took her home after three weeks in the hospital. During that time she records 58 visits to her room by family, friends and ministers. All three of her children visited. Her sister-in-law, Frieda Cooper, from Phoenix, Arizona, came and stayed with Gladys for three weeks. During that time Gladys received 64 "Get Well" cards. She had a brief experience with shingles later in the year.

The rest of the year was largely uneventful and she pursued the activities she loved. She played bridge with two "foursomes," as well as with the Ohio State Women's Association, and occasionally at the Senior Center. One of the "foursomes" disbanded at the end of the year. She continued sewing comforts at the Senior Center, and was awarded a silver star pin for 50 hours of volunteer work. She made a comfort for her latest great-grandchild, Jeremy Kutchera, son of Chuck. She continued occasionally to bake, and in addition to zucchini and apple-carrot-raisin bread, she made cakes, cookies, and cherry, pumpkin, apple, rhubarb, and lemon pies. She planted her usual small garden; a neighbor man helped with placing tomato stakes. There were also onions, cucumbers, and pole beans which grew on a trellis Charles had made for the side of the garage. Flowers, such as marigolds, impatiens, geraniums, and adgeratum, brightened three sides of the house. Gladys set out 29 pots of flowers which she had kept in the house over the winter. Housekeeping chores, such as washing, ironing, dusting, sweeping, etc. took less of her time than formerly, but she still sometimes cleaned snow off the driveway in the wintertime, and did "more than some of the men do around here." Evenings were devoted mainly to television and reading, although "I can't read like I used to." She subscribed to a daily newspaper, The Columbus Dispatch. She lamented that she "hardly ever gets out in evening." There was "nowhere to go." Once, and only once, did she see a movie in a theatre. It was "Oh, God" with George Burns and John Denver. In the summer months she continued once in awhile to enjoy walking through the Overbrook Hallow. A fortuitous event was the appearance at her house of a stray cat. After trying unsuccessfully to find the owner Gladys kept the cat. She named her "K.C" for Kitty Cat. But Polly, one of her two parakeets, died. "Don buried her under the magnolia tree. Four little birds buried in back yard." She had a brief spat with her best friend, and next-door neighbor, Jeanette Davis, who asked Gladys when she was going to take down "that rickety old fence." Jeanette thought Gladys must not know "how bad it looks." "None of your business," she told Jeanette. The spat didn't last long. Their usual Scrabble games resumed.

At Crestview Presbyterian Church she remained active. Inclement weather kept her away for winter months. But she still attended the Women's Society, Golden Crest, "Chat'n Sew," and
the Sunday Brunch for widows. She made three lap robes from material left over from making the comfort for Jeremy, and several braided plastic rugs made from bread wrappers; all of these were sold at the church Bazaar. From left over scraps from the lap robes she made hot pads, also for sale at church. She served as a greeter before several Sunday services. Her neighbors continued to be most attentive. At various times they brought her oranges, grapefruit, cake, pie, tomatoes, flowers, and even meals when she returned from the hospital. In return she watered their flowers when they were away. She did decide, however, not to attend the block party for that year. She records several expenditures during the year: Cleaning driveway of snow, $2.35; new Frigidaire washer, $343.15; Onion sets, $.75 a pound; new vacuum, $23.09; Permanent, $12.50; repairing flat tire, $2.00; Office call to Dr. Rose, $29.00; new glass door for fireplace, $165.00; furnace checked, $21.45 and gutters cleaned, $10.00.

One of the major events of the year was the extremely cold and snowy January weather. On the 13th it was -14° in Columbus, and broke all records for 82 years. It got worse. On January 17 it was -19°, the coldest day in a century. Readings were even lower on Bill's farm. By January 20, as Gladys watched the inauguration of President Jimmie Carter, there was a brief respite as the temperature climbed back to 14°. She managed to slip out to buy groceries, her first time outside of the house in two weeks. Still the snow was 13 inches deep. Garbage was not collected for three weeks. There developed a severe shortage of natural gas. Gladys wrote: "We are supposed to keep our thermostats 65° in daytime, and 55° at night. Have shut heat off in all bedrooms. Many cars stuck on our street." January 28 was the "worst day of the winter." Blizzards and high winds hit the city. "All schools closed. University at noon. Thousands off work when industry closed. Even bars and restaurants are to close." Gladys passed some of the time watching the television series "Roots." At church "everything" was cancelled for the month of February except Sunday services, and these were held in the basement since they couldn't afford to heat the sanctuary.

Gladys records three deaths of friends during the year. Mr. Cochran, a neighbor, died on August 24, followed one week later by the death of Mrs. Minister, a long-time friend from Gladys' former neighborhood. Mr. Scott, next-door neighbor, died suddenly as he was mowing the lawn. Charles had died in the same sudden fashion, and this reminded Gladys of the worst day of her life. "So low, brings it all back to me." On June 9, on her 54th wedding anniversary, Gladys got out their wedding pictures. "I look at our wedding pictures and wonder if we were ever that young." Another family note. Frieda wrote that Margie, her middle daughter, was divorcing her husband, Jim Little.

Bill, age 53, continued to live in his house trailer on his farm south of town. He sold off part of the farm, the farmhouse and 8 4/9 acres. His health was fairly stable although he had an infected toe that required a trip to the emergency room. He had Easter and Christmas dinners at the home of Gloria, his former wife, and their children. Gary, age 26, lived apart with his wife, Kathy, and their two boys, Robert and Michael. Karen had a job at McDonald's. Colleen "conversed" with Linda and Tom on one occasion with her "Braille writer."

Gladys visited Dorothy, age 49, and her family twice during the year, once in May and again in September. On the May visit she saw Chuck, Melanie, and baby Jeremy, who was given the beautiful comfort made by Gladys. By June Melanie had left Chuck. Both he and the baby moved back with Dorothy and Dick. Dorothy took care of Jeremy, her first grandchild. Gladys attended B.J.'s graduation from Miami University at Oxford on May 15. She and Gary left for their new home in St. Louis, Missouri. Gladys spent a day with the family at their trailer in the countryside. Gladys noted the seven apple trees growing on their land.

Don, age 45, the only one of the siblings to live in town, saw Gladys many times during the year. He did her taxes and handled all of her medicare paperwork. Gladys comments on two occasions in 1977 when Don spoke publicly on current Latin American issues, his specialty at Ohio State. On January 12 he was "on T.V. in evening. Gave a talk as to whether Puerto Rico should be a state. I do wish his father could have seen him." On September 14 he "was on radio
[on WMNI] for an hour talking about Panama Canal." On March 21 he showed slides on Brazil to the Golden Crest group. "He gave a good talk and I was so proud of him." Don and his family were at the cottage in Wisconsin from June 20 through August 15. There was a severe storm at the cottage on July 4 which destroyed many trees in the area, but the cottage escaped unharmed. But the power was off for 23 hours. On the way to Wisconsin the family visited with Ralph and Flo Hutchins, Ellen's brother and sister-in-law, in Chicago. Upon their return the family harvested a huge crop of tomatoes from their backyard garden. At one time Ellen told Gladys she had 22 quarts of tomato juice cooking on the stove. In the fall Don, with help from John, disassembled and moved Charles' workbench from Gladys' basement to their own at 1896 Baldridge Road. A possible tragedy at the home was avoided when Don discovered a smouldering fire in John's bedroom. He had left his electric blanket turned on, and a box of ammunition on top of it. Don found it just in time, and a fire was avoided.

Gladys closes her diary for 1977 with a brief reflection on the year just past. "At my age when New Year's Eve comes you wonder if you will be here another year. I had no trips this year. Don's went to cottage, except John who worked at a camp in Indiana. Chuck was divorced and Dorothy raising the baby. Bill sold farmhouse and 8 1/4 acres. On September 20th I had a light stroke, in hospital 18 days. All so good to me, my family and friends. Frieda came for three weeks. Now, don't use cane around house, but take it when I go out. May 1978 be good to us all, bless my children with good health."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1977 -1°. Still very cold. I put tree and ornaments away, fixed a fire and took out ashes. Couldn't get sewing machine to run. Dorothy called, talked with her and Dick and Chuck - heard Jeremy. Watched Rose Bowl Parade and game. Also Ohio State University played Colorado in Orange Bowl. We won, 27-10.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 1977 Nice sunny day. Haven't been out of house since Monday except to start car once. Decided to go to church. We had our brunch afterward. Frieda called. Fire in evening.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1977 22°. Snow and bad driving. Had intended going to bank, but stayed home. Washed two washers, put away last of Christmas decorations. I cleaned all my walks and driveway.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1977 Did the ironing. In P.M. went to bank, then had my hair done. Then went in to Jeanette's. Most of streets are clear, ours still snowy.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1977 Got up to more snow and radio said bad driving. I backed out on my turn to drive to bridge, so Gerry [Jones] drove. Could have gone, by time we came home roads were almost clear. Cincinnati had 8 inches snow.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1977 More snow predicted, so I left early on errands. Went to bank, Kroger's, A&P. Now have plenty food and don't have to go out. Snow began in afternoon. [Robert Cooper's 5th birthday.]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1977 Two or three inches snow. So glad I went out yesterday. Made another sew on baby's comfort, although machine not working right. I cleared all driveway and walks. More than some of men do around here.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1977 4° below at airport. About 8° elsewhere. I dusted and swept bedrooms, cleaned bathroom. Got the sewing machine fixed, all it needed was oil. Worked on baby's comfort.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1977 Didn't go to church. Did some work on comfort. Watched the Super Bowl football game. In the evening [watched on T.V.] "Raid on Entebbe," up 'till quarter 'till twelve. Snow began around noon. Kept it up - 8 inches. Dorothy called to tell me Chuck wouldn't stop on way home from Michigan. Later, I called her to see if B.J. and Gary got home from Missouri. They hadn't.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1977 14° above. Terrible conditions to drive. All schools closed except University. Don called. He got to University without too much trouble.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1977 3° below zero. Wind chill makes it -36°. Sunny day but too cold to melt any snow. In the morning Jeanette came in. So glad to see her. Worked on baby's comfort. High of 6° above. Bill called from Gloria's.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1977 8° above. Cold and everything covered with snow. I have not been out of house since last Friday, and that was to clear driveway. Schools opened after being closed two days. Don was on T.V. in evening. Gave a talk as to whether Puerto Rico should be a state. I do wish his father could have seen him. Just zero when I went to bed.


FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1977 Such a morning. Snow began around midnight and kept it up 'till around 2:30 P.M. Very beautiful to look out. Must be eight or nine inches on my drive, where it isn't cleared. Bridge for tomorrow canceled. Schools went home early. Five inches of snow. Called Mike to clear my drive tomorrow.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1977 Baked cookies. Mike cleaned my drive. $2.35. Ellen brought Linda over to stay 'till Monday.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 1977 -10° when I got up. Didn't even get to zero. -8° was high here. Nice sunny day. Linda and I played Scrabble and worked crossword puzzle. Miss Levengood called me about Colleen. Only saw two cars go by. -13° when I went to bed. [Charles "Chuck" Kutchera's 19th birthday.]

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1977 -19°. Coldest day of this century. High today was -2°. Schools closed and many industries closed. Linda and I played Scrabble and watched T.V. Don came for her about four.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1977 3° above this morning. I didn't do much, worked on baby quilt. Barbara Kaiser here in afternoon. Just zero when I went to bed.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1977 Up to 18° above. Had more snow in night. I washed and worked on comfort. Started car - let it run awhile. Swept part of drive.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1977 High of 19°. President Carter inaugurated. I watched quite a bit of it. Did ironing, baked cookies. Went to A&P. Got a lot of groceries. First I have been off the lot for two weeks.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1977 A few snow flurries. Didn't have much to do. Don and Merle [Axline] called in evening.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1977 A long day.
Had two telephone calls. Watched basketball in evening.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 1977 Nice day, but five above when I got up. Leona Benton stopped for me to go to church. Afterward, we went to Elby's for dinner. Came here awhile, then to church to meeting of Women's Society. Saw slides on Nepal. Soon after I came home, Velma Smith and Bill called.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1977 Snow began in night, kept it up to two inches or more. I cleaned our drive. Later, more snow. Put the garbage out - three weeks since it was collected, then found out they had been here on Saturday.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1977 More snow today, and the trash men did come. Three cars were stuck on our street. Barbara Kaiser was here in the morning. Some phone calls helped.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1977 14° above. I shoveled half the drive. Snow was 13 inches deep in back yard. More came down today. Days are long.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1977 5° above. Such a gas shortage schools may have to close. We are supposed to keep our thermostats 65° in daytime and 55° at night. Have shut heat off in all bedrooms. Cleaned rest of drive. So many cars have been stuck on our street.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1977 Worst day of winter predicted. 30° at seven, by eleven was zero. Blizzard and high wind. All schools closed. University at noon. Thousands off work when industry closed. Even bars and restaurants are to close. Worked on baby comfort. Had several telephone calls. Watching movie "Roots." Called Bill.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1977 -9°. Another cold day and Ohio in crisis. Stores are shortening hours, yesterday people made a run on grocery stores to stock up for a bad weekend. Didn't do much. Worked on comfort. Dorothy called. Valerie out of school. Don't know how long.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1977 Another cold day, only a few degrees above zero. A long day. Called Bill. He is getting along O.K. Everything at church is canceled for month of February except Sunday services. Fuel shortage.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1977 7° above. Another sunny day. Did ironing, cleared the drive, let car run awhile. Watched a lot of T.V. Bill called, only call today and saw no one. He was with family for dinner. Karen's 17th birthday.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1977 A nice, sunny day. 5° above here. -4° at airport. I got out, first for two weeks in car. Went to bank and Kroger's. Jeanette came over in P.M.


FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1977 Snowing when I got up. Kept it up all day. Watched a lot of T.V. No one called and no mail.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1977 14°. Everything looks beautiful with snow. Washed a washer and it wouldn't work right. Would not spin dry. Had Mike clean the driveway and walks. Don called.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1977 Just zero when I got up. Sunny day. Have only been to church once this year. Services are in basement, too expensive to heat the sanctuary. Leona Benton called - only person I spoke to all day.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1977 About 3° above. Sunny day. Made pumpkin pie. Bill was here for lunch. So glad to see him. He went to Dr. in P.M. Don called.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1977 Another record -13° at airport. Not that cold here. Did a little extra cleaning, worked on lap robe. So much material left from Jeremy's comfort, plan to make two lap robes to sell at Bazaar. Started car. First I have been out of house since last Wednesday.


THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1977 Beautiful day. High 45°. Had my hair done and went to Kroger's. Nowhere to go. Golf Course closed for month of February. Nellie called. We were sorry Merle [Axline] didn't get our Saturday club together while good weather.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1977 Lovely, sunny day. More snow melted. I went to bank and post office. Then in to Jeanette's and took her birthday gifts. We played two games of Scrabble.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1977
Gloomy, rainy day. Worked some on lap robe. Had lovely Valentines from Bill and Dorothy. One from B.J. Don and Tom stopped a few minutes on way home from wrestling match.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1977 Another Sunday to miss church. Ada Lewis and Alice Barnett were here to collect for birth defects. They stayed awhile. Later, Mrs. Young's daughter-in-law came to see if their garage door had been up. Had a fire in late afternoon. Long day!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1977 Snowed almost all day. Washed a washer. Won't spin dry. Had to wring the clothes and dip water out of tub. Will have to get a new washer. Worked on lap robe. Lovely valentines from Dorothy, Bill, and B.J.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1977 Had some snow storms, but didn't stick to ground. Finished knotting the lap robe. Don and Karen called. Such long evenings. Can't read like I used to.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1977 Nice, sunny day, but cold. I baked an apple pie. Went to Clintonville Electric [out of business in 2003] to look at washers. Bill was here for dinner, left at eight.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1977 Lovely day, only 2° above at airport. Not so cold here. Karen came for lunch and stayed 'till five. We looked at old pictures, played Scrabble and Solitaire. Had a nice time together.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1977 Cold and cloudy day. Went to drug store, bank, and to Ken Bush's to look at washers. Bought one - a Frigidaire, $343.15. Liked this one better than any I saw. Finished lap robe. The evenings are so long when T. V. isn't good and no one calls.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1977 Fairly nice day. Our Saturday club got started after two months. Met at Stew Harrison's [Restaurant]. Gerry [Jones] drove. Fleeta [Heidorn] gave me a two-pound box of candy. Don't know what I did to get it. It was Nellie's birthday, and Merle [Axline] had a cake for her.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1977 Snowing hard when I got up. Kept it up 'till ten o'clock. Stayed home from church. Had some phone calls that helped a long day. [Ellen's 42nd birthday.]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1977 Washer will be delivered Wednesday. Mr. Gephart came and fixed burner on stove and back doorbell. $14.68.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1977 Nice day, snow melting fast. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Helen Utterback, Helen Rymer, Gerry [Jones] and I played bridge in P.M. I had good cards and high score. Barbara Kaiser here in evening. They leave tomorrow for Florida for six weeks. I'll water flowers. Twenty years today since we moved here [from 393 Mimring Road].
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1977 65°, almost a spring day. New washer installed. $343.15. Went to pot luck at church with Leona [Benton]. Didn't care for program. Don't think I'll go again.


FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1977
Bought a white shell to wear with suit. Don called.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1977 Nice day, but a frustrating one for me. Tried my new washer. Couldn't get it started. Man came, but after he left it wouldn't spin dry. Worked a lot on lap robe. Ellen stopped. Said they would make the washer right.


MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1977 Light snow on ground. Snow melted. I am so frustrated about the new washer. Man didn't come and I called again. Went in to water Kaiser's flowers.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1977 March came in like a lamb. Some snow on ground when we got up, but soon gone. Men came about washer - a kink in hose all that was wrong, and kept water from running out. Knotted the second lap robe.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1977 Beautiful day. The Golf Course still not open, so had bridge at Lola Forbes. Ate my lunch at home. I drove. We had a pleasant afternoon. As I came home Mr. Young brought me a bag of tomatoes from Florida. Ruth [Young] in hospital.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1977 Cloudy day and rain in evening. I didn't do anything much. Worked on the binding of lap robe. One telephone call - saw no one.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1977 Rain, which stopped in afternoon. Finished the lap robe, started another.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1977 Our Saturday [bridge] club went to M.C.L. [Cafeteria] for lunch and to Margaret Harmon's for bridge. Didn't have good cards. Had a birthday cake and ice cream for Frieda's birthday. I drove.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 1977 Beautiful day. Went to church. We had our brunch afterwards - pancakes, waffles, sausage, and orange juice. Took Blanche Smith home and stopped at A&P. Karen [Cooper] called and I called Laura [Hardy].

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1977 Washed and ironed. My new washer worked fine. Cleaned up fireplace and put logs for another fire. Took car up and had it washed. Blanche Smith took me to Wendy's for lunch. I took
her to hospital to see Bob and to bank. Slept in P.M. Dorothy called. Edna Scott brought me a piece of cake and cut our talk short.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1977 Beautiful day. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Went alone - others out of town. Had appointment with nurse. Blood pressure 136/58. She thought 58 too low and called Dr. Rose. He said it was O.K. Home at two. Don called.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1977 Another beautiful day, around 68°. I raked the front yard and part of side yard. Went to Young's. Ruth just home from the hospital. Took them fruit salad. They gave me oranges and grape fruit. Jeanette came in after I came home. Frieda [Cooper, in Phoenix] called in morning since she hadn't written.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1977 Lovely day. Had my hair done. Went to [First] Community Village for our four-some. Took Edith and Merle. We had a hard time finding Frieda. Had lunch there. Drove almost thirty miles today.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1977 73°, almost like spring. Went to Kroger's and drug store. Bill came for lunch and was here 'till about three. Came up to see about his income tax. Raked side yard next to Scott's and spaded part of garden.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1977 Rain began in night and kept up all day. Our foursome met at Nellie's. Had a nice afternoon. Carole [Hoffman] came down and brought me a piece of cake from Mrs. Cochran.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1977 Gloomy day, some drizzly rain at times. Went to church. After I came home, and put chicken in oven, went to [Union] cemetery to get Charles' grave blanket. Home rest of day. Called Lucy Dennis.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1977 Nice day. Cleaned some woodwork in kitchen with "Liquid Gold." Went to Circle meeting. Stopped at A&P for onion sets. Didn't have any. Took a walk after dinner.


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1977 Cooler, but a nice day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Poor cards. I drove -took Gerry [Jones]. Went in to Jeanette's. Dorothy's 49th birthday. Called her last evening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1977 Cleaned more of woodwork in kitchen. Spaded garden next to Davis', worked on lap robe. Bill stopped in evening with Karen, Colleen and her roommate, who can neither hear nor speak. Rain began in evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1977 Gloomy day. Very windy. I didn't do anything. Am not sick but don't want to do things. Jeanette got me 2 pounds onion sets. $1.50.
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1977 Cooler and some sunshine. Cleaned up house. Washed a blanket. Only second time to use my new washer. Did several rows of lap robe. The 'phone never rang and I saw no one to speak to all day.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1977 First day of spring, but more like winter. A cold wind! Went to church. I greeted at Tower door with Ann Trimble. Stopped at A&P. Leona [Benton] brought angel food cake for tomorrow. Because of a death she can't help on committee. Had a fire. Last one this winter.

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1977 Nice day. Left for church at nine. I was head of Golden Crest today. Grace Edwards and Leona Benton. We had to get everything ready. Don showed slides. He gave a good program and I was so proud of him. Watered Kaiser's flowers before I left.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1977 A typical March day. I went to University Wives' bridge. Left in a snow storm and came home in sunshine. Such a cold wind! Worked more on lap robes.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1977 Sunny day, but still cool. Had my hair done. Have such a time to get appointment. Did laundry after I came home. Worked on lap robe. Raked more leaves.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1977 Beautiful day, still cool. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a nice time. After I came home planted two rows onions. Knotted the lap robe.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1977 Another nice day, but still cool. Went to grocery. Spaded next to garage and planted two rows onions. Went to Jeanette's after dinner. Merry (dog) had a stroke.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1977 Beautiful day. Karen came for lunch and we looked at slides all afternoon. I enjoyed them. She stayed for supper and until seven. Merry better.


TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1977 Almost a summer day. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Took Helen Rymer. About 12:30 they came from card room and asked for a bridge player. I volunteered and played 'till 3:30. Ellen called and asked me for dinner. Her folks are here. Took my telephone out of basement.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1977 Washed tile in bathroom. Went to bank and to Clintonville Electric to get sweeper. ($23.09). Swept back porch and sat there awhile. Raked some in front yard. 81°. Finished the third lap robe.


FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1977 Lovely day. Went to bank and Kroger's. Raked and burned leaves. Have front yard done and cleaned leaves around garage.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1977 Rained almost all day. Went to bridge at Stew Harrison's. I was hostess. Gerry drove.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 1977 Nice day, but cool. Palm Sunday. Went to church, our Brunch afterward. Only ten there. Barbara Kaiser brought me grapefruit from Florida and a hot pad.

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1977 Rainy, drizzly day. Washed and did part of ironing. Went to bank and to get my car license and Turf Builder. Gerry and I went to see Lutheran City. I called on Mrs. Pegg and she had a friend there. Before that went to Conservatory at Franklin Park and she took flowers to her husband's grave. Bill went to hospital. Had toe lanced.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1977 Cold day! Sunshine, then snow squalls. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Took Helen Rymer. Back to yesterday. Bill came to Dr. Stevenson, he sent him to emergency room to have toe lanced. I called him this evening. He thought it would be O.K.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1977 Cold and some real snow storms. Ice froze on ramps and highways. Many accidents. Had my hair done. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I drove.


FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1977 Beautiful day. Only in 40s and cool. Went to grocery. Don came over in P.M. and brought my tax papers.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1977 Lovely, sunny day. I didn't do much. Worked out[side] awhile, put license sticker on car. Walked around block after dinner. Dorothy called.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1977 A beautiful Easter. 80°. Went to church. In afternoon Karen brought me a lovely Easter Lily and took me to their house. Bill was there and Kay and the children. She wanted me to see their new place. Home about 6:30. Jeanette brought me a little basket. Went over there a little while in evening.
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1977 82°.
Clean papers in cupboard, turf builder on front yard. Went to bank. To Circle in P.M. Later, did some work outside. A cat came here yesterday and is still here.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1977 Another very warm day. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Took Helen Rymer. Stopped at A&P. Paper boy thought cat belonged to a family up street. Mrs. Carney came down, but not theirs. Carole [Hoffman] came with Trixie, but had to leave. Dog carried on so about the cat. Ate on porch for first time.


THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1977 Richard [Davis] came and washed all windows on porch. I cleaned the screens. So glad to get that done. In P.M. went to see Blanche Smith. After I came home, Carol Barnett [former boarder] came.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1977 Still nice weather. Raked back yard. Took Helen Utterback to Doctor. Can't find owner for cat. Guess she is mine. Stopped and got her cat food. Took a walk after dinner and saw some folks to talk with.


SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1977 A little rain during the night. Went to church. Gerry and Carole came to see the kitty and stayed awhile. Richard gave me about a pound of onions and I planted them.


TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1977 Hot day. 81°. Went to [Senior] center to sew. Took Helen Rymer. Home at two. Went to nurse there, several tests all turned out well. A thundershower in late afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1977 A nice day and warm. Went at 8:15 to have my hair done. Then to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Gerry drove. Mowed and raked the front yard.


SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1977 Gloomy but no rain. Didn't do much. Worked outside, swept drive, dug dandelions, etc. Frieda called, she is not very well.


WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1977 Really nice day. I went to Northland, bought two dresses, pair shoes, and a dish pan. Came home for lunch, then mowed and raked back yard.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1977 Went to "Chat'n Sew." Only nine there but we had a good time, and real good lunch. Raining and turned colder. Miserable evening. Don't want much dinner after I have been out to big lunch.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1977 Lovely day but still cool. A record 28° at airport. Merle, Frieda, and I had lunch at Fontanelle's and went to Edith's to play. She has trouble, and thought she couldn't get anything to eat she wanted. But she went to Lazarus for lunch. I had third score. Mowed and raked front yard after I came home.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1977 Beautiful day. Went to bridge at Harrison's. Gerry drove. I had high score. Won $1.00. Don called in evening.

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1977 A lovely day. Went to church, then stayed for Brunch. Had 17. Afterward, went to Woolco's and bought flowers for here and cemetery. Flat of impatiens, a geranium, marigolds and adgeratum. Swept drive. Was at Lewis' a little while. Mr. Lewis fixed rake for me. In to Jeanette's a few minutes.

MONDAY, MAY 2, 1977 Drizzly day and some rain in late afternoon. I did not do much. Charles 78th birthday. Dorothy always remembers and calls. Had first onions from my garden.

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1977 Nice day, until looked rainy in late afternoon. Got a permanent ($12.50). Called Mr. Dickerson about painting trim on house.

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1977 Went to bank and post office. Then to Northland [Shopping Center] to return a dress. Bought another one. In afternoon spaded flower bed between drive and house, and set out 29 pots of flowers. Washed some of pots. Carole was down.

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1977 Gloomy day and some rain. Went to grocery. Mowed and raked front yard.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1977 Beautiful day. Baked cookies, washed and ironed. Worked outside. Ada [Lewis] was here in morning. Cooler, to be 45° tonight. Later - our neighborhood had a shock. Mr. Scott [next-door neighbor] had a heart attack while mowing grass. In spite of all emergency units did, he passed away. Just like Charles went.

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1977 Beautiful Mother's Day, a little cool. I didn't go to church. Don's took me out for dinner and he came for me about 10:30. We went to Bonanza - had a good meal. Talked to some of the neighbors, made bean salad to take to Scott's. So low, brings all back to me. B.J. called me and said "I love you, Grandma." That helped a lot. Went out about 9:30 and covered the flowers.

MONDAY, MAY 9, 1977 Lovely day but a cold wind. Baked a pumpkin pie. Took the salad to Scott's. Went to Circle meeting and stopped at Shopping Center. Bill was here for dinner and mowed back and side yard. Jeanette and I went to funeral home.

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1977 Sunny, but still cool. Went to Mr. Scott's funeral and took Mr. and Mrs. Meyer. Went in to Jeanette's to take her my key.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1977 Beautiful day. Uncovered flowers I had set out. Put ones I had bought on porch. Getting ready to go to Dorothy's tomorrow. Took key to Jeanette and K.C. [cat - for Kitty Cat] food to Barbara's [Kaiser]. Don surprised me by coming in evening. He was here until almost ten.

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1977 Don came at 10:30 to take me to bus. Had a pleasant trip. Dorothy met me at Sharonville. Valerie went shopping in evening. One car out of order, Dick had to take her and go for her.

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1977 Chuck and Melanie came over with the baby [Jeremy]. Men worked on Chuck's car. Melanie went to girl friends and left baby here. Valerie worked at Frisch's [Big Boy Restaurant].

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1977 Much warmer. Dorothy and Dick and I went to trailer. Had to take the baby. They have a nice trailer and pretty place. Dick went over the garden with the roto-tiller. Have seven apple and two other fruit trees. Valerie and boy friend went on a very special date. She had to drive since he isn't old enough.

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1977 Barbara's [B.J.] graduation day from Miami [University of Ohio]. Mrs. Kutchera came - Dick brought her over. She, Dorothy, Dick and I went. Over 2600 graduates. Very nice to see it.
After a lot of pictures, B. J. and Gary [Novak] came to Dorothy's for dinner. About five when they left for their new home in St. Louis. Dorothy and I took a walk. Went for Valerie at ten.


TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1977 87°. Dorothy took me to Sharonville to bus at 9:20. Only eight on bus. In Columbus at 11:15- home, 12:15. All was O.K. here. Went to Boulevard Gardens [Nursery], got nine tomato plants. Mr. Lewis helped me put in stakes, and I set them out. Also, planted 24 impatiens around path and in front of shrubbery.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1977 Went to beauty parlor at 8:30. Then to bank. Took out storm windows and put screen in back bedroom. Went to Golf Course for lunch. Gerry drove. Highs bought lunch for lows. Aleta took me to lunch. After I came home went to see Edna Scott. Bill was at Doctors. Got his lunch here and did washing. Came for dinner. He took the heavy storm windows to basement. Don came about nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1977 Another hot day. Went to cemetery and set out flowers. Made a bed of marigolds and adgeratum in back yard. Washed window and curtains - put in screen in window table. So dry, have to water tomatoes every evening.

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1977 Hot weather and no rain. Washed two blankets and dried them outside. Went to grocery and library. Took out one storm window by the picture window. Carole [Hoffman] brought me rhubarb from Cochran's, and I made a small pie.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1977

No rain and almost 90°, but house cool. Put screen in bath room. Washed a quilt, mattress cover, etc. and dried outside. Planted cucumbers. Was at Lewis' while Edna [Scott] was there. Trimmed shrubbery by front walk.

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1977

Still warm - no rain. Went to church. Leona [Benton] stopped for me and we went to new Bonanza for dinner. After church a reception for minister [Rev. sRafer] and wife. 17th their 25th wedding anniversary. It was day for doughnuts after church - instead informal reception. Presented them with a silver bowl and flowers. Leona came in and stayed until 3:30. Went over to Jeanette's. She gave me a piece of strawberry pie.

MONDAY, MAY 23, 1977 Washed and put away rest of storm windows. Planted beans by garage. Went to Denig's [Jewelers] for pin. They were closed. Went to cemetery to water flowers. They were in bad shape. Baked a two layer cake and took half a layer to Kaiser's. Brief shower. Not enough to do any good.

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1977 Another dry, hot day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. University [illeg.] One tomato plant died, two don't look good. Try to water in evenings.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1977  Still no rain and hot. Went to Denig's to get a pin. Had car washed. Washed a washer and hung clothes out. Barbara Kaiser gave me some marigolds. Don came over in evening and brought me four tomato plants.

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1977  No rain predicted for several days. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Not many there. Only did one comfort and home early. Set out plants Don gave me after supper.


MONDAY, MAY 30, 1977  Memorial Day. Didn't do anything special. B.J. and Gary stopped on way home from Cleveland.

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1977  Still no rain. A windstorm and thunder about dinner time. Don and Ellen went to Washington to get a car — Buick Skylark, her folks are giving them.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1977  Went to beauty shop at 8:30. Having such a time to get an appointment. Think I'll go to another operator. Went to bridge at Golf Course. I had high score. I drove. Ate last of my freezer tomatoes.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1977  Went to cemetery to see how flowers looked, then to bank. Don and Ellen got back from her folks with the Skylark. I went to church to potluck, and Association meeting. Don got worried he couldn't get me and came over.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1977  Still no sign of rain. Went to library and Kroger's. In afternoon went to [Senior] Center -a tea for volunteers. Went with Helen Utterback and Helen Rymer. I received a silver star for 50 hours volunteer work. A long evening. House so cold, I started the furnace.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1977  Another lovely day and no rain. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. I drove. Had poor score.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 1977  Went to church. Had Brunch afterward. 15 there. A little rain. Don came over in P.M. Brought three chairs to store in basement, and took the laundry tubs that were stored here to go to cottage. Carole [Hoffman] and I took a walk in the evening. First one I have taken for awhile.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1977 So cool had to turn furnace on. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Helen drove. Gerry came to Helen Rymer's and we played bridge. No sign of rain. Letter from Frieda. Margie and Jim [Little] are getting a divorce. [Margie is niece of Gladys; daughter of Frieda and Ralph.]

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1977 41°. Went to cemetery to water flowers. Mr. Dickerson stopped to see about painting the trim on house. Still have furnace on. Rain in evening and severe tornado warning. One sighted at Morse [Road] and Cleveland [Avenue]. A good rain. [Linda Cooper's 12th birthday].

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1977 Sunny but still cool. I didn't do much, getting ready for Circle Monday. A few odd jobs. Our 54th wedding anniversary. I look at our wedding pictures and wonder if we were ever that young.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1977 Beautiful day, some warmer. Mowed and raked front yard. Went over to Jeanette's and had my feelings hurt. She wanted to know "when I was going to take down that rickety old fence." None of her business. I was really hurt. She said "I thought you hadn't looked at it and didn't know how bad it looked." I try so hard to keep my place looking nice.


SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1977 Went to church. Home rest of day. Didn't see anyone. Don called. Getting ready for Circle here tomorrow. Weekends are long days! Bill called - he thinks he sold farm house today.

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1977 Nice day. My church Circle here - had eleven. We ate on back porch. All seemed to have a good time. Good food.


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1977 Went to Beauty Shop at eight. Too early! Gerry was to drive to bridge at Golf Course. Her car wouldn't start, and I drove.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1977 Lovely day and warmer. Washed one washer and hung clothes outside. Planted a second row of beans. Don came for a chair to take to cottage. They have some things stored in my basement. Took a walk after dinner. Mrs. Carl invited me to sit on porch, was there about an hour.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1977 Did my ironing, went to library, Kroger's and drug store. Bill was here for dinner. He had lunch with teachers. So glad to see him.
SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1977 Need rain so badly. Much thunder, but no rain. Baked cookies. Talked with Don, Ellen, Tom, and Linda before they leave Monday. Dorothy called. Melanie left Chuck. He is home with Jeremy. Edna Scott came over to tell me she goes to hospital tomorrow for breast cancer.


TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 1977 Went to Center to sew. In P.M. the two Helen's and Gerry came here for bridge. Played on porch. Much cooler in evening. Need rain so badly.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1977 A drizzly day and dark and house so cool, I turned on furnace. Karen came at 11:30. We had lunch, looked at slides and played two games of Scrabble. Went to Wendy's for supper. Later Gerry and Carole Jones came and stayed until almost ten.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1977 Went to "Chat'n Sew." Getting tired on pot lucks. After I came home, took a nap, then mowed front yard.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1977 Need rain so badly. Went to A&P, Kroger's, library, and post office. Then mowed and raked back yard. Had a surprise. Don called. They had two broken pipes and lost some trees.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1977
Didn't feel very peppy. Didn't do much.


MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1977 Washed and dried clothes outside. A good rain about dinner time. Still raining when I went to bed. Really need it! Letter and card from Don. Bill called on Sunday evening. Someone came and we didn't get to talk.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1977 Went to University Wives' Bridge. Took Martha Fry. Very hard rain while we were there. Got my little oven back and hose repaired. ($10.40).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1977 Beautiful day and cooler. I painted iron around porch and the lantern. Went to bank and library. Had my hair done in P.M. Went to see Edna Scott a little while. She is just home from hospital.

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1977 Tornadoes hit in Ohio last evening. We had hard rain. Went to A&P. Jeanette came over in evening and we played three games of Scrabble.

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1977 Beautiful day. Put three small pie shells in freezer. Didn't do much. Jeanette and I walked around the circle, and I sat on her patio awhile.

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1977 Went to church. Stayed for Brunch. Lucille Bolon gave us a party, orange juice, coffee cake, melons, and strawberries. Home rest of day.

MONDAY, JULY 4, 1977 Didn't do anything all day - read a lot. Did not see any of the neighbors. Bill called from Gary's. Also talked with Gary.
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1977 Really hot! 96° at four o'clock. Helen Utterback and I went to [Senior] Center to sew. [Steering] wheel so hot could hardly touch it. I drove.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1977 94° at five o'clock. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Gerry drove. So hot can hardly stand it. Jeanette sat on porch awhile. Went to bank in morning.

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1977 Another 95°. Don't know [when?] it has been so hot. Washed a washer and hung outside. A hard rain and storm in evening.
FRIDAY, JULY 8, 1977 Not quite so hot, but still too warm. Went to library and Kroger's. Swept the house. Letter from Don. Very bad storm on July 4th. Electricity off 23 hours. They had no damage. Dorothy called to tell me she would be up on Friday.

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1977 85°. Slightly cooler. Went to Gerry's at 12:30 for bridge with Helen Rymer and Helen Utterback. Had a nice afternoon.

MONDAY, JULY 11, 1977 Humid! Dorothy came at eleven o'clock. So glad to see her. Bill came up for dinner. Nice to have two of my children - good letter from Don. Dorothy and I sat on porch until almost ten o'clock.
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1977 Another humid day. Dorothy and I went to cemetery, then to Don's garden. In P.M. went to Northland - she got my birthday gift - a Little Ben clock. In morning we put four containers of
beans in the freezer, she brought me. Also, fixed my anniversary clock and cleaned gutters over porch. Took walk in evening.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1977** Dick called and said for Dorothy to stay another day. She washed and hung all curtains in basement. A hot day. Took a walk in evening, and sat on porch until ten o'clock.

**THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1977** Another hot day. Washed curtain over sink and Dorothy hung it. We went to A&P [grocery]. She left at 10:30. So glad she could come. Barbara was over in morning and Edna Scott in evening until almost ten.

**FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1977** Went to Beauty Parlor. Discovered I only had a $1.00. Had to come home for more money, went on to library and Kroger's. So hot! The heat about "gets me."

**SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1977** The heat has about got me down. Washed a washer, dried clothes outside. Jeanette asked me over for dinner. We had just started a game of Scrabble when her folks came, so I came home. Was disappointed, hardly ever get out in evening.

**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1977** A real good rain in night and Sunday morning. Stayed home from church. A long day.

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 1977** A real hot day. No relief all week. Washed a washer of rugs and dried outside. Went to bank. Bill and Brian [son of Kay] were here a little while in P.M.


**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 1977** Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Took Helen Rymer, Gerry [Jones] and Mable [Meisner]. So hot, 93°. Don't want much to eat. Picked another tomato.

**THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1977** Another hot day. Didn't do anything. Had my first tomato from garden. Long letter from Don and one from Linda. A brief shower.

**FRTDAY, JULY 22, 1977** Cooled off very much and lower humidity. I went to bank and library. Dusted house. Mowed, raked, and trimmed back yard.

**SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1977** Beautiful day. Washed some windows. Went to our foursome at Mabel's - took Gerry. I was second. Mabel bid and made seven no trump. Bill and Brian here while I was gone. Had Pepsi and cookies.

**SUNDAY, JULY 24, 1977** Went to church. Had chicken for dinner. Sat in back yard. Sundays are long days.
MONDAY, JULY 25, 1977 A rainy morning. Sun
came out, at times, then brief showers. Didn't do much.

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1977 Much cooler. Went to University Wives
Bridge. One of hostess'. Had very poor cards. So cold in house had to close the windows.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 1977 Went to have my hair done. Had put
car in too close to wall and had a time getting it out. When I came home at 11:30 Edna Scott
invited me for lunch with Ada and a friend. At 5:30 found a flat tire. Triple A came soon and
fixed it. Took flat for repairs. Went in to Jeanette's. When I came home phone was ringing. Karen
invited me to go to dinner on Saturday with her, Gloria, and Colleen. [Dick Kutchera's 53rd
birthday.]

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1977 Went to "Chat'n Sew." Stopped for tire,
could not get waited on and left. Have lost my appetite. Nothing tastes good. Need rain!

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1977 Went to library and Kroger's. Picked up
the repaired tire. ($2.00). Tom called in evening. He had got home from cottage. Also Ilo
[Hathaway] and Blanche [Smith] when I was watching a circus on T.V.

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1977 Hot today. Cleaned the bathroom.
Changed bed. Went to our foursome at Gerry's. Didn't feel very good. Had low score. Gloria took
me to dinner with her, Colleen, and Karen at a health restaurant. I went to bed before ten o'clock.

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1977 Went to church. Mrs. Trimble and I were
Nothing tastes good. Barbara Kaiser was over. Tried to call Dorothy. No answer. They must be at
trailer.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 1977 Cooler today. Did the washing and
ironing. Mowed back yard. Don't feel too well. Nothing tastes good. Carole [Hoffman] and

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1977 Beautiful day. Went to [Senior] Center
to sew. Helen drove. Gerry came in P.M. and we played bridge. My eyes are getting worse.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1977 Nice day but need rain. Went to
lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Complained about the meal. I am not going to take any one in
car and only drive when necessary. Sprinkled after I came home.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1977 Still no rain, hot and humid. Went to
Dr. Rose. Cost $29.00, then to bank, Pill Box and A&P. Picked four beautiful tomatoes. Had a
tomato, beans, and onion from garden for supper. Mrs. Young and I walked the "Circle."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1977 90°. Another hot day. I picked beans and put two containers in freezer and three of tomatoes. I feel so bad and can't see out of my right eye. Jeanette was in and Barbara [Kaiser] in evening. I called Bill and Dorothy called me.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 1977 90°. Another hot day. I picked beans and put two in freezer and three of tomatoes. I feel so bad and can't see out of my right eye. Jeanette was in and Barbara [Kaiser] in evening. I called Bill and Dorothy called me.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 1977 Felt better today. I put two more containers of tomatoes in freezer, and five of apples. Filled a quart jar for Bill. Jeanette [Davis] and Barbara [Kaiser] over. Got my appointment with Dr. Norris changed to Thursday. Leona Benton will take me. Finished another book.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1977 Hot, humid weather continues. Washed and ironed. Swept the house and drive. Bill, Karen and Colleen here a little while. Barbara Kaiser has been over the last three days to see how I am.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1977 Didn't do anything. Bill was here for lunch and until three when he went to Dr. Norris. Eye trouble had been artery stoppage. The cataracts not worse. Said I could drive and read - to come back in six months. Took Leona to Bonanza for lunch. Better than expected.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1977 Baked cookies. Went for gasoline and to A&P. First car has been out for a week. Put pint beans in freezer and had a meal for dinner. Long evenings. Getting dark so much earlier.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1977 Another gloomy day - has been like this all week. Put two more containers of tomatoes in the freezer. Didn't do much. Frieda called [from Phoenix]. I called Bill for his 53rd birthday. My writing is getting terrible!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1977 Nice day. Went to church. Didn't see any one around neighborhood. Called Helen. Don called from Webb Lake [small village near cottage in Wisconsin] to tell me they are ready to leave tomorrow.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1977 A nice day. Went to library but couldn't get book I wanted. Put four containers of tomatoes in freezer. Mowed, raked and trimmed back yard. In P.M. Jeanette was in.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1977 Mr. Dickerson cleaned and painted gutters and trim on house. Didn't do anything. On Davenport most of day. Don's are on way home. Left yesterday.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1977 Lovely day. Don's got home last night at 11:30. Went to Beauty Shop, then to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. I drove. After I came home mowed and raked front yard.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1977 Much cooler. Karen and Colleen here for lunch. Karen had to go to work at four. (McDonald's). Ada and I walked to mailbox, stopped where they are getting ready for garage sale. She brought me some brownies. The house so cold. Don and Ellen called at nine and talked 'till ten.


SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1977 Record 50°. House so cold, turned furnace on. Put more containers of tomatoes in freezer - Don gave me. Took some things to Lewis'. Jeanette and I walked up to garage sale. Went to Don's for his birthday - 46. He came for me. Had a good dinner. 9:30 when Don left.


MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1977 Got upset with the washer. Couldn't get the cap off. Mr. Dickerson came and he got it off for me. Washed a washer. He finished work here. ($94.00). I thought reasonable. Don called to say they had 24 quarts tomato juice on cooking.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1977 Nice day. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. I drove to Helen's. In evening went in to Jeanette's and we had three games of Scrabble.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1977 Gloomy morning - sun came out in P.M. I went to bank, made zucchini bread and did ironing. Mr. Cochran up street died. The emergency [vehicle?] there a long time.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1977 Nice day, still very cool in house. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Only four there. Ilo [Hathaway] invited me to go to lunch tomorrow, but had other plans. She always remembers the anniversary of Charles' death. Mowed back yard after dinner.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 1977 Mostly a nice day. Warmer - a shower in evening. Helen Utterback and I went to Northland. I drove. We both bought glass doors for our fireplaces. $165.00. I bought a robe and
night gown. Bill surprised me and came for dinner. Dorothy called. Both remembered it was eight years today since I lost Charles. Don called later, he, too remembered.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1977 Warmer and brief showers in P.M. Our foursome, Gerry, Nellie, and Mable here. I had high score. Didn't feel very peppy today. Mrs. Pegg called.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1977 Went to church. Did not feel very good. A good part of day on davenport or bed. Don called.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 1977 Hot and humid. Washed the car, mowed front year. In P.M. went to see Mrs. Cochran and took her zucchini bread.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1977 Warmer. Went to Center to sew. Left my car at Helen's and she drove. We sewed 'till one, then went to Helen Utterback's to play bridge. Didn't get home 'till 5:30. Don and Ellen called. Didn't want any dinner.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1977 Another hot day. Had hair done and stopped at A&P. Swept drive. Men took out two trees next to Scott's. This side of their oven.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1977 Another hot day. The man put my new fireplace doors on. Found Mrs. Minister died last evening. [Mrs. Minister was a long-time friend from the old neighborhood on Mimring Road.] Thought she had died on Monday.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1977 Hot, humid. Made zucchini bread. Went to drug store and bank. In P.M. went to funeral home to see Mrs. Minister. Had a nice visit with Bob and Suzanne [her two children]. Went in to Jeanette's awhile. Put hedge next to Scott's, looks awful!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1977 Some cooler. I washed and ironed. My 79th birthday. Bill called early. Had talked with Dorothy a few days ago. They gave me a "Little Ben" clock. Don brought a beautiful record and took me to dinner at Bonanza, and spent the evening. Ellen called and talked with all the children. Jeanette brought me bath beads, and Carole three candy bars. Several cards.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1977 Nice day. Went to church, had Brunch afterward. Leona [Benton] invited me to her house for afternoon. Took me and brought me home. Had a nice time.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1977 Made zucchini bread. Put seven more containers of tomatoes in freezer that Don gave me. Storms in late afternoon and very hard rains.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1977 Don came for me at eleven and took me to bus station. Dorothy met me at quarter 'till two. Had a pleasant trip, and glad to see them all. We went to Rink's and Valerie bought an aquarium. [John's 19th birthday.]
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1977 Didn't do anything special. Valerie went to soccer game, and to Frisch's to work.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1977 Dorothy made bread and hickory nut cake. In evening we went to church to Women's meeting.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1977 Didn't feel too good. Picked beans for Dorothy and picked out hickory nuts. They went square dancing in the evening. Jackie Smith stayed with Jeremy until he was in bed.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1977 Beautiful day. Dorothy and Dick took me to bus. Had a pleasant and safe trip. All was well at home. Several tomatoes and a pan of beans. Put a container in freezer. Kitty was so glad to see me. Didn't go to the block party.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1977 Beautiful day, but cool morning and evening. Turned furnace on in evening. Went to church. Helen Utterback invited me to dinner with Donella Miller. Had such a good dinner.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1977 Furnace on morning and evening. Cleaned bathroom, raked the leaves from front yard. Took up the cucumber plants. Cleaned all pictures in my room. Went to Circle meeting.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1977 Went to Center to sew. I drove, took the two Helen's. Gerry came to Helen Utterback's in P.M. and we had a game of bridge. I was high. Went to Wendy's for my supper.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1977 Lovely day. Had my hair done - stopped at A&P. Took some fruit to Barbara [Kaiser] for feeding K.C. [cat]. Swept drive. Put more tomatoes in freezer. Merle [Axline] called and we decided to stop our foursome, Frieda and Edith. Don was on radio for an hour talking about Panama Canal. [This was an unforgettable experience. I supported returning the canal to Panama. I had not been told that the night before there had been an ultra-conservative speaker from the American Legion who opposed returning the canal. He urged all good conservatives to tie up the phone calls the next evening. They did. There was not one friendly or supportive phone call in the hour. One caller suggested "With Professors like you it's easy to see why Ohio State is in such big trouble." Another suggested "Why don't you take the next plane to Moscow." When I got home my twelve-year old daughter, Linda, said: "Dad, I still love you." ] I called Bill.


FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1977 Rained most of day. I could not balance my check book and took it to bank. Went to Kroger's. Still have lovely tomatoes.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1977 Warmer and could sit on porch. Made zucchini bread and washed a dress and sweater. Picked a big pan full of beans, put two bags in freezer, now light in freezer from my little [illeg.] Dorothy gave me.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1977 Nice morning, but thunderstorm and rain in P.M. Went to church. Bill and Don called.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1977 Rain during night. I washed one washer. Froze more tomatoes - that will be all. Went to Golden Crest.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1977 Was about ready to go to sew when I had severe headache and could hardly walk. Richard [Davis] was mowing yard. I called him and his mother [Jeanette] came over. She called Ellen. I cannot walk alone, vomited three times. Don came. Ellen stayed overnight.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1977 Felt better but cannot walk. Dr. Rose came, but didn't do anything except tell me he thought it inner ear. Don stayed all evening - they want me to see another Doctor and go to hospital.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1977 Decided to go to hospital. Jeanette came over and we made some arrangements. Ellen helped me get ready. Don took me to hospital. Had X-Rays and a lot of tests. Got to room about four o'clock. Room 566. No one else in room. Had a good dinner and watched T.V. Two doctors were in.


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1977 Walked to door with help, but did better. Took me on cart for a brain waves check. Rev. [Bud] Huntzinger, Don's minister, came, and Don made some telephone calls.


MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1977 My roommate went home. Seven doctors came in. Jeanette and Barbara working here today came in. Ilo [Hathaway] came, and Bill, then Ellen. They took me to therapy for an hour. Bill waited. Rev. Shafer came. A new roommate in P.M. First one went home. She is 89. Dorothy called again this evening. Walked the length of hall and did much better.


WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1977 Doctors were in. Told me I had a slight stroke which only affected my balance, and I would make a good recovery. Bill came and I went to therapy. Doris Belknap and Rev. Shafer came. Frieda [Cooper] called. Walked length of hall.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1977 I went to bathroom twice by myself. The chart says I can go alone. Helen, Karen, and Aleta came to see me. I missed therapy today. In P.M. they moved me to extended care. I cried all way over. Do not like it here! No service, a punk T.V., and a roommate I don't care for. In evening Gloria came, Kathy and Gary.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1977 Getting a little used to this place. Jeanette came and brought me a gown and robe from neighbors. Rev. Shafer and Rev. Huntzinger came, Agler's and Doris Belknap. Don walked me to the lounge and we sat there awhile. Dorothy called. Had therapy.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1977 Hard storms and rain during night. Read almost all day on a book Helen loaned me, "Norma." Had therapy. My roommate is German. Has a leg off and one eye gone. Get tired of her visitors talk in German. I had forgotten to circle meat on my menu, so no meat on dinner tray. They brought me a pork chop and mashed potatoes an hour and a half later.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1977 Went to church in a wheel chair. In P.M. a couple from First Community [Church] came, brought a rose. Then Mary Grashel and Jane Kyle, Blanche [Smith], who brought me roses. Mrs. Emmons, Mrs. Agler and Don's. They brought me the flowers from altar at church, gift of Mari Jane [Jackson]. Later, Jane Custer came.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1977 They forgot our baths today. Dorothy surprised me by coming at 1:30. We had a nice day, ate lunch in lounge. While I went to therapy, she went up home and checked some things. Laura came and Don. They tell me I am much better. Can walk better. Bill and Karen came in the evening. Unusual to have seen all my children in the same day. Edna Scott sent me writing notes, and Laura [Hardy] brought me same, also two roses.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1977 No company today except Ellen. Made several telephone calls. Dorothy called. Went to therapy. Doing better each day. Two women patients on this floor stopped to talk.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1977 They told me I can go home this weekend. Maybe Saturday. Depends on when Frieda [Cooper] can come [from Phoenix]. Hatch's came to see me. Had a shower. First time for one like that. Had therapy and was fitted for a cane. Don's minister was here, but missed him. Don came. We walked in tRe hall.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1977 I can't go home until Monday. Frieda can't get good reservations. Will stop at Linda's on way out. [Frieda's youngest daughter, Linda Erickson, lived in Story City, Iowa.] Helen Utterback came, took me to lounge, rid up our flowers. Had lunch in lounge. Went to therapy, had long wait. Bill came in evening.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1977 Another day - same routine. Ate lunch in the lounge. Walked alone with my cane - ventured into hall for first time. Went to therapy. Don made a short visit while I was waiting for therapy. Rev. [Arthur] Sanders from First Community [Church], and Rev. Shafer [Crestview Presbyterian Church] were here.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1977 A miserable, rainy morning. I have hardly seen the outside since I came here. Mrs. Harmon went home. Mrs. Miller and I visited each other. Had my last therapy. Walked three times around with my cane, and no one holding me. Mrs. Lamb walked down from [Room] 25 in evening. Nurse took me for a walk.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1977 Went to church. Third time in a wheel chair. Don came before lunch. Nurse gave me a shower and washed and set my hair. Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Skinner came. Mrs. Lamb came down in P.M. Also, Mrs. Miller. Day wasn't as long as had thought it would be. Later, John and Linda came. Leona Benton, Bonnie Rackhald [?] and Clara Dennis

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1977 Didn't seem well last night. When I fell on Saturday hit my side and afraid Doctor wouldn't let me go home. Doctors came and I can go home. Got ready and Don came about ten. Took me down in a wheel chair. Home 10:45. Don went to grocery and got medicine. Jeanette came in. Went through my mail. Ellen brought Frieda at 5:15. Bill, Dorothy, and Linda Erickson called. I was up all day.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1977 Mostly a gloomy day. I am doing better each day. Had a pleasant surprise. A lovely planter from Myers, Wayne and his girl friend came. Ellen came over and gave Frieda a shot. Dorothy Fueltz called - another surprise. Don called. Ellen has bronchitis.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1977 Frieda drove and I went in car to two banks and Kroger's. No one came except Bill at dinner time. We happened to have plenty for all. Frieda and I played two games of Scrabble.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1977 Frieda did the laundry. No one came, except Jeanette. Had some telephone calls. Played Scrabble. Walked from bedroom to kitchen without cane.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1977 Mrs. Young brought us zucchini bread. Rev. Shafer came. Karen was here for dinner.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1977 We went to A&P. Frieda went in and got groceries. Barbara Kaiser and Helen Utterback here.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1977 We slept 'till a quarter 'till ten. Walters [Edith and Bill] were here and brought dahlias. Wanda Ochs, ajar of jelly, and Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Skinner.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1977 Beautiful day. We went to Don's, and Ellen gave Frieda her allergy shot. Leona Benton stopped going home from Golden crest. Brought two pieces cake. Don, Bill, and Marvene [Shonting] called.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1977 Had my hair done. So glad to look better. Nellie R. came and brought a box of candy. Helen Rymer and Helen Utterback came and we had a game of bridge. I had high score. So far, 64 [Get Well] cards.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1977
Frieda did the laundry. Richard [Davis] put in some storm windows and turned mattress in back bedroom.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1977
Beautiful day. 63°. We went to A&P and to get Xerox copies of the Doctor's bill. Jeanette was in and Richard put in rest of storm window. Dorothy called.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1977 Another lovely day. In evening Nellie and Gerry came and we had a bridge game.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1977 Couldn't sleep until so late. Don came over. We paid some bills, potted some flowers. Frieda and I play many games of Scrabble. Called Bill.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1977 Quiet day. No one came. Watched "Incredible Journey" in evening.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1977 Nice day. Leaves are falling fast and trees are beautiful. Don took me to Doctor in P.M. Am so bothered with my feet and legs itching. Doctor thought it might be fleas. Stopped and got K.C. [cat] a flea collar.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1977 Had a Princess 'phone put in by my bed. Got a permanent in P.M. and stopped at grocery. In evening more Scrabble.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1977 Turned out to be a nice day. Frieda did laundry. I baked a pie. Got a bath in tub for first time since I came home. Bill came for dinner and brought me a half load of wood.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1977 Seem to feel better. Made zucchini bread. Gave two small loaves to Myers. He came for it. Ada Lewis was in about a woman to stay with me. Two women came in P.M., but don't feel I need anyone.[Gloria Cooper's 53rd birthday.]

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1977 Such beautiful weather. My yards are full of leaves. Frieda and I went to bank, Pill Box, and A&P. I got out for first time and went to bank and Pill Box. Gerry and Nellie came in evening, and we had a game of bridge. [Wayne Cooper's 19th birthday.]

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1977 Beautiful day. I baked cookies. Karen came for lunch. She helped me clean another shelf in cupboard. Barbara Kaiser was here and brought me marigolds.


MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1977 Like a spring day. I put more clean papers in kitchen. Barbara Kaiser came and put my trash out. Dorothy came at eleven. She raked all the leaves. Such a pile in front. Don called. He leaves for Houston on Wednesday. Home on Saturday. Historical meeting.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1977 66°. Another day like spring. Dorothy and I finished putting clean papers in cupboards. Moved the can goods where I could reach them. She raked more leaves and cleaned the gutters over porch. In P.M. she had a haircut and we went to A&P. First time I have gone in store. Had furnace checked. $21.45.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1977 Up to 73°. Dorothy potted flowers and brought heavy clothes up from basement. I walked as far as Justus’. Two games of Scrabble in evening. Don went to Houston to a historical meeting.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1977 Another warm day. 72°. Dorothy and I went to Kroger's. I went in and bought my groceries. In P.M. we went to bank and had car washed. Jeanette and Ellen were here.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1977 68°. A little rain during night, but none during the day. Dorothy did the laundry. She left at 1:30. Mrs. Young saw her leave, came over and brought me two potted begonias. So I am alone now. A let-down after being with someone for almost seven weeks.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1977 71°. Spring-like weather continues. Am glad I can take care of myself. I took two walks up the street. Ada Lewis came in afternoon and brought me some food Mr. Lewis made. I got my hospital bill. $1600, and $78.00 for tests. Not including doctors bills. Record 76°.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1977 Still warm weather. Helen Utterback came in afternoon. Brought me sandwiches and cake from our Brunch at church. Took two walks up street. Last one to Indianola [Avenue]. Put trash out myself.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1977 66°. Such lovely weather! Dusted bedrooms, took two walks. Go farther each day. Jeanette was in and Juanita [Shupe] came and brought me lovely flowers from a retirement dinner. She stayed 'till 5:30. Leaves picked up.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1977 Our mild weather continues. Begonias at side of house in bloom and impatiens blooming in front. I took two walks. Mrs. Wilson stopped to get Sunshine Fund. I am giving it up after five years. Cooked last of tomatoes today. Weren't good to slice.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1977 73°. Still "spring" weather. I put two containers of apples in freezer. Took my morning walk. Ada brought me a steak and cake. Barbara Kaiser was in. Jeanette came and brought vegetable soup. The big surprise of all was a fruit basket from Tarpys's [grocery] from Marilyn and Eldis Reed.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1977 A change of weather, in the 40s. Jeanette took me to get my hair done. In P.M. Barbara [Kaiser] came over, she was locked out and had to wait for Mr. Kaiser to come home. Snow flurries. Still had begonias in bloom up to today.
FRTD AY, NOVEMBER 11, 1977 Have slept for several nights without legs hurting. Baked cookies. Ada came over and brought chili and gelatin salad. Snow flurries in morning. Then sun came out. So glad I can get in and out of bathtub.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1977 28°. Cold, but sunny day. Went to bridge. Gerry took me. We had lunch at Brown Derby, then went to Nellie's to play. I had low score. Very poor cards. Never played a hand.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1977 Lovely, sunny day. A long one, no one came or 'phone rang. Watched football. Later, had one call. Bill called.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1977 Had headache all night, and the burning in my leg. Called and go to Doctor tomorrow. Cancelled Circle meeting today and bridge on Wednesday. Getting used to staying home. Helen Utterback came in P. M. and brought me a book to read. She has been such a good friend.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1977 Drizzly day. Ellen took me to Doctor. He thought the trouble in my leg is shingles. Said I was doing fine and could drive later. Stopped at Pill Box and A&P. Ellen drove my car.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1977 53°. A drizzly day. I can't do much, changed the bed. Jeanette was in.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1977 Another drizzly day until afternoon. Leona [Benton] stopped and I went to "Chat'n Sew." So good to get out again.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1977 Nice day. I can't do much, only cook a little, wash dishes and keep house rid up. Didn't sleep well last night. Barbara got me a loaf of bran bread. 73°. Edna Scott came in P.M.


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1977 I'll be glad when I can go to church. Didn't see anyone all day. Called Mrs. Gillespie and Don called. A long day.


TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1977 Baked Toll House cookies. Helen Utterback took me to bank. Bill was here for lunch and supper. Left at 7:30.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1977 Jeanette took me to have my hair done. Edna Scott brought me a variety of bread. Don called at a quarter 'till ten. He and Ellen both sick with colds, called off Thanksgiving dinner. [Tom Cooper's 16th birthday.]
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1977 Thought I would be home alone for Thanksgiving. At 9:30 Karen called. After they learned I was alone, Gloria invited me there. Kay came for me. She had such a good dinner. Bill brought me home at 7:30. Had a very pleasant evening.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1977 Ada Lewis brought me turkey and a book to read. Don came for me and I was there for a turkey dinner. Weather turned bad, left soon after three. Stopped at Kroger's Snow turned to sleet, glad to get home and be warm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1977 Light snow on ground. Soon, sun came out. Barbara and Gary [Novak] stopped awhile, had a little lunch. Called Dorothy to tell her they were on way.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1977 Snow began before noon - kept up all day. Barbara Kaiser came over. She swept porch and put out my trash. I have such good neighbors.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1977 Over two inches snow. I didn't see anyone all day, and only one phone 'call. Finished a plastic rug and started another.


WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1977 Miserable, rainy day. Man came and put light in my Princess 'phone. Only person I saw all day. Lucille Bolon called.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1977 Made a lemon pie. Bill was here for lunch. He took me to Nellie's for our bridge foursome. I was third. He went to Doctor. I called in evening, and his blood test was good. Very windy, so many sticks in yard. Bill picked up some of them. Went to basement for first time.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1977 Nice day until rain began about four. Jeanette drove my car and took me to bank. Richard [Davis] cleaned gutters. $10.00. They were in bad shape and he did a good job.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1977 Sun came out and a fairly nice day. Didn't wake up 'till nine fifteen. Went to bridge at Stew Harrison's with Gerry. Our Christmas party - got a box of mints, very stale. Good to get out.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1977 Slept 'till nine. In P.M. went with Gerry and Carol to see "Oh, God." Such a nice day, took a walk around.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1977 A gloomy, miserable day. Some rain and snow. I didn't do anything all day, didn't even dress. Edith [Walter] called and I called Mrs. Lamb. Linda called.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1977 Ground covered with snow and bad driving conditions. Did my washing and ironing - first for almost three months. No trouble. Cancelled our foursome at Gerry's and I cancelled bridge for
tomorrow. Have missed so many things, but glad I am so much better and can get out once in awhile. Zero when I went to bed.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1977 3° above. 11° high for day. I put the clothes away I washed yesterday. So glad I can get up and down steps. Fixed a fire in fireplace, but didn't light it. Dorothy called. Got out my ceramic [Christmas] tree.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1977 Jeanette and I went to Beauty Parlor. Stopped at A&P. Got $20.00 worth of groceries. Began to snow in P.M. Very bad driving, sleety rain. So glad we got out this A.M. Called Bill.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1977 Sunny but very cold. Only about a high of 10°. Bill surprised me by coming up in P.M. Didn't do anything. My porch and walk so bad - freezing rain yesterday on snow. I can't step out until it melts. May be awhile.


TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1977 Snow melted. I got the porch cleaned off. Don't have much to do. Worked on [braided plastic] rug and cards.


FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1977 A beautiful, sunny mild day. Don called and took me to lunch at Bonanza. Then, we went to drug store, Kroger's, and A&P. Came home and he fixed up my medicare. Took me to their house for dinner. They put up and trimmed their tree. Took my car all the time. So glad to get it driven. Don brought me home about nine. Had such a nice afternoon and evening. Man came and gave me an estimate of basement, $1,987.00.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1977 Another mild day. Spent most of it making and decorating orange cookies. Gave some to Kaisers, Myers, and Lewis. Took fruit and cookies to Jeanette. First I had been there since September 2. Mr. Kaiser looked at basement. Advised me to wait awhile.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1977 Leona [Benton] took me to church. Exactly three months since I had been there. Merle [Axline] called, she has been such a good friend.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1977 Another mild day. Went to Golden Crest. Leona took me. Don called. He has been making inquiries about basement. Took fruit to Youngs.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1977 Had a sleepless night. Didn't feel very good. Had some headache. Two men there for basement estimate. One $3,000 - other $1940.00. Don and I went to bank and to Kroger's. Jeanette was in and Lewis' to look at work bench. Getting colder.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1977
Light snow in afternoon. I didn't do much, or see anyone.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1977
Light snow on ground. Jeanette took me to Beauty Parlor. In P.M. Don took me to Doctor. Blood pressure 160/72. Lower reading one that counts. Said it was O.K. Don't have to go back for three months.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1977
This turned out to be a busy day. Karen came at 10:30 and stayed 'till two. She had lunch here. Then Carol [Hoffman] came, brought cookies and fudge from Mrs. Cochrun. Just finishing dinner when Bill came. He brought me a big box - oranges, apples, grapefruit, tangelos, English walnuts, box cookies and three packages cheese. Such a nice gift! Frieda called to tell me Sharon's baby had come. [Sharon was the daughter of Margie, daughter of Frieda.]

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1977
Iced some cookies I had in freezer to take to Don's. Jeanette brought cookies, candy, and a box of mints. Helen Utterback came for dinner, brought chicken casserole, molded salad. I got out my good dishes and silver. We watched T. V. Opened Dorothy's gifts. Jiffy skillet from her and Dick, pastalettes from Valerie, 40 commemorative stamps from Chuck and dusting powder from B.J. and Gary [Novak]. Had fire and a nice evening. Judy McLean brought cookies. Don called.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1977 A nice Christmas day. I went to church with Leona. Don came for me. Had a good dinner -ham. Dona and Ellen gave me two pound box candy, pair hose. The children a lighted magnifying glass. Took my car, Don brought me home and forgot keys to his car, so had to take my car back. Called Dorothy in the morning. Talked with Bill, Gloria, and Karen. A very nice Christmas.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1977 Down to 4°. Clear and cold. Don and John started taking out workbench. I didn't feel very good, and did nothing all day. Try not to get discouraged, but can't help it sometimes.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1977 Nice, sunny day, but cold. Had headache all day. Jeanette was in a few minutes in morning. Didn't see anyone else. Called Mrs. Pegg. Don't do much of anything. Headache bothers me.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1977 5° above. High 22°. I felt better - no headache and did washing and ironing. Don and boys took the workbench. [Charles built the workbench in the 1930s using wooden orange crates for much of it, including all the drawers. It is in my house to this day.] Gary called to thank me for Christmas check.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1977 Made ice box cookies, put rolls in refrigerator. Helen Utterback called, took me to bank and Kroger's. Lovely day.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1977 Another nice day. Linda, Colleen, Karen here for lunch. Colleen brought me a book of everyday Bible quotations. Ellen and John brought Linda and stopped awhile. They enjoy visiting with Colleen on her Braille writer. We all had a nice time and good lunch. Ellen got me Christmas cards at Northland. Linda could talk with Colleen by hand signs.


At my age when New Year's Eve comes you wonder if you will be here another year. I had no trips this year. Don's went to cottage, except John who worked at a camp in Indiana [Camp James Whitcomb Riley]. Chuck was divorced [from Melanie], and Dorothy raising the baby [Jeremy]. Bill sold farm house and 8 1% acres [of his farm]. On September 20th I had a light stroke, in hospital 18 days. All so good to me, my family and friends. Frieda came for three weeks. Now don't use cane around house, but take it when I go out.

May 1978 be good to us all, bless all my children with good health.

END OF BOOK XXXIX, PART TWO (JANUARY 1,1977- DECEMBER 31,1977)

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The first sentence in Gladys' diary for 1978 reads "Am glad I am here to start another year." There were various health and weather concerns early in the year, but these both changed for the better. Early on she was still recovering from her stroke of September 25, 1977, which had confined her to the hospital for 18 days. But gradually she needed her cane less and less, and by June 11 she was able to go to church for the first time without it. Getting to that point was not always easy. The winter of 1977-78 was one of the worst on record in Columbus. On January 20th there were 17 inches of snow on the ground, a record. The storm of January 26 was described as "the worst storm in Ohio's history." She was awakened early in the morning by 69 miles per hour winds. "A real blizzard! Everything closed, stores, schools, no busses running. No mail delivery." Hundreds of people were stranded in cars, roads were almost impassable. Some motorists were rescued by National Guard helicopters. Persons planning to attend the Saturday basketball game at Ohio State were told not to come unless they could walk to St. John Arena. Most churches closed on Sunday. What did Gladys do during this storm? "I polished my everyday silver." She always liked to be active and productive, and did not enjoy her confinement. "Being shut in so long has begun to 'get me.' Crying spell." On February 16, "I feel so discouraged, for I can only do a little at a time. I wonder if I'll ever drive my car or get out again. Has been almost six weeks since I have had my good clothes on." One week later, "So many problems. Have been shut in so long -it is about getting me! No one to talk with. Oh, Charles, how I miss you!" Several times she wrote "Don't have enough to do." Long, restful afternoon naps on the davenport became commonplace. It was five and one-half months after leaving the hospital before Gladys was able to drive her car again. In the meantime because of her health and the weather as of February 5 she had only gotten to church three times All of this was very disheartening, but better days were coming.

With the arrival of spring Gladys could once again plan her garden. She planted tomato seeds in an egg carton on March 22, the second day of spring. She always noted the first spring appearance of robins, and was cheered by the first spring shoots on her perennial flowers. Don had spaded the garden. Onions and lettuce were planted in early April, and beans, peppers, and red and yellow tomatoes in mid-May. By June she had planted dozens of annuals, such as impatiens, coleus, marigolds, and geraniums. Over the winter she had kept dozens pots of flowers. These were moved first to the back porch as the weather warmed, and then planted outside. She was not discouraged when a neighbor's dog destroyed many of her flowers by her front porch. Replacements were quickly planted. She set out her bird feeders, and kept a steady supply of suet under a wire mesh by the tree near her picture window. The nuthatches always visited several times a day. Water was always kept in the concrete birdbath Charles had made years ago. Some birds seemed to enjoy a splash in the birdbath after gorging themselves with Gladys' birdseeds and suet. She enjoyed her first fresh beans and onions from her garden by early June, and tomatoes were ready by late July. During the summer she made several trips to Don's residence in Upper Arlington (Don's family was away at the cottage in Wisconsin) to pick cherries and apples. By fall she had so many tomatoes and apples that she put 23 containers of cooked tomatoes in her freezer, and several of apples. She made tomato preserves from her yellow tomatoes. The enjoyment from her garden was a major factor in her rising spirits as the year wore on.

Gladys was blessed to be part of an unusual and very close neighborhood. Yaronia Drive South was a short, dead end street relatively secluded by the large number of old and large trees, and by the nearby Overbrook Hallow. One huge oak near her place was thought to be over 200 years old. There were about 10 houses on this street, and it is true that everybody there knew
everybody else. Gladys' neighbors were there for her almost all of the time, especially when she could not drive. Neighbors brought in her groceries, and called and stopped by frequently. Her best personal friends were Jeanette Davis, next-door, and Barbara Kaiser directly across the street. Richard Davis, Jeanette's unmarried son, mowed the grass, cleaned the gutters, washed windows, installed and removed storm windows according to season, and helped Gladys in numerous ways. Neighbors brought gifts, including grapefruit, tomatoes, pecans, pineapple upside-down cake, cole slaw, and four oysters. Mrs. Young, whose dog had destroyed some of Gladys' flowers, left a plate of cookies for her on the front ledge while Gladys was away. Unfortunately, a squirrel found them first. She brought more.

Her main activity outside the home continued to be bridge. Most games were cancelled over the winter, but by June she back on schedule, and even driving her own car. She played frequently with friends at the Ohio State University Golf Course, at First Community Village, a retirement center, in Stew Harrison's Restaurant, and in members' homes. First prize continued to be $1.00. Gladys hoarded all of her bridge earnings in her "bridge jar," and when she had enough for some special purpose she would splurge it all. On June 21 she bought her lunch at the Golf Course ($3.56) with coins from the bridge jar. With better health and weather Gladys returned to her usual activities at church, including the Sunday Brunch for widows, "Chat'n Sew," Golden Crest, the Women's Association, and her Circle. For the first time Gladys did not host a Circle meeting in her home. "I am not equal to it now." One Sunday service she considered a waste of time. On July 30 "the supply minister was poor - as far as sermon concerned could have stayed home." Twice she made one-day bus trips to the Country Playhouse in Dayton to see "Oklahoma" and "South Pacific." She visited Dorothy and Dick in Cincinnati in April. She still went to the Senior Center to sew.

At home she really counted on her television for entertainment. "Don't know what I would do without TV." In addition to the usual football and basketball, she mentioned watching "Black Beauty" and "Roots." The only book she mentions by name as having read was "The Thorn Birds." Still the evenings passed slowly. Her cat, KC, or Kacy, offered companionship, and in winter her fireplace brought warmth and comfort. There was one serious problem with her house. Her basement took on water after a sudden storm, and it cost her $1,990.00 to get it repaired. She did her best, as her strength permitted, to keep up on her housework, but the washing, ironing, dusting, cleaning, etc. seemed less intentional. Gladys still baked, though not very often. She made apple, rhubarb, blueberry, and cherry pies, orange and ice box cookies, and zucchini and raisin, carrot, apple bread.

Some of the prices Gladys recorded for the year include: $90.20, new disposal; $276.56, new shrubbery in front of house; $77.09, carpet cleaned; $54.59, tune-up on car; $35.00, furnace checked; and $.50 a pound for onion sets. First class postage had gone up to $.15. She complained about the "terrible" and "awful" prices at the grocery. "Almost $18.00 for what I got - no meat except bacon." "Had over $31.00 in groceries. Don't think I ever spent that much at one time - only meat and chicken." "Lettuce, $.99, cauliflower, $1.59. Won't buy." But she did get a free five-pound ham at Kroger's for spending $10.00 there each week for twelve consecutive weeks.

Bill, age 54, and Gloria, 54, lived as before in their own houses following their divorce. Bill had already sold off the house on his farm, and this year he sold the trailer where he had lived since. After getting the bank loan he needed he was able to have a new house constructed on his property. The trailer was hauled away on June 15, and the new house was not completely done until December. In the meantime he lived in his garage. Kays's two sons, Christopher and Brian, were also staying with him. Gloria was enjoying her own new house in Westerville where she lived with the three younger children, Colleen, Wayne, and Karen. Gary and Kay were both married and living in their own places. Karen graduated from High School on June 3 as a member of the National Honor Society. She enrolled at Ohio State and started in September. Wayne had a minor automobile accident. A deer struck his windshield on November 11, but he was uninjured.
Dorothy, age 50, and Dick age 54, married 25 years on June 9, lived in Cincinnati, but their three children were all young adults. Chuck gained custody of two-year old Jeremy after his mother, Melanie, departed, but Dorothy cared for the baby in her home. Chuck, age 20, also lived with his parents. B.J. and Gary had a new home. Valerie graduated from High School, and started classes at Ohio State in September. Once Valerie started at Ohio State her parents visited Columbus more frequently, and this pleased Gladys.

Don, age 47, and Ellen, age 43, still lived at 1896 Baldridge Road. Don was named Vice Chairman of the History Department. "How proud Charles would have been." On January 24 "Don was on the radio - panel on Panama Canal. Gave such good answers." He spoke at Wilmington College in southern Ohio on April 12. While there he was able to visit Dorothy's nice trailer in the countryside. John had a very important experience over the summer. He spent nine weeks in Quito, Ecuador, along with several other young people from their church, First Community Church, planning and managing programs for underprivileged young people in the Quito YMCA. The church called this program "Project Amigos." The program in Quito proved to be a greater challenge than anticipated since contrary to what the American youths had been told, virtually no groundwork had been laid, and they were essentially on their own. Another student who was with John in Quito was Patricia Haeussler, also from Upper Arlington High School, but a grade behind John. The two became good friends over the summer, and started dating upon their return home. (In time "Trish" would become John's wife.) Upon their return John and Trish brought Gladys a pair of ceramic birds on August 29. "I was so pleased to be remembered." This was the first time Gladys met Trish. Tom and Linda were in a play at First Community, and Gladys attended this on June 4. On May 21 Gladys attended Linda's piano recital. "She and teacher played together on separate pianos - 30 pages. Linda was outstanding!!" Don's family was at the cottage in Wisconsin from June 24 through August 20. Gladys, of course, missed the cottage very much. "How I miss it and think of the days Charles and I went." On September 23 Don's family went to Dayton to begin clearing out the house of Ruth Hutchins, Ellen's aunt, who had just moved to a nursing home. Tom drove a truck back with items retrieved from the house.

One other family member was mentioned in 1978. Tom Nelson, age 95, and widower of Florence Nelson, a cousin of Gladys, died in Phoenix on September 18. He left Gladys $1,000. Gladys closed her diary for 1978 with: "The past year has been good to me. Much better. Can drive and take care of myself. Haven't been anywhere except two bus trips of one day. Valerie went to Mexico for the summer, John to Ecuador and met Trish. Karen to England, B.J. and Gary have a new home. Bill moved in his new home. Don's went to cottage. Lost three friends, Blanche Ferron and Mrs. Tiffany [both friends from cottage days in Wisconsin] and Marie Burns [distant relative]. Valerie and Karen started to Ohio State."

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1978 Am thankful I am here to start another year, Snow on ground and afraid to go to church and our Brunch. A long, gloomy day. Ada and Gerry called. I was so lonesome called Bill and Dorothy. K.C. started to eat. Later, Helen called. Watched football.


TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1978 Another sunny day. Gerry [Jones] took me to banks. Good to get out for a little while.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1978 Lovely day, rather cold. Went to bridge at Golf Course - first for four months. Punk lunch for $3.12. About third score. After I came home drove car around block - first time for 3 ¼ months. Gerry, Carole, and I went to Bonanza for dinner. Good meal and such a treat to go. They came in awhile.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1978 Jeanette took me to Beauty Parlor. We stopped at A&P. Around noon began to snow. Had about an inch. Quit about supper time.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1978 Gloomy day. Didn't feel too good - headache all day. Dusted the three bedrooms. Leona [Benton] called. She will stop for me to go to church, then with Helen Utterback, we will go out to eat and to meeting in afternoon at church. [Robert "Bobby" Cooper's 6th birthday.]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1978 Gloomy day, rain in evening. Mild temperature. I dusted rest of house and swept. Don came over to take out cupboard, too much work, will hire it done. Bill called.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1978 Went to church with Leona. She, Helen, and I went to Bonanza for dinner. Met Mrs. Bonar. All came here until after 3:30. Began to snow and kept it up. Dorothy called. Water in basement. Snow kept up all P.M. and evening. Helen called to say Circle cancelled for tomorrow.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1978 7°. Three months today since I came home from hospital. Four to five inches snow and 7° above. Everything is beautiful to look out. I cleaned up some in basement. Zero when I went to bed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1978 -3°. Really cold. All schools closed for second day, except university. Had a high of 7°. Called Bill - he had no electricity last evening from 5:45 'till 5:30 in morning. Sat up all night in workshop by wood stove. We are asked not to use any major appliances and to cut use of electricity.


THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1978 11° when I got up. Don't have much to do. Watch T. V. Asked Mr. Lewis to pick up my medicine at Pill Box. Ada brought it over and stayed awhile.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1978 More snow during night and in day. Juanita [Shupe] called and talked an hour. The electricity was off 45 minutes. Letter from Dorothy. Chuck gets custody of baby [Jeremy].

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1978 Too bad to go to church. Haven't been out of house for a week except to start car. Mike cleaned drive and walks. $5.00.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1978 Too bad I paid to have walks cleared. Snowed almost all day. Cleaned up medicine cabinets. Received gift from Dorothy - lipstick holder. Very pretty. Bridge cancelled for Wednesday. [Chuck's 20th birthday.]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1978 Snowed all day - the six o'clock news said 11 inches on ground and more to come. Don't know what I would do without T. V., telephone and K. C. Called Bill. A year ago - 19°.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1978 Sunny day, but foot of snow on ground. Fixed a pillow on bedroom chair. Took out cotton, put in feathers. Dorothy called. Ice melted from front porch.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1978 Another day not to do much. Mr. Young brought me some groceries. Out street in bad shape. Hardly a car goes by.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1978 About the worst I remember. Several more inches snow. All schools and University closed. Can't even sweep my small porch. Snow several inches deep on it. Many business places, restaurants closed and banks at one o'clock. Called Bill. He can't even get his jeep out. 17 inches on ground. A record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1978 Called Mike to shovel me out. Hope he comes tomorrow. Several telephone calls. We can't get out, so talk on phone. A man came down our street with a truck and plow. Helped a lot.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1978 7° above here and -3° at airport. Sunny day. Had to call Mike three times. He forgot. He came at five, worked until almost seven. He started car and put out trash. Snow so deep, a big job to shovel it. Such piles as there are along the street. Long weekend.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1978 -7°. Cold! Nice, sunny day. Don't have much to do. Only two calls, Karen and Don.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1978 Some warmer. Rain in late afternoon. Being shut in so long has begun to "get me." Crying spell. No calls all day. Called Helen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1978
Some rain. Melted some of snow. Don was on the radio - panel on Panama Canal. Gave such good answers. Shupe's [Juanita and Hollie] called to tell me, although I knew it. Ada [Lewis] called to compliment him. Later, Don called. He will be over this and bring me some groceries. I called Bill.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1978
3° above. The worst storm in Ohio's history hit about three A.M. Winds wake me - up to 69 miles per hour. A real blizzard! Everything closed, stores, schools, no busses running. No mail delivery. Wind blew hard all day. Called Bill, he had sat up all night by coal fire in garage. Drummonds were helping him. Three houses across street no electricity. Tree limb fell on line.
Most off at 4:00 AM. All day off and none all night. I invited Myers and Kaisers to come over, but they stayed home. Dorothy called.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1978 Sun shone, but drive and walks deep with drifted snow. No mail. No busses, hundreds of people stranded in cars. Roads are almost impassable. Young's got me some groceries. Called Bill, he is back in trailer, plenty food. The electricity was fixed across street. I polished my everyday silver.


SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1978
People are still warned not to drive. Had some telephone calls. Don came over in P.M. He shoveled front and back walks and driveway to street. Brought in wood and started car. I started making copies of "Cottage Story" [Gladys' account of summers at cottage in Wisconsin as derived from her diary] for Dorothy and Bill. Ellen had typed one. Mrs. Meyer called to see if I needed groceries.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1978
Sunny day but cold. Mr. Meyer called to see if I needed trash put out. Jeanette called to get me a few groceries. A&P out of bread, eggs, milk. Man came. I signed contract for basement repair. Linda Erickson [Gladys' niece in Iowa] called after hearing news of how bad Columbus is. Later, Lucille Reeder called from Florida.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1978
Frieda called at ten o'clock. Baked cookies. Marvene [Shonting] and Karen called. Sunny day. 1/2 [inch] snow last night.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1978 Sunny day. Jeanette got me eggs and bread and was in for awhile. So cold, no snow or ice melts. Karen's 18th birthday.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1978 Pretty sunny day. Some ice melted on front porch. Karen surprised me by stopping - had lunch here. Working on copying the Cottage Story.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1978 Nice Day. Bill called about nine o'clock. He came to see Dr. Lewis and was here for lunch. Karen came at 2:30. After Bill left she took me to drug store and to A&P. Had over $31.00 in groceries. Don't think I ever spent that much at one time - only meat and chicken. Enjoying "Black Beauty" on T. V. Runs 5 nights. Streets are parking lots. Would have been four weeks Sunday since I was out.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1978 Lovely, sunny day. Some ice melted where sun shone on it. I didn't see anyone all day. Called Leona [Benton], my only call.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1978 More snow during the night and all morning. My 5th month to miss Brunch. Only to our church three times since middle September. Don called and I called Dorothy. Wrote letters. I refuse to let the weather get me down. Have only been out once in four weeks. I have much to be thankful for.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1978 Nice sunny day, but cold. I took trash bag to front porch, man came and got it. I gave him a quarter. Too snowy for me to walk the street.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1978 Just zero when I got up. Sunny day, but snow and deep mounds of snow. My driveway very deep beyond front porch.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1978 Low of 8° above and 21° high. Nice, sunny day. I don't do anything to write about. Have been away from the house once in a month.


FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1978 3° above here, but was down to -3°. Another nice, sunny day. Volunteers picked up [news]papers, etc. [for recycling]. Baked a small apple pie and put one in freezer. Basement work starts Wednesday. Washed my hair.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1978 Down to zero. Another sunny day. I washed a washer, swept and dusted. Don brought covers for furniture in basement. We went to Frisches's for lunch. He cleaned rest of drive and let car run awhile.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1978 Another nice, sunny day. The walking is so bad around church am afraid to go. Two telephone calls from friends, and Don.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1978 Snow began before noon. Really got blue - haven't been anywhere for so long. Now more snow. Did the ironing.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1978 Lovely valentines from Dorothy's family and B.J. Jeanette brought me one and a little box candy. She and Richard borrowed the dehumidifier. Sunny day. Didn't get as much snow as predicted.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1978 Bridge cancelled. Makes three times. Golf Course may not be open due to energy crisis.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1978 Light snow during night. Men came early, were all through by 12:45 [waterproofing the basement]. They cleaned up and did a good job. Basement cost $1,990.00. The basement is so dirty and dusty. I feel so discouraged, for I can only do a little at a time. Have to wash everything and dust upstairs. Bill called. I wonder if I'll drive my car or get out again. Has been almost six weeks since I have had my good clothes on.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1978 A lovely, sunny day. I did some work in basement and washed more things upstairs. Drove car to driveway and let it run awhile.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1978 Another nice, sunny day. Did a little more in basement and washed more things upstairs. The house so dusty from basement work.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1978 Lovely day, but icy under foot. Leona took me to church - had been six weeks. So icy around church. Stopped at A&P. Later, I didn't have my celery. Don came over in P.M. He took me down to A&P. Got more groceries. Really stocked up now. Mrs. Woodley collected for heart fund. Frieda called.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1978 Another sunny day but so cold snow and ice won't melt. Around zero at night and in 20s during day. Barbara Kaiser came over. They leave tomorrow for six weeks. Jeanette was in, brought piece cake and candy. Kacy [cat] won't eat and has me worried. [Ellen's 43rd birthday.]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1978 Don't do much. Getting all things washed from dust in basement. After supper the disposal broke.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1978 Another nice, sunny day. Called plumber, got a new disposal. Cost me $90.20. Men were to come to put basement in order but didn't show up. Twenty-one years today since we moved here.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1978 Men came and put the cupboard and shelves back. Corrected washer and dryer. After they left discovered the washer wouldn't spin. Decided to complain about cement work. Where the new joined old, very rough. They said they would sand it and take care of washer. K.C. will not eat. So many problems. Have been shut in so long - it is about getting me! No one to talk with. Oh Charles, how I miss you!!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1978 Snow that fell yesterday and during night soon melted. Men came early, sanded rough spots in basement. And fixed washer. I washed two loads of things. We had to cover furniture. Kacy started to eat. Don came, we went to two banks. Bought another certificate at Dollar Savings. I took him to Bonanza for dinner.


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1978 Didn't go to church. It is still so icy around there. Long day. I made some telephone calls.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1978 Lovely, sunny day. Bill was here for lunch. He took me to bank and I rode in Jeep. He went across street with me to water Kaiser's flowers. Street still icy. Dorothy called.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1978 Lovely day, the predicted snow went south of us. Didn't do much, a little cleaning up in basement.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1978 27°. Light snow during night, and a little in morning soon melted. Went to bridge at Stew Harrison's - bought Gerry [Jones] lunch. She has taken me so much. I had high score 6,680.
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1978 Almost zero at airport. This was a special day. I drove the car. Except for around block once, had been 5!4 months. Went to drug store and A&P. Got gasoline. Prices of groceries are awful. Almost $18.00 for what I got - no meat except bacon. Several telephone calls in evening. Heavy snow predicted.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1978 Had 2Vi inches snow. Ruth Young came over at 9:20 before I was dressed. Didn't do much today.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1978 Beautiful, sunny day. Looked beautiful around here with snow. Haven't seen ground for several weeks. Washed a washer and ironed. Did more in basement - about through there.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1978 Another sunny day. But a record last night of 1° above at the airport. Don and John went to church with me, then to their house for dinner. We went to a concert at Mershon [Auditorium at Ohio State]. Never saw anything like it. Haven't been there for years and on the campus. When we came home, Don put my trash out and went with me to Kaiser's to water flowers.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1978 Lovely weather continues. Got up to almost forty and some snow and ice melted. Didn't do anything. Jeanette was in.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1978 Still nice weather. I went to post office, drug store, grocery, and bank. So good to be able to drive and do my own errands. Karen surprised me by coming. Lewis' came over to see basement. Mr. Lewis thought they did a fine job. Thought I was calling Lewis' - instead got Jones. Gerry all upset - their dog died.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1978 Baked cookies and three small pie shells. A long day. No one called but Don. Snow began in afternoon. Close to two inches.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1978 More snow, about 3 inches. Temperature up to 40° and melted some. Baked cookies for freezer. With energy crisis may not be able to bake much longer.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1978 Up to forties. A lot of snow and ice melted. I didn't see anyone - had one telephone call. Watched a movie in evening.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1978 45°. Nice day, until rain began in late afternoon. I cleaned up house. A long day.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1978 Cloudy, but not as warm as predicted. Our street is still bad. Leona [Benton] took me to church. Bill called.

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1978 48°. Fairly nice day. Went to Circle meeting and drove myself. Hadn't been there for six months. Stopped at A&P.
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1978 Hard rain during night. No water in basement. Had my hair done. So glad to be able to go myself.


THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1978 Nice day. I washed a washer and ironed. Cleaned up more in basement. Bill and Colleen stopped in P.M. Dorothy's 50th birthday.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1978 A light snow during night and some flurries during day. Helen Utterback and I went to the [Drug] Emporium at Graceland [Shopping Center] — a discount drug store. Saved quite a lot. Stopped to see Grace Bond.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1978 Went to lunch and bridge at First Community Village - played there. I was 3rd -36 pennies. Had a fire in evening.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1978 Drove to church for first time. So good to be able to do it. When I came home, took down wire fence in front, raked a few leaves and picked up more sticks. Another fire tonight - probably the last.

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1978 First day of spring! Went to Golden Crest, then watered Kaiser's flowers.


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1978 Nice day, almost sixty. Cleaned up fireplace, took wood off back porch and swept. Jeanette got me two pounds onion sets, 2/$ 1.00. Such nice ones. Took a walk to Indianola [Avenue] and almost to Wynding [Drive]. Planted tomato seeds in an egg carton. [Christopher Rehl's 9th birthday. Chris was the older son of Kay.]

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1978 Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a good lunch and nice time. Stopped at A&P. Went in to Jeanette's. 2nd time in almost seven months. But, they were watching soap operas and I didn't stay long. I turn my T.V. off when she comes.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1978 Gloomy day - rain in afternoon. Went to Kroger's and bank. Colder - should not have cleaned out my fireplace so early. Marvene [Shonting] called and talked over an hour and quarter - 'till ten.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1978 Drizzly day - hard rain in evening. Washed a washer, my blue denim coat and shoes. Called Bill and Dorothy called. Shupes [Hollie and Juanita] had told me they would take me down to Dorothy's, about two months ago and never heard from them. Dorothy and I were very disappointed.
SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 1978 Easter Sunday and rain all day. Went to 9:15 service. Helen [Utterback] and I went to Bonanza for dinner. She didn't come in [to the house] - going away Monday. Took a long nap. Ruth Young brought me a piece of pineapple upside-down cake and stayed about an hour.

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1978 A gloomy day. Put some clean papers in cupboard, worked outside awhile. Man came from Oakland Park Nursery to give me an estimate on new shrubbery.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1978
Tuesday missed.


THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1978 Went to bank. Then got my hair done. Then went to Huntington Bank and Kroger's. Went in to both banks without my cane. Lovely day.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1978 Almost a summer day, up to 77°. Didn't feel too good - headache. Worked out a little. Man from Oakland Park [Nursery] came - decided to get shrubbery in front of bedroom window. $204.76. Took a walk after dinner. One telephone call.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1978 Another lovely day. Don came, spaded garden, put on Turf Builder, turned my mattress. He was here for lunch. Mr. Haldeck came down to see about basement. Took a walk after dinner, met Ruth [Young] and Ronnie.


TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1978 Showers during day. I went to bank. Ellen took me to Doctor Norris for eye exam. He said he would not remove cataract. Come back in a year. Took a walk after dinner. Planted onions in morning. Kaisers came home.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1978 Beautiful day. Worked in yard awhile. Went to lunch at Golf Course. I drove and took Gerry and Mable. My first to go that far. Excellent lunch, now $3.54. After I came home raked more leaves. Barbara [Kaiser] brought me grapefruit, tomatoes, and pecans from Florida. Took a walk after dinner. Go a little farther each time. Dorothy called.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1978 Hard rain when I got up. Decided not to go to luncheon at church. Bill came about noon and was here 'till four. Washed bathroom curtains. He hung them for me. I transplanted my tomato plants. Bill brought me three pepper plants.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1978 Cooler today. Baked cookies. Didn't feel too good. Spent a lot of time on davenport.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1978 Nice day. Went to church. Didn't sleep much last night - took long sleep in P.M. Went to mailbox and walked around the circle. First time for that long.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1978 Got up to 80° in P.M. I went to my auto license and put it on. Went to Circle meeting. Stopped at A&P. Some things reduced. Out of business on 22nd. Got jello and frozen food which was reduced 20%. Went around circle after dinner. Don has been made Vice Chairman of [History] Department. How proud Charles would have been!!

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1978 Some rain in morning. Drove to Helen's and went to [Senior] Center to sew. First, I had been there since September. Barbara Kaiser in a few minutes. She is going to feed Kacy while I am at Dorothy's. Made out checks for my income tax and took to mailbox.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1978 Got a permanent at 9:30. Now $15.00. Took Pat [hairdresser] a plastic rug. Don came at one and we left for Wilmington. He spoke at the college there in evening. Dorothy met us there and we went to her trailer. We left about 4:30 and went to her house. Dorothy, Dick, and Valerie went to a dinner. They had a baby sitter for Jeremy. I could not take care of him.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1978 Dorothy and I went to the shopping center. I got a small radio - it would not work and she took it back. Chuck is home between jobs.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1978 Barbara and Gary were here before seven. Had driven all night. Later, they went to Miami [University]. Dorothy and I went to the Shopping Center. Got a pound of onion sets.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1978 Beautiful day, all the family here. Mrs. Kutchera came for lunch. Barbara and Gary left at 6:30. Went to a barbecue at Miami, then on home. Sat in yard a while. Dorothy planted lettuce.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1978 Cloudy and cooler. A long day - missed going to church. Valerie brought home good ice cream from where she works.

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1978 We took Jeremy to a baby sitter and left at 8:30 for Columbus. Here at 10:45. Washed kitchen curtains - Dorothy hung them, put clean papers in top of cupboards. Mowed back yard. Onions are growing and lettuce coming up. We looked at old pictures in evening.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1978 Rainy morning but cleared off after noon. Rain in evening, and tornado watch. Washed bedroom curtains - Dorothy hung them. She sure helped me a lot. She left at 1:20 and I went to
Helen Utterback's to play bridge. Had good cards and high score. Locked keys in car. Gerry brought me home to get other set. Called Bill. Don went to Madison, Wisconsin [for historical convention].

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1978 Sunny morning - hard rain in afternoon. I went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Took Gerry. Had second highest score.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1978 Miserable, rainy day. Put clean papers in lower part of cupboards. Baked three small pie shells. The electricity off 45 minutes. Had such a nice note from Valerie.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1978 A drizzly day and cool. Went to drug store, got my medicine. Stopped at A&P. Didn't buy anything. Tomorrow they close. Helen and we sorted three bags of material Dorothy gave me. Had six 'phone calls in P.M. Did some woodwork with Liquid Gold. Don came home from Madison and went to [Camp] Akita [church camp south of Columbus belonging to First Community Church].

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1978 Lovely day. Last night was a record low- 27°. Went to our foursome at Mable's. I drove and took Gerry. Had high score. After dinner walked around circle.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1978 A drizzly morning and rain when church was out. I stayed for coffee hour. Wanda Ochs and I went to M.C.L. [Cafeteria] for lunch - very good. She came in and stayed 'till five.


TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1978 A miserable, rainy morning. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Martha Frye took me and Juanita [Shupe] brought me home and stayed 'till five. [Trish's 19th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1978 Nice day, windy and a little cool. Had my hair done, then went to Kroger's. Got a quart of strawberries for Barbara [Kaiser] for feeding Kacy [K.C. the cat]. Took my walk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1978 Lovely day - really like spring. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had 17 there and a good lunch. Didn't get much dinner or take my walk. One tire low, stopped to have air put in it.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1978 Another lovely day. Baked cookies, washed tile in bathroom. Worked out some. Went a little farther on my walk this evening. Mrs. Scott gave me winter onions. Don called.


SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1978 Beautiful day. Went to church. Walked to mailbox and to Wynding.
MONDAY, MAY 1, 1978 Beautiful day but such cool night. Down to 30° last night. Baked a carrot cake. Jeanette came in and brought me piece chocolate pie. Went to Circle meeting. Worked out[side] awhile.

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1978 A big day for me. Left at nine for Helen Utterback's, on way picked up Helen Rymer. Went to [Senior] Center and sewed 'till one o'clock. Then to Helen Utterback's for bridge. Don came for me and went to their house for dinner. Hutchins were there. Stopped at Boulevard Gardens and bought coleus and marigolds. Charles 79th birthday.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1978 Went to playhouse at Dayton on bus trip. Drove to Helen Utterback. Her friend took us down and another met us. Gave each $1.00. Saw the musical "Shenandoah." It was really good. Lunch nothing special. Had a nice day and no trouble getting on bus. Home at six. Missed bridge today. Merle [Axline] played for me.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1978 Rainy day. Went to bank, didn't do anything else. Took a long sleep in P.M. Probably tired of two busy days.


SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1978 Cloudy but no rain. Went to lunch at M.C.L. Our club to Margaret Harmon's to play. Nellie drove.

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1978 Another cloudy, cool day. Went to church, had our brunch afterward, 15 there, besides minister. Went to mailbox, home rest of day. Lucy [Dennis?] called in evening. Talked an hour and quarter.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 1978 Gloomy day. Washed and ironed. Took drapes down in living and dining room. Took to cleaners.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1978 Went to [Senior] Center to sew. I drove and took Helen Utterback. Later, went in to Jeanette's. Sunny day. 69°. Very windy.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1978 Had my hair done. Got drapes and Richard [Davis] hung them in P.M. Cleaners cut lining out of front ones. He put in some screens, washed some windows. Charged me $8.00, included two times to mow grass. Put most of flowers on back porch. Went to Mother / Daughter Banquet at church. Some of us went together. So glad I can drive and go myself.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1978 Beautiful day, around 80°. Went to Graceland, to Woolco's, [Drug] Emporium and Big Bear [grocery]. [Big Bear declared bankruptcy and went out of business in early 2004.] Walked so much, tired me. Couldn't get some things I wanted. Richard mowed grass. Worked out some. Sat on front porch, and ate on back porch for first time this spring. Richard mowed grass.
SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1978 Gloomy day but little rain. Swept my bedroom - moved furniture. Went to Boulevard Gardens - got nine tomato plants, three are so big, tied them up. Set out all my plants. Cleaned up after shrub Richard cut down.
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1978 A drizzly, gloomy Mother's Day. Talked with Bill on Friday and Dorothy today. Left at ten for Don's, went to church [to First Community Church] with them, then to Persutti's for dinner. Too expensive for me. First I have driven that far.
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1978 Another rainy day. My 'phone out of order. At 9:30 went to Lewis' to report it. Fixed by noon. Had the carpet cleaned, living room, kitchen and front bedroom. ($77.90). Took car up to have tire changed. Keith said tire about worn out. Getting two new ones. Received Valerie's graduation invitation.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1978 Much nicer day. Went to lunch at Golf Course. Our last regular meeting. Lows took highs to lunch. I was second in the book. Oleta took me to lunch. Gerry drove. After I came home worked some in yard. After dinner walked around Circle. Sat on porch awhile.
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1978 Beautiful day. I went to cemetery and set out marigolds. Then to Northland - hadn't been there since August. In P.M. took car to have two new tires put on. Worked out[side] awhile.
FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1978 Up to 81°. Went to Kroger's. Didn't buy much - the prices are terrible! Got my medicine, then stopped at new store "Fashion Wise"].
Karen was here and missed her Richard took out rest of storm windows. Paid him $10.00, including cutting down bush and mowing yard. Jeanette was in awhile. Young's dog broke my flowers by the steps. I set out some marigolds in front under little tree.
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1978 Up to 84°. Baked cookies. Didn't feel too good - a lot of time on davenport. My three "Big Boy" tomatoes all have bloom — one a tomato size of pea.
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1978 Didn't sleep much after four o'clock. Didn't feel like going to church. Went back to bed. Had a T. V. dinner. Went to Don's for Linda's piano recital. She and teacher played together on separate pianos - 30 pages. She was outstanding! Called Dorothy.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1978 Started out gloomy, but turned in to a nice day. Went down to new "Super-Duper" [grocery]. Karen and Colleen came, then Dorothy and Valerie about 5:30. Dorothy had to change a tire on way. I baked a cake. All went to Don's for supper. He showed some slides of Mexico. We had a nice evening. Drove over and Dorothy drove home.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1978 Up at six. Dorothy and Valerie had to be at O.S.U. at 7:30. Valerie for Orientation and Dorothy for program for parents. Since they were gone all day, I went to "Chat'n Sew." Had 16 and 18 to eat. Valerie mowed both yards and trimmed.

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1978 Beautiful day and warm. Dorothy and Valerie left at 9:15. Worked in yard. Washed the car.

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1978 Another nice day. Didn't do much - washed a blanket, dusted beans.


MONDAY, MAY 29, 1978 Memorial Day. 85°. I never saw anyone to speak to all day. Laura [Hardy] called. I called Bill - he has sold his trailer. Had first lettuce from garden.


WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1978 Beautiful day. Didn't do much - read a lot. Can sweep drive every day. Frieda [Cooper] called at 9:30, said she would be here July 2nd. [Jeremy Kutchera's 2nd birthday.]


FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1978 Nice day, except a thunderstorm in P.M. Didn't amount to much. Went to bank in P.M. Have such nice lettuce in my garden. Last two tomato plants I had raised too much fertilizer. They were quite small.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1978 Cooler, but a lovely day. Changed all three beds, washed a washer and ironed. Bill came for me and we went to Karen's graduation - 350 graduates. She is a member of National Honor
Society. Afterwards we went to Gloria's for pizza, ice cream and cake. Was twelve when I got home.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 1978 Went to church. Helen and I were greeters at west door. Had Brunch afterward. Found owner of bowl I had brought home by mistake on Thursday. At 3:30 left for Don's. Linda and Tom were in a church play and Don, Ellen, and I went.

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1978 Lovely day, cooler. 72°. Home all day. Washed and ironed. Had changed both the double beds.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1978 Beautiful day. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Hadn't been there for four weeks. Ada gave me some parasandra [?]. Put under little tree in front yard.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1978 Gloomy day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had fairly good cards. Made a little slam which my partner bid. I drove. Called Bill. He got his loan, but has a bad cold. Ellen may have to have surgery which puts cottage in doubt.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1978 Got up earlier than usual. Made two rhubarb pies - one for freezer. Don gave me the rhubarb. Went to Dr. Bope and stopped at cemetery. First I had driven there also - no cane. Had some good showers. Don called and Ellen's trouble can be treated with medication. [Linda's 13th birthday.]

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1978 Our 55th wedding anniversary. Seems so long since I have seen Charles and how I miss him! Went to grocery and worked in yard. Losing some of my tomatoes. Lewis' found out it was my anniversary and brought me a card and some "goodies." Sat awhile with Jeanette on her patio.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1978 Beautiful day. Put two small rhubarb pies in freezer. Don came over, gave me six tomato plants. Cleaned the gutters on house and garage. In evening went to church for a shower for Linda Shafer [daughter of the minister]. Home at nine.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1978 Wanner today, went to church - first time I didn't take my cane. Went to mailbox. Home rest of day. Carole [Hoffman] came down selling strawberries. Barbara Kaiser was over.

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1978 Washed a small washer. Hung clothes out[side]. Cleaned porch rug and scrubbed porch. Swept drive. Went to Circle meeting - pot luck. First year they [the Circle] haven't been here for quite a while. I am not equal to it now. Storm in P.M. Walked to mailbox without my cane.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1978 Nice day, but cool - high 55°. Went to Center to sew. In P.M. Helen Rymer, Gerry, and I played bridge at Helen Utterback's. I was second - only by 20 points. Dorothy and Dick's 25th wedding anniversary. Turned furnace on. Used last of frozen tomatoes.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1978 48°. Cold in house, turned furnace on. Took my small T. V. to be fixed - three places before I found one that would fix a Sylvania. Went to drug store for medicine and to Super-Duper [grocery]. Took a walk in evening. Too cool to sit out. Planted second row of beans.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1978 Lovely day, but still cool. Don came in P.M.. We went to Wendy's for lunch. Then to two banks. He cashed a certificate I had for him, and I bought one. Don brought me four tomato stakes and another tomato - now have 17. Richard mowed grass and I went in to pay him. Called Bill. Trailer moved off - can start house. He is living in garage.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1978 Sunny and much warmer. Went to library and Kroger's. Sat in back yard and read about all afternoon. Leona stopped and we went to Strawberry Festival. Lost my voice, have a touch of laryngitis.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1978 Warm day. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Nellie drove. Bid a slam and made it - was second. Jeanette came over in evening. Linda Shafer's wedding.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 1978 90°. Church is now at ten. After I came home, lay down and slept an hour. After dinner slept two hours. Sundays are long days. Had a hard shower in evening. A good rain.

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1978 Picked up so many leaves and sticks from the hard rain last evening. Swept drive. Went to Golden crest. A woman showed slides of South America. Not nearly as good as Charles'. Jeanette came over.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1978 Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Helen Rymer gone, so could not play bridge. Cut my leg cleaning up Scott's [outdoor] oven. It (oven) looks so bad from here. [Oven was near property line.] Mr. Lewis dressed it [cut] for me. Called Bill.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1978 Had rain during night. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had enough in my bridge jar to pay for my lunch. Had to call for reservations for University Wives bridge.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1978 Lovely day and cooler. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a nice time. Marvene [Shonting] called. Worked outside and took a nap. John leaves tonight for Ecuador. I called to say "goodbye." [John was taking part in "Project Amigos," a youth ministry sponsored by First Community Church. He would spend the summer in Quito.]


SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1978 Didn't go to church. Six of us went to Country Playhouse to see "Oklahoma." It was wonderful! Had such a good time. Leona took me to Mildred Barker's and she drove. Barbara Kaiser over in evening.

MONDAY, JUNE 26,1978 Rain last night. Hot humid day. Swept the drive and cleaned up yard. Spoke to Mr. Lewis, only ones around here. Don's would get to cottage today. How I miss it and think of the days Charles and I went.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1978 95°. A real scorcher! Went to University Wives bridge - got second prize. $.60. Tied up tomatoes. Storm and rain about bed time.


THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1978 Very warm. Was gone for two hours doing errands - went to two banks, Emporium drug store, Kroger's and post office. After I came home to mailbox. Was tired after so much walking and slept two hours.


SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1978 Not quite so hot. Got ready for Frieda [Cooper - her sister-in-law from Phoenix]. Lewis' took me to airport to meet her. Her baggage hadn't come and we had to have her paged before we found her. It was delivered at 12:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1978 Rainy morning. We went to church and stayed for Brunch. 12 there. More rain in evening. Game of Scrabble.

MONDAY, JULY 3, 1978 Cloudy, gloomy day. In P.M. Helen Utterback and Helen Rymer came for bridge. I had high score. We have a game of Scrabble in evening.


WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 1978 Warmer and some sunshine. We went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I drove.

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1978 Very warm. We went to grocery, bank and drug store. Nellie and Gerry were here for bridge.

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1978 Very hot! We went to Don's and got a bucket of apples. 6 big green tomatoes. Richard mowed the grass. Walked around the Circle.

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1978 Still very warm. We went to church, then Frieda took me to Bonanza for dinner. Karen came in P.M. and was here for supper. We went over to Jeanette's in the evening.

MONDAY, JULY 10, 1978 Warm day, but cooled off in evening. We went to get my medicine. In P.M. to Helen Utterback's to play bridge with Gerry [Jones]. I was second. Frieda is packing to leave tomorrow.


THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1978
A gloomy day. Didn't do anything special. Need rain!


SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1978 Went to church. In P.M. Dorothy Paul called. Wanted me to go calling with her, Mrs. Skinner and Marjorie Wright. We went to see Mrs. Pegg and Mrs. Bond.


TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1978 Went to [Senior] Center. We worked on envelopes instead of sewing. Very hot and dry.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1978 About 90°. Had my hair done. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I drove and went to Don's for apples.

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1978 Another 92°. Went to post office and Kroger's. Made apple sauce - put one container in freezer. Too hot to do anything. Trying to get Don's certificate straightened out. Carole [Hoffman] was down. Letter from Don. Bill called—the blocks have been laid in basement.
FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1978 This heat about gets me. Don't do much.
Swept and put ice box cookies in refrigerator. Dorothy called.
SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1978 Another hot one. The heat has about got
me. Can't do much. Baked cookies I put in refrigerator yesterday. Man here to straighten out
money on Don's certificate. Pulled up rest of lettuce. It was really nice. Sat in back yard with
Kacy [cat] 'till nine o'clock.

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 1978 Went to church. Almost stayed home
because of heat. A long day. Had storm and rain in late afternoon. Need rain!
MONDAY, JULY 24, 1978 Rained all day until about dinner
time. Washed one washer and ironed. Cleaned the bathroom.
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 1978 Had a shower in morning, then cleared
off. I drove to Helen's and she drove to [Senior] Center to sew. Afterward, Gerry and the two
Helen's came here for bridge. Went to Wendy's for supper. Afterward to Lewis' for awhile.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1978 Went to lock box. Finally got my
Certificate straightened out. Then, to post office and Kroger's. Had a tomato and apple sauce from
my garden for supper. Put a container of apples in freezer. Went over to Jeanette's. Ruth Young
was there. Didn't come home 'till 9:15. Hot! High of 89°
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1978 Real nice day. Went to "Chat'n Sew."
We always have a good time and good meal. Told Keith [at Sunoco Station] the car wasn't
working as it should after a tune-up. Sat in back yard in evening until a storm came up. Richard
mowed grass.

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 1978 A perfect day. Home all day except a
walk in evening. Mr. Gephart brought radio home, $5.00, fixed T.V., dirt on needle, oiled garage
Found a big green one squirrel had pulled off and eaten. Called, Bill. His house really coming
alone fine - at last.

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1978 A nice day - in evening stormy - little
rain. Didn't do much. Ruth Young came over in evening.
SUNDAY, JULY 30, 1978 Gloomy day and cool. Went to church.
The supply minister was poor - as far as sermon concerned could have stayed home. A long day.

MONDAY, JULY 31, 1978 A nice day. Didn't do much. Am
washing all the "knick-knacks" on the kitchen shelves. Have over 50 big tomatoes on the seven
plants next to Davis'. Am about crazy with legs itching.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1978 82°. Nice day. Finished washing
"knick-knacks" in kitchen. Don't do much. Barbara and Jeanette here.
22 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1978
Hot, humid day. Had my hair done. Pat [hairdresser] on vacation. Rose did it. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I drove - had second high score. Letter from Ellen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1978
Nice day. Had good rain during night. Washed and ironed. Finished pair pillow cases for Barbara's birthday. In P.M. went to Super Duper. Didn't see any of the neighbors to speak to.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 1978
Beautiful day and cooler. Went to drug store and Kroger's. Bill came at 12:30. Here for lunch. He went to Dr. Took a walk after dinner.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1978
Cloudy and rain in afternoon. Cool in evening. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Gerry drove. Letter from Don and B.J.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 1978
So dark when I got up. Began to rain and really poured! Leona [Benton] stopped for me. Indianola [Avenue] was flooded and affected her car. Late to church. Afterward Leona, Hattie Bonar, and Edith Bauer and I went to Bonanza for dinner. They all came here afterward 'till 2:15, then we went to church for reception for Mrs. Skinner. Her 100th birthday is Wednesday. A big crowd - 100 roses from a florist [Lou Vierick]. Long evening! Picked a ripe tomato, so late this year to ripen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 1978
No rain today. Dorothy came about 11:30. Brought cabbage and cucumbers from her garden. Had chicken and blueberry pie for dinner. Talked 'till about eleven. [Colleen's 21st birthday]

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1978
Dorothy and I went to cemetery. The marigolds are so pretty. Washed my car. She took bottom strip off register and cleaned the coils. Mowed back yard. We went to Bonanza for dinner and shopped a little. I get tired pretty quick.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1978
She (Dorothy) cleaned gutters over porch. We went to Burger Chef and got sandwiches for lunch. Looked at pictures in evening.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1978
Rain during night. Dorothy washed picture window. Left at one. So glad she could come. We have such good times together.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 1978
Nice day. Put another container of apples in freezer. Helen came over. We sorted material Dorothy brought. Went to garage sale up street. Getting dark so much earlier.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1978
Cloudy but no rain. Went to bridge at Gerry's, Mable and Nellie. Couldn't get interested. Had low score. Stopped at Super Duper, bought corn. When I got home didn't have it and went back.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 1978 Called Bill for his birthday. 54. He is pleased with his house. Went to church. Home rest of day, except to Jeanette's in evening.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1978 Warm day. Little shower in afternoon. I washed and ironed. Edna [Scott] and Jeanette [Davis] here. Jeanette and I walked up street to see if table had been sold at garage sale. It was sold. Karen called - she and Colleen come for dinner Thursday.


THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1978 Warm today. Home all day. Karen and Colleen here for dinner. Karen had to go to work at eight. They left before seven.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1978 Warm day. Went to Super Duper, came home and went to Kroger's. Picked a few tomatoes and a pan of beans. Yesterday I saw none of neighbors and only Richard today. Later, Mrs. Young stopped and sat on porch.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1978 Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's [Restaurant]. I was hostess. First time I had driven there for a long time. Had high score. Both substitutes paid for their lunch. A very hard storm at dinner time.


MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1978 Beautiful day. Had to have a plumber - sink stopped up. He put in a new piece. Picked more tomatoes. Took a walk after dinner. Barbara [Kaiser] was over.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1978 Don called at eight to say they got home at 11:30 last evening. Went to University Wives - am thinking of giving up that group. Picked five nice tomatoes. Don called again. John is in Miami and will be home at 1:40 A.M. They are all going to meet him [returning from a summer in Quito, Ecuador].

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1978 Home all day. Nothing special.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1978 Very hot. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had 13 to eat and a good lunch. Stopped at Super Duper. Don came over in evening. Brought me a half gallon frozen blueberries, a batch of blueberry jam. Four pounds honey. I had him get at William's where they stayed overnight. They have a bee and berry farm.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 1978 Another hot day. Need rain - watered my new shrubbery. John came in P.M. Brought me a pair ceramic birds from Ecuador. He stayed for a good visit. I was so pleased to be remembered. Karen and Gloria left today for England, to be gone three weeks. Richard mowed grass.


SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1978 Went to church - a picnic afterward, but did not want to go. Home rest of day - didn't see any of neighbors. Storm came up in evening - had a good rain. [Kay's 20th birthday.]

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1978 Washed, ironed and cleaned bathroom. Took walk in evening. Took my cane, but did not use it. For first time. Storms in evening.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1978 Went to Center to sew. I drove and took Helen. On way home stopped for medicine at "Fashion Wise." Don's asked me over for dinner and to see John's slides. Some of neighbors were there. John and Trish [Patricia Haeussler, who was with John in Ecuador] his girl friend, came for me. Don brought me home.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1978 Rained all day. Not out of house. Had furnace checked. $35.00. Five more containers of tomatoes. Dorothy called - talked with her and Valerie.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1978 Still raining this morning. Cleared off early. Got a permanent, $15.00. Stopped at Super Duper [grocery]. Took a longer walk to the school house. [Glenmont Elementary]. Sat with Mrs. Carl a little while.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1978 Beautiful day. I went to Kroger's and library. Took a walk after dinner, little father than last evening. Wayne stopped to see me. Bill called from Gary's. Don called.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1978 Another lovely day. Had our foursome here. Gerry, Nellie, Mable. Had poor cards. Barbara Kaiser over, Dorothy called - she and Dick wished me Happy Birthday tomorrow. She, Dick, and Valerie all won a trophy today. Ran 2 miles. Took her 63 minutes.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1978
My 79th birthday. Already I have had nine more than Charles. Got up early and baked a cake for our Brunch. My 79th birthday. Went to church, had 13 at Brunch. Dorothy and Valerie called last evening to wish me a nice day. Don brought jam and blueberries from cottage. Dorothy's gift later. Frieda and Merle and Fleeta called. Disappointed not to hear from the boys. Jeanette also forgot.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1978
Perfect day. Five more containers of tomatoes in freezer. Helen [Utterback] and I went to Bonanza for lunch. Met Mrs. Bonar there. Helen and I went to see Mrs. Pegg. Later Jeanette came over and brought me a butterfly pin. Sewed crocheted lace on a pillow case. Richard mowed grass.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1978 Beautiful day. I drove to Helen's. Then she drove on to Center to sew. In P.M. we played bridge at Gerry's. I Rad low score. Don called. He forgot my birthday to call.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1978 90°. Warmer and lovely day. Don and I did some errands and he took me to lunch for my birthday. In evening Don came for me and I went there for dinner. John's 20th birthday. Bill was here and I was so sorry to miss him.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1978 Almost 90° again. I went to Kroger's - then washed the car. Slept a lot - didn't feel too good. Went over to Jeanette's in evening. She is getting ready for a garage sale tomorrow with two of her sisters.


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1978 Another hot day. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Gerry drove. Won second prize. Didn't care to go to the block party.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1978 Still hot and humid. Went to church. In P.M. Bill came up. We watched the conclusion of "Roots." He decided to stay overnight.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1978 Bill left soon after nine. I went to Circle meeting. Very hot, about 85°.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1978 Washed a washer, made zucchini bread. Our foursome met at Helen's. There wasn't any sewing today. I drove, took Gerry and Helen. Didn't get home until a quarter of six. Decided to go to Wendy's for supper. No rain and really need it.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1978 Still no rain. Had my hair done and stopped at Super-Duper. Did the ironing. Took a long sleep in P.M. Ilo [Hathaway] called and invited me for lunch on Friday.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1978 No rain and we really need it. Made zucchini bread. Swept and dusted the house. An effort. I swept awhile, then lay down awhile. Had a last meal of beans from garden. Never saw anyone to speak to all day, neither did the 'phone ring. A little rain.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1978 Nice day, not so humid. Didn't get enough rain. A tornado struck last night not too far from Bill. Called him - no damage. He can't get cement for his basement - wiring being done. Swept drive. Ilo Hathaway came for me at eleven and took me for a drive and to Red Lobster for lunch. We stopped at Lazarus' new store - bought blouse. Took me to her house, saw their trailer and had ice cream and cake. Such a nice day. Didn't want any dinner. Swept leaves in front yard. Pulled up beans by garage. Went over to Jeanette's.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1978 Made three cherry pies - from Don's cherries. Two smaller ones for freezer. Went down to Super-Duper. Dorothy and Dick came at noon - was not expecting them so soon. Watched football game. Penn State beat us [Ohio State] 19-0. In the evening took Valerie's things down [to OSU dorm]. It was nice to see her room.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1978 Pretty warm. Dorothy and I went down to Super-Duper. Had a good chicken dinner. Dick scraped and painted the iron railing on front porch and did some caulking in front. They left at three. I was tired and took a nap. Leona called in evening.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1978 89°. Another hot day. I washed one washer, did part of ironing. Went to Golden Crest [at church]. Had devotions. Speaker didn't come. Got tired of waiting and came home at about two o'clock.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1978 89°. Record temperature continues. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Took Helen - home about 2:15. Too hot to do anything.


FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1978 A year today since I went in to hospital. Have come a long way since then. Went to grocery. Made zucchini bread. Much cooler, but no rain. Carole and I walked to school house.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1978 Really cold last night. A beautiful day. No rain, got hose out and soaked shrubbery. Don's family went to Dayton to get things from Ellen's aunt's house. [Ruth Hutchins was sister to Ellen's father, Clayton Darius Hutchins, and Ellen's aunt.] Boys drove a U-Haul home. Took up more tomatoes and worked outside awhile. Carole and I walked in evening. A little farther tonight. Called Bill and he had basement cemented.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1978 A truly beautiful day. Went to church and stayed for coffee hour. Home rest of day, except to mail box.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1978 Beautiful day - didn't do much. Home all day.
27 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1978 Another perfect day. Went to Helen's and she drove to sewing. Stopped at Pill Box for medicine. Took a walk after dinner. A little farther tonight.


FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1978 No rain! Lovely day. Went to Kroger's and to bank in P.M. Don and Ellen brought more furniture to put in basement.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1978 Went to lunch at Brown Derby - Gerry drove, then to Nellie's to play. I was third, and got the pennies. Dorothy called, they will be here for dinner tomorrow. Rain in late afternoon.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1978 Didn't get enough rain to do much good. I didn't go to church Dorothy, Dick, Valerie and Jeremy came about twelve. Had a good dinner. Ate on porch. Baked apple pie in morning. Valerie brought her washing. They left about five. I swept drive and put out trash.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1978 Beautiful day. Washed and ironed. Went to bank to put money on my checking account. Interest from one certificate didn't come - went so see about it in P.M. Had got in someone else's mail. They turned it in at bank. Finished book, "The Thorn Birds," cleaned leaves next to Scott's. Karen called, will be here Thursday P.M.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1978 Lovely day in morning. In P.M. clouded up and rain began. Jeanette and I went to Northland. I bought three dresses, pair shoes and a sweater. Had a good lunch at Lazarus.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1978 Had a good rain last evening. Went to bank. To lunch and bridge at Golf Course - good lunch. I was second - by 50 points. Club is going to close at three, we are going at ten, play awhile, have lunch and play more. After I came home swept drive. After supper walked a little more than a mile.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1978 Nice day until evening. Began to rain. I went to meeting at Women's Association. Stopped at grocery, Karen came for supper. Looked at her pictures. She brought me a bees wax candle. Left at eight.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1978 Gloomy day. Baked a cake and took some to Davis'. Swept house. Watched football in P.M. I called Bill - more done on house. Furnace in, part of siding and dry walls. Dorothy called - they will be up 18th.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1978 Lovely day, but chilly. Went to church, home rest of day, except to mail box. Covered my tomatoes - frost predicted.


TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1978 A year today since I came home from hospital. I am grateful for this year. Went to Center to sew. I drove and took the two Helen's. Later, swept drive and side yard.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1978 Cloudy day and rain began in P.M. Had my hair done. Bill called at dinner time - coming up to stay overnight. We had a nice visit.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1978 Bill left at ten, I swept driveway, pulled tomatoes, took them down next to Davis'. Richard put in storm windows and washed windows. I cleaned screens we took out. Paid him $10.00.


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1978 Rainy morning. I baked an apple pie and went to church Bazaar. Didn't get home 'till about 2:30. Had a good time. Our Circle had the bake sale. Made about $91.00 on it.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1978 Started out gloomy but sun came out later. I went to church - took Fleeta [Heidorn] home and she wanted to take me out to dinner. We went to Bonanza and I locked keys in car. A man got a coat hanger and opened it. There are some nice people around. Watched football, swept drive.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1978 Cooler and cloudy, I washed and ironed. Went to Golden crest and took Fleeta. Had a surprise. Tom Nelson left me $1,000. [The Nelson's had no children. Their only child, a son, was accidentally electrocuted as a young teenager after touching a downed wire after a storm.] Dorothy called. They can't come 'till next week.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1978 Lovely day. We went to Center to sew. I drove to Helen's and she drove rest of way. Played cards at Helen Reimer's [in other places Gladys spells this name "Rymer." ] in P.M. After I came home, raked leaves in front.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1978 Beautiful day. Our Wednesday bridge goes at ten, and play before and after lunch. I drove and took Gerry. After I came home, potted some flowers and swept drive, balanced check book.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1978 Lovely weather continues. Went to Super-Duper and drug store. Washed all pictures in my bedroom. Made three jars preserves from my little yellow tomatoes. Went in to Jeanette's, but Marva [her daughter] called and I didn't stay long. Richard mowed grass last time.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1978 Another beautiful day. Went to Kroger's. Helen Utterback and I went to White Elephant sale at Westminster Terrace. Later swept leaves from front yard. Richard spaded garden. Paid him $5.00 for it and mowing grass.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1978 Indian summer continues, up in seventies. Washed a small washer and ironed. Washed the car. Swept drive and side yard but couldn't tell it in a little while. Called Bill. Brian and Chris [Rehl - son's of Kay] are staying with him. House coming alone, he was painting dry walls. Princess [Hatch] called. Talked with Don.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1978 Still up in seventies. Went to church, didn't stay for coffee and doughnuts. Raked leaves before dinner and cleared drive later. Slept two hours.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1978 Gloomy day and rain in afternoon. Went to Dr. Bope. Had more of an exam. Said I had a heart murmur, but not important. Said he had given up on diagnosis of so-called shingles. Long, rainy evening.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1978 Beautiful day, sunny and cooler. Went to sew - took the two Helen's. Home about two. Went to Beauty Parlor, cleaned up some leaves in front yard.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1978 Beautiful day. Helen and I went to Playhouse at Dayton [by bus] to see "South Pacific." Nice drive, beautiful trees. Home at six. Dorothy and Dick came about eight o'clock - brought fried chicken.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1978 Dick left at 5:30 for a place close to Canton. Dorothy and I went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a good lunch and nice time. A gloomy, rainy day. Don's had planned to come over - we had them postpone coming. I was tired.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1978 Beautiful day. Dorothy raked all leaves, back yard and driveway twice. Brought in two baskets of wood for me. We went to bank. Then took Valerie's things to her and stopped at grocery. Dick didn't get back until about 7:15. They stayed all night. [Gloria's 54th birthday.]

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1978 Dorothy and Dick left a little before eight. Went to lunch and bridge at First Community Village [Retirement Community]. Gerry drove. Don came over in evening. Called Bill, more done on house. Don came over and spent evening. [Wayne's 20th birthday.]

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1978 Clocks turned back one hour. Beautiful day. Raked leaves from back yard and some on drive. Went to mailbox.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1978  Glad to be home today. Cleaned more leaves and odd jobs. A beautiful day. Nice to work outside.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1978  Went to Mr. Denig - had all jewelry checked.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1978  Another beautiful day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I drove. Don called. Tom has bronchial pneumonia.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1978  Still "spring" Weather. Tom is better. I raked leaves in front. Wayne stopped to see me. Later, more leaves from back yard.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1978  So warm could work out without a sweater. Got two big bags of leaves from back yard. Worst are down now. Went to grocery in morning. In evening Lucy called and talked an hour and a half.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1978  Spring weather continues. Put some clean papers in cupboard. Gerry came and made a lot of telephone calls to tell people to vote. Her 'phone has limited service.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1978  Up in seventies. Went to church. Helen and I greeted at west door. Had Brunch afterward. Took a long sleep. Just began to rake leaves when Mrs. Gillespie and Doris [her daughter] came. Glad to see them. [The Gillespie's were next-door neighbors when Gladys and Charles lived at 393 Mimring Road.] After they left, did some of leaves. Front yard the worst yet. Our street is a mess. Think the worst is done.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1978  Warm enough to be out without a coat. Washed and ironed. Took all leaves from my magnolia tree and some on drive. Bill was here for lunch and did his laundry.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1978  Rainy day. Went to Center to sew. To Helen's and she drove. Election day! Had five telephone calls in evening. Valerie's swim team on T. V. [Governor James] Rhodes elected 4th term.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1978  Cooler, but a beautiful day. Had my hair done. Cleaned up leaves in back yard and around garage. All I can do at one time. Huge pile across front of lot. Called Dorothy.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1978  Sunny day and cooler. Home all day. Made zucchini bread. Cleaned out flower bed by drive. Some of impatiens still in bloom. Raked leaves from side yard.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1978  Nice, sunny day, cool nights. Went to Kroger's. Buying $10.00 for 12 weeks - got a free 5 pound ham. Bill came at 11:30, got his lunch. He took a bath and did his laundry. He has Kay's boys - can now sleep in new house. A deer ran in to Wayne's car, smashed windshield. He wasn't hurt.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1978 Another lovely day. Took out [decorative] birch logs [from fireplace], and fixed a fire. Washed glass doors. Swept drive and a few more leaves. Watched football in P.M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1978 Rain last night and nice weather ended. Went to church and stopped at grocery. A dark, drizzly night.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1978 Cloudy and cleared off in P.M. Helen and I were hostesses at Circle. She baked pumpkin pies and did most of work. Stopped at Pill Box to get medicine. Called Dr. Bope, he had prescription mixed up.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1978 60° when I got up but temperature dropped during day. Went to [Senior] Center to sew, then stopped for dry cleaning. Went in to Jeanette's a little while. Called Fleeta in evening. Dark at 5:30 and such long evenings.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1978 Drizzly, rainy day. Cooler in afternoon. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I drove. So cold there, glad to get home and warm.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1978 Fairly nice day. Put clean papers in kitchen cupboards. Went to Nellie's for our foursome. Drove and took Gerry and Mable. I was second. Our leaves haven't been picked up. Our street, a mess. No killing frost. Flowers still in bloom.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1978 Rained hard all day until about three o'clock. Street a mess. Rain on all the leaves. Went to Kroger's, post office, and library. Called Bill, house more done. T. V. and telephone in. Using bedrooms and living room.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1978 Hard wind last night. Leaves everywhere. I cleaned up what I could. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. I drove and took Mable and Gerry. Nellie and I had two unusual hands - made a big score. I was 3rd, got $.44 pennies.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1978 Cloudy and cool. I went to church and stayed for a dinner there. After I came home cleaned up leaves in front yard and a bag from back yard.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1978 Cool and cloudy again. I did the laundry, cleaned the bathroom. Went to Golden Crest and stopped at grocery. Mrs. Gillespie called and talked an hour.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1978 Cloudy and cool. Went to Center to sew. I drove to Helen's and she drove rest of way. When I came home found Richard had cleaned the gutters. $10.00

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1978 Nice day. Had my hair done. I went for Valerie at two o'clock at her dormitory [at Ohio State]. Later, she walked down to shopping center. We played Scrabble in evening. Dorothy and Dick have gone to Barbara's [in St. Louis].
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1978 Drizzly day - Thanksgiving. I baked three pumpkin pies - one small. Valerie and I went to Don's. Had a good dinner. Left at 3:30. Talked with Bill. He was at Gloria's. [Tom's 17th birthday.]

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1978 High of 36°. Valerie put clean papers on top shelves of cupboard. She did her laundry and baked a cake for one of girl's birthdays. I took her home after lunch and stopped at grocery. When I got home she had forgotten her cake. I took it to her.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1978 High of 41°. Baked cookies. Didn't see anyone to speak to all day and the 'phone didn't ring. Michigan beat Ohio State 14-3. Cooked the last of my tomatoes. Some weren't good and I threw them away.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1978 High of 40°. Went to church. Weekends are long. Did some odd jobs, watched T.V. Rain began about five.


TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1978 A few snow flurries. High 37°. Didn't go to sew. Helen Utterback, Helen Rymer and Gerry came here for bridge in P.M. Called Dorothy, she is coming up Thursday to get Valerie.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1978 Went to Super-Duper in morning. To post office and Kroger's in P.M. Two more weeks to get a 5 pound ham. 12 weeks, $10.00 each. Buying extra for winter.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1978 Beautiful, sunny day. Dorothy came at 10:15 and was here for lunch. Left about two and took Valerie home for weekend. I raked leaves again. Our street has been missed. [Leaves] never picked up.


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1978 Nice day. Karen came in morning. Had intended going to bank but can go Monday. We went to M.C.L. [Cafeteria] for lunch then to Margaret's [Harmon] for bridge - our Christmas party. Got a big jar of peanuts and won second prize.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1978 Rained almost all day. Dorothy and Dick brought Valerie back. Didn't get here until almost one because of a detour and rain. They left about four.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1978 59°. Nice day. I did the laundry and went to bank. Karen was here for lunch. Waited here while she had work done on her car.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1978 49°. A beautiful, sunny day. Went to sew and took the two Helen's. In P.M. went to Helen Utterback's for bridge. I never played a hand until the last two and made two games. Third score.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1978 48°. Another lovely day. Had my hair done and went on to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Gerry and I both drove, in case I was late coming from Beauty Parlor. Dorothy called.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1978 A little drizzle. Cleaned burners on stove. Went to Christmas Tea at church. Stopped at grocery and drug store. Working on Christmas cards. Leaves were picked up.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1978 Rained all day, I went to Kroger's and library, also worried about Kacy. He won't eat. Karen was here for lunch and until four o'clock. Mrs. Lewis brought me cole slaw and four oysters for my dinner. Freezing rain predicted.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1978 Much colder, snow flurries most of day - first snow. Let hem out of my brown wool dress. Can't get anything done - worried about Kacy. Made an appointment to take him to Dr. on Monday. Ada [Lewis] came over and loaned me a strand of lights for my tree.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1978 10° above - high of 20° Didn't go to church. Did some cards, read some, watched T.V. Had some telephone calls. Kacy won't eat. Took a few sips of water.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1978 Didn't go to Circle, because of taking Kacy to Doctor. Don came and helped me. Dr. could not find anything wrong with him, $5.00. He won't eat, only a little milk. I took Don to Bonanza for dinner. Dick was here overnight on way to a business trip north of here. He put a chimney and globe in kitchen lights.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1978 Beautiful day. 42°. I got up at little after five and got Dick's breakfast. He left at six, went back to bed awhile. Went to sew - Helen drove. Stopped at grocery, went in to Jeanette's. Ada [Lewis] was here. Edna [Scott] operated on for her knee.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1978 A nice day. 42° but very windy. Went to Kroger's. Last week to buy $ 10.00 to get a free 5 pound ham next week. Put up my ceramic [Christmas] tree. Carole [Hoffman] was down to collect money for Edna Scott in hospital. Mailed a lot of Christmas cards. Walked to mailbox in P.M. K.C. is back to normal.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1978 A beautiful, sunny mild day. Baked apple, raisin, carrot bread. Went to Mable's for our foursome. I drove. Had high score. Stopped at grocery. [Valerie's 19th birthday.]

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1978 Another, sunny mild day. I made orange cookies and decorated some of them. Decorated the mantle. Richard washed picture window. Said it was my Christmas present.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1978  Beautiful, sunny day. Went to church. It was almost filled. Music and all the bell ringers. Home rest of day. Made three bean salad to take to Golden Crest tomorrow.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1978  Cloudy. Went to bank to deposit money Tom [Nelson] left me. Then to Golden Crest—was on committee—for a pot luck. Lots of good food. After I came home Mrs. Young brought cookies. She had left some on ledge by mailbox when I was gone. Something ate them all, probably a squirrel. I had hers ready—had been over in morning and they were gone. Snowing when I left church.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1978  Cloudy—high of 31°. Washed and ironed. Mr. Henderson [mailman] only person I spoke to all day. Made one telephone call to Florence Stewart. [She was either a step-sister, or step-sister-in-law to Charles. My guess is that she was married to Starkey Stewart, step-brother of Charles, whom I met at Charles' funeral.]

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1978  Miserable, foggy, drizzly day. Freezing rain during night. Almost didn't go to the beauty parlor, but got along O.K. Don came in P.M. and took me to a movie. Called Bill.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1978  Snow flurries. I went to grocery. Stopped at Helen Rymer's. She gave me a loaf of bread. Got my free 5 pound ham at Kroger's, bought $10.00 for 12 weeks. Bill was here for lunch. Eldis Reed came and brought me a fruit basket. [Eldis Reed was a member of Charles' Department at OSU]

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1978  Beautiful, sunny day. Karen, Colleen and Linda here for lunch. Wished Bill was here. Yesterday he brought a big box oranges, grapefruit, apples, peanuts and 4 pounds of cheese. Karen brought me a Vi pint old fashioned jar, Colleen a box of writing paper. Jeanette was in with cookies and a package. I haven't opened. Later, I took bread, cookies to Mrs. Carl and stayed awhile, and two small loaves of bread to Myers.


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1978  Cloudy and a little snow after dark. I went to church. Lewis' gave me a steak and I had that for dinner. While I was eating McLean's brought cookies. Took a nap, Don and Laura [Hardy—former member of Charles and Gladys' "dinner" bridge club] called. Fire in evening. 10 Christmas I have been alone.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1978  Christmas Day - turned out to be a nice sunny day. Opened my packages. Dorothy and Dick gave me slippers, hose, cookies, and candy. Valerie and Chuck two boxes crackers and three jars cheese. I drove to Don's. Ellen had roast beef and pecan pie. They gave me a gown - John, wall calendar, Tom, a card with such a nice note. Linda knit me a lovely scarf. Home at 4:30. Had a fire.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1978 A little sunshine. Cold! I didn't do much. Ellen stopped and exchanged my gown that was too large. I went to see Edna Scott - home from hospital. Took her tapioca, raisin, carrot, apple bread.


THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1978 Another nice day. Didn't sleep well and spent most of morning on davenport. Went to Gerry's for our foursome. I was second. After I came home Ada brought me over to see their new organ and piano. Gave me a carton of vegetable soup.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1978 Another lovely day - high 42°. Made an apple pie to take to Bill. Don came at 10:30. His house is so nice and he has it furnished well. Don drove my car. Home before five.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1978

Gloomy, drizzly day. Helen Utterback planned to come for a cracker and cheese lunch, but had a bad cold. Got so much cheese for Christmas. Washed and ironed. Marvene [Shonting] called. We had a long talk. Last evening I stayed up 'till twelve and watched football game. [Ohio] State lost [to Clemson] - [Coach] Woody Hayes hit a player [from Clemson]. Today he resigned or was fired. [I know from having read the oral transcripts from President Harold Enarson's administration, that Woody was fired. He refused to resign. Enarson had the full support of the Athletic Director.]

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1978

Rainy, gloomy day. Went to church. Opened my free ham from Kroger's. Cut in four pieces - froze three. Watched football.

I am glad I am here to see another New Year. The past one has been good to me. Much better. Can drive and take care of myself. Haven't been anywhere except two bus trips of one day. Valerie went to Mexico for the summer, John to Ecuador and met Trish. Karen to England, B.J. and Gary have a new home. Bill moved in his new home. Don's went to cottage. Lost three friends, Blanche Ferron and Mrs. Tiffany [both friends from cottage days in Wisconsin], and Marie Burns [formerly from Cumberland, and possibly a distant cousin to Gladys. Marie was a descendent of Alexander Burns whose extraordinary life is recorded in the Appendix of Volume I of the Diary]. Expect Gladys Dennis [to pass on soon]. Valerie and Karen started to Ohio State. Later, I remembered I had been to Dorothy's in May.

END OF BOOK XL, PART ONE (JANUARY 1,1978- DECEMBER 31,1978)

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There were moments in 1979 when Gladys, age 80, clearly felt the years closing in. Certain anniversary days were especially difficult. On June 8, the day before her wedding anniversary, she wrote "I feel so low tonight - our anniversary tomorrow and [this is the] time we would have gone to cottage." The next day, on June 9, she wrote, "Our 56th wedding anniversary. Now Charles has been gone almost ten years, and I have grown old." The most painful anniversary day was August 26. "It was 10 years today since Charles left me. I will never get over missing him." On Christmas Day "Merry Christmas - not very merry getting up alone and opening packages. Eleven of these days without Charles. ... I am always rather glad when Christmas day is over." "I don't cry very often, but got so lonesome today." Her daily routine, as she phrased it once, was "read, watch T.V., make plastic rugs. Some days are lonely." One must remember such days were exceptions and not the rule. Generally she remained, at least outwardly, optimistic and positive. For example, her 80th birthday on September 3. "My 80th birthday and one of the nicest I have had." Friends took her to Bill Knapp's Restaurant where she got 80% off her bill, and a complimentary chocolate cake. Some of the work staff sang "Happy Birthday" over the loud speaker. She received 17 birthday cards. On February 13 "Don't have much to do, but thankful to be well, warm, and plenty of food."

There was no dramatic change in her interests and routines from the previous year. She continued to be active at Crestview Presbyterian Church where she still participated, as she had for years, in "Chat'n Sew," Golden Crest, the Sunday Brunch (for widows), and her service Circle. She entertained her Circle at home after stating the previous year that she was "no longer up to it." Once a local TV station showed at 6:00 P.M. on the local news her church Circle as they sewed "comforts" for hospital patients. The Circle made $130.00 on its annual bake sale. She still played bridge in several groups, including her Saturday "foursome," the University Wives, and at the Ohio State University Golf Course lodge. An unfortunate moment occurred when Gerry Jones, her long time bridge friend, refused to ride with her any longer. She "hurt my feelings." "It makes me so mad the way Gerry has treated me and won't ride with me." It sounds as if Gerry didn't trust Gladys' driving anymore. A very special evening of bridge was on October 3 when she played with "Gerry Gifford, Edith and Bill Walter- the four left [alive] from our [original] bridge club. Started 51 years ago." She watched a lot of television, but says little about it. She does mention watching the Rose Bowl Parade and game, the Miss Universe Pageant, the film "Holocaust," and a lot of football and basketball.

As she did every summer she planted and enjoyed her little garden. She planted at least 13 tomato plants, although her luck was not the best. A storm damaged some of her plants, and squirrels stole many large ones just as they were ripening. "The squirrels have been terrible this year." She decided to pick tomatoes at the first sign of ripening to save them from the squirrels. She also planted radishes, squash, beans, and onions. At the Senior Center she was honored with a gold pin for 100 hours of volunteer sewing work. The volunteers were also given a free dinner, but she was "not impressed" with the meal. On one day the routine at the Center changed when the volunteers were invited as guests of the Salvation Army to see "650 dolls dressed for needy children." The baking routine at home was less intense than in past years, but she still enjoyed her kitchen. She mentions baking peanut butter cookies, cupcakes, cakes, bran muffins, zucchini bread, and apple, rhubarb, and cherry pies. There was a little mending and sewing, including new curtains for Bill, and polishing furniture with "Liquid Gold."

There were some minor health issues in 1979. On several days she would say "I don't feel very good." "Some days I don't feel like doing anything." "[I] have fallen twice, that worries me. Kind of wobbly." She had her first cold in several years. Her elevated blood pressure caused
concern. "It's getting harder for me to read." The most serious episode was when she was admitted to Riverside Hospital on September 21 with a temperature of 103°. She stayed for six days with an inflamed leg. Fortunately she received much help from family, friends, and neighbors. Her son-in-law, Richard Kutchera, a graduate engineer, was always willing to help her when he was in town. On March 26 "Dick put in a double, stainless steel tank for me. He worked from nine to five." On May 25 "Dick fixed holder for hose plus oiled garage door." On September 16 "Dick put carpet down in bathroom. A birthday present." Don spaded her garden at times, and took her to many of her appointments. She hired a boy from the neighborhood, Eric, to shovel snow. He charged $4.00. Her next-door neighbor, Richard Davis, adult son of her best friend, Jeanette, did many chores for Gladys. On one day "Richard put storm windows in and washed windows. Charged me $15.00 including mowing grass. He charges me more all the time." Sometimes professional help was needed. Her roof began to leak, and it was discovered that raccoons had chewed some of the roof tiles. The repairs cost $93.00. On another occasion she found standing water in her bathroom. She needed a new hot water tank. Gladys had lived in her house for twenty-two years. Her neighbors were unusually attentive and helpful. Someone, it seemed, was always "dropping in" with thoughtful small gifts, including hostess cakes, onion sets, oranges and grapefruit, tomatoes, cinnamon bread, cake, and rhubarb. Although not mentioned in the diary Gladys told me she had an arrangement with her neighbor across the street that if her drapes were not open by 9:00 A.M. the neighbor was to come over and check on her. One neighbor, Mrs. Meyer, died.

She records several purchases during the years. These included new drapes ($273.38), Tomato plants, 8 for $1.00, a home visit by a plumber, ($20.00), getting her furnace checked, ($50.00), and a permanent ($17.00). Gasoline prices varied from $68.9 to $1.06 per gallon. Grocery prices were said to be "awful." She earned several small gifts during the year for making bank deposits, including a tote bag, a wall clock, and a watch. She also made a few dollars (regrettably) by selling to a door-to-door peddler, Charles’ class ring from Ohio State ($10.00), her own ring from High School, ($5.00) and Charles’ High School Ring, ($5.00).

Few details are given for family members in her diary for 1979. She visited Dorothy, age 51, and Dick, age 55, twice in Cincinnati during the year. The first occasion was Chuck's, age 21, marriage on August 4 to Donna following his divorce from Melanie, the mother of Jeremy. The "wedding was beautiful and church pretty well filled." The second occasion was for Thanksgiving. Valerie, age 20, was enrolled at Ohio State. Like both of her parents she enjoyed running. She ran a 10 mile race on March 29. Over Thanksgiving Valerie and both of her parents ran a 6.2 mile race. Dorothy won first place in her competition and won another trophy.

Bill, age 55, continued to live in his new house near Lancaster. At times he had both of Kay's boys, Chris and Brian, living with him. Gary and Kathy had their own place. Once "some kid ran a stop sign and mashed up Gary's truck, but he wasn't hurt."

Don, age 48, and Ellen, age 44, continued to live in Upper Arlington. Tom wrestled as a senior, and won his District Conference. Tom graduated from Upper Arlington High school in June, 1979. Ellen drove Gladys to Bill's for a weekend. They stopped at Camp Akita, the beautiful church camp of First Community Church, which Don and Ellen attended, on their way to Bill's. John spent six weeks over the summer on tiny Gibraltar Island just off Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island on Lake Erie. He studied microbiology at the Ohio State Research Center on the island. On December 20 he was admitted to Medical School at Wright State University in Dayton. [Later he would accept admission to Ohio State's Medical School]

Gladys closed her diary for 1979 with the following comment: "I am so thankful to see another year come in. Have been pretty well, and so grateful to be in my own home and drive. Some things in 1979: Chuck was married to Donna, John was accepted for Medical School, Charles would have been so proud of Don being Vice-Chairman of History Department, and the five grandchildren at O.S.U. [Valerie, Tom, John, Wayne, and Karen.] I wasn't anywhere except a weekend at Bill's, and to Dorothy's for Chuck's wedding and for Thanksgiving."
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1979  A drizzly, rainy day. Watched parades and Rose Bowl game. Dick and Dorothy brought Valerie back to [Ohio] State, and were here for lunch. Left at four.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1979  Snow all morning. I took down Christmas decorations. Very cold! Bridge cancelled for tomorrow, also my hair appointment. Zero when I went to bed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1979  -1° when I got up. High of 11° above zero - nice sunny day. Glad to be home, didn't do much. Zero when I went to bed.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1979  Zero - nice sunny day. I went out in P.M. to two banks, library, Kroger's and drug store.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1979  Snow during night and some in afternoon. Don came at three. We went to bank and he got rest of money from certificate he cashed. He took me to Bob Evans [Restaurant] for dinner. Stopped at Gold Circle [discount store] for Bufferin. Snow and miserable evening. Had fire. Fleeta [Heidorn] called.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1979  Miserable day. I was home all day, and didn't do much. [Robert Cooper's 7th birthday.]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1979  Several inches of snow, and still coming down. I keep the porch swept and path to garage. Snowed 'till noon. I made fudge, and made several telephone calls. Tried all day to get Bill. Finally got him - he had been to see Colleen. Lucy called - talked 1 1/3 hours.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1979  Seven inches snow on the ground. Don't have much to do. Called Eric to shovel my driveway. Zero by nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1979  -5° at four A.M. -3° when I got up. Eric cleaned most of driveway. Dorothy called in evening. Kacy was gone three hours this A.M. and had me worried. Dorothy called.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1979  Another cold day. I didn't do much. Some days I don't feel like doing anything. Eric cleaned rest of driveway. $4.00. Don called. Only call today.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1979  -3°, sunny and cold. Baked cookies, watched T. V and read. Did not see anyone and 'phone hasn't rung for three days except when Don and Dorothy called.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1979  Another day to be home. I swept walks and part of driveway. More snow during night. Don't see anyone. Marvene [Shonting] called and talked an hour in the evening. So glad to talk with someone.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1979 Gloomy day - some snow melted. Now, drive is clear. Watched an exciting basketball game. [Ohio] State and Illinois. We beat by three points in overtime. Barbara Kaiser came over in evening. Ellen went to Cincinnati to meet a friend.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 1979 Second Sunday I have missed church. Had two telephone calls. Long day.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1979 -4° when I got up. Did the laundry. Canceled my hair appointment for Wednesday. Also Wednesday bridge was canceled.


THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1979 Snow flurries when I got up. Called Pat—she had a cancellation [at beauty parlor] and took me at ten. Stopped at Super-Duper. Karen came in P.M. Brought me a cheese log - was to have been for Christmas, but didn't get it in time.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1979 Such bad weather reports for a sleet and ice storm. Many things canceled, but it missed us. I cleaned rest of furniture in front room.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1979 Gloomy, foggy day. The ice in street melted, but does not drain. The Volunteers [of America] came for some things. I polished some of furniture in back room. Called Bill. Watched basketball game.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1979 Tom twisted his knee in wrestling. Came to borrow my cane. Our street a sheet of ice until you get to North Yaronia. I went to church - the parking there very bad. My friends were surprised I went. Watched the Super-Bowl.


TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1979 Nice, sunny day. Haven't been to [Senior] Center to sew for weeks. Cleaned the oven, had a hard time getting it back together.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1979 Rain most of day. Never saw anyone all day, except the mailman [Mr. Henderson]. Never saw a car go by, except mailman's cart. Haven't spoken to anyone since Sunday except on 'phone.
5THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1979 Over two inches snow. I baked peanut butter cookies. Don came over in P.M. Brought my cane home. Called Dorothy. Gerry [Jones] hurt my feelings about driving to bridge on Saturday. Really upset me!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1979 A year today since the big blizzard. Went down to drug store to get medicine and to Super-Duper.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1979 Didn't do much. Finished a plastic rug and started another. Still upset over bridge. I could have gone and driven today.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1979 5 inches snow. Beautiful to look out, all trees and shrubs covered. Didn't do much. Eric and a friend shoveled my drive and walks. I called Leona [Benton], and Don called.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1979 Man came to see about new drapes. Aero Drapery. I am getting them with money from Tom [Nelson]. $277.38. In the afternoon I went to the library. Took some books back and got two more.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1979 A nice day. Washed and ironed. Valerie, Merle [Axline] and Helen [Utterback] called. Glad to have a book to read.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1979 Nice day after about an inch of snow during night. Enough that I canceled my hair appointment. Don, my only call.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1979 Nice, sunny day, but cold. Low of 9° and high of 20° I went to Super-Duper and Kroger's. Good to get out to grocery. Watched basketball. Michigan State beat us.[Karen Cooper's 18th birthday.]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1979 Pretty, sunny day. Went to bank in P.M. Karen called and I called Bill. Getting harder for me to read.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1979 An inch or more of snow during night. I cleaned furniture in my bedroom. Tom had a wrestling match at Northland [High School] so Don and Ellen stopped a few minutes on way. Later, he called - they had some time between matches, so we all went to Frisch's for dinner. They came in awhile.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1979 Beautiful, sunny day. Dorothy and Dick brought Valerie back [to Ohio State] and were here for dinner. Chuck is to be married August 4th.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1979 -8°. Sunny and cold. Our Wednesday bridge is canceled for Wednesday. Barbara Kaiser came over in evening. Wanda [Ochs], Fleeta [Heidorn] and Don called.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1979 Just zero when I got up. Went to Center to sew. Hadn't been there for almost two months. Nice, sunny day. I drove. Bill called.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1979 About three inches snow. Snow began in night and kept up 'till late afternoon. Did some mending. Bridge was cancelled for today. Eric and Scott cleaned drive.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1979 3° above. Sunny day. We are trying to decide about bridge on Saturday, if good enough for me to drive. Read, watch T.V., make plastic rugs. Some days are long.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1979 -3°. Pretty, sunny day. More snow last evening, and I swept part of driveway. Offered to take Gerry to bridge tomorrow, but she said her street too bad. Four from North End and three cars. [Michael Cooper's 5th birthday.]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1979 -6°. Really cold but sunny. Genie [garage door opener] wouldn't work on garage door. Mr. Lewis came over and opened it with a key. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's, and took Fleeta. Gerry drove alone. Merle [Axline] was hostess. I was low, [won] $.25.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1979 -2°. A long day - have only been to church once this year. Watched first part of "Gone with the Wind."


TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1979 Almost zero. -3° at three in morning. Washed a washer. Don't have much to do, but thankful to be well, warm and plenty of food.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1979 Valentines from Dorothy and Barbara. Don't send any, so don't expect any. Did the ironing. I don't cry very often, but got so lonesome today. Saw no one but mailman and paper boy.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1979 Rain and froze. I would not step out on my porch. Don, only call I had. Watched basketball in evening.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1979 Another long day, see no one, no calls. Everything is ice covered with ice and snow.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1979 -7°. Sunny day. Didn't do much. Marked my Hummel's for four of my grand daughters. Had a fire in fireplace. Tom won the District Conference in wrestling.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1979 Snowed almost all day. Have only been to church once this year. Made some calls and had several. Dorothy called. I talked with all of them and Donna - Chuck's fiance.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1979 Almost five inches snow yesterday and last night. Called Eric to clear drive. He brought two boys I had never seen before and wanted double money. Had been paying $4.00, gave them six. They were here 35 minutes. Have paid $18.00 to have snow cleared from driveway.


WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1979 42° and snow began to melt. Saw Kaiser's leave at 8:30. Karen was my only telephone call. Saw no one else.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1979 Still milder. Twenty two years today since we moved here. Man came and fixed my garage door. Pat had a cancellation and I got my hair done. Stopped at Super-Duper and to get medicine.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1979 Raining - stopped about noon. I went to bank and ordered more checks, then to library and Kroger's.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1979 Cloudy but no rain. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Gerry won't share driving. We each drove. Had poor cards. Fleeta was hostess.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1979 Have only been to church once this year. Rained all day. Had some telephone calls. Bad weather predicted!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1979 Rain last night froze, and four inches snow. Wind howled around house during night like the blizzard. All schools and many offices closed. Ohio State didn't open until one o'clock. I finished a plastic rug and started another. Valerie called.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1979 Nice, sunny day. Up to 40°. Some of snow melted. Washed and ironed. Cleaned up some on back porch.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1979 Up to 45°. More snow melted. Washed my plastic rugs. Jeanette was in. Called Bill.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1979 March came in "like a lamb." Some rain during night, gloomy day, but streets are clear. Jeanette was in. Had called a furnace man for Kaiser's - no trouble. Baked cookies. Got so tired of staying home and no one to talk with. Went to Frisch's for dinner. A good fish dinner.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1979 47°, cloudy day. I put clean papers in some of kitchen cupboards. Jeanette brought me a present, a pound of onion sets.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1979 Nice sunny day until rain in late afternoon. Went to Railroad Saving [& Loan]. Closed my account and put it in Ohio State Federal at Indianola Shopping Center. Got a nice piece of luggage -
tote bag. Stopped at grocery. Car has been stopping on me. Got gas, $68.9 [gallon]. Keith adjusted the carburetor.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1979
Supposed to be a rainy day, but sunny and high of 66°. I went to church and took Fleeta - second time I have been there this year. We had our Brunch, pancakes and sausage. Later, I went up to the [Drug] Emporium. Dorothy called - she will be up tomorrow with a friend. Tom won 4 place in District wrestling.

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1979
Dorothy's friend turned out to be Barbara [B.J.]. She is home for a week, before starting a new job. Had her little dog "Cricket" with her. We went down [to Ohio State] and spent some time with Valerie. Barbara bought hamburgers for our lunch here. They left at a quarter 'till three. Afterward Edna Scott came to ask me to go on a cruise with her for a month. I wasn't interested. Much colder today. Dorothy brought me oranges, grapefruit, onions and cauliflower.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1979 Nice, sunny day. I drove to Helen's and she drove on to [Senior] Center to sew. Had our lunch there. In P.M. our foursome met her, Helen Utterback, Helen Rymer, Gerry [Jones]. I had high score.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1978 Lovely day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. My partner bid me to seven no trump and I made it. Frieda called.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1979
Mr. Dickerson washed all the walls. $35.00.

VISITORS TO HOSPITAL This is an unusual page. Gladys simply calls it "Visitors to Hospital." It would appear that she has recorded the visits to her hospital room when she was in, I believe, Riverside Methodist Hospital, recovering from a stroke from September 25 to October 10, 1977. Some visitors were there more than once. I list below her list of visitors followed in some cases by a ( ) indicating the number of visits by that person.

Rev. Shafer (5) Jane Custer
Merle & Raymond Axline Gary & Kathy Cooper
Jeanette Davis Lucille Bolon
Blanche Smith Dorothy Kutchera
Mrs. Skinner Linda Cooper
Clara Dennis

Doris Belknap (5) Helen Utterback (3) Karen
Cooper (2) Gloria Cooper Barbara Kaiser (2) Mary
Grashel Genevieve Emmonds Mr. & Mrs.
Bernard Hatch Tom
Cooper Leona Benton Bill
Cooper

Fleeta Heidorn Ada & Edwin Lewis
Aleta Augenbright Mr. & Mrs. Oyler
Ilo Hathaway Jane Kyle Laura Hardy
Mrs. Paul Don Cooper (many)
Bonnie Rackhold

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1979 Cloudy but only a few sprinkles of rain. I went to grocery - prices are awful. Bill was here for lunch, Don, Ellen, and Linda stopped in evening.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1979 Nice day. Had our foursome here, Nellie, Mable and Gerry. Had poor cards and could not get interested. I am so tired tonight.
SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 1979 Snow flurries and a little sunshine. Much colder. I went to church and took Fleeta. Called Bill to find out what Dr. told him Friday. Dr. said he was doing fine. How thankful I am.


TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1979 Went to Center to sew. Took Helen Utterback. Stopped at Indianola Shopping Center. Rain on way home. Didn't last long.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1979 Went at nine o'clock for a permanent. $15.00. Stopped at grocery. Went in to Jeanette's. Had to get two substitutes for bridge on Saturday.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1979 Nice day, but 17° - roads and streets slippery. Had almost \( \frac{1}{2} \) inch snow during night. Dorothy came soon after ten - went for Valerie about 4:30. Both here for dinner. Had a nice evening and a fire. Got my new drapes from Aero - $273.38. Like them very much - Tom's [Nelson] money. [Tom Nelson of Phoenix, married to Gladys's cousin, Florence, left Gladys $1,000 in his will.]

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1979 Beautiful day. Dorothy and Valerie left about 9:30. I went to drug store, post office, library and Kroger's. Raked front yard and sowed some grass seed. Dorothy's 51st birthday.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1979 Lovely day. Went to Stew Harrison's for lunch and bridge. I have to drive myself since Gerry won't go with me. [They had had a dispute awhile back.]

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1979 A beautiful day. I went to church and took Fleeta. Helen [Utterback] and I were greeters. After I came home, planted a pound of onions. Later, I raked side yard. Warm enough to work out[side] without a sweater.

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1979 Nice day. Put a big apple pie in freezer to take Thursday. Put more clean papers in cupboards. Went to Golden Crest. After I came home, raked back yard. Took a book to Jeanette, then she came over to see my new drapes.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1979 A nice day. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Helen drove. In P.M. we had bridge at Helen Utterback's. I was low. Jeanette was in and brought me two pounds onions.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1979 First day of spring and a beautiful one - 67°. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Such a good dinner and some good cards. After I came home planted more onions. Took a short walk after dinner.
THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1979

Nice spring day. Baked a big apple pie - went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a nice time. Stopped at bank and Super-Duper [grocery]. [Christopher Rehl's 12th birthday.]

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1979 Little rain began about noon. Cleared off by evening. I went to Kroger's - left a bag of groceries in cart and had to go back. Planted rest of onions - now 3 pounds. Swept garage. Washed a washer of rugs.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1979 Miserable, gloomy day and some rain. Swept and dusted house. John and Karen called.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 1979
Snow squalls all morning. Went to church. A long day.

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1979 Cold. 27° and snow flurries. Dorothy and Dick came last evening with Valerie. Dick took her things to dormitory [at Ohio State] she had left here. Dick put in a double, stainless steel sink for me. He worked from nine 'till five. Dorothy and I had to go to hardware store and get a piece. Looks very nice. They left at seven. Karen stopped.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1979 Nice, sunny day but cool. I cleaned out fireplace. Went to University Wives bridge. Had a nice time. Don came over in evening.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1979 Warmer. Went to Beauty Parlor - stopped at bank and grocery. In P.M. put in fertilizer on front yard and sowed grass seed. Raked the side yard.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1979 Cloudy and a little rain. I went to Doctor Bope. In afternoon went to two banks, one to put money on checking account.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1979 Cloudy day. 72° in P.M. Man came from Aero [Draperies] to adjust my drapes. I didn't feel too good. Didn't do much. Worked some on curtains for one of Bill's bedrooms.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1979 A little rain and very cloudy. Put clean papers in bathroom. Went to bridge at Stew Harrison's. I drove and took Fleeta [Heidorn]. Nellie was hostess.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1979 Cloudy and rain began in afternoon. Rained hard. I went to church and took Fleeta. Had our Brunch afterward. Don and Dorothy called.

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1979 Rained all night, but cleared off in morning. Very windy. I did the laundry. In afternoon went to see Edith [Walter]. After I came home went in to Jeanette's.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1979 Nice day, but cool. Went to Center to sew. I drove. Home at two o'clock. Don called. Later Bill called.
Rain began in morning. Really pouring when I went to Golf Course. It makes me so mad, the way Gerry has treated me and won't ride with me. In evening Barbara Kaiser came over and brought me two grapefruit.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1979 Nice day - still cool. I worked on Bill's curtains. Put Liquid Gold on some of kitchen woodwork. Went to luncheon at church. Stopped at Pill Box and grocery. Too long a line to get auto license.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1979 Sunny day, but a cold wind. Very high wind during night. Went to grocery in morning. Long sleep in P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1979 Still cold. Did more woodwork in kitchen. Went to our foursome at Nellie's. Had third score.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 1979 Such sore toes, can hardly wear a shoe. Went to church. Palm Sunday. A long, long day.

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1979 Miserable day - snow in morning. Went to Circle meeting. Stopped to get auto license - still too long a line and came home. Karen called.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1979 Much nicer day, sunny and warm. Went to Center to sew. Helen drove. We three went to Gerry's for bridge. I was second.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1979 Went at nine to have my hair done. Stopped at Indianola [Avenue] to get car license. Line in to street. I went on to [Drug] Emporium drug store, then to Beechwold Hardware. Got license there, only six ahead. Man came in P.M. to see about gravel in yard. Will replace some of shrubbery. Went to Jeanette's but no one came to door. Don invited me for Easter.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1979 Nice day. First I have been home all day for two weeks. Made two pillows for Bill. Worked out some, picked up sticks in yard. Jeanette was over in P.M. Don came in evening and brought me cookies.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1979 Went to two banks and to Kroger's. Rain began about noon, all day and until bedtime. Worked on some white curtains for my bedroom.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1979 Nice, sunny day after an inch of rain yesterday. Finished and hung the white curtains in my bedroom. Washed mattress cover and quilt on my bed. Worked out a while. Called Bill and Dorothy.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1979 A cold Easter Sunday, but no rain. I went to church. Came home and changed clothes, then went to Don's for dinner. Home at 3:30. Bill called from Gloria's. Lucy called at nine and talked over an hour.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1979 Nice, sunny day. I went to Center to sew. In P.M. to Helen Rymer's for bridge. I drove to Center.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1979 Sunny, but still cool. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I had second score.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1979 Beautiful day. Went to grocery - noticed one tire was low. Stopped at Keith's [Sunoco Service Station] - it [the station] could take car for a check-up. He came home with me and took car back. Cost me $29.52. Not as much as I thought. Walked to mailbox after dinner - first time for a long time.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1979 Beautiful day. Made three small pie shells. Ellen took me to Doctor Norris [eyes]. Come back in a year. Battery dead, had to get help. $8.00, which I paid. Also, $1.00 for gasoline. Ate on porch for first time and had the window open at night.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1979 Baked cookies. Took some to Kaiser's. Worked out[s]ome. Lewis' came home. Nice to see the neighbors out, and [to be able to] eat on porch.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 1979 Nice day. I went to church and took Fleeta. She took me to dinner at the Bonanza. We stopped at Woolco's and [Drug] Emporium. [Both out of business today.] Got eight tomato plants for $1.00. My car turned 19,000 miles.

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 1979 Didn't do anything today. Slept a lot and watched T. V. Got so tired yesterday - needed the rest. Mr. Lewis brought me some things from Florida - told me they think of moving there.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1979 Really a warm day. I put Liquid Gold on woodwork in bathroom and some furniture in front room. Went to University Wives bridge. Had a nice afternoon. Richard [Davis] mowed grass.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1979 About the warmest day we have had. Had my hair done and went to Kroger's. Took a long sleep in P.M. Some days I can't do much. Sat on front porch for first time. [Patricia "Trish" Cooper's 20th birthday. Not yet married, but dating.]

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1979 Rain during night and some during day. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a good lunch and enjoyed it. Stopped at Shopping Center. Pill Box going out of business. Got Hallmark cards at half price.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1979 58°. Nice day, but a little cool. Edna Scott had a garage sale. I didn't do much. Ruth Young brought me grapefruit and tomatoes from Florida. Before dinner I walked to the school house [Glemmont Elementary]. Later, to mailbox. Ate the last of my frozen tomatoes.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1979 Sunny and cloudy day. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Food poor. Had low score. Took Fleeta, she insisted on giving me $5.00. Cold this evening.
SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1979 Lovely day, but still cool. Went to church and stayed for coffee hour. Stopped at Super-Duper. Jeanette brought me a small loaf of cinnamon bread.

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1979 Beautiful day - still cool. Baked cookies - some for dinner at church. Took Fleeta to get her glasses, then we went to Kroger's. Called Bill about coming down on Friday.

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1979 Another lovely, sunny day. Went to Center to sew. Helen drove. The two Helen's and Gerry came here for bridge. Had poor cards - low score. Took walk after dinner.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1979 Really lovely day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Took a walk after dinner. CHARLES' 80th BIRTHDAY. Dorothy, Don, and Karen called.

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1979 A miserable, rainy day. Washed and ironed. Went to bank and got some groceries to take to Bill.

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1979 Miserable, rainy day. Ellen came at twelve to take me to Bill's. We ate lunch at Ponderosa in Lancaster. She took me to show me "Akita," their church camp. Got to Bill's at 2:30. The boys [Kay's two boys, Brian and Chris] are with their mother. Watched a movie.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1979 Did some mending for Bill, and got some curtains hung for him. A lovely day. Sat on porch in evening. Had nice visit. Club met. Frieda was hostess.

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1979 Another beautiful day. We went to church at Sugar Grove. Enjoyed it. Ellen came down after one. Kay brought boys back at twelve. Home at 2:30. Had such a nice weekend.


TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1979 A real summer day. Went to Center to sew. Helen [Utterback] drove. In P.M. I set out more flowers along drive and in the evening put out eight tomato plants. Took a walk in evening - talked with Edna Scott. Don couldn't get me and called Davis'.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1979 Really hot. Had my hair done. Set out rest of flowers along drive. Planted a row of beans. Washed the car and Jeanette brought hers over and washed it. Called Oakland Park for third time.

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1979 Another hot day. Richard took out storm windows, put in screens and washed the windows. $10.00, including mowing grass. Yesterday I set out 5 more tomato plants Don gave me. Planted
beans by fence and some radish seed Richard gave me. Carole [Hoffman] and I took a walk and stopped at Mrs. Cochran's.

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1979 Really a heat wave for May. Went to grocery early. Didn't do much. Getting flower pots washed. Jeanette and Marva [Jeanette's daughter] were in. I was over there in evening. Ruth Young came over and brought us each two grapefruit.

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1979 Home all day. Didn't do much. Hard rain in afternoon. Much cooler!

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1979
Quite cool but no rain. Mother's Day. I left for Don's at 8:15 to go to early church with them. Ellen's parents and Trish - we all went to Worthington Inn for dinner. Had such a good Smorgasbord. Went back to Don's. Home about four. Took a walk around the Circle [several streets in the neighborhood]. Bill and Karen called. Cards from Valerie and John. Turned the furnace up.

MONDAY, MAY 14, 1979
Lovely, sunny day and warmer. I washed a washer; washer would not work right and called a service man. Went to Circle [at church]. Took three [women] home since Helen had car trouble. Got gasoline, $.79.9 a gallon. Went to mailbox. Didn't feel like a walk.

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1979 Beautiful day, but still cool. I went to Northland [Shopping Center], bought a house dress, slippers, etc. Had lunch at Lazarus. Walked so much, was so tired when I got home. Richard mowed yard.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1979 Another lovely day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Our last regular meeting. Highs took lows to lunch. Evelyn took me, a nice surprise. I thought I would have to take someone. Man came about washer. Couldn't find much wrong - put on a new knob. $22.72. Walked to schoolhouse after dinner. Cold in house. Wrapped up a nice scarf Linda made me. No mail for three days.


FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1979 Another beautiful day. Oakland Park came and replaced shrubbery and put down gravel. Took a walk with [Carole].

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1979 Went to grocery, drug store and post office. Baked cupcakes - took some to Davis'. Slept in P.M., only to mailbox. Don's had a garage sale.

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 1979 Need rain, still lovely weather. I went to church and took Fleeta. In P.M. we went to funeral home for Mrs. Skinner [who was 100 years old]. Watered the new shrubbery. Jeanette and Barbara sat on porch awhile.

MONDAY, MAY 21, 1979 Baked cookies - took some to Young's. Didn't feel too good. Slept in P.M. Don invited Dorothy and me to dinner on Wednesday.
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 1979 Rainy day. I went to the grocery in the rain. Dorothy came at 10:30. We went to Don's for dinner. A good dinner and a nice evening. Mrs. Meyer across street died. On Wednesday. On Tuesday went to University Wives bridge.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1979 Another cold, rainy day. Had the furnace on. Bill came about 10:30 and we all had lunch here. He fixed light in my bedroom closet. Dorothy helped me put up strings for my beans.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1979 Am mixed up. Dorothy came on Wednesday and we went to Don's. Bill was here on Thursday. Furnace on.

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1979 A miserable, cold day. Have the furnace on. Went to Memorial Service with Young's for Mrs. Meyer. Furnace on.

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1979 Rain stopped and sun came out, but still cool. I went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's and took Fleeta. Had good cards and was second. $.75. Margaret was hostess. After I came home swept drive and picked up sticks. Barbara [Kaiser] was in and Carole brought me a piece of her birthday cake.

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1979 Raining when I got up and still raining when I went to church. I took Fleeta. She took me to Frisch's for dinner. Came up here and stayed 'till four and I took her home. Cleared off in P.M.

MONDAY, MAY 28, 1979 Memorial Day. Some sunshine. Windy and cool. Washed and ironed. Dorothy and Dick brought Valerie back and were here for lunch. Dick fixed holder for hose plus oiled garage door. Richard mowed grass.


WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1979 82°. Beautiful day. Fleeta and I went to cemetery. All my flowers are gone. We went on to Kroger's. Jeanette was in.

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1979 Rainy day, went to bridge at Mable Turner's. Got lost on way. Had second score. Cooked a chicken for salad tomorrow. Wasn't out of house all evening.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1979 Cloudy but no rain. I had Ilo [Hathaway] here for lunch. Had chicken salad - she stayed 'till after three. We had a good time talking about our substituting [in the Columbus Public Schools].

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1979 Beautiful day. Went to bank and grocery. Planted more beans and squash. Karen called.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 1979 Lovely day. Got up early and baked a cake. Lucille Little and I were hostesses at [church] Brunch - 18 with Shafers [minister and wife]. Carole came down selling strawberries. Didn't feel very good. Went in to Jeanette's in evening.
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1979 Did washing and ironing. Still didn't feel too good. Carole and I walked to the schoolhouse. Mrs. Cochran sent me rhubarb.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 1979 Warm day. Went to Center to sew. Took Helen Rymer and Helen Utterback. Received a gold star for over 100 hours volunteer work. On way home car began to smoke. Got to Keith's - a small pipe broke on hose. Left it and walked home. Went back after supper. $8.05.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1979 Hard rain during night and some thunder storms during day. Dorothy came at 10:30. Valerie didn't come for dinner or overnight. Made a rhubarb pie. Had my hair done. We looked at slides in evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1979 Cloudy day. Dorothy left at nine. Made a rhubarb pie to take to church. Went there to a pot luck in evening. Had so many pies hardly any of mine eaten. Took Fleeta - home before dark.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 1979 Gloomy day until after noon. Don came at 2:30 and we went to the [Drug] Emporium. To his house for Linda's 14th birthday. Stopped at cemetery on way over. He brought me home on way to his wine class. [Amateur Winemaker's Guild.] Left my package from Emporium in his car. I feel so low tonight - our anniversary tomorrow and time we would have gone to cottage. Don't expect to see it again. Called Bill about his Doctor's appointment.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1979 Our 56th wedding anniversary. Now Charles has been gone almost ten years, and I have grown old. A humid, hot day. I swept the house all over - getting ready for Monday. Rain in evening.


MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1979 So much cooler since the rain. Had my church Circle here - 10 of us, ate on porch. Storm yesterday ruined one of my big tomatoes.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 1979 Cool! House is really cold. Beautiful day. Left at nine for Center to sew. Picked up Helen Rymer. Helen Utterback drove. In P.M. played bridge at Helen Utterback's. I was second.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1979 Nice day, but still cool. Cold in house. Washed a washer, went to Super-Duper, got gasoline. Took down strings we had put up for beans. Last one of my nice [frozen] tomatoes. Didn't see anyone to speak to all day. Dorothy and Dick's 26th wedding anniversary.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1979 Some warmer. Did the ironing. Home all day. Enjoy sitting in back yard.
FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1979
Lovely day. Went to post office, drug store and Kroger's.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1979 Baked cookies and took some to Lewis'. Planted more beans. Much warmer.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 1979 Church is at ten now. Went to church, took Fleeta. We stayed for coffee hour. Then we went to Bonanza for dinner. A little rain in evening. Don took John to Put-in-Bay for summer school. [John, a microbiology major, spent six weeks at the OSD Research Station on tiny Gibraltar Island just offshore from South Bass Island.]

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 1979 Nice day. Made potato salad and went to potluck at Golden Crest. All my big tomatoes have blossoms.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 1979 Some warmer today. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Took both Helen's. Channel 4 took pictures. Our service Circle pictures on six o'clock news. Walked down Wynding to Glenmont.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1979 Hot day. Had my hair done, then went to bridge at Golf Course. Had some good cards - was second. Don came in evening to say "goodbye" before leaving Friday [for cottage in Wisconsin]. A storm and warnings in evening. A much needed rain.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1979
Had to sweep drive and pick up sticks after storm last evening. Didn't do much, cleaned drawers in my dresser. Paid bills and taxes. Sink stopped up - had to call a plumber. Cost $20.00. Leona called in evening and talked an hour and forty-five minutes. Had storm warnings again, but cleared off later.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 1979
Nice, warm day. Went to grocery, got medicine and could not open it with safety cap. Helen and I went to free dinner for Volunteers who had over 100 hours. I drove to her house. Was not impressed with the dinner. Home at 6:15. Don, Ellen, Linda and Linda's guest left today for cottage. John at Put-in-Bay. Tom is staying home.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1979 Lovely day and cooler. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Took Fleeta. Had high score. Merle [Axline] was hostess. Later Tom called to tell me he was home. Wanda [Ochs] called and talked an hour. Heavy robe felt good in evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 1979 51° and really chilly. Went to church and took Fleeta. After dinner went to funeral home for Jane Custer's mother. Up to mailbox, called Marvene [Shonting]. Bill called from Gloria's. So glad to hear from him. Have the furnace on.

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 1979 43°, a record low. Had furnace on awhile. Did washing and hung the clothes outside. Scrubbed the porch. Took a walk after dinner, down Wynding [Drive] to Glenmont [Road].

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1979 Beautiful day. Had a miserable night and didn't feel good. Did go to Super-Duper. Spent most of day on davenport. Letter from Don.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1979
Another nice day. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Jeanette came over.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 1979 Gloomy
day. Storm and rain in morning. Went to two banks.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1979 Rained almost all day, and so gloomy. Didn't do much. Called Marvene for some one to talk with. Watched a movie in the afternoon.

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1979 Cool, gloomy day. I went for Fleeta - she had time mixed up and wasn't ready. We were almost late. Had our Brunch afterward. Then, Fleeta and I went to cemetery. I stopped at grocery on way home. So cold and gloomy in house, slept two hours.

MONDAY, JULY 2, 1979 Sun finally came out in afternoon, but cool in house. Cleaned part of kitchen carpet. Barbara Kaiser came over, only person I saw to speak to.

TUESDAY, JULY 3, 1979
Went to Center to sew - made nine squares. Helen drove.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 1979 Storm and rain in early morning. So gloomy and dark until sun came out in P.M. Too cool to sit out - did work in yard awhile. A long day - saw no one to speak to.

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 1979 Nice day, but still cool. Had my hair done, then to grocery and bank. I bought a $6,000 certificate after lunch, washed the car. Too cool to sit out.

FRIDAY, JULY 6, 1979 Baked an apple pie. Bill came around eleven, was here for lunch. After he came from Doctor in P.M., [he] resurfaced drive. Karen came in P.M. Both here for dinner. Karen and I walked to schoolhouse [on Glennmont Road]. Sat on porch - she left about a quarter 'till ten. 46° this morning.

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 1979 Beautiful day, some warmer. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. I took Fleeta. She would buy my lunch. Richard mowed the grass. I had low score at bridge. Florence was hostess. Went to Jeanette's in evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 1979 Beautiful day. Went to church. Was a greeter at west door. In evening Jeanette came over and brought me a piece of cake.
MONDAY, JULY 9, 1979 Rain during night. A dark, gloomy day. Washed, ironed and baked cookies.

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 1979 Hard rain about seven didn't last too long. Went to Center to sew. Took Helen Rymer. Stopped at grocery. Tom was here for dinner. Went over to Jeanette's after he left.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 1979 Hot and humid. I coughed about all night. First cold I have had for a long time. Didn't do much. Felt better in evening - walked a mile.

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1979 Another hot, humid day. Have had laryngitis and don't do much. Richard brought me wood from a bush he cut down at Scott's.

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1979 A miserable, gloomy day. Got gasoline, stamps, medicine and went to two groceries. Gas is $.87. Invited to Jeanette's for a picnic supper. Had to eat indoors. Had a good dinner. Came home about eight o'clock.

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1979 Another hot day. I swept and dusted. The squirrels have pulled off two of my nice tomatoes. Barbara Kaiser over. Ada, Jeanette and I went to two garage sales on Wynding [Drive]. Didn't buy anything. Ruth Young here in evening. Barbara Kaiser and I walked around the Circle.

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 1979 Still hot and humid. I didn't sleep from one 'till after five. Went to church. Home rest of day, except to Jeanette's a little while in evening. The weekends are long.

MONDAY, JULY 16, 1979 Last night was the worst I can remember. Washed a washer and hung clothes out. Went to Northland. Got two dresses, one a sun dress. Hose on sale, an afghan for someone for Christmas, and a book for Colleen's birthday. Good to get home.

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1979 Some cooler, less humid. Left at nine for Center. Helen drove. In P.M. we played bridge at Helen Utterback's. Gerry sure shirks her turn! Helen Rymer and I tied - divided, two low scores, $.15 apiece. Edna Scott left her car on my drive. She and Barbara were here in evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1979 A perfect day. Had my hair done at nine and went on to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Glad I don't have to take Gerry, get home quicker by Henderson Road. Squirrels taking all my bigger tomatoes.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1979 Didn't feel too good, and didn't do much. Some clean papers in cupboards and mending. Watched Miss Universe [Pageant] in evening.

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 1979 Hotter today. In P.M. Helen and I went to see Mrs. Pegg and stopped at [Drug] Emporium.

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 1979 Went to church and stopped at grocery. Bill called in the morning - he came up for dinner and stayed until 3:30. A storm in evening.

MONDAY, JULY 23, 1979 Very hot. Had to go to Super-Duper for rolled oats for cookies. Tom was here for dinner. John came home from Lake Erie and didn't take second term. Tom went after him.

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 1979 Another hot day. I didn't feel like going to sewing. Have such a bad cold. Went to drug store and got cough medicine. Went to Gerry's in P.M. for our foursome. I was high. Rained all evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 1979 A miserable, dark, humid day. Put three small rhubarb pies in freezer. Tom brought me the rhubarb.

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1979 Hot, humid weather continues. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Don called in evening.

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1979 Don't know when we had had such hot, humid weather. Poured rain all morning. Carole and I took a walk in evening. Don called again. John called and will take me to bus. Invited me to ride to Wisconsin with him and Trish, but not equal to a long trip. Called Dorothy to tell her John would take me to bus. [Richard "Dick" Kutchera's 55th birthday.]

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1979 Another rainy day. I was hostess at bridge at Stew Harrison's. Fleeta is gone, so I went alone. Raining when we left and poured all evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 1979 Rained almost all night. Not quite so humid. Went to church, home rest of day. Barbara Kaiser came over.

MONDAY, JULY 30, 1979 Another hot, humid day. Went to post office, drug store and Kroger's. Washed a washer and hung the clothes outside.

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1979 I think the hottest day yet. Went to Center and in P.M. played bridge at Helen Rymer's. I drove. I was almost sick with the heat. [Gladys had no central air conditioning in her home. She did have a window unit in her bedroom.]

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1979 Got a permanent in morning. $ 17.00. John and Trish came soon after one to take me to bus station. Before we got to Sharonville, a bad storm, rain poured when I got off bus, water running about 6 feet across. Could not get in station, walked to high ground, but could not get through water. A young man in a car took me to door. Dick was delayed getting there. Dorothy had a good dinner. Donna came over.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1979 We took Valerie to work, then Dorothy, Jeremy, and I did some errands. In evening all of them went to rehearsal. Afterward had a party here. The food and relish tray Dorothy had ordered wasn't ready an hour and half before Dick got home with food. It was very good, about 20 here.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1979 We took Valerie to work. Chuck took Jeremy and was gone all morning. B.J. and Gary [Novak] came about 1:15. Wedding [of Chuck and Donna] was beautiful and church pretty well filled. A reception afterward. Mrs. Kutchera and I went with B.J. and Gary.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1979 Still hot weather. We were all tired after the wedding. Didn't do much. Hal came in evening to see Valerie. Dorothy made ice cream. I left about nine for home with B.J. and Gary. We were here before eleven. Kacy [cat] was glad to see me.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 1979 B.J. and Gary left at nine. I went to church and took Fleeta. Had our Brunch afterward and pictures of Alaska trip. Hard rain in afternoon.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 1979 Another hot day. Went to grocery and bank. Washed, ironed, and scrubbed porch. Had my first meal of beans from garden. Squirrels still taking tomatoes.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1979 90°, hottest day yet. Went to Center to sew. Stopped at Super-Duper. Helen drove. [Colleen Cooper's 22nd birthday.]


THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 1979 Heat continues. I don't do anything. Made a zucchini casserole.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 1979 Went to grocery. Too hot to do any work. Jeanette brought me a glass of blackberry jelly.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1979 Rained all night a good part of day. The heat wave broken.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 1979 Much cooler - covers felt good last night. Went to church. Leona [Benton] came for me and we went to funeral home to see Ina McCormack.


TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1979 Beautiful day, still cool. Went to Center to sew, took both Helen's. I drove. They came here for bridge with Gerry. Didn't leave until after 5:30. I had low score.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1979 Another nice day, but still cool. Had my hair done, then went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. When I came home two of my nicest tomatoes on ground and partly eaten. The squirrels have been terrible this year taking tomatoes. House so cold, I turned furnace on. [Barbara Jean "B.J." Novak's 22nd birthday.]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1979 46° tied low record. I washed a washer and hung clothes outside. Had furnace on in evening.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1979 Still cool. Went to Super-Duper. Richard mowed grass. Don't feel too good - have fallen twice, that worries me. Kind of wobbly.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1979 Rained a lot during night. I went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's - took Fleeta. Only a few sprinkles during day. Had my first tomato from garden. Jeanette was over in evening. Lucy called and talked over an hour.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 1979 Nice day, sun finally came out. Went to church, home rest of day. Weekends are long.


TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1979 Pretty nice day after the hard rain yesterday. Went to Center to sew. Helen drove. In P.M. we played bridge at her house. I was second. Barbara Kaiser over in evening.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1979 A gloomy day - some drizzle in evening. Didn't do anything. Picked two tomatoes just beginning to turn before the squirrel gets them. Mr. Myers brought me some tomatoes. Don and Ellen on way home [from cottage in Wisconsin].

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1979 Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a good lunch and nice time. Stopped at Super-Duper, and also got my driver's license. A very hard rain about dinner time. Never saw it rain much harder. Called Bill. '

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 1979 Don called just as I was getting up. They got home at eleven last night. Went to library and Kroger's. In the evening Carole and I started to take a walk, rain came up, really got wet.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1979 Nice day. Didn't do much. Put three containers of tomatoes in freezer. Had some given me. Carole and I took a walk to school house. Farthest I have gone yet.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1979 A miserable, rainy, gloomy day. Went to church. Don came over in P.M. Brought me \( \frac{1}{2} \) gallon of frozen blueberries. Bill called, he remembered it was 10 years today since Charles left me. I will never get over missing him. Ilo [Hathaway] remembers every year.
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 1979 Gloomy morning, sun came out in P.M. I washed and ironed. Baked bran muffins - took some to Mr. Myers. Barbara [Kaiser] was over. Picked three tomatoes, had a good meal of beans from garden. Had furnace checked. $50.00. Dorothy called. [Kay Rehl's 30th birthday.]

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1979 Went to Center to sew. I drove and took Helen Utterback. Severe storm warnings.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1979 Another gloomy, humid day - a little sunshine. Had my hair done. Baked a carrot cake.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1979 At last a nice, sunny day. Washed the car. Had beans from garden. Have had several meals of beans. Took some bean vines down from garage.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1979 Another nice day. 86°. I went to Dr. Bope and stopped at cemetery. Carole and I walked a mile in evening. My birthday cards have started to come.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1979 Sunny, hot day. Went to drug store and Kroger's. Then to lunch and bridge at [Stew] Harrison's [Restaurant]. I drove and took Fleeta. She bought my lunch. Barbara Kaiser was over. Don called and invited me for dinner on Monday. More cards and a check book holder from B J. and Gary [Novak].

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1979 Nice day. Went to church and Brunch. They gave me some flowers from church for my birthday. Don, Tom, and Linda stopped to look at furniture in basement. My car making a bad noise. Went over to Jeanette's in evening. Bill called for my birthday. Some kid ran a stop sign and mashed up Gary's truck, but he wasn't hurt.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1979 MY 80th BIRTHDAY and one of nicest I have had. Helen [Utterback] took me to Bill Knapps's [Restaurant] for lunch. 80% off and given a nice chocolate cake. Played "Happy Birthday" over loud speaker. Fleeta and Leona came in and stayed until 3:30. Don came at four and took me there for dinner. Had [northern] pike from cottage, and Ellen had a delicious birthday cake. Don brought me home. Lots of cards, one of nicest birthdays I have had. Many cards.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1979 Another hot day. I took my car to Keith's. Helen came for me and we went to sew. In P.M. played bridge at Helen Rymer's. I was 2nd. Helen brought me to get car, had a broken water pump. With anti-freeze and labor cost $77.09. Picked six tomatoes. They are ripening fast this warm weather. More birthday cards.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1979 Still hot weather. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Jeanette and Barbara came over in evening. Watered some shrubbery. 17 birthday cards.
24 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1979 Hot weather continues. Went to bank and Super-Duper. Pulled up my beans, cooked some and had a container to put in freezer. Put three more containers of tomatoes in freezer. [John Cooper's 21\textsuperscript{th} birthday.]

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1979 Lovely day and cooler. I went to post office and Kroger's. Swept and dusted house. Walked around block after dinner.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1979 Beautiful day and cooler. Turned furnace on. More tomatoes in freezer - now 17. Probably be last ones. Washed two washers - all things on my bed. Hung clothes outside. Started an afghan. Did not care to go to block party. Don and Ellen's 22\textsuperscript{nd} wedding anniversary. Watched "Miss America" Pageant until twelve.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1979 Beautiful day, went to church and took Fleeta. Then, we went to the Bonanza for dinner. Ada Lewis and Barbara Kaiser over. Have furnace on.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1979 Beautiful day. Baked two big apple pies (Mountain Top) for Circle. Hattie Bonar and I were hostesses. Watched "Holocaust" in evening. Richard mowed grass.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1979 Another lovely day. Went to Center to sew. Helen drove. Went to nurse and blood pressure way up. She called Doctor. He said to come in tomorrow. Worries me. We played bridge at Helen's, with Fleeta. I had low score.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1979 Another nice day. Had my hair done, then went to Dr. Bope. He 'phoned two prescriptions to pharmacy for my high blood pressure. After lunch went to drug store for them, and to Kroger's. This high blood pressure worries me.

Didn't feel good, so did no more than necessary. John and Trish came to see me in afternoon. Began to rain about four o'clock. Kept it up all night.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1979 Rained hard all night. 5 inches some places. Places flooded and schools closed.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1979 Went down to Senior Citizens [Center] in P.M. Had blood pressure rechecked. Much better. 156. Swept drive. Didn't do much - swept drive. Don't feel like doing much.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1979 Nice day. Spent most of morning on davenport. Baked a pie. (store one). Dorothy and Dick came about three, they brought Valerie back to school. We had a good dinner.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1979 Beautiful day. Dick put carpet down in my bathroom (birthday present). Bill was here for dinner. Had such a nice day. All left about 3:30.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1979 Beautiful day. Went to Golden Crest. Can't get my checkbook balanced. Kaiser's came home - Barbara over.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1979 Another beautiful day. Helen [Utterback] drove to Center. Jeanette went too. Helen Rymer gave Helen and me a loaf of bread. She was called home because of her granddaughter's death. Swept drive. Went to nurse - blood pressure 158/66, but don't feel too good.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1979 Lovely fall weather. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had a good meal. Karen, Dorothy, and Don called. I feel better today.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1979 Made zucchini bread. Jeanette took me to lunch at Old Worthington Inn. Stopped at [Drug] Emporium. Don't feel so good today. Took a long sleep.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1979 Didn't do much of anything. Don't feel well. Slept most of day on davenport.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1979 Went to bank and Super-Duper. Don't feel like doing much. In evening Don called - he took me to emergency room at Riverside [Hospital]. Had lots of tests. Was admitted about two o'clock. Temperature 103°.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1979 Have a nice roommate, Mrs. Casey from Worthington. Poor meals. Don was in.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1979 Put me on I. V. No food. Several doctors in but they tell you nothing. Don and Karen here. Poor night.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1979 Mrs. Casey left and I miss her. More doctors. No news. So hungry. Gerry [Jones, from her bridge "foursome"] came and brought me a card and booties. A woman from Senior Center came and brought two books. Don and Ellen came.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1979 A Dr. Wolf here, real early to look at my leg. Inflamed nerve. Will give me a shot. Took I.V. out, and said I could go home tomorrow. In afternoon Axlines [Merle and Raymond], Edna [Scott], and Don came. Had my lunch and dinner today.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1979 Home today. All the "retinue" of doctors in. Don came for me about twelve. Dorothy came soon afterward. Barbara Kaiser in. Put some things away. [Gary Cooper's 28th birthday.]

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1979 Rainy. Miserable day. Many leaves falling. Helen [Utterback] came and brought me roses. We took some things to Valerie, and took her shopping - took her a long time. She brought me a little jade plant. We stopped at bank, but too busy. Went to Kroger's. Home at five. Felt better today, never lay down. Don called.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1979 Cloudy but sun came out in P.M. We didn't do anything special. Don and Jeanette were here. Missed bridge today. Valerie ran a 10 mile race.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1979

Beautiful day. Dorothy and I went to church. Met in basement while sanctuary painted. Barbara [Kaiser], Carole [Hoffman], Edna [Scott] here. Edna Scott gave me zucchini bread. We took a walk, met some neighbors. Ada [Lewis] also was here. Frieda [Cooper, from Phoenix] called. I had planned to call her later. Bill called, his yard sale was pretty successful, Dorothy and I sat on porch in afternoon.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1979

Beautiful day. Dorothy and I went to two banks and Kroger's. Had a surprise, got a nice wall clock at one bank for deposit. Dorothy raked front yard twice, and I put on "Turf Builder." So nice out - still have nice tomatoes. Felt better today, than have yet.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1979

Gloomy morning - rain during night. Sun came out in P.M. Bill was here for lunch. Dorothy put clean papers in top shelves, cleaned coils on refrigerator. Potted some flowers.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1979

Gloomy day. But no rain Dorothy and I went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I drove. The worst meal we have ever had there. After we came home, Judy McLean brought me a glass bowl.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1979

A rainy, gloomy day. Dorothy and I went to grocery and bank. Then to Northland. She took me to lunch at Buckeye Room. I bought a pair shoes and ordered a red pair. Bought a rust colored dress with a jacket. Jeanette was in. Rain in evening.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1979

Gloomy day - little sunshine. Dorothy left about nine - sure miss her. Valerie had four wisdom teeth extracted. I got several little things done. Never saw anyone around here all day.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1979

A little sunshine, but mostly gloomy and windy. Karen was here for lunch. She raked leaves in front yard and I swept drive. Barbara Kaiser came over in evening.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1979

Nice day, but cool. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Not so many there. Took a long sleep.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1979

Nice day with a thunderstorm in evening. I washed a washer and did part of ironing. Took up tomatoes next to Lewis'. Went to Circle meeting. Started my afghan over. Hard to get started. Bill called to see how I am. Have felt more like myself today.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1979

A miserable, dark rainy day. I drove to Center - no sewing because of an antique show. We came home, did a few odd jobs. Went to Gerry's for bridge in P.M. I was high.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1979

Fairly nice day. Had my hair done and stopped at grocery. Took down rest of tomatoes and cut off the peonies. Swept the drive. Richard mowed grass.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1979

A miserable, gloomy day. Home all day. Saw no one.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1979 Turned out to be a nice day. I went to Kroger's, post office, and library. Richard put storm windows in and washed windows. Charged me $15.00 including mowing grass. He charges more all the time.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1979 A nice day, but cool around 45°. I swept and dusted the house. Saw no one to speak to all day until Barbara Kaiser came over about six and stayed an hour.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1979 A nice day, cool. I went to church. Swept the drive and put out trash. A good book to read. Princess [Hatch - member of former 'dinner' bridge club] and Don called.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1979 A nice day, but cool. I washed one washer and did part of ironing. Went to Golden Crest. A small crowd, got bored with slides and came home. Stopped at grocery. Bill called.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1979 Not so cold. Some drizzle. Went to Center to sew. They came here for bridge. I was second.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1979 Gloomy morning. Sun came out and nice day. Up to 71°. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had a good meal. After I came home, swept driveway.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1979 Beautiful - almost 75°. Home all day. Finished ironing, cleaned up back porch. Made bran muffins - spaded garden next to garage. Ada [Lewis] brought me cookies.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1979 Another mild, lovely day. I took a sleeping pill in night and didn't wake up until 9:20. Don called at ten. He took me to lunch and we did some errands. [He] spaded garden next to Davis'.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1979 Spaded rest of garden. Cleaned up more leaves. 80°.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1979 80° again. Trees are beautiful and leaves falling fast. Went to church. Home rest of day. Valerie called.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1979 82°. Could work out[side] without a sweater. Cleaned up more leaves. They are falling so fast.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1979 Much colder and very windy. Helen Utterback and I went to Center to sew. I drove and took her to lunch. Had a glaucoma test. Went to nurse - blood pressure 176/74 in left arm, 170/74 in right.


FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1979 Home all day, until evening. Went to Gerry Gifford's for dinner with Edith and Bill - the four left from our [original] bridge club. Started 51 years ago. A delicious dinner and nice time.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1979 Lovely day. I raked all the back yard - took a part at a time. Carried 10 bags from there and emptied in front. So many hardly know where to put them. Watered more shrubbery. [Gloria Cooper's 55th birthday.]

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1979 A little rain during night, but beautiful day. Went to church. So sleepy could hardly stay awake. Stayed for coffee hour. Wasn't in mood for leaves. Slept almost two hours. Put out trash and did some leaves. Clocks turned back one hour.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1979 Beautiful day. I got the leaves cleaned up around garage and front yard. Have raked and emptied 15 big bags from back. 11 day strike over and trash picked up.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1979 Another mild, lovely day and Saturday Club met at Golf Course. Went at ten, quit early. I won first prize. Later, raked back yard again. Richard carried off some for me. Beggars' Night. Bell rang twice, but I didn't go to door.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1979 75°. I pulled up all the flowers, although some were still pretty. Cleaned up more leaves on drive and side yard. Went to mailbox.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1979 Cloudy and rain began about noon. I went to grocery, was home by ten. Another bag of leaves from back yard.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1979 Another nice day but cool. Baked peanut butter cookies for our Bazaar tomorrow. Put three pie shells in refrigerator to fill tomorrow. Raked more leaves in front yard.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1979 Baked two pumpkin pies. Went to work on church bazaar. Our Circle had bake sale. Had a good time, made close to $130.00. Home at two, wanted to watch second half of Ohio State game, and slept through it.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1979 Got up early and baked two "snacking" cakes for Brunch and took "Cool Whip." Had a nice group. Glad to get my turn over.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1979 A beautiful day. I went to bank, washed, and ironed.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1979 Drizzly day and cooler. Left my car at Helen's and she drove to Center to sew. Tried to vote on my way home. Wrong place, I passed right one and came on home. Richard cleaned the gutters, they were full. He cleaned up the leaves. $10.00.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1979 Glad election over. Mr. [Tom] Moody elected to 3rd term [as mayor of Columbus]. Had my hair done, then went to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Had very poor cards.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1979 Cloudy, not much rain and cold. Helen and I went to Mr. Denig's [jewelry store]. Had my rings checked and cleaned. We stopped at [Drug] Emporium, and she came here for lunch. I went down to her house at one o'clock, and we went to Marjorie Wright's funeral. Called Bill.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1979 A miserable, cold, rainy day. Went to grocery early. Sewer covered with leaves and water backing up in the street.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1979 Took out [decorative] birch logs [from fireplace] and laid a fire. Went to lunch at M.C.L. [Cafeteria] and to Margaret's [Harmon] to play. Drove to Stew Harrison's and Florence took Fleeta and me rest of way. Now I could go myself. Had poor cards, low score. Don and Ellen took me to see "Fiddler on the Roof." Enjoyed it. Mrs. Kaiser brought me piece of apple cake.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1979 Gloomy, cold day. Went to church. Washed two dresses while chicken baked. Karen and Dorothy called.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1979 Beautiful day. I worked out a while and cleaned up more leaves. Went to Circle meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1979 Another nice day. Went to Center to sew. We were invited to Salvation Army for lunch and to see dolls - 650 that were dressed for needy children. Helen drove. Karen came in P.M. and was here for dinner. Fleeta [Heidorn] fell and broke her hip.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1979 Beautiful, sunny day. Washed a small washer and ironed. Worked out awhile and cleaned up more leaves from the magnolia tree in the ivy [growing on chimney for fireplace]. Saw no one to speak to except woman delivering flyers, and telephone calls.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1979 Gloomy, drizzly day. Baked a mince pie - went to "Chat'n Sew." In P.M. a man came to look at old jewelry. Gave me $10.00 for Charles' class ring, $5.00 for mine, and $2.92 for Charles' ex-high pin.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1979 Lovely, sunny day. Went to grocery early. Jeanette was here in P.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1979 Beautiful day. I did some cleaning up in basement. Watched O.S.U - Michigan [football] game. We won 18-15. Valerie and Don called, only one I spoke to today.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1979 Beautiful, sunny day. Went to church - took a long sleep. Barbara Kaiser came over and we took a walk.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1979 Still lovely weather. I finished cleaning the basement, scrubbed the front porch. Went to Golden Crest. After I came home raked the back yard again.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1979 Beautiful day. Went to sew. I drove. During night found water on bathroom floor. When I came home all the floor was wet. Called a plumber, a pipe had rusted out. Decided to get a new hot water tank. Went to nurse. Blood pressure - Right [arm], 182/84, Left 176/86. Nurse said that 86 was good.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1979 Fairly nice day. Had my hair done at nine. Dorothy didn't come until almost twelve. We had lunch, then picked up Valerie at dormitory [at OSU], and Dick at Batelle [Research Institute]. At their house about five.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1979 This is Thanksgiving, but Dorothy is having her dinner on Saturday. She, Dick, and Valerie ran 6.2 miles. Dorothy won first and came home with another trophy.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1979 A miserable, rainy day. Dorothy and I went to grocery. In evening we went to stay with Jeremy while Chuck and Donna went out for dinner. Their apartment is very nice. Dorothy picked a "Place" rose. [Tom Cooper's 18th birthday.]

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1979 Cloudy but no rain. Donna and Chuck brought Jeremy over while they went Christmas shopping, and all were here for dinner. Had turkey and pumpkin pie. Valerie went to a party in evening.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1979 A miserable, rainy morning. We left at ten for Columbus. After leaving Valerie at dormitory, home at 12:30. I got dinner and they left at four. Kacy [cat] got along fine, but was out of food. I found water dripping in front room. Hard rain and strong wind.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1979 Picked up sticks from windstorm, man put in hot water tank and showed me all about it. Helen [Utterback] and I went to see Fleeta [who had broken her hip]. Man came to see about roof-the [rac]coons had chewed the shingles. Davis' came over to get water as theirs was discolored.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1979 Rain predicted, but turned out to be a nice, sunny day. I went to Center to sew. Helen drove. After I came home plumber came, and put a handrail in bathroom. Worked outside an hour and cleaned up more leaves. Called insurance company about roof. Said they would pay all but my $50.00 deductible.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1979 Nice, sunny day but cold. Roof will cost $93.00. Went to bank. Baked cookies. Bill called. Barbara Kaiser over in P.M.


FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1979 Some snow flurries. Didn't sleep well last evening. Lay down after breakfast and slept awhile. Swept and dusted front room. Called Mrs. lamb.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1979 Cloudy, went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Our Christmas party. I got a pint jar of apple butter from Margaret [Harmon]. Had low score. Just got home when had a snow blizzard. Watched basketball in evening.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1979
15°. Sunny and cold. I cleaned the stove - did not do much else.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1979 46°. Beautiful, sunny day. Got a permanent ($17.00). Stopped at bank and grocery.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1979 57°. Lovely, sunny day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Have such poor cards. After I came home carried water and watered the shrubbery.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1979 Washed and did most of ironing. Dorothy came about eleven. We went to Christmas tea at church. She went to dormitory for Valerie. Both here overnight. Rain began in P.M. Valerie trimmed my table [Christmas] tree. We had a fire in fireplace, and I made marshmallow, Rice Krispies candy. Had a nice evening together.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1979 Dorothy and Valerie left at nine. Rid up house, finished ironing. Glad to be home today - getting colder.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1979 A few more snow flurries and some sunshine. Made apple, raisin, carrot bread. Trimmed the mantle.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1979 Nice, sunny day. 40°. Went to church, home rest of day.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1979 Beautiful day. Baked cookies. Cleaned up some leaves in back yard. Went to Circle. We had a "cookie" dessert. When I came home men were here fixing roof.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1979 Beautiful day - high of 63°. Went to Center to sew. I drove. After I came home, cleaned leaves from back yard and driveway - a big bag full. Took down clematis vines. Never worked out[side] before on December 11th.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1979 Gloomy day, glad to be home. Put some clean papers in cupboards. Did more Christmas cards and worked on afghan. Almost finished. Karen called.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1979 Didn't get freezing rain as predicted. Some rain during night. I finished Barbara's [B J.] afghan, and got it ready to mail. Wrote more cards. Called Valerie for her birthday tomorrow, but she wasn't home from work.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1979 Beautiful day. I left at 8:30, got gasoline. $1.06 a gallon. Mailed afghan to Barbara. Went to Kroger's. Marva [daughter of Jeanette] stopped and left me a cookbook. Man came for money for roof repair. $93.00. [Valerie Kutchera's 20th birthday.]

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1979 Another lovely, sunny day. Made cookies and decorated some. About finished [Christmas] cards and went to mailbox. Mrs. Ryder brought carolers and gave me a small loaf of bread. I had cookies for them. Enjoyed having them.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1979 Cloudy and colder. Went to church, all five bell choirs. In P.M. watched football and wrote letters.


TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1979 Lovely day, went to Center to sew. Helen [Utterback] drove. After I came home took some "goodies" to Young's and Mr. Meyers.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1979 Beautiful, sunny day. Went to beauty shop, then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had 8,550 points. Jeanette came in and brought me a poinsettia and some cookies. I had theirs ready, but wish she wouldn't bring a gift -just cookies.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1979 Beautiful weather continues. Karen was here for lunch. Don called. JOHN HAD BEEN ACCEPTED AT WRIGHT [STATE] MEDICAL SCHOOL [COLLEGE] IN DAYTON.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1979 Another nice day. Bill went to Doctor and was here for lunch. Brought me a big box of fruit and cheese. Dr. said he was doing well. Eldis Reed came and brought me a box of Anthony Thomas candy.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1979 Some rain and a gloomy day. Went to post office and Kroger's. Home rest of day.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1979 A mild day, but gloomy. Went to church - it looked so pretty with all the poinsettias. While I was getting dinner, McLeans came with cookies. Called Marvene [Shonting]. About ten o'clock Fleeta called from North Carolina.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1979 Gloomy day. An inch of rain. Ruth Young brought me cookies, only person I saw to speak to, except mailman.
33 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1979

Merry Christmas - not very merry getting up alone and opening packages. Eleven of these days without Charles. Home most of day. Called Dorothy, B.J. called me. She was so pleased with the afghan. Don came for me at 4:15. He and Linda got the dinner. Ellen has been working nights [at the Convalarium of First Community Village, a retirement center. Ellen was a registered nurse.] He gave me a record, Linda, a box of candy. John, a book of daily devotions. Dorothy, a gown. B.J. a folding umbrella. Bill, a big box of fruit. Karen, a calendar and candle squirrel. Home at nine. I am always rather glad when Christmas day is over. Colleen, an umbrella and soap.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1979

Washed some dishes in china closet. Home all day and didn't do much.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1979

40°. Still mild weather. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Only five there. Forgot my pocketbook, and came back for it. Had a good meal. Had a long sleep. Gary called - they are coming up tomorrow evening.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1979

Helen [Utterback] and I went to [Drug] Emporium, and she came here for lunch. In evening Gary, Kathy, and the boys [Robert and Michael] came. He took cupboards in basement and all the little jars of things [nails, screws, etc. that had belonged to Charles], and some other things. Had ice cream and cookies. They didn't leave until 11:20.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1979

Pretty nice day.

Our foursome, Nellie, Mable, and I met at Gerry's. I was third.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1979


MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1979

Another morning when frost froze on trees and shrubbery. I washed a washer and two shelves in china cabinet. Went to Helen Utterback's for lunch. Kacy and I had a fire in fireplace. Spent New Years Eve together. Went to bank. Got a watch for putting money in bank.

I am so thankful to see another year come in. Have been pretty well, and so grateful to be in my own home and drive. Some things in 1979: Chuck was married to Donna. John was accepted for Medical School. Charles would have been so proud of Don being Vice-Chairman of History Department, and the five grandchildren [Valerie, Tom, John, Wayne, and Karen] at O.S.U. I wasn't anywhere except a weekend at Bill's, and to Dorothy's for Chuck's wedding and for Thanksgiving.

END OF BOOK XL, PART TWO (JANUARY 1, 1979 - DECEMBER 31, 1979)

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Gladys, 81, wrote "I am glad I have made another year and had pretty good health." Her activities continued much as before, although on a gradually diminishing scale. At home her life centered around her garden, reading, television, baking, housecleaning, and occasional sewing and mending. She enjoyed frequent interaction with her neighbors, especially her two best friends, Barbara Kaiser and Jeanette Davis. Another good friend, Ada Lewis, moved to Florida. In her garden she planted, as usual, onions, cucumbers, peppers, squash, beans, lettuce, and lots of tomatoes. She even grew a cabbage Dorothy had given her. She got plentiful apples and cherries from Don's place, and put 43 containers, usually yogurt cups, of cooked tomatoes in her freezer, as well as many others of apple sauce. Two misfortunes damaged her garden. High water killed young bean plants, and a storm blew down some of her tomato plants. Baking was harder than once it had been, but she baked, as was her custom, apple, cherry, and peach pies, zucchini and apple-sauce bread, and bran muffins. There were usually home-baked cookies on hand when her grandchildren visited. She made four afghans during the year as gifts for granddaughters Karen, Colleen, Valerie, and Linda. On television she mentions having watched, among others, the Rose Bowl Parade and Game, the Kentucky Derby, the Miss America pageant, and many basketball and football games. Several books were finished, but she mentions no titles. On one slow day she wrote, "Didn't do much. Watch T.V., read, and work on rug [afghan]." She still washed her car, raked leaves, and swept a little snow. Her walking routine in the warmer months noticeably leveled off; only once does she mention having walked a mile as once was common. In the summer she loved to read on her chaise lounge in the back yard. Occasionally she mentioned her eyesight had declined, although Dr. Norris gave her a good report. Blood pressure hovered on the high side, and there is a first mention of sleeping pills at night.

Outside the home she still enjoyed bridge. On one day she made 7,680 points, on another, 8,150 points. Both times she won the top prize of $1.00. On November 7 there was a reunion of the four women who with their husbands had been original members of the "dinner" bridge club, long disbanded. They were Juanita Shupe (Hollie), Laura Hardy (Covert), Princess Hatch (Bernard), and Gladys (Charles). Hollie was the sole male survivor of the group. The reunion took place at Laura's nursing home. The ladies had lunch but played no bridge. At church she continued to attend several groups. These included "Chat'n Sew," which she always enjoyed, Golden Crest, the Sunday Brunch following the second Sunday service, a gathering of widows, the annual Bazaar, a fund raiser, and the Women's Association. Twice she described the latter as "boring," and left midway through the program. She still attended the Senior Center to sew. She was awarded her second Gold Star for 100 hours of volunteering work (sewing), and invited to a free dinner.

In the neighborhood she gave and received during the year small gifts with her neighbors. She offered cookies, zucchini and apple sauce bread, and received tomatoes, grapefruit, cookies, and cake. She had two spats with her best friend, Jeanette Davis, and indeed their friendship cooled a bit. Once "[I] went over to Jeanette's. She acted so nasty about Kacy [the cat], I picked him up and came home." Late in the summer Richard Davis, Jeanette's unmarried adult son who lived with her, and who had done many chores for Gladys, "got mad and won't cut my grass anymore. Mad because once I told him it didn't need it. Upset me!" After a week of silence Jeanette brought a small bottle of perfume for Gladys' birthday, although earlier Gladys had taken Jeanette to the posh Old Worthington Inn for lunch on her birthday. In the fall the neighbors continued to burn leaves at the end of the street, although it was illegal. The city pick-up was erratic and unreliable. There was a brief comment about Gladys' former house at 393 Miming road. Charles bought it, brand new, in 1931 for $8,800, and sold it in 1956 for $20,400. It was offered for sale in 1980 for $69,000.
She was still getting around town a fair amount since her car, ten years old, passed 21,000 miles. She had her first experience with "self-service" gasoline, but fortunately Dorothy, who was with her, "knew how" to pump the gasoline. She continues to record in her diary the cost of various items. For example, car license, $26.50; a month's natural gas bill, $81.18, the "highest ever;" a permanent, $18.00 (up from $17.00); lunches at the restaurant at the Ohio State Golf Course, now $3.80, and a peck of apples, $2.50. "Went to two groceries. Every time something is marked higher." Of course interest rates were also higher. Gladys got 12% return on a 2 1/2 year Certificate of Deposit. As usual she says almost nothing in her diary about national or international affairs. There were two exceptions. On April 25 "Rescue of hostages [in Iran] failed," and on November 4 "Election Day. Ronald Reagan elected President." She doesn't say who she voted for, but one can be almost certain it was not for a Democrat.

There were several "special days" during the year, some celebratory, some sad. On May 2 "Charles' 81st birthday. Dorothy always calls on his birthday." On June 9, "Our 57th wedding anniversary." On August 26 "Eleven years today since Charles left me. So many hurts and problems to solve." Happier events included her 81st birthday. "Had such a nice birthday. Hope to have a few more." There were various gifts from family and neighbors. She mentions also "My mother was 48 when she died, my father 62, and Charles 70." Jennie Knowles, Charles' aunt, would have been 100 on April 19. There was a happy time at a picnic at Don's on October 2. "Wayne, Karen, Colleen, Valerie, Gary, Kathy, John, Trish, and Linda. So many grandchildren [seven], and proud of them all." John and Trish were married on December 20. Gladys bought a new dress for "$42.00 plus tax." The Rehearsal Dinner at the Faculty Club at Ohio State offered "a delicious dinner and good time." As for the wedding itself "Dorothy and Dick came about four, and Bill soon afterward. Wedding was lovely. Church was filled. Bill sat with Gloria and went to reception with her. We were all together to eat. Bill, Gloria, Karen, Colleen, Wayne, Dorothy and Dick. I was given an orchid. Food was good and so much." Some 38 gifts were brought to the church for the couple.

Another special occurrence, bittersweet at times, was Gladys' final visit ever to the cottage in Wisconsin. She was there for two weeks in late July. She enjoyed seeing many of her special friends. Once ten of her bridge playing friends had a special party for her. She saw the Schwarze's, the Johnsons, the Dybvigs, Mrs. Meronk and Opal Day. Don had recently had the first telephone installed at the cottage. Gladys enjoyed rides around the lake in Don's "big" boat, and watching Linda water ski. But on July 30 "I hate to leave my beloved little cottage, knowing I won't see it again. So many memories, but time changes all things."

Bill, 56, and Gloria, 56, now divorced, lived separately, of course, but Gladys saw both of them fairly often. Apparently Bill was still teaching elementary school, but Gladys never says. For much of the year two of his grandparents, the boys of Kay Rehl, Christopher and Bryan, lived with Bill, but they moved to Michigan at the end of the year. The reason is not stated, nor indeed was the reason why they lived with Bill. Wayne graduated from Ohio State on August 29. Karen attended Ohio State, and was a frequent visitor to Gladys. Bill bought a new car during the year, and seemed to be doing well with his medical problems.

Dorothy, 52, and Dick, 56, continued to live in Cincinnati, but visited frequently since Valerie was in school at Ohio State. Valerie was admitted to Dental Technician School. Chuck, 22, and Donna, bought a new house. Chuck's son, Jeremy, 4, fell and fractured his skull but got better quickly. Gladys visited Dorothy for three days in November, and mentions that Dorothy had made 8 gallons of apple juice.

Don, 49, and Ellen, 45, married 23 years, continued to live at 1896 Baldridge Road, Upper Arlington. Don taught a reduced load at Ohio State since he was still Vice-Chairman, and scheduled all of the courses for the History Department. John was accepted for medical school at both Toledo and Ohio State, but chose Ohio State. He became engaged to Patricia Haeussler ("Trish") on January 19, and they were married on December 20. Ellen had surgery on her heel during the year, but made a quick recovery. Tom was a sophomore at Ohio State, and moved from home to a
dormitory. Linda was enrolled at Upper Arlington High School. One other family item was that Frieda Cooper, Gladys' sister-in-law in Phoenix, married Arnold Hubbard. Ralph Cooper, Charles' identical twin brother, had died in 1966.

Gladys closed her diary for 1980 with the following comments. "I am glad I have made another year and had pretty good health. Went to Wisconsin for two weeks in July, and to Dorothy's in November. Had a nice garden. Chuck and Donna bought a house. John and Trish were married. Wayne graduated from OSU. Karen and Valerie became Juniors [at Ohio State] and Valerie got an apartment. Tom went to live on campus. Lewis' and Young's moved to Florida, and Mr. Young died. Two sets of new neighbors. Mr. McLean left Judy and another change around here, and Mr. Justus had a stroke. Lost some friends. Bernard Hatch. Marvene's mind is bad and she doesn't call anymore."


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1980 Fine mist that froze on windshield going to beauty parlor. I started on to bridge, skidded clear across Calumet Bridge. Got to bridge [game], bad when I came home. Took it slow and had no trouble. So glad to get home. A very good meal, but poor cards.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1980 Had planned to go to grocery, but radio said streets were slippery. So, stayed home. Did some odd jobs around kitchen and put cookies in refrigerator to make tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1980 During night and the day had about 2 inches snow. I baked cookies. Called Karen and told her not to bring Colleen down. Called off bridge for tomorrow. Later, it was cancelled. Yesterday we [had] a very exciting basketball game. [Ohio] State beat [won] by one point.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1980 Snowed almost all day. Dorothy, Dick, and Valerie came about 3:30. Dorothy forgot to pay $3.00 of Valerie's fees and they wouldn't let her in her room. So, she was here, too. They brought "Lady Bug" and "Rusty" [dogs]. We watched the basketball game. State won.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 1980 Snow stopped - must have been four inches. Dick cleaned the driveway yesterday. They took Valerie back in morning, but she couldn't get in her room until afternoon. We went to Gold Circle [Discount Store] and Dorothy took me to Super-Duper [grocery]. He put insulation around my front door and fixed burners on stove. [Robert "Bobby" Cooper's 8th birthday]

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1980 Dorothy went to get Valerie's fee ($3.00) paid. Later, she took me to bank and grocery. Valerie called about 3:30, still didn't have all her cards.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1980 18°. Beautiful, sunny day. Bill took Colleen and me out for lunch - a nice health store. He helped her get a pair of shoes, and I went down to [Drug] Emporium. They came in awhile. Colleen gave me a red folding umbrella and a cake of soap for Christmas.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1980 20°. Another bright, sunny day. I went to Northland [Shopping Center] to see if I could exchange umbrella Colleen gave me - could not. Have two folding and three others. Had a hard time to find my car. A girl helped me find it - glad to get home, our street very icy, but main streets clear.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1980 A nice day.

Went to grocery early. Home rest of day. Ice melted on our street.


SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1980 22°. A lovely, sunny day. Washed and ironed. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Merle [Axline] was hostess. John has been accepted for Medical School at [University of] Toledo. My car turned 20,000 miles.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 1980 Beautiful, sunny day. I couldn't sleep last evening and took a sleeping pill. Got up about seven and fed Kacy [cat]. Back to bed and slept 'till 9:20. Made it to church. In P.M. went to Women's Association - birthday party. Didn't get home until after five.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1980 A little rain during night, but a nice day. I baked cookies and bran muffins. Took some to Lewis' and Kaiser's. Karen was here for lunch.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1980 [Senior] Center closed, because of Martin Luther King's [Jr.] birthday. In P.M. our foursome met at Helen Utterback's. I had third score. A nice day. In 50s.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1980 Nice day - 52°. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. A good dinner. Lola had ear trouble and she and Helen didn't get there until noon. Had my hair done at nine. [Chuck's 22nd birthday.]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1980 55°. Nice day. Started another afghan. Had two telephone calls. Watched basketball game. Valerie called and I missed part of it. Although we [Ohio State] were 12 points behind in overtime, we beat by five points.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1980 Another lovely day, a little cooler. I went to grocery and bank. Don called. John has bought a car.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1980 A beautiful day. I cleaned up the house. Nellie, Mable, and Gerry were here for our foursome. I had high score. Don called. John and Trish are engaged and he gave her a ring.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1980 A nice, sunny day. I went to church, didn't stay for lunch and congregational meeting. Watched Super Bowl. Steelers won for 4th time.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1980 Another nice day, but snow predicted. Put some clean papers in cupboard and made chicken soup. Put five meals in freezer.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1980 Only a little snow during night. We went to [Senior] Center to sew. I drove and took both Helen's. Went to nurse. Blood pressure down. Right 164/68, Left 170/68. They came here for bridge - didn't leave until quarter 'till six. I was second.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1980 Some snow flurries, cold. 22°. Didn't see anyone or no telephone calls. Watched T. V. and worked on afghan.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1980 13°. Snow began early. A lot of accidents. Had over three inches by time it stopped. I didn't go to "Chat'n Sew" although Leona [Benton] offered to stop for me. I cancelled bridge for Saturday since I am hostess.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1980 Temperature got up to 40° and a lot of snow melted. Jeanette was over in P.M. Trish and John came in evening to see about furniture in basement.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1980 So sorry I cancelled bridge - a lovely, sunny day. Washed and also washed rugs. A long day. [Ohio] State lost basketball.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1980 Another nice, sunny day. Went to church. Watched basketball. State won by 5 points. Jeanette came in in P.M. to see about the afghan she is making. Didn't get a paper.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1980 Nice day, but cold. High 26°. Mrs. Ryder, who delivers grocery ads, stopped in to get warm. Did some extra cleaning in front bedroom. Liquid Gold on furniture. Had to call Dispatch to get a paper.


THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1980 Nice, sunny day and cold. Called about our Saturday club and all can come. Had six other 'phone calls. Watched basketball. We got beat by 20 points by Michigan State.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1980 8° above. Sunny and cold. Don came and we had lunch at Rax's. Went to bank, where he cashed his bonds and I found out what mine were worth. Stopped at funeral home to see Margaret Pugh's husband. [Karen's 20* birthday.]
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1980 14°. Not as cold as predicted. A few snow flurries in morning. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. I was hostess, also had high score.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1980 10° above when I got up at 7:30. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. A lot there. Some snow squalls in afternoon.  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1980 Another cold day. Went at 12:30 to get my car license. Had to stand in line an hour. $26.50. Went in to grocery. Man sold me a nursing home policy. Paid $312.50 - 6 months.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1980 8° above, nice and sunny. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Took both Helen's. I drove. We played bridge at Helen Rymer's. I was low, calling off club for tomorrow, heavy snow predicted.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1980 Didn't get as much snow as predicted - less than an inch. Washed a washer. Didn't do much else.  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1980 Couldn't sleep without sleeping pill. Worry about the nursing policy. Don found out they were not reliable, and I stopped payment on check. Did the ironing. Watched basketball game. State beat Michigan by 3 points. A nice day.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1980 Nice day - most of snow gone. Cleaned pictures above my desk. Went to Rax's for lunch - buy one sandwich, one free. Brought one home. Went to Kroger's.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1980 Fairly nice day. Didn't do much - put small pie in freezer. Snow flurries. [Michael Cooper's 6th birthday.]  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1980  
Decided not to go to church. Didn't get T.V. Guide. Read a lot.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1980 Didn't do much. Finished my book. Several telephone calls. A big snow storm struck about five o'clock - over by seven.  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1980 8°. Missed going to sew. Nice, sunny day - some of snow melted. Didn't do much - did part of my bedroom furniture with "Liquid Gold."

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1980 10°. Beautiful, sunny day. Had my hair done - stopped at grocery. Jeanette was here in P.M. One telephone call in two days.  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1980 Valentines from B.J. and Dorothy. I took Jeanette to Old Worthington Inn for her birthday tomorrow. We stopped at [Drug] Emporium. After I came home, could not get my new license plates on. Went up to Keith's [Sunoco Service Station] and he put them on, and didn't charge me.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1980 A miserable day. Snow on ground when I got up. Turned to rain and washed off snow. Baked cookies - slept two hours in P.M.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1980 About 2 inches snow. Ice under it. Sun came out and melted some. I swept a path to garage from the front. Back walk too icy. Melted where I swept. Didn't do much, cleaned up house, but not much work to keep it in order.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1980 11°. Nice day, cold and some sun. Didn't go to church - afraid of walking around there. Got a little more ice off drive.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1980 Nice, sunny day. Got more snow off drive, and sun melted ice. Washed and ironed. Did rest of my bedroom furniture with "Liquid Gold."

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1980 Up to 47°. Most of snow and ice melted. Went to Center to sew. Helen drove and came for me, she was going on to Graceland [Shopping Center].

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1980 Gloomy, drizzly day. I went to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Had high score, 7680 points. Meal raised to $3.80. Our house on [393] Mimring for sale, asking $69,900 for it. [In 1931] we paid $8800.00. Jeanette was in a little while. Ellen's [45th] birthday.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1980 Another nice day. Didn't do much - didn't feel too peppy. Later, we had a thunderstorm about dinner time. Barbara Kaiser came over for a while. Watched a basketball game.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1980 Pretty nice day. Went to post office, Kroger's and Super-Duper. Went in to Jeanette's in P.M. Hadn't been there since before Christmas. Twenty three years today since we moved here. [393] Mimring [Road] is now for sale, $69,900 - we sold for $20,400. How I wish I could tell Charles.


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1980 A nice day. Went to church. Barbara Kaiser brought her mink jacket to leave here while they are gone. Made some telephone calls.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1980 Didn't do much, about four o'clock the snow began. Got worse and worse. Almost a blizzard in evening. High wind.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1980 Wind howled like the big blizzard. I saw that Kaiser's left last evening. 10° and a record wind chill of 18° below. Didn't do much. Managed to get porch and walk swept and path to garage. Sun melted where I swept. Snow had drifted to about a foot deep in front of garage door. I got it swept off, so I can get the car out. Many schools closed and so many accidents.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1980 Nice day, although a few snow flurries. Some sun in P.M. I had my hair done. Our street quite bad. Karen called.


FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1980 Cold! 10°, sunny day. In P.M. I went to Kroger's, drug store and Super-Duper. Our street snowy and icy. Coldest day of winter.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1980 8°. More snowing during night. Snowed until soon after noon. 8° degrees - wind chill, -20°. I made one call and had one. So glad I went out yesterday.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1980 Zero! Cold and a sunny day. Didn't go to church or our pancake Brunch. Afraid of walking after getting parked. Don, Leona [Benton] and Helen Utterback called. High 18°.


TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1980 Fairly good day. I went to [Senior] Center to sew - took the two Helen's and Lillian. Don bought a new car [Chevrolet Chevette]. Rain began in evening.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1980 High of 44°. Drizzly, gloomy day. Went to lunch at Golf Course. Don got their new car home.


SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1980 Predicted rain didn't come during day. Did rain in night. Very foggy. Went to lunch and bridge at [Stew] Harrison's. Had medium cards. Bill called - he will be up tomorrow. Nellie was hostess at bridge.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 1980 Nice, sunny day. I went to church. Bill came about one o'clock. Was here 'till five. We had a good dinner and visit.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1980 Nice day until rain in late afternoon. I went to Circle meeting. Frieda called.
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1980 Colder, sunny most of day. Went to Center to sew. Helen drove. In P.M. we went to Gerry's for bridge. I was third. Valerie called.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1980 21°.
Cloudy and cold. Had my hair done.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1980 Supposed to get snow, sleet and rain. But only a little snow during night - didn't freeze. A gloomy day. I did my ironing, called list for Golden Crest. Saw no one all day.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1980 Gloomy morning. After breakfast I lay down on davenport - slept until a quarter 'till ten. Don't do much. Sun came out in P.M. Jeanette was in. Finally got two substitutes for our Wednesday bridge. [Natural] Gas bill $81.18. Highest ever!

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1980 A beautiful day. I went to post office and Kroger's. Bill called. He and boys [Christopher and Brian Rehl - Kay's sons who lived much of time with Bill] came in P.M. Brought me wood. Boys stacked it for me. Bill took wall cupboard from workshop.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1980 Not so much sunshine, but a nice day. I went to church. Home rest of day. Dorothy's 52" birthday. I didn't call since she is coming Tuesday.

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1980 Rainy day. I went to bank in morning, and to Golden Crest in afternoon.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1980 Dorothy came at 10:45. We had lunch. Went to bank. She cashed bonds made out to her - came to over $2600.00. 1 cashed a $500.00 one. It was $1,158.00. Put in bank to buy certificate later. Stopped at Kroger's. Had fire in evening.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1980 Got a substitute for bridge today. Had my hair done. We went to Northland [Shopping Center] - had lunch at York Steak House. I bought another afghan and two dresses. Had fire in evening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1980 Dorothy and I got up before six. We were at Don's by 7:30. We went to John's graduation [from Ohio State] - over 1,600 graduates. We had some lunch, left at 12:30 to get Valerie. I went to Don's for dinner. He came for me and Ellen brought me home. Trish, her mother [Patty Haeussler] and sister [Marcie] there. Had a good dinner. Rain in evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1980 Rain and high wind. Cleaned up some on back porch. Mr. Gephart came to see about stove - has to bring a new piece later.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1980 Lovely day. Went to lunch at Stew Harrison's. Gerry [Jones] was hostess. [Christopher Rehl's 13th birthday. Older son of Kay Rehl.]
SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 1980  A nice day but chilly. Wore a light weight coat to church. Most everyone had on a winter coat. I stayed for coffee and doughnuts. On the 'phone most all evening. Leona [Benton] and Don. Then Bill called.


TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1980 Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Took Helen Rymer. Helen Utterback not able to go. On way home stopped at grocery.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1980 33°. Nice day but cold. Moved furniture and swept my bedroom. In P.M. got a permanent. $17.00. Went to see Mrs. Gillespie afterwards [former next-door neighbor when Gladys lived at 393 Mimring Road].

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1980 Nice day. I went to "Chat'n Sew." After I came home raked the front yard. Dorothy and Valerie came about three o'clock. Here overnight. Had a fire and played Scrabble.


SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1980 A gloomy, dismal day, but no rain. I went to drug store and Kroger's. Had a long sleep in P.M. Finished an afghan.


TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1980 Cloudy, but no rain. Went to Center and took Helen. Karen came in P.M. We played two games of Scrabble. Wanda [Ochs] called and talked a long time. Kaiser's came home and I gave them my paper.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1980 Lovely day. 67°. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. After I came home, planted more onions and raked some leaves. Barbara Kaiser over - brought me two grapefruit.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1980 Nice day. Planted more onions, raked more leaves. Got back porch swept and cleaned up. Went to bank, got a certificate ($5,000), 2 ½% years, 12% interest.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1980 A dismal, cold, windy day. Too cold to be out. I baked cookies and took some to Mr. Meyer.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1980 Beautiful day. I put Turf Builder on yard. Watered shrubbery, went to our foursome at Nellie's. I was second.
SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 1980 Easter Sunday. I went to church - was greeter at door. We had our Brunch afterward - ten there. Don came in P.M. and brought my tax [return]. Had a book to finish - three long telephone calls in evening. A lovely Easter Day. Walked to mailbox - first I had done that for a long time.

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1980 Some sun and a few sprinkles. I washed a washer and ironed. Planted lettuce. Moved the flowers from front bedroom to back porch.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1980 Cloudy and some rain. Tornado warnings in evening. Went to Center. Helen drove. Stopped at grocery. About five saw in paper that Wilma Harper's husband died. [Wilma had been a Secretary for many years in Charles' Department at Ohio State - the Department of Engineering Drawing]. Since it had cleared off went to funeral home. Got home before it was too dark.


SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1980 Rainy morning. I went to Stew Harrison's [Restaurant] for lunch and bridge. Had miserable cards. Don came for me at five. He, Ellen, and I went to M.C.L. [Cafeteria] for dinner and to a musical at [First Community] Church. A nice day. Frieda was hostess at bridge.


WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1980 Nice, sunny day - still cool. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. I had second score.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1980 A beautiful day. I went to Kroger's and drug store. Started another afghan. Took a short walk after dinner.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1980 Another beautiful day. Went to Hardware Store and got Weed Killer. Put it on back yard. The two Helen's and I went to a Tea at Senior Citizen's. Took a walk and went a little further. Bill called - he brought his new car home today. Don went to Ohio Wesleyan University to a meeting.
SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1980 Real spring day. Went with neighbors to two garage sales on Glenmont [Road]. Got a bracelet and four paperback books. Washed the car. Sat on porch for first time this year. Jennie [Knowles, Charles' aunt from Cumberland, Ohio] would have been a hundred today.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1980 Lovely day - until a thunderstorm in evening. I went to church. To Jeanette's a few minutes. Barbara [Kaiser] came over.


TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1980 Didn't go to Center because they were bundling trees instead of sewing. Washed a washer, hung clothes out[sid]. Cleaned up back porch. Laura Hardy and a friend stopped in afternoon. Nice to sit on porch.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1980 Lovely day and some cooler. Had my hair done, finished ironing. Didn't feel too good. Took a walk after supper. Magnolia tree beautiful and never saw forsythia so pretty.


SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1980 A nice day - predicted rain didn't come. Put clean papers in cupboards and cleaned some of kitchen woodwork. Too cool to be out much. Called Dorothy.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1980 Went to church and stayed for coffee hour. Quite cool. Mr. and Mrs. Halleck - she was collecting for cancer. A fire alarm on Yaronia North.

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 1980 Cloudy day, still cool. I did some mending. Walked to Indianola [Avenue] and around circle, farthest I have gone for awhile. Bill called, he plans to come up Sunday and take me to dinner. Need rain, watered new shrubbery.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 1980 Cloudy and only a drizzle. Helen Ryder and I went to sew. Stopped at Super-Duper. Still quite cool.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1980 Nice day, but need rain. Mr. Gephart fixed burner on stove. With new latch on back door, cost $40.25.
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1980 Lovely day - no rain predicted.
Worked outside. Ate on porch again and sat on front porch.

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1980 Went to grocery and post office early.
Home by ten. Charles' 81st birthday. Dorothy always calls on his birthday. Took a walk after dinner.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1980 Another lovely day - real summer. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's - had very poor cards. Home early. Watched Kentucky Derby. Went over to Jeanette's. She acted so nasty about Kacy, I picked him up and came home. Don came home from Boston [where he read a paper on Yellow Fever Epidemics in Brazil at the American Historical Association]. Margaret [Harmon] was hostess.

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1980 Real summer day. I went to church. Didn't stay for Brunch. Bill came and took me to Bonanza for dinner. Has a lovely new car. We went to Woolco's, and he bought tomato and pepper plants. Left at 5:30. Valerie called.

MONDAY, MAY 5, 1980 Beautiful day. 87°. I washed and ironed. Hung clothes outside. Set out flowers around porch and some on driveway. Richard mowed grass.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1980 Another nice day - a little cooler. We really need rain. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. The two Helen's [Rymer and Utterback] and Gerry [Jones] here for bridge. I was 2nd. So tired tonight.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1980 Still no rain and a nice day, but cool.
Had my hair done, and went to bridge at Golf Course. Worked out[side] some after I came home.

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1980 Really chilly day. Too cool to work out. Baked cookies. A long sleep in P.M. Didn't go to funeral parlor to see Grace Bond.

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1980 Lovely day and a little warmer, but too cool for this time of year. Don came around noon. We had lunch at Rex's, and he took me to Dr. Norris for eye check. Got a good report - come back in a year. After we came home, Don put in some tomato stakes for me. Put my flowers out on front step. Too cool to sit out [on porch].

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1980
Set out most of my flowers. Went to grocery. Edna [Scott] asked me over to see Susan's wedding dress. Don came for me in evening. We all went to Seaford Bay for Mother's Day dinner. Nice time. A big thing, JOHN WAS ACCEPTED AT OHIO STATE [UNIVERSITY] MEDICAL SCHOOL.

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1980
Mother's Day. I went to church - home rest of day. Was at Don's last evening and Bill took me to dinner last Sunday. Cards from Bill and Barbara. Barbara ["B.J."] Kutchera [Novak] brought her mother-in-law over. Set out ten tomato plants. Dorothy brought me a coleus on Monday. Severe thunderstorms and hail.
MONDAY, MAY 12, 1980
Hail last night as big as baseballs - did much damage to schools and cars at Grove City. Dorothy came about 10:15. We went to Circle [at church] - Helen [Utterback] and I were hostesses. A very hard storm while we were at church. Got Valerie, she was here for dinner - took her home. Tornado warning in evening.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1980
Hot day - rain and thunderstorms in evening. Dorothy and I went to cemetery, and set out flowers. Later to [redemption] stamp store and Triple A to get maps for their trip to Kansas City [where B.J. and Gary Novak lived]. Set out impatiens in front of shrubbery. Hard rain beat down some of my tomato plants - on Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1980 A cloudy morning - sun came out in P.M. But quite cool. Turned furnace on. Dorothy put in more tomato stakes. She left at twelve; worked out[side] a while. Richard [Davis] mowed grass.

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1980 41° last night. Nice day. I washed lower half of curtains in my bedroom. Worked outside. Didn't see anyone to speak to, or 'phone didn't ring.

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1980 Lovely day. Put clean papers on closet shelves in back room, and rearranged the books. Set out last of tomato plants, and worked outside. Took a walk to Glenmont [Road] after dinner. Just got home when Wanda Ochs came. [Wanda was related to Gladys. Not sure how close.]

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1980 Rain during night, and more in afternoon and evening. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Such miserable cards, didn't enjoy myself much.

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1980 Went to church. Had a T V. [frozen] dinner. Swept drive, etc. Sat in back yard for first time this spring. Jeanette was over.

MONDAY, MAY 19, 1980 Started to sweep the house, and belt broke on sweeper. Went to Golden Crest - a pot luck. On Sunday went to a talent show at church. Got home before dark.

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1980 Dorothy and Dick left this morning for Barbara's [in Kansas City]. I went to [Senior] Center to sew and took Helen Rymer. Had a hard rain in evening.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1980 Lovely day. Had my hair done, then went to Golf Course. This was our last meeting as a Club 'till Fall. The lows took the highs to lunch. I took Lola Forbes. I had high score. Dorothy and Dick would get to Barbara's today.

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1980 Another lovely day. I did a washer and hung clothes outside. Went to "Chat'n Sew." And had a nice time. Richard mowed grass. Ellen returned from her folks. Had first onions from garden.

1980 Gloomy day, not much rain. Did the ironing and not much else.

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1980 A lovely day. Went to church, and stayed
for Coffee Hour. Bill called later. He came up in P.M. We went over to Don's for awhile. So glad to
see him. Carole [Hoffman] brought me a piece of her birthday cake. [Carole, young adult neighbor
woman who lived with her mother, was slightly retarded.]

MONDAY, MAY 26, 1980 A perfect Memorial Day. Washed sheets
on back bed, and hung outside. Men fixed wire over chimney to keep [rac]coons out. $50.00. I put
screens in five windows. Planted a row of beans next to Davis'.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1980 Another beautiful day - cool in house.
Went to Center to sew - received gold star for 100 hours [of volunteer work], Helen [Utterback]
drove. Richard cleaned gutters - went in to Jeanette's. She is going in hospital for tests. Walked to
Glenmont [Road] by Wynding [Drive].

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1980 Took car up to have it checked. Went
for it in P.M. - $33.92. Don came for me. I was there for dinner and to a school program. Linda had
several parts. Home at ten - went to bed, didn't look at paper [Columbus Dispatch],

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1980 Went down to Super-Duper. Got
more impatiens and set out. Also, planted beans where squash didn't come up. Richard mowed
grass. [Jeremy Kutchera's 4th birthday]

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1980 First night to sleep with only a sheet.
Humid day. Dusted the bedrooms. Had first lettuce from garden. Had hard rain and tornado
watch in evening.

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1980 Hot day. Went to lunch and bridge at
Stew Harrison's. Got such poor cards. Jeanette went to hospital. Such a storm last evening. Had to
clean yard and drive.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1980 Thunder storms and rain. Went to
church and stayed for Brunch. A miserable day. Rain stopped in evening. I sat on porch and
Barbara [Kaiser] came over.

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1980 Very dark morning and a hard rain. My
beans just coming up and all under water. Didn't do much, such a miserable day. More rain to
come.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 1980 No rain today. Went to [Senior] Center to
sew. I drove. Much wind, can clean drive every day.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 1980 Lovely day. Had my hair done, then
went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Richard mowed grass. In the evening went to a pot
luck at church. Leona [Benton] took me.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1980 A lovely day and cooler. Went
to bank. Planted beans by garage in front of tomatoes.
FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1980 Much warmer. I went to grocery. Man was to come to fix burner on stove - did not come. I had paid for it and it didn't work. Richard took out tall storm windows - $2.00. I had taken most of them up. Mr. Halleck borrowed my fertilizer cart - didn't bring back as he said he would. Planted rest of beans.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1980 A very hot, humid day. Didn't do anything except bake cookies and that was an effort. Mrs. Halleck returned fertilizer spreader to Kaiser's - thought it was theirs. A thunderstorm in evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1980 Much cooler. Had to close windows and wear a sweater to church. In P.M. went to Graceland [Shopping Center]. Got four more tomato plants. [Linda's 15 birthday.]


TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1980 Turned furnace on. Lovely day. Dorothy came in morning. Too cool to eat on porch. She brought me two peppers and a cabbage plant. [Dorothy always planted a large garden of her own.]

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1980 Quite cool last night. Lovely day. She took curtains down in her room, aired them, and washed window. We went to Northland [Shopping Center], ate lunch there. I got a girdle, another afghan and small purse. Mr. Gephart came to fix burner that didn't work right.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1980 Another lovely day, but cool in house. Dorothy left about one to help Valerie [vacate her dormitory at Ohio State]. Called at five - for me to call and tell Dick they would be late getting home.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1980 Went to drug store and grocery. Am so disappointed in my tomatoes. Dorothy and Dick's 27th wedding anniversary. Started an afghan to take to cottage to work on. Went to our free dinner for volunteers with 100 hours. Helen drove.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1980 Much warmer. Lovely day. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Went a new way. I was hostess and won first prize. Richard mowed grass. Called Bill.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 1980 Gloomy day, very little sunshine. Rain in evening. Went to church. Finished starting an afghan to work on at cottage.

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1980 Lovely day - cool in morning and evening. Went to Golden Crest.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1980 Record low 44°. Turned furnace on. Went to sew - I drove. Stopped at Super-Duper. Bought fruit and took some to Mr. Young, who is just getting home from hospital.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1980 Had my hair done, then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Went a long way to avoid North Broadway [Road]. We have decided to put in a quarter for bridge. I won second. $.75.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1980 Nice day, until rain in evening. Went to grocery. Richard gave me some volunteer tomato plants. Set them out. Dorothy and Dick brought Valerie back for summer school. All were here overnight.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1980 Beautiful day, but cooler. Dorothy and Valerie went to get Valerie's groceries. She got settled in her apartment for summer. Dick had some business to attend to. He fixed latch on cupboard. Bill came to Doctor, here for lunch. Came back after Doctor's appointment. Got a good report - not to come back for 6 months. He was here for supper. Left about seven. So tired, I went to bed at nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1980 Lovely day. Went to Mable's for our foursome [in bridge]. Had low score. Worked out[side] awhile. Don came for some of their things to take to cottage, were in basement.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1980 Another lovely day. Went to church, took a long nap in P.M. Enjoy my lounge chair in back yard. Barbara [Kaiser] and Jeanette [Davis] over in evening. Walked to mailbox.

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 1980 Very warm. Did the laundry and hung clothes out. Karen was here for lunch and afternoon. Ellen and Linda left this morning for cottage. Called from her brother's [Ralph Hutchins] in Chicago.


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1980 Nice day. Not so humid. Made cherry jam with cherries Don gave me. It is so good. Some of my tomatoes have blossoms. Ellen got to cottage [in Wisconsin] safely. Has shutters off- had to get help [from Mr. Bagley] to start pump. Richard mowed grass.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1980 Very warm. Made a baked dish and went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a nice time. Later went to bank. Jeanette and Barbara here. Ellen called, dock installed in lake], and all well except have to get a new toilet.


SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1980 91°. Very hot. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Only played two hands. Had low score. Bonna was hostess. On way stopped at bank. Frieda called and talked quite a while.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1980 Went to church. Not quite so humid after yesterday's storms. In P.M. Mrs. Ryder came to see me. Jeanette and Barbara over.
MONDAY, JUNE 30, 1980 Lovely day and cooler. Washed a small load and hung clothes out[side]. Worked out[side] some. Don has picked 45 quarts cherries - 35 from the neighbors [the Cornell's] who didn't want them.

TUESDAY, JULY 1, 1980 Lovely day. Don came at noon. We had lunch at Rax's and took Certificate of Deposit to bank to bring [interest payments] up to date, cashed one that was due. Stopped at cemetery [to visit Charles' grave]. He has now picked 51 quarts cherries. Took a walk in evening. [Don made cherry wine from the cherries he picked.]

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 1980 Very hot. Got a permanent - now $18.00. Stopped at grocery. Cooked a chicken for luncheon tomorrow. Ellen called me from cottage - first call on new phone. The sink stopped up!


FRIDAY, JULY 4, 1980 Got hot - didn't do anything except wash the car. Went over to Jeanette's in evening. Richard mowed grass.

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1980 Washed a washer and hung clothes out[side]. Then a bad storm came up. Got clothes dry later on. Took a short walk in evening. Very hot! The storm did much damage, but we [were] lucky here.

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 1980 Not so hot and humid. Went to church - had our Brunch, 22 there. A long day. Carole [Hoffman] and I walked to the schoolhouse [on Glenmont Road]. First I have gone that far for a long time.

MONDAY, JULY 7, 1980 Lovely day. Went to bank and Super-Duper. Finished second afghan. Don picked 76 quarts cherries altogether. [Don had four cherry trees at 1896 Baldridge Road, and next-door neighbors, the Cornell's, had a large tree they never picked themselves.]

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 1980 Very hot! Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Helen drove. In P.M. played bridge at Helen Rymer's. I had high score. Did not want much dinner. Barbara [Kaiser] was over.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1980 Another hot, humid day. Took Helen [Utterbaek] to Old Worthington Inn for her birthday. We didn't know about the tornado warnings. In evening worked out[side] awhile.

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1980 Still hot. Went to post office, grocery, and Kroger's. In P.M. went to Gerry's for bridge with Nellie and Mable. I was second. Have some very tiny tomatoes.

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1980 Another very hot day and night. Karen was here for lunch - about an hour late. We had a game of Scrabble. Mrs. Rader down to see me in morning.
SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1980 Still hot and humid. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Poor cards. Drove home in a downpour. Storm warnings and severe storm and rain in evening.


MONDAY, JULY 14, 1980 Another hot day. Washed and hung the clothes outside. Don brought me apples yesterday. Made sauce and put two containers in freezer.

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1980 The hottest day yet, up in 90°s. Had my hair done, stopped at bank. Our foursome met at Helen [Utterback's]. I was second. We about roasted. All ready to leave for cottage tomorrow. Jeanette and Barbara over. Fleeta [Heidorn] called.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 1980 This is the day I have been looking forward to. Don and John came at 5:30. I was up at 4:30. Plane left at 6:45. Had a good breakfast on plane to Milwaukee. A two-hour wait. Then to Minneapolis. Ellen and Linda met us. Ate lunch on way home. Got to cottage almost four. So good to be back. Not many changes - a telephone. Schwarze's [Elmer and Betty] and Dybvig's [Cora and Ed] came. Invited to a party at Mickey Andrews's on Friday. [The reason Don went later to cottage in 1980 is that he taught a three-week "Term" course at Ohio State on "The History of Mexico." The class met four hours a day, 8-12, Monday through Friday, except the 4th of July.]

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1980 Lovely day. Don and I took a drive. Saw a deer. In P.M. Schwarze's took us all around lake in their pontoon boat. Then, we had ice tea and cake. Don and Ellen fished in evening. I walked up road as far as Stoven's.

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1980 Rain and storm during night. Ellen and Betty Schwarze went to town. Mickey had a party for me - ten of my friends. Same one took me both ways to her house. Had such a nice time. In evening we went to cafe for dinner. Ellen scolded me for paying my own. I was only trying to help. Later, Don took me to see Mrs. Meronk.

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1980 Nice day. Went to dump with Ellen. Took a walk up road. Don had gone earlier, saw two deer. He fished in morning. Got 18 inch [northern] pike. TRey went to see about motor for their boat. We went to church. Rain shortened the services. It was Dybvig's 50th [wedding] anniversary. Invited afterward for coffee, punch, and cookies.

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 1980 Rained during night. Schwarze's came over to say a "goodbye" as they were going home. Don, Linda, and I went to town. To church to Dybvig's 50th anniversary [celebration]. Had a nice time, sat with Mickey and Arlene. Went to drug store, grocery, and stopped to see Florence Tucker. Went and came different ways and nice drive. Played some cards in evening. A nice day.
MONDAY, JULY 21, 1980 Don and I left around 9:30. We stopped at Main's [general store in Webb Lake.] Don bought a new motor. We had lunch at Minong Cafe and later ice cream there. While waiting for boat took a long drive. Some hard rain. Got home with boat around five.

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 1980 Beautiful day. I took a walk in morning and in afternoon walked to Johnson's and had a visit with them. Don and Ellen tried out their new motor. Ellen got a nice bass.


THURSDAY, JULY 24, 1980 Windy all day. I started for a walk and met Mr. Meihoffer. He asked me to go down to their house and I did. Linda and Ellen went to town. I went to dump with Don and we drove around lake. Letter from Dorothy.

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1980 A bad storm last evening. Rained a lot during night. Had bad news from Trish that upset everyone. I took a walk. In P.M. Linda skied, and I rode in boat. Don took me around lake at a slower speed. Then, we went to see Opal Day - stopped at craft shop. I bought an afghan.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1980 Quite cool in morning. A neighbor came down - stayed quite awhile. I went to dump with Don and we stopped at yard sale. I bought three sherbets.

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 1980 Lovely day. Williams' [Jim, Audrey, and children] came at ten. Ellen had coffee and rolls for them. After dinner they went to see burned area [there had been a major fire previous year that burned out many hundreds of acres], and were gone so long I got concerned. They had stopped at garage sales. Then, they all went fishing. Didn't leave until ten and Linda went home with them. Had fire in fireplace in morning. [Dick's 56th birthday.]

MONDAY, JULY 28, 1980 John called. News from Trish not good. [I believe this concerned discovery of polyps. Turned out not to be serious after all.] Ellen washed. We went to Dybvig's for dinner and over to Chalet [a second Dybvig cottage on Fish lake built by one of Dybvig's children. Family owns place to this day.]


WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1980 My last day here. Don't expect to be back [She never was.] Don took car to have muffler fixed. He picked more blackberries. Ellen spent most of day on lake. Good news from Trish - there is nothing wrong. I hate to leave my beloved little cottage, knowing I won't see it again. So many memories, but time changes all things. I took Don and Ellen to Corner Cafe for dinner, then Don took me a drive.
THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1980 Don and I left at 8:15 for Minneapolis. Plane left at 12:30. I got to board early. Such a good snack and hardly had time to eat it. Had 1 1/2 hour wait in Milwaukee. Got to board early again. Home at 10 of 6. Karen met me. 90° when I got home. Had a drink and peanuts on 2nd flight. Kacy [cat] soon came home and was glad to see me. Only a few small tomatoes. Davis' had picked a pan of beans. Jeanette [Davis], Barbara [Kaiser], and Carole [Hoffman] here.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1980 Over 90°. Heat just about gets me. Put three containers of beans in freezer. Went to Super-Duper. Jeanette was over. I was at Lewis' in evening. Their house is sold.


SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 1980 Rained most of night. Not so humid. Went to church - Brunch afterward. A long day. Richard gave me a nice tomato. Mr. Lewis invited me over tomorrow evening for Ada's birthday.


TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1980 Another hot, humid day. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Helen drove. Got my hair done in P.M. Richard mowed grass. I went in to pay him. Helen Rymer gave Helen [Utterback] and me a loaf of bread.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1980 Still hot and humid. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. We now put in a quarter. I really had good cards, 8,150 points. Got $1.00. Letter from Betsy. Frieda [Glady's sister-in-law] married today to Arnold Hubbard! [Frieda and Arnold had known each other for many years. He had been an employee of the ranch, and lived there with his family in their own house. It was a good marriage. Arnold's first wife had died; Ralph, twin brother of Charles, died in 1967. Arnold introduced Frieda to motorcycle riding; in later years they belonged to the Sun City Motorcycle Club.]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 1980 Looked stormy in morning, but sun came out and very hot. Cooked more apples - another container in freezer. Picked more beans. Barbara and I took a walk in evening. [Colleen's 23rd birthday.]

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1980 94°. 1° short of record. I went to post office, drug store, and Kroger's. So hot I can't do anything. Merle [Axline] called to tell me their house was sold.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1980. This heat is awful! Went to church. Afterward went to [Drug] Emporium, and stopped at Bonanza for dinner - good one. Bill surprised me and came up in evening. Brought me some tomatoes, and head of cabbage.


TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1980. Not quite so hot. Went to Center to sew. I drove and took both Helen's. Gerry [Jones] came and we played bridge here. I had low score. At ten Frieda called to tell me about her marriage. Called from California.


THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1980. 88°. Made last of apples into sauce that Don gave me before I went away. Went to Lewis' to return Ray's book. Barbara brought her fur coat and good jewelry for me to keep while they are gone. A tomato starting to turn. About a month late!


SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1980. Much cooler. Went to two groceries. Everytime something is marked higher. Put more clean papers in kitchen. A long day.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 1980. Such a dark, rainy looking morning. Almost didn't go to church. But I did and had a good dinner after I came home. Rain, and more rain. Such a dreary day. Closed all windows and turned furnace on for a few minutes. Walked almost to Glenmont [Road].

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 1980. Warmer and sunny most of day. Put more clean papers in the drawers and shelves. Took car for gasoline, and to get seat fixed. Have picked two tomatoes but they aren't ready to use. In P.M. Jeanette was over.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1980. Finished papers in kitchen, except over refrigerator. Home all day. Took a short walk with Ada [Lewis] in evening. They have closed deal on their house, and will be leaving for Florida soon. Hot!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1980. Bad storm early in morning. Stopped by time I went to bridge. Had a good dinner, and I won $ .97 (pennies). Ada had brought me four tomatoes. [Don's 49th birthday.]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1980. Nice day until about four o'clock - then a hard rain. Didn't do much - some mending. Dorothy called - they will be up Sunday.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1980 Really nice day. Karen was here for lunch. Put three cups of tomatoes in freezer - some mine and some Ada gave me. Have five cups now.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1980 Beautiful day. Did laundry and hung the clothes outside. Picked another meal of beans. Pulled beans up next to driveway.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1980 Didn't go to church. Dorothy and Dick brought Valerie home - she had gone home for weekend. They were here for dinner - left about five.


TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1980 Hot day. Went to [Senior] Center to sew - took both Helen's. Later, talked with Helen Utterback, and her sister died last night. She just came from there yesterday. Richard got mad and won't cut my grass anymore. Mad, because once I told him it didn't need it. Upset me! Took a walk to Glenmont [Road] - met Ruth Young. Eleven years today since Charles left me. So many hurts and problems to solve!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1980 Another nice day. Had my hair done. Dorothy came at noon. Brought me more tomatoes. Put three cups in freezer, now 11. Kaiser's came over to get things I had kept for her. Don called, talked a long time to Dorothy and me. [Kay's 32nd birthday.]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1980 Hot, humid day. Baked a cake. Dorothy and I went to "Chat'n Sew." Later Don came over and brought my things. In evening Dorothy went down [to Ohio State] to get more of Valerie's things.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1980 Still hot and humid. Wayne graduated from Ohio State, also Valerie's boy friend. Dorothy brought more of Valerie's things here and loaded car of more to take home. She gave up her apartment today. She went for Valerie at five and they went on home. Davis' won't look my way or speak. Mrs. Ryder and boys came with their new puppy and brought me a gift from their trip.


SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 1980 Went to church. Home rest of day. Don and Helen called. Had a hard rain in P.M.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1980 Very hot. Labor Day. No mail. Didn't do much. Wonder how this trouble with Davis' will end.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1980 Went to drug store to get medicine. Didn't have enough money. Came home, got bank book and went to bank, then on and got medicine. Don took me to Duffs [Cafeteria]. Richard talked to me in back yard. Jeanette came over and brought me perfume. Glad all is well between us now. Lucille Reeder [former member of bridge club. In 1980, I believe, lived in Florida] called.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1980 My 81st birthday. My mother was 48 when she died [of liver cancer, I believe], my father 62, and Charles 70. Went to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Dorothy had brought me a dress and slippers. Dress, too large, so she took it back to exchange. Don took me to lunch yesterday, and gave me a candle lamp. Card from Bill with lunch when he comes up. Several cards. Perfume from Jeanette. Leona [Benton] called and took me to church to Women's Association. Dorothy called, talked also to Valerie and Dick. Had such a nice birthday. Hope to have a few more.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1980 Nice day until about four o'clock. Storm and rain. Went to Super-Duper. Did laundry and hung clothes outside. Had two surprises, calls from Wayne and Mable Meissner.


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1980 Lovely day. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Had poor cards. Didn't go to Block party. Getting some tomatoes every day. John's 22nd birthday. Watched Miss America Pageant.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1980 Went to church. Had nineteen at Brunch afterward. Don and John brought a desk and buffet and put in my garage. Carole [Hoffman] and I walked around block, first I have done that for a long time.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1980 Beautiful day. Washed a washer - hung clothes out, went to Circle. Tommy Burton mowed grass. [Don and Ellen's 23rd wedding anniversary.]

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1980 Went to Center to sew. Helen drove. Played cards in P.M. at Gerry's. Hard storm, raining hard when I came home. Paper boy came in and stayed 'till it was over. Lights out from five 'till quarter 'till nine.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1980 Four more cups of tomatoes in freezer. Beautiful day, but cool. Turned furnace on in evening. Lewis' left today [to live in Florida]. Chuck called to tell me about expected baby and they have bought a house.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1980

Perfect weather. Washed car. Took a walk in evening.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1980 Another lovely day. Went to drug store, library, and Kroger's. Took a short walk after dinner.


MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1980 Lovely day. Four more containers of tomatoes in freezer. Went to Golden Crest. Watched first half of football game.


WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1980 Rain during night. A very gloomy morning. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had miserable cards. Low score. Didn't eat much in evening.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1980 Beautiful day. Bill came about 10:30. Brought me zucchini and tomatoes. I put up nine more containers in freezer. Dorothy and Valerie came at 7:30 and were here overnight. Dorothy brought me 9 pints tomato juice, zucchini, tomatoes, peppers and apples. Bill also brought me [fire]wood.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1980 Another lovely day. Dorothy took me to university at nine. After she came back, washed all windows on outside, even the porch. We rolled back basement rug and swept. Went to Frank's Nursery. I bought an afghan, then to Battelle [Memorial Institute] to get some papers for Dick. Left at four to get Valerie. Forgot something. Had a piece [snack] before they left again at five.


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1980 Much warmer. Went to church. Our [bridge] club couldn't get a date, so met at Margaret's [Harmon] this P.M. Nellie drove and took me and Gerry. Poor cards. Swept drive in evening.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1980 Very hot! Made zucchini bread. Took a small loaf to Mr. Meyers. Made salad and meat loaf. Dorothy brought Valerie back. Got here about four. She took a load of her things down [to Ohio State] after dinner. They were in my front bedroom.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1980 Much cooler. Dorothy washed kitchen windows on inside. I washed curtains and she hung them. We took some things to Valerie and I saw her suite of rooms, and met two of her roommates. Dorothy came back for lunch and left soon afterward. Getting such nice tomatoes.


THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1980 Cloudy and cool. Baked a big apple pie to take to "Chat'n Sew." Had ten there. Leona brought apples. $2.50 a peck. Took a peck to Jeanette she had ordered. Gerry Jones called at five and talked 45 minutes. Fleeta [Heidora] called from North Carolina and talked a half hour.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1980 Lovely day. Went to Kroger's, Super-Duper and library. Put two more containers of tomatoes in freezer, and one of apples. Put storm door in and small windows by picture window. Karen was here for dinner.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1980 Beautiful day. I made an apple pie and put in freezer for Bazaar. Changed bed in front room and washed the quilt. Swept the house. Slept two hours in P.M. People moved in Lewis' house [directly behind Gladys]. [Gary's 29th birthday.]


TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1980 Another lovely day. Went to Center to sew. I took Helen Utterback and Lillian. Warm enough to sit on porch in P.M. Barbara [Kaiser] over. More nice tomatoes.


THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1980 Rain during night. I went to church to a luncheon. Don came for me at 4:30 and took me to their house for a picnic supper. Wayne, Karen, Valerie, Gary, Kathy, John, Trish, and Linda. We had such a nice evening. So many grandchildren and proud of them all. Karen brought me home.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1980 Made my 4th batch of zucchini bread. Two more containers of tomatoes. Now 43. Have had such nice cucumbers. Barbara was over. Much cooler!


MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1980 Coldest October 6 since 1892. 30° at airport. Washed and ironed. Home all day, except to mailbox. Don called. John and Trish have an apartment. I called Wanda [Ochs]. Watched movie in evening.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1980 Lovely day and some warmer. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Helen drove. In P.M. played cards at Helen Utterbacks'. I had low score. Good eats, went to nurse. Blood pressure up.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1980 Beautiful day and warmer. Could sit on porch. I went to beauty shop and stopped at bank. Bought a $4,000 certificate. Richard put in rest of storm windows. $4.00. Barbara was over. Swept drive. Leaves are falling fast.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1980 Another lovely day. Made batch of cherry jam from cherries Don gave me. Swept leaves from front yard. Jeanette was over - can sit on porch. Called Dr. Bope about blood pressure. Said to have it checked next Tuesday. If still high, to call him.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1980 Lovely day. Went to grocery and library. Washed the car. Mr. and Mrs. Winters stopped. Lived in Davis' house. Moved 20 years ago. Went over to Young's garage sale. Bought a plaque for bathroom.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1980 Some sunshine, but partly cloudy and windy. Went to Young's garage sale - got a big white flower pot. Just odd things around house. Talked with Don. Saw no one to speak to, except Mrs. Young.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1980 Gloomy, cold day. I went to church. When I came home picked all my tomatoes. Had a big kettle full. Barbara Kaiser was over. Princess [Hatch] called. Bernard very ill. [Princess and Bernard Hatch lived on Woodbine Road, adjacent to Mimring Road. They were original members of Gladys' "dinner" bridge club that disbanded after Covert Hardy's death.]

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1980 Nice day. Went to Circle meeting. After I came home took down the tomato plants at back of lot. Ellen had surgery on her heel.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1980 Some drizzle, but a pretty nice day. Ellen called, she got along well with surgery. Went to Center to sew. I drove, took Helen Utterback. Swept drive and burned the leaves. Richard helped with some in front. I called Bill, and Dorothy called.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1980 Lovely day and some warmer. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had high score. $1.00. Took down rest of tomatoes and swept drive.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1980 82°. A beautiful day. Did some odd jobs, swept front yard and driveway. Walked to Glenmont [Road]. Ellen came home from the hospital.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1980 Gloomy day. Helen and I went to Northland [Shopping Center]. Bought hose and a dress for John's wedding. $42.00 plus tax. Helen intended taking me to lunch, but she had an accident. Delayed us an hour so came on home. Swept drive, never saw the leaves come down faster.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1980 Turned out to be a nice day. Rain in night. Swept and dusted. Cleared the drive and took leaves to end of street. [Yaronia Drive South was a dead-end street. People dumped leaves at end for burning.] Barbara [Kaiser] came over and helped me. Only one I spoke to all day.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1980 Nice day. Went to church. Swept leaves from front yard. Bill was here for dinner. Didn't come until almost time. Left at five.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1980 Nice day. I washed and ironed. Cleaned leaves half of back yard, driveway, and side yard. Spaded garden next to garage. Went to Golden Crest.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1980 Another nice day. Went to Center to sew, took Helen Rymer. Cleaned up more leaves.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1980 Had my hair done, then picked up radio at Clintonville Electric, then to library, drug store and Kroger's. Cleaned leaves from front and back yards. Burned ones between wall and garage. Jeanette was over.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1980 Another nice day. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Afterward cleaned leaves from drive. Tommy mowed grass and helped me with leaves. In evening, Laura [Hardy] and I went to funeral home to see Bernard Hatch.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1980
Our last nice day. Didn't do much, swept the drive again.


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1980 Much colder. Dark, gloomy day. Went to church. Home rest of day. Barbara was over.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1980 A nice day. Frost got some of flowers last night. Didn't do much except leaves cleaned front and side yards, driveway and half back yard. [Gloria's 56th birthday.]

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1980 Rain during night. Gloomy and cold. I didn't get out of house. Jeanette was in. My first fire in fireplace. [Wayne's 22nd birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1980 Frost got all the flowers. I pulled them up. Cleaned half of back yard and drive. Take some to end of street.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1980 Another lovely day. Washed a washer and ironed. Cleaned leaves in rest of back yard, around garage, in the ivy, and west side. Beggar's Night. Only one set - they came after hours, and I didn't go to door.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1980 Another lovely day. I went to Kroger's and drug store. Raked more leaves.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1980 Baked two apple pies I had in freezer. Went to our Bazaar at nine, home 3:30. Our Circle had "Attic Treasures." We had a good time.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1980 Still lovely weather. Went to church and Brunch afterward. Had three calls in P.M. Karen [Cooper], Juanita [Shupe], and Laura [Hardy]. To go to her place for lunch on Friday. Later, Bill, Don, and Lucy called.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1980 So warm could work out[side] with only a sweater. Cleaned more leaves. Front yard, part of it twice. Could not tell by evening.


WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1980 Beautiful day. Had my hair done and then I went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Got pennies. $.62.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1980 Lovely weather continues. Went to Women's Association. A boring meeting, came home before it was over. Stopped at Super-Duper, cleaned more leaves. A dead squirrel in front yard. Got Richard to pick it up. Used last of my [fresh] tomatoes.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1980 70°. Another nice day. Juanita [Shupe] came for me with Princess [Hatch], and we went to Laura's [Hardy] for lunch at Friendship Village. [These four women and their husbands were all original member of the long-time "dinner" bridge club. Covert Hardy, Bernard Hatch, Charles Cooper had all died. Hollie Shupe was the sole surviving male member of the club.] She showed us all around. Had a nice time. Home about five.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1980 Nice day, but cool. Dorothy, Dick and Valerie came about a quarter 'till one. Got caught in traffic for Homecoming game. Valerie did a lot of laundry. Dorothy brought meat for dinner. Valerie cleaned leaves in back yard.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1980 Dorothy and Dick cleaned leaves from rest of yard. Ate here for dinner. I went home with them. We left here about 4:30, left Valerie and her things. Got to Dorothy's about seven.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1980 Helped Dorothy make apple juice. In the evening we went to see Chuck and Donna's new home. Very nice. Dick had to work late.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1980 Dorothy and I went shopping in morning. Made more apple juice. Dick had to work late again. Mr. Young [neighbor on Yaronia] - Emergency [Squad] took to Riverside [Hospital].
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1980 21°. More apple juice. 8 gallons altogether, and some in freezer. Left at two for bus. Home at five. Ellen met me. Glad to go and glad to get home.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1980 Lovely day. I cleaned leaves in back yard, around garage, side yard, drive[way] and part of front yard. Not too many left.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1980 Went to Kroger's and drug store. Cleaned rest of leaves in front yard. Hope this is last time. Rain in afternoon.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1980 40°. A cold, drizzly day. Went to bridge at Stew Harrison's [Restaurant]. I never have good cards in that group.


MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1980 Washed and ironed. Weather - snowing and I decided not to go to Golden Crest [at church]. Leona [Benton] called, said she would take me. Thelma H. had a heart attack - called Emergency [Squad]. Weather worse - called the meeting to a close. Three or four inches snow. Had a time getting home. Over five inches of wet snow by bedtime.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1980 Some better today, and some snow melted. Called off my hair appointment for tomorrow and bridge. Did several odd jobs - faced my polka dot dress. Valerie and Hal came up to see John's stove, but he had to have gas. [John had stored items in Gladys' basement.]

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1980 A frustration day. I called to see about bridge. Addabelle was coming in my place. Told she should not come and I went. It was my fault. I stayed for lunch, played one round and came home. A beautiful day.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1980 Another lovely day. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a nice time. After I came home, took a nap, then went in to Jeanette's.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1980 Cool, but lovely day. Went to Kroger's. Bill was up for an eye exam. Came about one o'clock for lunch. Left at three.


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1980 A gloomy, cold day. Went to church. A long day. Made two telephone calls to put in the time. [Tom's 19th birthday].

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1980 A drizzly, cold rainy day. I went to Super-Duper. City picked up part of leaves.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1980 Some sun, but a cold day. Got a permanent and stopped at grocery. Dorothy and Dick came at 7:15.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1980 Partly sunny. Dick went to Battelle [Memorial Institute]. In P.M. he did some work in basement. Changed two chairs for me. John and Tom brought the trailer, took some of John's things from garage and basement. Dorothy and Dick left at five.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1980 Thanksgiving Day. Very bad weather predicted, but only some rain. I went to Don's for dinner - drove myself. Such a good turkey dinner. Home at 4:30. Bill called from Gloria's.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1980 A damp day with snow flurries. Baked cookies. Went to Super-Duper to get candy for bridge tomorrow. I am hostess. At 11:30 Merle [Axline] called. The restaurant closed - invited them to come here. Raked up more leaves. Only part have been picked up.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1980 Some snow flurries. Had bridge club here. Was disappointed. They wanted to quit at 3:15. Don't know if I'll stay in that group. Had low score. On Friday I finished an afghan - the 4th since last Christmas.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1980 A nice, sunny day. Went to church. Dorothy and Dick came at eight and brought Valerie back [to Ohio State]. Here all night.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1980 Mild day - almost to sixty. Dick left early for Cleveland [where his mother lived]. Richard cleaned gutters. $10.00. Leaf pickup got all leaves from roof and gutters taken away. Dorothy spaded rest of garden. We went to "Self-Serve" for gasoline - Dorothy knew how. Dick came back at 7:15.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1980 Started out at 54°, but gradually got colder and very windy. Went to sew. Helen drove. Went to [Dr.] Norris, got a good report. Stopped at grocery on way home. Home at two. Dorothy and Dick left soon after I did.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1980 Quite cold. Wind blew hard all evening and during night. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had a good time, good lunch. After I came home took my check to bank and cleaned up leaves wind blew in. Sunny day.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1980 Real nice day. Washed and did part of ironing. Went to Women's Association Tea. Dr. Bope's nurse called - said he would not fill prescriptions after this one until I came to see her. She was snippy and I didn't like it.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1980 A drizzly day. Went to post office, drug store and Kroger's. Finished the ironing. Evenings are so long sometimes. Never get to go anywhere.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1980 A very mild day. I baked cookies. Cleaned leaves in both back and front yards. [Bridge] club had Christmas party at Bonna's. I didn't go, had thought Dorothy would be here today. Don't care for the Christmas exchange, and got so much done at home.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1980 62°. Another mild day. I didn't go to church or Brunch. Dorothy and Dick came about 1:30. had a lunch here, left at 3:30. Moved Valerie to her apartment. Young's are packing, looks like they are about ready to leave.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1980 63°. Today is to be last of our mild weather. Went to Circle meeting. After I came home went over to tell Young's "good-bye." They leave Wednesday.


WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1980 37°. Nice, sunny day and cooler. Young's left today. Didn't do anything special.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1980 A light snow when I got up. Almost cancelled my appointment with Dr. Bope, but went and had no trouble. All fine. Dorothy came about two. She took me to Northland [Shopping Center] and to York Steak House for dinner. When we came home, house lit up. Don couldn't get me and came over. New people moved in Young's house.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1980 A nice day. Dorothy and I decorated the mantle [for Christmas]. We went down and finished moving Valerie's things to her apartment. They came here for lunch. Left about one.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1980 Fairly nice day. Put up my ceramic [Christmas] tree. Did more cards and took to mailbox.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1980 A beautiful day, went to church. Finished Christmas cards. [Valerie's 21st birthday.]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1980 Light snow on ground when I got up. Decided not to go to Golden Crest - many accidents. Later, it was called off. Washed and ironed. Started another book. Called Marvene [Shonting], but she isn't like herself.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1980 We didn't go to sew. Made apple sauce bread. Turned out to be a nice day.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1980 A lovely, sunny day. Had my hair done and went to grocery. I called on our new neighbor and took her a small loaf of applesauce bread. Barbara was over.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1980 Nice day. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a nice time. Stopped at grocery.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1980 Bill was here for lunch - had come to Dr. Brought me a carton of fruit and cheese for my Christmas. Hutchins [Clayton and Gladys - Ellen's parents] came for me and we went to Faculty Club [at Ohio State] to John's Rehearsal Dinner. Twenty-two there and a delicious dinner, and good time. Don brought me home. 10° when we got home.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1980
A beautiful day, but cold. John and Trish's wedding day. Dorothy and Dick came about four and Bill soon afterward. He went to church with us. Wedding was lovely. Church was filled. Bill sat with Gloria and went to reception with her. We were all together to eat. Bill, Gloria, Karen, Colleen, Wayne, Dorothy and Dick. I was given an orchid. Food was good and so much. We came home about 9:30. When Bill was leaving heard a buzzing noise in my garage. He and Dick could not get door open with key. 10° above.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1980
Another beautiful day, but cold. Mr. Kaiser came over and got door open. Now, I can raise it by hand. Too late to go to church. Dick and Dorothy left at 6:30 - to be at church for Jeremy's baptism. I made fudge, iced some cookies. John and Trish got 38 gifts at church. They went to Don's to open them. Leave tomorrow on their honeymoon.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1980 Beautiful day. Karen was here for lunch and got their packages. After she left, I took things to Jeanette.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1980 Fairly nice day. Went to Center to sew. Helen drove. In P.M. we played cards at Helen Rymer's. She gave me a loaf of bread and pan of cookies. In evening the Ryder family came to serenade and brought a small loaf of bread.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1980 A miserable day, snowing hard when I got up. Home all day. Made some telephone calls.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1980 4° above. A lovely, sunny day, but cold. Don came for me around eleven and cleaned some of my walks. John on honeymoon, so only five of [us] there for a roast beef dinner. Dorothy and Dick gave me a smoke alarm. Valerie, sachet; B.J. and Gary, stationary and blackberry jelly. Don and Ellen, a book and 4 bottles grape juice, Tom and John, their picture. Bill gave me a carton of fruit and cheese; Karen, stationary. A nice day. Don brought me home around 4:30.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1980 Nice day, but still cold. Barbara Kaiser called to tell me Mr. Young died last Wednesday. John and Trish came home from their honeymoon.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1980 Another nice day - below freezing, ice doesn't melt. Didn't do much or see anyone. Staying home until our street is better.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1980 A lovely day. I didn't go to church - don't know how the walking would be. Watched a football game and worked on a pillow top to use scraps of yarn. A lot of snow melted, and I got more off the driveway. Gary called.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1980 A miserable, rainy day. Afraid to go out, because freezing rain predicted. Linda, Colleen, and Karen here for lunch. Don brought Linda and came for her. He got me Christmas cards at \( \frac{1}{2} \) price at Northland. Eldis [Reed] came and brought me a box of candy.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1980 A gloomy day. Our foursome of bridge had to cancel because Helen Utterback has flu. I went down to Super-Duper, got a lot of groceries. Dorothy brought Valerie back - came here about four. We had T.V. dinners - fire in fireplace. Watched basketball game - 2 overtimes. State won.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1980
Some snow when I got up. Almost didn't go to beauty shop, but glad I did. Snowing hard when I came home. Dorothy left same time I did. At 12:15 she rang 'phone three times to tell me she was home. Don called and Bill later.

I am glad I have made another year and had pretty good health. Went to Wisconsin [to cottage] for two weeks in July, and to Dorothy's in November. Had a nice garden. Chuck and Donna bought a house. John and Trish were married. Wayne graduated from OSU. Karen and Valerie became Juniors [at Ohio State] and Valerie got an apartment. Tom went to live on campus. Lewis' and Young's moved to Florida, and Mr. Young died. Two sets of new neighbors. Mr. McLean left Judy and another change around here, and Mr. Justus had a bad stroke. Lost some friends. Bernard Hatch. Marvene's mind is bad and she doesn't call anymore.

END OF BOOK XL1, PART ONE (JANUARY 1, 1980—DECEMBER 31, 1980)

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THE DIARY OF GLADYS BOLON COOPER (1939-1989)

BOOK XLL PART TWO (JANUARY 1, 1981 - DECEMBER 31, 1981)

SYNOPSIS OF BOOK XIX PART TWO (1981)

Gladys, age 82, opened her diary for 1981 with "I am glad I have been well and made one more year." She did have some health concerns, particularly the cataract in one eye that required two surgeries and left her with somewhat impaired vision, but generally she was able to maintain her customary activities and interests, although sometimes at reduced levels. It seems clear that this was due in large part to the wide circle of support coming from her family, neighborhood, church, bridge clubs, and other friends. She visited back and forth regularly with neighbors Barbara Kaiser and Jeanette Davis. Once "Jeanette brought me three rose buds because she saw I was 'blue'." Jeanette's adult son, Richard, who had always lived with his mother since his term of military service in Korea ended, did many favors and chores for Gladys. Richard installed and removed in season screens and storm windows, washed windows, and cut the grass, although he raised his charge for cutting the entire lawn front and back to $3.00. She still enjoyed walks around the neighborhood during summer months with Barbara Kaiser, Carole Hoffman, and Mrs. Grimm, a new neighbor and friend who unfortunately moved away after only six months. For the first time she mentions having missed some of her favorite TV programs because of a neighbor's evening visit. Barbara dropped in and Gladys "missed most of my favorite programs in evening." For the third straight year she declined to attend the neighborhood block party. She still had her cat, Kacy, and they would sometimes curl up together for afternoon naps.

She had her usual garden, and planted onions, tomatoes, lettuce, and beans. Any surplus was frozen. She had 10 containers of beans and 11 of tomatoes in the freezer. Lots of marigolds, impatiens, and coleus were planted and in the fall cuttings rooted and potted to be planted next year. The amount of baking definitely leveled off from earlier years. The only kind of pie she mentions baking in 1981 was apple, but she also made apple sauce and zucchini bread, carrot and "snacking" cake, fruit bars, and cookies. Once she baked cookies and "forgot two cups of oatmeal, but they were good." Although she often mentions being tired she kept up a pretty good pace of cleaning, and did such chores as sweeping the walks and driveway, raking and burning leaves (illegal), washing, ironing, and even spading her garden. Not a typical day was March 24, "[I took] everything out of closets and [Mr. Dickerson] painted them. I finished cleaning up woodpile, planted some onions, and raked part of back yard. Made apple sauce bread." She did occasional sewing and mentions cutting down and hemming a big sheet, and lengthening a dress. She worked on several afghans during the year and helped her niece, Karen, make one of her own.

Gladys was fortunate in being able to hire reliable Mr. Dickerson to do painting and washing. He painted all three bedrooms, closets, and the living room ceiling for $90.00, and the walls in the kitchen, both baths, and the stairwell leading to the basement for $12.00. Her car continued to perform well (1,600 miles), although she needed a new clutch ($33.85) and new gas gauge ($16.50). For the gauge she only had $16.35 with her, no credit card, of course, and had to go to the bank and return to Keith's Service Station with the missing $.15. Self-service at gas stations was a new idea for Gladys, and she was impressed when Bill and her grandson, John, both knew how to pump the gas by themselves. At church she continued her customary interests, including, as before, "Chat'n Sew," Golden Crest, the annual Bazaar or Flea Market, and the Sunday morning Brunch. On one of these brunches the ladies were served pancakes, sausages, bacon, and orange juice. She still played in several different bridge groups.

Among the prices she recorded were the following: Lunches at the Golf Course, where she played bridge every other week, were raised first to $4.09 and one month later "lunches now $4.49!" Car license, $26.00; First-class postage was raised from $.15 to $.18 on March 22; $1.25 for a quart of strawberries sold door-to-door; a permanent now cost $20.00, and the worst expense
of all, $25.62 for a visit from a repair man who told her the reason her dryer would not spin is that she had not closed the lid. Gladys was furious. But she paid it. Most of the time she was in good spirits, even when she did not feel her best. But there were moments otherwise. One reads occasionally comments such as: "Don't have much to do," "A long weekend," "No one called, and didn't speak to anyone all day." Once she returned from a Thanksgiving Dinner at Don's and wrote "I don't know how to talk with the young people, and they aren't interested in my affairs. I miss my Charles!!" She reports a "depression" of several days after drafting a new will in Bill Walter's office. He was her attorney. 

"[Drafting the new will] rather depressed me. I don't often cry. Sometimes I wonder 'What is the use?' I do try to be fair with all my children." On the 13th of February, a Friday, she wrote "Bill was born on Friday the 13th. My mother was buried on Friday the 13th in 1925." A visit from her sister-in-law, Frieda Cooper Hubbard, and Frieda's new husband of one year, Arnold, for five days in May cheered Gladys up. She also much enjoyed her 82nd birthday on September 3. There were many gifts. A special one was a candle holder handmade by Ed Dybvig, a Wisconsin friend, from a piece of chokecherry wood gathered at the cottage. Gladys does record in 1981 three different brief mentions of national or international affairs. On January 20, "Didn't do much but watch Reagan's inauguration, and hear news of hostages. They were released after 444 days of being held captive in Iran; on March 30, "President Reagan shot, and three others wounded;" and on April 13 "The Pope was shot today."

Bill, age 57, lived in the nearly new home he had had built on his farm. For much of the year Kay's two sons, Christopher and Bryan, lived with him. Kay, his adopted daughter, seemed unable to care for them, although she kept Nichole, age 7. Their parents were divorced, and Kay married for the second time, Roy Cole, on May 6. This would last much less than her first marriage to Charles "Chuck" Rehl, the father of the three children who had departed. On December 27 the boys left for Michigan. Said Gladys "Hope they never come back." Karen, age 21, visited Gladys frequently. On August 12 Gloria took Bill, Colleen, and Gladys to a Health Food Restaurant. No comment about the food. In early August Bill visited Minneapolis, and also the cottage briefly. In the fall he took Gladys a truckload of firewood.

Dorothy, age 53, and Dick Kutchera, age 57, continued to live in Cincinnati. They both enjoyed physical activity, especially running. Their son, Chuck, has his second child, Brandon Charles, born April 8. His first child, Jeremy, was now 6. Valerie was a student at Ohio State in the Dental Technician program. She had her own apartment, but became upset with her roommate and the roommates' boyfriend, and so Valerie moved in with Gladys for seven weeks. On November 11 she showed Gladys her beautiful new engagement ring, a gift from her fiancee, Mark Hooper. Mark got a good job with Ohio Petroleum.

Don, age 50, continued his duties at Ohio State as the senior Professor of Latin American History, teaching such courses as the two-quarter sequence on "Introduction to Latin America," and advanced courses on the "History of Brazil," the "History of Mexico," the "History of Central America and the Caribbean," and occasional graduate seminars. He continued his researches on the history of epidemics, especially yellow fever and cholera, in Brazil. Ellen's mother, Gladys Gates Hutchins, age 83, had a successful hysterectomy on September 23, and Ellen spent three weeks in Bethesda, Md. helping her parents. She also spent one week at a "Faith at Work" conference in Madison, Wisconsin. Don and Linda stopped for her at Madison on June 23rd on their way to the cottage. John continued his studies at the College of Medicine at Ohio State. Trish graduated from the Mt. Carmel School of Nursing on June 7. Gladys and other family members attended a Catholic mass held before the graduation ceremony. Ellen hosted a celebratory dinner at the Cooper residence at 1896 Baldrige Road. In attendance were Gladys, the entire Cooper family, Don and Ellen, John and Trish, Tom, and Linda and her boyfriend, Scott Ford, Trish's parents, Thomas and Patty Haeussler, her sister and brother-in-law, Marcie and Kevin Filcik, and Kevin's parents, Milan and Helen Filcik of Kettering, Ohio. Gladys said she had a nice time, and it was a beautiful day. Trish got a job at Riverside Methodist Hospital starting
June 23. Earlier Gladys remembered a nice Easter dinner at Don's where the special guest had been Klaus, a member of a German wrestling team that had a local match, and spent several days as house guests with families of wrestlers from the local community. "Such a nice boy," wrote Gladys.

Gladys closed her diary in 1981 with her customary end-of-year summary.

"I am glad to have made another year. Have been well, only problem two surgeries on eye. Didn't turn out as well as I had hoped. Never was out of town. Chuck and Donna had a baby boy, Brandon. B.J. [Novak] expecting a baby. Valerie became engaged to Mark Hooper. She lived with me seven weeks. Trish graduated from Mr. Carmel School of Nursing. The boys left Bill and went to Michigan. Colleen graduated with honors from Galludet College [in Washington, D.C.] -started on her Master's Degree. So many blessings, I'll try not to complain about my eye. I hope I never become a "complainer." My children are all good to me. Charles never thought I would outlive him by so many years."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1981 I am glad I have been well and made one more year. Snowed most of day. Took the decorations from the mantle and put away. Watched Rose Bowl parade and part of game. Michigan won. A long day. So much snow, don't know when I'll get out.


SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1981 Some snow in morning, but turned out to be a sunny day. Didn't do much. Started an afghan. No one called.


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1981 Six or more inches snow on ground. I swept the porch and front walk and a path to garage. About four o'clock I saw Richard shoveling my drive. He didn't expect any money, but I gave him $3.00. Had a fire in fireplace.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1981 Below zero during night. Washed all my little pitchers. [Gladys collected miniature pitchers.] Fixed fire in fireplace. Don't have much to do.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1981 Just zero when I got up. Baked apple sauce bread. A long weekend. Sunny day.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1981 8° above. Lovely, sunny day. Didn't do much. Fleeta [Heidorn] called me from North Carolina. Juanita [Shupe] invited me to substitute in her bridge club next Tuesday. Later, Mrs. Ryder called and invited me to go with them to see slides Sunday.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 1981 8°. Fourth Sunday I have missed church. In P.M. went with Ryder's to see slides of West. They all came in for awhile.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1981 5°. Sunny day. I did the washing and ironing. Swept the kitchen and front room and laundry room.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1981 An inch or two of snow. Cancelled my hair appointment. Went to Juanita's and substituted in her bridge club. Mrs. Marco took me. Had low score. Felt more at home with my own groups.


THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1981 Cloudy day. Went to Kroger's and got more groceries. In a year my car lacked 16 miles of 1,300 miles driving. Watched basketball game.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1981 [No entry for this date.] [Chuck Kutchera's 23rd birthday.]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1981 Some snow flurries, but mostly sunny. I got out my slides. Can't get projector to work just right.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1981 Five Sundays I have missed church. Afraid to walk around there. Looked at more slides. Excitement about the release of hostages [in Iran].


TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1981 Up to 42°. Didn't do much but watch Reagan's inauguration, and hear news of hostages. They were released today after 444 days of being held captive in Iran. Got more ice off drive. Called Mr. Dickerson about painting.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1981 A cloudy day, but in the thirties. Most of streets are clear. I went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Lunches are now $4.09. It was good to get out.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1981 "Chat'n Sew" is postponed a week. I went to Woolco's and bought a tea kettle. Had burned a hole in mine. Went to [Drug] Emporium for cards and Bufferin.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1981 Cloudy day - high of 35°. Made apple sauce bread. No one called, didn't speak to anyone all day.


MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1981 Cloudy morning, but sunny in P.M. Got up to 50°, washed a washer and ironed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1981 Very nice day. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Took both Helen's. Gerry came and we played bridge here. I had high score. Bill called.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1981 Lovely day. Had my hair done, then went to get medicine and to Kroger's. Had a long sleep. Went to Jeanette's and they asked me to go to York Steak House with them for dinner. We had a nice meal - went in to Woolworths.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1981 A few flurries - did not amount to anything. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had 15 there. Did three comforts. Got gasoline on way. $20.50 [tankful].


SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1981 Nice. Sunny day. A long day. 'Phone didn't ring and saw no one to talk with. Worked some on afghan. Bad weather predicted for tomorrow.


MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1981 More snow and bad driving conditions. Our bridge called off. Don't do much, read, work on afghan. Had fire in evening.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1981 We didn't go to sew. Went to Helen Rymer's for bridge, although Gerry [Jones] was hostess. Had a good time. I had low score. Some snow flurries. Glad to get home, almost six o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1981 10°. Another cold, sunny day. Cleaned up some shelves and drawers.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1981 Another nice day. I went to bank and Super-Duper. Got my car license, only a few ahead and didn't have to wait long. $26.00. Barbara [Kaiser] was over. Dorothy called - they plan to come up Saturday. Waited until after eleven and called Frieda [in Phoenix] to find out about Betsy. She has heart problems, going to San Francisco for treatment.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1981 A fairly nice day, not much sunshine. I didn't feel like doing much.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1981 Nice day - up in forties. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Poor cards, low score. Dick was here when I came home. Dorothy had gone shopping with Valerie - she came about 5:30. Watched basketball game. State beat Michigan State.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1981 Didn't get to church because Dorothy and Dick here. We had a chicken dinner. They left at two o'clock. Later, I was getting ready to go to Valentine Party at church. Heard water running -the toilet tank water running out in a stream. Put containers under - took off cover, tied bulb to towel rack - stopped running. Went to church but didn't enjoy myself. Ilo [Hathaway] called.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1981 Fairly nice day. Didn't do much. Bad storm predicted. [Michael Cooper's 7th birthday.]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1981 Storm didn't get here. Had some rain and snow flurries. Went to Helen Utterback's to play bridge - didn't go to sew. I was third, car got so wet. I wiped it off when I came home - about as good as having it washed.


THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1981 1° below - nice, sunny day. Didn't do much. Phone didn't ring all day. Read and worked on afghan. State beat Michigan 105-87.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1981 12° above. Nice, sunny day. Bill was 13 on Friday the 13th. My mother was buried on Friday the 13th in 1925. Frieda called to say Betsy is better - didn't have open heart surgery.


MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1981 A rainy day but mild temperature. I went to Northland [Shopping Center] to have my glasses repaired - frame broke and no charge. Bought a pair white shoes.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1981

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1981
Very foggy. Went to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Lunch now $4.49! After I came home went in to Jeanette's to see their new puppy. Up to 60°.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1981
Cloudy, but no rain. Rained all last night. Went over some woodwork and furniture with "Liquid Gold." Basketball - Minnesota beat Ohio State.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1981
Rain during night. Went to post office, Kroger's, and drug store. Am trying to only go to Kroger's every two weeks because of cost of gasoline. [Ellen's 47th birthday.]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1981
Nice winter day. Went to "Fawcett Center" [at Ohio State] for lunch with our club. Nellie drove. Had a good lunch. Then to Merle's new home to play. Don came over in evening.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1981
Went to church. In P.M. Valerie called. It is 24 years today since we moved here. Kaiser's left for Florida.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1981
A queer day - rain and sunshine. Walked to mailbox.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1981
A gloomy day. Went to Center to sew. I drove and took both Helen's. We went to Helen Rymer's to play bridge. Margaret Davis played instead of Gerry. She got scores all mixed up. I was 3rd

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1981
A beautiful day. I went to beauty shop. Price raised $.50 - now $5.50. I stopped at grocery.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1981
Nice day. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a good time and good food. I helped with dishes. In evening Don came for me and took me to their house for turkey dinner. All family there. We went to a school program Linda was in. Bill tried to call me. Finally got Ellen after eleven - she told him I had been there.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1981
Lovely day. I took a walk - first for a long time. Bill called - he will be up Sunday.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1981
Cloudy but no rain. Swept the house. Made a carrot cake. A long day. Saw no one to speak to. Walked to mailbox.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1981
Gloomy day. Went to church to our Brunch - pancakes, sausage and bacon, orange juice. Stopped at grocery. Bill came in P.M. Brought me two big slices of ham. I got so worried, Re was about two hours later than he said. Princess [Hatch] called.
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1981 A typical
March day. Snow flurries and sunshine. I washed and ironed.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1981 Lovely day. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Helen drove. Gerry came and we played bridge here. I was second.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1981 A wet snow until middle afternoon. It did not stick to streets. Went to Golf Course. A good meal. Had very poor cards until last round. Had low score.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1981 Snowing when I got up - stopped and I went to luncheon at church. Such a nice lunch for $1.25. Stopped at Keith's [Sunoco Station] for gas. Found gauge out of order. Cost $16.50. Took all money I had. Had to go to bank and stop and give Keith $.15. Finished an afghan I started after Christmas. Watched an exciting basketball game - three overtimes. [Ohio] State beat by one point.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1981 Some sunshine and some snow squalls. Did mending and odd jobs. Valerie and her boy friend stopped.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1981 Nice day. Washed rugs and some extra cleaning in kitchen. Watched basketball. State beat Iowa. A long day!

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1981 A pretty nice day. Went to church. Helen and I were greeters at door. After church went to Woolco's and [Drug] Emporium. Bought another afghan. In P.M. wrote a long letter to Lucille [Reeder].

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1981 Nice day. Went to Circle meeting.


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1981 Some snow flurries. Had my hair done, in P.M. Don and I went to see Bill Walter about my will. Rather depressed me. I don't often cry and feel so low. Some times wonder "what is the use?" I do try to be fair with all my children.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1981 A lovely day, but windy. Went to post office, drug store and Kroger's. Only go to Kroger's every two or three weeks because of [price of] gasoline. Tried to rake some, but too windy.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1981 Nice day. Raked the front yard. Mr. Dickerson came to see about the painting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1981 Beautiful day. I went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Had poor cards - low score. Now, they will charge us $3.00 to play. In evening I called Bill. Can't shake off this depression.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1981 Wind blew hard all night. Baked two "snacking" cakes. Was on committee for Golden Crest. Dorothy's 53rd birthday. We talked yesterday, so I did not call her. She is coming Wednesday.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1981 Cold and some snow flurries. Helen Utterback and I went to Center to sew. I drove.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1981 Fairly nice day. I baked cookies, Dorothy came about 11:30. She took me, Valerie and Mark [Hooper] out to dinner. They came here for awhile. Had a fire.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1981 Snow on ground and rather slippery. Dorothy helped me. We washed dishes and cleaned the china closet. She left at one o'clock. Snow flurries most of day.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1981 First day of spring, and ground covered with snow. It didn't last long. Washed and ironed. Cleaned one shelf and washed dishes in lower part of china closet.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1981 Nice day. Did some cleaning in china closet and clean papers. Walked to mailbox. Last day to mail a letter for $.15. Saw no one and no one called.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 1981 Nice day, but still cool. Went to church. In P.M. walked over a mile. Mr. Halleck came down to borrow fertilizer cart. Linda left on bus trip. [Christopher Rehl's 14th birthday.]

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1981 A nice, sunny day. Karen was here for lunch and all afternoon. We played two games of Scrabble and took a walk. With a trip to mailbox, walked about a mile. Worked on woodpile.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1981 Beautiful day. Mr. Dickerson painted front bedroom and my room. Took everything out of closets and painted them. I finished cleaning up woodpile, planted some onions and raked part of back yard. Made applesauce bread. Tired, a big day moving things around.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1981 Another nice day. Had my hair done, stopped at bank and grocery. In P.M. Helen [Rymer], Gerry [Jones] and I went to Helen Utterback's for bridge. I had miserable cards - had low score.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1981 Lovely day. Mr. Dickerson came at 8:30. He was here 'till about four. He painted back bedroom and front room ceiling. I went to "Chat'n Sew" - had a nice time. Went to tell Richard that our church needed a janitor. Bill called.
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1981 Had some rain during night. Went to Kroger's and drug store. Richard [Davis] came in to tell me about applying for job at church. In P.M. Mr. Dickerson finished painting. Paid him $90.00. Don was here for dinner and evening. Ellen at her father's.


SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 1981 Another nice day. Went to church. After dinner watered shrubbery and took down the dead clematis vine. Grimm's invited me over for homemade ice cream. When she came over, I showed her my house.

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1981 Nice day. Dorothy and I put on Turf Builder, planted grass seed. She planted more onions and lettuce. We washed and hung curtains in my bedroom. 2 P.M. Don came over. President Reagan shot [by John Hinckley], and three others wounded.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1981 President Reagan much better and others improving. Dorothy cleaned out fireplace, put on birch logs. She also cleaned out the "catch" [for collecting ashes] in basement. We went to Northland. I bought a light weight sweater. Had a "salad" lunch at Elby's. Sat on porch. 81°. In evening went to Kroger's and to Valerie's.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1981 Nice day but very windy. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Had low score. Worked out [side] awhile after I came home. Dorothy left at a quarter 'till nine. Walked to Glenmont [Road].

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1981 Beautiful day. I didn't want to go to meeting at church. Took some checks to bank. Planted rest of onions, raked back yard, cleaned up more leaves. Took windows down on back porch. Took a long walk. In evening took a long walk [sic],

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1981 Sunny, until late afternoon and some showers. Worked out awhile. Went down to bank. Don came about 2:30. We went to Dollar Savings to see about Certificate. Then we went to see John and Trish and then I went to their house for dinner. Came about 7:30. Don called Dorothy from here to tell her about her certificate.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1981 Dismal, rainy day, but not cold. Swept and cleaned up back porch. Wrote checks for taxes. Have had a dull headache all day. Don't like pains in my head.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 1981 Much cooler. Went to church and stayed for Brunch.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1981 Nice day, but cool. Washed and ironed. Had carpet cleaned, man so rude said I had too much furniture. Then in evening found he had overcharged me $10.00. I was so upset.
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1981 Nice day, but still cool. Had planned to go to Center, but Helen Utterback sick. Went to Super-Duper. Walked to the school house in evening.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1981 Another nice day, but windy. Had my hair done, went to bank, Kroger's and Super-Duper. Walked a little farther tonight. Carpet company called and said they would refund me $10.00. Chuck called. They have a baby boy, Brandon Charles.


FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1981 Home all day. Made applesauce bread. Worked outside] some. Bill was here awhile in evening - most of time he talked with Don.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1981 Rain during night and more during day. Baked cookies, worked out a while. Hard rain in late afternoon and evening.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1981 Went to church. On way left Helen some cookies, applesauce bread, and tapioca. She has pneumonia. Very hard rain while in church. Had to take hoe and scrape mud from front walk. Back yard under water next to Davis'.

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1981 Cloudy but no rain. Went to Circle. Baked an apple pie. Thelma helped in place of Helen. Called Dorothy about baby. [Chuck's son, Brandon.]

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1981 Stormy, but windy. I was hardly out of house. Didn't go to sew because neither Helen could go. A big limb fell off the magnolia tree. Ordered new drapes for back bedroom. Aero Company.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1981 Lovely day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Don't have good cards. Walked to schoolhouse [on Glenmont Road] in evening.


FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1991
Some showers and some sun. Didn't do much.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1981 Lovely day. Went to lunch and bridge at Stew Harrison's. Gerry drove. I took my car to her house. Stopped at Super-Duper. Florence was hostess. Had my usual poor cards - only played one hand. Walked after dinner - went beyond schoolhouse.
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1981 Easter Sunday. Went to early church then to Don's for dinner. Have a guest, Klaus, from Germany, a member of [visiting] wrestling team [from Germany]. Such a nice boy. I left early since Don was taking him to a ball game. [Don took him also to the Ohio Historical Center.] Some rain in late afternoon. Bill called from Kay's.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1981 Cloudy, windy. Freeze predicted. Later, sun came out but cold and windy. I went to Golden Crest and took Mrs. Emmond. Stopped at grocery.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1981 A nice day, but cooler. 29° last night. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. Hadn't been there for five weeks. Helen drove. Stopped at grocery. Dorothy and Dick came about eight o'clock. Dick worked until quite late on a project.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1981 Cloudy and rain began in evening. Dorothy went with me to get a permanent, then we went to grocery. Dick was at Battelle [Memorial Institute]. Back about four. They took me, Mark and Valerie to dinner at Bob Evan's [Restaurant]. They left at 7:15. Richard mowed grass - now $3.00.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1981 Started out to be a rainy day, but cleared off in P.M. Went to "Chat'n Sew," worked out[side] awhile.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1981 Quite cold and windy. Don took me to Dr. Norris - cataract worse. Decided to have an implant, going to Grant Hospital on Sunday. Called Bill and Dorothy, and others.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1981 Nice day, not much to do. Long day before going to hospital. Jeanette was in. Went to Kaiser's. Barbara will feed Kacy. [Trish Cooper's 22nd birthday.]

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1981 Lovely day. Getting ready to go to hospital. They called at 9:15 - to be in at two. Don came for me at one-thirty. Brought me a table decoration from Marcie's [wedding]. [Marcie Filcik, married to Kevin, was sister of Trish Cooper.] Got to hospital at two. Roommate has to talk with a tube. Had some tests and lots of questions. John and Trish called.

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1981 Slept well with a sleeping pill. A long morning for me at eleven for surgery. My first ever. Gave me two shots and intravenous feeding. I lay there a long time, all I remember is seeing Don and one nurse. Woke up in recovery room some time later. Slept most of P.M. Don came.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1981 Dr. put on smaller bandage on eye and can get my glasses on. Trish came. Had some calls. Don knows how to work T. V. Can't talk with roommate.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1981 All morning I looked for Dr. [He] didn't come 'till 11:30. Left so fast, I hardly knew what to do. Ellen called and [I] told him [Dr.] said to come in tomorrow.
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1981 Didn't feel like doing anything. Jeanette and Barbara were in - Jeanette got me some groceries and brought me a bag of groceries. Effort to go to Dr. Norris. He took patch off, said it looked good. Found out more things. Edna [Scott - neighbor] brought me cookies. Mr. Grimm [who bought Lewis' house] was over - they plan to sell - he goes in Navy. He will paint back fence. Don took me to see Dr. [Bryan Wesley Rehl's 13th birthday.]

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1981 Rainy, gloomy day. Barbara was in and Helen in P.M. She brought me cookies and custard. I think I feel a little better this P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1981 Beautiful day. Can't do much. Charles would have been 82 today. Dorothy and Dick came about 4:30. They went to grocery and had a prescription filled for eye drops. Bill and Don called.

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1981 Beautiful day. Didn't sleep well, so didn't feel very peppy. Got out in yard. First onions from garden. Dorothy planted beans. Dick hung up my fertilizer cart [on a hook on garage wall]. They went to Valerie's capping, I had a long sleep and took a short walk. [When students in the Dental Technician program at Ohio State started their formal professional training they were given their caps.]

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1981 Another lovely day. I walked up street and in back yard. Mr. Grimm was over about fence. In P.M. Barbara and Mr. Halleck came. Flowers from bridge club.

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1981 Cloudy and began to rain about 5:30. Jeanette was in. Richard took storm windows out of back bedroom, put in screens. Put some top soil in garden next to Davis'. Helen came for me and we went to Gerry's for bridge. Enjoyed getting out. I was third.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1981 Got a substitute for bridge. Didn't feel like so long a day. Glad I didn't go, miserable cold - rain in night. Had to start furnace. Sun came out in P.M. I walked out to back yard. Richard pulled some onions for me. Barbara came over and fed Kacy. [Gladys could not stoop over because of her cataract surgery.]

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1981 Beautiful day, still cool. Bill came about eleven and stayed for lunch. I walked to Glenmont. Jane Custer came and brought me fudge pie and chicken nuggets.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1981 A lovely day. Don came after lunch and took me to Dr. Norris. Said eye is healing O.K. Still have to take Bufferin, drops and use eye shield. Had to get a prescription filled. Went to [Drug] Emporium as Super X didn't have. Got flowers at Super-Duper. Warmer.

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1981 Cloudy and some rain. I made apple sauce bread - took some to Kaiser's. Richard mowed grass. Jeanette was in, brought me chocolate cake. A long day. Still can't stoop over.
SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1981 A gloomy day and some drizzle. Mother's Day. John and Trish came for me. Went to Don's and he cooked the dinner - a good one. He gave me a family picture taken at John's wedding. So many cards, Get Well, and Mother's Day. I get discouraged about my eye. So lonesome at times. Dorothy called.

MONDAY, MAY 11, 1981 A rainy day. Hard rain during night. Doris took me and we went to Circle meeting.

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1981 Turned out to be a nice day. Made a "snacking" cake. The two Helen's [Utterback and Rymer] and Gerry [Jones] here for bridge - stayed until 6:15. Got worried about a call - said from Allstate [Insurance]. Laura [Hardy] called and talked a long time.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1981 Nice day. The Pope [John Paul II] was shot today. Karen came in P.M. Leona also, who brought me a violet, and one I had ordered for Barbara Kaiser. Got new drapes for back bedroom. Dorothy came soon after eight.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1981 Dorothy left at 7:15 for Dental Clinic. Didn't get back until after twelve, Valerie was with her with her kitten. She took it to veterinarian - Dorothy and I waited for her. Left her at her apartment. We went to drug store, grocery, and post office. Dorothy put out impatiens in front, four tomato plants next to Davis' and stakes by garage.

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1981 Drizzly day. Dorothy left before six - finished teeth cleaning. Got back at eleven. She set out 8 more tomato plants, and rest of flowers. Took one to Dr. Norris. Got good report on eye.

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1981 A nice day. Didn't do much. Did sweep the drive, but could not pick it up. Don and Ellen stopped on way to a movie. They cleaned it up for me. Jeanette was in.

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1981 Another nice day. Four Sundays I have missed church. Got to get out and sit on porch. Swept drive. Richard mowed yard and cleaned up what I swept. Barbara over and one 'phone call. Long weekend.


TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1981 Frieda called about nine - said they would be here Saturday. Jeanette took me to beauty shop.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1981 Beautiful day and warmer. Washed a small load and ironed. Went to bridge at First Community Village. Gerry drove -1 gave her $1.50.1 got the pennies [at bridge]. Walked to mail box.

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1981 Took the car out - first time for four weeks and went to Super-Duper. Got a lot of groceries. Richard set out more tomato plants. Cora set out. [Richard planted a little corn in his garden.]
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1981 About 80° - real summer day. Try to do a few things to get ready for Frieda. Don took me to Dr. Said eye healed beautifully and ordered my new lens. Don set out rest of my flowers. Sat on porch for first time.


SUNDAY, MAY 24, 1981 Dorothy and Don called. In P.M. Gloria, Karen, Bill, and boys [Chris and Bryan - sons of Kay] came. Such an afternoon! Edna invited us for lunch on Wednesday. Much warmer, can eat on porch.

MONDAY, MAY 25, 1981 Beautiful day. Didn't do much. Frieda and Arnold took me to York Steak House for dinner. One of my tomatoes disappeared.


WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1981 A rainy day. Edna [Scott] took us to Ohio Center for a delicious luncheon. We walked all around. I never expected to see it. So much walking. I was about all in. In evening went to Valerie's. Arnold left lights on - had to go to filling station and get someone to start car. Let it run 20 minutes after we came home [to recharge battery].

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1981 Drizzly, gloomy day and colder. Frieda and Arnold left at 8:15. I baked some fruit bars - went to "Chat'n Sew." Second time I have driven car [since surgery].

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1981 Lovely day. Washed a washer, did part of ironing. Don took me to Dr. Norris - now I can stoop over. Don't go back for two weeks. Stopped at bank and grocery. In evening Carol [Hoffman] came down and we walked to Wynding [Drive] to look at an exercise bike. [Jeremy Richard Kutchera's 6th birthday.]

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1981 Rain in morning and a hard rain and storm in P.M. Finished the ironing, and got my winter and summer clothes sorted out. Betsy and Dorothy called.

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1981 Lovely day and I went to church. Third time I have driven. Don't feel too confident yet. Richard mowed grass and washed the picture window.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1981 A chilly day. Very little sun. Baked cookies. Finally got bridge set up for the 20th. Will be glad when my turn is over! Planted more beans.
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1981 Lovely day. Went to Center to sew. I drove to Helen's and she went rest of way. Got a gold star for 100 hours or more. Richard, Jeanette here. Mrs. Clover stopped and introduced her son. Carole sold strawberries, $1.25 quart.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1981
A hard storm during night. Went to beauty shop.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1981
Warmer - 82°. Went to bank and grocery. Washed - and it would not spin. Cost me $25.62. Because [I] didn't have lid down! I really was provoked! Dorothy and Dick came around 9:30.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1981
Dick left early for Valerie [Dental Technician student to clean his teeth. Dorothy helped me around yard. In P.M. she took me to get new lens. May have to have two or three before I get a permanent one. Such a surprise! Gloria called at a quarter 'till eight and asked me to a party to meet Kay's new husband [Roy Edwin Cole]. Karen and boy friend came for me and he brought me home. Bill and Gary's family there. Had lovely refreshments. Home at 11:30. Dorothy and Dick left at seven. Rained all evening and most of night.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1981 A miserable, gloomy day, but later cleared off. Didn't do much, Jeanette was in

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1981 A big day. Went to church and took salad for our Brunch. Left after dinner. Don came for me at 1:30. Went to Trish's graduation at St. Catherine's Church. A Catholic mass before the graduation ceremony. [Trish graduated from the Mt. Carmel Hospital School of Nursing.] To Don's for dinner, Trish and John, her parents [Thomas and Patty Haeussler], her sister [Marcie] and husband [Kevin Filcik] and his parents [Milan and Helen Filcik of Kettering, Ohio], Linda and Scott [Ford]. A nice time. Home at 9:30. A beautiful day.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1981 Fairly nice until rain in the evening, and a tornado watch. Ruth Young stopped to see me. Jeanette was over. Can't do much until I have to rest. [Linda's 16th birthday.]

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1981 Nice day until more rain in evening. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. In P.M. played bridge at Helen Utterback's. I was third. Didn't get home until 5:30. Stopped at grocery. Later, Susan Ryder brought me flowers and a plate of "goodies." Her father died, so made food [and] she brought me some, and some flowers. Later, Frieda called from Linda's [in Story City, Iowa].

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1981 A hard storm during night. A good day and no rain. I got some odd jobs done. Barbara [Kaiser] was over, and Valerie stopped. A box of candy from Frieda.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1981 A nice day and no rain. Went to post office, drug store, and Kroger's. Did a little work outside. Jeanette came over and sat on porch in P.M. I walked to schoolhouse in evening.
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1981 Don took me to Dr. in morning. He told me I would have 85 - 90% vision. In evening we went to Bellville [to a well-known buffet restaurant near Mansfield] for dinner. Don, Ellen, Linda, her boyfriend, Scott, John and Trish, Tom and his girl, Cindy. Home about 9:30.


SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1981 A hot day. Went to church. At 10 o'clock now. Swept drive.


TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1981
Another hot, humid day. Went for Wilma Harper [former secretary in Charles' Department at OSU] at eleven. Stopped at drug store. We had a nice lunch. Two hard rains in P.M. A lot of wind - picked up a big bundle of sticks. A friend came for her. Edna [Scott] came over - she was locked out.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1981
A frustrating day. Got all dressed up to go to beauty shop and bridge at Golf Course. I had left on lights when I brought Wilma up and car wouldn't start! Called Triple A and they could not start it. Had it towed to Keith's [Sunoco Service Station on Indianola Avenue]. Changed clothes, swept drive and cleaned up after the storm yesterday.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1981 Pat took me for my hair [appointment] at twelve o'clock. Went up before that and got car -$ 18.00. I had it checked over.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1981 Home all day! Not much to do. Planted more beans. Ellen left tonight for a religious camp [Faith at Work] in Madison, Don gave her for Christmas.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1981 A nice day. Went to Stew Harrison's for lunch and bridge. I drove, took Gerry and Nellie. The farthest I have driven since my surgery. I was third - $.44 pennies. We won't go there again, since he wants to charge us $2.00 apiece to play.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1981
Almost stayed home from church, but finally went.

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1981 Very windy, started out hot and humid, but cooled off some in P.M. Washed a washer, hung clothes out. Went to Keith's to get receipt for towing car. Richard mowed grass. Called Bill.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1981 A nice day. Went to Center to sew. I drove, took the two Helen's and Lillian. The Japanese woman prepared lunch and we paid $1.00. Kacy [cat] was walking on three feet but seemed to be alright by evening. I took a short walk.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1981 Went to [Drug] Emporium to get cards and Bufferin. In P.M. put Turf Builder on front yard and washed the car. Hoffman's had a lovely tree cut down.


FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1981 Home all day. Don and Linda left for cottage yesterday. Bill was here for lunch.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1981 45°, a record. So cold in house can hardly stay inside.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1981 Decided not to go to church. Home all day. Jeanette and Barbara over. Don called in evening. They had a good trip and found everything O.K.


TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1981 Very hot and humid. John took me to Dr. [He] had wrong lens and had to order another. Over 2Vi hours both places. Two o'clock before we had lunch here. He filled my tank with gas at self-serve. Almost $20.00.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1981 Another hot, humid day. Went to beauty shop, then to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Such a good meal. I don't like to play so long with only four. My tomatoes have bloom - no small ones.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1981 Another hot day. Went to bank, post office, Kroger's and drug store. Am afraid tomatoes Dorothy gave me are cherry tomatoes. Mrs. Ryder came in evening. Brought me a piece of water melon.


SUNDAY, JULY 5, 1981 Still hot and humid. Went to Brunch - home rest of day. Saw no one except Barbara was over.

MONDAY, JULY 6, 1981 Dorothy came about noon with Valerie. In evening Dorothy and I went to cemetery. All flowers gone. We went to Boulevard Gardens, got marigolds and set out. Stopped at Gold Circle [Discount Store]. Valerie did her laundry.
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1981 Dorothy took Valerie back. We went to Northland. Dorothy bought a white dress. I bought two - one a sun dress. Dorothy had to go for Valerie at 10:30. She was upset about something. Dorothy ran four miles before breakfast.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1981 90° + 90% humidity. I can hardly stand the heat. Dorothy washed some of porch windows and took down a horns' nest. She and Valerie ran this morning. Dorothy to Weber [Road] and Valerie to Arcadia [Street]. Dorothy left at one o'clock. Bill called from Gary's.

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1981 93°. I can hardly stand this heat. Went to bank, bought a Certificate and to grocery. Washed things on bed in front room and aired pillows. Jeanette asked me over to play "Scrabble" in evening.

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1981 Made zucchini bread and took some to Davis'. Not quite so hot and humid. A short walk in evening. Sit on back porch now in evenings. [Ralph Hutchins' 57th birthday.]

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1981 A nice day, but do need rain. Went to lunch and bridge at [Fawcett] Center for Tomorrow [at Ohio State]. Gerry [Jones] drove. Had third score - 40 pennies. So tired! Getting so confused with Medicare and all the bills. On Friday John took me to get a second lens.

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 1981 No rain since we planted flowers at cemetery last Monday. Left at 8:30 and went over and watered them. Then went to church. Barbara [Kaiser] and her mother-in-law over in P.M.

MONDAY, JULY 13, 1981 Up to 93°. Very humid. Mr. Dickerson washed kitchen, both baths and stairwell. Only charged me $12.00. A good rain in evening.


WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1981 At 7:30 found out bridge was cancelled because of a golf tournament. Went to bank and beauty shop. A perfect day. No humidity to speak of.


FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1981 A very nice day. Went to bank to have interest marked on certificates. Washed and hung clothes out[side]. Mrs. Grimm here in evening.

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1981 A hot day. Didn't see anyone around here to speak to. Did ironing and washed two rugs. Bill was here for dinner.
SUNDAY, JULY 19, 1981 Went to church. Had a long sleep in P.M. Began to rain at 1:30. A very nice gentle rain, lasted all afternoon.


WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1981 Much cooler - heavier robe felt good. Karen was here for lunch, and Valerie came in evening and did her laundry. Walked to mailbox and took a walk with Karen. Put my first meal of beans in freezer.

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1981 Lovely day. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Fourteen there. Had a good time. We did two comforts. Jeanette was over. Richard mowed grass. Walked to Glenmont [Road] in evening.


SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1981 A nice day and warmer. Went to lunch and bridge at Center for Tomorrow. I drove, took Gerry. We had a mix-up about meeting, I get such poor cards. Lucy called at nine and talked an hour. Gerry - hostess. [Nichole Marie Rehl's 7th birthday. Daughter of Kay.]

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1981 A hard storm before I got up. A long day. Didn't go to church. Hot and humid. Helen and John called.

MONDAY, JULY 27, 1981 A gloomy day. Home all day except to mailbox. [Dick Kutchera's 57th birthday.]

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 1981 Went to Center to sew. Helen drove. In P.M. we played cards at Helen Rymer's. I had high score.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 1981 Had my hair done. Then went to bank, grocery, and bank. Mrs. Ryder left me a gift in mailbox. Walked to Glenmont.

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1981 A record 50° and 49° at airport. The boys left at nine for Texas. Bill called from airport. Home all day except to mailbox. I finished an afghan.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1981 Lovely day. Made apple sauce bread. In evening went to Wendy's for dinner, then to see Edith [Walter] - Bill in hospital.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1981 Washed and ironed. Hung clothes outside. Bill left this morning for Minneapolis.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 1981 Hot day. Went to church. We had so
many at Brunch had to put up a second table. Stopped at grocery. Barbara brought her [fur] coat
and jewelry. They plan to go on a trip tomorrow, if airline strike doesn't happen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1981 Hot and humid. Went to drug store and
Kroger's. Had to have service on refrigerator. Cost me $75.20. Richard mowed grass. Jeanette
brought me three rose buds because she saw that I was "blue."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1981 Another very hot day. Went to sew and
took Helen Rymer and stopped for Gerry on way back. Helen Utterback was sick in morning, but
came for a bridge game. I had poor cards - 3rd score. They played here. So tired. Tom and his friend
stopped in evening.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1981 Another hot day. I went to bank and
grocery. Richard brought me a wheelbarrow of wood. Storm in evening. We need rain. Had a
good rain in evening.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1981 Not so hot and humid. John took me
to Doctor. Have inflammation in eye - reason I haven't been seeing better. Dr. had me get drops,
which he thought would clear it up. Jeanette was over in evening. Mark and Valerie came to get a
package mailed here for her.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1981 Not so hot today. Mrs. Grimm came
over and spent evening. Dorothy called. Put a pint of beans in freezer. On Thursday called Frieda
(after eleven) for their first wedding anniversary [Frieda and Arnold Hubbard]. Stayed up 'till
eleven to call Don, but their line busy and gave up. [Colleen Cooper's 24th birthday.]

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1981 A nice day. Went to bridge at Center

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1981 A nice day.
Went to church. Home rest of day. Mrs. Grimm was over.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1981 Another pleasant day. Saw no one but
Richard to speak to. Baked cookies and forgot two cups of oatmeal, but they were good.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1981 Lovely day, not so hot. Went to
[Senior] Center to sew. Helen drove. Stopped at grocery. Walked to Glenmont [Road]. Don called
from cottage. Bill got home from Minneapolis and cottage. He had a good trip. He went through
Columbus about noon.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1981 A nice day. Went to Beauty
Parlor. In evening Gloria took Bill, Colleen, and me to a Health Restaurant for dinner. Came
here and didn't leave until after ten.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1981 Nice day. In P.M. Helen, Blanche, and I went to funeral home to see Mr. Petree. Barbara came for her jewelry and fur coat. Jeanette was over. [Bill's 57th birthday.]

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 1981 Nice day - need rain! Picked a pan of beans and put two containers in freezer. Now, seven. Richard gave me a big tomato from Dorothy Crane's garden where he worked.


SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 1981 Much cooler, less humid. Went to church, didn't see anyone all day to speak to. Got hose out and watered garden and flowers. Really need rain. At ten o'clock Mrs. Grimm came over. She was locked out and stayed here over night.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1981 Beautiful day. 40° and a record. Dorothy and Valerie came for lunch. We took her back to her apartment about four, and stopped at grocery. Dorothy brought me tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, and squash [from her garden in Cincinnati.]

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1981 A perfect day. Dorothy took me to Dr. Bope. Blood pressure good 160/80. Took a blood test. Charge, $55.00. We went on to the cemetery and in evening to drug store. The boys [Chris and Bryan] came home today. Called Bill.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1981 No rain predicted - we got out hose and sprinkled front yard. Dorothy put clean papers in top on cupboard. She left at one o'clock. Put tar and gravel on our street. Getting discouraged with eye. Mrs. Grimm and I walked to school house [on Glenmont Road.]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1981 Still no rain - beautiful weather. Home all day, didn't see anyone until after dinner, Mrs. Grimm and I walked to schoolhouse. Don's 50th birthday. Ellen had a dinner for him.


SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1981 Still no rain or any ripe tomatoes. Went to bridge and lunch at Center for Tomorrow. I drove. Margaret was hostess.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 1981 Took a sleeping pill last evening and didn't wake up until nine o'clock. Went to church. Home rest of day except to mailbox. Saw first tomato starting to ripen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1981 Lawns are turning brown - no rain. I put small pie shells in freezer, and washed the car. A short walk.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1981 Lawns are turned brown - no rain. Went to Center to sew. Helen drove. Jeanette was over, and Richard tried to fix my storm door. A walk about dark.


THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 1981 Went to "Chat'n Sew." Not so many there. Stopped at grocery. Rain began at nine. Never saw the lawns so brown. John left by bus for cottage yesterday - gets there this evening. [Nancy Kay Cole's [Cooper, Rehl] 33rd birthday.]

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 1981 Had .4 inches rain last evening and during night. Karen was here for lunch. She is learning to crochet. I am trying to teach her. Mrs. Grimm brought over her house key. Took a short walk about dark.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1981 Saturdays are long, days when we don't have bridge. Put two meals of tomatoes in freezer and one of beans. Have ten of beans. Swept drive.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 1981 Rained all morning. Went to church. Dorothy came about two o'clock. We took two walks to Glenmont. She brought me jelly, peppers, tomatoes, and squash.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 1981 Gloomy day and some rain. Dorothy and I went to [Drug] Emporium and to Hardware store to buy "fescue" grass seed. Dorothy left about one. Jeanette was over.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1981 Washed and ironed. Put more tomatoes in freezer - now 11. Hard rain in P.M. My birthday cards are coming.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1981 A gloomy, drizzly day. Went to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Good meal.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1981 Rained about all night and most of day. My 82nd birthday. Helen Utterback took me to Bill Knapps's where she had 82% off of my bill, and I received a nice chocolate cake. Ethel P. and Leona [Benton] went too and all came in for awhile. Dorothy and Dick gave me a carpet sweeper. Jeanette was in and brought me liquid soap. Don called. In evening Leona took me to meeting of Women's Society. Had a nice day. Bill tried to call, but his 'phone out of order. Don brought my gift on September 10.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1981 Lovely day. Went to bank and Super-Duper. Bill called after his 'phone was fixed. Mrs. Grimm over in evening. Swept drive and trimmed in back yard.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1981 Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Home rest of day. [John's 23rd birthday.]

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1981 Washed things on Dorothy's bed and ironed. Two more cups tomatoes in freezer. Jeanette came over to see if I was O.K. Then Barbara [Kaiser] and Ada Lewis and Alice Barnett. In evening Mrs. Grimm and I walked to school house.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1981 Rain in morning, turned out to be a lovely day. Went to Center to sew. I drove and took Helen Utterback. [Don and Ellen's 24th wedding anniversary.]

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1981 49°. High 67°. Turned furnace on awhile. Had my hair done. Theresa did it. Pat away. Dorothy called. They are home from Barbara's.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1981 Beautiful day. Don took me to Dr. Norris. He ordered a new lens. Thinks that may be causing the blurriness. Had lunch at Rax's. Stopped at Kroger's. Ada Lewis here in P.M. Walked to Glenmont [Road]. Don brought my birthday gift. A candle holder made by Ed Dybvig [in Wisconsin] from chokecherry tree on our lot.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1981 Lovely day. Karen was here for lunch - trying to start afghan for her. Mrs. Grimm and I walked to schoolhouse [on Glenmont]. Met Lewis'. Wynding [Road] is getting ready for block party.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1981 Washed pad and quilt on my bed and some other things. Swept leaves from front yard and drive. Block party, but I did not care to go.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1981 Beautiful day - went to church. Bill called. He and boys coming up. Had to go to grocery and get some food. Bill brought me a truck load of [fire]wood. They left about eight. Don called. So tired, went to bed early.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1981 Rainy morning. Two more cups of tomatoes in freezer. Went to Circle meeting. Storm and rain in evening.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1981 Rainy in night but none during day. Went to Center to sew. Helen drove. Played cards at Gerry's - I was third. Had to clean yards when I came home - big bunch of leaves and sticks. One limb about 10 feet. All I could do to drag it back beside garage and other long sticks. Got dark so early and such poor T.V.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1981 Fairly good day. A brief shower in evening. Went to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. A good meal and I had high score. After I came home potted some flowers, pulled up beans at back of lot and next to Davis'. Got so many will have to freeze some.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1981 Did'n't sleep well last night, and felt no good today. Did'n't go to church meeting. Picked rest of beans and pulled up vines. Put three meals in freezer and had a meal for dinner. Richard mowed grass and cut up a big limb that fell from tree. High of 57° - had the furnace on.


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1981 Much nicer day. Some sun and wind. I cleaned drive, but could not tell it in a little while. Don called.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1981 A lovely day. Went to church. Kacy and I took a long sleep in afternoon. Cleaned up front yard and driveway. Lucille Little called and asked me to be Sunshine Chairman of Golden Crest.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1981
Nice day. Went to Golden Crest.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1981 Decided not to go to sewing. Made zucchini bread. Cold and gloomy. Only out of house once to get a tomato. Bill called from Gloria's and Don called. Ellen left yesterday for her parents - her mother is having surgery tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1981 Nice day, but cool. Went to beauty shop, stopped at grocery. Made cover for davenport from old drapes. Washes some dresses. Mrs. Grimm came over and we walked to schoolhouse. Frost predicted. Mrs. Hutchins operated [hysterectomy].

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1981 A beautiful day - no frost last night. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had 18 there - a good meal and a nice time. Mrs. Grimm and I walked to the schoolhouse. Mrs. Hutchins got along well. Called and my lens is ready. Do hope it will help!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1981 Washed some summer dresses. Not so cold. Don took me to get third lens, stopped for gas and to take things to church for Flea Market. Don't see any improvement with this lens. Mrs. Grimm not home - short walk.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1981 Beautiful day. Went to our "Flea Market" or Bazaar at nine. Got home at three. Had lunch there and a good time. Barbara [Kaiser] was over and Mrs. Grimm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1981 Looked rainy in morning, but sun came out and a nice day. Went to church. Mrs. Grimm came over and we walked beyond schoolhouse. Our last walk for she leaves Tuesday. Don is going to call Dr. Norris. It has been five months and I still can't see well. [Gary Cooper's 30th birthday.]

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1981 Fairly nice day. Dorothy ran before breakfast. She and I went to Northland [Shopping Center]. I bought a coat % length and dress. Came home, had lunch. In P.M. she had an errand on East Hudson [Street]. Then we went to bank, to Kroger's, Super-Duper and new Outlet store. Met Valerie and Mark there. They came over awhile. After dinner we returned dress to Sears. Don called Dr. Norris - I will see another Doctor after going back to him. A big day!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1981 Dorothy left at nine just as it began to storm and rain. It didn't last long. I did the laundry, swept drive and front yard. Walked to Glenmont. Miss [not having] Mrs. Grimm to go with.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1981 Gloomy morning - sun came out in P.M. I did the ironing. Swept drive again. Acorns are so bad this year. Went in to Jeanette's. Karen was here for dinner. We walked to schoolhouse.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1981 Much colder. Took down tomatoes next to Davis's and picked green ones.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1981 Frost last night. A beautiful day and cleaned some in basement. Swept leaves from front yard. Made fudge brownies. Missed most of my programs in evening. Barbara came over. Bill called, then Susan Ryder called.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1981 Cloudy, but sun shone part of day. High of 70°, but didn't seem like it. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Home rest of day. Don called - Ellen still at her parents [in Bethesda, Md.]

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1981 A beautiful day - could work out without a sweater. Sat on porch awhile. Went to bank and grocery. Richard washed windows, put in storm windows. I washed kitchen and bath room curtains and he hung them. Started putting [fire]wood on porch. Swept the drive twice. The acorns are so thick this year.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1981 Some rain during night - wind and the whole yard and drive covered with leaves. Went to [Senior] Center to sew. I drove. In P.M. played cards at Helen Utterback's. I was second. Got a luncheon organized for Friday.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1981 Another nice day. Had my hair done and went on to bridge at Golf Course. A good meal and fairly good cards. Just missed third. When I came home, cleaned driveway and front yard. Picked some more tomatoes to ripen [inside].

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1981 Sunny and cool. Made zucchini bread. Went to grocery. Finished washing all "knick-knacks" on kitchen shelves. Took down rest of tomato plants and potted more flowers. Jeanette was in. Cooked chicken for luncheon tomorrow and cut up.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1981 Beautiful day. Had Laura [Hardy], Princess [Hatch] and Juanita [Shupe] here for lunch. [All members of the original "dinner" bridge club, now disbanded for many years.] Glad to use my nice things again. Tired in evening. Things are more of an effort now.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1981 Nice day. Club went to [Fawcett] "Center for Tomorrow" for lunch and bridge. I drove and took Gerry. Bunny was hostess. I made a small slam - won $1.00. Ellen arrived home after three weeks at her folks - her Mother had surgery.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1981 Lovely day. Didn't sleep well - almost didn't go to church. Raked back yard. Mrs. Sharon came for papers for school. Linda and Princess [Hatch] called.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1981 Lovely day. Went to Circle meeting. Later, Don took me to Dr. Norris. He thinks he has found trouble, but sending me to another Dr. for a second opinion - looks like more surgery. Was there 1 1/2 hours. About worn out and almost in tears when I got home.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1981 Another nice day. Can work outs[ide] with only a sweater. Washed the car, swept drive, and raked front yard. Put on some Turf Builder and planted some grass seed. Walked to school house.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1981
Another nice day. Did laundry. Swept drive and burned leaves.


FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1981 A little rain during night, but a nice day. I did some mending. Cleaned the leaves from back yard and carried them to front pile.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1981 No rain and we need it. Baked cookies, made two small apple pies - one for freezer. Started an afghan. Raked front yard.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1981 Very windy. Leaves blowing everywhere. Went to church, too cold and windy to work out. Street covered with leaves. Some rain last night.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1981 Rain and high wind during night - leaves everywhere. Cleaned drive, side yard, and part of front yard. Went to Golden Crest, later on to drug store, Kroger's and Super-Duper.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1981 33°, cold, but turned out to be sunny. Went to Center to sew. Helen's car was "acting up," so I drove. Took Lillian and both Helen's. Helen Rymer brought us a loaf of bread. Raked front yard after I came home, brought in more [fire]wood. Grimm's house either sold or rented. Saw a light first last evening.
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1981** Lovely day. Had my hair done. Got provoked at Pat [hairdresser] - I am thinking of trying Eva's. Went on to bridge at lunch at Golf Course. Did a few leaves after I came home, and brought in more wood. Barbara [Kaiser] was over.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1981** Ellen took me to a new Dr. - Blount. My eye has never been right. Said surgery was done perfectly. Have to go back in a week. Cleaned up some leaves, but began to rain.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1981** 55°. A nice day. Took car down and got more anti-freeze, then to grocery and bank. Cleaned leaves from back yard. Spaded garden next to Davis' and half at back [of yard].

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1981** 21° - a record cold last night. All flowers froze. Wasn't in mood to work. Cleaned leaves from front yard.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1981** This turned out to be quite a day. Went to church, had dinner and cleaned up leaves around garage. Then Bill came with his truck, helped me with leaves, took home a truckload for his garden. Then Dorothy called from Valerie's. She was afraid of her roommate's boyfriend and moved up here. Her mother, Dad, and Mark moved her. Most of things were put in basement.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1981** Dorothy and Dick spent most of today getting the rest of Valerie's things. Leona Zahn [former neighbor from cottage in Wisconsin] here in P.M. Dick took us to Ponderosa for dinner - such a treat to get out.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1981** Dark, gloomy day. Rain in evening. Went to Center to sew. Helen drove. She and I were only ones who went. Got a lap robe for Mrs. Kaiser - took it over. Also went in to Jeanette's. Rain in evening. [Gloria Cooper's 57th birthday.]

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1981** A nice, sunny day. Went to [Drug] Emporium. Cleaned drive, gave up then because I got so tired. Slept two hours. Before I got so tired finished spading garden at back of lot. Valerie got supper. [Wayne Cooper's 23rd birthday.]

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1981** A lovely, sunny day. I cleaned side and front yards. Don went with Valerie in the evening to see about her lease. She was afraid to go alone.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1981** Real nice day. Ellen took me to Dr. Blount - he said same as Dr. Norris. May have to have more surgery.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1981** Lovely day, about 70°. Went to bridge at Center for Tomorrow. Had good cards and high score. While I was gone Valerie raked all my leaves and did my laundry. She went out in evening.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1981** Lovely day - up to 70°. Valerie stayed overnight with a girl friend. Home in time to go to church and Brunch with me. Had 24 at Brunch. Stopped at grocery. In P.M. I spaded garden next
to garage, brought in more [fire]wood. Met man behind me, Alcott is their name. Valerie baked a cake.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1981 66°. Another lovely day. Home all day. Did some odd jobs, swept driveway.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1981 Beautiful day. Went to Center to sew. Helen [Utterback] drove. I brought Helen Ryder to Glenmont to vote and took her home. Valerie and a class and didn't get home 'till late. Was about 11:30 when she came.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1981 Lovely mild weather continues - 71°. Had my hair done, then went to Golf Course. Got pennies. $.90. So many, second prize. (See a year ago tomorrow.) [On November 5, 1980 Gladys won $.62 in pennies.] Valerie went to library in evening with Mark. Too tired to rake leaves.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1981 Went to a breakfast meeting at 9:30 at the church [Crestview Presbyterian Church]. Bored at these meetings. Stopped at Super-Duper. Raked front and side yards. A little rain last night. Need more. Valerie told me a secret - Mark took her to look at engagement rings. She went to library in evening. Frieda called to ask about my eye.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1981 A gloomy day - we need rain. I didn't do much. Mark took Valerie again to look at rings. Barbara [Kaiser] was over. I am so tired by evening. Leaves have about got me down.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1981 27°. Cold, but sunny. I baked cookies, Valerie did all the laundry. Jeanette was in. Valerie went to hospital to see Mark [Hooper]. He is taking tests [clinical trial] he gets paid for. Not sick.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1981 Beautiful day. Valerie and I went to church and stopped at grocery. Valerie baked a cake and worked most of the afternoon getting dinner for Mark. Got out all my good things. We had a very nice evening.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1981 A little rain during night - not enough to do any good. Went to Circle meeting. Cleaned pictures above my desk. Did some odd jobs after coming home from Circle meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1981 23°. Sunny. Ellen took me to Dr. Norris. Going back to hospital the 29th for more surgery. Won't get to go to Dorothy's for Thanksgiving. Raked leaves in front yard and around flower bed on the side. Fleeta [Heidorn] called and talked about half hour.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1981 Valerie had the day off at university. A big day for her because she came home with a beautiful engagement ring from Mark [Hooper]. I didn't do much. Walked to mailbox.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1981 Another beautiful day. Went to grocery, drug store and post office. In to Jeanette's in P.M. Raked leaves behind garage and side yard. Some friends took Valerie and Mark out to celebrate their engagement.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1981 Close to 60°. I did some laundry and washed my afghan. Lengthened a dress. Mark was here for dinner. He left around seven and Valerie was home this evening.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1981 60°, lovely, sunny day. I went to church. Valerie had to study. She and Mark went out awhile in P.M., but she was home most of day.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1981 Beautiful weather continues. Went to Dr. Bope. Came home, got more money, went to Super-Duper and had a prescription filled. Then to Golden Crest.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1981 Went to Center to sew. Took Helen Utterback. In P.M. we went to Helen Rymer's for bridge. I was high. Raining and almost dark when we got home at five.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1981 Colder, but fairly nice day. Had my hair done, then went on to lunch and bridge at Golf Course - poor cards and low score. Valerie and Mark went to the shopping center.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1981 Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a nice time and good lunch. Raining when I came home and a gloomy, miserable day. Thunderstorm in evening.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1981 An inch of rain last evening. Turned colder - first snow flurries. Such wind last evening. Had to clean yard again of sticks and leaves. Glad to be home today. Valerie went to a party and stayed overnight with friends.


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1981 Snow flurries and cold. Valerie, Mark, and I went to church. Mark took us to Wendy's for lunch.


TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1981 Snow on ground, but it soon melted. Went to sew. Helen drove. In P.M. Helen [Utterback], Helen Rymer and Gerry here for bridge. I was high.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1981 41°. Sunny most of day. Made cranberry salad to take to Don's tomorrow. Valerie and Mark left for his home. In P.M. Lucy called and talked about an hour.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1981 Beautiful day and Thanksgiving. I drove to Don's and took salad. A good dinner. Home at four. I don't know how to talk with the young people, and they aren't interested in my affairs. I miss my Charles!!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1981 Fairly nice day. Our leaves haven't been picked up [by the city]. I raked more today. Jeanette came in morning, brought me a cook book and calendar from Marva [Jeanette's daughter, a realtor]. Richard checked my fireplace. Karen was here for lunch. I helped her more with her afghan.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1981 A gloomy day and a long one. Gerry and Effie called. Grant [Hospital] called for me to come in tomorrow at 2:15.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1981 Don came at 1:30 [P.M.] to take me to hospital. Got to room 261 at 2:30. Had an EKG, a urine test, blood test, a good dinner. At seven told me to get ready - dressed for chest X-Ray across street. I fell getting on bus - such a high step. Had many frustrations, didn't get back to room until 10:15.


TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1981 Dr. in - said all looked fine. I could go home today or stay 'till tomorrow. I decided to stay. Mrs. Jones left - in an hour had another. This one a different type. Meals fair, this one runs T. V. constantly. Dorothy called.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1981 Dr. didn't come 'till noon. Ellen came about twelve. Had to get a prescription filled. One thirty when we got home. Valerie took good care of things. Had several calls - Frieda Hubbard, Merle [Axline], Jessie Boyd, Karen, Helen Rymer. I called Bill.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1981 Didn't feel like doing anything - I guess the "let down." Missed Christmas Tea at the church. Valerie and Mark went to a dance. Came in later, it was called off because they couldn't get enough security guards. They went somewhere else. Long evenings!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1981 A little rain last evening. Felt some better and baked cookies. Valerie came home at noon.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1981 Fairly nice day - a few snow flurries. Cold! Went to lunch and bridge at First Community [Village] - Frieda was hostess. Third - 34 pennies. Valerie was home all evening, studying for finals.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1981 A beautiful, sunny day. Went to church and to Brunch. Valerie had to study. Bill called from Gary's.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1981 Went to bank and grocery. Sunny until late afternoon. Valerie had two finals.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1981 Snow flurries and much colder. Went to sew - Helen drove. In P.M. played cards at Gerry's. I was third.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1981 Didn't feel good in morning, but better in P.M. Dorothy took me to Dr. said eye doing well - go back on next Tuesday to get a new lens for glasses. Then, we went to Rinks [Discount Store] and to Northland [Shopping Center]. I was tired in evening.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1981 29°. Snow flurries in morning, but sun came out and a lovely afternoon. Valerie had her last final. In P.M. Dorothy took my car and filled tank. We stopped at Outlet Store. Bill came up for X-Rays and was here for lunch.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1981 Another cold, sunny day. Dorothy cleaned the fireplace and washed glass doors. She and Valerie went to Northland. She left at 2:15. Mark stopped in P.M. to tell Valerie he had a job with Ohio Petroleum starting at $17,000.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1981 Nice day. I washed and ironed. Put some clean papers in cupboards and cleaned some burners on stove. Don came over in P.M. Brought me cookies and a half pie. Valerie and Mark went to look for an apartment for her - didn't find one. In evening they went out with other couples.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1981 Nice day. Valerie and I went to church. Did more [Christmas] cards. She and Mark went out in evening. Ellen went to see her parents.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1981 Weather report bad, so went early to get stamps and to Kroger's. Didn't get any worse - went to Circle meeting and found it was called off. Stayed for Golden Crest - a potluck. When I came home Valerie was about packed and had found a room at a rooming house for girls. Mark took her home. Jeanette was in and brought a fruit cake. [Valerie Kutchera's 22nd birthday.]

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1981 Nice day. Got a permanent in morning. In P.M. Don took me to Dr. Norris. Said eye had improved from 60/200 to 20/70. Got a prescription for a new lens for my glasses. Don stayed for dinner. Ellen called - she is driving home tonight from her folks.


THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1981 Began snowing in night. Had almost six inches. Everything looks beautiful. Saw no one to speak to, and 'phone didn't ring. Called Bill.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1981 Sunny and no snow. Glad I don't need to go anywhere. Put more clean papers in cupboards. Bill was here for lunch. After he left, Don came. Then, Eldis Reed and brought me a box of candy. Long evenings! Merle and Mark called.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1981 Fairly nice day. I didn't do much. Watched Bob Braun's Christmas show and some football. Had a surprise. John called, came over and brought me a Christmas stocking Trish had made, filled with little packages. Package from B.J.


MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1981 Snowed hard all day until late afternoon. Didn't do much. 4.3 inches snow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1981 Baked cookies and iced some. Afraid to step out - a little rain on snow has made it slippery.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1981 Rain during night melted most of snow. I went to bank and Super-Duper. Got home and didn't have all my groceries - went back and they had found them. Jeanette came in. At four Gary and Kathy came and stayed 'till six. Brought me a big hanging basket. Susan Ryder and Edith Bauer called.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1981 A nice day and some sunshine. Karen called - they couldn't come for lunch. She and Colleen came about two o'clock. Judy McLean brought cookies. In evening the Rader family came to sing carols and visit.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1981 27°. A beautiful, sunny Christmas day. I opened my packages. Too many gifts to enumerate. Dorothy and Dick gave me a clock radio. John and Trish a stocking she made filled with nice little gifts. Don and Ellen - cheese and a book. All were good to me. I came home about four. At six Don stopped and we went to a movie, an old one "Singin' in the Rain." Linda and Scott [Ford] went too. A nice Christmas Day and many blessings.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1981 A nice day with sunshine. I didn't do much. Jeanette and Don called - only persons I spoke to.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1981 Took a sleeping pill last night. Didn't wake up 'till 9:30. Made it to church. Called Bill, Kay and boys [Christopher and Bryan] left yesterday for Michigan [I seem to recall Kay had a sister living in Michigan, a biological sister]. Hope they never come back.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1981 Heavy snow storms during day. Washed and ironed. Put clean papers on shelves in basement. Mark and Chuck called. Later, Helen called - she has a cold - we aren't going to sew tomorrow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1981 Some sun in P.M. Didn't do much. Put clothes away and finished papers in basement cupboard. Started to Jeanette's, but too slippery - she came over here.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1981

Left before ten to get hair done. Then to bank, Super X [pharmacy], and Kroger's. Then to Ohio State Federal [Savings & Loan] where I bought a $4,000 certificate, then to Super-Duper. Didn't get home until twenty after twelve. At 1:30 Don came - took me to get new lens (3") and to Dr. Norris. I am discouraged - don't see any better - don't think I ever will. So tired in evenings!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1981

Some rain but not as bad as predicted. Didn't do much. Thought Valerie was coming back, but she didn't show up. Watched football game in evening.

I am glad to have made another year. Have been well, only problem two surgeries on eye. Didn't turn out as well as I had hoped. Never was out of town. Chuck and Donna had a baby boy, Brandon. B.J. [Novak] expecting a baby. Valerie became engaged to Mark Hooper. She lived with me seven weeks. Trish graduated from Mr. Carmel School of Nursing. The boys left Bill and went to Michigan. Colleen graduated with honors from Galludet College [in Washington, D.C.] - started on her Master's Degree. So many blessings, I'll try not to complain about my eye. I hope I never become a "complainer." My children are all good to me. Charles never thought I would outlive him by so many years.

END OF BOOKXXLI, PART TWO (JANUARY 1, 1981 - DECEMBER 31, 1981)
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THE DIARY OF GLADYS BOLON COOPER (1939-1989)

BOOKXLII, PART ONE (JANUARY 1.1982 - DECEMBER 31,1982)

SYNOPSIS OF BOOK XLD1, PART ONE (1982)

For Gladys, age 83, 1982 was "a good year." She continued to live alone in her own home, and to drive her car. She continued all of her usual activities, including bridge, church, her garden, housekeeping, baking, and sewing. She made three trips to Cincinnati to visit Dorothy and Dick, once to attend Valerie's wedding to Mark Hooper on October 2. Her first visit there in late May was the "first time I have been anywhere for a year and a half." She also made day trips to Dayton, to Cumberland, to visit the cemetery where her mother and other relatives were buried, and to Zanesville to attend a wedding shower for Valerie. She did not, however, drive her own car to any of these events.

Her garden was very important to her. She planted lettuce, onions, beans, cucumbers and 15 tomato plants. Richard Davis, her neighbor, installed the tomato stakes, and did some of the spading. Daily she counted the number of small green tomatoes, once 30, later 42, and finally 62. She picked her first ripe tomato on July 26 and "it was rotten. None turning." She was so disappointed! But in August the harvest began and continued as late as October 5. One of her marglobe tomatoes was % of a pound. Every green tomato was gathered at season's end. These were fried with a coating of flour and a little salt, or used to make freezer pickles. She preserved 32 cartons of tomatoes in her freezer along with numerous cartons of frozen cooked apples. The apples came from Don's trees. Gladys grew an 11" cucumber so big it looked like a zuccRini and, as she removed the vines at the end of summer, she found another big cucumber growing in her lilac tree. The vine had climbed the tree. In addition to her backyard garden she planted, as always, dozens of flowers on all sides of her house, especially impatiens, marigolds, and coleus. Birdfeeders in front and back were kept stocked with birdseed, bread scraps, and suet. Sometimes Gladys saved her dryer lint to put on birdfeeders; apparently birds collected this when building their nests. The large concrete birdbath Charles had made some 40 years earlier was always filled with water.

Gladys' activities at Crestview Presbyterian Church continued unchanged from the previous year. She continued to attend luncheons and meetings of the Women's Association, the Sunday Brunch that followed the service, Golden Crest, "Chat'n Sew," and the annual Bazaar. Gladys made an afghan which didn't sell at the Bazaar, but her long-time friend, Mari Jane Jackson, bought it later for $6.00. Total profits were $1200.00. She still played bridge in two groups. Once she made 4,100 points and still finished last. On another day she won $1.17 for first place, the largest prize she ever earned. A long-time member of her mid-week group, Gerry Jones, resigned from the group after Gerry's daughter, Carol, who lived with her mother, insulted the bridge group so badly that none of the other three members would play there again. All parted friends even so. Gladys certainly did less baking that had once been the case. The only pie she mentions is apple, although she made several of those. She also made apple, raisin, and carrot bread, and zucchini bread, as well as toll house and ice box cookies and fudge. She made several afghans during the year, including one for the Bazaar, one for her grandson, Wayne, and one for B. J.'s new baby, Jamie. She continued making quilts at the Senior Center, and received her 4th gold star, each of which represented 100 hours of volunteer sewing. As she had done for years she wove plastic rugs from bread wrappers cut into strips. These were sold at the Bazaar or given away. She took up in 1982 a new sewing activity, "latch hook."

Her best friends in the neighborhood continued to be Jeanette Davis and Barbara Kaiser. She met new neighbors, the Clovers, who lived across the street, and who became good friends, and the Alcotts, who lived behind her. She took an immediate dislike to the Alcott's and occasionally
refused to go in her back yard for fear she would see them. Eventually things thawed for a time. Marcy Alcott came so often to visit that Gladys considered her a "pest," and Mr. Alcott inspected her furnace and mixed her chemicals for spraying her garden. But when Bill discovered on August 14 that the large plants Alcott's were raising behind their garage were marijuana, Gladys would have nothing to do with them. The marijuana was cut down (harvested?) a week later. Soon thereafter the Alcott's divorced and moved out. The new tenants were no better. The police were called when the man struck his wife on the head. "Nothing but trash" wrote Gladys. The other neighbors continued to bring her small gifts from time to time, including an Easter basket, zucchini, tomatoes, apples, a fruit basket, raspberry pie, oranges, pieces of cake, and blueberry muffins. She no longer attended the neighborhood block party held annually in the fall.

Among the purchases she made in 1982 would be the following: new 10" inch T.V. for her kitchen; a pair of brown shoes, $33.00 - "the most I ever paid for shoes;" a house dress, $20.00; permanents, $20.00 + $1.00 tip; fireplace cleaned and checked, $25.00; and furnace checked, $35.00. On October 14 she visited several stores. "Got gasoline, medicine, stamps, and groceries. Started with $50.00. Came home with four." She saw two movies in 1982, unusual for Gladys. These were "E.T.," and "On Golden Pond." On her 83rd birthday on September 3 she wrote "A nice day" and she was pleased with several nice gifts.

As was customary she noted in her diary several important anniversaries. On February 22 "twenty-five years today since we moved here. Glad Charles got to enjoy half that time." On June 9 "Our 59th wedding anniversary. Am glad we had 46 good years." On August 26 "thirteen years ago today since Charles left me. I'll never get over missing him." A very special time came when Valerie, Karen, and Kathy, Gary's wife, all graduated from Ohio State on the same day. Two days later Don and Ellen hosted at their home a dinner for 24 guests who celebrated the graduates. Gladys made 23 hamburger patties and baked apple pie, and Dorothy made 3 gallons of homemade ice cream (vanilla, peach, and strawberry). Gladys wrote "24 there. I had 12 grandchildren there. We had lots to eat and a good time."

Valerie and Mark Hooper were married in Cincinnati on October 2. "Ceremony beautiful. A nice afternoon. The flowers were silk. Went to reception, the only hitch someone forgot the knife to cut cake." Gladys celebrated Thanksgiving twice. On Thanksgiving Day Gladys went to Don's. Ellen was not there; she was in Gaithersburg, Maryland assisting her parents. John, Trish, and Don got the dinner. Trish had the turkey done to perfection. Gladys went home with plentiful cold turkey and fruit. On Saturday Valerie cooked another turkey for Dorothy and Dick, B.J. and Gary and baby Jamie, and Mark's parents. Twelve were there for dinner. Gladys spent Christmas with Don and Ellen. Ellen fixed lamb for dinner which was "very good." She also received many gifts. "All good to me."

Gladys had several nagging health problems in 1982, but none of them serious. There was an ongoing problem with the retina in one eye, and after four changes of lens in her glasses she still did not see as well as she had hoped. She had a sore knee that required a cortisone shot. Several days she complained of fatigue. Several days she wrote "don't feel good," "I sleep too much" or "I don't feel like doing anything." But there were very good days as well. On September 16 she wrote "I went to two groceries, post office, drug store, bank, and Outlet Store." Once she got home she dusted all the bedrooms. She walked less about the neighborhood that she had once done, but on August 13 she walked a mile. Telephone calls were very important to Gladys. She routinely noted who had called, or if no one called. Her best day for calls was July 18. "Quite a day, both my sons and 3 grandchildren called." Other days were lonely, especially during the severe winter of 1981-82. On January 17 "Never saw anyone here all day. Not a car passed. A long weekend." On such days Kacy the cat was a faithful companion. Some nights they slept together.

Bill, age 58, and Gloria, age 58, now divorced, lived separately, Bill on his farm and Gloria in Columbus. They remained on good personal terms and Bill often celebrated holidays with his
family at Gloria's home. Gladys had always been very fond of Gloria. All four of Bill and Gloria's children saw Gladys regularly, especially Karen. Karen was also a bridesmaid at Valerie's wedding.

Dorothy, age 54, and Dick, age 58, continued to live in Cincinnati. Both continued their long-time interest in running. On August 28 Dorothy, Dick, Mark, and Valerie all ran a 6.2 mile race; Dorothy won for her age group. On January 3 Gladys had the family at her house for dinner. "First time my table has been opened up since Charles has been gone." It was a rare occasion when the extra leaves were needed. She also got to use her "good china," also a treat. Dorothy and Dick continued to enjoy their trailer in the countryside. Here they had several nice fruit trees and planted a very large garden. Valerie and Mark bought a house in north Columbus that they enjoyed after their marriage on October 2. Valerie bought a puppy, "Jasmine," but she lived only two weeks. The next puppy was "Shelly." Valerie found part-time work as a dental technician.

Don, age 51, and Ellen, age 47, continued to live in Upper Arlington. They had their kitchen remodeled in 1982; Gladys said it was "lovely." Ellen made two trips during the year to visit her parents in Gaitherburg, and Don continued his duties as a Professor of History at Ohio State. Don picked 59 quarts of cherries from several trees. The juice was used to make wine. He read a paper at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in December. Don, Ellen, and Linda spent the summer at the cottage in Wisconsin, although Linda first spent 6 weeks at Miami University at Oxford. She earned college credit even though she was still a Junior at Upper Arlington High School. Tom spent a week in Harlem with a youth group from church over Christmas, and earlier he got encephalitis but recovered completely. He was enrolled at Ohio State. John was an intern at Mr. Carmel Hospital and delivered his first baby on June 21, the same day Prince William of England was born.

Gladys closed her diary for 1982 with the following comment:
"This has been a good year for me. Valerie, Karen, and Kathy graduated from O.S.U. B.J. and Gary had a baby boy, Jamie. Valerie and Mark had a beautiful wedding in October. Ellen spent some time at her parents because of her father's illness. They were at cottage during summer. I am so thankful to have been in my own home another year and be able to drive. I do hope I can do as well in 1983. Lost two good friends - Marvene [Shonting] and Eldis Reed."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1982 A cloudy day but no rain. Don called, only person I spoke to all day - only saw one car go by. Watched Rose Bowl Parade and football. A very long day.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1982 A fairly nice day, cloudy but no rain until late evening. Valerie and Mark [Hooper] came about noon, and Dorothy and Dick soon afterward. Mark got a truck and they moved all her big things to her room. Dick took us all to Ponderosa for dinner. Bought ice cream on way home.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 1982 A nice day. Had six for dinner - the first time my table has been all opened up since Charles had been gone. Dorothy and Dick, Valerie, Mark, and Karen here. Had a good dinner and a nice weekend. Valerie got moved to her new room.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1982 Hard winds all day. About 7:30 branches fell on roof with a loud noise. Our electricity off two hours. Washed and ironed. Have front room back to order
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1982 A nice, sunny day after the wind storm. I went to [Senior] Center, took both Helen's and Lillian. Gerry couldn't come, so didn't get to play bridge. A good thing because after I came home worked out[side] an hour, cleaned up yards and drive. Two more bags and a basket of twigs and leaves.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1982 Gloomy and rain in afternoon. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Ella drove. Had a real good meal, and I was 2nd. $.75. [Robert Cooper's 10th birthday.]


FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1982 10° above. Sunny and cold! Didn't do much or see anyone. Had one telephone call, Jesse Boyd.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1982 1° below when I got up. Got colder all day. Baked cookies. Had several calls. Lucy called in evening. Told her I was watching O.S.U. basketball. We beat Minnesota. 5° below when I went to bed. Valerie called.


MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1982 4° below. About $\frac{1}{2}$ inch more snow. We cancelled sewing and bridge for tomorrow. I swept both walks and part of drive. Started the car and let it run awhile. All schools closed, stalled cars and bitter cold.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1982 Had to give up sewing and bridge at Helen's. 8° above. Baked a cake.


THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1982 7° above. Richard cleared the drive - $5.00. Snow was deep. I called Gerry and was insulted by Carol! [Gerry's daughter].

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1982 My thermometer said zero. News report said -5°. Yesterday I cancelled bridge for Saturday as the weather reports are bad. Later heard club cancelled. Went to bank and grocery. Got $25.00 in groceries. So tired am staying in! Snow started about seven.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1982 4° above. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches snow. By four o'clock it was 4° below and when I went to bed 11° below. Only person I saw all day - Mark stopped for some of Valerie's things and Helen called. Watched basketball game. State lost to Indiana. 11° below at bed time. [Chuck Kutchera's 24th birthday.]
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1982 15° below zero when I got up. Third Sunday I have missed church. Never saw anyone around here all day. Not a car passed. A long weekend! I called Bill, Don, Valerie, and Helen Rymer called. Nice, sunny day.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1982 Did laundry. Swept walk to garage and part of driveway. Jeanette came in P.M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1982 This day started out very frustrating. Helen Rymer and I were going down to sew. Went out to go and car would not start. Called Auto Club. They came at twelve and started it. Then, such a noise when I shut it off. Took it to Keith. He cleaned around battery. Helen Utterback went in hospital.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1982 A cloudy day, but a fairly good one until evening. Then wind and snow. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Gerry drove. So good to get out. A good meal and nice afternoon. She has to tell someone her troubles with his mother.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1982 Freezing rain and a little snow during night. Didn't do much - had some telephone calls. Have a good book to read.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1982
Another long day to be shut in. Freezing rain in late afternoon.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1982 48° in morning, sunny day. Much colder. Mark and Valerie came up and did laundry. Started to go on some errands. Car would not start. We got a jumper from Mr. Kaiser and Mark started it. Went to Keith's - said mine was a "lifetime" battery. Told me a place on Weber Road to get a new one. Had to get a copy of my registration. Valerie did it for me, tRen went back and got a new battery. $6.33 for putting it in, but I was so glad they could help. Rain last night washed all the ice from my driveway. Our street still bad.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 1982 8° above. Thought I'd go to church. But, a little snow and afraid ice under it. Four Sundays I have missed. Watched Super [Bowl] football game.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1982 Snowing when I got up and kept it up all day - almost 4 inches. Cancelled my hair appointment for tomorrow and to Dr. Norris. Some of us had planned to go see Helen Utterback in hospital but gave it up.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1982 Much better day. My drive has drifted snow. Too deep to get car out. I swept it all far as kitchen window. Light and fluffy, swept easily. Princess [Hatch] called.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1982 -5°. A nice, sunny day, but too cold for much snow to melt. Baked cookies and swept rest of drive and back walk. Made a jello dessert to take to church tomorrow. Slept two hours in P.M.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1982 38°. A change in temperature from yesterday. Nice sunny day, a lot of snow melted. Had my hair done, then went on to "Chat'n Sew." On way Rome stopped at grocery and Outlet Store. Tired and rested awhile. In evening watched basketball game.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1982 Went to bank to get Certificates. Busy getting dinner. Don's family (except John and Trish) here for dinner. Enjoyed using my good dishes and silver. Looked at slides. They are having their kitchen remodeled. Had a nice evening.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1982 A drizzly, gloomy day. Went to lunch and bridge at Center for Tomorrow. Had a nice lunch. I won first prize. I drove. Gerry still thinks I owe her a turn. That woman!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 1982 Pouring rain when I got up. Temperature at freezing and afraid to go to church. Fifth Sunday I have missed. Bill called.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1982 Finally got trash out. Have missed three or four weeks. A nice, sunny day. Don took me to Dr. Norris - he said retina not responding - reason I don't see any better. Wants to give me tablets to take. Didn't get home until ten of six. [Karen Cooper's 22nd birthday.]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1982 Went to [Senior] Center alone. Helen Rymer went ahead on bus for a nurse's appointment. In P.M. she and I went to see Helen Utterback. Stopped at grocery - forgot a bag of cat food - had to go back. Helen, Karen, and Don called.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1982 Rainy day - temperature around 32°. Almost afraid to go to Golf Course, but made it O.K. Raining when I came home. Gerry and I each drove. I had low score.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1982 Dorothy called last evening. Said they would be here tomorrow. I was about to go to grocery and bank and Helen said it was very slippery, so stayed home.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1982 Nice day. Dorothy and Dick came at eleven. They left soon to meet Valerie and didn't get back until after five. At two o'clock I saw the ice had melted and went down to bank and Super-Duper. Also, got my auto license - only had to wait a few minutes. We looked at some slides in evening.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1982 Dorothy and Dick ran four miles. In P.M. Dick went with Mark to look at cars. Dick took my car and filled tank. In evening Mark and Valerie here for dinner. Dorothy brought most of it.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1982 Haven't been to church this year. Got house cleaned up for Mark's family. They came about 11:30, his mother, sister, and grandmother. We met Karen at Gleth's. All attended a bridal show. Very nice. They came in for a short while. Karen didn't stay much longer. Dorothy and Dick left at 4:30. Has been a big weekend and I am tired!
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1982 Nice day. Washed and ironed. In P.M. went to Diamond Savings to have Certificate changed to 2 3/4 years with higher interest - then on to [Drug] Emporium. Later, went in to Jeanette's. A big snow predicted! Wayne called.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1982 Three inches snow when I got up. We didn't go to sew and cancelled bridge at Helen Utterback's. Richard shoveled the drive. $5.00, second time this winter. [Michael Cooper's 8th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1982 -7° when I got up, only a high of 12°. A nice, sunny day. I got to beauty parlor although our street is bad. Don called and invited me for dinner on Friday. Later changed to Sunday.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1982 Nice, sunny day. In evening Wanda Ochs and I went to Elby's for dinner.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1982 Another sunny day. Weather still cold. Baked cookies, didn't do much else.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1982 A little more snow during night. Went to lunch and bridge at Center for Tomorrow. I drove. Now I have repaid Gerry for all her extra driving. No problem driving. Margaret was hostess. All of us had poor cards. High score only a little over 2,100.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1982 Lovely day. Finally got to church. Bill called, said he was coming up. I was going to Don's for dinner, so invited him to go. Called Ellen, said she had plenty, for him to come. He left at five. Their new kitchen lovely.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1982 Last evening I went to bed at 8:30 and didn't get up till eight. President's Day - no mail or trash pick-up. Richard came over - got Jeanette's birthday gift. Put some clean paper in the kitchen - put on my car license.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1982 Rain during night. A foggy, dark day, but didn't rain until evening. Went to [Senior] Center. I drove to Helen's and she went rest of way. Mr. Dickerson was working at Kaiser's and came over to see me.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1982 Dark, drizzly day. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Although I had 4,100 points, it was low score.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1982 Cloudy, no rain except a drizzle in evening. Home all day. In evening Barbara over. Watched basketball game.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1982 Little snow during night, but didn't amount to anything. In P.M. went to Kroger's. Ilo [Hathaway] called - home from Florida.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1982 Gloomy day - rain in P.M. Didn't do much. Cut up some chickens, made chicken soup. Put some in freezer. [Ellen's 47th birthday.]
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1982 Gloomy day. Went to church - home rest of day. Revised my Certificates. Called Bill.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1982 A nice day. Twenty-five years today since we moved here. Glad Charles got to enjoy this place half that time. Walked to mailbox and later to Wynding Drive. Cleaned some kitchen woodwork with "Liquid Gold," more clean papers - started to wash things on knick-knack shelves.


WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1982 A gloomy day. Had my hair done, stopped at bank and grocery. The bank has a police officer there - it was held up three times in five weeks.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1982 Lovely day but colder. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had an afternoon nap. Wayne [Cooper] came to see me in evening. We watched "Tic Tac Toe." After he left I watched O.S.U. and Indiana basketball game.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1982 Cold last night, but a lovely day. I did not do much. Margaret Davis stopped to get Helen Rymer's package and stayed awhile. Don called.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1982 Nice, sunny day. Went to Diamond Savings [& Loan] to change two Certificates for higher interest. Found they had moved, had to hunt new place. Mark and Valerie surprised me by jogging up. Did some mending - don't do much.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1982 A lovely, sunny day. Went to church. Had a good chicken dinner. In P.M. walked around "Circle." (Several neighborhood streets including Yaronia Drives North and South, Wynding Drive, and Indianola Avenue.) Longest walk for a long time.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1982 Sunny in morning. Cloudy in P.M. I washed and ironed. Walked to mailbox.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1982 Gloomy day. Went to Center to sew. Helen drove. We played bridge at her house. Began to rain when we left Center. Raining when we came home, later turned to snow. Ella called at eight and bridge cancelled for tomorrow. Tired in evening.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1982 About two inches snow. Driving bad, but a sunny day. Glad bridge called off. I moved all furniture in my room and swept. Washed lower part of curtains, clean scarves, etc. Jeanette in P.M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1982 Turned out to be a lovely, sunny day. About noon I went to Kroger's, Super X, and post office. Only go to Kroger's about once a month, because five miles farther to drive. Don was on radio, but I could not get tuned in.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1982 Gloomy day - no rain or snow. Went to Center for Tomorrow [at Ohio State] for lunch and bridge. I took my car to Gerry's and she drove. Florence was hostess. I had poor cards - couldn't get interested. Sometimes I don't enjoy that group.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 1982 A little snow on ground. Went to church. We had our pancake and sausage Brunch. A long sleep in P.M. Tom and Princess called.

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1982 A nice day but cold. I cleaned more of the woodwork in the kitchen. Went to Circle meeting, now we take a sandwich and hostess furnishes cookies.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1982 A few flurries during the night. Went to sew, took Helen and Lillian. Went to nurse, all was fine. Took a walk in P.M. about half mile. Too cold to walk very far. Mrs. Clover called and offered to get me anything I need.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1982 Didn't sleep well last evening. An effort to get to Beauty Parlor and grocery. Took a long sleep in P.M. Linda called in evening. Said she wanted to come over Saturday.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1982 A thunderstorm and rain in morning. I baked cookies. Took a long sleep - then went to Jeanette's.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1982 A nice, sunny day. Cleaned up the back porch, cut all [bread] wrappers for [woven, plastic] rug. Raked side yard, had to sit down twice on steps and lie down when I was finished. Took package in for Readmonts, our new neighbors (Ellis' house). She came in, and stayed awhile.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1982 Had tornado close to Bill. Several houses damaged. I called him - didn't know it until I called. A nice, sunny day but windy. Linda was here for lunch and we looked at pictures. I took a walk to Wynding, but too windy to go farther.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 1982 A nice day. Went to church and stopped at grocery. In P.M. took a nap, then went in to Edna's a short while.


TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1982 Very stormy. Didn't start to Center until 10 o'clock. Helen drove. Cleared off about 10:30. Bill was coming up. He was here when I got home at 1:30. We had a good visit and chicken dinner.
Began to storm as he left. I was concerned and called at eight o'clock. He had no trouble getting home. I called Dorothy in morning before eight for her [54th] birthday. Rain and hail in evening.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1982 St. Patrick's Day. I wore my green dress to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Got 3rd. $.75, since pennies were over $1.00. Linda called.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1982 A lovely day. About 65°. Went to Family center and had a blood test for thyroid, then to Kroger's. Came home, got more money and my cane, then went to Northland [Shopping Center]-home at one o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1982 Cloudy and rain predicted. Helen and I decided to go to a movie - "Golden Pond." At University City. Got lost. I thought it was south of Lane [Avenue]. We finally got there and only missed a picture or two. It rained while we were there and on way home. Linda and Ellen left today for her folks, and Tom on trip to Harlem with other students. Evenings are so long!

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1982 Spring begins this P.M. but doesn't look or feel much like it. Went to Center for Tomorrow for lunch and bridge. I drove. Had some good cards. Had high. $1.00. Merle [Axline] was hostess.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1982 Some sunshine, but cold and windy. Doesn't look like spring. I went to church. A long nap in P.M. Saw no one.

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1982 A cold, gloomy day. Washed and ironed. Did not feel so "peppy." Spent a great deal of time on davenport. Don was here for dinner - brought my tax. Have over $1200 to pay. It makes me mad!! [Christopher JohnRehl's 15th Birthday.]

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1982 Cold, some sunshine in P.M. Went to sew. Helen drove. After I came home worked out a while. Sowed some grass seed. Raked leaves from flower bed by drive. Had a fire.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1982 Lovely day. 65°. Had my hair done. Don't feel like doing much. Take long sleeps in P.M. Did get three rows of onions planted, and a few leaves raked in back yard.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1982 On way to "Chat'n Sew" stopped at grocery as snow was predicted. Raining hard. Had a nice time at church. Stopped at grocery coming home to get meat and frozen stuff. Took a nap. Jeanette was in. Snow began in afternoon.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1982 Cold and some snow flurries. Man came from Oakland Park [Nursery] about timbers in front. [As I recall these were 8 x 8 inch treated logs nearly buried below gravel corridor between Gladys' lawn and the street. They were designed to keep drivers from crossing on to the edge of her lawn.] Soon after another man came and did work. Looks much better in front. Karen was here for lunch and dinner. She stopped on way and got me an afghan to make for B.J.'s baby. We looked at pictures and played one game of Scrabble. She left at seven. House so cold!
SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1982
Sunny day but cold. I didn't do anything - am not sick but don't want to do anything. Don called to say Tom home from Harlem [where he had gone with a youth group from First Community Church. One night late Tom and a friend got off the subway at the wrong stop and ended up alone in a dangerous section of Harlem. They were completely lost and verbally harassed by outRs. A taxi driver come along and said "I don't usually pick up fares in Harlem, but you boys look like you are lost." He took them to their residence several miles away.] Ellen and Linda got home from their trip East.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 1982
Beautiful, sunny day. Went to church. In P.M. Bill came and took me to Ponderosa for dinner. He stayed until after five. Still cool!

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1982 Another lovely day, 60°. Went to bank and locked keys in my car. A man got a coat hanger and opened it. Gave him $1.00. Don't know what I would have done. Went to Super X and Kroger's. In P.M. planted more onions and grass seed. Raked back yard and part of side. Ellen called.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1982 Predicted rain didn't come. Up to 73°. Went to [Senior] Center. I drove and took both Helen's. We were provoked Gerry wouldn't play bridge.


THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1982 Nice sunny day. Went to bank. Planted rest of onions and raked a few leaves.


SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1982 Tornado warnings until eight o'clock. Wind was awful! Went to bridge at Center for Tomorrow. I drove as Gerry didn't have her car. I was hostess. Very poor cards and low score. Mark and Valerie came up in evening. We had a fire and looked at some slides.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1982 Went to church early to take my salad for Brunch. Leona [Benton] and I greeted at door. Helped with dishes. As soon as I got home, Barbara Kaiser came over to get her things. Made out checks for income tax. Still cool.

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1982 Cold weather continues. Dorothy came about noon. A heavy snow predicted, so we went to Northland. Bought hose and a thermos. She fixed stapler. Snow in evening. In morning went to bank and grocery. When getting in car missed my pocketbook. Sure lucky to find in grocery. Valerie and Mark came up in evening and brought us a milk shake.
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1982 Dorothy spent all morning with Valerie getting her teeth cleaned. Snow on ground, but big storm missed Columbus. Cold! Dorothy baked cookies in P.M. Valerie and Mark up a little while in evening.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1982 15°. Broke several records. Dorothy and I left at nine. She has to go home and I went to Beauty Parlor, then on to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Such a good meal. I was 3°. Got pennies. $.40.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1982 Sunny in morning. I got all wood off porch, swept drive, picked up more sticks. Washed two of my jacket dresses. In P.M. went in to Jeanette's. [Brandon Kutchera's 1st birthday.]

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1982 Over 4 inches snow fell during night. It soon melted, but everything was beautiful. All trees and shrubbery covered. I washed two more dresses. Hardly saw anyone.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1982 25°. Rather gloomy day. Went to Kroger's and drug store. Bought half a ham and had it sliced - put in freezer. Susan Ryder and Peter came in P.M. Brought me an Easter basket. A lovely card from B.J. and Gary.


MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1982 Went to bank, closed out my lockbox - got a refund. ($18.00). Helen and I were hostesses at Circle. Later, John called. He and Tom came over and got some of John's furniture that was stored in basement. Up to 63° today.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1982 Nice day. Went to sew. Helen drove. In evening John and Trish brought several boxes to store in basement.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1982 Nice day. Washed and ironed. Took car to Keith for tune-up, etc. Cost $217.08. Raked both yards. Walked to Glenmont in evening.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1982 Warmest day yet. 76°. Went to grocery. Put Turf Builder on front yard and more grass seed. Washed the car. Planted lettuce - get tired so quick and have to rest.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1982 Up to 80°. Finished cleaning out fireplace. Moved more flowers to garage and back porch [where they remained until they could be planted outside]. First time to sit out there. Went to drug store and got a prescription Dr. Bope 'phoned in. Jeanette was here in P.M. Don came over and spent evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1982 Gloomy day and not much rain. Got all flowers out of bedroom to porch and garage. Got bedroom and porch cleaned. Ate lunch on porch for first time.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1982 Beautiful day. Went to church. Home rest of day. Don called and talked quite awhile.
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1982 Lovely day. Went to Golden Crest. Took a nap, didn't feel like working outside.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1982 A little rain in morning. Went to sew. I drove. In P.M. we played cards at Helen Rymer's. Gerry can't come so many times, we have a new player when she can't come - Margaret McCormick. We liked her and she will play with us when Gerry [Jones] won't. Tired in evening.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1982 Lovely day, but cool. Went to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. A good meal and enjoyed myself. Worked out a little while. Called Bill in evening.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1982 A really nice day, but still on "cool side." Baked a cake - had a permanent, $20.00 + $1.00 tip. Then went on to "Chat'n Sew." Got there in time for a good meal. Long nap in P.M. Barbara was over in evening.


SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1982 Warmest day yet. Went to bridge at Center for Tomorrow. Gerry drove. As usual, poor cards. Don't think I will like neighbors behind me!

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1982 Went to church and stopped at grocery. Sat on porch for first time. Don't like people behind me. Keeps me out of back yard. [Patricia "Trish" Cooper's 23rd birthday.]

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1982 Some rain during night and early morning. Washed rugs and baked cookies. In P.M. worked out awhile.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1982 Gloomy day until afternoon. Went to sew. I drove. In P.M. both Helen's and Margaret McCormick came here for bridge. I was high. Had a good time. Helen [Rymer] brought me a loaf of bread. Tired!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1982 Lovely day, but a cool wind. Slept late and didn't feel too good. Bill was here for lunch -left at two. Watched first part of movie "A Woman Called Golda [Meier]."

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1982 Beautiful day, but really need rain. I put up sprinkler on the front yard. Don't do much. My legs hurt me so bad. Watched last half of movie.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1982 Lovely day. I went to grocery. Baked apple, carrot, raisin bread. Planted a row of beans by garage. After dinner walked to Glenmont [Road]. [Bryan Wesley Rehl's 14th birthday.]

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1982 Another lovely day. Didn't feel very good in morning - better in P.M. Dorothy and Dick came around one-thirty. Dick fixed trellis, Dorothy set out some of my flowers. Mark and Valerie
came in evening. They have bought a house near Morse Road. Mark and Dick both brought ice cream. Planned a party for the three graduates.

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 1982 Still beautiful weather. We went to Valerie's "capping" ceremony, then to see outside of Valerie and Mark's house. His mother, brother, and sister came. Then to Duffs [Cafeteria] for dinner. Then to Woolco's where I bought marigolds, impatiens, and tomato plants. I was so tired and my knee hurt me so much. I fell at Valerie's. Ellen made appointment for me to see another Doctor. Charles' 83rd birthday.

MONDAY, MAY 3, 1982 My knee hurts so bad I can hardly get around. An effort to go to Dr. Norris. He said my eye had improved - ordered more drops and a new lens. So tired!

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1982 I think wannest day we have had. Don't think my knee hurts quite so bad. Went to sew. Helen drove. In P.M. played cards at her house - l was 2nd. Didn't get home 'till six o'clock. Watered the shrubbery in front of living room - need rain badly.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1982 No rain and really need it. Up to 84°. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Took my cane. I won $.75. In P.M. after I came home washed some flower pots. Ellen went in hospital for bronchial trouble. Barbara was over.

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1982 Still lovely weather. 88°. But do need rain. Had my hair done - don't feel like doing anything. Did manage to set out some of my flowers. Ellen some better. Jeanette was over.

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1982 Cloudy and some sun. Did the washing. Don took me to Dr. Meyer for my knee. Had X-rays - said trouble arthritis and gave me a shot. Said the burning was probably shingles - nothing to do for that. Jeanette was over. Had light rain in evening. Need it! Ellen may go home tomorrow.

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1982 Rained a nice, easy rain almost all night. Felt some better - did ironing, made three small apple pies. Set out rest of impatiens. Ellen still in hospital. Had a very hard time getting out of bath tub - will have to give up tub baths. Fleeta [Heidorn] called. Later (But I didn't.)

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1982 Beautiful Mother's Day. I went to church. Bill came soon after one and took me to Ponderosa for dinner - good one. We drove past to show him Valerie and Mark's house, then he took me to [Drug] Emporium. He stayed 'till 5:30. Soon after that Don came, brought me a beautiful card and glass bell. John and Dorothy called. Had a very nice day. Also gift and card from B.J. My knee might be a little better.

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1982 Lovely day. 82°. Went to sew. Helen drove. In P.M. the two Helen's and Gerry here for bridge. Very tired. Watered some of flowers.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1982 Hottest day yet. Richard put in screens and washed windows inside and out. Put in tomato stakes. Worked three hours. $15.00. 1 set out marigolds and tomatoes. 15 plants. Two stakes have two plants on them. Do not feel "good."

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1982 88°. Don't feel any better - maybe the heat. Made apple, raisin, carrot bread and did manage to turn hose on car and washed off the dust. Watered some, need rain. Barbara was over.

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1982 Another hot day and no rain. Finished cleaning back porch. Hutchins [Ellen's parents] were here in P.M. Don brought me two more coleus. Talked with Mr. Alcott - he offered to check my furnace.

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1982 No rain - almost 90°. Took a shower - cannot get out of tub now. Went to bridge at Center for Tomorrow. Provoked I didn't bid three no trump - would have been third. Gerry drove. Barbara was over. Don called. Balanced check book first try. Nellie was hostess.

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1982 Took a sleeping pill at 12:20. didn't wake up until 9:30. Didn't go to church. Worked out some. Sat in back yard on chaise lounge for first time.


TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1982 Started out hot and dry, but thunderstorm and rain in evening. We really need it. Went to sew. I drove. We three went to Margaret McCormick's for bridge. I was third.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1982 Rain last night. Had my hair done, then went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had very poor cards. Our last regular meeting. I was to take Ella to lunch but she was gone - we'll take her next time. The lows took the highs. Called Bill.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1982 Had some rain last night. Went on errands, got gasoline, medicine, to Kroger's, and Outlet Store. Had storm in P.M.

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1982 A gloomy day. I cut up chickens I bought yesterday. Don took me to get new lens for glasses (4). Mark and Valerie came just as I had my dinner ready.

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1982 No rain until evening. Then a storm and tornado warnings. Didn't do much today.
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 1982 Fairly nice day. Went to church. Bill came up and we went to Ponderosa for dinner. Had a good meal - went Dutch. Then we went over to Gloria's. It was after 6:30 when he left here. Then Don and Edith [Walter] called and Helen [Utterback].

MONDAY, MAY 24, 1982 Nice day - a little cool. Planted another row of beans. Don and Dorothy and Valerie called. I am going to Dorothy's on Thursday with Valerie and Mark.


WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1982 Didn't do much today. Went in to Jeanette's in P.M. Called Bill to tell him I am going away. Carole brought me a piece of her birthday cake.

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1982 Went to "Chat'n Sew." Only eight there, but did two quilts. In P.M. went to Dorothy's with Valerie and Mark. First I have been anywhere for a year and a half. We left at 5:15. Mark came back same evening.

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1982 Nice day. Dorothy and Valerie left after lunch on errands. Didn't come home 'til after five. I slept, read and wrote to Frieda. Valerie and Dorothy went away in evening to see about flowers for wedding. Spent most of day alone. No place like home.

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1982 We went to grocery in morning. Hard storm in P.M. Chuck stopped with Brandon. In evening we went to Chuck's for Jeremy's 6th birthday. Dick ran seven miles.

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 1982 Went to get another shower gift for Dorothy to give B.J. She called and talked to all of us. Dick went to trailer to mow grass.

MONDAY, MAY 31, 1982 Mark came in the morning. I cracked and picked out a lot of nuts. We left at 6:00, home, 8:20. Had been a bad storm. Drive, walks, and porch a mess. Kacy was shut on back porch. Can't figure out who moved rod I had propped the door open with. Don, Helen called. Barbara [Kaiser] brought back Kacy's food. Good to be home. All my garden looks fine.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1982

Miserable, cold, drizzly day. Went to [Senior] Center. Helen drove. On way home stopped at grocery. When I got home was locked out. Richard had to cut screen. Had another that fit. Then, took Helen and we went to funeral home to see Anne Trimble. Carole [Hoffman] was down selling strawberries, $1.35 a quart. I got Barbara a quart for feeding Kacy. Got drive and walks swept. So cold in the house.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1982

48°. So cold, furnace came on. Went to Beauty Shop, then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course - took Ella as a guest - low's took high's. She was gone last week. After I came home, tied up tomato plants and set out two cucumber plants Dorothy gave me.
THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1982 Turned out to be a nice day, but cool. 
I took my check to bank. In evening walked to Glenmont.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1982 So cool in house, in evening turned on 
furnace. Didn't do much. Took a short walk. Jeanette was in. Valerie called.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1982 A miserable, dark, gloomy [day]. Baked 
cookies and went to grocery. Bill and Karen came for me - went to Gloria's for dinner for Karen's 
graduation. Bill brought me home at 9:30. Colleen was there.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1982 Still cool, but some sunshine. Went to 
church and stayed for Brunch. Too cool to sit out. B.J. called.

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1982 Some sunshine, but mostly gloomy 
day. Washed and ironed. Ada Lewis in town and called.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1982 Much warmer. Went to sew. Helen drove. 
In P.M. played bridge at her house with Margaret McCormick. Had a time getting my dinner - was 
just starting when Barbara came over. Just ready to sit down when Jeanette came in to invite me out 
for lunch. Linda's 17th birthday.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1982 Hot and humid. Bad weather 
warnings in evening. Rain. I went to Kroger's and post office. Looked all day for Ada Lewis but she 
didn't come as she said she would. Our 59th wedding anniversary. Am glad we had 46 good years.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1982 
After a dark morning turned out to be a nice day. Went to Super-Duper - met Valerie there 
who ran up [jogged]. Later, I took her to her new house. She took a load. Richard [Davis] mowed 
grass. Lewis' never came!

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1982 
A beautiful day for O.S.U. Valerie, Karen, and Kathy [Gary's wife] graduating. Dorothy and 
Dick left early. I could not take steps and walking. I baked a pie. They came home and asked me to 
go out to eat, but I had had my lunch. Dick helped Valerie get a lot of things moved. Mark was here 
awhile in evening. After dinner Dorothy and I went to Boulevard Gardens [Nursery] and got nice 
marigolds I set out at [Union] Cemetery.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1982 A little drizzle, but mostly a nice day. 
Dorothy and I went to Super-Duper. Got things for tomorrow. I made 23 ground beef patties. Mark 
and Dick had to fix a pipe for Valerie's washer. All were here for dinner. Dorothy and I took a short 
walk.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1982 A beautiful day. Dorothy made three 
gallons of ice cream - vanilla, peach, and strawberry and a relish tray. I made 23 ground beef 
patties. Chuck and Donna came about two and we all went to Don's with Mark and Valerie. 24 
there. I had 12 grandchildren there. Party for the three graduates - Valerie, Karen, and Kathy. We 
had lots to eat and a good time. Home at nine. Dorothy and Dick's 29th wedding anniversary.
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1982 Another nice day. Dorothy took Dick to Battelle and went to Valerie's. She left about eleven. I went to Circle. We had a Colonel Sander's dinner. Stopped at grocery. Then went for gasoline. In evening Mrs. Clover came, then Richard [Davis] and Edna [Scott]. Didn't get my dinner until seven.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1982 Nice day until rain in evening. Went to sew. Margaret drove and took all of us. They came here for bridge. I had good cards and high score.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1982 Hard storms hit part of city - hurricane winds. We were lucky here. Miserable day, gloomy and rainy. Had my hair done. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. My score in middle.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1982 Glad to have a day at home. Washed and ironed. Cleaned up yard and driveway. Walked to Glenmont. A nice day.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1982 Beautiful day. Washed dresses and a skirt. Did some work in yard. Walked to Glenmont.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 1982 A shower, but sun came out. Valerie and Mark came and borrowed sweeper and step ladder. Went to lunch and bridge at "Center for Tomorrow." I was third. I drove.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1982 Church is at ten now. Home rest of day. In P.M. Barbara [Kaiser] was over, and I talked with Richard. Nice day.

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1982 Nice day - still a little cool. Went to Golden Crest, stopped at grocery. After dinner walked to schoolhouse [on Glenmont Road]. Called Don - he has picked 49 quarts of cherries (so far) off his tree. John delivered his first baby. A new baby prince in England.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1982 Another nice day - cool in morning and evening. Went to sew - Margaret drove, then Helen. It was pot luck but we didn't know and took our lunch.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1982 A beautiful day and a long one. Bill came about 9:30. We got Karen and started to Cumberland. Ate lunch at Zanesville. Drove around Cumberland and walked all around the cemetery. [Charles' mother and aunt, Fanny Cooper Stewart and Jennie Knowles, his father, Charles Frederick Cooper, Gladys' mother, Wilma Hayes Bolon, and various relatives from preceding generations on both sides are buried in Cumberland cemetery. My recollection is that Gladys' father, Dr. William Koontz Bolon is buried in Delaware, Ohio alongside his first wife, Anna Hall, and their son, Audlie Bolon. Charles' step-father, James Blair Stewart, is almost certainly buried in Cambridge, Ohio alongside his first wife (name unknown).] Bill and Karen took notes. Home about six. I got Bill a light supper. He left at seven. Valerie and Mark came and got rest of her furniture. Very tired!

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1982 Another beautiful day. Missed "Chat'n Sew." Had our luncheon and received our [gold] Stars [for 100 hours of volunteer work] at Senior Citizen's [Center]. I got my 4th gold star. [This
means Gladys had done 400 hours of volunteer sewing at the Center.] Lunch very skimpy. Richard
mowed grass. Don has picked 59 quarts cherries. Called Lucy to tell her about trip to Cumberland.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1982 Lovely day and warmer. Had Helen and Leona here for lunch - Helen's birthday. Thought it went very well. Got out all my good things. In evening Carole [Hoffman] and I walked all around the block.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1982 Another lovely day. Didn't do much since house in order for luncheon yesterday. Barbara and Jeanette were over. Took a short walk - met some of neighbors.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 1982
Went to church. Barbara was over. Walked in evening.

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 1982 Hot and humid. A small thunderstorm and a little rain in evening. Went to two banks, two groceries, and drug store. In P.M. went to Valerie's for dinner. Mark was there and she had a really good meal and her house fixed so nice. Have a new puppy—"Jasmine." Saw three tiny tomatoes.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 1982 Hard rain during night. Went to Center to sew. Helen drove. Went to Gerry's to play bridge. I was high. Carol [Jones - daughter of Gerry] gets more insulting all the time! Hot and humid! John gave the stove in garage to a church camp and they came for it.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1982 Cooler and less humid. Had my hair done and stopped at grocery. Bill called.

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1982 Almost a record low. Did laundry and hung clothes outside. In P.M. Jeanette came and brought me cookies. I walked almost to Glenmont.


SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1982 Hard rain in morning. Some sun, but partly gloomy day. I made three apple pies to bake from apples Don brought me yesterday. Dorothy and Dick came in evening, went to Valerie's overnigRt.

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 1982 I went to church, and stayed for Brunch. In P.M. Dorothy and Dick came, later Valerie and Mark. We had a nice dinner on porch. Quite warm! Fireworks around. Dorothy and Dick stayed here over night.

MONDAY, JULY 5, 1982 Beautiful day. Dorothy and Dick planned to leave early, but Valerie's dog sick and had to wait 'till she took it to Vet. Had to leave her. We all got rather frustrated. They didn't leave until after lunch. Don and Ellen left for cottage. Left Linda at Miami [University in Oxford] for six weeks. Called Bill. Dick fixed me a security light on garage.
20 TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1982 Very hot - almost 90°. I went to bank, then to grocery. In evening Richard [Davis] took up four big stones, and Jeanette helped me. Put in some flowers. Valerie's little dog, very sick. She has a job for two weeks at university.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1982 Almost 90° again. Got gasoline and went to Golf Course. Had a good meal and some good cards. Came in 4th, not enough for [prize] money. Tom and John both called to tell me Don and Ellen had a good trip and found everything O.K. Valerie's little dog still very sick.

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1982 Another hot day. All the storms go around us. Put two containers of apple sauce in freezer. Valerie's little dog died and she is unconsolable.

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1982 Not quite so hot. A nice day. Dorothy Pahl took me, her sister, and a neighbor to see Fleeta [Heidorn] at her sister's in Dayton. She took all six of us to lunch at Bill Knapp's. In P.M. we visited at her sister's home. One of most beautiful homes I have been in, and such a lovely yard. Rode to restaurant in her sister's car - never in such a beautiful Cadillac! Jeanette was over in evening.

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 1982 Another hot day and no rain. Went to "Center for Tomorrow" for lunch and bridge. Had good cards and high score. Gerry [Jones] drove. Frieda was hostess.

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 1982 Another warm day and no rain. Went to church. Watered the flowers and vegetables. Put first container of beans in freezer. Jeanette brought me a piece of raspberry pie, and Barbara [Kaiser] gave me some zucchini given to her and she didn't want it. Enjoyed chaise lounge in back yard.

MONDAY, JULY 12, 1982 Less humid. Lovely day but no rain. I washed and hung the clothes out. Did the ironing. Counted 32 green tomatoes. Called Valerie, she feels better, has work now at university.

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1982 A lovely day, went to sew [at Senior Center]. I drove and took Helen Utterback and Lillian. Jeanette was over. Invited me to go to lunch tomorrow. Long evening - nothing on T.V.


THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1982 No rain predicted. Very hot. Baked toll house cookies. In P.M. took some to the neighbors who have the new baby. 32 green tomatoes. All beans I can use. Karen called.

July 17, 1982
Another hot day. Almost 90°. Put three containers of beans in freezer. Didn't do anything else. Had a surprise - Jeanette asked me over in P.M. to play Scrabble and stay for dinner. So much cooler there. Came home at eight o'clock.

July 18, 1982
Went to church. About twelve B.J. [Novak] called to tell me they had a baby boy born Friday night [Jamison]. Then Don called, Bill, Valerie, and John. Quite a day, both my sons and three grandchildren called. A storm in P.M. passed by but a very light shower. 88° - hot and humid!

July 19, 1982
Still no rain, all goes by us. Have had hard rains around us. I went to Northland [Shopping Center], got a pair brown shoes. $33.00. Most I ever paid for shoes. Got a house dress (pink), $20.00. Had lunch at Wendy's. Watered things in evening.

July 20, 1982

July 21, 1982
Another hot day and no rain. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Didn't get any dinner. Sprinkled again.

July 22, 1982
No rain - half of my grass in front is dead. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Pulled up last of lettuce and weeded around the tomatoes. One almost ripe.

July 23, 1982
Not so humid, but no rain. Washed the car. Put another package of green beans in freezer. In evening Mr. Alcott gave me a big tomato and mixed up fertilizer for my tomatoes. Marcy came over and stayed awhile.

July 24, 1982
Warm day. No rain. Went to "Center for Tomorrow" for lunch and bridge. I drove. Margaret was hostess. Barbara [Kaiser] over.

July 25, 1982
Another hot, humid day. No rain. Went to church. In evening Valerie invited me for dinner. Frieda called. Didn't get car in far enough [in garage] and door came down and would not move. Had to crawl under door and move car. I called Jeanette to tell her for fear I would get locked in garage. She came over. [Nichole Marie Rehl's 8th birthday.]

July 26, 1982
91°. At 5 P.M. it was 90°. No rain! I did the laundry. Pulled up first planting of beans. Used last of my lettuce. Yesterday I pulled my first tomato - it was rotten. None turning!

July 27, 1982
Still hot and humid, went to sew and played cards at Helen Rymer's. Had a hard shower, only lasted about 5 minutes. Helen would drive, although my turn. I was third. [Dick Kutchera's 58th birthday.]

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1982 A beautiful day, low humidity. Karen was here for lunch. We walked to Glenmont and played two games of "Scrabble." I was tired when she left. Marcy was over but didn't stay when Karen here. I am afraid she is going to be a pest. Good letter from Don. Carpenter ants [at cottage in Wisconsin]. Lots of repair on Guest House.

FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1982 Another perfect day, but no rain predicted. Put clean papers in half of kitchen cupboard. Picked my first cucumber. 8 3/4 inches, and a meals of beans from ones by drive.

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1982 Still beautiful weather. No rain. Yards are brown and can't remember when we had a good rain. More clean papers in kitchen cupboards. Washed mattress cover, quilt, etc. on my bed. Valerie and Mark were here awhile in evening.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 1982 Hot weather continues with no rain. I got out hose and sprinkled. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Jeanette asked me over for lemonade. Walked to mailbox.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1982 Same old story. Hot and no rain! Finished papers in cupboard. Counted 62 tomatoes, but they don't ripen!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1982 No rain since July 7. Almost 90°. Went to sew. Helen [Utterback] drove. Played cards at her house. I was 3rd. So tired came home and slept 'till quarter 'till six. Susan Ryder came in evening, she came back and brought me a blueberry muffin.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1982 Had a surprise rain! Hard one for awhile. Was at Golf Course. It helped a lot. I had 3rd, $.75, since pennies were $.82. Didn't get any dinner. Saw two tomatoes starting to turn.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1982 Another hot day. Went to bank, then to Woolco's and [Drug] Emporium. Got a lap afghan to make for Bazaar [at church], and one to make for Wayne - he is moving to an apartment. My front yard about gone - nothing to mow.


the rain passed us by. Went to church. Home rest of day. Sat in back yard awhile. Worked on lap robe for Bazaar. Jeanette was over. Valerie called.


TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1982 Still no rain. Went to sew. I drove. We played bridge at Helen Rymer's with Gerry. I had miserable cards. Have some beautiful big tomatoes - marglobes.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11,1982 Had some rain during night. Went to beauty shop, then to Super-Duper. Weighed one of my tomatoes, 1 marglobe % pound. Richard mowed grass. Walked to Glenmont [Road].

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1982 A low of 49°. Really felt chilly. Made zucchini bread and put four cups of tomatoes in freezer. Found a big cucumber over 11 inches I hadn't seen. Looked like a zucchini.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1982 Beautiful day. Bill came and I took him to lunch at Bonanza for his 58th birthday. I was disappointed in meal, but where he wanted to go. He brought me some things from his garden. Left about two as Karen was coming. Took a nap, went over to Jeanette's awhile. In evening walked to Glenmont. With a trip to mailbox made a mile today.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 1982 A very pleasant day. I washed sheets, quilt, and pillowcases on bed in front room and aired the pillows. Bill said yesterday the plants Alcotts [neighbors to the rear] are growing are marijuana. I don't care to get too friendly. Good letter from Don.


MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1982 Still had no rain predicted. Froze 4 more cups of tomatoes. About ten o'clock Gerry Gifford called and her daughter brought her up. I got a little lunch. Left soon after one. I watered shrubbery and flowers.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1982 Went to sew. Helen drove. Played cards at Margaret's. About 5:30 we had a storm and hard rain. Lots of wind.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1982 A perfect day. I picked up three bags of sticks from wind yesterday. Had my fireplace cleaned and checked. $25.00. One more carton of beans in freezer. After dinner walked to Glenmont with Carole [Hoffman].
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1982 Another lovely day. Went to Super-Duper [grocery] and bank. Over to Jeanette's awhile in P.M.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1982 Don's 51st birthday. Gloomy and a shower in morning. Cleared off. Valerie called and Mark brought her down. We played three games of Scrabble, and watched two programs on T.V. Mark came for her about 9:30. She brought me apples and tomatoes from Dorothy's.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1982 A lovely day. Went to bridge at Center for Tomorrow. I drove. Florence was hostess. Watched some football in evening.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 1982 So cold in house can hardly stay in. In low fifties overnight. Went to church. Picked four nice tomatoes and more beans. Saw the marijuana [plants raised by Alcott's] behind me was cut down.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1982 Gloomy day, but no rain. Put four cups of tomatoes in freezer and made zucchini bread. Raked the front yard. Had last letter from Don from cottage.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1982 Gloomy, and rain in evening with severe thunderstorm watch. Went to Center to sew. I drove, took Helen Utterback and Lillian. Margaret and Helen Rymer out of town. Barbara stayed until 5:15. Late with dinner.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1982 Gloomy morning, but turned out to be a lovely day. Had rain last evening. Got a permanent ($20.00), then to post office and Kroger's. Valerie and Karen here in evening. Karen took Valerie home.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1982 Beautiful day. Didn't wake up until 8:30. Had to hurry to fix a dish and get to "Chat'n Sew." Got tired and came home at 1:30. After a nap went in to Jeanette's. Don surprised me by calling and saying they are home. Thirteen years today since Charles left me. I'll never get over missing him! Pulled beans and cucumber vine next to Davis's - found a big cucumber in lilac tree.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 1982 Had furnace checked. $35.00. Had been three years. Jeanette was in. Don brought me honey and peach jam. Mark and Valerie came at 4:15 and I went home (to Cincinnati) with them. Called Gerry [Jones] - Carol [her daughter] answered and made it plain we were not wanted there. Glad to get to Dorothy's again. [Nancy Kay Rehl Cole's 34th birthday.]

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1982 Dorothy, Dick, Mark and Valerie ran a 6.2 mile race. Dorothy won in her age group. Dorothy and Valerie went in P.M. to have Valerie's wedding dress fitted. Chuck and his family stopped by. They are expecting another baby in January. Dorothy and I went to Marsh's [grocery].

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1982 In morning we went to get webbing to fix my chairs. In P.M. to look about a wedding cake. Gone almost two hours. I couldn't take basement steps, and waited upstairs. We were home soon after 6:30. All fine. Kacy was glad to see me, he slept with me. No rain.
swept front and side yards. Pulled up rest of beans. Dusted house, have bridge here tomorrow.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1982 Had a light rain. Went to sew. Helen drove. They came here for bridge (with Margaret). I was third. We all had some good cards and a good time.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1982 Gloomy day, but only a drizzle. Went to Golf Course for lunch and bridge. Had pretty good cards. High score. Pennies were high, $1.17. Swept drive after I came home.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1982 A very gloomy day, with hard thunderstorms. A much needed rain. Saw no one to speak to except Edna [Scott - next-door neighbor] who brought my birthday card.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1982
My 83rd birthday. Helen [Utterback] took Leona [Benton], Ethel and me to Bill Knapp's for lunch. A good one. They came in here awhile. Frieda called [from Arizona] in the morning. Don took me to see the movie "ET." Then we walked around the French Market. I had never been there. Had a special good "meringue" to eat. B.J. and Dorothy called. Don brought me cheese from Wisconsin, a small thermometer and a desk holder for pencils. (I put flowers in it.) Dorothy sent hose. Bill called and will take me to lunch when he comes up. Jeanette brought a basket of fruit. Ellen called. A nice day!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1982
So cold I can hardly stay in the house. Swept the basement and raked front yard.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1982 Beautiful day, but so cold in house. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Weekends are long! In evening Mark and Valerie came. They have a new puppy "Shelly."

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1982 Labor Day and a very nice one. A little warmer. Baked cookies. Put three meals in freezer of meatballs and mushroom soup, and two more cups of tomatoes. Now have 14.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1982 A nice day. Went to Center to sew and they came here for bridge with Gerry. She said she would not play with us again. Carol ruined everything by telling us we were not welcome and we said we would not go there again. All ended friends. John called. I had high score in bridge.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1982 Lovely day. Had my hair done, stopped at bank and grocery. In P.M. sat on patio at Jeanette's awhile. Walked to Glenmont.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1982 Had a nice day. I went for Valerie and we went to Northland. I bought a dress for her wedding, and a suit. Had blouse and two skirts, so pleased with it. Valerie was such a help. We had lunch at Wendy's. Home about 1:30. Jeanette came over to see my new clothes and later to tell me Mrs. Kaiser [Barbara's mother] died. Bill called from Gary's.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1982 A nice day. Temperature around 80° now. I put three more containers of tomatoes in freezer from ones Valerie gave me. Did not see anyone except Barbara Kaiser was here a few minutes. Dark at eight and long evenings. Don hasn't called since Monday. He called later.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1982 84°, a real summer day. Did laundry and hung clothes outside. Raked front yard. Block party, but I don't care for it.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1982 Up to 85°. Went to church, but didn't stay for picnic. Was just sitting down to dinner at 1:30 when Ruth Young came. Put it back. She was here almost two hours. Four when I got dishes done.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1982 Went to Circle meeting. Had to leave early, because Don took me to Dr. Norris. Said reason I don't see better - trouble in retina - happens about twice in a hundred. A very slight chance brain might take over and have better sight. Got gas on way home. Ellen went to her folks [Clayton and Gladys Hutchins] in Maryland.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1982 Went to sew. I drove and took the two Helen's. In P.M. played cards at Helen Utterback's. I was third. Took Helen and Margaret home. So many dry leaves down can't keep up with them.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1982 Another hot day and no rain in our area. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Had third score. Since pennies were $.78, I got $.75. Cleaned up more leaves. Went in to Jeanette's awhile.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1982 Nice day and much cooler. I went to two groceries, post office, drug store, bank and Outlet Store. Got a $5,000 certificate, part from my savings account, and rest from savings cancelled at Dallas Savings. Dusted all bedrooms. Too tired to rake leaves.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1982 Nice day. B.J. and Jamie came about 11:30. Mr and Mrs. Novak [Gary's parents] brought them down from Cleveland. They had a light lunch here. Dorothy and Dick came at six. Dorothy was surprised to find B.J. and Jamie here. We all went to shower for Valerie at her house given by Karen and another bridesmaid. Had a nice time and a lot of gifts.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1982 Nice weather continues. Mark and Valerie took B.J. to get her car, Mark left there for her. I had a cold and didn't feel good all day. We went up to Outlet Store. Mark and Valerie came in evening.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1982 Beautiful day. Got up late and had late breakfast. Left soon afternoon for Valerie's shower at Zanesville. Dorothy and I got lost. About 30 there and I was amazed at so many nice gifts. Got home soon after six. Dorothy and B.J. went in her car, and Dick drove theirs. They left at 7:30. Mark and Valerie came down. A big weekend.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1982 A little rain in evening. Didn't feel very good, so did not go to Golden Crest. Didn't do much, cleaned up a few leaves. Felt better in evening.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1982 48° and a high of 62°. Went to [Senior] Center. Helen drove. Could not play bridge today. Valerie and Don called. Ellen doesn't know when she will be home.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1982 Another cold day - had furnace on. Went to Beauty Shop - stopped at grocery. Potted some flowers. Mark and Valerie stopped for a few minutes in evening. Barbara Kaiser came over in evening.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1982 Nice day but cool. Dorothy, Barbara ["B.J."] and Jamie came at eleven. We had lunch, they went for Valerie and to see dresses. I kept baby while they were gone. They left at 2:15. Don called. Mr. Hutchins has to have surgery. Ellen comes home tomorrow for weekend - going back Monday.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1982 Very gloomy day - rain in afternoon. I did the laundry. Froze more tomatoes - now have 32. Ellen got home.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1982 Gloomy, rainy morning. Sun finally came out about four o'clock. Did the ironing. Watched football. Stanford beat [Ohio] State in last 38 seconds! Wasn't out of house except to pick some tomatoes. Don called - only person I spoke to all day. The evenings are so long and lonesome. Sometimes I think will never come time to go to bed. How nice it would be to have someone to go out with once in awhile! Rained in night.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1982 Gloomy day. Rain began in late afternoon. Went to church and stopped at grocery. Mark and Valerie came in P.M.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1982 Rained almost all night and most of day. I drove, took Helen and Margaret to make reservations for our trip. We were too late and both busses filled. Ellen went back to her folks and Don called. Tom has encephalitis - really has me worried. [Gary Cooper's 31st birthday.]

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1982 A foggy morning, but turned out to be a nice day and warmer. Went to sew - Helen drove. We could not play bridge as Helen Rymer gone. Took a nap and swept drive, Jeanette came in. Such a sore toe can hardly wear a shoe.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1982 Beautiful day. My toe is better. Went to Dr. Bope for a cortisone shot in my knee. Also, took a blood test. Mr. Hutchins was operated, got along fine and Tom is better. Barbara Kaiser was over.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1982 A beautiful day. 75°. Had my hair done and stopped at bank and grocery. Swept drive and potted more flowers. [Illeg.] but severe knee trouble.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1982 Lovely day and warm. Getting ready to go to Dorothy's for Valerie's wedding. Karen came at 2:15 with Anne, another bridesmaid. We got to Dorothy's about 4:30. All wedding party went to rehearsal at 7:00. Caterers brought in meal - a good one. Twenty there.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1982 Valerie's wedding day and a beautiful one. We didn't have to much to do in morning. Left for church before two. Ceremony beautiful. A nice afternoon. The flowers were silk. Went to reception, the only hitch someone forgot the knife to cut cake. Left at quarter 'till seven. Linda and Tom sick - Ellen in Washington, so Don could not go. Bill and Gloria, Wayne, Gary, and Kathy, John and Trish there. Karen, a bridesmaid. I came home with her - didn't get home 'till 10:15.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1982 Went to church and Brunch, then discovered I was tired and slept two hours. Swept porch, walk and driveway. Thought I might have to go help Don, but he called and said they could manage.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1982 Felt a little better. Went to [Drug] Emporium and bought several things. Spaded garden next to garage and swept leaves from front yard. Don came over in evening and brought Valerie and Mark's wedding gifts. Linda and Tom are better.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1982 Up to 80°. Went to sew, took Helen Utterback and Lillian. Swept drive. Still picking ripe tomatoes. Mark and Valerie came in evening. He went out and bought ice cream.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1982 82°. Really warm. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. Had 2nd prize. Took a nap, too tired to rake leaves. Everything covered. Pick more tomatoes every day.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1982 A gloomy day, not much sunshine and some showers. I cleaned driveway, side and front yards. Did the laundry. Don called. Ellen will be home Saturday. Tom and Linda are better. Barbara [Kaiser] was over - they leave tomorrow for Florida.


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1982 A miserable day. Rained almost all day. Didn't do much. Ellen got home after having gone almost four weeks. Storm door fell out, and I broke it trying to get it in. Such a long day!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1982 Up to 80° and a nice day. Went to church and stopped at grocery. After a nap, I cleaned the drive. Sat on front porch until almost six. Mrs. Ryder came and brought me three apples.


WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1982 A lovely day. Richard washed windows and put in storm windows. I washed bedroom curtains. He brought in some firewood. Washed windows on outside. Charged $15.00 for all and grass. I gave him an extra dollar. He was here over three hours. Bill called me.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1982 Nice day, but much cooler. Washed a washer - had extra sheets from B J.'s visit. Got gasoline, medicine, stamps and groceries. Started with $50.00. Came home with four. Took a nap. Swept front yard. Don hasn't called me since last Saturday.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1982 Nice day, but cooler. Went for storm door. Charged $16.14 instead of $13.00 he told me. Had to get Richard to put it in. Did ironing. Took down four tomato plants and picked the green ones. Don called.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1982 Much cooler. Our Bazaar at church. I left home at 8:30 and didn't get home until almost three. I always enjoy it. We had a lot of things left.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1982 Real chilly last evening. Went to church - some had on winter coats. We made over $1200 on Bazaar. In P.M. took down rest of tomato plants and cleaned up some leaves.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1982 Lovely day and some warmer. Put an apple pie in freezer. Went to Golden Crest and stopped at Outlet Store. Got a new floor mat. Barbara was over and brought me a bookmark.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1982 Almost 70°. Lovely day. Went to sew. Helen drove. Played cards at Margaret McCormick's. I was third. Didn't get home 'till 5:30.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1982 Went to beauty Shop. Now $6.00. Then to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. My score in the middle. A rainy morning, but cleared off and turned colder.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1982 High of 44°. Wore my winter coat to go to grocery. Swept house and put icebox cookies in refrigerator. Valerie called - home from honeymoon.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1982 Down to 29°. High 51°. Beautiful day. Karen was here for lunch. Only person I spoke to all day. T. V. no good - long evenings.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1982 Beautiful day. I was hostess at our Saturday club and won first prize. Gerry drove. Most of flowers frosted. Trees are beautiful.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1982 Beautiful day. Had a miserable night and didn't get up 'till nine. Didn't feel like going to church. Slept more during morning. In P.M. cleaned up some leaves. Valerie invited me up there, but I didn't feel like going.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1982 Home all day. Took out birch logs and fixed a fire. Cut ivy off wall and cleaned leaves around garage. In P.M. Jeanette was over. Beautiful day. Valerie called and she [got] a part time job two evenings a week.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1982 Lovely weather continues. Helen Utterback and I were only ones who went to sew. Didn't feel like working out[side] when I came home. Valerie started her new job.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1982 Another lovely day. Cleaned leaves in front yard - spaded part of garden at back. Try to bring in some [fire]wood each day. Walked to Glenmont - trees are beautiful. Almost dark when I came home. [Gloria Cooper's 58th birthday.]

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1982 70°. Beautiful day, went to "Chat'n Sew." Stopped at grocery. Took a nap, then spaded more of garden and cleaned more leaves in back yard. [Wayne Cooper's 24th birthday.]

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1982 Another mild day. Home all day - finished spading garden and leaves in back yard. Called Bill.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1982 Nice day. I did the laundry and finished potting flowers. Valerie walked down. Here all P.M. We had some Scrabble and cleaned the drive. Mark came later and they took me to Ponderosa for a belated birthday dinner. Then they went to a movie. Clocks turned back an hour. Tired!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1982 Watches and clocks turned back an hour. Went to church and stopped at grocery. So windy, leaves come down like rain. Richard cleaned my back awning - it looks like new. $5.00.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1982 Almost a spring day. 76°. Baked cookies, swept leaves - brought in more wood. Frieda called to tell me Lovell's husband died on Saturday. [Lovell was Frieda's sister. Lovell married a Mormon and converted to that religion. She had quite a large family, about a dozen children, as I recall, and had over 100 grand-children.]

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1982 Broke record. 77°. Went to sew. Helen drove. In P.M. we played cards here. Had good cards and we made games faster than usual. I had low score. After they left, I raked front yard. Leaves are so bad! Don't know how much longer I can do them. Election day.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1982 Good weather gone. A rainy day. Had my hair done, then on to Golf Course. Fleeta [Heidorn] called in evening, and talked quite awhile, and Don called.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1982 Much colder. Went to a 9:30 meeting at church. Women's Association. Stopped at bank. Took a nap, later cleaned a huge pile of leaves off drive, and some in back. Richard spaded "garden" next to Scott's, (free). Also put mulched leaves and lime on rest of my garden.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1982 Cold and windy. Went to post office, SuperX [pharmacy], and Kroger's. Had wrong bottle for my medicine and will have to go back. Stopped at Mari Jane's [Jackson - neighbor at former residence at 393 Mimring Road]. She bought my afghan that didn't sell at Bazaar for $6.00. Saw first snow flurries.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1982 A beautiful day, but chilly. Did some laundry. Raked a few leaves, but too cold to be out(side). Watched football game.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1982 Another beautiful day. Mark brought Valerie down. She went to church with me and to Brunch. I had salad to make. She came in awhile. I took her home later. Richard cleaned gutters, swept roof and helped me clean up more leaves. Charged me $15.00.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1982 High of 65°. Went to Circle meeting, and on to Kroger's, drug store, and post office. Don and Bill called.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1982 When I went to get car started it blew out carbon. Made an awful noise and smoke. Kaiser's came over. Mr. Kaiser started it and it was O.K. Went to Helen's and she drove to Center. Helen Rymer didn't go. Stopped at grocery on way home. Cleaned more leaves at side of house. Jeanette was in. Don called. Mr. Hutchins worse and going in hospital.


THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1982 63°. Rained all morning - not very hard. Richard was in. In P.M. I cleaned leaves from front yard and more in back. Veteran's Day.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1982 Weather changed! Before rain started I swept rest of leaves behind garage. Rained until almost noon, then cleared. Turning colder! Such long evenings. Dinner over at six, not much on T.V. Ellen thought she would have to go to her folks, but her father better.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1982 A dark, gloomy day. One of longest I have put in. Don called in evening. Only person I spoke to all day. Watched a football game.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14,1982 Went to church. Bill called from Gloria's and Dorothy called. Watched a movie in evening. Had first fire in fireplace.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1982 Beautiful day - still cool. Put some clean papers in cupboard. Went to Golden Crest. After I came home raked some leaves in back yard, but too cold to stay out.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1982 Lovely, sunny day - still cool. Went to Center - took both Helen's. Stopped at grocery. Mark went down to Bill's for a load of wood. He called to tell me what a nice time he had.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1982 A nice day. Had my hair done, then on to Golf Course. Had high score. Told me pennies were $1.04. I got them for high. Counted only $.90. I should have had $1.00. Jeanette came in to tell me the neighbors back [Alcott's] have a divorce. Others living there, one woman hit on head. Nothing but trash! I cleaned leaves on drive, side yard and front. Tired! Made up a meatloaf for "Chat'n Sew." Tomorrow.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1982 Nice day. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Stopped at grocery. Took a sleep, then raked back yard. I think this ends the leaf raking. Have all cleaned up pretty well now.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1982 I went for Valerie at 8:15. We went to Big Bear [grocery] and got the rug shampooer. On way home she filled my tank. Then, she cleaned my kitchen carpet. Looks as well as if I had hired it done. I took her home and she was going to do her carpet. Took a long nap. Mark stopped and borrowed my projector.


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1982 Rain during night and a dark, gloomy day. Went to church. Slept two hours in P.M. Called Gloria to wish them a nice Thanksgiving. Ellen left for her folks.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1982 Rain during night. A gloomy day. Did the laundry - not much else. Busses on strike - Valerie has problem.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1982 A rainy day. Helen didn't feel like driving and asked me to. We left at one o'clock. I was invited to substitute in a foursome [of bridge]. Helen Rymer has an apartment next to her. Glad to get home in rain. Tom's 21st birthday.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1982 A day and colder. Went to grocery and bank. In P.M. two surprises. First, Karen came, we had a game of Scrabble. Soon after B.J., Gary, and baby [Jamison] came. They left the family Christmas presents. Then, Jeanette stopped to see if I had a place to go tomorrow. Brought me a grapefruit. Don called. Our leaves picked up. Fried my last [green] tomato.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1982 A beautiful Thanksgiving Day. Went to Don's at twelve. Ellen still at her folks [in Gaithersburg, Maryland]. John, Trish, and Don got the dinner. A big turkey. Trish had it done to perfection. A good dinner. Don gave me some turkey and fruit. Watched some football, Bill called from Gloria's. Home about five. So glad I could drive myself.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1982 Rainy day. Started to grocery, but car would not start right - gave up. Getting ready for company. Dorothy and Dick came about 2:15. Mark and Valerie and all here for dinner.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1982 A nice day. Dorothy went up about eleven to help Valerie. Before that Valerie stopped with her car. So glad she has one. Dick came for me around two. Twelve there for dinner. Valerie did a
wonderful job of cooking the turkey, and managing the dinner. B J., Gary, and baby came soon after seven. Hooper's all left soon afterward. Later, Don, Linda, and Tom came. Didn't get home until after eleven.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1982 A rainy day. We just had sandwiches for lunch. Mark and Valerie were here briefly. Dorothy and Valerie went shopping a little while. Dorothy and Dick left at four. A big weekend for me.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1982 A gloomy day. Baked cookies. Took some to Davis' in P.M.


WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1982 60°. Just a little drizzle. Had my hair done, then went to bridge at Golf Course. Won $.75.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1982 72°. Like a spring day. Valerie came and I took her to the Christmas Tea at the church. Stopped at bank and grocery.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1982 76°. Almost like spring. Grass greener than it was in summer. Washed a rug, hung it outside. Worked outside] a little while without a sweater. Went to drug store and Kroger's. Buying some things ahead. Ellen came home. 76° broke all records.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1982 68°. Another spring day. Bill called in morning. Went to Center for Tomorrow for lunch and bridge. I drove. Valerie called, and she and Mark are taking me out to dinner Sunday.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1982 A rainy day. Went to church and Brunch. Did not enjoy Brunch. Mark and Valerie took me to Red Lobster for dinner. A real treat!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1982 44°. Cooler. Did the laundry. Went to bank.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1982 Beautiful day - high 46°. Started to sewing and car wouldn't start. I called Keith [at Sunoco Station]. After half an hour I called and told him not to come. Called Auto Club and they came in a few minutes. Choke was stuck. Picked up both Helen's and went to sew. In P.M. played cards at Helen Utterback's. I was 2nd.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1982 A beautiful day. Valerie came and took me to Northland [Shopping Center]. We got lost and she had me "paged." Bought a blouse and a latch hook kit. Tired!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1982 Went to grocery. Valerie intended coming down, but had car trouble. Trimmed my little [Christmas] tree and started my Christmas cards.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1982 Glad to be home. High 35°. Made freezer pickles, and a few odd jobs. Snow in evening that stuck to shrubbery.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1982 Cold! I wasn't out of house all day. Swept and dusted. Barbara Kaiser was over. John stopped in evening to get stand for their tree. Was in my basement.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1982 12°. So cold I didn't go to church but a nice, sunny day. Did more cards. Made some 'phone calls. Trying to learn latch hook. Had a fire in the evening.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1982 18°. Sunny and cold. Went to Circle - had "Colonel Sanders" [Kentucky Fried Chicken] for lunch. Went to Jeanette's to see if I am doing latch hook O.K. Washed glass doors on fireplace.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1982 More frustrations. Had a time getting garage door up, then car would not start. Called AAA. More trouble with choke. Went to Keith and he cleaned it, then to grocery. Then to take Valarie's packages. Her 23rd birthday. Had lunch with her. Soon after I came home Ellen called to tell me Eldis Reed died. I called Wilma Harper. [Eldis Reed had been a member of Charles' Department at O.S.U Wilma Harper had been a secretary in the department. Eldis and his wife, Marilyn, had visited the cottage more than once. Eldis brought Gladys a rose every Christmas.]

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1982 A miserable rainy day. Had my hair done and went to Golf Course. Had miserable cards, didn't enjoy it much. Glad to get home.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1982 A gloomy day, but only a drizzle. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Home about 1:30. Juanita [Shupe] called me in evening. Quite a surprise! [Juanita and Hollie Shupe had been long-time members of Gladys's "dinner" bridge club. Hollie had been a member of Charles' Department at O.S.U. Once close friends Juanita and Gladys had had little contact in recent years.]

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1982 33°. Sunny and cold. Did a lot of errands in morning. Decorated the mantle. Did not see anyone around here all day and no one called. Later, Bill called.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1982 Gloomy day. Don came for me and we went to Memorial Service [at First Community Church] for Eldis Reed. Never saw one like it. [Service conducted by Barry Johnson, new minister at FCC. Sanctuary, which seats 400, was filled.] Don took Ellen, Linda, and me to a Mexican restaurant. Very good. Pouring rain when we came out.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1982 A rainy morning. Didn't go to church. Bill was here for dinner - didn't stay long. Valerie called. Had a fire in evening.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1982 Cloudy, but no rain. Didn't want to go to Golden Crest to pot luck. Went to Super-Duper for sugar and they were out. Cleaned burners on stove.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1982 A nice day. Went to sew and took Helen Rymer. Helen Utterback didn't go. The Japanese ladies got our lunch and we paid $1.75. Played cards at Helen Rymer's. I was high. She gave each of us a package.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1982 Gloomy day. Put more clean papers in cupboard and baked cookies. Jeanette came in P.M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1982 A drizzly, rainy day. Baked more cookies and made fudge. In P.M. Gary, Kathy, and boys came. Later, Gloria and Colleen came. She brought me flowers. I was so tired, took a little nap before they came. Jessie Boyd called. Richard came over and got their Christmas.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1982
Got up late and didn't do much. Karen surprised me at noon by a brief visit. Linda and Valerie called. Alice Barnett came and brought me two oranges from Lewis'. Later, Susan Ryder and Peter came, brought me some gifts. Opened a few of my gifts. Am used to being alone on Christmas Eve.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1982
A mild Christmas Day. In the 60's. Went to Don's and took cranberry salad. John was with Trish's parents. [Thomas and Patty Haeussler]. Had lamb for dinner. Very good. Received many gifts - all good to me. Came home in the rain about four. Talked with Bill from Gloria's. Dorothy called in the morning. I took some "snacks" in to Mr. Meyer. Glad to get home. Could hardly see the lines on road in rain.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1982
Gloomy, but no rain. Still mild temperature. Went to church, never saw so few there. Soon after I came home, Dick and Dorothy came. We just had a light lunch. In P.M. we went to Valerie's. She had a delicious dinner - didn't get home until 10:15.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1982 A rainy day. We all went to "Frank's" got next years [Christmas] cards half price. Then, to the Ponderosa where we had a good lunch. To Northland awhile. They left at three. Don left this evening for a [History] convention in Washington, D.C.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1982 None of us went to sew - a pot luck. I washed and ironed. Very windy - lots of sticks in yards. Turning colder.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1982 A really nice day with some sunshine. In P.M. Helen Utterback, Helen Rymer, Margaret [McCormick] came here for bridge. I was high. Bill took Colleen to lunch and called me. Don called. He was home from Washington, D.C. where he read a paper at an historical convention.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1982
[No entry for this date.]

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1982
Last day of 1982.1 didn't do much. Took decorations off mantle. Never spoke to anyone except Helen called.

This has been a good year for me. Valerie, Karen, and Kathy graduated from O.S.U. B.J. and Gary had a baby boy, Jamie. Valerie and Mark had a beautiful wedding in October. Ellen spent some time at her parents because of her father's illness. They were at cottage during summer. I am
so thankful to have been in my own home another year and be able to drive. I do hope I can do as well in 1983. Lost two good friends - Marvene [Shonting] and Eldis Reed.

END OF BOOK XLII, PART ONE (JANUARY 1, 1982 - DECEMBER 31, 1982)

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Gladys, age 84, concluded that 1983 had been "a good one for me." There were few obvious changes in her daily routines from the previous year. She continued her same activities at church, with her bridge groups, and at home with her garden and many friends in the neighborhood. She still drove her own car, and lived at home. A long-time friend, Mrs. Gillespie, her former next-door neighbor at 393 Mimring Road, was placed by her daughter in a nursing home. In response to this news, Gladys wrote "I am so fortunate. I am feeling fine." In the early months of the year she wrote fairly often that she did not feel well. One reads comments such as "I just can't do so much anymore," or "I was so tired I could hardly get dressed for bed." April was an unusually difficult month. "[I] have had 23 bad days in April." A major concern was her eyesight. Although she had 20/25 in her left eye, in the right eye it was only 20/200. She had never fully recovered from a disappointing cataract operation earlier. "[I] am so discouraged about my eye. Can't see much out of the right one." She feared the implant in her right eye might need to be removed, but this never happened. For a time in July her knee was so sore she needed a cane to walk, but this improved. Once she had seemingly lost her cane, but later she found it hanging on the clematis trellis in the back yard. At her physical on August 19 she was told that "all was fine." She continued her evening walks around the neighborhood, but much less frequently, and they often left her tired.

Gladys continued to have a close relationship with several of her neighbors, especially Barbara Kaiser, and Jeanette Davis and Jeanette's son, Richard. It was Richard who was usually available for doing chores around the house, and he seemed to charge very reasonable prices. He mowed the grass, edged and spaded the garden, planted onions, installed storm windows and screens in the spring and removed them in the fall. He cut her hedge, trimmed her trees, washed windows, put in the tomato stakes for the garden, cleaned the gutters, and raked some of her plentiful leaves in the fall. Gladys bought some new chimes and Richard installed a hook for them in front of the house; once he spent an hour opening her back door that had become stuck. Richard was a Korean War veteran, but never seemed to find any permanent job. Some thought he was mildly retarded. He did not drive. Once his bicycle was stolen as he was picking berries in the nearby Overbook Ravine. His mother, Jeanette, contracted a serious kidney infection and was laid up for several months. One other item from the neighborhood was that the Justes', who lived across the street, were robbed of $60.00 at knifepoint in their home. Everyone on Yaronia Drive South felt a little less secure after this incident.

The big news at Gladys' church, Crestview Presbyterian, 350 East Tulane Avenue, was the turmoil within the congregation over the apparent dismissal of the minister, Rev. Shafer. On June 26 Gladys wrote "Some are getting a petition to put Shafer's out. Makes me sick - such low people." "[I] am upset about this business at church." "Such a turmoil in the church." Gladys wrote letters to the Session defending the Shafer's (Mrs. Shafer was a friend as well), and also to the Shafer's. She made, at Rev. Shafer's request, a number of telephone calls to her friends in the church. She attended on July 12 a meeting of the Session, the governing authority within Presbyterian churches, and to an open meeting at the church on August 23. "Never heard such talk. They won't rest until they get rid of Rev. and Mrs. Shafer." Rev. Shafer came calling on Gladys one afternoon to thank her for her support. He arrived during a bridge game that Gladys believes he enjoyed. On November 11 he resigned as minister. "Our church on verge of ruin." Furthermore, "Our Circle may break up - three are leaving because Rev. Shafer will be gone."
Television continued to be a very important interest for Gladys. She says little about the specific programs she watched, but does mention some of the specials, including "The Thornbirds," "The Sound of Music," and "South Pacific." She mentions seeing two movies during the year, "The Golden Seal" and "Yentl." Another favorite recreation was Scrabble that she played often with Valerie and Karen. Gladys took great pride in the appearance of her house, and bought new carpet for her small front porch, barely large enough for two chairs, and several new shrubs. Even so "My front yard looks awful after all I have spent on it." Don took her to a ballet at Mershon Auditorium, and she enjoyed this very much. Once Gloria invited her to a musical program at Otterbein College, and this was a real treat. Most weeks she visited the Senior Center to sew. The ladies made quilts and lap robes for hospitals. Once she turned in 20 blocks for quilts that she had made at home. After sewing in the morning, Gladys and three of her friends would play bridge at the Center in the afternoon. She still did some baking, including cherry, rhubarb, and apple pies, cookies and cakes.

Gladys made three short trips out of town, although never in her own car. In June she and her close friend, Helen Utterback, made a three-day trip by bus to West Virginia. She enjoyed the lovely drive, especially the deeply wooded scenery. The ladies had a lovely room in Clarksburg, a good dinner, and visited an historic city in Salem. Among other attractions they saw the next day were "the smallest church in the world" which had only six pews, six stained glass windows, and a beautiful altar, a double covered bridge built in 1852, Black Water Falls, and the site of the first land battle in the Civil War. She visited Dorothy and Dick twice in Cincinnati. In February she saw her newest great-grandson, Bryan Kutchera, son of Chuck and Donna, born February 11. "A beautiful baby."

There were several "special days" that usually elicited a brief comment. Don and Ellen took her to the Jai Lai Cafe (today the Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe) to celebrate Mother's Day. Once she was invited for dinner to John and Trish's apartment. June 9th was "our 60th" wedding anniversary. Charles would hate for me to have so many problems. He always took care of me." On August 28 she was invited to see Wayne's new home. "It is really nice." On November 5 she wrote "My father [Dr. William Koontz Bolon] would have been 130 today. He was born in 1853." Once Gladys said to me "My parents have both been dead so many years that sometimes it seems as if I never had any parents." Her 84th birthday on September 3 was mildly disappointing. "Only one card from all my grandchildren - Valerie." Dorothy sent a pin-up lamp, and Bill took her to dinner the next day. Don was in Brazil, and brought her gift after his return. She spent Christmas with Dorothy and Dick. "Had a nice Christmas. Was a little hurt - none of Don's children remembered me."

Telephone calls were very important to Gladys. Don called several times from Brazil. On August 6 she heard from four of her grandchildren. On March 24 "Edith called with her usual flimsy excuse for not calling." Edith had once been Gladys' best friend. For many years Charles and Gladys played bridge with the Walter's, Bill and Edith. The two women regularly exchanged birthday gifts. Bill Walter was still her attorney. No further conversation is mentioned between them for the rest of the year. Loneliness, especially in the evenings and weekends, was an ongoing concern. On January 17 "Saw no one all day to speak to." On March 23 "Get so lonesome in evenings!" On June 17 "Sometimes I wonder 'what's the use'. So many problems." Even so Gladys was basically an optimistic person, and felt best when she felt she was being productive. On April 27, in an unusually busy day, she washed two dresses with Woolite, got all flower pots to the back porch (the first step in planting the flowers outside), cleaned the back porch, got front bedroom back to normal, washed a spread and quilt and hung outside. "Most I have done in a long time."

As had been her habit throughout the several decades of the diary, Gladys recorded the price of many items. Permanent, $22.00 + $1.00 tip; Car license, $26.70; House dress, $17.00; front porch carpet, $41.00; driver's license, $7.50; a gallon of gasoline, $99.9; reupholstering her "Lazy Boy" chair, $304.40; garage door fixed, $12.00; and new alternator and fan belt for her car, $90.07.
$21.00 for a distemper shot for her cat, Kacy. "After I fussed about bill they took off $10.00." She bought several new Certificates of Deposit to take advantage of the unusually high interest rates of the time, and gave $2,000 to each of her children. "My children are all so good to me. God Bless them all."

Bill, age 59, was still living in a trailer on his farm south of Lancaster. He called Gladys frequently. They had worked out a telephone signal whereby Bill could know she was all right. "He rings me every evening at ten - 5 rings, and I ring back two." He continued to monitor his health because of his bout with leukemia several years earlier. On June 13 he told Gladys "everything was O.K." He still had a very large garden, and had plans for opening a roadside booth for sales. Bill took Gladys many items from his garden each summer.

As mentioned Gladys made two trips to Cincinnati to visit Dorothy and Dick, Chuck and Donna and their children. While in Columbus both Dorothy and Dick were very good to help Gladys in various ways. On October 13 she wrote "surely miss Dorothy. She does so much for me." Gladys saw more of Valerie than any other family member. Both Valerie and Mark found new jobs during the year. B.J. was hospitalized for a time with a tubal pregnancy, her second. She and Gary now lived in Dallas.

Don was awarded another prestigious fellowship, and used it to spend five months in Brazil. "I do hate to see Don go for so far and so long." He was doing research on the historical impact of epidemic diseases, especially yellow fever, in 19th century Brazil. He traveled extensively to many parts of that huge country, visiting Sao Paulo, Santos, Brasilia, Belo Horizonte, Salvador da Bahia, Recife, Belem, and Manaus. Most of the time he was in Rio de Janeiro working in the National Archives, municipal archives, and the Medical School. He returned home on October 15. "We went to the airport. Got me a wheel chair. Plane on time. So good to see him. We went to their house - he brought home a lot of things. Brought me an amethyst pin, a crocheted turtle filled with sand, a crocheted blouse." In December Don made another guest appearance on a local TV show as a discussant on the recent invasion of Grenada. Don taught Central American and Caribbean History at Ohio State. While Don was in Brazil Ellen went alone with Buffy, the dog, to the cottage in Wisconsin. She was there for six weeks. Her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Clayton Hutchins, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 26. Tom and Linda both had summer jobs, Linda at McDonald's and Tom at Lazarus. Tom discovered that Gladys was concerned about watering her shrubbery and lawn over the summer, and so he bought her a new garden hose. Dick arrived later, returned the hose for a refund, and repaired the old one. Linda spent three weeks in France in late winter. She graduated from Upper Arlington High School on June 7, and started at Ohio State in the fall. Linda won the most prestigious scholarship awarded to any new student at Ohio State. She received a Glenna Joyce Scholarship that paid her entire expenses for college for four years, including room and board, tuition, fees, books, a living allowance, etc. Only six were awarded in an incoming freshman class of 6,200 students.

Gladys ended her diary for 1983 with her usual brief, end-of-year summary. "Well, I am thankful to have made another year. It has been a good one for me. I was at Dorothy's, and a three-day trip to West Virginia. Only time I was gone. B.J. moved to Dallas. Chuck and Donna [Kutchera] had a baby boy, Bryan. Don spent five months in Brazil. Linda started to O.S.U. Karen got a better job at a nursing home. Tom and Ellen both had knee surgery. This was the coldest December since 1922. Wayne bought a house. Gary and Kathy took me to see their house."

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 1983 Nice, sunny day. I went to church and stayed for Brunch. Then when I got home could not get back door open. Took Richard an hour to open it. Barbara [Kaiser] was over. Don called.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1983 Still lovely weather. Dorothy came at 11:30. Valerie was here for lunch. In P.M. she filled my gas tank and I went to bank. We went to her house and had cinnamon tea and toast. In evening we went to Don's for dinner.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1983 Beautiful day. We left at eight and took Valerie to West Broad [Street] for an interview, then to two banks to see about Certificates. Computer down in the first one. Dorothy took me to lunch at Wendy's. Karen and Colleen here in P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1983 Still nice weather. Dorothy put up suet for birds - left at nine. I went to Golf Course - had fairly good cards. Got $.75. Fleeta [Heidorn] called.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1983 Can't believe the good weather we have had. No snow to mention so far. Went down to SuperX [pharmacy] to get furnace filters. In P.M. we played bridge at Margaret's [McCormick]. I was 2nd [Robert Cooper's 11th birthday.]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1983 Nice day. Didn't do much. Clean papers in some cupboards. Got upset with bank - got everything mixed up. Worked on slides for Bill's family.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1983 Gloomy day and a long one. Didn't do much. Saw no one and no one called. Watched basketball in evening. O.S.U. and Indiana.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1983 44°. Another mild day. Went to church, stopped at grocery. Mark and Valerie were here a short while. Asked me to their house. I had a fire and didn't want to go out. Called Lucy, later Don called.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1983 A gloomy, rainy day. Governor [Richard] Celeste inaugurated. Went to Diamond Savings to change a Certificate to higher interest.


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1983 Predicted snow did not come. Got a permanent - now $22.00 (plus $1.00 tip). Home rest of day. Talked with Valerie - she has two job offers for day work. Called Bill.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1983 Home all day - didn't do much. A little snow last night - soon gone in the morning. In P.M. Jeanette came in.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1983 Got money from Dollar Savings [& Loan] - went to bank and bought a $10,000 certificate. Stopped at grocery. Valerie invited me for dinner and came for me. We had a nice evening. They brought me home about ten. Dorothy called later.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1983 Snow during night. Was worried about going to bridge, but drove to Gerry's and she drove. Didn't have any trouble. Nice fire in evening. So glad to get home safely. Gerry was hostess.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 1983 Didn't go to church, because I am afraid of walking around there. Barbara was over. [Chuck Kutchera's 25th birthday.]

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1983 Snow during night. Washed and ironed, saw no one all day to speak to. To be the coldest night of the winter.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1983 Down to 6° during the night. Had intended going to sew, but could not get garage door open. Gave it up. Margaret [McCormick] stopped for me and we went to Helen Rymer's for bridge. I was 3rd. Nice, sunny day, but cold! Our bridge for tomorrow was cancelled.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1983 So glad bridge cancelled. Got down to -3° and a high of 22°. Nice, sunny day. Didn't do much or see anyone. Later, Mark [Hooper] stopped.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1983 15° above. Nice, sunny day. Bill came about twelve. After lunch opened my garage and started car. Pushed the button and he was backed in! We could not get him out. I called Miller's and they had a man here in 25 minutes. Have to order a part. Leave door open. Such a frustrating experience with him locked in!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1983 Went to two groceries early, as bad weather predicted. They did not come to fix the garage door. Received a box of apples - part of Christmas from Don & Ellen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1983 Drizzly day. A little slippery in morning but soon melted. I didn't do much, watched football and basketball. Barbara Kaiser called - only one I spoke to all day.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 1983 Bad weather didn't come - just a drizzle. Went to church. A long sleep in P.M. Princess [Hatch] called. Don and Ellen stopped a little while on way to a movie.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1983 A dark, gloomy day, but not too cold. I baked cookies. Man came and fixed garage door - cost $12.00.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1983 Fairly nice day, but no sunshine. Went to sew and took both Helen's. All came here for bridge. I was low.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1983 A day like yesterday. Gloomy, but high of 32°. Had my hair done. Went in to Jeanette's in P.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1983 A beautiful, sunny day. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Five of us took jello dishes. Stopped at grocery.


SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 1983 Lovely weather continues, got up to 47°. Went to bridge at Center for Tomorrow. I drove -got third prize, $.34 pennies.


MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1983 A cloudy day, but no rain. Did the laundry, fixed another fire and washed the doors. Betsy [Azlin - niece in Phoenix, Az.] called about nine. Frieda [Cooper Hubbard] had a heart attack last Friday. Getting alone well.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1983 Nice day - 42°. We all went to [Senior] Center. In P.M. played cards at Margaret's [McCormick]. I was high. Karen came for a light supper, and we played two games of Scrabble. After she left watched last of basketball game with two overtimes. [Ohio] State lost. [Karen Cooper's 23rd birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1983 [No entry for this date.]

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1983 Had a miserable night. Didn't sleep until after 3:30 - gas and so cold. Felt miserable when I got up - slept most of day. Better in evening. Called Bill.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1983 Snow on ground when I got up. Felt much better. Swept and dusted the bedrooms. Jeanette came in P.M., brought me a piece of cake. After eleven I called Frieda. She is much better.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1983 A nice day, but cold. I put some clean papers in cupboard, did some mending. Don and Linda called - only ones I spoke to all day. Snow is predicted tonight.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1983 Only a tiny bit of snow which soon melted. I didn't feel like going to church, but later went to Brunch. It was our 10th anniversary of Brunch. [In an earlier entry Gladys wrote that Brunch was for widows. "How I hate that word."]
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1983 Snow during night - stuck to trees and shrubbery - everything looked beautiful. Soon began to melt. I made two small pies - put one in freezer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1983 Didn't sleep well, and after I got up went back to bed and slept until after nine. None of us went to sew. Played cards at Helen Utterback's. I was high. Helen Rymer gave us a loaf of wheat bread. Margaret [McCormick] drove and took Helen Rymer and me.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1983 A nice day. Went to beauty Parlor. Stopped at bank and grocery. Got my car license - only Took 15 minutes. ($26.70). [Michael Cooper's 9th birthday]

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1983 Another nice day. Washed another shelf of "Knick Knacks" in the kitchen. Don took me to Mershon [Auditorium at Ohio State] to a ballet program. Enjoyed it so much. Had to call Bill to tell him I was gone. He rings me every evening at ten - 5 rings, and I ring back two.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1983 Snow on ground and continued until about noon. Finished washing things in kitchen. Linda left for France [where she planned to spend three weeks in a trip sponsored by Upper Arlington High School. On way to airport Linda remembered she had forgotten her money, and we had a quick trip back home, and to airport.] Later found she was stranded in airport in New York. Worst storms in over 40 years. Had to spend night there. [Bryan Daniel Kutchera born.]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1983 Fairly nice day. Went to lunch and bridge at Center for Tomorrow [at Ohio State]. Gerry [Jones] drove. Margaret was hostess. Bought chimes that Florence's husband makes. Later Valerie called. Chuck's baby born late last evening. A boy - Bryan Daniel. Linda still at airport, but all will be taken to hotel tonight. To leave Sunday, A.M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1983 A nice, sunny day. Went to church - pretty icy where I parked. A couple helped me after church. Ice melting. Sunday is a long day. Fire in evening. First I have seen gasoline under a $1.00.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1983 Beautiful day - didn't feel good - result of a sleeping pill last evening. Did get laundry done. Went in to Jeanette's and took her birthday gifts. Valentine's Day doesn't mean much to me. One from Dorothy and one from Jamie [grandson - son of B.J. and Gary Novak]. Felt better in evening.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1983 A cloudy day but mild temperature. Went to Center. Took both Helen's, and Lillian. Stopped at grocery on way home.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1983 Up in 40's - went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. After I came home put on car license and brought in more [fire] wood.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1983 Gloomy and not as warm as yesterday. Home all day. Barbara [Kaiser] brought her [fur] coat and jewelry over [for safekeeping while the Kaiser's went to Florida]. Barbara came over again and brought me a steak.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1983 Nice day - still in the forties. Went to get medicine, stamps, and stopped at grocery. Valerie stopped on way home from work. I am going to Cincinnati with them tomorrow. Halleck's have a baby girl.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1983 Nice weather in fifties continues. Baked a small cake to take to Dorothy. Mark and Valerie came soon after five. When we got there Chuck's family there - baby [Bryan] a week and a day old. A beautiful baby.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1983 Another beautiful day. Went to grocery. Dorothy had a nice meal. Didn't leave until almost seven-thirty. So crowded coming home as we bought groceries. I felt I should not have gone. Valerie was cramped in back seat with the dog. [Ellen's 48th birthday.]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1983 Beautiful, sunny day. Went to bed last night at ten and slept until almost nine this morning. Didn't feel like doing anything. Buckeye Landscape came to see about lawn. Felt better in afternoon.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1983 66°. 26 years today since we moved to [626] Yaronia [Drive South]! Beautiful day. Center was closed so we couldn't sew. Played bridge at Helen Rymer's in P.M. I was third. Had to call Triple A to start car.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1983 Had my hair done. Took a short walk in P.M. Carole [Hoffman] told me Mrs. Cochran ill, so went up to see her.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1983 Colder, nice day until a few snow flurries in evening. Richard [Davis] put up a hook and hung chimes. Went to "Chat'n Sew," and stopped at grocery. Mark told me he has a new job.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1983 Snow flurries, then sunshine. Baked a small pie, cleaned my bedroom. Washed all the pictures. Valerie was here for supper. Had a fire and a game of Scrabble.


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1983 Beautiful day. Went to church, stopped at grocery. Was a quarter 'till three when I finished dinner. Richard came over, washed my picture window and hung chimes in a better place. Then Bill called. Before I was through lunch Alma Crowe called. [She might have been a relative of Charles'. His maternal grandmother was Maria Emma Crow.]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1983
A lovely day. Did the laundry, washed glass in fireplace, and swept with Hoover [vacuum]. Moved part of woodpile to other end [at rear of garage.]


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1983 57°. A lovely day. Went to Golf Course. Just for cards. After I came home went to see Halleck's new baby. Then walked to Glenmont.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1983 Up in sixties. Went to luncheon of Women's Society. An excellent meal for $2.00. Stopped at grocery. At church found out some one else had taken over Sunshine [committee]. Later, moved rest of woodpile and cleaned up leaves. Watched basketball. OSU lost to Illinois by one point in overtime.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1983 77°. A real summery day. Planted 5 short rows of onions, cleaned up around garage.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1983 Another lovely day. Did a little laundry, baked cookies. Was getting ready to plant more onions when Valerie came - ran both ways. She put onions in for me. Watched some of basketball game. Don called and asked me over for dinner. Linda got home from France last night. Later - had a good dinner. On way home Don and I stopped at ice cream parlor - had a sundae. Good!

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 1983 Went to church and to Brunch afterward. Had sausage and pancakes. Am so discouraged with my eye. Can't see much out of right one. Don't feel very "good."

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1983 77°. In mid seventies. Dorothy came about eleven thirty. After lunch we went to bank and Super-Duper, then to Frank's [Nursery]. Valerie came for dinner. Dorothy mended my porch chair, set out ivy and spaded flower bed and by garage. Too warm for a sweater.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1983 57°. Some cooler today. A drop of 20°. Dorothy and I went to Northland [Shopping Center]. Had lunch at Wendy's. Got a nice raincoat. $104.00 with tax, will last me a lifetime. Dorothy set out pachysandra [groundcover plant] for me under dogwood tree. She and I went to Valerie's for dinner.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1983 In the fifties. Dorothy left at nine and I went to Beauty Shop. In P.M. played cards at Margaret's. Helen drove, and I was high.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1983 Cooler and snow flurries. Made two small pies - one for Bill. He came about noon. We had a nice visit - he brought his banjo. I did some mending for him. After ten Karen called. Gloria invited me to go to a program at Westerville. I was in bed when she called. Earlier Valerie called. B.J. in hospital with another tubal pregnancy - her second.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1983
31° and an inch or more of snow. Everything looks lovely on trees and shrubs. Gloria came for me at 7:30 - took me to Otterbein [College] for a program - a musical. It was a fine show and a treat for me to get out. Afterward, I treated for a sundae at Friendly's. After 11:30 when I got home.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1983**

A lovely day and warmer. The snow disappeared. Went to Center for Tomorrow for lunch and bridge. Had poor cards - only played one hand - low score. Gerry drove. Valerie was here and left me cookies - card from B.J.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1983**

A beautiful, sunny day. Went to church. Hattie asked me to go to dinner with her. Went to York Steak House, and had a good meal. Looked around at Penney's - bought a house dress. $17.00. Left my car at church and went with her.

**MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1983**

Another lovely day. Went to Circle meeting. In P.M. Jeanette came in.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1983**

Nice weather continues. Went to sew - I drove. Had ice cream and cake in honor of two birthdays. Played cards at Helen Utterback's. I was second. Stopped at grocery. Called Dorothy for her birthday tomorrow.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1983**

Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. A good meal, and won 2nd, $.75. After I came home washed the car and watered shrubbery. Dorothy's 55th birthday. She and Dick left this morning for B.J.'s. She is just home from hospital. A 2nd tubal pregnancy.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1983**

Cloudy and cooler. Karen was here for lunch. Valerie stopped as we were finishing lunch. Karen and I played "Scrabble" and double solitaire. I was tired - first I have had all winter. Don called and he has been given a grant and will be going to Brazil in May.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1983**

A gloomy day. I am taking cold and felt miserable. Kacy [cat] and I slept from 12:30 - 4:30.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1983**

Another gloomy day and I felt miserable. Didn't do anything. Slept a lot. Don stopped on way to a movie and brought me a big sack of "goodies." They started work on yard.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1983**

Another gloomy day. I felt better but still have cold and cough. Fourth day I haven't been out of house except I took out trash, and went to see if onions are coming up. Some are. Saw no one. Don called.

**MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1983**

First full day of spring. 37° and cold. Called about yard and got a refund of $26.16. The woman in charge stopped - had gypsum and more straw put on.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1983**

Felt some better. Put some clean papers in kitchen cupboard and in ones in basement. Laura Hardy stopped a few minutes in afternoon. [Laura and Covert Hardy were for years members of Charles and Gladys' "dinner" bridge club.] Later, in afternoon, Don and Ellen came. He brought my tax. Have almost $2,000.00 to pay! In P.M. went down to Super-Duper. [Christopher Rehl's 16th birthday.]
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1983 37°. Sunny and still cool. Put more clean papers in cupboard. Went to Beauty Shop. In to Jeanette's in P.M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1983 Nice, sunny day but still cold. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a nice time. Don has decided to leave for Brazil May 14. How I hate to see him go! Edith [Walter] called with her usual flimsy excuse for not calling.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1983 Another sunny day but still cold. Magnolia [tree] has been frozen. Watered the front yard as it must be kept moist. More clean papers in cupboards. Watched basketball game. Semi-finals. O.S.U. was beaten by 13 points.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1983 Lovely, sunny weather continues. Went to Center for Tomorrow for lunch and bridge. I was hostess and took Edna Scott as my guest. A long evening - had a fire.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1983 Started out a nice, sunny day, but thunderstorm in late afternoon. I went to church. After I came home sprinkled front yard. Had Richard [Davis] edge around garden. He charged $5.00. Planted rest of onions.

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1983 A gloomy day - had some rain during night. Did not do much - some extra cleaning in kitchen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1983 A nice day. Went to Center and took both Helen's. We played bridge at Helen Rymer's. We all had good cards and a real good time. I was 2nd. Linda called and talked about an hour. Watch "The Thornbirds" in evening. Third evening for it.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1983 Nice day - home all day. Cleaned out fireplace. Kaiser's came home [from Florida].

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1983 Another nice, sunny day. Valerie came and we took Kacy for a rabies shot (city law). Also, got a distemper shot. $21.00, after I fussed about bill they took off $10.00. Valerie filled my gas tank. We divided a ham and Mark brought down my half. Barbara Kaiser in - brought me 2 grapefruit and a night light.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1983 Sunny in morning. Clouded up in P.M. and a little rain in evening. I went to Super-Duper. In P.M. went to see Mrs. Cochran.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1983 Some sun in morning. Rain and storm in P.M. We really need rain. Made freezer pickles.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 1983 Easter Sunday. A drizzly day. Looked at clock wrong and was an hour earlier than I thought when I got to church. The first service wasn't over. Came home and went back later. I baked two small cherry pies before I went. Bill was up for dinner. We had a good meal. He brought me ham. Bill left at quarter 'till seven. We had a nice visit.

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1983 Gloomy morning - sun came out in P.M. Did the laundry and unloaded bookshelves in furnace room. Ellen wants the shelves.
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1983 Nice day. Don took me to Dr. Norris. Right eye 20/200. Good side vision. Left eye 20/25. Said to continue driving. Don called with good news. Linda was awarded a four-year scholarship to [Ohio]. State. Pays everything for four years. [This was the coveted Glenna Joyce Scholarship, the most prestigious scholarship at Ohio State. Only 6 were awarded in a freshman class of 6,200. This scholarship not only paid all tuition, fees, housing (both on and off campus), but all books, supplies, etc. for four full years. This was also the top scholarship won by any student from Upper Arlington High School; indeed Linda was the first student from her high school ever to win one.]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1983 Started out drizzly, but cleared off. Went to beauty shop, then to Golf Course. Was 3'. $.75. Don asked me to go to dinner with them to celebrate Linda's scholarship. But, I had too big a meal at noon and too tired. Valerie called.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1983 Such a day. At one last evening woke up with severe cramps. Was in bathroom about every 15 minutes. Felt punk all day. Thunderstorm during night and until about noon.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1983 Felt much better. A rainy day, but went to two banks, grocery, post office, and drug store. Did some laundry. Wrote checks for income tax. Don and Ellen went to Chicago today for a wedding tomorrow. [Brandon Kutchera's 2nd birthday.]

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1983 Thunderstorms in morning and rain. Went to Center for Tomorrow [today the Fawcett Center] for lunch and bridge. I was 3rd. 33 pennies. Raining hard when I got home - left jacket to my dress.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1983 Some sunshine and no rain - only drizzle. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Walked to mailbox. Then, Valerie called and invited me for dinner. I went up about 3:30. Had a real good dinner. Don called there to see where I was. They got home from Chicago today. Mark and Valerie talked with him. Had him call me at home, wanted to get home before it got too dark. Then, Bill called and said he would be up on Thursday.

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1983 Only 44°. A drizzly, cold day. Baked cookies. Helen and I were hostesses at Circle. Man called from Boulevard Gardens [Nursery] about shrubbery. Such long evenings!

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1983 57°. A really nice day for a change. Went to sew. Helen [Utterback] drove. Women came here for bridge. I was 3rd. Jeanette came in to tell me about her new granddaughter, worked out[sid]e a little while after women left.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1983 Very rainy morning - had intended going to [Drug] Emporium but too rainy. Worked on patches and strips I brought home from [Senior] Center. Mr. Warner from Oakland Park [nursery] to see about shrubbery. Said he would replace the two below front window at no charge. Only have to pay for one below bedroom window.
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1983 No rain in morning, but hard rain in P.M. Bill was here for lunch. Came to see a friend in hospital.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1983 44°. A dark, cold day. In morning Jeanette came in to see about telephone. Didn't do much. Worked on lap robes for the Center and watched TV.


SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1983 31°. Last night. Nice, sunny day but cold. Went to church - had a long nap. Don called - came over and returned a crocheted table cloth I loaned them a long time ago. He and I went to Frisch's to their "Soup and Salad" bar. He came in, we went through old pictures. Had a real nice evening.

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1983 Cold! High of 38°. Had a little sun but mostly snow showers. At one time I could hardly see up the street. I washed two dresses with Woolite. Cleaned about half the kitchen woodwork with Murphy's Oil Soap, but glad I didn't go to Golden Crest.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1983 Lovely, sunny day but cold. Went to sew. Helen drove. We played cards at Margaret's [McCormick] although poor cards, I was second.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20,1983 Beautiful, sunny day but cool. Had my hair done and stopped at grocery. Working on lap robes for the Center.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1983 Sunny day - a little warmer, but not much. I washed more of the kitchen woodwork. Saw no one and phone didn't ring. Called Wilson's about carpet for front porch.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1983 Beautiful day and warmer. Cleaned rest of kitchen woodwork. Watered the front yard and new shrubbery. Came from Wilsons to measure porch for carpet. $41.00. Walked to schoolhouse.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1983 Cloudy but no rain. Went to lunch and bridge at Center for Tomorrow. Poor cards, low score. Gerry drove. Got jacket I left two weeks ago. Richard mowed grass and I went in to pay him. Get so lonesome in evenings!

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1983 Cold and very windy. Went to church and Hattie and I went to Frisch's for dinner. Turned clocks forward an hour.

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1983 59°. Nice, sunny day. Moved more flowers to back porch. Finished strips for another lap robe. [Trish Cooper's 24th birthday.]
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1983 Beautiful day and much warmer. Car wouldn't start right. Helen came for us to go to Center. We played bridge at her house. I was second. Margaret brought Helen Rymer and me home. The car started perfectly. Mari Jane [Jackson] and Susan Ryder called.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1983 Beautiful day, like summer. I washed two of my heavy dresses with Woolite. Got all flowers to porch and cleaned back porch. Also, washed a spread and quilt and hung out[side]. Ate on porch for first time, also first time to sit on front porch. Got front bedroom back to normal. Most I have got done in a long time.


FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1983 Cloudy and cooler. I did laundry and washed rugs. Turned furnace on. Tried five people to substitute for me at bridge next Wednesday. No luck. Gerry called - she asked one of her friends -so glad!

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1983 Rain during night and some in morning. I baked cookies. So gloomy, didn't want to do much. Have had 23 bad days in April. [Bryan Rehl's 15th birthday.]

SUNDAY, MAY 1,1983 Rain in night and some during day but not so heavy. I went to church and stayed for Brunch. Stopped at grocery. Don called. Mark came down and borrowed spading fork.

MONDAY, MAY 2, 1983 Hard rain during night. Cleared off and a nice day. Dorothy came at 11:30. Valerie came later and was here for dinner. We went to a second-hand store on Indianola [Avenue]. Mark came later for ice cream and cake. Charles 84th birthday. Frieda called.

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1983 A rainy, gloomy day. Dorothy and I went to Northland. I bought a bag at Sears and shoes at Gallencamp's. Came home, had lunch and went to bank and grocery. Dorothy took me to Frisch's for dinner. Then, we went to Valerie's for the evening. We had a game of Scrabble, Valerie played all and went out three times.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1983 Sunny day. We all went to get my hair done, then to Northland. Had to return shoes I bought yesterday. Bought a pair at Baker's. I took Dorothy to Wendy's for lunch. She left at 1:30. I planted two rows of beans by garage. Jeanette was over. Walked to Glenmont [Road]. Had only been home a few minutes when rain began.

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1983 Beautiful day. High of 59°. Went to drug store for my medicine. Worked outside a while in P.M. After dinner walked to Glenmont.


SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1983
Windy and rain in the evening. Went to Center for Tomorrow for lunch and bridge. I drove. Won the $1.00.

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1983
Mother's Day - started rainy and cold. Later, rain stopped but not cold. I went to church, then drove to Don's. He took all the family to Jai Lai [Restaurant] for dinner. Very good. After I came home, turned on furnace. Dorothy called, also Bill. Don also gave me a subscription to W.O.S.U. [Public Radio station] magazine and a card, also card from Bill, and a gift from B.J. She never forgets. Mark and Valerie called.

MONDAY, MAY 9, 1983 Down to 32° at airport. Sunny, but cool. I did the laundry - went to Circle meeting. Stopped at Wilson's to pay for carpet on porch. Worked out[side] awhile. So cold in house.

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1983 Beautiful day. Much warmer in P.M. Went to sew. Helen will drive when Lillian goes. Went to nurse. Blood pressure too high. Will have to call Dr. Bope. Played cards at Helen Rymer's. Poor cards, third score.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1983 Called Dr. Bope. He wasn't there, but said Dr. Coleman would see me at 10:30.1 drove over and blood pressure 152.1 could hardly believe it! After 200/100 yesterday. She gave me a prescription for a week, then I go to Dr. Bope. Jeanette was over. Karen came and took me to lunch at Wendy's. We took a walk and played a game of Scrabble. I was so tired, but set out some of my plants.

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1983 Went to post office, drug store, and grocery in morning. Don, Ellen, Linda and Tom were here for dinner. An effort for me but got along O.K. Ate on porch. Don set out 12 tomato plants for me. Ellen found a lot of bedding in cupboards over tub.

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1983 Warmest day yet. 81°. Put away things from dinner. Set out some impatiens and washed car. So tired! Don called and said he would go to church with me Sunday, and we would go to Frisch's for dinner. My children are so good to me. God bless them all!

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1983 82°. Rain predicted, but only a few sprinkles. Put out rest of flowers, swept drive, and washed some flower pots. Didn't speak to anyone except Barbara [Kaiser]. Didn't feel too good.

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1983 A dark, rainy day. Don came and went to church with me, and took me to Frisch's for dinner. After we came home, Mark and Valerie came down. I do hate to see Don go for so far and so long. [To Brazil conducting historical research on Brazilian medical history. I would stay for five months.]

MONDAY, MAY 16, 1983 Nice day, but cool. I baked cookies, went to Golden Crest, stopped at grocery and Wilson's. They gave me a $5.00 discount on carpet. (Illeg.) Bought more flowers at Super-Duper. Swept the drive. Don called to say "good-bye." He leaves at two tomorrow for Brazil.

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1983
day, but so cool in house. Went to sew. I drove. Helen, Margaret, and Helen came here for bridge. I was third. Don left at two for Brazil. I was so glad I had something to do. Valerie called.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1983 Cloudy but no rain. Had my hair done, then went to Golf Course. Our last regular meeting until September. The highs took the lows - I took Alice. Don't think I'll play much during summer. After I came home, set out flowers I bought Monday. Washed rest of flowerpots. Tired!

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1983 Rain during night. A gloomy, dark day. Glad to be home. Not much rain during day. Didn't do much. Spent two hours in P.M. letting out a dress.

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1983 A nice day. I took my grass trimmer to hardware store, but can't be fixed. Went on to Dr. Bope. Blood pressure 170/70. In P.M. worked out[side] awhile. Planted more beans at back of lot.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1983 Gloomy day. I went to post office, Kroger's, and SuperX. Cucumbers were four for a $1.00, so made freezer pickles.

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1983 Rained most of night and when I went to church. Home rest of day. Called Mari Jane [Jackson] and Gloria. Lucy called and talked an hour.


TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1983 Beautiful day. Went to sew. We played bridge at Margaret's. I was third. Richard mowed grass - it looks very nice. Ellen had a note from Don on Monday - a good trip.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1983 A gloomy day with rain in P.M. I washed woodwork in bathroom with Murphy soap and polished it. Cleaned all cupboards and shelves. Took Carole's [Hoffman - neighbor down the street] birthday card and dropped in their mailbox. Ellen called.

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1983 Lovely day but quite cool - 45°. Had a nice time at "Chat'n Sew." Stopped at grocery. Jeanette was in. Too cool to be out. Put the furnace on.

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1983 Fairly nice day, but cool. I didn't do much. Watched my favorite programs. In afternoon worked out awhile. Valerie came down in evening, and we watched "Sound of Music."

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1983 63°. A miserable, gloomy day, but no rain. I washed lower curtains in my room, turned mattress and swept. Spent most of afternoon facing a dress.

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 1983
Hard storm as I was to leave for church. Waited awhile, then went. Pouring rain when I got out of car. Stopped at grocery. Had a long sleep in P.M. Have furnace on. Sun came out in P.M. [Jeremy Kutchera's 7th birthday.]

MONDAY, MAY 30, 1983
A nice day, but cool. I baked cookies. Cleaned up cupboard in basement. Ellen and the children came over and brought chicken dinner, and got out shelves in basement.

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1983 Nice day, still cool. Went to sew. Helen [Utterback] drove. We played cards at her house. I was high. Mrs. Smith sent me a yellow tomato plant, and I set it out. Had a long letter from Don - my first.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1983 First of June and house so cold have to have furnace on. Got a permanent. $22.00 + $1.00 tip. Stopped at grocery. Didn't do much else. Wrote to Dorothy. Called Valerie.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1983 A nice day, but so cool in house turned on furnace. Didn't do much. Trimmed some shrubbery. Called Dorothy and Bill.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1983 Another gloomy, dismal day with rain starting about four o'clock. I put two pies in freezer. Didn't do much, so tired of this gloomy, rainy weather. Went in to Jeanette's in P.M.


MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1983 Some sun, other times looked rainy. Only a few sprinkles. Had a lot of errands - made seven stops. Gasoline $1.15.9, cost $20.75 to fill tank. Ellen and I went to see a movie "The Golden Seal." A long letter from Don.


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1983 A beautiful day. Went to grocery. Took car to Keith's - will cost a lot to fix. Didn't get it back today. [Linda Cooper's 18th birthday.]

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1983 A frustrating day. I looked all day for them to bring the car. Car came about 6:30. Keith's bill [at Sunoco Station] was $77.07, and the estimate to fix the car $516.00. I called Mark - he is going to take it around for more estimates tomorrow. Our 60th wedding anniversary. Charles would hate for me to have so many problems. He always took good care of me.
FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1983 Another beautiful day. Mark took car to three estimates. Decided to take to Lane & Kenny Roads. There was a Shell station at this corner. Leona Benton stopped with Barbara's violets. Valerie came in evening. Took me to Dairy Queen for a treat. We played two games of Scrabble. Second was a tie.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1983 Didn't feel too peppy. Had some problems in the night, and had to do a washing - hung outside.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1983 85°. Last night was warmest we have had. Went to church. Stopped at grocery. In evening Mark and Valerie came for my car. I swept drive.

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1983 Hottest day yet - 88°. Bill came about eleven. He took me to two banks to put money on checking account. Karen came in P.M. Bill went to Dr. Later called to tell me everything was O.K. Karen and I played a game of Scrabble. Richard mowed grass.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1983 87°. Again - hardly any breeze. Didn't go to sew. Women came here for bridge. Played on porch. I was second. Jeanette was over in evening.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1983 Another hot day. Thunderstorm in late afternoon. Jeanette took me to get my hair done. Car won't be ready 'till tomorrow. Came to see about brown spots in grass - have to get a special spray. John called.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1983 Warm day. Did my tomatoes with "Miracle Gro" and planted more beans. Swept drive. Went to Jeanette's to see the baby. So disappointed didn't get car home. Ellen brought me rhubarb.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1983 A very dark, gloomy morning. Cleared off by the time we left at 10:30. A friend of Margaret's took us to Quality Inn on St. Clair road where we got the bus. 25 in party. Went to Newark where we picked up rest of our group. Stopped for a break at two o'clock. I had a milk shake. A lovely drive - such deeply wooded sections. Got to Clarksburg [West Virginia] at 5:30. A lovely pink room. Had a good dinner in dining room. Drove to Salem to a historical village - had cakes and a drink. Didn't get back to hotel to ten.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1983

Left at 8:30 - saw the smallest church in world. Had six pews, a lovely altar and six stained glass windows. Built in memory of someone. Had a delicious picnic punch at Seneca Rock. Had to have help getting up and down there. Helen and I didn't get out at Black Water Falls, because it was raining. Came through a double covered bridge built in 1852. It was site of first land battle of Civil War. Dinner in dining room.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 1983

Didn't sleep well. Left at 9:30. Breakfast in Dutch Kitchen. A lovely drive. I was so tired I slept a good bit of way. Stopped for lunch at 11:30 — only got a milkshake. Driver treated us all to an ice cream cone. Back to Quality Inn before six. Margaret's neighbor met us. All was well. Car back and fixed fine. Kacy [cat] hungry.
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 1983 I found I was really tired. Dorothy came about 11:30. We took the car to have the directional signals fixed. Stopped at cemetery - all flowers had been cut off [at Charles' grave]. Dorothy brought me three cucumber plants and some flowers which she set out. I took Dorothy, Valerie, and Mark to Ponderosa for dinner. They helped me so much with car.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 1983 Warm day. Dorothy took me to Dr. Norris. May have to have implant removed - wait six weeks. She fixed my porch chairs. Dug up bulbs by drive. Went to Valerie's in evening. Dorothy planted her garden. I am so tired.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1983 Dorothy had to cut her visit short because B.J. is coming there today. She left at ten. I slept two hours in P.M. Just don't feel good!

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1983 Felt some better and went to "Chat'n Sew." In evening B.J., Gary and baby [Jamison] were here a little while, then went to Valerie's.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1983 Another hot day. Didn't do much. We played cards at Margaret's (could not play Tuesday. I was 3rd).

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1983 89° but didn't seem so hot. Felt pretty good, and swept and dusted house. Tomatoes are beginning to show signs of bloom.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1983 Another hot day. Church is at ten now - makes the day longer. Didn't do much. Ellen called at six. All were home safely from Hutchins' 60th wedding anniversary. Some are getting a petition to put [Reverend] Shafer's out [as Minister of Crestview Presbyterian Church]. Makes me sick - such low people!

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1983 90°. The hottest night and the hottest day. Did laundry - hung outdoors. Yard getting worse. Man came to see about it. Barbara was over. Linda brought me rhubarb. She has a job at McDonald's.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1983 Left in a rain to [Senior] Center to sew. Took both Helen's and Lillian - rained so hard the driving was hard. Could not play bridge because Margaret had Dr.'s appointment. A very hard rain around five. Need it on lawn. Am upset about this business at church.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1983 Not quite so hot - just a drizzle of rain. Had my hair done - went to Jeanette's in P.M. Mr. Myers moved. The new people came to clean in P.M.


FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1983 Another hot day. A severe thunderstorm in P.M. with hail. Made two small rhubarb pies.
SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1983 91° - hot! I baked cookies. Took some to Mrs. Cochran in P.M. Ellen called in evening. She arrived safely at cottage, and had the pump going, the shutters off, etc. All was well there. Too hot to do anything.

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1983 Another very hot day. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. A long day. Carole [Hoffman] was down.

MONDAY, JULY 4, 1983 89°. Planted more beans and swept drive. Don't feel like doing much. Three of my grandchildren called. Valerie, Tom, and John. Wrote letters to Session [governing authority in a Presbyterian Church] and to the Shafer's. Such a turmoil in the church.

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1983 Cooler today. Went to sew, took Helen Utterback and Lillian. Helen Rymer gone. Stopped at bank. Came and gave yard another treatment and didn't charge for it. I baked a cake and took some to Davis'.


THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1983

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 1983 A perfect day. Cleaned up some in basement. Over to Jeanette's. Bill came in P.M. and was here for dinner. My front yard looks awful after all I have spent on it, and the tomatoes hardly have any bloom. [Yaronia Drive South was heavily shaded because of the abundance of large, old trees. One enormous tree across the street was estimated to me more than 200 years old. This reduction of sunlight made it harder to have green lawns.]

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1983 Nice day. Went to lunch and bridge at Center for Tomorrow. Gerry [Jones] and I tied for 3rd score. I drove. Margaret was hostess.

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 1983 Another nice day, didn't seem so hot. Went to church. Home rest of day. Barbara was over. Gave tomatoes a dose of "Miracle Gro" but doubt if it helps.

MONDAY, JULY 11, 1983 Really need rain. My front yard so brown! Did laundry, went to bank, and grocery. A hot day.

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1983 93°. Really hot. Went to sew. Helen and Lillian. Helen drove. In evening went to a church meeting with the Session. Don't know how the turmoil in our church will end! Called Bill.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1983 Another hot day and no rain. Had my hair done. Richard took out big window in back bedroom, put in screen. Tom bought me a hose and brought it over. Got front yard well watered.

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1983 90°. No rain in sight. Too hot to do anything. Bill came in P.M. and was here for dinner. Having trouble with new hose - sometimes I wonder "What's the use." So many problems! Saw my first tiny tomato. [Jamison Kutchera's 1st birthday.]
FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1983 Heat wave continues. Didn't do anything I didn't have to. Dorothy and Dick came about eight o'clock.

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1983 93°. Can hardly stand the heat! Dorothy and Dick got up around four and left for Lake Erie to charter a fishing boat. Valerie and Mark, his brother, and a friend went along. I planted a row of beans in front of tomatoes. Put 4 containers in freezer from beans Dorothy brought me. Tom and Karen called. Dorothy and Dick didn't come until 9:30. Was worried.

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1983 Started out hot. A storm and really good rain began about four o'clock. Dorothy and Dick took hose back Tom got for me and got money back. Dick fixed old hose. They left about four for Valerie's. Later - a wonderful surprise. Don called from Brazil. Could hear him perfectly - then Bill called.

MONDAY, JULY 18, 1983 Still in nineties. Put another container of beans in freezer. Too hot to go to sew. Played cards at Helen Utterback's. Never had a decent hand - low score. Someone stole Richard's bike while he was picking berries.

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1983 92°. This heat has about "got me." Don't do anything more than really have to. Used hose and sprinkled.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 1983 Last night was the hottest I ever put in. Got up after twelve and took a sponge bath. Today 97°. Didn't do anything. Sprinkled again, front yard looks bad.

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1983 97°. Hottest day yet. [Gladys had no air conditioning.] Didn't do anything. Slept part of night in back room with my head at foot of bed. Hoped to get some air from window.

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1983 92°. Some cooler. Karen stopped. I wasn't looking for her and didn't have much for lunch. Was to go to Valerie's for a fish dinner. She didn't get home 'till seven thirty. Mark and I were really worried. Had a meeting after work. Jeanette came over. My knee hurts me so bad!

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1983 Bridge, and I would rather stay home. Gerry drove in her new car. I had low score. After I came home picked a pan of beans, put a container in freezer. Bill and Dorothy called.

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 1983 A miserable night, half sick. Slept part of night in back room. Took a sleeping pill. Went to church and stopped at grocery. After dinner didn't feel like doing dishes. Went to bed. Bill came earlier, here about two hours. Discovered 'phone out of order. Watered again.

MONDAY, JULY 25, 1983 83°. Such a morning. All last evening, Valerie tried to call me and again this morning. Phone would ring, but not in here. She called Mark - he came down, got key from Jeanette and came in. He shook me to wake me - 8:30. They were really worried. I never heard him call or come in.
Telephone company had two trucks and took two men an hour to fix a broken wire. They knocked the banjo clock off wall pounding on outside, but didn't hurt it. Barbara [Kaiser], Carole [Hoffman], Vicki [Halleck] and baby here. No rain and squirrels are taking green tomatoes. [Nichole Marie Rohl's 9th birthday.]

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1983 Still hot and no rain. Went to sew. Helen drove. Played cards at Helen Rymer's. I was 2nd. Edna [Scott] came over in evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 1983 Same weather. Went to two groceries after I had my hair done. Discovered my bedroom 'phone won't ring. In evening Barbara and I walked to Glenmont, about all I could take. [Dick Kutchera's 59th birthday.]

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1983 90°. No rain predicted. Went to "Chat'n Sew." In P.M. man came and fixed 'phone in bedroom. It didn't ring when other one did. Only a few small green tomatoes.

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1983 92° and no rain. Can hardly stand heat. John brought me some things to store in basement. Forgot - Ellen called last evening and Don won't be home until October. I am so disappointed.

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1983 93°. Heat terrible and no rain. Didn't do much, everything an effort. Barbara was over twice.


MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 1983 Had two hard storms and more rain during night. Dorothy came at 11:30, brought my birthday present (a pin-up lamp), and lots of vegetables. Valerie brought supper here. I don't feel well and my knee hurts me so much.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1983 81°. Lovely day. Dorothy took me to Dr. Bope where he gave me a shot in my knee. Then, to Dr. Norris. Eye is a little better, pressure down - don't have to have implant taken out. New drops that may help a little. Dorothy went to Valerie's to stay overnight. Met the new neighbors. Pulled up beans by garage.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1983 Nice day - still hot. We made freezer pickles. Dorothy repaired my chairs, cleaned lantern in front and spouting above porch. We made freezer pickles. She went to a "Tupper-Ware" party at Valerie's. My leg got so much worse in evening. Counted 35 tomatoes.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1983 Dorothy did laundry, and all she could for me. Left at one - can hardly get around, can manage meals and that about all. Ellen called. Jeanette came over in evening. Hurt so bad.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 1983 Still hot - need rain. Put another treatment on yard. My knee is some better. Walked out to see tomatoes - about 45 small ones. Didn't do anything but get meals.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1983 Still hot, humid weather. My knee is better, but don't feel like doing much. Took my cane and did some watering. Had several telephone calls. Talked with four of my grandchildren, Tom, Linda, John, and Karen. Bill and Dorothy called. Barbara was over.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 1983 My knee is better and I could have gone to church. But stayed home - missed Brunch. Don't like to eat so early. Did some trimming in yard. Picked beans and froze a container. Hattie called -talked a long time. Still hot - no rain. [Colleen Cooper's 26th birthday.]

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 1983 Went to Super-Duper - first car has been out for over a week. Sprinkles again. Richard mowed grass. Swept up around it. Disgusted at neighbors across street! Letter from Don. Colleen's 26th birthday.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1983 No rain - not quite so hot. Didn't go to sew. Had women here for bridge. Rev. Shafer came to call, and he seemed to enjoy the bridge game. Too tired to wash the dishes.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1983 Some cooler - no rain. Didn't do much. Have some work from Center [sewing] can do while I watch T. V. Jeanette came over.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1983 Didn't get up till 8:30. Dark at night and had been raining. Had a good shower but not enough. Didn't do much. Ruchman's [new neighbors?] down in evening. John called.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1983 Cooler - beautiful day, but need rain. I went to post office, grocery, and drug store. Baked cookies. Pulled up beans next to Davis, and cleaned that up. Found a good meal of beans. Also saw a big cucumber I had not seen before.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1983 Still cool. I was hostess at bridge today. Always glad to get my turn over. Ellen arrived home [from cottage] after a great deal of car trouble. [She traveled home that year via the Upper Peninsula of Michigan so that she could visit her brother Ralph's vacation place on the southeastern shore of Lake Michigan. There was hard rain the entire trip home. She was alone with Buffy, the dog. The car, a Buick Skylark, somehow had developed a leak underneath, and the motion of the car forced water into the car. The rain was so bad crossing the Macinaw Bridge that visibility was nearly zero. By the time she arrived at Ralph's there was 9 inches of standing water in the car, and the electrical system had failed thereby deleting the turn signals. Once home a mechanic drilled a hole in the undercarriage and drained out all the water.] [Bill Cooper's 59th birthday.]

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1983 A lovely day. Went to church. Took a nap in P.M. Had a surprise - Dorothy Pahl came to call. Thought I'd take a walk. Hunted and hunted for my cane. Found it hanging in trellis in yard.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1983 Still nice weather - no rain predicted. Ellen stopped in P.M. She had a rough trip home. Took a short walk about dark. [B.J. Novak's 28th birthday.]
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1983 Went to sew. Helen drove. Played cards at Margaret's. I was 2nd. Still hot and no rain.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1983 Lawn and everything about burned up. No rain in sight. Bill called from Gloria's about one. Came over about three - brought me a big bag of vegetables, was here for dinner.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1983 Had some rain during night. It helped but not nearly enough. Swept drive - leaves falling so fast because of dry weather. The neighbors across street came over.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1983 96°. A real scorcher. Ellen took me to Dr. Bope for a physical. All was fine - blood pressure down. In evening Colleen and Gloria took me to the Health Restaurant. [Colleen was a vegetarian.]

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1983 101°. A record. The heat is terrible. I did manage to do laundry. Jeanette and Barbara over. Tom called and read me two letters from Don. Don't see how I can stand much more of this heat. Don's 52nd birthday.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 1983 93°. Didn't go to church, because of heat and my hair looks so bad. Richard only person I saw to speak to. Last night had fan on 'till 4:30.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1983 95°. Another hot day. I cannot do much work. In P.M. Mrs. Shafer called and asked me to make some telephone calls. I was on 'phone all afternoon.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1983 Another scorcher. No rain. Went to sew and took Helen Rymer. Played cards at Helen Utterback's. I was high. In evening went to a church meeting. Never heard such talk. They won't rest until they get rid of Rev. and Mrs. Shafer. Valerie came down and baked a cake here. Linda had all her wisdom teeth pulled. Saw the first tomato beginning to turn.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1983 88°. Doesn't seem so hot, but can't get rain. Had my hair done, got my driver's license ($7.50) and went to grocery. Tom brought over some of Don's letters. Barbara was over. Richard brought me winter onions and planted for me. I pulled my first two tomatoes. Not quite ripe but didn't want squirrels to get them.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1983 92°. Don't know how much longer we can stand heat and no rain. Went to "Chat'n Sew," had a nice time. Mrs. Ruckman and Jason down in evening. Mary Grashel gave me four tomatoes. Ground so hard and cracked my yard a disaster.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 1983 91°. This awful heat continues and no rain. I cleaned flower beds and raked front yard. Froze three cups of tomatoes from some given me. Men came and trimmed Magnolia tree, and dead wood on driveway. Fourteen years today since Charles left me. Time helps but does not heal. A big surprise, about nine Don called from Rio, wonderful to hear from him.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1983 95°. Baked cookies and washed the car. Had some rain in late afternoon. Valerie called - she is going to church with me tomorrow. Re-read Don's letter to his family. [Nancy Kay Rehl Cole's 35th birthday.]

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1983 Started out cloudy, then sun came out. About 1:30 a really good rain. Valerie went to church with me. In P.M. we three went to see Wayne's new home - it is really nice. Gary, Kathy, the boys and Bill there. Had a nice time.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 1983 Didn't seem quite so hot. Bill gave me tomatoes, and canned some, with Mr. Barnett's now have eight cups. Raked the front yard. Richard had cut hedge yesterday. Did more trimming. $5.00. Could have gone to Cincinnati tonight with Valerie and Mark to take animals while they go to Florida. Too late to get home.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1983 Went to sew - Helen drove. Played bridge at Helen Rymer's. I was high. Took a short walk with Barbara in evening - took Leah.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1983 Had a hard rain and storm in morning. Leona Zahn [former next-door neighbor at cottage in Wisconsin] spent the afternoon - had a good visit. Woman she was visiting brought me three nice tomatoes. Took a walk with Barbara Kaiser.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1983 A perfect day. I finished enough strips for a lap robe. In evening Leona took me to Women's meeting at church.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1983 Another nice day. Jessie Boyd and I went to lunch at Frisch's. She came here in P.M. Jeanette came over and brought my birthday. Picked four nice tomatoes.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1983 My 84th birthday. In morning I went to grocery, then took my watch to Mr. Denig and stopped at [Drug] Emporium. Took a walk in evening with Barbara [Kaiser]. Many cards - will get more after Labor Day on Tuesday. Only one card from all my grandchildren - Valerie. She called me from Florida. Dorothy called about six, Karen at seven and Linda at nine. Dorothy gave me a pin-up lamp, Valerie, a card and stamps. Jeanette brought me jelly and a box of notes. Bill will be up tomorrow to take me to dinner.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1983 Nice day and warmer. Went to church, didn't stay for Brunch. Bill came at one o'clock and took me to Duffs [Cafeteria] for my birthday. Had a nice meal. He brought me a lot of tomatoes. John called and invited me to dinner next Wednesday.

while wrestling in High School.] Don and Ellen's 26 wedding anniversary. Don sent her a dozen roses.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1983
Went to post office, drug store and filled tank. Gary and Kathy took me down to see their house. Then, got boys and Mrs. Fife [Kathy's mother] and we came to Columbus to a Mexican Restaurant. Very pretty place. They brought me home and came in for a few minutes. This was a pleasant surprise.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1983
Another very hot day. Put nine containers of tomatoes in freezer. Have such beautiful ones after they began to ripen about first of September. Jeanette was over. She isn't well. Block party, but I am not interested. Ada Lewis stopped. [Former neighbor to the rear. Moved to Florida.]

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1983 95°. Went to church - now on Fall Schedule. In P.M. Bill came and brought hamburgers. While he was here Linda brought me a book to read. Then Valerie came and stayed 'till a quarter 'till nine. Bill took a braided rug that Valerie didn't want, and I gave him the big ladder. Had a hard rain in P.M.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1983 85°. Put four more containers of tomatoes in freezer. Now 32. Went to Circle meeting. Barbara was over. Worked in yard a little while after dinner.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1983 A beautiful day and cooler. Went to sew. Helen drove. Played cards at Margaret's. I was 2\textsuperscript{nd}. In evening Barbara and I walked to Glenmont. Saw several neighbors.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1983 Beautiful day. Low in fifties. Raked all front yard. Did sewing I bring from Center.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1983 Went to Mr. Denig for my watch. ($7.00 + tax). Then stopped at [Drug] Emporium. In P.M. cut the blackberry bushes next to Davis' and cleaned leaves and sticks there. Went to see Mrs. Cochran.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1983 Such nice weather until today - rain and gloomy. I was home all day except to go to Jeanette's for a short time. She has a kidney infection. Valerie came down in evening.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1983 Lovely day and warmer. Went to bridge at Center for Tomorrow. Such miserable cards. Got low score.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1983 85°. Really warmed up. Valerie went to church with me, came in a little while. Walked to mailbox [on Indianola Avenue]. In evening Barbara and I walked to Glenmont.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1983 89°. Summer weather again. On committee for Golden Crest. Glad to get that over. Went in to Jeanette's. She is no better. Cleaned a few leaves. They are coming down so fast. Barbara was over.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1983 82°. Went to Center. I drove and took Helen Utterback and Lillian. We couldn't play bridge because Helen Rymer gone. I took a nap, cleaned leaves from front yard and swept drive. Froze one
container of tomatoes. Barbara took Jeanette to Dr. and she stopped a few minutes. Looks so bad. Laura [Hardy] called in evening.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1983 Rained almost all night. Temperature really dropped. Had my hair done, then went to Golf Course. Like last Saturday had very poor cards. Low score.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1983 Last day of summer and quite chilly, high of 58°. Went to "Chat'n Sew." After I came home potted some flowers and went in to see Jeanette. Bill and Karen called.


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1983 A beautiful day - slightly warmer. I put more clean papers in kitchen cupboards. Swept and dusted all the house. Only saw Richard and one 'phone call.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1983 Beautiful, sunny day. Mark and Valerie went to church with me in their new car. Home rest of day. Watched football and read. Richard washed windows on outside.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1983 Another lovely day. I didn't do much, more clean papers in cupboards. Jeanette was in -Barbara took her to hospital. Am concerned about her.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1983 74°. Beautiful day - didn't need a sweater. Went to sew and took both Helen's. We went to Helen Rymer's for bridge. Had a lot of fun, for she forgot we were to go to her house. I had high score. Three 'phone calls in evening. Karen called to tell me she got the job she wanted. [Gary Cooper's 32nd birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1983 Still lovely weather. I potted some flowers - washed a shelf of things on kitchen shelf. Man came to see about recovering my "Lazy-Boy" chair. ($304.40). Carole and I walked to Glenmont. Barbara and Ruckman's were down.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1983 Still lovely weather. Went to bank. Raked front yard, swept drive. Man came to see about yard. Frieda's 80 birthday. Walked to Glenmont with Carole and Trixie [dog]. Ellen stopped with two books for me.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1983 75°. Too nice to stay in. I went to bank and left car at Keith's. In P.M. walked up for it. Loose bearings, $10.00. Man came and gave yard a good treatment. Ellen called - she will be on crutches for several weeks with inflammation in knee.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1983 76°. Still lovely weather. Didn't do much. Washed all things on mantle, potted more flowers. Went in to Jeanette's a little while - she came home from hospital yesterday.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1983 Too warm for a sweater. Went to church and stayed for lunch. I was on committee and took bean salad. Warm enough to sit on front porch.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1983 Almost like summer, except leaves and acorns are falling fast. I did the laundry. Went in to Jeanette's - she is not improving. Barbara [Kaiser] brought her jewelry to leave here. They leave tomorrow for Germany to get a car.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1983 A gloomy day and a good rain. Went to sew and took Helen Rymer. We played cards at Helen Utterback's. I was high. Didn't get home 'till 5:30.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1983 Rained almost all night. Quit in morning. Had my hair done, then to Golden Crest for lunch and bridge. I was 2nd. After I came home cleaned the drive and walks. Valerie stopped on way home from work.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1983 A beautiful day. Went to luncheon at church. Stopped at bank and grocery. Ground covered with leaves, but did not rake any. Am worried about Jeanette.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1983 Lovely day, a low of 37°. Turned furnace on. Marva [daughter of Jeanette Davis, and sister of Richard Davis] stopped and talked with me about her mother. I spaded garden next to garage. Went in to Jeanette's. Karen was here for dinner. Doris [Fletcher, daughter of Mrs. Gillespie, longtime next-door neighbor and friend from former house at 393 Mimring Road] called to say she had put her mother in a nursing home. I am so fortunate - I am feeling fine.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1983 Lovely day - slept late. Did some work outside. Went in to Jeanette's - she took a little walk up street, and we sat on her patio awhile. Leaves coming down so fast.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1983 Cooler, but a nice day. Went to church. Hattie and I went to Ponderosa for dinner. After dinner we came home, I went to grocery - took Jeanette a short walk. Watched Dallas Cowboys [her favorite professional football time; in particular she liked quarterback, Danny White] win a game. Valerie went for Dorothy.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1983 Mark brought Dorothy at a quarter 'till eight on way to work. We went to Circle meeting [at church]. After we came home watered shrubbery and took Jeanette a short walk. After dishes Dorothy and I walked to Glenmont [Road].

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1983 We went to Auto Club [AAA] to get maps for Dorothy on trip to Texas. [B.J. had moved to Dallas.] She bought me a pair of red slippers. We went to Northland [Shopping Center], bought a new long robe, hose, and a blouse. I took Jeanette a short walk. In evening Dorothy went to spa with Valerie.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1983 We cleaned up leaves and potted more flowers. Dorothy went for car. We had left [it] at Keith's the day before so he could start and find out where rattle was. Found it needed new
alternator and fan belt. $90.07. We went in to Jeanette's. Valerie came down in evening. Popped corn.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1983 Rain began in night and kept up most of day. Dorothy left at 1:30 with Mark for home. Such a gloomy day, went in to sew a short while. Surely miss Dorothy - she does so much for me. Temperature dropped to 21°.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1983 Nice, sunny day but cold! Took down two tomato plants. Swept walks and driveway. John and Trish came and got something of theirs in basement.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1983 This is the big day that Don came home [from Brazil. He left for Brazil on May 14.] John came for me at three and we went to airport. Got me a wheel chair. Plane on time. So good to see him. We went to their house - he brought home a lot of things. Brought me an amethyst pin, a crocheted turtle filled with sand, a crocheted blouse. Ellen brought me home about nine.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1983 Went to church. My car still has the rattle after paying Keith $90.00. Cleaned leaves from front yard. Went in to Jeanette's a little while. Don came over in evening.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1983 Had a miserable night. Could not sleep, felt punk. Didn't go to Golf Course. Slept all afternoon.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1983 Felt much better. I think I had a "bug" for about 24 hours. Rain began in night - kept it up most of day. Got a permanent. $22.00 + $1.00 tip. Stopped at bank and grocery. Did laundry early and the ironing in P.M. Went in to Jeanette's - she seemed much better.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1983 A gloomy day and chilly. No rain. Went to Golf Course - had 3rd. $.56 pennies. My car rattled so bad. Keith has had two chances and didn't find the trouble, so took to a place on Oakland Park. So bad coming home went straight to garage. A man brought me home. Swept drive, brought in dirt for flowers.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1983 A miserable, rainy day. Richard put in storm windows and with washing on outside charged $20.00. The most he has charged. Car fixed, home by noon. Only loose bolts in bumper. Don came over in P.M. Got the $2,000, I had given Bill and Dorothy - theirs in June. Had fire.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1983 Another dark, gloomy day, but didn't rain. I did some small jobs, swept drive, shortened my new robe. Went to see Jeanette. She isn't getting better.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1983 A miserable, rainy day. Didn't do much. Had a chance to go to Cincinnati with Valerie and Mark. They didn't leave until after nine. Thought it too late. Kaisers came home from Germany. Our street a mess of leaves and water.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1983 Such a gloomy, drizzly morning. I didn't feel like the effort of going to church. In P.M. Bill came, brought me a bag of apples. Watched some football.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1983 Still gloomy but no rain. I went to post office and Kroger's. In P.M. took down all tomato vines - had a bucket full of big green ones. Raked leaves from front yard. Went in to Jeanette's - she seems better. Barbara [Kaiser] came over - she came home with me and got her coat and jewelry. Popped corn in evening.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1983 Another gloomy day with some drizzle. Helen Rymer and I went to sew. Stopped at bank and grocery.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1983 Gloomy day, only a few minutes of sunshine. I went up to [Drug] Emporium. In P.M. Jeanette surprised me and came over. We took a short walk. Don called.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1983 Nice day and some sunshine we haven't seen for awhile. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Only ten there. In P.M. Jeanette and I took a walk. I cleaned up driveway. [Gloria Cooper's 59th birthday.]

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1983 Up to 72°. Did a little cleaning, spaded garden next to Davis'. Cleaned up some leaves, but so windy. Went in to Jeanette - she doesn't feel so well today. [Wayne Cooper's 25th birthday.]

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1983 Another sunny, windy day. Baked cookies. Wasn't in mood to work out [side]. Only person I spoke to was Jeanette on 'phone. Don's have company, a man Don roomed with in Brazil. [Robert Dreier].

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1983 Clocks turned back an hour. Went to church. Don invited me to Faculty Club for dinner with his friend from Brazil. A treat to go there again. I drove to their house. After I came home raked leaves from front yard, then Barbara and I walked to Glenmont.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1983 Home all day - a lovely one. I cleaned leaves around garage, and a few in back yard. Swept drive. Cut down peonies and got them out for trash. Jeanette was here a few minutes.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1983 Some rain and thunder storm in morning. We went to sew. Helen drove. Played cards here in P.M. I was third. After they left raked some leaves in back yard. Have it about half done. Jeanette was out raking leaves.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1983 Turned out to be a miserable day. Had my hair done, then on to Golf Course. I had some great cards but was 4th. Rainy and bad, so glad to get home.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1983 Gloomy, windy day. Went to bank and had my certificate brought up to date. Bought another $4,000.00 [certificate]. Went to grocery. Raked a few leaves but they are too wet. In P.M. Barbara and Jeanette were in.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1983 Much colder - high 48°. I went for gasoline and to SuperX and Kroger's. They were having double coupons. Cleaned leaves from front yard but too cold.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1983 Didn't do much. Too cold to rake leaves. My father [Dr. William Koontz Bolon] would have been 130 today. He was born in 1853.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1983 A beautiful, sunny day. Karen came down and went to church and Brunch with me. She was going to Gary's and didn't stay long. I cleaned up a lot of leaves on side yard and drive. Gave out -asked Richard to do the back yard. I just can't do so much anymore.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1983 Lovely day. I worked out[side] about an hour. Never saw leaves so bad. Cleaned around garage, drive and side yard. But it is getting too much for me. In P.M. Jeanette was in awhile.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1983 Beautiful day. Went to Center and took the three women. Margaret was sick and we couldn't play bridge. Richard raked and mowed back yard. Cut up limb that fell in front yard. Washed picture window. $8.00. Linda called. Later, learned Justes' had been held up.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1983 69°. A beautiful day. Baked cookies for Bill. Washed a load, spaded garden at back of lot. Cleaned drive again. In evening Barbara came over to tell me, a man forced his way into Justes' with a knife. Robbed them of $60.00.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1983 A rainy day. Before rain started raked the leaves in front yard. Bill came and we went to Ponderosa for lunch. I had baked three small cherry pies in morning. Gave him two small ones, and a batch of cookies to take home. I got worried and called to see if he was home. Took him about two hours - such heavy rain. Dorothy and Dick left for home today from Dallas.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1983 Such a miserable day. I took Jeanette to the grocery. Rain turned to snow. In P.M. took some things down for Bazaar. Veterans' Day. No mail. Heard Rev. Shafer had resigned [at Crestview Presbyterian church]. Don called.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1983 A nice day, but colder. Left before nine for church Bazaar. Worked until we closed up. Valerie came down as it was about over. She came in for awhile. Rev. Shafer resigned. Our church on verge of ruin. Karen and Dorothy called.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2002 Beautiful day. Went to church. The first Sunday after Rev. Shafer's resignation. So much tension! Went to Wendy's for lunch, after a nap I raked the back yard - got the leaves as far as the driveway.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1983 Nice day, but cool. Before I went to Circle I got the leaves I had raked yesterday and behind garage to street. Afterwards, about 4:30 I raked the front yard. Our Circle may break-up - three are leaving because Rev. Shaffer will be gone.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1983 A miserable, rainy day. Went to sew. Helen drove. This is last time she is going for Lillian. We played cards at Margaret's. I was second. Glad to get home safely.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1983 Another miserable day. Went to beauty parlor, then to Golf Course. Had low score. $.21 pennies. So glad to get home. Took my Lazy-Boy [armchair] to be recovered. Don called.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1983 Fairly nice day. Went to "Chat'n Sew," then stopped at grocery. Took a nap, then went in to Jeanette's.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1983 A nice day. Richard cleaned the gutters. $15.00. I raked front and side yards - hope last time. Jeanette was in for a little while.


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1983 A gloomy, windy day. Wind blew the leaves all around. I went to church. In P.M. took a nap, then Barbara came and Valerie called. Don and Ellen went to see her folks. John and Trish got back from interviews in Minnesota for Internship [for John].

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1983 59°. A beautiful, sunny day. Trying to get Medicare and Hospital bills straight. (Visit to Dr. Bope). Went to Golden Crest and took Jeanette.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1983 60°. We didn't go to sew. I went for gasoline, to SuperX [pharmacy], bank, and grocery. A beautiful day. Raked all the yard again and swept drive. Barbara came in to use 'phone, and Jeanette came in.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1983 A gloomy, drizzly day. I washed a quilt and some other things. Picked up leaves at end of street. Must have been ten or twelve truck loads. Don and Ellen got back from Rer folks. Tom's 22nd birthday.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1983 Thanksgiving Day. Cloudy, but no rain. I left for Don's at twelve. Don took family to Faculty Club, an excellent dinner. Home a little before four. Made salad to take to Valerie's Friday.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1983 A nice day. We went to Valerie's for our Thanksgiving Dinner with Mark's folks. There were twelve. An excellent meal. Home about 9:30.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1983 Another lovely day. Dorothy washed the picture window. She and Dick took cover off springs on my bed and I washed the bedding. Dick fixed light fixture in kitchen. Mark and Valerie were here for dinner.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1983 Cloudy but no rain until evening. John and Trish came to get a carton out of basement. Dorothy and Dick left at 3:30. Gloria and Karen took me to "Festival of Trees" at Ohio Center. It was beautiful, also heard a good chorus. I bought some "goodies" at bakery. We brought them here, ate with ice cream. I was so tired, I could hardly get undressed for bed.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1983 Rained most of night I got up feeling tired. Didn't do anything. Felt better in P.M. and went in to Jeanette's. They [the city] picked up leaves.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1983 Gloomy day, but no rain or snow. Went to Center, took both Helen's. We played cards at Helen Rymer's. I was high. Helen Utterback feels she cannot continue after she entertains.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1983 40°. Nice day, but cold. Had my hair done. Stopped at grocery. A long nap in P.M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1983 Fairly nice day, high of 30°. A few snow flurries. Went to Christmas Tea at church. Ellen had surgery on knee, home in evening.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1983 A good day to be home. Snow began middle morning, over an inch. Snow changed to freezing rain. Lots of accidents. Bill called. Hunters gave him a deer [which he had no doubt allowed to hunt on his farm]. He had it processed and in freezer.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1983 A gloomy day, but no rain. I didn't do much. Watched "South Pacific" and basketball game. Worked on lap robe top.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1983 Rained most of night. Went to church and stayed for brunch. Jeanette came in P.M. Watched some football.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1983 A drizzly day. Did the laundry. Took Jeanette and went to bank and grocery. In P.M. worked out and cleaned up a big bag of leaves.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1983 A gloomy day. Went to sew and took Helen Rymer. So foggy. I couldn't see. Played cards at Helen Utterback's. I was third. Weather reports bad, and called off bridge club at Golf Course.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1983 A beautiful day. We finally got to bridge club and we all went. Won't get to meet again until January 18th.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1983 Snow all over the ground. Looks lovely - all trees and shrubs covered. Soon began to melt. I baked orange cookies and iced them. In P.M. Jeanette and Barbara here.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1983 Went with Jeanette. Got gasoline, stamps, medicine, and to Kroger's. Soon after I came home had snow, but cleared in P.M.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1983
A really nice day. Went to lunch and bridge at "Center for Tomorrow." I drove. Had terrible cards - 600 points. Pennies were only $.20, and I got them. Put up my little [tabletop Christmas] tree and trimmed it.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1983
Started to church and car wouldn't start right. Came back, decorated mantle, and some other things. Bill came and we went to Ponderosa for dinner. He brought me a nice calculator for Christmas. Tom stopped on way home from work at Lazarus. Miserable rainy afternoon. Have all my Christmas things up now. Don went [to Racine, Wisconsin] to get some things friends had brought from Brazil. [The main item I had shipped from Brazil was a beautiful hammered copper sculpture of the Last Supper. It is about 4 by 5 feet. I bought it from a street vendor in Brasilia, the sculptor actually, who had it flown to Rio de Janeiro. It arrived at the airport in a wooden crate about 6' by 6' by 2'. It would not fit in any of the Volkswagen beetle taxis in Brazil. I flagged down a delivery truck and offered the driver and his assistant $10.00 American apiece if they would stop their regular deliveries and take this box to my 3rd floor apartment in Rio. They readily agreed. Now what? I learned that friends from church had finished their tour in Brazil and were going back to the states. They offered to ship my crate by sea with their household goods if I would pick it up in Wisconsin. I drove to Racine and hauled it back on top of my station wagon. It was a surprise Christmas gift for Ellen. Today it hangs on our living room wall.]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1983 Drizzly, gloomy day. Had trouble getting car started again. Finally made it and went to pot luck at church. Stopped at garage and they can't take it until Friday.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1983 Gloomy day, but no rain. Didn't go to sew. Women here for bridge. I was second. B.J. called - thought she was calling Valerie. We had a nice little chat.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1983 Another gloomy day, with rain in evening. Car started fine, and I went to beauty shop. In P.M. Don called and asked me to go to a movie with him and Ellen. We stopped for a snack. Then I made salad to take to the church tomorrow. [Valerie Hooper's 24th birthday.]

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1983 Much cooler. Leona [Benton] took me to "Chat'n Sew." I was afraid car wouldn't start. Only had eight there. After I came home, Princess [Hatch] called, then I went in to Jeanette's. Valerie called.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1983 Snow flurries and cold. I took car to garage at eight o'clock. They called later and haven't found the trouble - seems to be [illegible].

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1983 Cold, only flurries. The car was done and brought to me - cost $68.94.1 stopped at bank and grocery. In P.M. Jeanette came over. Karen and Merle [Axline] called. Didn't get my bath 'till 5:30, and supper at six. Watched an exciting basketball game. State won by four points in overtime.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1983 Cloudy, but no rain. Went to church - car works fine now. Linda stopped and brought me fudge she and Don had made.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1983 8° above. High 18°. So cold I didn't put trash out. Ellen called and we went to see "Yentl." Enjoyed it.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1983 Slightly warmer and sunny. Jeanette and I went to grocery - afraid the weather will change in evening. Ryders and another couple came to serenade - brought me applesauce. Watched basketball game.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1983 So glad I went to the grocery yesterday. Snow on ground and bad reports ahead. Don stopped in P.M.


FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1983 5°. Cold. A little snow in evening. Went to Edna Scott's for lunch and a foursome [of bridge]. Lunch good, but did not enjoy the bridge. We went to see Karen's trees. [Don't know who this "Karen" is.] She took one of women home - up to Friendship Village - a long way and awful traffic. So glad to get home! Gary, Kathy, and boys [Robert and Michael] came - brought me a lovely plant called "dumb cane." I am tired!


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1983 -10° below! Cold and wind chill -54°. Went to Dorothy's with Valerie and Mark. Had a nice Christmas. Was a little hurt - none of Don's children remembered me. Dorothy had a good turkey dinner. Six of us with Mrs. Kutchera.


TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1983 15°. Snow on ground. Home at 10:15. Kacy was out of food and glad to see me. Car started fine. Everything O.K.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1983 One of the worst mornings we ever had. Rain froze, and everything a glare of ice. People were told to stay home and not drive. Reports so bad - I called Valerie and Gary. Neither were going to work. I washed a washer. Later, snow fell and froze. Columbus was on national news. Don was on T. V. regarding Grenada. I called Arnold [Hubbard] to learn how Frieda [Cooper Hubbard] is following surgery.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1983 8°. Sunny and cold! I did the ironing, finished a yellow and brown rug made from [plastic bread] bags. Only two 'phone calls. Too icy to go out!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1983 -4°. A high often - lovely, sunny day. Didn't do much. Asked Jeanette to come over in P.M. Richard walked her over - everyplace icy. I don't step out of house. Betsy [Azlin] called [from Phoenix] - Frieda isn't doing so well since surgery. The knee is doing well, but she is so confused - thinks she is home.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1983

Not quite so cold and a sunny day. Bill, Don, and John called. He - John - invited me for dinner. Although Don would have taken me, afraid to go out - so slippery. Took down mantle decorations.

Well, I am thankful to have made another year. It has been a good one for me. I was at Dorothy's, and a three-day trip to West Virginia. Only time I was gone. B.J. moved to Dallas. Chuck and Donna [Kutchera] had a baby boy, Bryan. Don spent five months in Brazil. Linda started to O.S.U Karen got a better job at a nursing home. Tom and Ellen both had knee surgery. This was the coldest December since 1922. Wayne bought a house. Gary and Kathy took me to see their house.

END OF BOOK XLII, PART TWO (JANUARY 1, 1983 - DECEMBER 31, 1983)
A LIFE REVEALED:

THE DIARY OF GLADYS BOLON COOPER (1939-1989)

BOOK XLIIL PART ONE (JANUARY 1, 1984 - DECEMBER 31, 1984)

SYNOPSIS OF BOOK XLIIL PART ONE (1984)

Gladys, age 85, began her diary for 1984 with "So glad to start another year." She was able to continue many of her usual activities, but often on a reduced scale. She continued to play bridge with a foursome of long-time friends, and played once a month at the Ohio State Golf Course. Often she complained about getting "poor cards." There was occasional baking, but it was often a struggle to get it done. She baked cherry and apple pies, made zucchini, banana, and cranberry corn bread, apple sauce, and froze numerous containers of beans and tomatoes. Her garden was smaller than in recent years, but she grew tomatoes, onions, beans, and cucumbers, and Bill often brought her assorted vegetables from his own huge garden. As usual there were many flowers, especially marigolds and impatiens. Early in the summer Gladys complained that squirrels were eating her tomatoes, but on August 10 "No squirrels. Think someone killing them." Church attendance was more infrequent due to the weather and turmoil in the church over the forced resignation of Rev. Shafer whom Gladys liked very much. His last Sunday was January 15. As always she enjoyed her T.V. especially college and professional football games. There is no mention of attending a movie. She continued to sew on lap robes and quits at the Senior Center. Several times she had difficulty balancing her checkbook. Once she wrote "Got so upset with checkbook. Don't often cry, but did this evening. My arm hurts and I miss Charles. We could always talk and he could solve these problems that worry me. Sometimes I think 'What is the use?'"

Friends in the neighborhood were an indispensable support system for Gladys. Her closest friends were Barbara Kaiser, who lived directly across the street, and Jeanette Davis, who lived next-door. "Jeanette comes over about every day." A new neighbor and friend was Pat Pennell who had been a classmate of Don's in the North High class of 1949. Gladys could not tolerate as many evening walks as in the past, but Carole Hoffman, a slightly retarded much younger woman, who lived with her mother, often walked with Gladys. Richard Davis, Jeanette's never-married adult son, a Korean War veteran who never held a job for long, and who lived with his mother, was another friend and helpmate. He had cut Gladys's grass for years, put on screens in the summer, and storm windows in the fall, although in January he slipped on the ice and broke his leg and ankle. By summer he had recovered and he spaded the garden, planted flowers, and did minor repair jobs for Gladys, as usual. Sometimes he joined Gladys and a couple of other elderly ladies on her front porch in the evening. In his small world they were probably his best friends. On August 22 she wrote "A day our street will never forget. I went for a permanent. When I came home a number of cars at Davis'. Richard went to the basement and shot himself... Such a tragedy -just can't believe he would do such a thing." Valerie and Mark sent Gladys a dozen roses "because we love you, and you have been worried." She shared some of the roses with Jeanette. Another incident from the neighborhood alarmed Gladys. Mr. Willis was robbed in his home. "First I have been afraid."

Since starting her diary in 1939 Gladys had recorded the cost of various items. For 1984 she recorded, among others: payment to plumber for unplugging kitchen sink, $32.00; Car license, $26.50; car repairs, $142.08; carpet cleaned, $72.81; gasoline, $1.05 a gallon; used clothes dryer, $157.20; permanent, $25.00 + $1.00 tip; having Mr. Dickerson paint house, replace gutters, and fix cracks in ceiling, $260.00; and payment to vet for treatment of Kacy, pet cat, for four days in hospital, $142.00 (including euthanasia of Kacy, old and sick). As for taxes she wrote "It makes me sick what I have to pay!" "Darn them!!"
The major health concern for 1984 was a severe attack of shingles. It started in late January and lasted, especially in her right arm, for several months. During this time Gladys could not raise her right arm very far, and could hardly eat. She could barely reach the ignition key on her car. On February 3 she wrote, "I am discouraged. I feel so miserable." The handwriting in the diary is noticeably worse. She had trouble sweeping the porch, and zipping her dress. By summer the arm was much improved. Her energy level was lessened during the year, and it was harder for her to do household chores, or walk as often or as far as she had done in the past. "Don't do much. Enjoy my home."

On Mother's Day Gladys wrote "I am truly blessed with my children." Don and Ellen took her to the Faculty Club for dinner. Linda, John, Trish, and baby Rebecca were also there. Tom was working. Bill, age 60, continued to live in a trailer on his small farm near Lancaster. His address was 5675 Hornsmill Road, Sugar Grove. He raised a huge garden, and sold vegetables from a roadside stand. Gloria, Bill's ex-wife, bought a new house at 4121 Camellia Court, Westerville. Gladys saw both of them fairly often, as she did their children, Karen, Colleen, Gary, and Wayne. Gary's mother-in-law died.

Dorothy, age 56, and Dick, age 60, continued to live [as they do to this day] at 11410 Gresham Place, Cincinnati. Gladys made two trips to Cincinnati, and Dorothy visited Gladys several times. No one was more helpful to Gladys than Valerie. She ran errands, helped clean the house, and played Scrabble. It was thought at one time that Mark, Valerie's husband, had suffered a mild heart attack, but that proved not to be the case.

Don, age 53, and Ellen, age 49, continued to live at 1896 Baldridge Rd., Upper Arlington. Don continued his career as a Professor of Latin American History at Ohio State. Both John and Tom graduated from Ohio State in March. Tom graduated with a B.S. in Business, and John earned his M.D. degree from the College of Medicine. John and Trish's first child, Rebecca Ann, was born January 13, "a very dear little baby" said Gladys. John began an Internship at Mt. Carmel Hospital. On June 15 Gladys went to John's for a fish dinner. "Don came for me. It was a nice evening - all are good and thoughtful, but somehow I don't feel comfortable with the young crowd. Must make me feel too old." Linda, a sophomore at Ohio State with a prestigious Glenna Joyce Scholarship (which paid all of her college expenses for four years), got an apartment and a car. She had a summer job at Pizza Hut. Ellen spent much of the summer in Gaithersburg, Md. since both of her parents were ill. Don went to the cottage in Wisconsin for six weeks alone. In the fall Ellen was hospitalized for bronchitis and depression from September 30 to November 2. On Oct. 26 Gladys wrote "Am so concerned about Ellen." But Gladys spent Thanksgiving Day with Don and Ellen, and Ellen baked a delicious cake for Tom's 23rd birthday. She also spent Christmas Day with Don and his family. Had a "nice time" but "at my age I wonder if I'll have another Christmas."

Gladys closed her diary for 1984 with: "I am thankful I have made another year. No health problems except shingles - still bother me after a year. Only time I was gone was to Dorothy's twice. Tom started a new job. John began Residency at Mt. Carmel [Hospital]. Rebecca joined the Cooper family. Had my house painted. Richard died in August, and I miss him. Also, miss my dear little Kacy. He had been a good companion over seven years."
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1984 So glad to start another year. The third Sunday I have missed church. Everything is icy. Don called, and made some calls. Talked with Betsy - Frieda is better.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1984 Beautiful, sunny day and some ice melted. Watched Rose Bowl Parade and O.S.U. won against Pennsylvania [Perm State?] in Fiesta Bowl. Valerie got me hose at Sears and stopped.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1984 Nice day - ice not melting much. Had thought I would try to go to bank and grocery. The people in Myers' house are moving, and a big truck parked in street all day. Afraid to go out. Barbara [Kaiser] was over.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1984 Warmer today. Went to bank and Super-Duper. Richard went with me. The sink stopped up - cost $32.00

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1984 Cloudy, but a good day. Richard and I went to Kroger's. Have spent $45.00 in two days at grocery.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1984 Another cloudy day. We should be glad - no snow. Jeanette was here in P.M. She doesn't get any better. [Robert Cooper's 12th birthday.]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1984 Nice day and sunny. Didn't see anyone around here, nor a car pass, and no one called. Got a lap robe ready to take to [Senior] Center.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1984 Lovely day. The garage door would not open. Richard opened it manually. I went to church and stayed for Brunch. Don and Valerie were both here in P.M. Don's have company from Brazil.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1984 A fairly nice day. Did the laundry. Started over to Jeanette's, but she had company.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1984 Snow fell during night and bad driving. Could not go to sew or to Margaret's [to play bridge] as planned. Richard fell on our street and broke ankle and leg below knee. Bad breaks. Spent a lot of time on telephone. Gerry [Jones] called and talked over an hour. I am staying in.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1984 Zero this morning. A pretty, sunny day. Could not get reservation at Golf Course, so going to First Community [Village Retirement Center]. I got a substitute. Got so mad at this new telephone company. I fixed 'phone myself with W D Forty [An aerosol lubricant].

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1984 A lovely, sunny day. I swept all the house with Hoover. Haven't been out since Sunday. Trish went in hospital.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1984 Snow in P.M. I baked cookies. Swept some of drive and started the car. John and Trish's baby girl, Rebecca Ann, arrived at 8:04 A.M. Decided not to go to bridge tomorrow. Don said the parking lots and sidewalks are very slippery.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1984 Finally decided to go to bridge. I drove alone. Had no trouble at all. Gerry was hostess.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1984 Lovely, sunny day. Mr. Randis (?) took me to church. Rev. Shafer's last Sunday. A fine farewell sermon, but rather a sad day.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1984 More snow last night. Don came over - thought he might fix garage door with new battery, but that was not the problem. We went to bank and grocery. Gave the children each $200.00. [Chuck Kutchera's 26th birthday.]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1984 Some snow flurries. Don't have much to do. Started another [woven plastic] rug [made from bread wrappers cut into strips]. Miller's came and fixed the garage door. $30.50. Jeanette was here in P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1984 Snow began during night and kept up until late afternoon. Dorothy called. Worked until eleven on checkbook. Could not balance.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1984 1° above zero when I got up - same when I went to bed. Valerie stopped. Worked a long time on check book - called the bank. Got balance and finally got it right. A sunny day, only 6° above.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1984 -3° - cold! Only a high of 10°. Nice, sunny day. Cleaned bathrooms and washed my hair. Called Bill.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1984 -11°. Sunny day. Didn't do much. In evening went to Don's to see his slides from Brazil. Mark and Valerie took me. Didn't get home 'till eleven. The high today was 0.


MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1984 Much warmer. Our street was sanded and salted. First, I remember [this being done]. I took Jeanette, and we went to post office, drug store, and two groceries. I got all my prescriptions filled. Won't have to go for a long while. No trouble on drive, although it wasn't cleared.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1984 Went to sew and took Helen Rymer. We played bridge at Margaret's. She has such good cookies and candy. I was 2nd. So tired!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1984 For three nights I have not slept well. High of 45°. Although I didn't feel like it went to "Chat'n Sew." After I came home went to see Richard [who had broken his leg and ankle after slipping on the ice]. I really feel miserable.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1984 I don't know what has "hit" me, but sure feel miserable. Cancelled bridge for tomorrow. On davenport most of day.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1984 Beautiful day. Might feel a little better - did wash the dishes, but again on davenport most of day.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1984 Snow on ground. Was not able to go to church. Spent a lot of time on davenport. Have decided am allergic to high blood pressure medicine. My right arm very red and irritated like when I went to hospital the last time with same reason.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1984 Good I took my trash out last evening. Swept a path almost to street before second snow. In morning several inches. Schools closed. Cancelled bridge for Wednesday. I don't feel like going - would have had three substitutes. Began to feel better.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1984 Beautiful day. Ellen called early, said she was taking me to Dr. We went in P.M. My trouble is shingles and broke out on back - the rash from my shoulder to palm of hand. Blood pressure up to 210. Gave me antibiotics, and thought it would clear up. It looks awful and I don't feel very well. Did manage to wash one washer. Looks awful, hope they will clear up soon.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1984 Nice day. Slept well last night. But, didn't feel so well as I did yesterday. Slept a lot. Never saw anyone or a car all day. [Karen Cooper's 24th birthday.]

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1984 Up to 51°. A beautiful day. May feel a little better, but not much. Jeanette was in for a few minutes.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1984 Gloomy, drizzly day. Although I slept well, felt miserable all day. After breakfast, slept 'till ten. In P.M. was asleep again when Valerie came and brought me a big cookie. Don took his three, Trish, Karen and Valerie, to lunch at Faculty Club. Wayne and Gary were invited. I am discouraged. I feel so miserable.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1984 Light snow on ground. Almost gone by noon. Karen came at twelve and took me to grocery. Felt better today, but can only raise my right arm so far. We had a game of Scrabble. Gloria sent me a lovely cat calendar.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1984 Snow on ground. Didn't feel as well as yesterday - a long day - finally about four Hattie called, then Dorothy, Gary, and Don. More snow in evening. Started car.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1984 Thought I felt some better. Put some clean papers in kitchen and washed a dress. Cannot raise my arm.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1984 Another nice, sunny day, but very cold as yesterday. Don't feel so well. Yesterday had a terrible time getting out of bath tub. Kacy and I spent most of day on davenport. Fleeta [Heidorn] called - talked 1/4 hour. Frieda called and Florence [illeg.] had a stroke.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1984 A beautiful day. I got my hair done - first I had driven for almost two weeks. Stopped at bank and grocery. Ellen took me to Dr. Bope for my arm. Gave medication and told me to exercise it [right arm]. After a nap, I went to see Jeanette and Richard. Frieda called.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1984 Lovely day, sunny and 50°. Didn't do much. Cannot use my right arm - raise it, can hardly eat. Barbara was over. [Michael Cooper's 10th birthday.]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1984
48°. Rainy day. Didn't do anything much. Don't feel like it.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1984 Nice day. Felt better. Dorothy and Dick came about eleven. In morning I went to Super-Duper and got my car license - $26.50. In P.M. Dorothy took me to [Drug] Emporium and we stopped at Valerie's. She has a Mexican couple there. In evening we popped corn and had a fire. Felt much better. [Bryan Kutchera's 1st birthday.]

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1984 69°. Beautiful day - 65° or more. Didn't feel as well as yesterday. Made an effort and went to church. Valerie joined the Catholic Church. Afterward we had lunch at her house. Dorothy and I went in to see Richard. They left about 4:30.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1984 Another mild day, but some rain. I slept most of last night on davenport - my arm hurt so bad. Went in to Jeanette's to take her birthday gift.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1984 Very foggy. We played bridge at Helen Utterback's. In spite of poor cards, I was 2nd. Valentine from Dorothy. Don't send any, so don't expect any. Later, Valerie brought me a box of candy. B J. sent a little locket with Jamie's picture.


THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1984 Didn't feel good all day, but went on errands. Got gasoline, medicine, stamps, and groceries. Slept two hours. Valerie came at three, and brought the candy.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1984 Cloudy but no rain. My arm hurt me so bad. Didn't do much. Jeanette was in.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1984 Went to bridge at Center for Tomorrow [at Ohio State]. Gerry drove. Had a good sandwich. I could eat with left hand. Miserable cards. Low score, The shingles haven't been so bad today. Still can't raise right arm.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1984 Beautiful day. Went to church. Third time since first of December. Just finished dishes when Mark and Valerie came on their new bicycles. Can raise my arm a little farther, and not much pain today. Heard Pat [hairdresser?] had an accident.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1984 Managed to do the laundry and bake cookies. Both an effort. Arm seems to be getting worse. Dr. said try more medicine and exercise. If not better by middle March would have to have therapy. [Ellen's 49th birthday.]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1984 Didn't do anything. Don got my medicine and brought me candy.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1984 Had my hair done, stopped at bank and grocery. It was a real effort. Bill was here when I got home - brought me pork chops, sausage, and tomatoes. He did some things for me. It was 27 years ago today since we moved here, and 53 since we moved to [393] Mimring [Road in Clintonville - a neighborhood of north Columbus].

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1984 We have had over two weeks of mild weather in 50's and 60's. Nice, sunny days. I dusted and cleaned up house a little. Can raise my arm a little higher, insurance man came to see about cracks in house. Had to miss "Chat'n Sew." Jeanette came in P.M. Barbara [Kaiser] brought her fur coat and jewelry [for safekeeping while the Kaisers were in Florida].


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1984 Light snow on the ground, but soon melted and a nice day. I baked a "Jiffy" cake. Did not dress all day. Saw no one, or a car.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1984 Didn't feel like the effort to go to church. A long day. Some telephone calls.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1984 Change in weather! Snowed most of day. Didn't do much. Think my arm a little better. Bill called.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1984 Snowed all night and all day. Worst we have had since Blizzard of '78. Snow blew on windows. Could hardly see out. Roads and schools closed. Gloria had to leave her car, stuck in snowdrift. Man took her to Worthington and Karen went for her. Have felt better the last two days.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1984 Leap Year! Not quite as bad today. Say 9.5 inches, but drifts are much deeper. Mr. Halleck came down with blower and cleaned my drive, porch, and front walk. He wouldn't take money, so gave him some for baby. Long days. My arm may be a little better.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1984 March came in like a lamb. Sunny and some warmer than yesterday. Don't do much. Had no trash pick-up this week. Some snow melted.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1984 Lovely, sunny day. I don't do much except what I have to. Our street was sanded again.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1984 Another sunny day and more snow melted. I baked cookies, but it was an effort. Frieda called. I think my arm is a little better.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1984 Had to miss the pancake and sausage Brunch. Karen came in P.M. and took me to grocery. Then, Bill surprised me and brought me a lot of good things to eat. Later, Don came and brought my tax papers. It makes me sick what I have to pay!

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1984 A foggy, drizzly morning. Valerie took me to Dr. Norris. Right eye, same. Left one good - need not come back for a year. In P.M. she had my prescription filled and got me some groceries. John and Trish brought Rebecca over. A very dear little baby.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1984 Nice day. This is our trash day now, but I wasn't able to get mine out. Jeanette here in P.M. Richard sent me cookies, he baked. Snow melted slowly.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1984 Nice, sunny day. Had my hair done. Pat helped me - so much snow around curb. Went to Golf Course. So hard to get dressed. Can hardly reach key on ignition. My arm hurts so bad. Took a sleep when I got home. Called Dorothy.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1984 A terrible day - snowed all day, five or six inches. Many bad accidents, and a bad fire. Don't feel like doing much.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1984 -6°. Completely snowed in. Can't even sweep porch. My arm hurts so much. Called Dr. and made an appointment for next Tuesday.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1984 -2°. Never saw so much snow and low temperatures this time of year. I managed to change my bed. Hard to do anything. Tom and Wayne both called me in evening.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 1984 Nice, sunny day. Bill came in P.M. Brought me a dozen eggs. So glad to see him. Don't go to church now. Arm hurts so bad. Lucy called - I thought she would never hang up!
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1984 7°. Fairly nice day. Dorothy came at 11:15 on bus. Valerie met her. In P.M. Dorothy and I went to drugstore, bank, and grocery. Valerie came in evening. I did the laundry in the morning. Began to snow in evening.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1984 Snow again, not as bad as predicted. Called from Dr. Bope's office and cancelled my appointment. He is sick. Dorothy took Valerie and me to Ponderosa for lunch. Mr. Dickerson came to make estimate on repairs. My arm hurts so!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1984 Dorothy went to "spa" with Valerie. Warmer. I baked cookies. Bill surprised us by coming in P.M. We went to Valerie's for dinner. She had a birthday party, and beautiful cake for her mother, and an excellent dinner. Didn't get home until after ten.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1984 Dorothy took me to Dr. Bope, and to get prescriptions filled. Valerie took her home and they left at 12:30. Sure miss her!

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1984 Most of snow melted. I didn't do much. In P.M. the therapist came and gave me exercises for my arm. John and Tom graduated from O.S.U. [John graduated from the O.S.U. College of Medicine, and Tom from O.S.U. with a B.S. degree in Business.] Very proud of them. I was not able to go to dinner in evening. I do hope I get better soon! Arm hurts so bad! Dorothy's 56th birthday.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1984 Went to bridge and was all in when I got home. Felt so badly. Leona called.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1984 Leona [Benton] offered to take me to church, but was not able to go. Slept a lot. Valerie came in P.M. I had chills for an hour. She called John and Dr. Baker's office. I felt terrible! [Gladys' handwriting was noticeably worse than usual for this and previous entry.]

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1984 Felt some better. The therapist came - am so discouraged, and don't do much. Bill was in town for tax and brought two chicken dinners. Jeanette was in. Richard has to wear a brace.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1984 First day of spring, and a rainy one. In P.M. got a permanent, stopped at bank, and grocery. [Man] came and fixed garage door.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1984 Drizzly day with snow flurries. I got up early - therapist to come at 8:15, but didn't come. Called, and she forgot. Went to bridge at Golf Course - won first prize. Came home, undressed, and took a nap.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1984 Couldn't go to "Chat'n Sew" because can't raise arm high enough to knot [quilts]. Light snow - soon melted. Therapist came in P.M. Thought I was doing better. Bill called in evening. [Christopher Rehl's 17th birthday.]

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1984 Lovely, sunny day. Went in to see Richard and Jeanette.
SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1984 Mostly gloomy day. I baked cookies - no calls. Later, Dorothy called in morning. Don, about ten to say they are home.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 1984 A rainy, drizzly day. Went to church - so many empty seats. Stayed for Brunch. Don came over in P.M. to tell me about their trip. Brought me a pretty white vase. Danish pottery.

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1984 Lovely, sunny day. Jeanette was in and therapist came.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1984 A gloomy day. Didn't go to sew, but played cards at Helen Rymer's, I was 2nd. We think Helen Utterback has failed so much. Had fire.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1984 A miserable, rainy day. Don't do anything worth writing about. Ellen's father sick and she went there.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1984 A cold, windy day - some places had snow. I did the laundry. The therapist came. Had a fire in evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1984 A nice day, but too cold to work out[side]. Did pick up some sticks in yard. Went to Super-Duper, got a lot of groceries. In to Jeanette's in P.M.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1984 Nice day, still cool. Went to bridge at Center for Tomorrow. I drove and took Gerry [Jones]. Barbara [Kaiser] was over.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1984 A nice, sunny day. Went to church, the first Sunday for our interim minister. After I came home, planted four rows of onions. The house so cold, lit the fireplace at six.

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1984 Nice day. I planted rest of onions. (2 pounds). About wore me out. I can't do much until I am all in. Went in to see Richard. He got a brace on his leg today.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1984 Gloomy day - rain began about one o'clock. Went to sew and took both Helen's. Helen Utterback has quit driving. They all came here for bridge. I was 3rd, was so tired in evening. Went to nurse at [Senior] Center. Blood Pressure 130/64, heart and lungs fine.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1984 Miserable, rainy day. Had my hair done and went to Golf Course - pouring rain. I was 3rd, but got $.75 as pennies more. Barbara came over and got her things. So tired! Dorothy called - she comes Friday.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1984 Another miserable, rainy day. Decided not to go to church. Went to bank and grocery. Had fire in evening.
FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1984 Still drizzly, gloomy and cold. Therapist came for last time. Dorothy came about quarter 'till eleven. We went to bank and filled my gas tank. Dick had gone to Detroit, so Dorothy and Valerie went to meet him. Later, Mark came and we had ice cream.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1984 For a change, a lovely day. Dorothy and Dick went with Valerie and Mark to their Athletic Club - or exercise. I raked leaves from flower bed by drive. Dick fixed bathtub and took plastic windows off porch. Bill called and will be up tomorrow. Mark took us to Ponderosa for dinner.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 1984 Real nice day. Dick took [fire] wood off porch. Bill came for dinner, brought ham, oranges, bananas, celery, radishes. Dorothy got ice cream. We had a good dinner and visit. Valerie came later. They all left about four-thirty. Valerie stayed until six and we had two games of Scrabble. [Brandon Kutchera's 3rd birthday.]

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1984 Got ready for Mr. Dickerson [painter] and he didn't come. Went to Circle, then later Jeanette came over.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1984 Nice day. Went to sew and took Helen Rymer. On way home stopped for Helen Utterback. Played cards at Margaret's [McCormick]. I was high. Had to take both home. Was very tired!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1984 Nice day. Mr. Dickerson came, fixed cracks in kitchen and living room. Washed both baths and cleaned kitchen woodwork. I raked some leaves in side yard. Lawn service came.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1984 Another nice day. I went to Kroger's - they had double coupons. First day temperature has been up to 70°.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1984 Nice except brief showers in P.M. I swept back porch and put some flowers there. Mr. Dickerson came to paint ceiling in front room. Trouble with a check deposited a week ago.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1984 Nice day, until storm about dinner time. I baked an apple pie, and took rest of flowers to back porch. Don was here for dinner and brought me candy, strawberries, and cookies. Valerie came in P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1984 60°. Cloudy and some sunshine, went to church - a long day. Too cool to be out.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1984 Cloudy, some brief showers. Did the laundry and some clean papers in kitchen. Went to Golden Crest and stopped at bank and grocery. Took money out for checking account. Worried about check. Went to Jeanette's - I had got milk for them, then to see Mrs. Cochran.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1984 Went down to bank and got check straightened out. Worked a long time to balance checkbook. Got all upset about it.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1984 Another drizzly day. Had hair done and went to Golf Course. Jeanette came in. Evelyn called and said a mistake in score and I was high. I still think a mistake. Licked checkbook to penny!

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1984 Gloomy day and cool. Mr. Dickerson painted kitchen. Only charged $100.00 for all he did. Ellen came home.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1984 A sunny day, for a change. Mark stopped and brought some things Valerie sent. Went to drug store and Kroger's. Worked out awhile in P.M. Richard came in without crutches. Since sanding in kitchen everything dusty. Washed the things on three shelves in kitchen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1984 Another gloomy day. I washed rest of the knick knacks in kitchen. Raked another bag of leaves from side yard. Bill called, said he would bring ham and come for dinner tomorrow.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 1984 A miserable, rainy Easter Sunday. Rained so hard, I didn't go to church. Bill brought ham and came for dinner. Brought me eggs and vegetables. Got so upset in evening. He didn't signal he was home. Don had called Highway Patrol, and Sheriff went to his house. He had stopped at a neighbor's. I was really upset!

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 1984 Some spots of sun and rain showers. I didn't feel like doing anything.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1984 Another gloomy day. I felt better. Almost got ashes cleaned from fireplace. Saw no one - had two phone calls.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1984 71°. A lovely, sunny day. I baked cookies - finished cleaning fireplace. Sat on back porch for the first time and took my first walk. Tried to clean up ivy bed in back - all ivy dead. [Trish Cooper's 25th birthday.]

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1984 83°. Real summer day. I hardly slept last night. Didn't feel well but went to "Chat'n Sew." Stopped at grocery and was so tired could hardly wait to get on davenport. Sat on front porch for first time. Didn't feel well all evening.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1984 81°. Another lovely day after thunderstorm in morning. First time to eat on porch. Jeanette was over. Worked out [side] awhile, but can't do much at a time.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1984 Another summer day. Worked out some and cleaned a bag of leaves in side yard. Didn't do much in house - got so tired. Don, Ellen, Tom, and I went to Valerie and Mark's for dinner. A good one.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1984 Lovely day. Went to church. Then, Mark and Valerie came, and I took them to Ponderosa for dinner. Had a good meal. They came in for awhile. Mark carried two storm windows to basement and put screen in door. Carried TV. to [back] porch. Frieda called.
MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1984 Very windy! Electricity was off two and half hours. Didn't do much. [Bryan Rehl's 16th birthday.]

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1984 Lovely day. Helen Rymer and I went to sew. Had trouble getting car started and an awful experience getting to garage. Cable had to be replaced. Man brought us home. Went in to Jeanette's to "cool off." So cold in house - heavy gown and robe.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1984 Had to cancel my hair appointment. Called Ella and she took me to bridge. Brought my score up - may get free lunch next time. Took walk after dinner. Charles 85th birthday. Dorothy always calls.

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1984 Miserable, rainy day. Got car back. $142.08, but lucky not to have had an accident. Karen came for dinner. We played double Solitaire. Tired!

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1984 52°. Another cold, gloomy day. Went to Beauty Shop. Rose did my hair. Stopped at bank and grocery. Car runs fine. Too cold to be out. Kacy and I had a long sleep.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1984 Another gloomy day. I was hostess at bridge - glad to get my turn over. I drove. Barbara was over. I was tired when I got home!

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1984 Turned out to be a nice day. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Worked out some in P.M. Mark and Valerie brought ice cream and stopped awhile. Could sit on porch. Jason mowed grass.


TUESDAY, MAY 8, 1984 Rain in morning, but sun in P.M. Helen Rymer and I planned to go to sew, but she overslept and decided not to go. Played cards at her house. I was high. Bid a small slam and made big one. So cold in house, have on my heavy robe. Delta Cross [roommate from Denison University in 1918] called - going through town.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1984 Miserable, cold day. Didn't do much. In P.M. Jeanette came over.


FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1984 Nice day until some rain about seven in evening. I set out more plants, and tried to work on ivy bed - can't do much with it. Richard was here about an hour telling me about another Dr. he had gone to.
SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1984 Very nice day. Went to Super-Duper and got six tomato plants. Set out more flowers and washed pots. Mark and Valerie stopped in evening.

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1984 Started sunny but cloudy by P.M. Mother's Day. I drove to Don's. Went to church with him and Ellen. Went to Faculty Club for dinner. John, Trish, Rebecca and Linda. Tom was working. Talked with Bill last evening. Dorothy called, talked with Chuck and Donna. Had several lovely cards. Rebecca was in her little seat on floor, and never made a sound. Don gave me a redwood vase. I am truly blessed with my children.

MONDAY, MAY 14, 1984 Didn't feel a bit good. Did not go to Circle - slept about all day.

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1984 Felt some better. Helen Rymer and I went to sew. Frost predicted and covered most of flowers. My arm hurts and I am so stiff and sore arm!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1984 Didn't frost here. Had my hair done and went to Golf Course. Just missed by ten points, and had to take Belva to lunch. Poor cards, low score! Got so upset with checkbook. Don't often cry, but did this evening. My arm hurts and I miss Charles. We could always talk and he could solve these problems that worry me. Sometimes I think "What is the use?"

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1984 Beautiful day. I cleaned the stove and set out more flowers. Jason mowed the grass. I felt better - got checkbook - only $1.00 off. Will take their balance and forget it. A year ago today Don left for Brazil.

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1984 80°. A lovely day. I cleaned refrigerator and set out impatiens around front porch. So good to get out on both porches and eat there. Have all flowers to garage. [Gladys would have 20 or more pots of flowers, grown from cuttings or "slips," in house over winter. First they were moved to back porch, and then to garage before planting them outside.] More impatiens to put out after new shrubbery comes. Popped corn in evening.

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1984 82°. Real summer day. Washed a spread and some other things. Hung outside. Swept drive, not much else. Barbara was over.

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 1984 Cloudy and some rain in afternoon. Went to church and Hattie and I went to Wendy's for lunch. Jeanette was over. Don and Valerie called. We really need this good rain. Phone out of order. Bill couldn't call me, called Don. My 'phone wouldn't ring. Don called Jeanette, she called Barbara and both came over in a pouring rain. Barbara called Don, and he called Bill.

MONDAY, MAY 21, 1984 82°. Phone fixed in morning. Cleaned fireplace doors, swept drive. Barbara and Jeanette over.

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 1984 In the 80's. Helen Rymer and I went to sew. Stopped at grocery and got a lot of things since company coming. Tired!
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1984 Beautiful day. Baked cookies. Dorothy and Valerie came soon after eleven. Valerie was here for lunch. In evening Dorothy set out six tomato plants and put in stakes.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1984 Oakland Park came with the shrubbery and put it out. Dorothy and I went to Northland [Shopping Center] - got four dresses. A better one, and in-between, and two sun dresses, a pair shoes and new [illeg.] In evening set out rest of impatiens. Valerie came and we all went to Dairy Queen.

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1984 Dorothy and I went to Boulevard Gardens and got four big marigolds and set out. Met Princess [Hatch] and her daughter-in-law. [Princess Hatch and her husband, Bernard, were longtime members of Charles and Gladys' "dinner" bridge club.] Stopped at drug store and bank. Jeanette was over. Mark and Valerie a short time in evening. Dick came about 7:30 in his new car. Washed spread on my bed.

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1984 Beautiful day. Dick took out rest of storm windows. Set out four tomato plants Dorothy brought me. In evening we all went to Valerie's for a cook-out and picnic. They came home with us, and Mark mowed my yard.

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1984 Dick and Mark spent the day at Golf Tournament [Memorial]. Valerie brought down left overs from last evening, and we had them for dinner. Bill came up in P.M. They all left about 6:00. I have had a big five days - they did so much for me. A little rain in evening.

MONDAY, MAY 28, 1984 Rain in night and a good part of day. Gloomy, miserable day. I did the laundry, got Dorothy's bed changed. Gathered up some things for Volunteers [of America].

TUESDAY, MAY 29, 1984 46°. A cold day. Helen Rymer and I went to sew. Stopped at grocery. Turned furnace on. Jeanette came in. Lawn service came. I called Helen [Utterback] and she is going to live with her brother. [Jeremy Kutchera's 8th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1984 Another gloomy, cool day. 37° at airport. Had my hair done. Downey's came to clean carpet. ($72.85). Have to have furnace on.

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1984 A record low, 38°. I slept late and didn't do much. Worked out awhile in P.M. Richard edged around the garden and flowers. ($2.00).

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1984 Much nicer today. Did some work outside. Walked to Glenmont. Don't seem to be so tired in evenings.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1984 Still warmer today. Baked cookies and put three small pie shells in freezer. Barbara was over twice, and Carole [Hoffman] too. They came in evening, and Ruckman's.
SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 1984 Lovely day. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Helen's last time for Brunch. Makes me feel bad to see how she has failed. Sprinkled some garden and flowers.

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1984 Perfect day. Swept up part of basement. Went to bank and grocery. Jeanette over in evening. She seems much better.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 1984 Didn't go to sew. Helen Rymer could not go. Helen Utterback does not go anymore. I went for gasoline ($1.05), got stamps and some groceries. Took some to Helen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1984 Another hot day. I had to go for medicine. Stopped at Kroger's and Super-Duper. Valerie told me she would come down. She neither came or called.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1984 No rain for two weeks. Temperature in 90's. Valerie called on lunch hour to apologize for not coming or calling. Don't do much. Enjoy my home - didn't want to go to Pot Luck at church.


SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1984 No rain in June. This heat wave is getting serious. Went to church and Hattie and I went to Wendy's for lunch. Barbara was over. Linda got some chairs from basement for her apartment.

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1984 Still hot and no rain. Went to bank and took out money for Internal Revenue (Darn them!!). Then to Circle, Margaret and I were hostesses. Only seven there. In evening Don and Ellen stopped. Ellen got a battery and fixed my smoke alarm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 1984 91°. No rain - try to sprinkle. Rain not predicted. None in June - a record. I went to sew by myself. Helen Rmyer is sick. It is so hot in the house! [Gladys had no air conditioning.]

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1984 Called Dorothy at 7:15 for their 31st wedding anniversary. Had my hair done - went to Kroger's for double coupons, post office, and SuperX. Still hot and humid.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1984 Forgot yesterday we had a good rain. A high wind and I had to clean front yard from sticks and leaves on drive. All washed from roof on porch. Put some clean papers in cupboards. Richard washed all windows on back porch. $10.00. Took him two hours. Susan Ryder came and spent evening. Helen called - had to call her back, then Bill called to say he would be up tomorrow.
Then Lucy called from Mt. Carmel [Hospital]. She fell and broke her hip. Quite an evening! A little cooler.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 1984 Washed the car. Halleck's had Garage Sale - took my yard spreader up. Bill came for lunch - brought me a nice fan for early birthday gift. Went to John's for a fish dinner. Don came for me. It was a nice evening - all are good and thoughtful, but somehow I don't feel comfortable with the young crowd. Must make me feel too old. Sold spreader for $10.00.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1984 A few sprinkles, but didn't amount to anything. Went to bridge - Ella came and went with me. Margaret and I tied for low. Drew cards and I won. Got check book to balance. Mrs. Halleck bought the lawn spreader for $10.00.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 1984 Again we need rain. Went to church - at ten now. Only ate a "piece" [light snack] for dinner. Sat on front porch most of day. Valerie came and brought my trimmer. Went to Jeanette's a little while. Sprinkled in evening.

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 1984 93°. Very hot. Had intended to go to Golden Crest. Don called about eleven. We went to "Pizza Hut" for lunch where Linda works. Then, he took me to [Drug] Emporium. Don't cook much - too hot! Some thunder in evening. No rain.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 1984 89°. Another hot day, and do need rain. I went to sew and took Helen Rymer. Had a Pot Luck. On way home we stopped to see Helen Utterback. She leaves tomorrow. Watered the tomatoes.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1984 Not quite so hot. I went to Super-Duper - didn't do anything else. Saw a bloom starting on one tomato. Called Bill - he has not had rain since May 23rd. Helen Utterback left today to live with her brother. Linda bought a car.


FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 1984 84°. Very pleasant day, but need rain! More papers in cupboards. Richard, Jeanette, and Barbara over. She and I went to see Jeanette's new love seat.


SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 1984 More rain last night. Perfect day - low humidity. Went to church. Barbara and Jeanette were over. Had been a long weekend.

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 1984 Another lovely day. I baked cookies and did the laundry. Didn't see anyone but Richard. Carole and I took a walk - could not make it quite to Glenmont - made me so tired. The shingles
hurt in my arm. Called a man to repair stucco on house, to remind Mr. Dickerson of the painting. Will have to buy a new dryer.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1984 Lovely weather continues. Went to sew by myself. Margaret treated us to ice cream and cake. Slept two hours. Carole and I took a walk in evening.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1984 Predicted rain didn't come. Had my hair done, didn't do anything else. Man came about repairing stucco. Will cost $115.00. May have Mr. Dickerson paint the house.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1984 Nice weather, but need rain. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Over to Jeanette's. Man will come tomorrow to fix stucco on house.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 1984 Pleasant day - not so hot. Man fixed the stucco on house. Jeanette was in - while she was here Valerie came to show me her new car. Toyota Corolla. She took me to Friendly's for dinner and we had a game of Scrabble. Later, Karen called and I called Bill.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1984 Much cooler. Had to close some windows and put on more clothes. Didn't do much but dust. Made three-bean salad to take to church tomorrow. Phone never rang and I made one call, only person I spoke to all day.

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1984 Raining when I got up. Kept it up until about eleven. Left before nine - was on committee for Brunch. Only twelve there. Didn't do much, went over to Jeanette's awhile. Ellen has to go to Washington. Her mother having surgery Thursday.

MONDAY, JULY 2, 1984 Went to Clintonville Electric and bought a dryer. Got a used one one-half cheaper. $157.20. Then to bank, SuperX and Kroger's. Don't do much in P.M. Thunder in P.M. Only a sprinkling of rain.

TUESDAY, JULY 3, 1984 Warm, sunny day. Went to sew - had to go alone. Stopped at grocery. Ellen called. She leaves tomorrow, both parents sick. Walking to Wynding [Drive] and visited with Edna [Scott].

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 1984 Some drizzle, but no rain to amount to much. Those "characters" behind me shot off fire crackers and talked so loud. Too bad they got in the neighborhood. Kacy [cat] was so afraid of noise he stayed under bed a good part of day.

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 1984 Another hot day. Karen came for dinner. We took a walk and had a nice evening. Don't know when Ellen will get back.

FRIDAY, JULY 6, 1984 Had more rain in P.M. Don and Linda were here for dinner. We are going together - Dorothy and Dick - to help Bill fix his house. I took a short walk after they left - first I have walked to mailbox [on Indianola Avenue] for a long time.
SATURDAY, JULY 7, 1984 Beautiful day - coolest evening for a long time. Went to lunch and bridge at Center for Tomorrow. Good lunch, got pennies. $.52. Saw my first tiny tomato. I drove and took Gerry.

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 1984 Went to church and stopped at grocery. A long day - Jeanette and I took a short walk and I sat on her patio and Barbara came over. Bill called to tell me Kathy's mother died. [Kathy married to Gary.] 
MONDAY, JULY 9, 1984 Did laundry, first time for new dryer. Baked cookies. Mr. Dickerson started work on house. Dorothy came about noon. Valerie and Don here in evening. Looks like Ellen would be gone all summer. Her folks both sick.

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 1984 More painting on house. Dorothy fixed my two porch chairs. Went to grocery in morning. Valerie has poison ivy.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 1984 Last night was the hottest. Dorothy and I each had a fan. Not quite so hot today. Had my hair done - the girls all moved to Jo's shop. Stopped at grocery. Dorothy went to see Valerie. Mark took her to Dr. Mr. Dickerson has two sides of house done - looks real nice. Don leaves for Wisconsin tomorrow. A shame Ellen can't go with him.

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1984 Mr. Dickerson didn't come today. Dorothy washed the garage windows on inside, finished feeding the tomatoes. She left soon after noon. Richard mowed grass. Jeanette and Marva [Jeanette's daughter; Richard's sister] were over awhile.

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1984 Mr. Dickerson didn't come today. Pulled rest of onions. Cleared between tomatoes and planted a row of beans in front of them. Many small tomatoes and lots of bloom. Jeanette came over and we took a short walk.
SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1984 Washed garage windows. Not much else. Jeanette comes over about every day. Don reached cottage. Waited all evening for Tom to call. [Jamison Novak's 2nd birthday.]


MONDAY, JULY 16, 1984 Nice day. Did the laundry. Mr. Dickerson came at 8:30. Did the west side. House across the street is sold.
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1984 Went to sew by myself. So tired when I got home, slept over an hour. Mr. Dickerson came right after I got home. Have to get a load of sand for west side [of house]. Started to take a walk with Barbara and Jeanette. Didn't go far when Don called. Linda, Tom going up.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1984 No rain in sight. Mr. Dickerson came and was here most of day. Found squirrel had taken a green tomato. Had a load of topsoil delivered. Took walk almost to Glenmont [Road] with Barbara, Jeanette, and Marva. Had a time with checkbook but finally got it balanced. Ate last of my frozen tomatoes.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1984 Mr. Dickerson didn't come. Picked a pan of beans. Richard leveled pile of dirt - charged $15.00.

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 1984 Again Mr. Dickerson didn't come. Not much left and wish he would finish. Went to grocery. Never saw anyone around here all day.


SUNDAY, JULY 22, 1984 Went to church. In P.M. Barbara was over and we met our new neighbor. Think we will like her. John and Princess called. Also, Valerie. She has been so sick with poison ivy, but thought she was better. No rain.

MONDAY, JULY 23, 1984 90°. No rain forecast. I washed some rugs and the things on china closet. My porch is the gathering place for neighbors.

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 1984 Went to sew and took Helen Rymer. Stopped at grocery. Hardly got on porch to read until Jeanette and Barbara over. Had a light drizzle. Not enough to do any good.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 1984 Only a drizzle. We need rain! Had my hair done. Mr. Dickerson finished painting. Charged $260.00. Very reasonable, included new gutters. Took a short walk with Carole [Hoffman]. Picked a pan of beans - put a pint in freezer. Valerie O.K. now. Said Dorothy and Dick coming this weekend. [Nichole Rehl's 10th birthday.]

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1984 Finished "feeding" the tomatoes. Went to "Chat'n Sew," and stopped at grocery. Had a two-hour nice rain. Called Bill. Dorothy and Dick will come tomorrow evening.

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 1984

Much cooler. A little more rain during night. I went to grocery, washed, pulled weeds. Took a walk with Carole. Then Valerie came - Mark had a mild heart attack and in hospital. Dorothy and Dick came about 8:30. Dick went with Valerie to bring Mark's car home. [Richard Kutchera's 60th birthday.]

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1984

Nice day - few sprinkles. "They" decided Mark didn't have a heart attack, but an ulcer that was pressing and causing pain. Dorothy and Dick went to see him. All came here for supper - Dick bought two boxes of chicken, Mrs. Hooper and Kim here [Mark's mother and sister]. They brought most of dinner. Watched beginning of Summer Olympics in evening. Richard mowed grass.
SUNDAY, JULY 29, 1984 Dick fixed disposal, and put handle on back porch for me. Don called about noon. They left before two. Took a walk with Barbara [Kaiser] and found Mr. Wills had been robbed. First, I have been afraid.

MONDAY, JULY 30, 1984 Another nice day. Did one washer and ironed. Went to see Mrs. Cochran in P.M. Barbara and Jeanette here in evening. Mark home from hospital, still don't know trouble, but have ruled out a heart attack. Dorothy Pahl asked me to go see Fleeta, but I am going to sew.

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1984 Went to sew. Took Helen Rymer. Stopped at grocery. Slept an hour. Don't know why I can't write on this side [of paper]. Barbara over.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1984 Another hot, humid day and no rain. Didn't do much. Picked a pan of beans, put pint in freezer. Took a walk in evening with Barbara and Jeanette. Don't seem to know what is wrong with Mark.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1984 This heat almost makes me sick. Did not feel like doing anything. Karen was here in evening, and Bill surprised me - brought a lot of vegetables. Sent squash and zucchini home to Colleen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1984 Still hot and very humid. A little shower, only lasted a few minutes. I put two cherry pies in freezer (medium and small) and four containers of beans Bill brought. Everything is an effort. Maybe I'll feel better when not so humid.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1984 Went to bridge. I drove and took Gerry. Got the pennies. Could have been first or second had I doubled a hand. Raining when we came out - had started around two. Had a good rain - will help a lot. Watched Olympics in evening, and sewed on lap robe top.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 1984 Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Quite a social day. In P.M. Barbara, Richard, and Jeanette here. In evening Carole, Jeanette, Mark and Valerie. Jeanette drove her car, first time since October.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 1984 Another hot day. Made zucchini bread. Didn't sleep well last night. Nap in P.M. Went to see the new neighbors, and took a loaf of zucchini bread. She [Pat Pennell] was in Don's class at school [North High School, class of 1949].

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1984 Did laundry. We didn't go to sew. Went to bank and grocery. So hot, can hardly do anything. Had a hard storm in P.M., but our area was not affected. [Colleen Cooper's 27th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1984 Still "hot, humid, hazy." Had my hair done. Went on to post office, drug store and Kroger's. I cannot work this awful weather. Found another tomato squirrel had broken off. Almost middle August. No ripe tomatoes.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 1984 This heat is terrible! Pulled up beans, put a pint in freezer, also a pint of apple sauce. In evening Karen Ryder stopped with trie children, then Alice Barnett brought me some tomatoes. Bill called from Gloria's, then Ellen called - she is home for a few days.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 1984 So hot and humid. I can hardly stand it. Put another container of beans in freezer and made zucchini bread. Ilo [Hathaway - friend from Gladys's days as a substitute teacher] came and spent the afternoon, brought me a basket of beautiful tomatoes. No squirrels. Think someone killing them. Didn't see anyone around here to speak to and 'phone didn't ring.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1984 Not quite so hot. Have so many tomatoes given me - put four cups in freezer. Cleaned the stove. Don't feel like doing much. This heat has about made me sick. Discouraged about tomatoes [in my garden]. The cucumbers are full of bloom, but no cucumbers. Jeanette was over. Long evenings!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 1984 Some cooler. Went to church. Hattie and I went to Rax's for lunch. Had a good meal. So nice to have someone to go out to eat with. Stopped at Kroger's - double coupons. Long afternoon and evening. Had hoped someone would come or call.


TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1984 Went to sew and took Helen Rymer. Stopped at grocery. In evening went to funeral house - Grace Edward's husband. Leona took me and Helen. When I got home Valerie was here. She and Tom were worried about me. Don called and talked quite awhile. Valerie and I are going to Dorothy's tomorrow and stay overnight. Called Bill to tell him I would be gone tomorrow evening.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1984 Valerie and I left at 7:30. Had a real nice day at Dorothy's. She took us to Music Palace for lunch. Organ came up from pit. I never saw anything like it, and really enjoyed. So much lunch. We didn't eat any dinner. Called B.J. for her 29th birthday. A new baby in March. [B.J. Novak's 29th birthday.]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1984 We left at 10:45 - home in less than two hours. Kacy got along fine. Jeanette and Barbara over. Took a walk in evening. Can't do what I used to. Picked my first ripe tomato.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1984 I saw no one all day to speak to. Made a third batch of zucchini bread, and put five cups of tomatoes in freezer. Slept three hours in P.M. Get so tired! Walked to Wynding [Drive] in evening.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1984 Went to bridge. Gerry drove. Poor cards and low score. Sprinkled in evening. Jeanette was over. No rain. Getting all tomatoes I can use. Margaret was hostess. After eleven I called Don for his birthday [on August 20].
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 1984 Went to church. Hattie and I went to Rax's for lunch. Did a little work on outside. Dorothy called to say she was leaving at five for Dallas. B.J. has to stay in bed most of the time and Gary would be gone. Tried to get bridge for Tuesday, but Helen Rymer could not come. Talked with Mari Jane [Jackson].

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1984 Beautiful day - cooler nights. Pulled up beans next to Davis'. Went in to Jeanette's. In evening I took a walk almost to Glenmont. [Donald Cooper's 53rd birthday.]

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1984 Another nice day. We didn't go to sew. Went to grocery. Had our foursome here. The last time. Helen Utterback isn't able to play. Took a walk in evening.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1984 A day our street will never forget. I went for a permanent. When I came home a number of cars at Davis'. Richard went to basement and shot himself. Carole [Hoffman] came down to stay with me. Later, we went to Kaiser's, and Marva and George came over. Marva taking Jeanette home. Such a tragedy - just can't believe he would do such a thing. Called Bill. [Richard, probably in early 50's, was a Korean War veteran. He did not have a driver's license, never held a job very long, had few friends outside of the neighborhood, and lived with his mother. He was a good-hearted, friendly man, and had helped Gladys in innumerable ways over the years. His sister, Marva, was a very successful Realtor.]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1984 Mrs. Hathaway invited me for afternoon, but after she heard what had happened put it off. A day of phone calls and running around. Was in to see Jeanette. Barbara [Kaiser] and Edna [Scott]. Carole [Hoffman] took up money for flowers. Took a walk. Bill called from Gary's. Linda invited me to go to breakfast with her at Ponderosa.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 1984 Went with Linda. She left at 12:30. Turned on T.V. - slept two hours. Never heard programs. After an afternoon slept one or two hours. Guess I am worn out from trouble. Valerie and Mark brought me a dozen red roses "because we love you, and you have been worried." Said to share some with Jeanette. Bless their hearts!! In evening went with Edna to funeral home. So sad, I will really miss Richard.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1984 Went to funeral with Justus's. Also took Alice B. and Edna. Went to cemetery, but I didn't get out. Such a long day. Hattie invited me for dinner tomorrow and Don called. Went over to Barbara's, and took a walk with Carole in evening. Almost to Glenmont - gets dark so early now.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1984 Hattie and I planned to go out for dinner, but she had to keep her grand-daughter. So, she invited me to her house for dinner. I didn't want to be alone, since 15 years since Charles left me, and I have been so upset about Richard. Had such a good dinner and enjoyed the baby. In evening Karen (up street) came awhile. Both Helen's called.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 1984 Warmer today. Did the laundry and made zucchini bread - my 4th batch. Barbara hobbled over (she has a broken bone in foot), called Jeanette. Mr. Reid stopped and picked up some flowers for Jeanette. [Nancy Kay Rehl Cole's 36th birthday.]
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1984 Went to sew and took Helen Rymer. She gave me a loaf of bread she made. Had company all evening. Mable Justus, daughter and children. Carole and new neighbor across street. Hot day!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1984 Very hot! I made zucchini cookies and canned 7 cups of tomatoes and froze them. All from Davis'. Mable, Barbara, and Mrs. Clover here.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1984 Went to grocery to get Kacy his favorite food. Didn't do much else. Helen could not get out of tub - there all night - in hospital.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1984 Beautiful day - cooler. I washed one washer. In P.M. went to see Mrs. Cochran. In evening walked to Glenmont with Carole. Dorothy was to get home from Dallas. John is in hospital. Bill called from Gary's to ask me for dinner Sunday. Forgot to mention yesterday, Jeanette stopped a little while.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1984 Some brief showers. I swept house with Hoover. Not fit to work out[side]. Karen came for dinner. We took a walk and she stayed 'till 9:30. John home from hospital. He told me Ellen flies to cottage for a few days.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1984 93°. Very hot! Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Didn't eat much. Bill came with Karen and Colleen about one. Brought me apples and vegetables [from his garden]. Took all of us to Ponderosa. Had a nice meal. Jeanette came over. Marva sent me cookies. I went over there in evening. Didn't want her to be alone. She hasn't come home to stay.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1984 My 85th birthday. I put three cups of tomatoes in freezer, and two containers of apple sauce from apples Bill brought me. Marva and Jeanette took me to lunch at Bill Knapp's, then to see Marva's lovely home. Don called. He and Ellen are having a few days together at cottage. In evening Valerie and Mark came down, brought a cake with candle. Valerie stayed all evening. I had a nice birthday. Family plans to get together the 22nd. Rained all day.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1984 Cooler, so cold in P.M. turned furnace on. Got some more cards. Several I didn't get from. Only two from grandchildren - Gary and Valerie. Linda was here in P.M. Went to bed at a quarter 'till nine.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1984 Nice day, but still cool. Had my hair done, then went on to Golf Course. In evening took walk with Carole almost to Glenmont.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1984 40° at airport - a record. Didn't do much. Sewed and enjoyed T.V. programs. In evening walked to Glenmont with Carole.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1984 Made tapioca and apple sauce. Took to Helen Utterback with cookies in P.M. She can't live alone any longer. Took a walk with Carole in evening. Picked a tomato that weighted \( \frac{3}{4} \) pounds. Two more same size.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1984 A perfect day. Didn't do much. Jeanette came home. Marva's husband mowed my yard. Such a nice surprise. This was "Block Party" but I didn't care to go.


MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1984 Lovely day. Went to Circle. Jeanette and her cousin over. About nine o'clock Don called to say he is home.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1984 Didn't go to sew. From two of my big tomatoes I froze four cups - now 22. In evening Don came and brought me the clock [from the mantle at the cottage. Gladys had promised it to Valerie.] He stayed until almost ten. John had some surgery for prostate infection. He is fine and went home.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1984 Lovely day. Pulled up the last of beans - found enough for a meal. Went over to Jeanette's, and in evening walked to Glenmont with Carole.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1984 90°. A hot day. Didn't do much. Had a second meal of lima beans. Jeanette came over to spend the night. We had a game of Scrabble. Ellen got home [from visiting her parents in Gaithersburg, Md.] Rained hard in night.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1984 Jeanette stayed for breakfast. I went to Kroger's - double coupons. Then she and I went to Lazarus [Department Store], and each of us bought a floor lamp. More rain in evening. We got our mail at 5:30.


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1984 Lovely day, but a little cool. Hattie and I went to Rax's for dinner. Too cool to be outside. Bill called from Gary's, but phone so noisy we couldn't talk.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1984 Another lovely day. I made a dish of coleslaw, and went to Pot Luck. Golden Crest. Too cool to be out and evenings are long.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1984 Helen and I went to sew. They had ice cream and cake for September birthdays. Went to SuperX and got medicine. In P.M. Jeanette and her cousin came over. Walked almost to Glenmont. Tired!
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1984 Summer returned today. Had my hair done and went to Golf Course. I was 2" . $.75. Didn't want much dinner. Don called.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1984 Another warm day. I didn't do much. No one called. Tried to sweep drive, but had to quit. Take tomato stakes down as tomatoes are gone. Got my new lamp, but couldn't get it put together. Went in to Jeanette's. Carole and I walked to Glenmont.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1984 82°. Need rain. I went down and got gasoline. Stopped at grocery. Cleaned up some leaves. Tom called and told me he has a job with Kinnear Door Company in evening. Dorothy and Dick came and a big surprise. B.J. and Jamie [also came].

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1984 Lovely day. B.J. and Jamie stayed overnight at Valerie's. We went to Don's about 2:30. Asked Jeanette to go. Others came later for my 85th birthday party. Twenty five there - all but Chuck's family and he couldn't get off work. Had such a nice time. All of us gathered in living room for birthday cake. Jamie blew out the candles. Surprise! Dorothy played her accordion! Some nice gifts. A wonderful time. I am proud of all of them. Rebecca 8 months and me 85.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1984 Drizzly day. Dorothy and I went to [Drug] Emporium. I made salad and baked a cake. All came here and we had leftovers from party. Mark and Valerie left about one-thirty. Rest around 2:30. Went in to Jeanette's awhile.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1984 Made a big kettle of stew from chicken backs Valerie gave me. Swept drive. Potted a few flowers. Drizzly day.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1984 Went to sew alone. Had nurse appointment, but she was unable to come. Stopped to see Helen [Utterback]. Too tired to take a walk. Ate on porch, won't be many more times. 85°.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26,1984 Rain during night and a big drop in temperature. Potted more flowers and took in slips of coleus. Walked to Glenmont by myself. Gladys Hutchins [Ellen's mother] called for my belated birthday. Saw no one to speak to except Carole when I came back from walk.


FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1984 37°. Gloomy morning, but sun came out in P.M. Didn't do much, took down two more tomato plants, swept some leaves. My hip hurts.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29,1984 My hip hurts and didn't feel much like going to bridge, but I went. Gerry drove, although my turn. Only played one hand and went down four. Did not enjoy myself. Got low score. Sometimes I think I'll quit that group.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1984 Although I didn't feel like it made the effort and went to church. Bill surprised me and stopped awhile. Brought me apples and vegetables. Don called in evening. He had been to Racine, Wisconsin over weekend [for an Historical Conference]. Sent by O.S.U. Ellen in hospital with bronchitis.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1984 Miserable cold, windy day. Did laundry and froze three containers of tomatoes Bill gave me.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1984 Beautiful day and warmer. Helen [Rymer] and I went to [Senior] Center. Stopped at bank. After I came home, Jeanette came over. Took down the rest of tomato plants and spaded part of garden at back of lot.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1984 Beautiful day. Had my hair done and went to bridge at Golf Course. After I came home swept drive. Took a walk after dinner.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1984 Another nice day. Went to grocery and bank. Finished spading the garden. Kacy will hardly come in - stays out at night. Don't know where he goes.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1984 Nice day. I swept the house all over with Hoover. Started to bring in [fire]wood to porch, potted some showers. Valerie stopped with a big bag of tomatoes Dorothy sent me.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1984 Beautiful day - got up to 75°. Put four containers of tomatoes in freezer - now have 31. Dusted the house. Enjoyed sitting on porch. Jeanette and Barbara were over. Mark and Valerie left for a Caribbean cruise.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1984 A drizzly day. Went to church and Brunch. In P.M. took a nap and cleaned leaves over part of driveway. It was covered. Called Don - Ellen still in hospital.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1984 A gloomy, dark day. It rained most of night. Baked cookies. Went to Circle. T.V. in kitchen went out - radio on same outlet went out a few days ago.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1984 Some better than yesterday. Went to sew and took Helen Rymer. Stopped at grocery. Cleaned up some leaves. Man came and got my T.V.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1984 Another lovely day. Could sit on porch. Enjoyed being home and watching programs. Worked on sewing from Center. Man brought my small T.V. $47.48.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1984 Very foggy and not as nice as yesterday. Washed my best white sweater. Swept drive and leaves around garage. Ellen still in hospital.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1984 Cloudy and foggy morning, but sun came out and lovely afternoon. Mr. Dickerson put in storm windows, washed them all inside and out. $12.00. Jeanette and I walked to Glenmont.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1984 Nice day, but cooler. Put more clean papers in cupboard and swept drive. Such an exciting football game between O.S.U and Illinois. They [Illinois] were ahead 24-0. We had a big 2nd half and won game! Am worried about Ellen and feel sorry for Don. Called Dorothy.


MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1984 Up to 75° today. Did laundry and baked a gingerbread - on committee at Golden Crest. When I came home two bags of things on porch. So many tomatoes froze 5 cups - now 36. Mark and Valerie came in evening to tell about trip and show me what they bought.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1984 Very dense fog - didn't leave for sewing until about ten. Stopped at bank. Took a nap, and cleaned leaves from drive. Rained last evening, and so many down. Don took me to Frisch's for dinner. So discouraged about Ellen [hospitalized for depression].

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1984 Had my hair done and went to Golf Course. Won 2nd - $.80 pennies. Swept drive again.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1984 Went to post office, drug store and Kroger's. Took a sleep in P.M. Cleaned leaves from front yard and west side of house. After dinner Carole and I walked to Glenmont.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1984 Warm today. Put more clean papers in cupboard. Froze two more containers of tomatoes -now 38. Man mowed yard and I cleaned up more leaves. Don, Tom, and I went to Valerie's for dinner. She had a delicious meal.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1984 Went to bridge at "Center for Tomorrow." I drove and took Gerry. Rain began in evening.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1984 A miserable, dark day with rain. I didn't go to church. Enjoyed staying home.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1984 More rain during night. A dark, drizzly day. Not out of house except to take trash and sweep garage.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1984 Helen [Ryder] and I went to sew. Then, we went to see Effie and stopped at grocery. Wayne was here for dinner. I had a good chicken dinner and enjoyed having Rim.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1984 Turned out to be a nice day. Got more leaves cleaned up - driveway and side yard. Getting more flowers potted. Jeanette and Barbara here. Called Don. He thought Ellen better.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1984 Went to "Chat'n Sew." Kacy is sick and I am so worried about him. Should have taken him to Vet today. I called Valerie and they will help me.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1984 Kacy seemed better, drank milk, and ate some cat food. I cancelled appointment with Dr. Knapp. Dusted the bedrooms. After lunch went to church to mark things for Bazaar. Here about 3:30. Swept some leaves. Mark stopped to ask about Kacy. Am so concerned about Ellen. I do not understand her.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1984 78°. A beautiful day in the 70's. Went to our Bazaar at church and worked until we put things away. I took a nap, then cleaned up some leaves. Took Kacy out and he didn't come in all night. [Gloria Cooper's 60th birthday.]

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1984 Went to church. Hattie and I went to Rax's for lunch. I took her to repay for nice lunch I had at her house. Raked a few leaves. Rain began in evening. Kacy won't eat. May have to take him to Vet. Could work out without a sweater. [Wayne Cooper's 26th birthday.]
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1984 Went to church and stayed for Brunch. A miserable day, raining when I got up and kept it up all day. Wayne came at five o'clock. Rained about half the way to Cincinnati. Got to Dorothy's around seven. We all went to Chuck's for awhile.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1984 Nice day, but cool. Wayne went to a meeting. In P.M. Dorothy and I went to Gold Circle. We left quarter 'till seven. In house a quarter 'till nine. Sure seems sad for Kacy not to greet me. How I miss my little pet. Called Valerie.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1984 A nice day, sunny and cool. Helen and I went to Center. I took her to vote. Later, went in to Jeanette's awhile.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1984 Nice day - cool. Went to lunch and bridge at Golf Course. After I came home Barbara came over - then I cleaned up some leaves. Hard frost - coleus gone, but begonias still pretty.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1984 Home all day. Cleaned up leaves around garage and side yard. Kacy's bill was $142.00 for four days.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1984 A gloomy, rainy day. I wasn't out of house. Started to wash for "knick-knacks" in kitchen, and some little jobs. Finished a book. Sewed on things I bring from Center.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1984 Rain during night. A gloomy day. I was hostess at bridge, took Margaret McCormick for substitute. Florence was called home. Merle [Axline] called Raymond and he came in her place. Ellen went home today. Gerry and I drove separately.


MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1984 Nice, sunny day, but cold. Went to Circle, and stopped at garage to check car for winter. Cost $16.09. After I came home cleaned some leaves, but too cold to work out. Valerie stopped in evening.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1984 A really nice day. Helen and I went to sew. Stopped at grocery. Too tired to clean leaves. Long evenings! Miss my little Kacy.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1984 Lovely day. Had my hair done. Took two high blood pressure pills instead of one. Slept most of morning after I came home - groggy. Did not feel like raking leaves. Called Ellen. She sounded fine - invited me for Thursday.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1984 Looked for Mr. Dickerson to clean gutters, but he didn't come. Although it was cold, almost got back yard leaves cleaned up. Worked all evening trying to balance my checkbook, finally figured it out.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1984 Lovely day. I baked cookies, took some to Valerie. She invited me to come up and watch Ohio State-Michigan football game. She had a nice lunch. State won 21-6. After I came home finished leaves in back yard. Lucy called and talked over an hour! She doesn't get out and the 'phone helps.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1984 A miserable day, began to snow soon after I got up. Did not go to church. In late afternoon snow turned to rain. My left leg started to hurt me.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1984 Could hobble with my cane. Cut down a big sheet to fit my bed. Leg got worse. Went to back porch and could hardly get in. Push a chair and my cane. Called Bill. Went to bed at eight o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1984 Hardly slept at all after 12:30. So hard to get to bathroom. Called Ellen. I told her I could not get to Dr. She called Dr. Bope and he came out. Bill came, and Mr. Dickerson came and cleaned leaves - the gutters are frozen. Said he would come back. Think I can put a little more weight on left leg.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1984 Lovely day and cold. Can't do much - think my leg some better. Frieda called.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1984 A beautiful Thanksgiving Day, but cold. Don came for me at 11:30. Made a great effort and went to their house. A fine dinner. Ellen brought me home and I watched Dallas [Cowboys] win the football game. I can walk without pushing chair. Talked with Bill. Valerie called and I called Dorothy to come earlier tomorrow, so she could go to grocery for me. Ellen had a cake for Tom's 23rd birthday tomorrow.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1984 Another beautiful day, and some warmer. Dorothy and Dick came about 11:30. Dorothy and Valerie went to grocery and got medicine for me. We made salad to take to Valerie's Saturday. She and Mark came down in evening. [Thomas Cooper's 23rd birthday.]

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1984 Beautiful day. Dorothy, Dick, Valerie and Mark ran in morning. I made cranberry corn bread for the dinner. We went to Valerie's around two. Mark's folks there. We had twelve and an excellent dinner. Miss Kitty when I go out and come home.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1984 The nicest weekend we have had for weeks. Has rained for nine weekends. Dorothy did my laundry and swept house. Dick fixed disposal and burner on stove. They put trash out, they went to Valerie's for dinner. I didn't feel like going. They left at a quarter 'till four. I felt better in evening, and can walk without pushing a chair. Don called.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1984 64°. Really beautiful day. I felt better, and can get around house without my cane.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1984 67°. Lovely day, in the sixties. Jeanette came and brought me a piece of cake. Mr. Dickerson cleaned the gutter. $12.50. Glad to get that done and trash hauled off. Have missed sewing two weeks.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1984 57°. Some rain during night. Gloomy, dark day. I went to get my hair done - first I have ventured out alone since leg problem. Got along O.K. Dorothy called. I addressed a lot of my Christmas cards. Will put notes on later.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1984 A really nice, sunny day. Didn't do much - finished addressing all my Christmas cards. Just as I put my dinner in oven, the electricity went off - did not come on for an hour and three quarters. I ate bread, butter, and jam for dinner by light of two candles. Called Bill.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1984 43°. Gloomy, dark day - a little drizzle. Left early, went to post office, Kroger's, and SuperX. So glad I can get around myself. Still take my medicine. In P.M. Jeanette was in, brought me clips to hang calendar on refrigerator.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1984 43°. A lovely day. I went to bridge at Center for Tomorrow - I drove and took Gerry and Ella, who was a substitute. Valerie came while I was gone, put flea bombs upstairs and in basement. The fleas have been bad. Barbara was over. Saw 2nd half of basketball game. O.S.U. won by one point after being thirteen behind.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1984
Fairly nice day. Went to church and stayed for Brunch.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1984 Nice day, but cold - in the thirties. Glad to be home all day. Don't do much, little things.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1984 32°. Low of 21° this morning. Went to sew and took Helen [Rymer]. Stopped at bank. Woman came to look at my room - may rent it. Didn't get my dinner until almost seven.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1984 30°. Went to bridge at Golf Course. Began to snow about two o'clock and we came home early. I was high. $1.00. Bad driving coming home. Don called and he thinks Mrs. Robertson [Claire Robertson, from the History Department] will take the room. [She didn't.] Snow is deep.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1984 Snowed all night. Ended at 7.3 inches. Was 14° at 5:30 when I ate dinner and getting colder. Made a lemon pie and washed a rug and dust cloths.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1984 7° this morning. Wind chill -14°. I did the laundry, and put clean papers in basement shelves. Brought up tree and ornaments. It is hard for me to get up and down stairs. Will not go out until the snow melts.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1984 Nice, sunny day and some snow melted. I put clean papers in basement cupboards - in laundry room. A clean filter in furnace. Watched basketball game. Barbara was over. My legs hurt and it is hard to walk.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1984 Nice day. I am afraid of walking around church, and didn't go to church. A long day. Snow is melting. Watched some football. Valerie and Jeanette called.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1984 43°. About the foggiest morning I ever saw. All planes were grounded at airport. Never really cleared up all day. Glad to be home. Decorated my little tree. Everything is such an effort now.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1984 A gloomy day, not as foggy as yesterday. Helen and I went to sew. Stopped at grocery. Got a lot as I was out of so many things.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1984 A miserable, drizzly day. Made six small loaves of banana bread. In P.M. got a permanent. $25.00, plus $1.00 tip. Stopped at thrift store. So tired tonight, can hardly wait to go to bed.


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1984 Nice day. Don came over in morning, ate a sandwich before he left. In afternoon Valerie came. We decorated the mantle.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1984 Almost a spring day. Went to church. Even raked some leaves after I came home. About 64°. Bill came about one. He brought ham for dinner, and more for me, and pork chops, and grapefruit, bananas and lots of vegetables.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1984 Home all day. Nothing special except warm temperature. Cleaned a lot of leaves.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1984 Quite a bit cooler. Made cookies to put in refrigerator. Linda and a friend here.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1984 A miserable, gloomy day. Baked cookies and that about tired me out. Valerie came in P.M., and Barbara in evening.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1984 40°. A nice day. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Stopped at grocery and Outlet Store. After a nap, went in to Jeanette's.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1984  A miserable, rainy day - temperature got to 52°. Cleaned bathroom. Don stopped for lunch. Gary called and they will be here tomorrow evening.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1984  Turned out to be a lovely, sunny day. I went down and got gas tank filled. Did the laundry. In P.M. both Margaret McCormick and Jeanette here and brought me cookies. Gary, Kathy, and boys came up - brought me a beautiful terrarium - 30 inches high. Such a lovely gift. We had popcorn, ice cream, and cookies.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1984  A lovely, sunny day and a nice one for me. Went to church. Hattie and I went to York Steak House for dinner, and looked around mall. Such a treat for me to see the Christmas decorations. Jeanette came over to see the Terrarium.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1984  Nice day - turned colder in evening. I made salad to take to Don's - left out part of gelatin and didn't set, but tasted good. Karen was here for dinner. Pat Pennell came in evening and brought cookies.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1984  16°. Never saw a nicer Christmas Day. I opened my packages. My children are all good to me. I drove to Don's and had a nice time. At my age I wonder if I'll have another Christmas.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1984  A very gloomy day. Dorothy and Dick left at eleven. Karen came for dinner and the evening. Dorothy and Dick came about one. In evening Mark and Valerie were here for dinner. We just had a casserole and salad, ice cream and cookies. Had a fire and nice evening. Valerie is having problems with her hand.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1984  Cloudy, but mild. Dorothy and Dick left at eleven. Karen came for dinner and the evening.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1984  58°. When I got up temperature about 68°. Broke all records. Susan Ryder came to see me.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1984  69°. A very gloomy day. I took my tree down and decorations to basement. Mrs. Ryder came again and brought me turkey and noodles and a piece of cake.


MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1984  I went to bank and grocery. In evening Mark and Valerie called, said they would bring part of dinner and come down tomorrow and watch the game. I was lonesome and called Bill and Dorothy.

I am thankful I have made another year. No health problems except shingles - still bother me after a year. Only time I was gone was to Dorothy's twice. Tom started a new job. John began Residency at Mt. Carmel [Hospital]. Rebecca joined the Cooper family. Had my house painted. Richard died in August, and I miss him. Also, miss my dear little Kacy. He had been a good companion over seven years.
In some respects Gladys, age 86, felt better and was more active than she had been the year before. She made four trips to Cincinnati to visit Dorothy, and spent two weeks in Phoenix, Arizona with her sister-in-law, Frieda Hubbard. While in Arizona Gladys also met her niece, Betsy Azlin, Betsy's husband, Glenn, and their family, and her nephew, Joe Cooper, and his wife, Carol. She enjoyed bridge, a meeting of a book club, and saw Carol's doll collection of over 400 dolls. Frieda, and her second husband, Arnold Hubbard, belonged to a Motorcycle Club, but Gladys did not ask for a ride. When she was out with couples she felt like a "fifth wheel." [I] don't like to be out with couples." Nor did she appreciate Frieda's occasionally cutting remarks, such as "your fat keeps you warm." Later in the year Frieda had a heart attack, and had by-pass surgery on August 5, but recovered and lived into her 90's.

In addition to her more numerous trips outside of Columbus, Gladys was more active in the kitchen than the year before. She made toll house, oatmeal, and ice box cookies, "Orange Supreme," apple sauce, and "Jiffy" cakes, green tomato cherry jam, frozen pickles, chocolate covered pretzels, zucchini bread, and several pies, including apple. This is not to say there were not still troublesome health issues. She wrote on January 30 "Too tired to go alone to Shopping Center," on May 5 "I give out so quickly can't do much," and on June 18 "Not feeling well. Unsteady." On May 30 she wrote "[All I do is] watch some T.V. and sew on volunteer work." She had a cataract operation, and had some pain in the affected eye. Yet she was able to wash her car, and when she saw her friend, Helen Utterback, who had suffered a stroke, Gladys wrote "How lucky I am!" She was able still to drive her car, take some summer evening walks, and live alone in her own home. She enjoyed her usual garden of onions, beans, tomatoes, and cucumbers.

She continued her life-long contacts with Crestview Presbyterian church. Severe winter weather in early 1985 caused her to miss six straight Sundays. One day it was -20°. On February 13 it was "the worst day I can remember, except the blizzard of '78. All trees and shrubbery were ice covered, then snow. Very beautiful to look at! But, my trees on driveway] bent to ground. Many cancellations, drifting snow, and accidents... Bill called - he hadn't had electricity since yesterday P.M., but has wood stoves and gas to cook on, and kerosene lamps. We won't forget this winter!"

Once the weather improved Gladys continued to take part at church in Golden Crest, "Chat 'n Sew," and Circle. She attended the Mother-Daughter luncheon with Ellen. She worked very hard on the annual Bazaar, and her table made $16.00. The new minister, Rev. Alan Wendt, arrived, and Gladys liked him very much. She continued to volunteer at the Senior Center to sew on lap robes and quilts. As usual she recorded many of the costs of items or services purchased: T.V. repaired, $72.45; Snow shoveled off driveway, $5.00; Hair done, $7.00; Permanent, $27.00 + $1.00 tip; Dryer repair, $30.55; Garage door repaired, $70.50 + $95.00 for new radio controls for the door; Winter check-up for her car, $52.95.

There were some changes in the neighborhood of Yaronia Drive South. Her best friend, Jeanette Davis, who lived next-door, still struggling with the suicide the year before of her son, Richard, moved to a retirement home. A new family, the Clover's, moved across the street, and quickly became friends. The house directly behind her, which in earlier years had belonged to her friends, the Lewis', was empty, and after all the furniture removed, was set on fire. A man from the arson squad visited Gladys to ask if she had any information. In time the house was repaired and occupied. On February 3 Gladys' own home nearly caught on fire. She, Don, and Ellen went to a movie. "I had fixed a fire in fireplace. When we came home house full of smoke. The paper had
caught from fire night before. Lucky we got home when we did." On June 1 Gladys took an evening walk around the neighborhood with six other women, and Jeanette's dog, Sam. Life could still be good at age 86, although she wrote on January 5, a Saturday, "Had a fire in evening. So lonesome. I think of the Saturday evening we used to go out for dinner and bridge. Now, I lock doors - never go anywhere in evening." She recorded several special anniversaries during the year. On February 22 it had been 28 years since she and Charles moved to Yaronia. June 9 was their 62nd wedding anniversary. May 2nd was Charles' 86th birthday, and Gladys' was September 3. August 26 marked the 16th anniversary of Charles' death, always a sad day.

Bill, age 61, still lived in his trailer south of Columbus. He had a large garden and sold vegetables from a roadside stand. Frequently he brought an assortment of vegetables to Gladys. His second son, Wayne, married Mary on November 30. "It was a lovely Catholic wedding and a sit-down dinner for 127. A fine meal. Nice to have so many of my family there." Gloria bought a new house. Dorothy, age 57, and Dick, age 61, still lived in Cincinnati. Gladys, as mentioned, made four trips there, always riding with someone else. She never drove her own car very far, and only to familiar places. Dorothy visited Gladys in Columbus at least six times, and B.J. and Gary Novak in Dallas in early April. Andrew Novak was born March 3, 1985. Another Kutcher grandchild, Katie Lynn, was born to Chuck and Donna on September 9, 1985. Valerie and Mark continued to visit Gladys often, and to help her in numerous ways.

Don, age 54, and Ellen, age 50, still lived at 1896 Baldridge Road, Upper Arlington. Don still taught Latin American History at Ohio State, including the History of Mexico, the History of Brazil, the History of Central America and the Caribbean, a two-quarter "Introduction to Latin America," and graduate seminars. He bought a new computer, and also a new Chevrolet Chevette, the first new car he ever owned. Don and Ellen were at the cottage from July 5 until October 11, their longest stay ever there. A memory from that summer was observing the cranberry harvest in nearly Dock Lake. Don brought back 30 pounds of fresh cranberries to make wine. B.J. and Gary Novak, Jamie and Andrew, visited the cottage that summer. Ellen, age 50, made a trip to Gaithersburg, Md. on October 15 to get her father, Dr. Clayton HutcRins, placed in a hospital. In March she and Linda had a delightful trip to Florida. On November 19 Ellen was admitted to Harding Psychiatric Hospital, once again for clinical depression, and was still there at the end of the year. Gladys spent Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, and Christmas Day with Don and family. The Christmas visit was bittersweet. "Beautiful Christmas Day. I baked a cake to take to Don's. Linda came for me. Don got their dinner himself. We missed Ellen. Saw Rachel for first time. Maybe I am unreasonable, but I was hurt. Linda and Tom had nice gifts for everyone, but not even a card for me. I have never forgotten them. But, a small gift would have been enough, just to be remembered." On January 13 Gladys was invited to Rebecca's first birthday party. "All Don's family there. Had quiche, ice cream, and cake. Had a nice time." In February Rebecca was in Children's Hospital with a fever of 106°, but it was quickly brought down. Tom moved to Chicago to start a new job.

Gladys closed her diary for 1985 with her longest end-of-year summary ever:


Glad I have made another year. Have had no health problems. Shingles still bother me, getting slower, and don't walk so well.

Had two weeks in Arizona at Frieda's in March. At Dorothy's three [four] times. Enjoy my home and don't mind staying home.

In Bill's family Wayne and Mary married November 30th. She is a nice addition to our family. Bill had a vegetable stand and did well.

Dorothy's family. B.J. and Gary [Novak - divorced since 1993] moved from Dallas to Massachusetts. Andrew joined the family on March 3rd. Katie Lynn was born to Chuck and Donna [now divorced] on September 9th.
Don's family. Tom has a job in Chicago, and has his own apartment. Rachel Elizabeth was born to John and Trish [divorced in 2005], December 12th. Ellen spent some time in hospital. She and Don had three months at cottage. Don on leave from O.S.U. to work on book.

So, the family increased by a wedding and three babies. I have much to be thankful for. I lost two of my Wisconsin friends. Norma Uhl and Florence Meronk. Jeanette [Davis] moved to a retirement home. Helen Utterback went to California.

Betsy and Glenn [Azlin], their son [Thomas] and fiancee [Patricia] were here. [Betsy died of Alztherimer's in 2000.] House behind me was set on fire in March.

Church called a new minister after almost two years of turmoil.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1985 68°. New Year's Day. A gloomy one, but no rain. Colder in evening. Mark and Valerie came about four. We put our things together - had "Sloppy Joe's," baked corn, etc. [Ohio] State got beat by three points. We played a game of Scrabble later. A nice evening!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1985 A very gloomy day. Took down mantle decorations and got most of them to basement.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1985 High of 34°. Didn't do much - something wrong with right arm, besides shingles. Wayne called.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1985 A gloomy day - high of 34°.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1985 A nice day - good to see some sunshine. Didn't feel very well. Did a little work, then hit the davenport. Watched basketball game. Had a fire in evening. So lonesome, I think of the Saturday evenings we used to go out for dinner and bridge. Now, I lock doors - never go anywhere in evening.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 1985 Felt better today. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. After I got home Bill came. When he left Jeanette came. A nice day. About 30°. [Robert Cooper's 13th birthday]

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1985 Such a beautiful morning, all trees and shrubs covered with snow. I felt better and did the laundry. Washed French doors in basement. I have had an idea to go see Frieda. Don called and I can get a direct flight to Phoenix. I think I'll go!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1985 Had hoped to go to sew. But, more snow and driving dangerous. Didn't do much. Wrote to Frieda about going. T.V. in front room went out.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1985 7°. For low and 21° for a high. Nice, sunny day. Had my hair done, got medicine, went to bank and grocery. Mr. Clark fixed T.V. $72.45. Valerie stopped with Vitamin E for me. Several inches snow predicted.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1985 Snow began about four in morning. By evening four inches, and more expected. I swept with Hoover, but not much else. Called off bridge for Saturday. Have 15 minutes more of daylight.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1985 Another cold day. Don't do much. Won't go out. Some telephone calls.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1985 Frieda called as I was getting up - at eight to tell me I am welcome. Set March 6th to go. An hour later Don called. He cleared drive and walk and got clock to striking right. We had some business to attend to. Club met with seven. Glad I stayed home.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 1985 Lovely, sunny day. Too snowy to walk around church and didn't go. Bill called, later Don, and was invited to Becky's first birthday party. All Don's family there. Had quiche, ice cream, and cake. Had a nice time. Later, Dorothy called. It was beautiful driving with the white snow.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1985 High of 27°. A cold, blustery day. Don't have much to do. Watch T.V. Snow flurries, almost blizzard like.


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1985 A nice day, but cold. I drove down to Gerry's [Jones] and she drove to bridge. I was 3rd - 60 pennies. She stopped at a Kroger store. I got a few groceries. Snow predicted. [Charles Kutchera's 27th birthday]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1985 High 28°.

Two more inches snow. Cooked chicken backs and made stew.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1985 31° high. Three more inches snow. Started to wash dishes in china closet - a few at a time. Tom Barton shoveled drive and walk for $5.00. Called Bill.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1985 Wind chill way below zero. Washed more dishes in china closet. Watched basketball game. Just zero when I went to bed. I stayed up to watch the Inaugural show [of President Ronald Reagan], then it was 3.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1985 When I got up at eight o'clock it was -20°. Never knew it to be so cold! No one out. Don and Dorothy both called. The ice on picture window didn't melt all day, even sun shown on it. Watched Super Bowl. —20° when I went to bed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1985 -10° at eight. Didn't do much. Pat, across street, came for water. She had a frozen pipe. So cold, mail service stopped. Watched Inaugural - President Reagan. 2nd term. Had to cancel parade and hold ceremony in dome of Capitol Building.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1985 Some warmer today. Washed more dishes in china closet. Haven't been to Center to sew for weeks. Cancelled hair appointment for tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1985 19° when I got up at eight. Some sunshine today. Haven't been out of house for a week.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1985 Jeanette and I went to Rax's for lunch, then to post office and Kroger's. When we came out, it was snowing. We did rest of our errands. She had so much to carry, took her home.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1985 Such a day - snow and more snow. At times almost a blizzard. People told to stay home. Many accidents, one involved 20 cars - 18 sent to hospital. On such a day John, Trish, and Becky came to get something out of basement. She is such a darling. Called Bill.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1985 Nicer day. 8° above when I got up. Did laundry. Tommy Barton came and cleared walks and drive. I had intended letting it melt, since I cannot go out. So cold, would have been a long time melting. Frieda [sister-in-law] called [from Phoenix] to get date when I am coming.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1985 28°. Third Sunday I have missed church. Nine inches snow on ground. A long day, didn't see anyone. Karen called about nine. Only person I talked with all day. Fire in evening.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1985 28° high. Washed more dishes in china closet. Washed the fireplace doors. So much snow, don't plan to go out this week. Don got his new computer. I called Ellen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1985 24° high. Baked cookies, sent some to Kaisers. He came down and got them. Karen intended coming for dinner, but called about three and said she had gone home early with a bad cold.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1985 A fairly nice day. Haven't seen so much snow on our street for a long time. Valerie came after lunch. We went to Super-Duper, Outlet Store, and Northland [Shopping Center]. I got a pink blouse to wear with my suit, and a billfold. So tired, I can't go over there alone.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1985 More snow last night, but soon melted. I didn't get up 'till 8:30. Didn't do much. Washed my hair.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1985 Snow during night and past noon. Temperature at noon was 15°. Wind chill -10°. Didn't do much. Tommy had drive shoveled before I knew he was here. I told him to ask next time before he worked. Have paid him $15.00 so far. [Karen Cooper's 25th birthday]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1985 2 1/2 more inches snow! I washed rest of pink glass dishes. Don't know what I would do without T.V. and telephone.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1985 0°. Just zero when I got up. Fourth Sunday to miss church. Everything looked so beautiful, ice frozen on all trees and shrubbery. Don came over in P.M. and cleared my drive and walks, put out trash. We decided to go to a movie, Ellen came and went too. I had fixed a fire in fireplace. When we came home house full of smoke. The paper had caught from fire night before. Lucky we got home when we did. Had to open doors to let smoke out. Really shook me up. Dorothy called.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1985 -9° at airport. High 25°. Sunny day, some snow melted. Decided to go to bank, then get my car license. A 25 minute wait. Karen came for dinner, left at nine.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1985 Not so cold. More snow on ground - freezing rain. Lots of accidents. Cancelled my hair appointment for tomorrow. Sure don't get out much.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1985 Snow flurries in morning, but sun in P.M. Some melting. Had to call a plumber, both toilets and disposal. Cost $29.00. Dusted Hummel cabinet.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1985 Cold! 7° when I got up. Wind chill -15°. High of 16°. Don called about eight. Becky is in Children's Hospital. May have pneumonia. Her fever went up to 106°, but had brought it down to 104°.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1985 Just zero when I got up. Don called. Becky's temperature down to normal, but will be in hospital all week. Washed my hair - plan to go to bridge tomorrow.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1985 Nice sunny day, but cold. 5° above when I got up. Went to bridge at Center for Tomorrow. I drove as side streets too bad to go for Gerry. Got 3rd. 31 pennies. Stopped at grocery. Didn't have any trouble at all! [Michael Cooper's 11th birthday]

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1985 This is fifth Sunday I have missed church. Margaret Pugh called, and I called Wanda [Little]. Carole [Hoffman] was down and she put my trash out. Snowing hard - began about five. Valerie called.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1985 Wet snow on ground. Temperature reached 44°, and some snow melted. Got some ice off front porch. Heavy snow predicted. [Bryan Kutchera's 2nd birthday]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1985 Warmer - some melting. But, rain began, then snow all afternoon and evening. Miserable! Many accidents. I washed part of kitchen woodwork with Murphey's soap.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1985 The worst day I can remember, except the blizzard of '78. All trees and shrubbery were ice covered, then snow. Very beautiful to look at! But, my trees on drive are bent to ground. Many cancellations, drifting snow and accidents. The disposal would not stop. Called plumber, but it
stopped before he sent someone. Bill called - he hadn't had electricity since yesterday P.M, but has wood stoves and gas to cook on, and kerosene lamps. We won't forget this winter!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1985 About like yesterday. I furnished washing kitchen woodwork. Tom Barton shoveled walks and drive. Ice under snow. He put my car license on. I gave him $2.00 extra. ($7.00).

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1985 Lovely, sunny day. Too cold to melt snow. I called Bill last evening and again tonight. He hasn't had electricity since Tuesday at 4:15. Balanced checkbook.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1985 Partly sunny. I did the laundry. Laura [Hardy] called and Barbara [Kaiser] was over. Later, Bill called and his electricity was on. Had been off from Tuesday P.M. 'till Saturday P.M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1985 This is six Sundays I have missed church. So lonesome, cried a little. Sunny day, some snow and icicles melted. Got most of ice off front porch.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1985 40° for a high. A lot of snow melted. Called Edith [Walter] for her birthday. She is in bed with bad back a great deal of time.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1985 Lovely day and finally got out. Helen and I went to sew. Stopped at drug store, two groceries and bakery. Back walk still icy and our street bad.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1985 Lovely day. Finally got my hair done. Dorothy came to [Beauty] Shop just as I was leaving for bridge, then she went to Valerie's. A good time at bridge. Alice and I tied for high score - and split $1.00. Dorothy came and brought me banana bread, bananas, cucumbers, peppers and fertilizer for flowers. So glad to see her. [Ellen Cooper's 50th birthday]

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1985 Mild day - about 54°. Dorothy and I went to Northland [Shopping Center] to return a blouse. Went to three stores before I found another. Came home for lunch then went to [Drug] Emporium. I was so tired! Valerie stopped on way home from work.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1985 Another mild day with some rain. Washed off a lot of snow. Dorothy helped me - we washed all dishes on top shelf of China Closet. She left soon after one. I miss her! Twenty-eight years today since we moved here.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1985 Almost a spring day - got up to 66°. I swept with Hoover - some small jobs. Jeanette [Davis] was in. A lot of snow gone. Can see the grass now.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1985 Some rain showers. I got to church - had missed six Sundays. Hattie and I went to Rax's for lunch. Bill came up in P.M.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1985
Another mild day. Made banana bread - one loaf to take to Frieda. Am getting things ready for trip.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1985
A nice day. Helen and I went to sew. Called about Valerie and she had the surgery on her hands today.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1985
Home all day. Doing some things to get ready for trip. Called Mark [Hooper] and Valerie pretty miserable.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1985
Lovely, sunny day. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Stopped at grocery, a woman told me tire was low. Didn't know where to go, finally went to a Clark station, and a man checked all the tires. Two were almost flat. Went in to see Jeanette - don't know what is going to happen to her.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1985
Up to 51°. March came in "like a lamb." I hardly saw anyone all day. Edna [Scott] called to wish me a nice trip [to Arizona].

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1985
A really nice day. Went to lunch and bridge at Center for Tomorrow. I drove and took Gerry [Jones]. Had miserable cards. Valerie called - she felt better, but doesn't have much use of hands as both are heavily bandaged.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1985
While eating Breakfast Dorothy called. B.J. has a baby boy, Andrew Clark. Early but weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Went to church and to pancake and sausage Brunch. Don came in P.M. and brought my tickets.

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1985
Wind so strong, had "wind warning." I went to bank and got money for my trip. Rain began in late afternoon. The phone didn't ring all day. Did the laundry. Temperature reached 70°.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1985
Temperature drop - 34° this A.M. and windy. I had my hair done at nine and went to Center to sew. After I came home went in to Jeanette's to leave a key. All packed! Had snow flurries. Mark and Valerie came down and brought me two carnations to wear. Bill and Don called.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1985
Ellen came for me and we left for airport at nine. Had a good flight to Chicago. Coffee and peanuts. Got me a wheel chair in Chicago. Had a good lunch. 40 minutes late. Frieda [sister-in-law] and Betsy [niece] met me. We stopped at Betsy's for a while.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1985
We didn't do anything all day except a short drive. Mrs. Baxter was in. Am to go to Betsy's tomorrow. They want to go to bed at nine. I got my book and read.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1985
We took a short drive in morning. Betsy came about 10:30 and took me to her house. We had such a pleasant day. Glenn [Azlin, Betsy's husband] showed slides of Grand Canyon. Frieda, Arnold [Frieda's husband], their son, Don, wife and baby came for dinner.
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1985
Arnold took us to Wickenburg for breakfast, about 38 minutes. I enjoyed the mountains and desert. Had three big pancakes and two cakes of sausage. Went to grocery.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 1985 Had a miserable night, chills and "rifting." [?] Didn't eat much breakfast, went back to bed. Some of family here for dinner. Joe, Carol [Joe's wife], Betsy, Glenn, Barbara, and Keith. Had steaks and a good meal. [Barbara and Keith are two of the Azlin's four children. The others are Thomas and Donald.]

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1985 Frieda had a bridge luncheon. Pearl, Maxine, and Florence. I had low score. Temperature in high seventies.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1985 75°. In P.M. took a drive past ranch, and through a lovely park in the mountains. [Ralph and Frieda operated a large ranch near Goodyear for many years, and raised their family there. Today the ranch has been consumed by urban sprawl and is all houses.] Lovely flowers, many cacti. In evening I took Frieda and Arnold out for dinner. They went at eight. I went to my room and read.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1985 We went to Frieda's bridge club at Thelma Wilson's. Lovely home on a Golf Course. I got to play enough to have a good time. Thirty miles round trip.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1985
Hard rain during the night. Mrs. Baxter was in. We went to Joe [nephew] and Carol's [Joe's wife] for a fish dinner. Mack's [Carol's parents] were there, and Kathy [Joe's daughter], her husband and little boy. It was raining when we came home. Saw Carol's doll collection - she has over four hundred.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1985
I can't make the bed to suit Frieda. She came in to make it! Sometimes she hurts my feelings as "your fat keeps you warm." Betsy, Barbara [Betsy's daughter], and her boys came out in the morning. In P.M. we went to Mack's. Never saw so many pretty ceramic things she had made. Gave me a Christmas angel and both of us grapefruit and lime from their tree. [Dorothy Kutchera's 57th birthday]

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1985
Arnold went for breakfast with the Motorcycle Club. In P.M. Betsy, Glenn, Frieda, Arnold and I went to a "Sweet Adeline" concert. The auditorium seated 7,000. Betsy and Glenn came here for supper. Had broiled steaks. They go to bed so early.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1985 My last day - am getting packed. Getting anxious to get home. In evening went to watch the pool games with Hafers. They came here for supper.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1985 We left about 7:15 for airport. About thirty miles. Arnold went too. After I found my gate, Frieda and Arnold left. Had a nice flight to Kansas City, but a little annoyed by a two-year old next
to me. The lunch wasn't much good. This is T.W.A. The food is better on American. I had a wheelchair in Kansas City - took me right on plane. Good trip in to Columbus. Was met with a wheelchair and Don. All was fine at home. Went in to Jeanette's to get my mail - she says she is sick.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1985 Went at nine to get my hair done, then on to bridge. Found out I am tired after trip and a big day. Jeanette came in. Yesterday evening I called Frieda, Bill, and Dorothy. Ellen and Linda left for Florida today.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1985 Went to grocery. Really needed a lot of things. Bill came for lunch and brought me apples. We had a good visit.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1985 A drizzly day. Valerie came for lunch, then we went to Dairy Queen for a sundae. Stopped at Outlet Store. She beat me at two games of Scrabble. Saw the first robin. [Christopher Rehl's 18th birthday]

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1985 Another cool, gloomy day. Did the laundry and dusted. Jeanette was over - she is sick.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1985 Started out sunny, but cloudy and some drizzle in late afternoon. Went to church - wrote "Thank You" notes and read.

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1985 61°. Nice, sunny day. I washed pictures in my bedroom and swept it. Raked a few leaves in back yard. Went in to Jeanette's and we watched "Little House on the Prairie."

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1985 62°. Lovely, sunny day. Helen and I went to sew. After I came home, took a nap then raked more leaves in back yard. Jeanette and I took short walk. Didn't look like anyone in house behind me. I hope they all leave!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1985 A day to remember! When I got up the house behind me was on fire. I got up because of noise - and the fire about out by seven. Fire had been set in three places and all furniture removed. I am glad to get rid of them in the neighborhood. Got all my back yard raked - had three big bags and two hampers of leaves. Made me tired.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1985 Cloudy. Went to "Chat'n Sew." So tired when I came home, slept two hours. I took a walk after supper. Pat Pennell came over. House behind me all boarded up - all windows broken.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1985 Fairly good day until rain in evening. Had hard storm last night and I didn't hear it. I planted six rows of onions and got most of side yard raked. Valerie came with a baby she has cared for this week. Man here from arson squad. In to Jeanette's.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1985 A rainy, miserable day. Went to bridge. Had miserable cards - low score. Gerry left lights on and battery dead. Called Keith's Sunoco and they came, cost her $75.00.1 got so chilled, hope not taking cold. Kaiser's came home [from Florida].
SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1985  Didn't sleep well last night, and did not feel like effort to go to church. Slept a lot. Don came over in P.M. and brought my tax papers.

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1985  A cold day, high of 38°. High wind! Barbara over in evening. Had a fire in fireplace.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1985  Much nicer day. Sunny, but still cold. Got a permanent, then stopped at bank and grocery. Valerie stopped awhile.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1985  Nice sunny day, but still windy. Went to bridge at Golf Course. I bid a small slam and my partner made it. Don called - he had heard Mark in hospital.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1985  Turned out to be a lovely day - 76°. I went to Citizen's Federal [Savings & Loan], and cashed a Certificate [of Deposit] to divide among the children. They would only give one check without $1.00 charge. So, took the rest and put on checking account. But got a few things done in yard. Planted three more rows of onions. Mark [Hooper] is in for tests.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1985  Home all day. Raked the front yard. Valerie came in P.M. and brought me an Easter basket. At 7:15 the lights went out, and we had a hard storm. I finally went to bed at 8:15.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1985  Don't know when the lights came on, but was later than three. Bill comes tomorrow. I made a pie crust and [mistakenly] put on "broil." Smoke all through house. I made another and cleaned up some on porch. So many sticks to pick up after the storm. Mark and Valerie surprised me in evening. Tests showed nothing wrong with Mark's heart. Dorothy called - they are home safe from Dallas [where B.J. lived at the time].

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1985  Easter Sunday and cold. It was snowing when I left for church. Sun shining when I came home. Bill came for dinner - brought me ham, tomatoes, and apple sauce. I made a Key Lime Pie and we ate it all. More snow squalls during day. A lady from Don's church [First Community Church] brought me a nice basket of various things. Had a nice Easter.

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1985  Such a queer day. Had such heavy snow "squalls" then sun would come out. I went to Circle [at Church] and stopped at grocery. [Brandon Kutchera's 4th birthday]

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1985  27°. Some warmer, but still snow flurries. I went alone to sew, brought home lots to work on. On way home, stopped to get medicine, then to see Helen U[terback]. Sure am lucky to be as well as I am. Stopped at bakery.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1985  Nice day, little warmer, but too cool to work out[sidenote]. Got fireplace almost cleaned out. Went in to Jeanette's [Davis, next-door neighbor]. Karen was here for dinner. Had a game of "Scrabble."
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1985 65°. Beautiful day. I got leaves behind and around garage, the flower bed by drive [way], and raked side yard again. Am almost through with raking yard. Phone never rang, spoke briefly to Jeanette. Usually have a 'phone call or see someone.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1985 73°. Lovely day. I did the laundry. Finally finished raking the yard - may not be able to do it again. Don called. John and Trish expecting another baby. Also, Chuck and Donna [Kutchera]. I took a walk with Jeanette and Sam [dog]. We met Clover's [new neighbors across street] on way.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1985 76°. Really like a summer day. Went to bridge and took Gerry [Jones]. I was 3rd 44 pennies. Mark and Valerie were here when I came home. John called to tell me about the baby. Got flowers to back porch [where they were moved to acclimate them to outside temperatures]. First night to open bedroom windows.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1985 Another beautiful day. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Went to Jeanette's in P.M. Got flowers moved to garage.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1985 73°. Need rain, but warm, sunny day. Didn't feel like going to Golden Crest [at church]. Did some extra little things around house. Took a walk in evening.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1985 Another real warm day. Went to sew and took Helen [Rymer]. Watered the shrubbery. Took a walk with Jeanette [Davis] and Carole [Hoffman]. First time to eat on porch.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1985 Cooler. 38°. Had my hair done - gone up to $7.00. Went to Golf Course. Didn't care much for meal. After I came home went to see Mrs. Cochran.


FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1985 82°. Still summer-like weather. Mr. Dickerson mowed grass and put in part of storm windows. $10.00. He will come back Tuesday. Washed a dress in Woolite and got porch fixed up.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1985 84°. Hot and we need rain. Baked cookies and some work in house.


MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1985 85°. Heat wave continues. Didn't do much. Jeanette [Davis], Barbara [Kaiser], Carole [Hoffman], [all neighbors from Yaronia Drive South], here. Took a short walk with Jeanette. She Ras found a retirement home. Will probably go this Fall. Called Oakland Park [Nursery] about shrubbery.
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1985 85°. Still so hot and no rain. Went to sew and took Helen. Got so tired, came home earlier. Mr. Dickerson didn't come. Lucy called. I got so tired and don't do much.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1985 Not so hot. A brief shower in late afternoon. Am getting house dusted. Work a little at a time cutting down a shrub that is about dead.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1985 A perfect day. Some cooler. I took Ellen and Betty Schwarze [next-door neighbor at cottage in Wisconsin] to lunch at Golf Course. Had a real good meal. They came in for awhile. Took a walk alone after dinner. [Patricia "Trish" Cooper's 26th birthday]

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1985 Another perfect day. House all in order. Didn't do much. Swept drive. We need rain so much. Frieda [Hubbard - sister-in-law from Phoeniz, Az.] called. Jeanette was over a little while.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1985 Still no rain. Have hardly had any in April. Went to bridge - Gerry drove. Such poor cards! Sometime I don't enjoy that club. Watered shrubbery.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1985 A perfect day but no rain in sight. Went to church. Hattie and I went to Bonanza [Restaurant] for dinner. Drove through cemetery. Soon as I got home Mark and Valerie came. Bill and Don had both tried to call. Went in to Jeanette's - found out electricity had been off an hour and a quarter. Had to re-set clocks - had already moved them forward an hour today.

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1985 37° this morning. Another perfect day. Did the laundry. Went to bank and grocery. Took a walk in evening. Went a little farther tonight.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1985 Some warmer - no rain. Went to sew with Helen. She gave me a loaf of bread. Came home after nurse's appointment. Blood Pressure 175/78. Dorothy came around noon. Mr. Dickerson came, edged yard and some other things. To mow grass tomorrow. Dorothy and Valerie went to Sharon Woods [Park] to run. [Bryan Rehl's 17th birthday. Son of Nancy Kay Rehl]

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1985 Dorothy ran three miles then she went to Beauty Shop with me and to bridge. We had a really good meal. I was low. She drove. A rain began about noon and lasted all day. We went to Don's for dinner, had a nice evening.

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1985 Rained all night and most of day. Quit in late afternoon. Dorothy and I went to Franks' [Nursery] - got shrubbery (2 taxus) and eight tomato plants. Then to [Drug] Emporium - got several things. We met Valerie, and Dorothy took us to Rax's [Restaurant] for lunch. In P.M. Jeanette came and Valerie in evening. Surely needed this rain. Put furnace on. Charles' 86th birthday.
FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1985 A lovely day, but cool. Dorothy planted shrubbery. She put bulb in light over sink and washed all the eight fixtures. She has done so many things for me. She left soon after one. I surely miss her. Took a walk with Carole - a little farther.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1985 Beautiful day. 37° when I got up. Baked cookies and put three pie shells in freezer. Mr. Dickerson mowed grass - it was so high. He charged $5.00, had already edged yard. Took a walk with Jeanette, and talked with Pat [Patricia Pennell] and Edna [Scott].

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1985 Lovely day. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Set out three of my plants. Swept the driveway. I give out so quick, can't do much.

MONDAY, MAY 6, 1985 The predicted rain didn't come. Went to bank in morning. In P.M. Helen [Rymer] and I went to see Helen [Utterback]. Made me realize how lucky I am! We stopped at Super-Duper [Grocery]. Set out more flowers. Planted beans on garage trellis.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1985 Lovely weather continues.
   Helen [Rymer] and I went to sew and stopped at grocery.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1985 Beautiful weather continues. Worked out[side] - planted a row of beans by garage. Planted all flowers I had kept in pots. In evening Jeanette, Carole, and I walked almost to Glenmont [Road].

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1985 Another beautiful day. The nicest spring for a long time. Washed the car, set out 12 impatiens, and 4 tomato plants. Got material ready to take to lawyer tomorrow.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1985
   This is the nicest spring anyone can remember, but need rain. Went to Super-Duper and got more impatients, and set them out. In P.M. Don and I had some business. Wanted me to meet lawyer [Joseph Yearling] who will take over my affairs. [Gladys' long-time friend and lawyer, Bill Walter, had died.] Didn't get home 'til five. Then, baked a small loaf. Set out four more tomato plants - have 8 now.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1985
   Really warm. Went to lunch and bridge at "Center for Tomorrow" [today the Fawcett Center at Ohio State]. I took Gerry [Jones] and Helen Rymer who was a substitute. I was 3rd, got 30 pennies. Had a better time today. In evening took walk with Barbara [Kaiser] and Jeanette [Davis]. Bill called for Mother's Day.

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1985
   Hot and humid. I went to church, then drove over to Don's. He took us to Faculty Club for dinner. John, Trish, Becky, Tom and Linda. A nice Mother's Day. Several lovely cards. A brief rain as we got to Faculty Club. Had to eat in lounge.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1985 Another hot, humid day. Was hostess at Circle. Not much to do. Stopped at bakery. Jeanette, Barbara, Karen and baby came to sit on porch.
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1985 Hot and a thunderstorm in P.M. Helen and I went to sew and stopped at grocery. Just got home as rain began. Went with Ellen to "Mother-Daughter" banquet. A good meal. Don came for me and Ellen brought me home. Not used to going out at night.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1985 Stormy morning. It cleared some and I had my hair done. Went to Golf Course. Our last meeting 'till September. I took Ella - my 5th time to take. Just got home as another storm came up. Bad [storm] warning, but they passed.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1985 Went to "Chat 'n Sew." Mr. Dickerson mowed grass while I was gone, but did not come in for his money. Went in to Jeanette's a few minutes, but a storm came up,

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1985 The most miserable day we have had. I turned on furnace. So gloomy and rain in P.M. I did the laundry.

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1985 A little sun in morning, but rain in afternoon. So cold in house, have the furnace on. Swept with the Hoover. Worked out[side] an hour in morning. Picked up sticks and swept drive. Valerie was here. Don called, they are looking for a new car.


MONDAY, MAY 20, 1985 Dorothy came at eleven for me. She fixed light on garage, and set out two tomato and three cucumber plants. We left [for Cincinnati] at one, drove by trailer [Dorothy and Dick owned a spacious trailer in countryside on a lot large enough for fruit trees and a garden.] Arrived at quarter 'till five.

TUESDAY, MAY 21,1985 Went to Shopping Center. Got my glasses straightened. Dorothy bought a dress. Raining when we came home. Dick took us to Brown Derby for dinner. Such a good meal.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1985 A gloomy, cool day. We went to grocery. Dorothy set out more plants and worked in her garden.

THURSDAY, MAY 23,1985 Another gloomy day. We went to Frank's. I got some coleus.

FRIDAY, MAY 24,1985 Beautiful day. Dorothy and I left for home at 8:45. Just takes two hours. She washed my kitchen counters. Valerie came for lunch. Dorothy set out another tomato plant and coleus. Had to dust beans, something eating them. Later, I went in to Jeanette's and we took a walk after dinner. Called the boys to tell them I am home.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1985 Much warmer. I went to grocery. When I came home, baked cookies. Couldn't do much rest of day. Barbara, Jeanette and Carole were here.
SUNDAY, MAY 26, 1985 82°. Went to church. Dorothy Bird, Margaret Pugh, and I went to Rax's for lunch. Don came in evening to show me his new car [1985 Chevrolet Chevette - first new car I ever owned]. Jeanette took us to Dairy Queen for a cone. Valerie also invited me for dinner, but couldn't go as Don coming. Sat in back yard in my chaise lounge, first for a long time.

MONDAY, MAY 27, 1985

Memorial Day and a warm one. Had a little rain during night. My ear has been so sore from having glasses tightened. Had to get out a very old pair. Valerie took me to Lazarus [Department Store] and had them fixed. Almost fell going down on escalator. Mark came for me and I went there for a good steak dinner. He went in hospital 'till Friday. Gets paid $400.00 for taking some tests. A bad storm with tornado warnings. Valerie brought me home at 9:45. Lots of wind, will have yard and drive to clean up.

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1985

Gloomy day and cooler. Sun came out in late afternoon. Helen [Rymer] and I went to sew. Karen called. Gloria called. Gloria has bought a house off Sunbury Road.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1985

Really nice day. Had my hair done and stopped at grocery. Swept drive. Mr. Dickerson mowed yard - charged me $5.00 for two times. Valerie cleaned my kitchen carpet and carpet on porch. [Jeremy Kutchera's 9th birthday]

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1985

Warm. 82°. I really didn't do anything to write about. Watch some T.V. and sew on volunteer work. Karen planned to come for dinner, but Gloria had car trouble and Karen had to help her. Sat on porch 'till 9:15. I really enjoy my little porch. Jeanette and Barbara were over.

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1985

Another hot day in 80's. Didn't do much. Took Jeanette to grocery in P.M. Tornado warnings in counties near.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1985

Dusted the house. Put platform rocker in bedroom, brought out another chair. Put the pretty sheets Dorothy gave me for Christmas on my bed. Took a walk in evening. It turned out to be a neighborhood walk. Barbara, Jeanette and Sam (dog), Vicky, Leah, Ursula and Carole. Nice to have good neighbors.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1985

A hot, sultry day. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Karen came about 2:30. We had a game of Scrabble and a walk. She brought me 2 quarts strawberries. So tired!

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1985

Another sultry day. I did the laundry and washed a quilt. Swept drive and tied up rest of tomatoes. One has a bloom. Didn't take a walk. Wayne invited me for dinner on Thursday.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1985

Electricity went off at eight o'clock and was off an hour and forty minutes. Was late getting to [Senior] Center. Stopped at bank. Went to Don's for dinner. Tom leaves this week for Chicago. We had a Mexican dinner and an ice cream pie. Don brought me home and fixed my dehumidifier. We stopped at cemetery [to visit Charles' gravesite].
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1985 Another cool, gloomy day. Washed the plastic rugs in basement. Went in to Jeanette's. She gave me material for [sewing] at church and Center. Bill called from airport. He had come to meet Nichole [grand-daughter; daughter of Nancy Kay Rehl].

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1985 Lovely day. I gave the tomatoes a dose of Miracle Grow. Don came and took two chairs from basement for Tom. Went to Wayne's for dinner. His girl, Mary, cooked the meal - roast beef. They brought me home and stayed awhile. Had a nice evening.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1985 No rain predicted. I went to post office, SuperX [pharmacy] and Kroger's. In afternoon went to see Helen [Utterback]. How fortunate I am! Tom left today for his new home in Chicago. Took a U-Haul with furniture and got there safely.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1985 Cleaned bathroom and some other things before going to bridge. I drove. Had very poor cards, low score. A few sprinkles, but need rain. Much warmer. [Linda Cooper's 20th birthday]

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1985 89°. Electricity went off in night for an hour or more. Never saw such a dark morning, rain and thunderstorm. Electricity went off again at nine. I could not get garage door up, and missed church. After electricity came on at 10:45, a half hour later went off again. I read a lot. Mark and Valerie [Hooper] came down in evening. My 62nd wedding anniversary.

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1985 82°. Not as sultry as yesterday. Planted beans along drive. My tomatoes are growing, but have no bloom. Went to Circle [at church]. Stopped at bank to get money for Internal Revenue and Property Tax.


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1985 A rainy, cold, and gloomy day. Had my hair done. Pat let me wait - dryer was off- 55 minutes. In P.M. went to Jeanette's. This will probably be my last time to go in for a visit - she moves Saturday. She gave me a quart of lime sherbet, and a lamp later on when someone can bring it over.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1985 49° this morning - had furnace on. Mended a slip, tied up tomatoes. Dorothy and Dick's 32" anniversary. Called her yesterday. Too cool to be out much.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1985 A nice day. 45° when I got up - turned furnace on in P.M. Valerie came and we went in to Jeanette's awhile. Karen Ryder, came down and brought both children. Took a short walk after supper.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1985 A miserable, dark rainy day. Didn't do much, balanced checkbook. Jeanette called, her son-in-law had a heart attack in Wisconsin, and Barbara's [Kaiser] aunt died Thursday. I didn't know until Jeanette told me. Called Bill.
SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1985 Sunny and much warmer. Church is at ten. We had a wedding ceremony. A couple married in civil ceremony wanted a religious one. Stopped at grocery, home a few minutes, then drove to Don's for a Father's Day dinner. Good meal. Tom was home and left in evening for Chicago. Jeanette left today.

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 1985 Had a miserable [day]. My back hurt so bad. Although I didn't feel well, managed to bake a cake and go to Golden Crest [at church]. I don't care for that group. Cloudy and some sprinkles. Discovered a new shrub planted.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1985 Didn't feel like going to sew. Just don't feel well. Am so unsteady on my feet. Jeanette here a few minutes. Left me a key.


THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1985 Felt better today. Went to Super Duper [grocery]. Mr. Dickerson mowed grass. I took a walk before dinner, and with Carole [Hoffman] later on.


SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1985 Hot, humid, dark day. After an afternoon shower it cleared. Made ice box cookies before I went to Bridge, and baked after I came home. My usual poor cards - don't see why I always get such poor ones. Gerry [Jones] drove.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1985 A long day. Went to church and Helen [Rymer] and I went to Bonanza for dinner. Frieda and Don called.

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1985 Up to 82°. I did some work outside - put rest of "Miracle Grow" on tomatoes. Turned hose on porch windows. Dorothy called. She will come Wednesday. Also, Susan Ryder and son in morning. Don and Ellen come for dinner Wednesday evening.


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 1985 Quite a day. Started by having my hair done and stopping at grocery. Had only been home five minutes when Dorothy came [from Cincinnati]. Then Susan Ryder and Andy to take pictures. Had Don and Ellen for dinner. Valerie came later. Dorothy and Ellen washed dishes. I was so tired!

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1985 Cooler - a delightful day. We didn't do much and Dorothy left at two. Rusty [dog] got lost and Justus' found him. Carole and I took a walk - can hardly go anymore!
FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1985 Another pleasant day. I watered, because we need rain. Carole and I took a walk.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1985 No rain and we really need it. Went to bank to put in checks, not much else. Barbara [Kaiser] asked me to take a walk. Carole [Hoffman] joined up. They stopped and talked so long with Mrs. Grimm I came on home. I called Jeanette but she never calls.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1985 Didn't feel like going, but made an effort and went to church. Had a T.V. [frozen] dinner. Valerie came in afternoon. In evening Jeanette stopped and gave me money for [getting] grass [cut], and gave me the [illeg.] glass lamp she had promised me.

MONDAY, JULY 1, 1985 Cloudy, only a few sprinkles of rain. Didn't do much. Strung beads - I had been intending to do for a long time. Getting discouraged with my tomatoes - only a few blooms. Don called.

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1985 Helen [Rymer] and I went to sew. Brought home a lot to work on. Just got in when a storm broke. Had a good rain. Don came and spent the evening.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1985 Went to grocery early. Didn't do much. Carole and I walked to Glenmont [Road] - farthest I have gone for a long time.

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 1985 A lovely day - warm. I baked cookies. Linda and Scott [Ford] stopped. In evening Mark and Valerie came for dinner. She brought lasagna and garlic bread. I baked a pie and made cole slaw. We took a walk and played two games of Scrabble.

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1985 Hot and humid. Had a bad storm around 3:30. Did laundry and put sheets back on beds. I have about given up on my tomatoes - pulled one up. No tomatoes. Don said they have "wilt." Don and Ellen left today for cottage. Didn't get mail until 20 of five. Another bad storm in evening.

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1985 Nice day - no rain. Went to bridge. Gerry drove. Had good cards and had high score. Had to clean drive from the storm yesterday. Two empty houses [Jeanette Davis, next-door, and house behind Gladys, that had been set on fire] beside me, don't like that.

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 1985 Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Bill called from Gary's, and Valerie called. Later, Don called to say they reached the cottage and had a good trip.

MONDAY, JULY 8, 1985 Up to 89° today. I went to bank to put checks in. Pulled up another tomato plant - no small ones. Enjoy the porches. [Gladys had a small, open front porch, just large enough for four chairs, and a much larger, enclosed back porch.]

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1985 Didn't go to sew. Helen [Rymer] is gone. Up to 90°. Too hot to do anything. My operated eye is hurting now.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1985 Last night was so hot. Thunderstorms toward morning. Had my hair done, stopped at bakery and grocery. Could hardly get the groceries put away. Dorothy will come tomorrow and take me to Dr. Norris.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1985 Took Dorothy to Volunteer's luncheon [at Senior Center]. Got my gold star - nice lunch. Then we went to Dr. Norris - found he had moved. We were early, had to wait over 2 hours. I have iritis in my eye. Valerie here in evening.

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1985 This heat about "gets me." 85°. We went to the [Drug] Emporium and forgot prescription. Then later to SuperX. She left at 1:15. Tried to call Bill, but 'phone too noisy, we couldn't talk. Have one tomato size of pea.

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1985 Another hot day. I don't do much. Trimmed myrtle [ground cover] from drive. Barbara [Kaiser] was over twice. Valerie came in evening, and brought Shelly [dog] - took her over to see Barbara.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1985 Too hot to go to church. A long day. Margaret Pugh called to see why I wasn't at church. Barbara came over to see if I was O.K. A surprise when Mark and Valerie came and took me to Friendly's for ice cream. Then, a game of Scrabble. A storm and some rain in evening. [Jamison "Jamie" Novak's 3rd birthday]

MONDAY, JULY 15, 1985 Very hard storm during night and lots of rain. I don't do anything I don't need to in this heat. First letter from Don [at the cottage in Wisconsin].

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1985 Not so humid. Helen [Rymer] and I went to sew. On way stopped to get medicine. On way home called on Helen Utterback. She has failed so much.


THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1985 Dick left about six for Warren [Ohio]. Dorothy and I went to grocery. Bill called from Gloria's new home [4121 Camellia Court, Westerville, OH, 43081], She moved today. Talked with Karen. Valerie came in evening, and Dorothy and I took a walk.

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1985 Up in high eighties. Dorothy took me to Dr. [Edward] Bope - all well. We stopped to see flowers at [Union] cemetery. [Charles, and later Gladys, are both buried in Lot 476, Section 10, Union Cemetery, 3349 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, OH, 43202. Ellen is buried nearby in Section 20, Lot 12, as Don will be in due course.] Then to drug store and grocery. Dick got home soon after five.

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1985 Hot and very humid. I did laundry and such high humidity could hardly get clothes dry. Made some frozen pickles. Dorothy and Dick went with Valerie and Mark to Mohican River for a
canoe trip. They came home about six. She, Rusty [dog], and I took a walk. Linda came and brought me flowers from Golf Course. Picked some beans.

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1985 Another hot day. I can hardly stand the heat. Valerie came down in afternoon. Dorothy and Dick left at 4:30. No one seems to be home in the neighborhood. Dick put a ceiling fan in my bedroom. Pat Pennell brought her key for gas reading and stayed until after ten. [Pat Pennell and Don were in the same graduating class at North High School in 1949.] Had a storm and good rain.

MONDAY, JULY 22, 1985 In afternoon cooled off a little and less humidity. Had fan going about all night. Had beans and cucumbers from garden. Carole and I walked to Glenmont. Called Bill.

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1985 Cooler and a perfect day.
Helen [Rymer] and I went to sew and I stopped at grocery.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1985 Warmer today. Got a permanent. $27.00 + $1.00 tip. Took a walk with Barbara. Met some of neighbors. Bill called from Gary's.

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1985 Quite warm. Went to "Chat 'n Sew." Stopped at grocery. Susan Ryder here in evening -brought a lot of sewing material and quilt tops. Bill stopped and left me vegetables. Some for Valerie. She came in evening for them. [Nichole Marie Rehl's 11th birthday]

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1985 Cloudy and a good shower about one o'clock. Worked on [lap robe] strips for Center. Had such a good dinner from vegetables Bill gave me. Carole and I walked to Glenmont.

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1985 Lovely day. Swept with the Hoover. Went to Bridge and took Gerry. In evening walked to Glenmont with Barbara. [Richard "Dick" Kutchera's 61st birthday]

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 1985 Went to church and Hattie and I went to Bonanza for dinner. In evening Valerie came. While we were playing Scrabble, Frieda called [from Arizona]. She had a heart attack last Monday. Then, Valerie and I called. Valerie and I went down to Dairy queen. I had a free sundae.

MONDAY, JULY 29, 1985 Another hot day. I didn't do much. Baked an apple sauce cake in P.M. Barbara was over. Bill called from Gary's. Helen Utterback to nursing home.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1985 Very warm. Went to sew with Helen [Rymer]. [Steering] wheel so hot could hardly touch it. Mr. Dickerson didn't come as he promised. Barbara and Pat over. Picked two big cucumbers, more beans, and a "Pixie" tomato.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1985 Mr. Dickerson just got grass cut when rain began. Another shower in evening. Phone didn't ring and I didn't speak to anyone all day.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1985 Cooler today and windy. I went to
grocery and bank. Karen was here for dinner. Valerie called.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1985 Lovely day. [Ohio State] Fair opened. In
evening Valerie and I went to Elby's [?] for dinner. I left my good white sweater. Carole and I
walked to Glenmont.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1985
Another pleasant day. Letter from Frieda - she is having by-pass heart surgery on Monday.
Called her. Swept the drive - must have swept up a bushel of seeds so far. Worked at Davis's
[empty house next-door] - cleaned up garden - getting ready for a garage sale. On Friday man came
to look at dryer. Cost $30.55.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 1985
Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Stopped at grocery. B.J. [Novak - Dorothy's
dughter] called to get Don's address, [at cottage. B.J. and Gary, plus Jamie and baby Andrew spent
a week at the cottage. Gary repaired a step in the drop-down ladder to loft, and helped Don take
down a large tree. I remember walking through the woods with a crying baby Andrew to calm him
down. He was sound asleep when his parents returned from fishing. B.J. brought a beautiful hooked
rug wall hanging she had made.] Barbara and Carole here. Barbara sent me five nice tomatoes.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1985 Frieda had open-heart surgery today.
Glenn [Azlin] called at one o'clock - she got along fine. I never saw anyone around here today. Did
the laundry and washed the things on mantle. Jeanette called. Wilma Harper called me. [Wilma had
been a long-time Secretary in Charles' Department of Engineering Drawing at Ohio State.]

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1985 Had my hair done by Betty. Pat on
vacation. Went on to sew. We don't have much to work with. Vicky, Ursula, and Leah down. Have
been trying to call Betsy [Azlin - daughter of Frieda]. Tried to [at] twelve, and couldn't get her.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1985 Valerie took me to Dr. Norris. Blood
Pressure, 148/52. Said to patch my eye for a few days - too much fluid in cornea. We went to Rax's
for lunch, to bank, and grocery, then Valerie's bank. She came down to see I had patch on eye O.K.
[Colleen Cooper's 28th birthday]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1985 Another hot day. I baked cookies and
some odd jobs. Getting ready for company tomorrow. Finally found out how to call Betsy. Frieda
getting along well. Pulled up last of beans and onions -planted more beans. About dark. I swept
driveway.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1985 Baked an "Orange Supreme" cake with
lemon icing. Getting ready for young folks tonight. Mark, Valerie, Mary, Wayne, Karen and
Charlie [Karen's boy-friend. He was from France.] We hadn't met Charlie before and liked him.
Had potato chips, lemonade, cake, two kinds of ice cream and cookies. We all had a good time and
I think party a great success. So glad I had them.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10,1985 Another hot day. Went to
Bridge and Gerry drove. I got pennies - $.55. Florence hostess.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 1985 Still warm. Went to Church. Linda called, they are home safely. Started an afghan for Tom. Family worked at Jeanette's, getting ready for garage sale. She was over a few minutes. Later, Karen [neighbor] came down with the children, then our Karen [Cooper, daughter of Bill & Gloria]. She and Charlie had been to Bill's. He sent me a lot of vegetables.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 1985 Still hot and no rain. I went to [Drug] Emporium and post office. Worried me to drive there. Working on afghan [for Tom], but having a time getting it started. Valerie called and I called Bill for his [61st] birthday tomorrow. Mrs. Clover, Pat [Pennell], and Barbara [Kaiser] over to sit on porch. Had last beans from my garden until the late planting. No tomatoes.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1985 So hot - up to 93°. I can't do much. Bill's 61st birthday. I called him last evening. Also called Arnold [Hubbard, second-husband of Frieda]. Frieda doing fine. Finally got Tom's afghan started.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1985 Another hot day! Early in morning I washed car and swept garage. Carole brought three tomatoes from Barnett's [neighbor]. Jeanette here a few minutes. Their sale is Friday. Work on afghan.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1985 Went to grocery early. Cannot do much in this heat. We had two showers in P.M. Left paper [Columbus Dispatch] on wet porch. Soaked. Could not read. [Barbara Jean "B.J." Novak's 30th birthday]

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1985 Gloomy day, but no rain. Had Davis's garage sale. Such a lot of things. I went over but did not buy anything. They used my drive for parking. Marva [daughter of Jeanette Davis, and a Realtor] brought me cake for use of drive. Took a walk with Carole. Don called and we had a nice visit. John has moved, but they never call me.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1985 Nice day - not so hot. I dusted the house and started putting clean papers in cupboard. Second day of Davis' garage sale. Had a lot of people here.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1985 Went to church. Had three long distance calls, one from California, and two from Phoenix, Arizona. Frieda called to say she is doing well, then Betsy called to tell us more when they would come. Then Helen Utterback called. Valerie called. Sat on porch a good part of day. Work on afghan for Tom. Hot!

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1985 Did the laundry. In P.M. Mr. Dickerson mowed grass - had been three weeks. Saw the first tomato ripening. Mr. Dickerson gave me some and Carole brought more from Barnett's. Valerie was here awhile.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1985 Went to sew. Helen [Rymer] gave me a loaf of [homemade] bread. A short walk in evening. Don's 54th birthday. [Donald Bolon "Don" Cooper's 54th birthday]

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1985 Much cooler - closed some windows. Had my hair done. Picked my first ripe tomato.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1985 Nice day, but really need rain. More clean papers in cupboards, etc. In evening took a walk. Mrs. Kubiac (?) joined me and walked home with me.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1985 Glad [Bridge] Club was cancelled. A thunderstorm at time we would have left. Rained most of day and we really needed it. Never dressed all day. Bill called - put more papers in kitchen cupboards.


MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1985 Not quite so hot. Didn't feel like doing much more. Clean papers in cupboards. Cleaned pictures in back room. Took a walk with Carole and Mrs. Kubiac (?). Wayne called to tell me he and Mary are getting married. Sixteen years today since I lost Charles. Ilo [Hathaway] always remembers.


WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1985 About noon we did some errands. I went to [Drug] Emporium for [greeting] cards. Donna [wife of Chuck] brought children over in morning. Valerie and I left at 6:30. Had a good trip both ways. So nice I could go and see all of them. But, my walking is bad, and I can't sleep very well.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1985 Went to grocery. Froze four cups tomatoes from what Dorothy gave me. Called Don. John answered and Don called me back. Jason quit carrying papers. Started work on house behind me. Getting nice tomatoes now.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1985 Couldn't sleep last evening. Took a pill and didn't wake up 'till a quarter 'till ten. Groggy all day - slept two hours in P.M. Took a short walk. Ruth Young and her daughter-in-law stopped in P.M. Got Evelyn Deitz to substitute in our Saturday [bridge] club September 7.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1985 Beautiful day. More clean papers in cupboards. Made freezer pickles for Bill. Two big cucumbers and three more about ready. Never had such nice ones. Also have plenty of tomatoes to eat. Saw no one but Mr. Halleck and paper girl. So lonesome tonight. Popped corn.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1985 Went to church and stayed for Brunch. It was Loraine [?] Bush's birthday. Her daughter had a beautiful cake that said "Happy Birthday to Loraine and Gladys." So nice of them to share with me. Gave me a big piece to bring home. Carole and I walked to Glenmont.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1985 Warmer. 85°. I baked cookies to give Bill when he comes up Thursday. Jeanette and Marva packed things in her garage, and gave [them to] me for our Bazaar [at church]. Such a lot of them. Valerie and Mark had me up for a birthday dinner. Such a good meal. They are so good to me.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1985 My 86th birthday! Helen and I went to sew. Had some telephone calls. And 20 cards. Some I never expected. Don, Dorothy, and Valerie called. Linda stopped about five and ate supper with me. Then, John, Trish and Becky came and brought me two fish dinners from Chicago. Don sent me a book with Linda. Dorothy and Dick had given me a cassette player. Linda brought me ice cream. Had a very nice birthday. Hope I make 87!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1985 88°. Hot! Had my hair done. Went to bridge. We are down to one table. I don't like a foursome - may drop out. Took a walk with Carole. 21 cards so far. Need rain!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1985 Bill came and we went to lunch at Bonanza. Brought me vegetables. 90° and so hot. Late lunch and didn't get any regular dinner.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1985 89°. This heat is hard to take. Put six containers of tomatoes in freezer. Made zucchini bread. It was an effort! Sat on porch 'till way after dark. I love my little porch - do enjoy sitting there. [John Cooper's 27th birthday]

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1985 Hot. 89° here at five o'clock. I was hostess at bridge. Took Gerry. Sat on porch 'till 9:15 and listened to block party. Working on house behind me. Have had quite a few nice tomatoes. Could not get door unlocked. Pat opened for me.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1985 Over 90°. Terribly hot! Went to church. Hattie and I went to Rax's where I had a free birthday dinner. Had Open House at Jeanette's. Asking $86,900! Barbara was over to tell me about Block Party. Carole and Valerie came in evening.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1985 88°. This heat is awful! Did the laundry. Went to Circle. Mr. Dickerson mowed grass. Chuck [Kutchera] called in evening - they have a baby girl. Kathryn (Katie) Lynn. 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Watched first half of football.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1985 Not quite so hot. Helen [Rymer] and I went to sew. Stopped for medicine and groceries. Karen was here for dinner, then she took me to see their new home. Gloria got held up at work, and Colleen wouldn't come down. She brought me home. Wayne called to tell me his wedding is November 30th.
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SEPTEMBER 11, 1985 10° drop in temperature. Closed the windows. Made zucchini bread.
Watered the flowers. Found more beans on trellis.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1985 44° this morning. Quite a change in temperature. I froze four containers of tomatoes. Pulled up cucumbers, found two big ones. Cut off the peonies. Took a walk after dinner. Letter from Don. Work on Tom's afghan and strips for [Senior] Center.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1985 High of 65°. Chilly! I did some odd jobs, took down a tomato plant. In evening walked almost to Glenmont with Carole. Dorothy called. They come Monday.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1985 Mr. Alcott [new neighbor] (behind me) came over and asked to use my electricity. They hooked to back porch. Mrs. [?] came for Bazaar things in garage. Mrs. Clover came, then Valerie and I walked.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1985 Cool in morning, but warmed up later. Went to church. In P.M. Barbara and Jeanette over. They had Open House. Carole and I walked almost to Glenmont.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1985 Lovely day - no rain this month. Dorothy came about eleven and we went to Golden Crest [illeg.]. Stopped at grocery. Took a walk before supper. Valerie stopped a little while. Dorothy brought me so many good things.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1985 Dorothy and I went to Boulevard Gardens [nursery]. Got two taxus and peat moss, then to cemetery and watered flowers. She set out shrubbery and watered all plants. Valerie and Mark came in evening. Walked in evening with Carole.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1985 Dorothy took me to Beauty Shop, and walked while I was there. Washed bedroom and curtains in bathrooms. Valerie came down in P.M. Dorothy left at 3:30. Carole and I walked in evening. No rain this month.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1985 Froze several containers of tomatoes. Washed a washer, took down beans. Pat [Pennell] came over around 3:30 and stayed until ten after six. Late dinner. Watered flowers and new shrubbery. Called Jeanette.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1985 Another warm day. Did ironing and froze 5 more cups of tomatoes. Have enough now. Downeys cleaned drapes on rod and Roberts brought [reupholstered] chair back. Went to see Mrs. Cochran. Swept drive.


MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1985 Supposed to be our last nice day. Had furnace checked. I didn't get much done - took down more tomato plants. Leaves and acorns are awful!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1985 Had rain last evening and some in night. Cooler! Helen and I went to sew. Later, I cleaned leaves - wind blew last night. Leaves and acorns are terrible! Carole and I walked almost to Glenmont.


THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1985 Rain last night and more in morning. Washed all things on two shelves (knick-knack) in kitchen. Went to "Chat'n Sew" Stopped at grocery. Swept drive.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1985 Beautiful day. Washed things on third shelf in kitchen. Made green tomato cherry jam. Put hose away. Didn't see anyone around here to speak to. Made some calls in evening. [Gary Cooper's 34th birthday]

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1985 Another lovely day. I baked cookies, swept the side yard and potted more flowers. Walked almost to Glenmont, met Carole when almost home. Don called. They have two boats put away and dock in [for the winter at cottage in Wisconsin]. Linda called.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1985 Betsy called last evening and said they would be here Tuesday P.M. I couldn't sleep wondering how I would get everything done. Took a sleeping pill and didn't wake up 'till nine o'clock. Went to church and four of us went to Rax's for lunch. Took a nap. Valerie came and we went to Dairy Queen. She helped me fix table. After she left, I swept drive. A beautiful day.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1985 Lovely day until rain in late evening. Did the laundry, also rugs. Made a pie to bake tomorrow. Raked a lot of leaves, some extra things. Didn't see anyone to speak to and 'phone didn't ring. Kaiser's left for Austria.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1985 Went at 8 o'clock to have my hair done. Stopped at grocery. Got house all in order. Betsy and Glenn came at 5:30. Had a chicken dinner with apple pie. Lovely day. Swept drive.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1985 Another beautiful day. I took Betsy and Glenn to see where we used to live [393 Mimring Road], the church [Crestview Presbyterian Church], and to Don's [1896 Baldridge Road]. Glenn drove home, we stopped at cemetery - the flowers were prettiest there. Valerie came and took them all around campus [of Ohio State]. Karen came in evening and ate dinner with us. [Valerie and Karen were first cousins, once removed, to Betsy.]

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1985 Betsy and Glenn's son [Thomas] and his fiancee, Patricia, came last evening. They were here awhile. Today they all four went to Cambridge and Cumberland [where Charles and Ralph,
identical twin brothers, grew up.] In evening Glenn took all of us to Bonanza's. Gloria came later. Nice day.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1985 Pat and Tom came down in morning. Betsy and I went to drug store and bank. Bill came and I took them to Golf Course [at Ohio State] for lunch. In evening Betsy and Glenn went out with Pat's family for dinner.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1985 Getting colder. Mark and Valerie came down. Then, Tom [Azlin], and Pat[ricia] and her parents. They took a lot of pictures. Mark and Glenn swept some leaves, and Mark cleaned part of gutters. Betsy and Glenn left at 1:30. We had a pleasant visit, but I was tired and taking cold. Pulled rest of flowers and moved them to bedroom.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1985 Nice day, went to church and stayed for Brunch. Don't feel well with this cold, and didn't do anything.


TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1985 Another lovely day. Helen and I went to sew. Raked some leaves in P.M. Walked to Wynding.


FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11,1985 Some rain during night. Swept drive (daily) and part of front yard. Valerie stopped a little while. I called Karen. Don and Ellen got home from cottage.[Ellen] had a very bad fall up there.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12,1985 Up to 80°. Made three small pie shells for freezer, dusted bedrooms. Swept rest of front yard. Walked over to Wynding [Drive]. Trees beautiful and roses in bloom.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1985 Almost didn't go to church, but made effort and went. Hattie and I went to Rax's for lunch. Then, Bill surprised me, then Don came. Bill brought vegetables and Don cranberry bread. [Ellen and I observed the cranberry harvest at Dock Lake, and I purchased 50 pounds of fresh cranberries to make wine. Ellen made bread from some of them.] Later, Jeanette came. Swept walk and part of drive. The leaves are almost too much for me. Up to 81°. This is fourth day to be up to 80°.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1985 Washed a quilt and some other things. Went to Circle without a sweater - about 80° again. The leaves are awful.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1985 Another warm day. Went to sew without a coat. Helen [Rymer] gave me a loaf of [homemade] bread. Took a nap, cleaned leaves from drive and part of front yard. Ellen went to her parents [at a retirement home in Gaithersburg, Md (403 Russell Avenue, #404)]. Will put her father [Clayton Darius Hutchins] in hospital. Left about seven with Mark and Valerie for Dorothy's [in Cincinnati]. Got there at 9:30.


THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1985 Beautiful weather continues. Didn't sleep well last night and felt punk. Went to grocery. After a nap in P.M. felt better and cleaned some leaves. Barbara came over and helped me.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1985 Up to 78°. Had my hair done. Had to go on a different day, because I went to Dorothy's on Wednesday. Didn't feel like raking leaves. Enjoyed porch. Leaves are awful.


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1985 A miserable day - rained all day. Didn't go to church. Called Mari Jane [Jackson] and Wanda [Little]. Valerie called.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1985 No rain - cooler. Dorothy came about eleven. In P.M. We went to Valerie's dentist [Valerie worked part-time as a Dental Technician.] Dorothy had some work done - then to [Drug] Emporium. Valerie came in evening. Card from Karen. She is at [Nancy] Kay's [her adoptive sister].

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1985 Gloomy day, but no rain. We went to get groceries and air in tires and to grocery. In P.M. Dorothy and I raked a lot of leaves and I potted flowers with top soil she brought. Don was to come for dinner, but Linda was sick and he had to take care of her. She felt better, he came over in evening. And Mark and Valerie.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1985 Dorothy and I went to Gold Circle, and I bought a toaster. It didn't last long. Mr. Dickerson knocked it off stool and broke it before it ever toasted a slice of bread. Dorothy left at 1:30. Mr. Dickerson put in storm windows. Mowed grass, spaded garden, cleaned up leaves. $12.00. Took a short walk. Could sit on porch.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1985 Didn't sleep well last night. Did not do anything today except dishes and bed. Thunderstorm and rain in P.M. Sun soon came out. Men put last application [of fertilizer] on yard. Don called.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1985 In morning I went to church to help mark things for Bazaar. Swept drive - took a short walk with Carole [Hoffman]. Cooked last of tomatoes except one I have left on vine to see how long I can leave it.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1985 Beautiful day for our Bazaar. Was gone from 8:30 'till 2:30. Our table made $16.00. Valerie came and brought several things.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1985 Another beautiful day. Warm! Went to church, then went to basement to look over several things that were left [from Bazaar]. We went to Bonanza and had a good dinner. Don, Valerie, and Gary called. [Gloria Cooper's 61st birthday]

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1985 Got up late, enjoyed being home and not much to do. Watched programs and worked on afghan [for Tom]. Pictures from Helen Utterback, and Mrs. Clover brought me bittersweet. Nice to be remembered. [Wayne Cooper's 27th birthday]

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1985 Helen is out of town and I didn't get to sew. Didn't do much except rake the leaves in front yard. Another very nice day.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1985 A drizzly, gloomy day. Had my hair done and stopped at grocery. Valerie stopped. Baked a "Jiffy" cake.


FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1985 Beautiful day, and mild temperature. I did laundry and raked side yard. Picked three tomatoes from a volunteer vine - November 1st! Called Lucy, only person I spoke to all day.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1985 I felt better - baked oatmeal cookies. Raked a few more leaves to street. Watched Ohio State beat Iowa 22-13. Read a lot. Rain began about five.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1985 Rained all night and light rain all day. Went to church and Brunch. Hadn't been home long until Valerie came, then Don and Ellen.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1985 A miserable, rainy, windy cold day. Went to bank. Miller's came and fixed garage door. Cost $70.50.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1985 A nasty, miserable morning. Helen and I went to sew, stopped at bank on way. Election Day - bad weather kept many away.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1985 Took car for winter check-up. Had to wait over two hours - cost $52.95. Then went to bank and grocery. On Tuesday had nurse's appointment and some tests - all was fine.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1985 Drizzly, damp day. In spite of weather Bill came in morning. He brought truck and cleaned my back yard and around garage. Door would not go down. Miller's came. Put new radio controls -cost $95.00 more. Barbara came in evening.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1985 A nice, sunny day. I didn't do much - cleaned leaves from flower bed by drive and some of driveway. Don and Valerie called, also Blanche [Smith] to tell me Helen Utterback had a bad stroke.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1985 Went to [Bridge] Club and took Gerry [Jones]. Raining some when we got there - then began to pour. Kept up most of day with thunderstorms. Driving home was very bad. Could hardly see. Won 2nd [prize], $.75. Was so glad to get home safely.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1985
A horrible day. Began with thunderstorms that lasted 'till noon. Our street looked like a pond at west end. Didn't go to church. Leona stopped with apples I had ordered. Don and Dorothy called, and Bill Utterback to say Helen some stronger. Watched [Dallas] Cowboys [Gladys' favorite professional football team; her favorite player, Danny White, quarterback of the Cowboys]. Valerie came down in P.M.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1985
Another miserable day. Have had rain eight out often days. I am so provoked at Mr. Dickerson for letting good days go by. Gutters are full and more raking to do. I did side yard and a little more. Valerie came and brought me a new toaster for my Christmas gift.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1985 Dreary day, but not much rain. Helen [Rymer] and I went to sew. Stopped at drug store on way home.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1985 Some drizzle and 68°. Had my hair done and stopped at grocery. Found Pat [hairdresser] had not given me right change - short $5.00. Went in to bank and got money. Called her - said she would credit me for next time.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1985 Thunder storms during night. Drizzle in P.M. Still mild temperature. In evening Barbara came over.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1985 No rain until about five. Colder. Mr. Dickerson came and cleaned gutters and raked yard. $10.00.


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1985 Sunny day for a change. I went to church. In P.M. Don came over. Ellen depressed again, don't know what will happen. As Don was leaving Mark and Valerie came. Plaster fell in front room - another problem! Wayne called.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1985 Another day and no rain. Went to Golden Crest. Later cleaned leaves around garage and side yard. Don called and Ellen goes to hospital tomorrow. I don't understand her trouble! [Ellen was hospitalized three times for depression, including three months at Harding Hospital in Worthington, but she recovered completely and graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary after seven years of part-time study with an M.T.S. in 2001. I was extremely proud of her! She died of lung and pancreatic cancer on September 27, 2004.] Hardly need a sweater to work out outside.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1985 No rain today. Helen and I went to sew. Had ice cream and cake today. After a nap, I worked out an hour. Cleaned leaves from under front [window?] and bedroom, and some in back yard. Mr. Dickerson brought my toaster back fixed. Mark took back one they had given me. 73° today - a record!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1985 Much colder! Man came and checked roof. Thought it [leaked?] around chimney. Went to Bridge at Golf Course. Gerry drove. I do not enjoy these foursomes or way they divide money. Don't intend to go unless they get two tables. After I came home made a big apple pie - put in refrigerator to bake in morning for "Chat'n Sew." Tied up a package to return.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1985 Lovely day, but cold. I baked an apple pie and went to Post Office and to "Chat 'n Sew." Had a good pot luck and nice time. Stopped at grocery and didn't get home 'till three.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1985 Gloomy day - high of 40°. I did the laundry. Put things back on bed and ironed. I have to cut down where I can. Don called. Ellen so depressed, I don't know what will happen.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1985 Nice day, but cold. I baked cookies - such an effort! Valerie asked me to come up and watch O.S.U. play Michigan. We lost 27-17. Afterward she had such a nice lunch - brought me home about 6:30. [Thomas 'Tom' Cooper's 24th birthday]

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1985 A nice, sunny day. Went to church, learned we are to have a new Minister. Went to Wendy's for lunch alone. Came home and raked more leaves. Karen came in P.M. and stayed 'till seven. We played Scrabble and Solitaire.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1985 Didn't feel too good. Did some small things around house. A gloomy, drizzly day. Trying to get Tom's afghan done, so he can take it home after Thanksgiving. Ellen still in hospital and no better.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1985 So glad I didn't go to sew, as it rained all day. Put an apple pie in freezer to bake later. Finished Tom's afghan.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1985 Had my hair done, stopped at bank and grocery. Then began to rain - kept it up all day. Dorothy and Dick came about one. Don was here for dinner.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1985 A gloomy day. Dorothy and Dick went to Valerie's about noon to help her. Dorothy came for me at 2:30. We had an excellent meal. Mark's mother, sister, and brother there besides our family. Home at ten. Much to be thankful for. Do hope Ellen gets better soon.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1985 Wayne and Mary [Cooper's] wedding day. Bill came early. I went with him and Don - a two hour drive [to Marysville, as I recall]. Dorothy and Dick, Mark and Valerie went together, we were early. I was given a corsage and had some pictures. It was a lovely Catholic wedding and a sit down dinner for 127. A fine meal. Nice to have so many of my family there. Home before eleven. Bill stayed until 25 of 12. So glad we had good weather. I am tired!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1985 Gloomy day, rain began in evening. I am tired and don't feel well after all the excitement. I had a meat loaf and apple pie in freezer to bake, so made dinner easy. Dorothy and Dick left before two. I slept two hours.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1985 Such a change in weather! When I got up it was 21° and wind chill -14, Wind blew all day. Mr. Clark came and took small T.V. to be fixed. Barbara was over. First snow flurries.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1985 Not quite so cold as yesterday - wind dropped. Helen and I went to sew. She gave me a loaf of bread. Dark at five o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1985 Cold, gloomy day. I finished top of lap robe to turn in at Center. Mr. Clark brought T.V. Cost $47.49 - same as it did when he fixed it before. Don called. Ellen better of depression, but has something like flu.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1985 Went early to grocery and bank. Began to snow and didn't get to Christmas Tea [at church]. Long sleep in P.M. First Christmas cards came.


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1985 Fairly good day. Went to Bridge and took Gerry. Poor cards, as usual!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1985 Nice, sunny day. Went to church. We called a new Minister, Rev. Alan Wendt. I liked him very much. He preached today. Dorothy Bird and I went to Rax's for lunch.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1985 A really nice, sunny day. Up to 44°. I baked a cake and went to Circle. It was so good.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1985 A miserable, rainy day. They were in front of my house picking up leaves. Men helped me get car out. Went to drug store and to get a permanent. $27.00. After this will be $30.00. So glad to get home safely. Don called, Ellen still in hospital. Bronchitis. Baby - John's- due any day.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1985 Rained all day, dark and gloomy. Cleaned the stove. Didn't see anyone, no one called.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1985 Don called at seven to say [Great Grand-Daughter] Rachel Elizabeth arrived at six o'clock. 7 pounds, 3 ounces. [Today - January, 2005- Rachel is a Freshman at the University of Louisville.] Weather prediction for snow. I went to grocery early and got a lot of things. Bill called.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1985 Home all day - miserable, snow and bad driving. Valerie intended to come, but streets too slippery. Called Karen - told her we would go to church together later.


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1985 Glad I didn't go to church. Heard it was very icy. I put up decorations and finished my cards. Not going out until ice gone.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1985 Golden Crest called off, too bad around church. Did some mending. Valerie came in evening. She put out some trash, swept porch and hung my wreath. Brought packages from her and Mark, Dorothy and B.J.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1985 Snow part of day. Getting colder. Not going anywhere!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1985 Down to 1° above zero. Wind chill -30. Sunny day. I don't do much, clean paper [on shelves?], work on rug and watch T.V. No one called.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1985 Another cold day. Don't know what I would do without T.V. and telephone. Don called - Ellen will get a pass [from Harding Psychiatric Hospital] for Christmas Day. He thinks she is better.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1985 Snowing when I got up. About two inches. Baked oatmeal cookies - everything is an effort. Valerie stopped in P.M. with some things she got for me.


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1985 Snowing when I got up. Quit before long. I am afraid of walking around the church. Mark and Valerie stopped on way home from church. Mark swept walks and started car.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1985 Fairly nice day - turned colder in evening. About 11:30 Susan Ryder came and brought me soup, 4 oranges and cookies. As she was leaving Pat Pennell came and brought cookies. I was embarrassed - I hadn't fixed anything for either. Then, Mary and Wayne came, brought me a pretty shell night light. I am used to being alone on Christmas Eve. How I miss Charles and also Kacy [cat]. Am so worried about Ellen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1985 Beautiful Christmas Day. I baked a cake to take to Don's. Linda came for me. Don got their dinner himself. We missed Ellen. Saw Rachel for first time. Maybe I am unreasonable, but I was hurt. Linda and Tom had nice gifts for everyone but not even a card for me. I never have forgotten them. But, a small gift would have been enough, just to be remembered. Karen called in evening.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1985 Nice day - few flurries in morning, but they didn't last long. Mark and Valerie came about 3:30 and I went to Dorothy's with them. Her home looks so pretty.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1985
Didn't do anything but stay home all day.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1985
We went to Church in evening. They are a nice family. Cold!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1985 The third Sunday I have missed my church. Rev. Walter's [Interim Minister] last Sunday. We went to Service Merchandise, and I bought an electric broom. Started home at 10 of three. Home at 4:30. Had a nice time and good to get away for three days, but glad to get home. Don called.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1985 A nice, sunny day. Got back walk swept to garage. Snow and ice on front melted. Tom stopped to tell me he has a new job. Jeanette and Blanche called.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1985 Last day of 1985. Temperature in 40's. Most of ice and snow gone. Went to grocery and to bank, bought a $5,000 certificate. New Year's Eve means nothing. I'll go to bed at usual time. I am used to being alone. Called Bill.


Glad I have made another year. Have had no health problems. Shingles still bother me, getting slower, and don't walk so well.

Had two weeks in Arizona at Frieda's in March. At Dorothy's three [four] times. Enjoy my home and don't mind staying home.

In Bill's family Wayne and Mary married November 30th. She is a nice addition to our family. Bill had a vegetable stand and did well.

Dorothy's family. B.J. and Gary [Novak - divorced since 1993] moved from Dallas to Massachusetts. Andrew joined the family on March 5th. Katie Lynn was born to Chuck and Donna [now divorced] on September 9.

Don's family. Tom has a job in Chicago, and has his own apartment. Rachel Elizabeth was born to John and Trish [divorced in 2005], December 12th. Ellen spent some time in hospital. She and Don had three months at cottage. Don on leave from O.S.U. to work on book.
So, the family increased by a wedding and three babies. I have much to be thankful for. I lost two of my Wisconsin friends. Norma Uhl and Florence Meronk. Jeanette [Davis] moved to a retirement home. Helen Utterback went to California.
   Betsy and Glenn [Azlin], their son [Thomas] and fiancée [Patricia] were here. [Betsy died of Alzheimer's in 2000.] House behind me was set on fire in March.
   Church called a new minister after almost two years of turmoil.

END OF BOOK XLIII, PART TWO (JANUARY 1.1985 - DECEMBER 31.1985)
A LIFE REVEALED:

THE DIARY OF GLADYS BOLON COOPER (1939-1989)

BOOK XLIV, PART ONE (JANUARY 1, 1986 - DECEMBER 31, 1986)

SYNOPSIS OF BOOK XLIV, PART ONE (1986)

Gladys, age 87, began her diary for 1986 with "I am so glad to have made another year." She was able to continue most of her customary activities. She continued to drive her car, although once she considered giving it up, and several times expressed uneasiness about driving. She usually attended Sunday services at church, Sunday Brunch, and "Chat 'n Sew," and occasionally Circle and Golden Crest. She volunteered at the annual Bazaar, or rummage sale, and liked the new minister, the Rev. Alan Wendt. She played bridge once a month at the restaurant of the Ohio State Golf Course), and with some long-time friends. She still volunteered to sew at the Senior Center working on lap robes, and saw three movies in theatres. There was an annual Block Party for Yaronia Drive South in the fall, but Gladys no longer went.

At home she watched much T.V., especially football and basketball, read several books, and played many games of Scrabble and Double Solitaire, especially with her niece, Valerie. Once she played Scrabble with Colleen, another niece, who was deaf and blind, and brought a set of Braille Scrabble. In warm weather Gladys enjoyed both her back porch, where she ate her meals, and her front porch, a neighborhood gathering place for several women. There was the usual small garden of tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, and onions. On July 22 she "picked first tomato, but birds had pecked it." She put onion bags around her tomatoes hoping to keep the squirrels away. She still took some evening walks, but not as often or as far. Sometimes the summer heat and humidity nearly "got her down." She still made braided plastic rugs, and made one for Don in scarlet and gray, the colors of Ohio State. She did little baking, and no canning, but still at least once during the year made chocolate chip, oatmeal, and peanut butter cookies, zucchini bread, freezer pickles, and cherry and rhubarb pies. Some items frozen for later use. Once she baked a cake "but fell asleep and burned it." The only mention of sewing was when she made a pillow for a porch chair. On days when she felt especially good she still raked some leaves, cleaned house, and even washed her car.

There was no doubt Gladys felt increasingly encircled by the infirmities of old age. On the one hand she could feel good that at age 87 she was doing better than many of her friends. Bill and Edith Walter, Raymond and Merle Axline, and the widowed Princess Hatch, all members of a former bridge club, were living in retirement homes. Fleeta Heidorn died. Gladys could write "Glad I am still in my home." On the other hand there were many times when she could not sleep, didn't feel well, or felt "punk." "[I] don't have much to do, seldom bake, and don't do laundry so often." "[I] have so many aches and pains." "My hip hurt so bad, couldn't do much." "Right eye some better, but don't see much out of it." She mentioned trouble getting out of the bathtub, a kidney infection, and leg cramps. "I get so tired, I cannot take shopping anymore. The evenings are so long!"

As usual Gladys recorded the cost of various items. Twice she spent over $30.00 at the grocery, "a lot for me." "Went to grocery. Don't know how I can spend so much money!" She was incensed that permanents "really cost now!! ($30.00 + $2.00 tip." No doubt she remembered that when she started her diary in 1939 a permanent had cost $7.00 + $.50 tip. But that was nearly fifty years ago. A new 25" color television with remote control cost $493.16, but a gallon of gas Only $.64.9. It cost $31.60 for a service call for her stove, and $147.48 for the repairs. To get her
driveway sealed cost $60.00, $175.00 to get cracks repaired in her ceiling, and $175.00 for a new sump pump. Gladys had ample resources, and distributed money to all three of her children. But every Sunday she clipped those coupons, and each month balanced the checkbook.

Several times Gladys took note of special anniversaries. On February 22, she wrote "29 years today since we moved here." On May 2, "Charles and Ralph's 87th birthday." On June 9, "my 63rd wedding anniversary!" On August 26, "Seventeen years today since I lost Charles. I'll never forget that horrible day." On November 5, "My father's [Dr. William Koontz Bolon, M.D.] birthday. He was born in 1853!" On September 3, her own birthday, Gladys wrote "My 87 birthday - wonder if I'll make another.... Many cards, 28 altogether. I have many blessings! Only two cards from 10 grandchildren. B.J. and Valerie."

Bill, age 62, planted his usual large garden. The extra income from vegetable sales was much appreciated. Twice Gladys records that Bill brought a truck load of vegetables to the university and sold them all. He took vegetables to Gladys. Once he brought her 1/4 bushel of peppers, and another time a big bag of turnips. On August 7 Dorothy, Dick, and Gladys visited Bill's farm. She wrote, "I was so glad to see his place again. He gave us lots of corn, tomatoes, and cabbage." Bill had some minor health issues, but it appeared to be nothing serious. In May his doctor gave him "a good report." Wayne and Mary brought their wedding pictures to show Gladys, raked the leaves in Gladys' yard, and announced that their first baby was on the way. Dorothy, age 58, and Dick, age 62, made several trips to Columbus to visit Gladys, and she went twice to their home. Dick retired on February 28, and his office gave him a nice retirement party. On July 5 Dorothy attended the 40th reunion of her North High School (Columbus) class. Three days later Dorothy, Dick, Mark and Valerie went fishing on Lake Erie. They all came back with "large packages of walleyes." They spent two weeks at the cottage in late August and early September. Mark and Valerie had planned to go but at the last minute Mark could not get off work. Dick was always willing to help Gladys with necessary chores. Both Dorothy and Dick kept up their long-time interest in running. They each ran six miles in Antrim Park on August 9.

B.J. and Gary Novak had moved from Dallas to Massachusetts. Their children were baptized on May 25. Gladys visited with Chuck and his family in September. Mark and Valerie saw Gladys more often than other family members. Mark got a fine new job, and continued to serve in the National Guard. They helped Gladys in numerous ways. On April 13 Gladys wrote, "Mark and Valerie came - they took out storm windows, washed windows on outside, cleaned screens and put them in. They don't realize how much that meant to me!" "Valerie ... is like a ray of sunshine in a long day." Gladys took Valerie to the Mother-Daughter Banquet at church.

Don, age 55, and Ellen, age 51, had a very difficult year. Ellen was hospitalized three times for depression. She was discharged from Riverside Methodist Hospital on January 8 after seven weeks, but was hospitalized there again from April 16 to May 24, and in Harding Hospital from November 11 until February 4, 1987. She was also hospitalized five days for shoulder surgery in October, and had a serious bout of bronchitis in September. Don and Ellen were able to go to the cottage from July 1 until August 26. Linda flew up and joined them for two weeks. John continued his Residency at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus. Don read a paper on Brazilian medical history at the Macy Conference in May that was later published. Tom had a job in Chicago. Gladys went to Rachel's first birthday party on December 12. Gladys wrote on October 4 that she had three great-grand children "on the way" (Valerie, B.J., and Mary, Wayne's wife).

Gladys concluded her diary for 1986 with a brief note: "This has been a good year for me. Only time out of town to Dorothy's. Our chief concern is Ellen - at Harding [Hospital]. Her father died. All the children doing well. Gary went back to O.S.U. and Karen for her Master's."

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1986 I am glad to have made another year. Nice, sunny day, lot of ice melted. I didn't do much. Don and Valerie called. Watched Rose Bowl game. Iowa beaten by Southern California.


FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1986 A dark, gloomy day. I didn't feel like doing anything, didn't sleep well last night. After a two hour nap in P.M. I felt better. Don called - only person I spoke to all day.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1986 Again I didn't sleep well, and got up feeling punk. Managed to get laundry done. Don called and we went to movie "Up [Out of?] from Africa." It was nice to get up - felt better in P.M. Don took things to basement, and did some other things. Bill called.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1986 Snowing in morning, and I didn't feel "good." Decided not to go to church. 4th Sunday I have missed. Slept two hours. Valerie called, only person I spoke to all day. Told me B.J. and children coming, also Dorothy and Dick.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1986 Nice, sunny day. 26°. I did some odd jobs. Don called. Thinks Ellen will be home soon [from Riverside Hospital]. [Robert Cooper's 14th birthday.]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1986 High 18°. Nice, sunny day, but cold! Helen and I went to [Senior] Center after missing about five weeks. Stopped at grocery and bank.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1986 5° above. Went to Beauty Shop. Cold! Glad to get home. Ellen came home today after seven weeks in hospital. Don and Valerie called. Worked on blocks I brought home from Center.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1986 Another lovely day and milder temperature. Valerie stopped in morning. Mark in Texas with National Guard.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1986 Beautiful day. Up to 43°. Went to bridge - got pennies, $.55. Missed 2nd by 20 points. Don and Ellen stopped while I was gone.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1986 Beautiful day. Went to church. Have missed four Sundays. Bill came and I took him to Bonanza for dinner. After we came home, he stayed until about five. Valerie called.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1986 Nice day - nothing special. Called Ellen. She seemed fine. Karen called. [Rebecca Cooper's 2nd birthday.]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1986 Helen [Rymer] and I went to sew. Snowing on way home, but didn't last long. Barbara [Kaiser] was over in evening, and Valerie stopped with some things she got for me. Had two children with her she was keeping.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1986 Nice weather continues. No snow. I don't have much to do. Valerie came in evening, only person I saw all day. Don called.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1986 Almost a spring day. Got up to 53°. Went to grocery early. Saw no one rest of day. [Charles "Chuck" Kutchera's 28* birthday.]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1986 Cloudy and rain. Didn't see anyone all day. Valerie called, only one I spoke to. She went to Cincinnati. Worked long time on checkbook. Mistake the month before.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1986 Cloudy, but no rain. I baked oatmeal cookies. A long day. Don't feel very well.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1986 Drizzly day. Leona [Benton] called and stopped for me for church. Have a cold and glad not to drive. Coughed so much, had to go out of church. Went to basement and waited for Leona. She, [Mari]Jane [Jackson], and I went to Rax's for lunch. Later, Valerie came and we went to visit Colleen. [Colleen had been deaf and blind since early childhood. To this day she lives with Gloria in Westerville. She is a graduate of Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C.] Didn't leave there until about six - sleeting and very icy. I was so glad to get home safely. Don called.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1986 No more snow, dark, gloomy day. Called Bill, they had eleven inches snow and electricity off. Some melted off drive.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1986 43° high. Turned out to be a nice, sunny [day]. Helen and I went to sew. Our street very icy when I left, but melted time I came home. Brought home a lot of work.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1986 Fairly good day. Went to Beauty Parlor and stopped at grocery. Don and Valerie called.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1986 Beautiful, sunny day. Went to "Chat 'n Sew," and had a nice time. So tired when I came home, took a nap. Called Bill. His electricity off 19 hours. He did not lose anything. Some had theirs off seventy-two hours, and lost everything in freezer.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1986 Another nice, sunny day. Did the laundry and finished lap robe top. So glad to get trash out. Bad weather predicted, worried about driving to bridge tomorrow.


SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1986 Didn't go to church. Snow flurries off and on all day, at times snowed hard. Mark and Valerie stopped after church. In P.M. Wayne and Mary came with wedding pictures.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1986 8° above zero and more snow. I didn't wake up 'till 9:15. Started to wash "knick knack" [shelves] and clean some furniture. Began with "what not" in hall. Don got medicine for me - went to Buckeye [Savings & Loan] and changed interest on Certificate from 7 % to 9%. Called Lucy [Dennis].

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1986 Got to 3° below zero in early morning. 1° when I got up. High of 15°, nice, sunny day. Cleaned things in "what not." Never spoke to anyone all day. 'Phone didn't ring.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1986 Not as cold as yesterday. Cloudy and some snow flurries. Don't have much to do. Finished work from Center, started a rug. Valerie called. The explosion in air - seven killed. No that was Tuesday. [No doubt refers to the explosion of the Challenger space craft.]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1986 28° high. Nice, sunny day, some snow melted. Barbara came over in P.M. 'Phone only rang twice in three days, except Bill's calls.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1986 Most of snow melted. Work[ed] some on clean papers [on shelves] and ridding up drawers and shelves. Making a [plastic] rug for Don in O.S.U. colors [scarlet and gray]. [Gladys cut plastic bread wrappers, and other plastic materials, into strips, and braided them into rugs. I have that rug to this day; it rests in the basement in front of my winemaking cabinet.]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1986 Cloudy with intervals of sun. Rain late in evening. Mild temperature. Karen called - her birthday. Later Bill called and asked me out for dinner tomorrow. [Karen Cooper's 26th birthday.]

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1986 Foggy and gloomy. Went to church, but didn't stay for Brunch since Bill was coming. He didn't come 'till two o'clock. We had a really good dinner at Bonanza, then Valerie came. She was upset. Their house had been broken in to last night. Nothing much taken, but everything torn up.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1986 41°. Dreary day with rain in late afternoon and evening. Had such bad leg cramps last night - hurt so bad. Didn't feel well - worked on rug I am making Don in O.S.U. colors.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1986 64°. Cloudy, but no rain. Temperature like spring. I went to Beauty Shop and grocery - over $30.00, a lot for me. To bank, then got car license. Did not have to wait at all. Karen was here for dinner - had a game of Scrabble. Don't feel like doing much.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1986 Cloudy day - still temperatures above normal. Don't have much to do, finished Don's rug. Concerned about weather for Saturday. Hard rain and thunderstorm in evening.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1986 Rain has stopped when I got up. Turned colder. Weather better than had been predicted. Never saw anyone. Had one call and I called Laura [Hardy]. [Laura, and her late husband, Covert, had been long-time members of Charles and Gladys' "dinner" bridge club.]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1986 34°. The predicted snow didn't come. Cloudy day, only a few flurries. I was hostess at bridge, took Gerry [Jones] and Helen Rymer. Evelyn Dietz was the other substitute. Had no trouble at all - so glad to get my turn over. Dorothy called - they will come Monday evening. Don called - he has a long history of Bolon family. [I acquired this genealogy entirely by chance. Several days earlier a student from OSU, whom I had never met, and was not in one of my classes, happened to come into my office. He had some sort of petition. When he said his name was Tim Bolon I pursued the connection, and discovered we were distantly related. He told me his father had a genealogy of the Bolon's. He sent me a copy. Gladys and her father, Dr. William Koontz Bolon, M.D., were mentioned in the genealogy. Until then I had known almost nothing about the Bolons.]

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1986 37°. Cloudy, but no rain, only a few flurries. Went to church - first time for our new minister [Rev. Alan Wendt]. I really like him. Hattie and I decided not to go out for dinner. [Michael Cooper's 12th birthday.]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1986 Some snow on ground. Dorothy and Dick came in evening, then Valerie came. More snow in evening.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1986 Two or more inches snow. Dick left for Warren [Ohio] at six. Took him an hour and a half to go thirty miles. Dorothy cleaned my walks and driveway. Mrs. [Barbara] Kaiser loaned their snow plow. We decided not to go to Valerie's for dinner. She came down - popped corn. Dorothy and I looked at old pictures. [Bryan Kutchera's 3rd birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1986 Some sunshine and some flurries. Dorothy and I didn't do anything, but watch programs. Dick came back at two o'clock and they left at three-thirty. Getting colder.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1986 4° above and high 19°. I don't have much to do. Started another [braided plastic] rug, watched T.V. Made one call, only person I spoke to today. Later, Don called.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1986 Low 18° - high 30°. Snow began in night and kept up all day. 3 4\slash{}a inches. One valentine from Valerie and Mark. Called Bill.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15,1986 Low 18° - high 27°. I did the laundry. Valerie stopped and brought me perfume. She swept porch and walks. She is like a ray of sunshine in a long day. Barbara [Kaiser] came in evening. Frieda called.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1986 Valerie came and went to church with me - otherwise I would not have gone. Street too slick. She got milk for me at Super-Duper [grocery]. Mari Jane [Jackson] called, and I called Jessie Boyd.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1986 Mild weather continues. 50°. Rain last night washed most of snow away. Found out [Bill and Edith] Walter are going to a nursing home. [The Walters had been members of one of the two bridge clubs Charles and Gladys belonged to for many years. That club started in the 1920's after the young couples met at Indianola Presbyterian Church. Bill Walter had been Gladys' attorney for decades, and Edith had once been about her closest friend. In recent years they had had little contact.]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18,1986 Low 41°. High 60°. All snow gone. Helen and I went to sew [at Senior Center].

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1986 Another mild day - about 60°. Had my hair done, then stopped at grocery. Put on car license, and raked a few leaves. This winter hasn't been much like last year when we had so much cold and snow.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1986 Another mild day. 53°. Put meat loaf and two dishes of beef and mushroom soup in freezer. Barbara [Kaiser] brought her fur coat for me to keep while they are gone [to Florida]. In evening Valerie brought some things she bought for me. [Ellen Cooper's 51st birthday.]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21,1986 Some rain and snow during night. Colder! Made three small cherry pies - put two in freezer. Not much to write about.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1986 Gloomy day. Got the Hoover out and cleaned up house. Don't feel like doing much. Such a long day - get so lonesome, but try to think of all good things I have. Don was here awhile in evening. 29 years today since we moved here.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1986 Snow when we got up. All melted by noon. I don't do anything to write about. Keep house and rid up, but don't feel like any "extras." I got so lonesome. Watched "Annie" on T.V.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1986 37°. Nice, sunny day. Helen and I went to sew - brought work home. Stopped at bakery and bank. Snow is predicted.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1986 33°. Snowed almost all day - three or more inches. "Chat 'n Sew" called off for tomorrow. Not going out - will let snow melt instead of paying [to have it shoveled]. Don called.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1986 Snow until about ten o'clock. Sun came out and melted some. Got porch cleared off. Bill called, and I called Valerie and Karen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1986 Down to 6° above. Nice, sunny day and some snow melted. Dick retired today. [Dick was an engineer, and had worked for General Electric, as I recall.]


SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1986 Nice day. Went to church, and stayed for Brunch. We have pancakes and sausage in March. In P.M. Valerie came and we had two games of Scrabble. Karen called - she is coming Wednesday.

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1986 Cloudy, gloomy day, a few snow flurries in morning didn't amount to anything. One telephone call, only person I spoke to all day. Wrote to Helen Utterback. [Andrew Novak's 1st birthday. Andrew is the son of B J. Novak, daughter of Dorothy Kutchera.]

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1986 Snow showers all day. Helen [Rymer] and I went to sew. Stopped at bank and grocery. Most snow gone.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1986 A nice day. Had my hair done. Pat made me mad! Bill came at three, was here for dinner. Karen [Bill's daughter] came later and had her dinner. Bill left about seven, and Karen stayed 'till nine.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1986 Snow flurries and getting colder. Went to meeting of Women's Association. Last time I drove my car. [Not so. Gladys continued to drive, but only to familiar places, and never very far.]

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1986 Snow on ground when I got up - sun came out and it melted. Did laundry and washed two blouses. To be very cold tonight.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1986 Got to 5° above during night. Warmed up and really nice day. Went to bridge. Gerry drove. In evening Don brought me my tax papers.
SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 1986 A beautiful day, got up to 66° in P.M. Went to church. Rev. Wendt was installed as Minister and reception followed. [After 19 years he is still there.] Then I went to get medicine, and closed on Sunday. Went to Rax's and had a sandwich and cake.

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1986 Went to Circle meeting. Before went to SuperX to get medicine. On way home stopped at grocery. Rain when I came out. In late afternoon and evening tornado warning. The Cincinnati airport damaged, and mobile homes at Circleville. Valerie and Don called to see if I am O.K. Had tornado warnings - several in Ohio. Millions of damages and homes destroyed.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1986 Helen and I went to Center. Had appointment with nurse. All tests and blood pressure fine. Cooler today.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1986 Rain in morning. Thunderstorm in evening. Valerie came and we had a game of Scrabble. I won. Called insurance company about hole in ceiling. In evening called Mr. Dickerson [her handyman].

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1986 Didn't get up 'till eight-thirty. Don't have much to do, seldom bake and don't do laundry so often. Rev. [Alan] Wendt came to see me in P.M., stayed over an hour. He is easy to talk with. A drizzly day.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1986 Cloudy, but no rain. Susan Reid, from Davis' house came in to use 'phone. Merle [Axline] called. Quiet day.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1986 Real nice day. Baked cookies, swept with Hoover. Don called and asked me to go to a movie with them. I really enjoyed it. They came in a little while. Later, woman came - they want to buy Davis' house. Very nice young woman. Took a short walk, but too cold and windy. Called Dorothy for her [58th] birthday tomorrow.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1986 Cloudy, but no rain. Went to church and Hattie and I went to Bonanza. I drove. About 4:30 Valerie came and we had two games of Scrabble. Dorothy is 58.

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1986 Beautiful day. Went to Golden Crest. Came home, took a nap, then cleaned leaves from flowerbed along drive.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1986 Nice day until rain in evening. Helen and I went to Center. She gave me a loaf of [homemade] bread. Called Karen to go to church with me Sunday.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1986 Hard rain during night. Had my hair done. Stopped at grocery. Was "all in" when I got home. Have so many aches and pains! Dorothy and Dick are coming Monday instead of Tuesday. Called Jeanette.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1986

First day of spring, and cold-wind chill down to zero.
FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1986 Really cold last night. About 17° when I got up. Don took me to Dr. Norris. We are about fed up with him - long waits - not enough chairs. Don wants me to see another doctor. Am to patch eye for ten days. We stopped for medicine. Went to Crosby Drug Store for eye drops and patches.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1986 Don't sleep well. Usually wake around four. An effort to get ready for bridge, but went and took Gerry. Won 2nd. $.75. Felt much better later. After I came home washed windows in car, raked a few leaves. [Christopher Rehl's 19th birthday. Son of Nancy Kay, adopted daughter of Bill and Gloria.]

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 1986 Lovely day. Palm Sunday. Karen came and went to church with me, then she took me to Rax's for lunch. We played two games of Scrabble. After she left I saw two people raking Jeanette's yard. I went over and talked with them - a nice young couple. Hope they get the house.

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1986 Lovely day. Made a cherry pie and put in refrigerator to bake tomorrow, and made a baked dish for supper. Dorothy and Dick came around four and Valerie came in evening. Called Bill, also last evening as receiver jumped off hook.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1986
Beautiful day, in the seventies. Dorothy and I went to Northland [Shopping Center]. I bought a skirt, blouse and house dress at Penney's. Was completely exhausted when I came home. They went to Sun [Television] in P.M. and bought a small T.V. Valerie and Mark were here in evening and brought ice cream. Don was here for dinner. Ellen [is] at her father's [in Gaithersburg, Md.].

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1986
Beautiful day. Dorothy raked back yard and planted a pound of onions. Did the laundry. They all went shopping in P.M., then took me to grocery. Went without a sweater. In evening watched basketball. National Invitation [Tournament]. [Coach Eldon] Miller's last game [having been fired by Ohio State]. Valerie was down. [Ohio] State won by 10 points.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1986 Leona [Benton] stopped for me to go to "Chat'n Sew." Dorothy and Dick were leaving and Dick couldn't find his billfold. Hunted everywhere, but could not find it. Around five Dorothy called and they found it. The office had a retirement party for Dick. Had a nice time at church. After a nap finished raking the side yard.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1986 Nice day. Mr. Dickerson came and gave an estimate to fix ceiling. $175.00. He charges me $75.00, so I don't pay the deductible. Alcott's [who lived behind Gladys in the house set on fire in the spring] came to door and asked to paint my side offence brown. Mrs. Alcott came over and painted it.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1986 Beautiful Easter Sunday. Bill came and went to church with me. He brought me a lot of vegetables, and ham and strawberries for dinner. Up to 82°. Got my porch chairs and enjoyed porch. Kaiser's came home.

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 1986 82°. Another very warm day. My hip hurt me so bad, couldn't do much. Did get porch swept and ate lunch and dinner there. Never before so early. Barbara [Kaiser] was over. Vicky brought the new baby down. I sat on heating pad for two hours in evening.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1986 79°. Another nice day. My hip hurt so bad, didn't think I could go to sew, but I went and got along O.K. Brought home a lot of work. Stopped at bank, ate dinner on porch. Gave yard first treatment.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1986 Cooler, but a nice, sunny day. My hip much better. Heating pad helped. I felt better, changed clothes around in closet, dusted. In evening walked to Wynding [Drive - the street that intersected Yaronia Drive North]. Ellen called.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1986 75°. Got a permanent. Really costs now!! $30.00 + $2.00 tip. [When Gladys started her diary a permanent at the same Beauty Parlor cost $7.00 + a $.50 tip.] Stopped at bakery. So tired. Can't do much. Only a few sprinkles - need rain. Don called.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1986 Really warm. I went to bank and grocery. Washed a load, mainly dresses. Can hardly do anything outside. The Magnolia Tree is beautiful. Must be high 70's (was 82°). Tried to put screen in front door. Couldn't make it.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1986 A few sprinkles, but we need rain. Went to bridge - miserable cards - low score. Gerry drove. Got one front window out. Valerie came in evening and she won the "Scrabble" game. I called Frieda [in Phoenix] because I hadn't heard from her.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 1986 73°. Had an early thunderstorm and some rain. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. In P.M. woman who plans to move next door and her children here.

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1986 73°. A lovely day. Planted another pound of onions - in two times. Didn't know if I could do it. Enjoy both porches. Barbara was over. My hip hasn't hurt so bad. Don called.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1986 69°. Much cooler, but a sunny day. Helen and I went to sew. I turned in two lap robe tops and ten blocks. Brought home a lot of work. Too chilly to sit out - put on my heavy robe in evening. [Brandon Kutchera's 5th birthday. Son of Chuck and Donna.]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1986 43°. Windy and cool. Saw no one all day, made two telephone calls for someone to talk with.
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1986 Cold, about 37°. Don called and came and had lunch with me. Ellen not feeling well again. Don't do anything but regular things. Will be glad when I can get out.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1986 Down to 33°. Sunny day, but cold. Went to grocery in morning. Bill called to see how I am.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1986 Warmed up - sat on front porch. Baked cookies - was an effort. Barbara [Kaiser] was over. Carole [Hoffman] and I took a walk. Made me so tired, may not be able to take walks.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1986 Really nice day, around 60°. Went to church. Hattie and I went to Bonanza for dinner - good one. Sat on front porch awhile, but too chilly. Mark and Valerie came - they took out storm windows, washed windows on outside, cleaned screens and put them in. They don't realize how much that meant to me!

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1986 70° - nice day. Went to Circle, then to SuperX to get my medicine. My knee and right leg hurts. Don called. Ellen going in hospital again.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1986 Had a shower during night. Missed sewing. Don took me to Dr. Hickey for my eye. We both liked him, not going back to Norris. Had to stop for drops, got sandwiches to bring home. Dr. put a patch on for today. Worried about Ellen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1986 48° high. Gloomy day and much cooler. Had my hair done, then Helen [Rymer] and I went to a luncheon at Center. It was put on by a Vocational School where they train chefs. It was a delicious meal and served so well. Came home and balanced checkbook. Ellen went back in hospital. [Gladys doesn't say but I believe this time Ellen was a patient at the Wesley Center at Riverside Methodist Hospital.]

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1986

Gloomy, windy day. I did the laundry. In evening called Karen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1986 71°. Back to summer temperature. Did some extra cleaning in kitchen, raked up some of magnolia blossoms. Got back on front porch, took a short walk.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1986 Nice day until some rain in evening. While getting ready for bridge my leg hurt me so much, but went and got along O.K. Took Gerry [Jones], won 2 . $.75. Wonder how much longer this club can meet.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 1986 Had a poor night. Leg and eye hurt. Slept 'till a quarter 'till nine. Rained all day, didn't go to church. Valerie and Karen here in P.M. We had two Scrabble games. Need the rain.

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 1986

Drizzly day and getting colder. Went to Golden Crest.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1986 Low 21° - high 53°. Went to Clintonville Electric to look for a bigger T.V. with remote control. Valerie came in P.M. We went to Dairy Queen - free sundaes. Took short walk, but chilly. Called Bill.


FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1986
78°. Beautiful day. Went to grocery early. In P.M. washed the car, swept back porch, and took out plastic windows. [Charles had made these windows to fit inside the screens on back porch. They had to be installed each winter and removed each summer. He also made storage slots for them under the basement steps.] Ate there again. Mr. Dickerson promised to come, but did not. Third time he has said he could come and did not. [Patricia "Trish" Cooper's 27th birthday. Wife of John Cooper.]

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1986
88°. Real summer day. Baked cookies and cleaned both baths. Andy Ryder mowed grass. $3.00. He will take care of yard this summer. In P.M. Pat [Pennell] was over. Sat on front porch until late. Turned clocks forward.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1986
88°. Went to church, but did not feel like going out to eat. Made salad for tomorrow. Dorothy and Dick came about four. Mark and Valerie came and we had supper on back porch. Dorothy brought so many things. Record heat.


TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 1986 Dorothy, Dick, and I went to Frank's [Nursery]. Bought three shrubs, and marigolds. Got credit for two dead ones. In evening Dick took all of us to Bonanza for dinner, then they drove up to Hoover Dam. Didn't get home until about 9:30. Tired! Cooler.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1986 Had my hair done. Dorothy and Dick went with Valerie to Antrim Park to run, then Dorothy, Dick, and I went to Northland [Shopping Center]. Valerie treated us to lunch at Wendy's. Looked for a dress, but did not buy. Dorothy found one. Then, we went to Denig's [Jeweler] and left Banjo clock. Dorothy and Dick left at four. Mr. Dickerson came while I was gone. Barbara, Carole, and Karen [neighbor] came on porch. [Bryan Rehl's 18th birthday. Son of Nancy Kay.]

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1986 64°. Predicted rain did not come. Sun came out, but very windy. I felt better and got the house straightened up. My new T.V. delivered. Like it very much. Too windy to be on [front] porch.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1986 59°. Lovely day. A little warmer. Went to bank and grocery. Andy mowed grass - also next door. Swept and dusted. Barbara over in P.M. Don came home - so discouraging about Ellen. Called Dorothy. Don got home from Rochester, New York [where he had attended a conference on medical history sponsored by The Macy Foundation. He read a paper on "Brazil's Long Fight Against Epidemic Disease, 1850 -1917. It was later published.]

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1986 Beautiful day. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Valerie came in evening. We went to see Carole's new puppy. She had brought it down for me to see. Wayne called.

MONDAY, MAY 5, 1986 82°. Much warmer. Home all day. Planted pole beans by the two trellis. Nice to eat on porch again.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1986 Much warmer. Helen and I went to sew, then stopped at New World Drug Store. Set out three plants. Wonder about Ellen, but Don doesn't call.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1986 Went to grocery early. Planted more flowers in evening. Took Valerie to Mother and Daughter Banquet at church. I am so proud of her. Rain last night.

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1986 Another lovely day. I baked cookies. Planted impatiens I had in pots. Took a short walk with Carole. I don't know why Don doesn't call.

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1986 Cooled off in night. A beautiful day. Did the laundry. In evening took a walk with Carole. Don called. Ellen comes home for weekend.

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1986 Lovely day - 76°. Went to bridge and took Gerry. Won high score. $1.00. In evening Wayne and Mary came and brought me a big pot of Lavender Chrysmeus [?]. Bill called.


MONDAY, MAY 12, 1986 Warm day, but do need rain. Planted two rows of beans by garage and rest of tomato plants. Have 6. Went to Circle meeting. Called Lucy [Dennis].

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1986 Nice day, but need rain. Valerie took me to the cemetery and we set out marigolds, then to campus - treated to frozen yogurt. Andy [Ryder] mowed grass.

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1986 Went to Dorothy's with Mark and Valerie, didn't leave until a quarter 'till seven. Elizabeth, her husband, and little girl there. [Elizabeth lived for about a year with Dorothy and Dick as an exchange student from Norway, and she and the Kutchera's kept up their friendship. I once took Elizabeth to a football game at Ohio State, and still remember Row totally baffled she was by a game she had never seen.]

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1986 Didn't do anything. In P.M. went to Chuck's. Elizabeth's husband left early for an interview and didn't come back until after seven. Dorothy was waiting dinner. We were an hour late starting home - eight o'clock.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1986 86°. Woke at three o'clock. My side was sore and quite a bit of discomfort. Didn't sleep much more. Stayed in bed all morning. Don came in P.M. and got my medicine. Felt a little better in evening. Carole and Barbara here.

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1986 Didn't feel like going to church - seldom miss. Don't want to eat much. In P.M. Carole came with new puppy. Valerie came in evening, and we went to Dairy Queen.

MONDAY, MAY 19, 1986 Felt better than have for several days. Didn't want to go to Golden Crest. Worked out [side], set out cucumbers, swept drive, trimmed back yard. My garden looks fine. Bill and Edith [Walter] called. I walked to Wynding [Drive].

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1986 Dark, dreary day and some drizzle. Helen and I went to sew. Stopped at bakery and grocery. Karen came for dinner and evening. Called Bill - he hasn't had rain for a month. Lost first planting of corn. Mark and Valerie left for Boston - then to BJ.'s. [Barbara Jean "B.J." and husband Gary had recently moved from Dallas to Massachusetts.]

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1986 A miserable, cold, dark day. Furnace on. Slept in robe last night. House so cold. Glad to be home. Gerry [Jones] and Ilo [Hathaway] called. Barbara [Kaiser] was over in evening. One an hour. Most of time talking about her aunt. I get so tired of that!

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1986 Gloomy, drizzly day. Not as cold as yesterday. Went to "Chat 'n Sew." Dorothy and Dick came around six-thirty on way to BJ.'s [in Massachusetts].

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1986 Got up at six. Dorothy and Dick left before seven. Mr. Dickerson fixed hole in ceiling. I set out impatiens, and two more tomato plants. Nice to get out again, walked to Wynding [Drive]. Called Bill, he had some rain last evening.
SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1986 Beautiful day, can get on porch and to work out[side]. Swept and dusted. Swept drive. Ellen came home [from hospital]. Tom is home from Chicago. Dorothy and Dick, Mark and Valerie at BJ.'s.

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1986 Nice day. Went to church, went down for Fellowship Hour. Hattie and I went to Rax's for a sandwich. Took a nap and enjoyed front porch. BJ.'s children were baptized today. All family there.


TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1986 Rained about all night. Very dark morning, but sun came out in P.M. Carole was down with new puppy. We walked to Wynding in evening.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1986 Nice day, but hot and humid. Had my hair done. Mr. Dickerson came and painted ceiling. In P.M. Valerie came at quarter 'till five - stayed over hour. Seven when supper over and kitchen rid up. Too tired to take a walk.


FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1986 Hot and humid. I didn't do much. Too tired to walk. Carole came down with some strawberries. $1.35 a quart. Barbara, Carole, Pat here. Talked with Don and Ellen. She is doing well.

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1986 Did the laundry. Not much else - didn't feel too good. Don came over in evening. He put "Miracle Grow" on my tomatoes.


MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1986 Hard storm, rain and high winds during night. Much cooler. Saw no one to speak to - called Jeanette. Saw first bloom starting on one tomato.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 1986 Down to 45°. Warmed up in P.M. Helen and I went to sew and stopped at bakery. I went to nurse [at Senior Center]. Blood Pressure fine, but have a kidney infection. May have to call Doctor.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1986 Miserable, dark morning. Sun came out in P.M. and at dinnertime had a really good rain. Bill went to Doctor - got a good report. Here for lunch and afternoon. Took the T.V. I gave him.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1986 Rained most of night, and hard rain in morning. Plaster fell again in front room and leaked. Dr. Bope phoned a prescription for kidney infection and I went in P.M. to get it. Hard rain and storm around six o'clock. Dorothy and Dick came at 9:15 on way home from B.J.'s., then Karen came and brought me a big bag of strawberries, all cleaned, she had picked.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1986 No rain today. I had to go to bridge as I was hostess. Had to call Merle [Axline] to come. I drove, took Gerry and Helen Rymer. Dorothy made potato salad while I was gone. We went to Valerie's for cookout. Had a nice evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1986 Dorothy and Dick left at nine. I didn't feel like it but went to church. Could hardly wait to get home. Ate "scraps" for dinner. Bill called to tell me how much he enjoyed T.V. I gave him. [Linda Cooper's 21st birthday.]

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1986 Baked a cake to take to Circle. Nice day, my 63rd wedding anniversary! Edna [Scott] over in evening. Andy [Ryder] mowed grass. Man came to see about gutter repair.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1986

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1986
Very hot and humid! Had my hair done - took out money for Internal Revenue [Gladys paid quarterly], went to grocery. Came home, went back and put check in bank then filled gas tank. Could hardly get a little lunch. Put on ceiling fan and slept two hours. Bill called to see if [I had] damage from storm. Mark and Valerie called, she had some minor surgery today - trying to get pregnant. Bad storm brewing in evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1986 Nice day - windy. Put some clean papers in kitchen. Discovered water in basement. Valerie not feeling any better.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1986 Nicer day, but sun didn't come out until afternoon. Don called at 11:30. He took me to lunch at Frisch's. Stayed awhile in P.M. Karen took me to the Strawberry Festival at church. Had a nice time. She left about 9:30.


SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 1986 Lovely day. Went to church and forgot it was at ten now. Came home, stopped for milk and got my dinner.
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1986  Very hot. Baked a cake to take to Golden Crest. So tired and hot when I got home. Slept an hour and half. They were to come early and put sump pump in. At 9:30 called them not to come today.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1986 Cooler and less humid. Helen and I went to sew. Started to walk with Barbara. Got to Justus' and she talked so long came home. Neighbors concerned about the two dogs next door.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1986 Nice day. Installed sump pump. $125.00. Laura [Hardy] came for me, and we went to Princess' [Hatch] retirement home for afternoon and dinner. [Laura and Covert Hardy, Princess and Bernard Hatch, were original members of Charles and Gladys' "dinner" bridge club. By 1986 all three women were widows.] Had a nice time. Glad I am still in my home. Record low - 47°.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1986 Nice day. Don came early and we went to Dr. [Charles] Hickey. He didn't charge for first visit - let it go on my deductible. Right eye some better, but don't see much out of it. Stopped at bank and cashed certificate at Dallas Savings [& Loan]. Divided among children. Each got $2,553.98. Got sandwiches at Rax's for lunch. Then, took certificate to Diamond [Savings & Loan] to be brought up to date. In evening watered garden and flowers. Wayne invited me for lunch tomorrow.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1986 Nice day - warm. Wayne and Mary came and took me to Friendly's [Ice Cream Parlor] for lunch. Took a short nap, then Don took me to Dr. Bope, then to get glasses straightened and for stamps. I was really tired! Has been such a week, glad to get Doctor trips over. Two small tomatoes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1986 Went to grocery early and got a lot of things. Washed crocheted table cloth, things on bed, etc. Hung outdoors. Have to rest a lot - unsteady. My ear hurts so from having glasses straightened. Dorothy called.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1986 Very hot. Got so frustrated going to church. Bicycles, and [so] Indianola [Avenue] closed. Made it, was late. Had a party for Blanche's [Smith] 90th birthday. So hot, spend on bed with the fan, and on porch. Don and Bill called and Valerie came. Such a noisy day. Tree work at Justus'.

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 1986 Very hot. I did some cleaning in clothespress [a closet] in my bedroom. Tried to sweep drive but couldn't finish. After supper went to "Drug Mart" for medicine and got my glasses loosened.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1986 Quite a day. Had my hair done - a day early. Went on to [Senior] Center to sew. Stopped at bakery and grocery. Andy Ryder came and gave me a "talk" on cutlery he is selling. Bill came about four thirty. We had a cold supper. After he left, went out on porch, Carole came, then Tina Rutherford and girls until ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1986 A perfect day for our trip. I stopped for Helen [Rymer] and we drove to Center. Bus left at 9:45. Nice drive to Wheeling. A big boat, "Valley Voyager." Had lunch on boat. People are nice to help me - on boat an hour. Back to Center at five. No trouble driving home. Very tired. Don and
Dorothy called to see how my trip was. Later, Bill called. [Nichole Marie Ruhl's 12th birthday. Daughter of Nancy Kay.]

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1986 Went to "Chat 'n Sew." We are taking our own lunch this summer - instead of pot luck. Took a nap, worked out some. Did some trimming. Andy mowed grass.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1986 Didn't do much. Some odd jobs. Turned hose on porch windows. Don came and took me to Frisch's for dinner. Have seven tomatoes, ahead of last year.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1986 Miserable, gloomy morning, but cleared off and nice day. Put four rhubarb pies in freezer - one medium and three small. Clovers had a big party. Used my drive. Eleven tomatoes.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1986 Went to church. Hattie and I went to Bonanza for lunch. Took a nap. These children next door are getting to be a nuisance. Carole and I took a walk - farther, this time. Ellen stopped and got cap Don left here. They leave Tuesday for Wisconsin.

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 1986 Dark, gloomy day, then a thunderstorm and a lot of rain. Before rain did some trimming in yard. Planted more beans on west side. Don called to say good-bye. I called Jeanette.


WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 1986 Washed another shelf of "knick knacks" on kitchen shelf. Did some extra cleaning in back bedroom. A miserable, dark morning. Cleared off some in P.M. Mark and Valerie stopped.

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1986 73° Beautiful day. Washed the shelf of little pitchers. Swept kitchen and porch. After lunch went to bank and grocery. Went to see Mrs. Cochran. Took short walk with Carole. Big celebration on TV for 100th anniversary of Statue of Liberty. Linda called to get 'phone number at cottage. She called her Dad, then called me back. Don and Ellen arrived safely - all was fine there.

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 1986 A quiet Fourth around here. I washed the car and some odd jobs. Enjoyed porch. Barbara over, only person I saw to talk with.

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1986 Made a pie shell and a meat loaf for tomorrow. Went to grocery for milk. Dick and Dorothy came soon after one. I wasn't looking for them so soon. Had peanut butter sandwiches. They went to her 40th reunion [at North High School]. Both looked so nice. I walked up street about dark. Carole walked home with me. Don called.

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 1986 Dorothy and I went to church. In P.M. they went with Mark and Valerie to a auto show. I was so tired - went to bed. This heat takes all energy I have. Valerie down in evening.
MONDAY, JULY 7, 1986 92°. I am about sick with heat. Managed to
go shopping with Valerie and Dorothy. Got dress and pair shoes. They went to Valerie's for one
night since all are going to Lake Erie to fish tomorrow. Bill called.

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 1986 92°. Another very hot day - heat almost
makes me sick. I did not do anything. Dorothy and Dick back about 9:30. Had good fishing. Both
had big package of walleyes. Bad storm at night.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1986 88°. A little cooler, but still hot. Dorothy
took me to get hair done. Then went to Drug World and had my glasses fixed, then to grocery. Dick
got to help Valerie and also lunch there. Man came, and took out disposal and fixed leaky faucet.
$42.10. Dorothy and Dick left about four.

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1986 Not so hot or humid. Worked out outside a
little while. Have 18 tomatoes. In evening walked almost to Glenmont, farthest I have gone this
summer. Called Bill. Had bad storm near him. He had two teeth pulled, one absessed.

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1986 Thunderstorm early
morning. Did laundry. Hot and humid weather returned.

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1986 Felt an earthquake shake the bed about
4:30. Went to bridge. Gerry drove. Had a good lunch, but very poor cards - could not get interested.
Low score. More thunder in late afternoon. Called Bill. He said abscess in mouth better. Very heavy
rain there.

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 1986 Didn't sleep well and such a rainy looking
morning, didn't go to church. Later, cleared and a nice day. I worked and trimmed and pulled
weeds. Valerie stopped in morning.

MONDAY, JULY 14, 1986
82°. Nice day. Didn't sleep well last night. No good next day. Didn't do anything. Wish I
would hear from Don. [Jamison "Jamie" Novak's 4th birthday. Son and B.J. and Gary Novak.]

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 1986 86°. Helen and I went to sew. On way
home stopped at bakery and grocery. So hot and tired could hardly wait to lie down.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 1986 About 90°. Mr. Dickerson came but
didn't have materials. To come tomorrow. I cannot do any more than I have to in this heat.
Barbara here awhile. She comes so much. First letter from Don.

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1986 93°. Heat is almost unbearable! Can't do
anything I don't have to. Mr. Dickerson spent about half a day, cleaning grass out of drive and
filling cracks. After dinner I went to Drug World. Wayne called to tell me a baby coming in March.

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1986 92°. Heat is terrible. Don't do anything I
don't need to. Mr. Dickerson put coat on drive. $60.00, with ceiling repair. Looks so nice. Had first
meal of beans from garden. Bill called.
SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1986 Another scorcher in the 90's. Wonder how I can stand this heat. I pulled up onions and planted beans. In P.M. Valerie came. At 9:15 Edna [Scott, next-door] came. Don't do anything I don't have to do.

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 1986 The second Sunday I have stayed home from church because of heat. I don't know when I have suffered so from heat. Can hardly do anything. [Gladys' house had no central air conditioning.]

MONDAY, JULY 21, 1986 Not quite so hot and humid. Washed a "mini" load [of laundry], watered garden. Felt some better. Word Fleeta Heidorn died. A good friend!

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 1986 84°. Still hot, but not so humid. Helen and I went to sew. Stopped at grocery. In evening went to Funeral Home to see Fleeta Heidorn. Picked first tomato, but birds had pecked it.


THURSDAY, JULY 24, 1986 Went down and filled gas tank. Took about 16 gallons. Gas $64.9 [a gallon]. Cheapest it has been for awhile. Went on to "Chat 'n Sew." Home at 1:30. Andy mowed yard, and I put grass [clippings] around tomatoes. Called Bill.

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1986 92°. So hot and humid. Early in morning, I picked my beans, pulled up vines and planted more. Bill came and brought corn for Valerie and me. He brought a truck load to university and sold it all. Talked with Gloria.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1986 Had a good shower during the night. I washed sheets on my bed. Valerie came in P.M. In evening walked to Wynding with Carole and Barbara. Can hardly take walks.

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 1986 Made an effort to go to church. Had a woman minister and didn't care for her. Don and Bill both called. Still very warm.

MONDAY, JULY 28, 1986 84°. Had a miserable night and didn't feel like doing anything all day. Need rain. The grass is getting brown.

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1986 88°. Not so hot and humid. Felt better and Helen and I went to sew. Mrs. Ryder brought a lot of things we can use. Need rain. My impatiens didn't do any good, and hardly bloom. Have had four tomatoes - they grow so tall and don't produce like they should. Have cucumbers.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1986 Nice day, like yesterday. I baked some pie shells and aired pillows. In evening was invited to Valerie's for a fish dinner, Mark's birthday. Game of Scrabble. Scores 184-185-186. Talked with Dorothy while there.
THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1986 A nice day, but we need rain. Grass getting brown. Went to grocery and bank. In evening walked to Wynding, alone. Linda flew to cottage today.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1986 87°. Nice day, but no rain. In evening took a walk with Carole. Went farther than last evening. Karen called.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1986 Another nice day but no rain. I went to Drug World, bank and grocery. Valerie came in P.M. [State] Fair opened yesterday.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 1986 Still beautiful weather, but no rain. Has been three weeks since we had any that amounted to anything. Went to church and stayed for Brunch - only eleven there. Karen came in P.M. We had a walk and a game of Scrabble. I'm working on finishing an afghan for Mrs. Ryder.


TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1986 Still no rain. Didn't go to sew. Worked on afghan for Mrs. Ryder. Dorothy and Dick came at six, then Valerie. Decided to go to Bill's Thursday.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1986 Went to get my hair done, and Dorothy and Dick left for Fair. Pat on vacation. Rose did my hair. Stopped at grocery and got some things to take to Bill. Picked four tomatoes. Dorothy and Dick didn't come home until 9:30.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 1986 We left at 8:15 for Bill's. I was so glad to see his place again. He gave us lots of corn, tomatoes, and cabbage. Ate lunch at Wendy's on the way home. They went out on more errands. Valerie was down in evening. Dorothy and I played Scrabble. When I went to bed was stung by a bee that was in my hair. [Colleen Cooper's 29th birthday. Daughter of Bill and Gloria.]

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1986 Hardly slept until five o'clock, my hand hurt where bee stung me, and a nuisance telephone call at 1:30 [A.M.] Dorothy and I froze corn. They went in P.M. to do some things for Valerie. Put sprinkler on for a long time. Need rain so badly.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1986

No sign of rain. Put three cups tomatoes in freezer, from Bill's. Put onion bags around tomatoes to keep squirrels off. Dorothy and Dick went to Valerie's and ran six miles at Antrim Park. They left before eleven. I went to bridge, drove, and took Gerry. Won 2nd. $.75. Merle was hostess.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1986

Rained an easy rain most of day and we really need it. Went to church and Hattie and I went to Frisch's. I lost my car keys. Called, and they found at restaurant. Had a spare in purse. Hattie came here for awhile. Valerie came in evening. We played three games of Scrabble. She won two. Took me down to get car keys.
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 1986 76°. Not as hot or humid - a pleasant day. Made zucchini bread and froze three more cups of tomatoes. Took a short walk - took small loaf of zucchini bread to Pat.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1986 78°. A perfect day. Helen and I went to sew. In evening walked to Glenmont with Carole and Mopsy [dog] - farthest I have gone this summer. Called Bill for his birthday tomorrow - he is bringing a truckload of vegetables to university tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1986 Made freezer pickles. Bill's 62nd birthday. He brought a load of vegetables to university. Here for lunch. I gave him a loaf of zucchini bread, a quart and pint of pickles. Barbara and I walked to Wynding [Drive], then she sat on porch today. Beautiful day. Little wanner than yesterday.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1986 88°. Hot again. Helen and I went to Volunteer's Luncheon [at Senior Center]. Home at two - gave us a pin instead of a star. In evening Valerie came to tell me she is pregnant. Mark won't know until he gets home from England.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1986 92°. So hot - can't do much. Need rain so badly. Made zucchini bread. Two batches now, all I'll make. My front yard about ruined, and back not much better. So hot in house, sit on porch until almost nine. Linda called. [Barbara Jean "B.J." Novak's 31st birthday.]

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1986 Another hot, humid day. Don't feel well, probably the heat. Did get the laundry done and front yard raked, only a part of drive. No rain predicted until Thursday. Carole and Tina here. Balanced check book.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 1986 Another hot, humid day. Went to church, and to reception afterwards for organist who is leaving. Then Hattie and I went to Rax's for a sandwich and to Drug World. Mark and Valerie came in P.M.. Brought me a jar of raspberry jam from England. In evening Barnett's came and brought me tomatoes. No rain.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 1986 87°. Not quite so hot and less humid, but no rain. I finished a lap robe, made a pillow for back porch chair. Barbara was over, only person I spoke to all day. Don't feel like a walk in evenings.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1986 85°. Like yesterday, have about given up rain. My front yard so brown. Picked a big tomato, will be awhile before I have another. Helen and I went to sew. She gave me a loaf of bread.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1986 Went to beauty shop. Stopped at bank. Bought a 6 month certificate. $4,000. Got a lot of groceries. So tired rest of day. Don's 55th birthday. No rain!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1986 Again a hot day. Rain all passed us. Put three small cherry pies in freezer. Not much else. Don't feel like doing much. Carole was down. Only person I spoke to all day except a call to Mrs. Lamb.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1986  No rain and another hot day. Dusted the three bedrooms. Valerie was here in P.M. Dorothy called.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1986 90°. So hot and humid I didn't feel like doing much. Did get house swept and dusted. Valerie came in P.M. We each won a game of Scrabble. A brief shower. Only five minutes. Dorothy and Dick left for cottage today.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1986 74°. Drop in temperature. A perfect day, but no rain. Hardly slept last night - almost didn't go to church. Before I had my dinner eaten, Valerie came. She won both games of Scrabble. She took me to the cemetery. Had mowed down part of flowers. What is left is beautiful. Brought me lots of tomatoes and dozen pink roses Dr. had given her - they are leaving for Wisconsin [cottage] Tuesday, and she thought I would enjoy them. [Valerie was a Dental Technician, and worked in a dentist's office.]

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 1986 82°. A perfect day, but do need rain. Yard is brown and big cracks. Froze 18 yogurt cups of tomatoes. Took a walk with Barbara and Carole,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1986 90°. Helen and I went to sew. So tired when I got home, slept an hour. Thunder, but no rain. Tom and John both called to thank me for money. Don and Ellen started home [from cottage]. Mark and Valerie left for cottage. Seventeen years today since I lost Charles. I'll never forget that horrible day.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1986 Storm began at eleven last evening, and we had a good rain. Don called at eight to tell me they are home, then, Mark could not get off and he and Valerie didn't get to go to cottage. All packed, even the food. Such a disappointment! Gave up on "afghan" for Mrs. Ryder. Started to unravel what I did. [38th Birthday of Nancy Kay Rehl (Cole).]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1986 Much cooler. Went to "Chat 'n Sew," had a nice time. House so cold when I came home, turned on furnace. Valerie came in evening. She feels better about not going to cottage.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1986 40°. Quite chilly. Had furnace on. Had Gloria [Bill's former wife, but who had remained close to Gladys and family] here for lunch. In evening Don came and spent two hours with me.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1986 Some warmer today and a perfect day. Put clean papers in basement shelves and cupboard. Never spoke to anyone except called Mary Grashel to change turns with me at Brunch. Took a walk after supper with Carole and Mopsy [dog]. Got a meal of beans from garden.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1986 76°. Labor Day and a lovely [day]. Got up late and didn't do anything. Wanda Ochs called and we went to M.C.L. [Cafeteria] for dinner. She came in a little while. Jessie Boyd called about my birthday.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1986 79°. Like summer. Helen and I went to sew. Had ice cream and cake for September birthdays. Watered flowers and shrubbery. Took a walk with Barbara. Don called to take me to dinner for my birthday tomorrow, but Valerie had asked me first.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1986

My 87th birthday - wonder if I'll make another. Had my hair done. Pat and Rose brought in two cupcakes with four candles and sang "Happy Birthday." About 9:30 Barbara came with five little ones from next door. She keeps three after school and they sang for me. Mark and Valerie took me to "Red Lobster" for dinner - had birthday cake and picture taken. Don came in P.M. Karen called. Many cards, 28 altogether. I have many blessings! Only two cards from 10 grandchildren. B.J. and Valerie.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1986

Thunderstorm and a good rain in morning. So dark. I didn't do anything, except sort coupons, watch T.V., and work on rug.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1986 Went to bank and did laundry. A long sleep in P.M. Walked after dinner - half of Wynding [Drive]. A little rain last evening.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1986 Went to bridge and took Gerry. Had to get gasoline. Such a frustrating afternoon. One [player] didn't come until about two o'clock. Were told they [Golf Course Restaurant] would close at two. I do not like the new member and Gerry doesn't either. Home early - swept part of drive. The "Block Party" [was today], but I never go. Gerry was hostess [at bridge]. They have cleaned up trash behind me [at the house that had burned in March]. [John Cooper's 28th birthday.]

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1986 Lovely day. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Too cool to sit on porch. Valerie came about four - soon Bill came with a lot of vegetables. Valerie stayed until 7:30.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1986 Beautiful day. Put peppers, 2 tomatoes, and 1 wax beans in freezer. Went to Circle. Home, took a nap. Dorothy and Dick came on way home from Wisconsin, about 3:30. Don and Valerie came in evening. Ellen has had bronchitis about ever since they came home. [Don and Ellen's 29th wedding anniversary.]


WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1986 84°. Much warmer. Dorothy went with Valerie to her Doctor appointment. She and Dick left soon after lunch. Walked to Wynding. Karen called. Nice to sit on porch and eat on back one.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1986 Good rain last night. Had to clean up some leaves and sticks. Karen came for dinner and brought Rusty [dog]. We took a walk and played Double Solitaire.


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1986 77°. Went to church and Dorothy Bird and I went to Rax's. So nice to sit on porch again. Valerie didn't feel like coming down. Mark stopped after church, left me tomatoes.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1986 82°. Almost a summer day, but looks like Fall with the leaves coming down. Went to Golden Crest and took Dorothy Bird. After I came home, took a nap. Seem to be so tired after I come home from somewhere.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1986 69°. Lovely day. Helen and I went to sew. In evening Carole and I walked to Glenmont. Farthest I have gone this summer. Kaiser's left for Hawaii.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1986 Warmer today. Had my hair done. Valerie came in P.M. She is feeling better. In evening Carole and I walked to Glenmont. I was about all in. Bill called. He will come and take me to lunch tomorrow for my birthday. Cut off peonies and took down one tomato plant.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1986 Rain during night and a dark, drizzly day. Bill came and took me to Bonanza for lunch and for my birthday. He came late and almost three when we finished lunch. Didn't get any dinner. He brought so many beans, we both worked and froze them. I only kept one. Don called. Ellen better of bronchitis.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1986 Like summer again. Could use both porches. Froze peppers and took up some impatiens, and one tomato plant. In evening Tina and children came and sat on porch. Gerry G[ifford?] called.


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1986 Up in 80's again today. Went to church, but did not go out for dinner as I have so much food here. Watched [Dallas] Cowboys and [Atlanta] Falcon's game. Cowboys lost in last few seconds. [Gladys was a Cowboys fan.] Raked leaves and sticks off ground. Can hardly go out until children here.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1986 Another summer day. Put up two more containers of tomatoes. Have lost track of how many I have. Had a meal of beans. Potted more flowers. Going to Dorothy's next Monday with Wayne. Called to tell her what time we will leave.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1986 85°. Summer temperature continues. Helen and I went to sew. She gave me a lot of things for our Bazaar on Saturday. Leaves are falling so fast. I can't do much about them. Don called. Leona [Benton] called. Will get a peck of Golden Delicious apples.


THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1986 Very hot and humid. Did the laundry, then went to "Chat 'n Sew." Took my things down for Bazaar. Bought a paperback to read this summer. After I came home, took a nap, then did the ironing. Valerie called. I am about all in due to heat and the fact didn't sleep well last night. Picked 5 nice tomatoes.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1986 89°. This heat and humidity about "gets me." Valerie stopped in morning. She had been to Doctor, and heard baby's heart beat. She swept drive, went to church. Such a lot of things we have for Bazaar. I gave out and had to come home. Bill Utterback called. Helen has pneumonia and Helen Rymer in hospital. A bad storm came up about six. Severe storm warnings. A good rain. Don called.


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1986 88°. So hot! I went to church. Hattie, Dorothy, and I went to Rax's for lunch. I drove. Sat on porch until eight o'clock. After two tries I got drive swept. The leaves and acorns are awful!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1986 89°. Another hot one. Pulled up beans and found enough for dinner. Wayne came at a quarter 'till seven. We went to Cincinnati. There nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1986 Wayne stayed over night at Dorothy's, then went to his meeting. We went to see Donna and children [Chuck's family], and to "Jungle Jim's" in P.M. After dinner we left at 7:15. Home 9:30. Began to rain as we got to Columbus.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1986 Rain most of night and all day. Got a permanent. $30.00. Pat and Rose are moving to Indianola Plaza. Had a hard storm while there - trees uprooted and very high wind. Valerie called [Beauty] Shop to see if I was O.K., and stopped on way home from work. Called Bill. Helen Rymer may have open heart surgery.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1986 The yard is a mess from storm. A big tree down in Clover's back yard. Halleck's had some damage to house and yard full of limbs blown down. I cleaned the flowerbed and walk and drive. Tried to do front yard, but gave out and called to see if Peter could help. Took short walk.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1986 Another gloomy day - but warm temperature. I cleaned about half kitchen woodwork with Murphy's Soap. Picked up more sticks. All my small tomatoes are ripening. Merle [Axline] called. They are going to a retirement home.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1986 Rained almost all night. I didn't sleep much. Didn't feel like doing much. Didn't feel like doing much, not out of house except to sweep porch and back walk. Valerie came in P.M. Dorothy called and B.J. is pregnant. Have three great grandchildren "on the way." Helen came home - decided not to have surgery.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1986 More rain last night, but a very nice day and cooler temperature. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. I took salad. Peter cleaned up yard. $5.00. Watched the [Dallas] Cowboys. Don called.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1986 43°. Such a change in temperature, but beautiful day. Went to bank. Baked cookies - first time for a long while. Took off slips [cuttings for houseplants], got more flowers potted and all moved to bedroom. Bill Walter called. Barbara over.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1986 37°. This morning. Coldest morning, so far. Went to sew. Miss Helen to go with me. She has heart problems - won't be going for awhile. In P.M. cleaned up leaves.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1986 40° this morning. Took down rest of tomato plants. Man came to fix two burners on stove. Will cost around $160.00 to fix. Paid for service call, $31.60. Carole and I walked to Wynding.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1986 Went to grocery early and got a lot of things. Only go every two weeks. Colder - too cold for a walk. Bill called. Gerry Jones called and talked an hour.


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1986 Beautiful day, but I wasn't out of house except to put a birthday card in Kaiser's mail box. Swept and dusted. Cleaned up back porch. Haven't seen anyone to speak to and 'phone hasn't rung for two days. So lonesome. I think of Saturday nights when we went out for dinner and played bridge. Don hasn't called me for a week. Letter from Dorothy helped. So lonesome, went to bed at 9:30.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1986 Cloudy and rain in late afternoon. Went to church and Hattie and I went to Bonanza for dinner. Later, Barbara came, then Valerie. Don't understand why Don hasn't called for a week. Called Karen.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1986 Gloomy, drizzly day. Went to Circle, only five there. Four of us went to see Blanche Smith. Her son died. Don't know why Don doesn't call me.


WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1986 Had my hair done. Really hate to pay $8.50 and don't like the shop. Bill surprised in P.M. brought 1/2 bushel peppers. Mr. Halleck came down and got some. Don called, he has been very busy and has lots on his mind.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1986 Nice day. Didn't do much. Super-Duper had a "sale" from 6-10. Barbara took me down -got some "bargains." Don called and Ellen got along well with surgery on shoulder.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1986 Nice day, but cool.. Did not do anything extra. In evening Mark and Valerie came, then Dorothy called. She talked with all of us. We had a game of "Scrabble." Mark has a new job.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1986 Nice day, but not out of house except to sweep porches. Did the laundry and changed bed. Kaiser's got some firewood.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1986 Beautiful day. Went to church, came home - had a good chicken dinner. In evening Valerie came and we had two games of Scrabble. Don called. Ellen came home from hospital after surgery on shoulder. Mark is in Nevada 'till Tuesday on new job.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1986 Nice day, got up to 66°. I went for gasoline, stamps, and to Drug World, then to Golden Crest. Peter mowed yard. Here 30 minutes. Didn't do a very good job. Dorothy called. They will come Saturday instead of Friday.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1986 Up to 75°. A little rain in early morning, but a beautiful day. Helen and I went to sew. I took her a rug. After a nap I cleared leaves from flower bed by drive.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1986 Up to 75°. I potted more flowers and swept drive. The children next door brought their friends and cleaned a lot of leaves.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1986 Rain predicted, but it didn't come. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Took a nap. The children next door annoy me trying to clean leaves. Barbara came over.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1986 Gloomy day. Went to grocery. Don't know how I can spend so much money! In P.M. Karen surprised me and came. We had a game of Scrabble and double solitaire. Don called. Children swept Kaiser's drive.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1986 Turned out to be a nice day. Dorothy and I went to church. In P.M. she, Dick, Valerie and Mark took a six-mile walk. Dick took all to Bonanza for dinner. Such a good meal! Don called. Ellen had tooth trouble. Dentist took her for work in P.M.


TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1986 Nice day. Dick put in rest of storm windows. Checked oil in car. We washed bedroom curtains. Valerie here in evening. [Wayne Cooper's 28th birthday.]


THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1986 58°. Lovely day. Didn't do much. Some clean papers and a few leaves raked. Beggars' Night, only three. No one called. Barbara came over.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1986 69°. A warm day, could work out without a sweater. Drive was covered and I got most of leaves off. Changed bed in back room and more clean papers.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1986 72°. Washed sheets on bed in back room and some other things. Gerry couldn't go to bridge, so I went alone. Had miserable cards, but not low enough for the quarter. Helen was hostess. So warm, did not need a coat.


MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1986 Coldest morning so far. Didn't do much - some small things. Wayne called - said he would come Saturday to rake leaves.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1986 Rain during night. A gloomy, dreary day and colder. Helen and I went to sew. On way home, stopped at bakery, bank, and grocery. My Social Security check now goes to bank.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1986 Dreary, miserable day with some rain. I didn't get up 'till nine o'clock. Barbara over in evening. Bill called, said he would be up Wednesday. My father's birthday. He was born in 1853!
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1986 Up to 57° today. Had a little sunshine. I felt so good went out and raked a lot of leaves on east side and driveway. Barbara brought me bean soup.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1986 Fairly good day. Some rain and mild temperature. I baked cookies, Don came at noon, brought sandwiches and we ate lunch here. Ellen not any better. Over two years and no better. It upsets me very much. Cleared leaves from around garage and side yard.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1986 Dark, dreary day. I did the laundry. Wayne and Mary came and he cleaned up leaves. I did some he didn't have time to do.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1986 Nice day, but cooler and windy. Went to church. Hattie, Dorothy Bird, and I went to Northland [Shopping Center] and looked around. Had lunch at Wendy's. Soon as I got home, Valerie came. We tied at Scrabble. Wind blew leaves off roof, and yard to clean up again!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1986 44°. Much colder. In morning cleared leaves that blew off roof from front yard. Went to Circle, after I came home raked more from back yard and driveway.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1986 Veterans' Day. Colder, and our first snow. Snowing when I got up - we decided not to go to [Senior] Center [to sew]. Cleared off later. Frank Clover came over and cleaned gutters. Gave him $10.00, which he said he would give to charity. Don called and Ellen going to Harding Sanitarium. They feel that will help her.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1986 Nice day, but cold. Went to Beauty Shop and grocery. Bill came around 12:30, and I took him to Bonanza. He left at four. Dick called Mark to car for anti-freeze. Mark came in evening and put some in. It needed some. Bill brought a big bag of turnips. Gave some to Mark. To be very cold tonight.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1986 Cold - high of 31°, but a sunny day. Not out of house except to sweep leaves that blew off roof. Two telephone calls, only persons I spoke to.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1986 Nice, sunny day and cold. Didn't do anything extra. Don took Ellen to Harding. Cannot go to see her or telephone. Called Peter to rake yard.


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1986 Gloomy and cold. I went to church. Valerie came in P.M.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1986 In the forties. Peter came and cleaned leaves - this will be last time. I hope. He was here almost two hours, gave him $10.00. I went to Golden Crest.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1986 Very gloomy, dark day and some rain. Helen and I went to sew. She gave me a loaf of bread. Almost dark by four.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1986 Lovely, sunny day. I did some extra cleaning under furniture with my electric broom. Never spoke to anyone all day until I called Karen. Then Bill called.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1986 Rainy and a miserable day. Went to Drug World for three prescriptions, then to "Chat 'n Sew." A good pot luck. In P.M. Barbara came over. Don called. Ellen can call him twice a week.


SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1986 Beautiful, sunny day. I did not do anything extra. Watched O.S.U. and Michigan game. We lost by two points. Missed a field kick last few minutes. One telephone call. Only person I spoke to all day. Betsy's daughter, Barbara, married again. [Betsy Azlin, daughter of Ralph and Frieda Cooper, was Gladys' niece. She lived in Phoenix, AZ.]

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1986 Drizzly, dark day. I went to church. Had a good chicken dinner after I came home, Valerie came in P.M. [Thomas Glenn Cooper's 25th birthday.]

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1986 Dark day. Cleaned up the house. Leona Zahn here in P.M. Don called. He got to see Ellen for a half hour today.


WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1986 Hard rain during night. Roof leaked and plaster fell in front room. Went to Beauty Shop - bad driving, then to grocery. Made salad and pie shell for tomorrow. Dorothy and Dick came in P.M. [and] had to go and help Valerie with new roof.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1986 A nice Thanksgiving Day. In the 40's. We went to Valerie's in morning. Mark's mother, brother, sister and grandfather and two aunts there. We had a good dinner, but too much. We came home about 8:15. Ellen had a three hour pass and they were all together for dinner. [I baked a goose for the only time in my life.] Bill at Gloria's.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1986 Fairly nice day. Tom stopped about noon. Dorothy and Dick and Valerie went to Shopping Center. We had our dinner from what Valerie gave us left over from yesterday. Dorothy and I played two games of "Scrabble."

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1986 Sun came out in P.M., and a nice day. I did my laundry. Dorothy and Dick went with Mark and Valerie to "Festival of Trees." Then went to look for a van. Bought one and didn't get back 'till seven.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1986 Nice day - high 50°. Dorothy, Dick, and I went to church. Valerie here in P.M. They left a quarter 'till four. I went out and raked some leaves. Frieda called.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1986 Nothing to write about. Gloomy day, rain began in evening. Don called.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1986 Heavy rain during night. Dark, dreary day. Helen and I went to sew. Brought material home. We stopped at Drug World. Called Bill when I thought I was calling Helen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1986 Gloomy, dark day. Valerie called and asked me to go to Northland. She is so good to take me and look after me. But, I get so tired, I cannot take shopping anymore. The evenings are so long!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1986 Nice, sunny day but cold! Went to Christmas Tea at church. Stopped at bank and grocery. Barbara over.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1986 Went to bed last evening at a quarter 'till ten and slept until eight this morning. Didn't feel like doing anything. Never saw anyone or 'phone didn't ring. Had trouble getting out of bath tub.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1986 Nice, sunny day. Went to bridge and took Gerry. Stopped for gasoline. Had good cards. Won 2nd. $.75. Frieda was hostess. Don called.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1986 Gloomy day and rain began in evening. Went to church and Brunch afterwards. Hattie and I went to Drug World. Valerie came later.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1986
Drizzly, dreary day with rain. Went to Circle. Bill called.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1986 Another dreary day. It bothered me to drive to Center, but no trouble. Brought home a lot of material. Stopped at bakery. Don called. Working on Christmas cards.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1986 Much colder! Had my hair done, then to bank and grocery. Our leaves have never been picked up [from street].
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1986 Nice day, but cold! They picked up some leaves at end of street. I baked chocolate chip cookies and put in freezer for Christmas.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1986 Made another batch of cookies and put in freezer. Men came and patched roof. Don came and we went to John's for Rachel's first birthday party. Miss Ellen. Don got to see her today. [Rachel Cooper's 1st birthday.]

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1986 Lovely, sunny day. 15° when I got up. Put [Christmas] decorations on mantle. Dorothy and Dick came in their new van around 5:30. Mark and Valerie came in evening with a "Friendly's" ice cream cake for her birthday tomorrow.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1986 Nice, sunny day but cold. First I have missed church for awhile. Dorothy and Dick went to store and got me another strand of lights, and we decorated tree. Valerie came in P.M. Her 27th birthday. They left soon after four.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1986 45°. Almost a spring day. Went to bank. Don came, ate lunch here and took me to Dr. Hickey. No change in eyes. Leaves finally picked up. I worked out[side] and cleaned up a lot they missed. Finished [Christmas] cards. Karen called.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1986 Left for Center at nine and was misting. When we came home about 1:30, foggy and bad driving. Stopped at bakery. Linda and Princess [Hatch] called.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1986 Another gloomy day. Bill came about noon, brought me a date book, oranges, ice cream, and bread. We had lunch here and a nice visit. I fell when going to door to let him in and hurt my ankle.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1986 Dreary day - some snow flurries. Went to "Chat'n Sew." Had a nice time. Stopped at grocery. Don called.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1986 Gloomy day. I iced my cookies, got three plates in freezer, if anyone comes. Edna [Scott, next-door neighbor] called, and said she is going to sell. All cards sent.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1986 Karen and Colleen came for lunch. Colleen had a "Scrabble" board in Braille. We played a game. She does well. Carole and Mopsy [dog] came down to show me Mopsy's new coat.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1986 Cloudy day. Went to church. Long day. Valerie came in evening.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1986 A beautiful winter day. I washed a washer and made peanut butter cookies. Don stopped and had a little lunch. Brought me a picture of him and Ellen.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1986 Another nice, sunny day. Had my hair done. Getting ready to go to Dorothy's tonight. The children next door brought me cookies. Karen called, she will come after I get home. Valerie and Mark came at seven and we left for Cincinnati.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1986 Gloomy day. Didn't do much. I broke up bread for dressing. Dorothy cooked the turkey. I took meat off carcass.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1986 A dark Christmas day, but no rain or snow. We opened our packages. Chuck's family came soon after one. Had ten at table, and Katie in high chair. In evening a friend came to see Valerie. I miss Charles so much!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1986 Another gloomy day. We left at 10:45. Home about quarter 'till one. Wilma Harper [former Secretary in Charles' Department at Ohio State] called me.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1986 Cloudy, but no rain. I didn't get up 'till nine. In P.M. Linda and Tom came. She brought me a box of candy, and Tom an "Emmet Kelly" figurine that plays music. Talked with Don.


MONDAY, DECEMBER 29,1986 Didn't do much. Only one telephone call for someone to speak to. Called Bill, he is feeling better.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30,1986 Snow on ground and so many accidents. I didn't go to Center. Warmed up and snow melted in P.M. Saw no one around here, but had several 'phone calls.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31,1986 Went to grocery and bank. (Did the same one and two years ago.) Lid won't stay down on trunk. In evening, Gary, Kathy, and boys [Robert and Michael] came. Gary got lid down on trunk. Don and Bill called me.

This has been a good year for me. Only time out of town to Dorothy's,[Gladys also made a day trip with Senior Center to Wheeling, West Virginia, on June 25 for a riverboat ride, and went to Bill's farm on August 7.] Our chief concern is Ellen - at Harding [Hospital]. Her father died. All the children doing well. Gary went back to O.S.U. and Karen for her Master's.

END OF BOOK XLIV, PART ONE (JANUARY 1,1986 - DECEMBER 31,1986)
A LIFE REVEALED:

THE DIARY OF GLADYS BOLON COOPER (1939-1989)

BOOK XLIV. PART TWO (JANUARY 1, 1987 - DECEMBER 31, 1987)

NOTE:

For 1987, and for no other year, there survives a "Monthly Appointment Journal," or calendar, which lists certain daily appointments, and occasional other brief comments. These will be recorded at the end of the daily entry and enclosed in rounded brackets, as {...}. Evidently Gladys used the calendar to make notes to consult when she later wrote the diary entries since they are usually a briefer version of the diary entry.

As stated earlier square brackets, as [...], indicate additions I, Donald Cooper, as transcriber, have added for clarification. Otherwise, the diary has been transcribed as written except that certain abbreviations have been extended, as Valerie and Mark for "V" and "M"

SYNOPSIS OF BOOK XLIV. PART TWO (1987)

Gladys, age 88, started her diary for 1987 with "I'm glad I have made another year." Her general health continued the decline evident the year before. At various times she complained about back pain, gout in a toe, poor vision, difficulty sleeping, and she fell twice. "Went to basement - first time for several weeks." During the intense summer heat, she lost 15 pounds. She relied on neighbors to take out the trash because she feared falling. Once she had great difficulty getting out of the bathtub. She wrote on February 20, "Bothers me to drive and don't walk well. Begin to think I should quit driving." She did not like to go out at night. On March 9, Gladys entered Riverside Hospital via the Emergency Room after a bout of severe shaking, and was there for 12 days. Dr. Bope, her primary care doctor, advised her on March 17 to stop driving, which she did. "The blow came today. No more driving. I shed a few tears." She sold the car for $800 on April 22. "I had a good cry as I saw it go up the street for the last time."

Fortunately her neighbors and friends, Don, and especially Valerie, stepped in to provide transportation, but still the sense of loss was real. Without such neighborly help, Gladys could not have continued to live alone in her house. Almost every day one of more neighbors would visit. On May 11, she wrote, "5 stopped [today] at my little porch." Often they would bring her some treat, such as an apricot coffee cake, lemon pie, candy, or cookies. Mr. Halleck checked on her furnace. Mr. Clover took Gladys for her blood pressure test, and took out her trash. Barbara Kaiser came frequently, and Carole Hoffman "comes every evening, and I am getting tired of it." Don did her taxes, handled her medical bills, and, if asked, helped Rer balance her checkbook. January 3 was a special day, "eight of my grandchildren came to see me." The children next door came to rake her leaves, but made so much noise that Gladys asked them to stop. The neighbors behind her were so noisy that one night Gladys called the police. On Beggars' Night she had no callers until "a van unloaded three black children, and I didn't go to door."

Her activities were about the same as the year before, but without a car, and with declining health, they were on a reduced scale. In July she hired a cleaning woman, Susan, who came once every two weeks. She could make fewer trips to the Senior Center to sew, but worked on assignments at home. She continued to make plastic braided rugs from bread wrappers, and sold one to the maid for $1.00. Friends at church were very good to call to offer transportation, but still her attendance was down. She attended Golden Crest, the Women's Society, and Sunday Brunch less often. Rev. Alan Wendt visited Gladys almost every day she was in the hospital. She enjoyed his sermons, but on June 28, when there was a substitute preacher, Gladys slept through much of the service. Baking was very occasional, and often a "struggle," but during the year she baked several cherry pies, banana and zucchini bread, and toll house and oatmeal cookies. There
was the usual garden of tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, and pole beans, but she felt uneasy walking in the back yard and feared a fall. Still on September 25 she picked 25 tomatoes from her eight plants. "Something" ate her cucumber plants, and squirrels scattered pole beans and vines around the yard. In the house, she relied on television and the telephone for companionship, and games of Scrabble and Solitaire, especially with Valerie and Karen. "Evenings are long and lonesome." "I don't have many places to go." "Saw no one to speak to and no one called." On April 9, "I am so lonely and discouraged." "Long days, don't know what I would do without T.V. and telephone." "All I do is get meals, wash dishes."

There were very few times in her diary for 1987 that Gladys commented about prices and costs. It was rare she bought anything new. On January 7, "$3.00 raise in Social Security!" When she got her hair "done," she wrote, "I sure hate this $8.50." A gallon of gasoline, $74.9; carpet cleaned, $66.22; two months of the Dispatch, $17.75; 10 prescriptions, $72.20; and a service call for garage door, $75.00. On October 2 she gave each of her grandchildren $100.00. The special anniversaries Gladys remembered were the same as the year before. On February 22, "30 years today we moved here;" May 2, Charles' 88th birthday; June 9, "My 64th wedding anniversary. I still miss Charles so much. Now, I am old and he is gone;" August 26, "19 years ago today when I lost Charles. No one knows what a horrible day that was;" and September 3, "A beautiful day and my 88th birthday. A nice one."

Dorothy, age 59, and Dick, age 63, made several trips to Columbus during the year to visit Gladys, and Valerie and Mark. Dorothy did laundry and escorted Gladys on errands, and Dick, who, as an engineer, was talented and always willing to help, did various chores, including fixing the broken dryer, putting new backs and seats in the breakfast room chairs, removing storm windows, and planting shrubs. Along with Mark and Valerie, they spent two weeks at the cottage in Wisconsin in September. Valerie had her gall bladder removed on October 30, but her big news of the year was the birth of Amanda Marie on April 13. Chuck lived in Cincinnati, married still to Donna, and B.J. lived in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, married still to Gary. Mark went to Honduras with the Air Force.

Bill, age 63, had a very difficult year. His Hodgkin's Disease returned after a fifteen-year remission. He entered Lancaster Hospital on February 11 with a diagnosis of ulcers and gall bladder trouble, and two days later 19 inches of intestine were removed. During the surgery, however, there were new indications of Hodgkin's, and this was soon confirmed. On February 22 "a sad day. Found Bill has Hodgkin's Disease again. I am so upset." Initially his doctors told him that he could "lick" the disease. He had treatments of chemotherapy and radiation. There were other health issues for Bill. "His fingers and toes are so stiff he can't do much." Dorothy and Gladys visited Bill on March 9, but the trip was so difficult for Gladys she entered Riverside Hospital that same evening. On Easter Day, Bill was well enough to join Gloria, his ex-wife (who had remained close to the family, and who helped Bill during his illness) for dinner, along with 12 family members. His grandson, Chris, age 20, stayed with Bill at first, but he left on March 6 "and never came back" (at least to stay with Bill). During the summer Bill was able to put in a large garden, and on one occasion worked with his tractor for two hours. He took many vegetables to Gladys. Karen, who graduated from Ohio State, moved into her own apartment. Wayne, Gary, and Colleen saw Gladys several times during the year.

Don and Ellen also had a difficult year. Ellen had entered Harding Hospital the previous November 14 for Clinical Depression and wasn't discharged until February 4. She was hospitalized again in August for shoulder surgery. The surgery was not thought to be serious, and so Don went alone to the Cottage for several weeks. On June 12 John graduated from his Residency program at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus, and Linda graduated from Ohio State with a B.S. degree in Speech and Hearing Pathology. Don and Ellen hosted a dinner at the Faculty Club on June 11 honoring the two graduates. After the dinner Linda announced her engagement to Jeffrey "Jeff Channell, to the great pleasure of the entire family. They were
married on August 8. On that date Gladys wrote, "An effort to go, so many steps. It was lovely, then we went to Reception at Golf Course [Restaurant]. Over 220 there. Food was good. Didn't get home 'till 10:30." John and Trish left immediately after John's graduation for Nashville, Tennessee, where John had won a Fellowship to Vanderbilt University in Infectious Diseases. Don, Ellen, and Tom visited John and Trish in Nashville in November. They had another baby on the way. Don spent two nights in Riverside Hospital after swallowing a piece of raw cauliflower that ended up near his lung. It was removed under a general anesthetics. Most members of the family went to Gaithersburg, Maryland, on January 10 to attend a Memorial Service for Dr. Clayton Hutchins, Ellen's father. Ellen, still a patient at Harding, was unable to go. Her mother, Gladys Hutchins, was in failing health. Don joined Covenant Presbyterian Church on March 1.

The year did not end well for Gladys; indeed, it ended in pain, sorrow, and anger. The first hint of trouble, as recorded in the diary, was on October 27. "There is a question about my will." On November 1, "Don, Dorothy, and I discussed items in my will." On November 3, "Bill, Don, Dorothy, and I met with Mr. Yearling [attorney]. I do hope all can be worked out with no hard feelings. Charles would have been grieved to hear talk....Dorothy wanted more time." On November 5, "Don went to Valerie's to talk things over [with Dorothy and Dick]. So much anger, he came home....I am heartsick - never thought my children would argue." On November 6, "Dorothy came in P.M. We had words. My heart breaks....Don called Dorothy, and tried to smooth things over." On November 7, "Don called Dorothy. She came over. We all agreed to try to forget the words we had said. To start over and be friends. We will all try, but have never been hurt so bad...I am so hurt!" On November 8, "Wasted the day, can't get my mind off trouble. So hurt! I can't settle down. My heart aches!" On November 9, "Don took me to Mr. Yearling, and drafted a new will. I hope this will suit all concerned. I have never been so hurt in my life." On November 12, "Hardly slept last night and got up feeling miserable." On November 26, "I wonder if I'll make another Thanksgiving! ...Do hope rift in family will heal." On December 14, "I didn't sleep much last night. I can't get family troubles off my mind." As was her usual custom, Gladys closed her diary with a year-end summary.

"New Year's Eve - 1987. All alone, as usual - so lonely. This past year I was in hospital in March, and Doctor said "No more driving." That was like losing a good friend. Bill had surgery and found cancer returned. After treatment, he is much better. Also, Ellen has improved, so grateful for both. Three new babies, Sean [Cooper], Amanda [Hooper], and Brittany [Novak]. John finished Medical School and went to Nashville for two years [at Vanderbilt University]. Tom moved to Indianapolis. Linda married and added Jeff to family. Karen got her Master's and her own apartment.

I can't do much anymore, but glad to keep my home. The rift in the family hurts me so much. I pray this year will help to heal.

I lost special friend, Helen Utterback. Also Raymond Axline and Bill Walter died same day. Also, a Wisconsin friend, Vi Besette, others are in nursing home. I thank the Lord for my home and can be in it."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1987 The predicted snow was only flurries. Karen came for lunch and afternoon. Took down [Christmas] tree, and she carried things to basement. Also took me to "Drug World" to get medicine. We had a game of Scrabble, and two of Solitaire. [Bridge] club called off for tomorrow because Center not open. [Robert Cooper's 5th birthday.]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1987 Gloomy in morning, sun out in P.M. All the predicted snow missed us. Wayne and Mary came in morning, Barbara in evening. Eight of my grandchildren came to see me. Saw Chuck at Cincinnati, and talked with Barbara [B.J.] in Massachusetts.  {Bridge cancelled}

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1987 Beautiful, sunny day. Went to church and stayed for Brunch. Don called, he has a bad cold. Valerie came.  {Brunch}
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1987 Another sunny day. 40°. Took mantle decorations down, and some cleaning up. {Wrote to Helen [Utterback]}

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1987 52°. Such beautiful weather for January. Helen and I went to Center. Called Bill, he has intestinal trouble, and called Don - he has a very bad cold.  {Center. Called Bill and Don}

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1987 48°. Cloudy and colder. Had my hair done, then to bank and grocery. In P.M. went to see Edna [Scott, who was selling her house next-door]. $3.00 raise in Social Security! Called Bill, he was better.  {Blood pressure. Went to Edna's}

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1987 Gloomy day, didn't do anything special. Don is feeling better.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1987 Dark, gloomy day. Put a pie in freezer with cherries Don gave me. He, Linda, and John's family went to Maryland for Memorial Services for Mr. Hutchins. [Ellen's father. Ellen was still in Harding Hospital and unable to go.] Began to snow in late afternoon. [Jeffrey "Jeff Channell"s 26th birthday. Husband of Linda Cooper Channell.]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 1987 First snow that stayed on ground. Didn't go to church. Valerie came in P.M., Barbara in evening. Don's family got home from Washington [D.C.].  {Dinner at Wayne's cancelled.}
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1987 First we have seen sunshine for days. Had a sleepless night, and didn't feel well. Didn't do much. Don called. Linda had an accident - not her fault, but car wrecked. Finished a rug. {Called Nelson's [Roofing Company]. Frieda, my letter. Paid federal and state tax.}

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1987 44°. Helen and I went to Center. Didn't go to Becky's third birthday party. Don't like to go out at night. Glad I didn't go. Bill called, he would have been worried when I didn't answer. Watched conclusion of "Gone with the Wind." A beautiful, sunny day. {Center. Bill called. Didn't go to Becky's third birthday party.} [Rebecca Cooper's 3rd birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1987 49°. Can hardly believe this weather. I don't have many places to go. Barbara over in evening. Talked with Don. He is discouraged about Ellen. {Home all day}

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1987 Another dark, dreary day. Nothing to write about. Don't do much. Watched basketball in evening. State won. {Dreary day. Nothing to write about.}


SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1987 Nice, sunny day. Did a little cleaning - working on cupboards. Children came to door selling cookies - only persons I spoke to all day. Started a rug. Watched basketball. {Started a rug.}

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1987 A drizzly, foggy morning. Rain last night. I didn't feel like effort to go to church. Valerie came in P.M. Don and Hattie called. {Home all day.}

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1987 Freezing rain and icy roads. Many accidents. Put more clean papers in cupboards. Don came and we went to "Sisters" [a short-lived division of Wendy's] for dinner. Freezing when we came home. Ellen made me a pretty tissue box [while a patient at Harding]. {Home all day.}

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1987 Didn't feel like driving to Center, but didn't do much at home. Saw no one to speak to and no one called. {Center. Did not go.}

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1987 Nice, sunny day, but cold. Had my hair done, and went to grocery. Barbara [Kaiser] over in evening. Felt better today. {Blood pressure. Grocery.}

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1987 Fairly good day - a few snow flurries. Went to Drug World, then "Chat 'n Sew" and stopped at bakery. Took a long sleep. ("Chat n' Sew." Letter from Frieda.)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1987 Sunny day, but cold only 10° or 12°. Did a little extra cleaning in kitchen. Bill called, he had been to a Doctor - has ulcers. Medicine was helping him. 5° above when I went to bed. {Home all day. Bill called. He had been to Doctor. Has ulcers.}

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1987 Went to 7° below zero during night. Two below when I got up. Did the laundry, turned my mattress over and end for end. Don called. Ellen to come home 4th of February. Watched basketball. O.S.U. beat Iowa by four points. Iowa was ranked No. 1. {Home all day. Laundry. Don called.}

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 1987 Stayed home from church for two reasons - didn't feel like going and too cold. 11° when I got up at eight. Valerie came in afternoon. We had a Scrabble game. Nice sunny day. About a high of 11° or 12°. Watched Super Bowl in evening. Giants won. {Too cold for church. Valerie came.}

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1987 Another sunny day, but still cold. Put more clean papers in cupboards. Saw no one. Called Bill, he is better. {Home all day.}

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1987 Helen [Rymer] is staying with a lady home from hospital, so I didn't go to sew. Went to grocery, found bananas on reduced counter - came home and made banana bread. Dorothy and Dick came around five. They left van [at the Dealer's] for some things to be put in. They gave them a car to use. Valerie came down. {Didn't go. Dorothy and Dick came.}

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1987 Dorothy, Dick, and Valerie went shopping and were gone almost all day. {Dorothy, Dick, and Valerie went shopping.}

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1987 Dorothy and Dick went to Cub [Foods, a grocery]. Valerie came down. {Dorothy and Dick went to Cub. Finished rug.}

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1987 Dick went for their van. Came back later for air conditioning to be put in. Dorothy took me to bank. Mark and Valerie came in evening. {Dorothy and I went to bank. Dick went for van. Valerie and Mark down in evening.}

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1987 Not a bad day. Dorothy and Dick left at one o'clock. {Dorothy and Dick left at one o'clock.}

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1987 Went to church - it was an effort. After Brunch came home and took a nap. Called Bill. He was real sick yesterday with the ulcers - though some better today. I called Wayne and Gary. Valerie called - didn't get down. Karen called. Her birthday. {Started a rug. Brunch. Karen's birthday. Called Bill. He is quite sick with ulcers. Called Wayne and Gary. Didn't feel well.} [Karen Cooper's 27th birthday.]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1987 Really nice day - up to 50°. Barbara over in evening. I called Don - am worried about Bill. {Sent letter to Frieda.}
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1987

Never saw a winter like this. 40° and no snow to amount to anything all winter. Helen [Rymer] and I went to sew. Brought home a lot of material. Called Bill, thought he felt better today. Don called him and they talked 40 minutes.  {Center. Called Bill. Thought some better. Don called him.}

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1987

41°. Went to Beauty Shop and bank. Tried to get auto license, but computer out. Went to grocery, then to get gasoline. Lost my gloves. Valerie came in P.M. Then, Barbara while their home was being fumigated for fleas. Beautiful day. Ellen went home today - had been at Harding since November 14.  {Blood Pressure. Gasoline, $74.9. Ellen went home. Bank, grocery.}

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1987

Had my hair done, went to bank. Tried to get car license, but computer out of order. Went to grocery and to get gasoline. Called Bill - he had been to Doctor. Thinks it is gall bladder. He is so sick and I am worried. Called Don, Gary, and Karen.  {Called Bill. He may have gall stones. Called Gary and Karen. Called Jeanette.}

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1987

51°. This weather is hard to believe. Went down and get car license - had to stand in line 25 minutes. Don called - he had talked with Bill. He was feeling better. Had done his laundry and gone down for medicine. So glad.  {Got car license. Don talked with Bill, he was much better today.}

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1987

A beautiful sunny day. I swept with Hoover. Gary called at 5:30 - my dinner time. Kathy [Gary's wife] called. They had been to see Bill. They will feed the animals if he has to stay in Hospital. [Bill had at least three dogs, and several cats.] I try not to worry, and think he will be O.K.  {Beautiful day. Nothing special.}

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1987

Weather looked so bad, almost didn't go to church. Did go. Came home and had a T.V. [frozen] dinner. Called Bill, so worried about him. Valerie came in P. M. Getting much colder. Snow showers.  {Church. Called Bill. No better. Valerie came.}

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1987

Light snow on ground, but soon melted. Much colder, sunny. Called Bill in evening. He is so sick and I am so worried. Mr. [Adolf] Cooke is home and will take him to hospital tomorrow. [The Cooke's were a couple who were close friends of Bill. They did many favors for him in his lingering illness.] Wish he were in Columbus.  {Mike's birthday. [Son of Gary]. Home all day. Called Bill. Very worried!}  [Michael Cooper's 13th birthday.]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1987

45°. Beautiful day. Helen and I went to Center. Stopped at Drug World and bakery. Don called Bill. He was feeling much better. Had to go back tomorrow for more tests. Said he could drive himself. Mr. Cooke stayed with him all day. He sounded much better. Hope I can sleep better. Last night had to take a sleeping pill and overslept.  {Center. Bill had tests.}

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1987
Started to grocery. Barbara came over and I went with her. In P.M. put on car license, cleaned up a lot of leaves. Wayne called. Don called Bill - he had relief from pain - is fed intravenous. Took four or five quarts of liquid from stomach. Hadn't eaten anything much but jello, but with feeding gained 5 pounds. Called Dorothy. {Grocery. Carole and Mopsy down. Wayne called.}

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1987
Beautiful, sunny day. Don called Bill after five and he was in surgery. Trouble was adhesions from two previous operations. Doctor removed 19 inches of intestine. Said he would be fine. Karen went down - didn't know about surgery - she stayed until he was back to room. Mrs. Cooke stayed all time with him. I am so relieved. Took sleeping pill and went to bed. {Bill had surgery at four o'clock - had adhesions that were grown together. Got along O.K. Karen there. I am so tired - took a sleeping pill and went to bed.}

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1987 Slept 'til nine. Around eleven sat down in chair. Wayne called at 1:30 and woke me. Had lunch and washed dishes. Lay down and slept 'til 4:30. I think I was worn out. One beautiful musical valentine from Dorothy and Dick. Don and I plan to go down tomorrow. Ilo [Hathaway] and Barbara called to ask about Bill. Never heard from Valerie all week. Didn't understand that. (Gloomy day. Musical valentine from Dorothy and Dick. Ilo called to ask about Bill.)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1987 Beautiful, sunny day. Went to church, but an effort. My eye bothers me to drive. Don and I went to see Bill. He looks good and getting along well. Mary and Wayne came as we were leaving. My eye so red. Don will make Doctor appointment. {Jeanette's birthday. Don and I went to see Bill. Effort to go to church.}

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1987 Cold! No snow. Don't feel well and don't do much. {Home all day. Didn't feel very well. Valerie called.}

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1987 Didn't go to sew. Am going to wait to drive until I see Doctor next Monday. Called Bill -still on I.V. Karen was there. Leona called. I don't do anything to write about. {Center. Letter to Frieda. Did not go to sew. Oranges came. Snow.}

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1987 45°. Had an inch of snow, but it soon melted. Baked cookies, first since before Christmas. {Edith's birthday. [Edith Walter].}

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1987 Still mild weather. Did not do anything to write about. {Sunny. Mrs. Clover came over.}
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1987 Nice, sunny day. Went to grocery and bank. Bothers me to drive and don't walk well. Begin to think I should quit driving. Mrs. Clover came over yesterday. {Ellen's [52nd] birthday. Went to grocery and bank. [Doctors] took tubes and I.V. from Bill.}

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1987 Did laundry and changed bed. Made me tired. Barbara brought her fur coat and jewelry over while they are in Florida. Carole [Hoffman] came and took some cookies to Mrs. Cochran. Called Bill. Has I.V. out and getting some food. {Finished a rug. Ilo called to ask about Bill. Called him. Carole took books to Mrs. Cochran. Barbara brought coat and jewelry.}

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1987 Today started well. Don and Ellen went to church with me, then I took them to Bonanza for dinner. Then, the blow struck. Bill has reoccurrence of Hodgkin's Disease [at age 49 Bill nearly died of the disease. As I recall Bill was in a room at Riverside Hospital with three other men with Hodgkin's, all three of whom died.] I am heartsick. 30 years today since we moved here. Valerie came. Dorothy and Don called. {A sad day. Found Bill has Hodgkin's Disease again. I am so upset! 30 years today we moved here.}

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1987 Took a sleeping pill and didn't wake up 'till 9:15. Rev. Wendt called. In P.M. went to Dr. [Charles] Hickey - he said I could drive, then to bank and opened an account there. Now, will not have to pay $2.00 each month. Hattie called. Bill went home, Gloria took him. Chris [Nancy Kay's son] is with him, and Mrs. Cooke got medicine and sent food. I am trying to think he will be better. Lovely day! {Home all day. Rev. Wendt called. Bill went home. Gloria took him, and Chris with him.}

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1987 Beautiful, sunny day. Helen and I went to Center. Brought material home. Ellen called in P.M. Don was eating raw cauliflower last evening about 9:30 - a piece went in his lung. Ellen took him to Emergency at Riverside [Hospital]. He was admitted and next morning given a general anesthesia and removed it. Kept him today. Called Bill. He is weak. Chris is with him. [Chris, and his brother, Bryan, sons of Nancy Kay, had lived for several years with Bill when they were younger.] {Don had piece of cauliflower in lung. Ellen took him to Emergency Room [at Riverside]. Removed with a tube. Kept him two nights.}

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1987 49°. Can hardly believe this weather. Home all day. Don called, and he was home. Valerie came in P.M. {Chat n' Sew. Called Bill. Don't feel well, and worried about him. Left after lunch, didn't feel well.}

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1987 Still nice weather. Left my coat at Cleaners on way to "Chat 'n Sew." Didn't feel well, came home after lunch, took a long sleep. Called Bill, he had gone for auto tags, very tired. Cannot eat much. I called Don.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1987 Went down and got my coat from Cleaners. Did nothing special. {Went for my coat at cleaner's. Get so upset about Bill. Evenings are long and lonesome. Hattie called.}
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1987  
For something to do, I baked a carrot cake. Made a pillow for car. Ilo, Hattie, and Leona called. I called Wayne. Karen is at Bill's this weekend. {Made a carrot cake and a pillow for car. Called Wayne. Light rain during night and part of day. Leona and Hattie called. Also Ilo.}

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1987  
Rain and wind during night. Went to church, stayed for Brunch. I took salad. About three Don called. He had talked with Bill. He was much better, could eat. Two Doctors told him he could "lick" the Hodgkin's Disease. Don joined Covenant Presbyterian Church in [Upper] Arlington. {Went to church and Brunch. Don called Bill - he is much better, is eating and getting around.}

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1987 49°. Beautiful, sunny day. I called Bill. He is eating, feeling much better. {Letter to Helen [Utterback]}

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1987 47°. Another lovely day. Helen [Rymer] and I went to Center. Stopped at bakery and bank. {Sent letter to Frieda.} [Andrew Novak's 2nd birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1987 42°. Sunny day. Got my hair done. I sure hate this $8.50! Went to grocery. After lunch I was in midst of making banana bread when Lindsey came and she [said] her mother told her she could stay 'till two o'clock. I believe Lindsey was one of the children from the family that had moved into Jeanette Davis's former house next-door. Jeanette called. WATCHED basketball. (Blood pressure, grocery.)

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1987  
This weather is wonderful. A little snow last evening that soon melted. Went to meeting of Women's Society. Dorothy came at four. Dick didn't come because his mother is sick. Bill called, had first treatment of chemotherapy - very sick. Game of Scrabble. Last time I drove my car. {Dorothy came. Women's meeting at church. Bill started chemo-therapy. Jeanette called. Last time I drove my car.} [Sean Cooper's birthday.]

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1987  
Dorothy and I went to Northland, got a dress, slip and other things. So very tired. She went to help Valerie get ready for baby shower. Called Bill, he feels much better. He is alone. Chris left last Sunday and never came back. {Went to Shopping Center. Bill better. Called him.}

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1987  
Up to 72°. We went to Valerie's for the baby shower. Had a nice afternoon. Warm enough to use porch. About 30 there. {Valerie's birthday.}

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1987 74°. Decided not to go to church. A good thing because Valerie's washer broke, and they brought her laundry here. Then, when they turned on my dryer it made an awful sound. May have to get new one. Then, electric broom smokes. Valerie stayed for dinner - Mark on duty [with National Guard]. She and Valerie went shopping in P.M. Sat on porch for first time. In evening Dorothy and I were playing "Scrabble" and I took a violent shaking spell. Lasted about an hour. {Did not go to church. Valerie brought her laundry. Her washer broke. My dryer broke. Severe shaking in evening.}
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1987 Felt better and Dorothy and I went to see Bill. I had fixed some things for him to eat. When we got home, I could not sit up. Dorothy and Ellen took me to Emergency Room. Got to a room at twelve P.M. Put me in Intensive Care so they could monitor my heart. {Thought I was better. Went to see Bill. Could not sit up when I got home. Ellen and Dorothy took me to Emergency Room. Very high blood pressure. Got to Coronary Unit at twelve.}

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1987 A dreary single room. I.V., oxygen, face mask and miserable. {"No visitors" except family. Tests and more tests. No pain, but don't feel well. 2nd floor.}

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1987 [No entry in diary.] {More of same, face mask, I.V., oxygen}

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1987 Moved to 3rd floor. Mrs. Parsons, roommate, can hardly eat anything. Don and Dorothy, and Ellen came. E.K.G's and [also on] Friday. {Moved to 3rd floor. Mrs. Parsons, roommate, can have more family come. Dr. Wendt [Minister at Crestview Presbyterian Church] comes every day. Dorothy went home.}

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1987 [No diary entry for this date.]

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1987 Moved me to 9th floor. Days aren't very clear. More tests, four E.K.G's. Took off oxygen. Wayne, Karen, Gary, Kathy and boys came. Only ones from church Mrs. Edgell and Betty and Mr. McToor. {Moved me to 9th floor. Lots of cards. Flowers from Don, Valerie, Wayne.}

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1987 Same thing - can go to bathroom by myself. {Long day. Don went to see Bill. Wayne came. Sent flowers later.}

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1987 [No diary entry.} {Never quit tests and taking blood - almost twice a day. My nice roommate left. Valerie spent night at university.} [Dorothy Kutchera's 59th birthday.]

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1987 [No diary entry for this date.] {Got a new roommate I didn't like. Karen and Valerie came, Valerie brought flowers.}

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1987 [No diary entry.} {The blow fell today. No more driving. I shed some tears. Mary Edgell and Martha Beatty came to see me, and Rev. Wendt. Don came.}

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1987 [No diary entry.] {More blood taking. So tired of this place.}

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1987 [No diary entry.] {Dorothy came and took me home. Got home about ten. 10 prescriptions. $72.20.}
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1987 [No diary entry.] {Can't do anything. Don came over. Valerie and Mark in evening. Dick came in P.M.}

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 1987 [No diary entry.] {Long day. No one came but Carole and Mopsy. Have no strength! Dorothy gets such good meals.} [Christopher Rehl's 20th birthday.]

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1987
[No diary entry.] {Walked outside. Dorothy raked yard.}

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1987 Now can get diary back to normal. Dorothy took me to bank. Had first good bath for awhile. Don came over. Valerie here for dinner [previous three words crossed out]. Dick fixed little sweeper. Had tickets for a musical at the Palace [Theatre]. She and Dorothy went. {Dorothy and I went to bank. Don over. Valerie and Dorothy went to Palace.}

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1987 I think I feel better today. Got my sewing out. Hattie came in P.M. Valerie here for dinner, then she and Dorothy went shopping. {Went to bank. Hattie came. Karen called.}

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1987 Dorothy went to grocery. Dick put new backs and seats in breakfast room chairs. Mrs. Clover came - they have keys to house. {Dorothy went to grocery. Mrs. Clover came over.}

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1987 Felt better today. Dorothy took me to Dr. Bope. We stopped at grocery. I am well supplied with food. Dorothy planted onions. She and I have had a game of Scrabble last two evenings. {Went to Dr. Bope. Stopped at grocery.}

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1987
Really warm. Dorothy and Dick left around 9:30. Valerie came down and stayed 'till 11:30. In P.M. Mary brought the baby down. Strange to be alone after so long with someone. I feel better. Don called and I called Bill. [Someone] called from church to see if I wanted to go tomorrow. {Dorothy and Dick left about quarter 'till ten. Valerie came and stayed 'till 11:30. Mary and baby came. "Home Guard " kept beeping. Called to see if I could go to church Sunday.}

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 1987
78°, like a spring day. In P.M. Dorothy Bond and Mary Grashel came. Hattie and Mrs. Peters called. Pat [Pennell], across street, brought an apricot coffee cake. Don came and Valerie called. Some rain in evening. Went to bed at nine o'clock. {Dorothy Bond, Mary Grashel, and Don came. Pat brought me a coffee cake. Went to bed at nine.}

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1987

Terrible day - six inches of wet snow. Schools and other things closed. Barbara came over. Trees in drive bent to ground. Back hurts me when on my feet. {6 inches snow. Schools closed.}

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1987

Some snow melted. Pat stopped and took me for my permanent. ($35.00 + $2.00 tip). Tired me out. Both boys called about noon. Valerie came about four, then Leona, and brought me baked apples. Mr. Clover brought me home from Blood Pressure. Trees straightened up [from snow]. Bill called. {Pat stopped, took me for permanent. Mr. Clover came for me. Leona and Valerie came. Bill called.}

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1987

Felt better today than I have since coming from hospital. Finished all my blocks [for lap robes at Senior Center]. Barbara was over. In evening Karen and Colleen came. Colleen brought me a flower and bread wrappers [which Gladys cut into strips for braiding into a plastic rug]. Don took Bill for chemotherapy. I feel encouraged about him. Valerie got Mark. Snow in evening. {Felt better today. Barbara over. Bill had treatment.}

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1987 My back hurt so bad, had to sit down often. Hattie called and I called Wanda. Snow predicted. {Back hurt so bad. Hattie called.}

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1987 The worst day since the blizzard of 1987. Had ten inches wet snow. Wind blew and covered windows. The trees on drive bent to ground. People are told to stay home. Many are without electricity. Had seven 'phone calls. Clovers [neighbors across street] came to door to see if I needed anything. {Horrible day. 8 inches snow by six. Called Bill.}

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 1987 A lot of snow melted. Our street a mess. Edna locked herself out and came over around 1:30. Was here an hour and a half before her son came. {Long day.}

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1987 Snow melted fast. Went to basement - first [time] for several weeks. Did one batch of laundry - dryer is broken. Called Bill. He [has] had no electricity since Saturday. Such a storm! I was so upset had to take a sleeping pill. {Went to basement. Washed one load. Don came, cleaned up yard. Went to grocery for me. Called Bill. He has no electricity since storm.}

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1987 Most of snow melted. A nice, sunny day. Did the ironing. Bill got electricity at two o'clock today. Forgot yesterday. Don came and cleaned up all sticks in yard. Went to grocery and got me a gallon of milk. Barbara over. {Helen called, she has [sewing] material for me. Bill got his electricity after four days.}

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1987 Didn't do much. At noon felt sick and got on davenport, and slept about two hours. Walked up and down driveway in evening. First, I had been out of house for a week. {Got sick at noon. Slept about two hours. Valerie came. Walked up and down driveway.} [Brandon Kutchera's 6th birthday.]
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1987
Am a day ahead of myself. It was today I was sick, then walked on drive Tuesday. Helen called. She brought me some material to work on. Will get when Dorothy comes. Valerie was down. Woman came to see about house cleaning.

Such lovely days and I can't get out. Wrote checks for taxes. Took sick at noon - slept 1/4 hours. Called Doctor. He had another call. I was provoked! Tina [Rutherford] over, then Carole brought me a piece of lemon pie. Barbara came and Dorothy called. I am so lonely and discouraged! {Got dizzy again. Called Doctor [Bope], another Doctor called. I am provoked. Tina, Carole, and Barbara here. I am so discouraged. Bill had treatment.}

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1987 Felt better today. Called Bill, and he is better. The treatment yesterday didn't make him so sick. John does not want the car. Valerie's baby due today, but no sign of it. Got out on porch.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1987 Didn't wake up 'till ten after nine. Washed one shelf of "knick knacks." Don called. Called Valerie. She is alone and not feeling well.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1987 Got to go to church. Mr. and Mrs. Shively took me. Carole here in P.M. Valerie called her mother. They are coming tonight. {Went to church. Dorothy and Dick came to Valerie's.}

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1987 At 10:30 Mark called. They have a baby girl, Amanda Marie. 7 pounds, 10 ounces. 20 inches. All is fine. Margaret Pugh took me to Circle. Karen was here awhile. Dorothy and Dick came about 6:30 for the night. {Amanda Marie arrived at 10 A.M. Went to Circle. Called Bill. Don took car to be looked at.}

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1987 Dorothy took me down to sew. Nice to get back and brought home material [from Senior Center for sewing]. We stopped at bakery and grocery. Mark was here for dinner. {Dorothy took me to sew. Mark here for dinner.}

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1987 Had rain during night. Dick fixed my dryer yesterday and Dorothy did laundry. Dick took out some storm windows. Mark and Valerie stopped with baby on way home from hospital. 2 days old. Dorothy and Dick left about four, will stay at Valerie's now. Don called. Ellen not doing well. {Dorothy and Dick left for Valerie's. Dorothy did laundry.}

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1987 Drizzly day. Dorothy came down, took me to get my hair done. Then we went to bank and grocery. She had lunch here, then went back to Valerie's. {Dorothy took me to get hair done, then grocery and bank.}

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1987 Both cloudy and sunny. Washed little pitchers, now all shelves of knick-knacks in kitchen washed. Dorothy and Dick came and planted new shrub in front. They went home this P.M. Man didn't come about car. Later, he called. {Dorothy and Dick got a new shrub and planted it. Went home in evening. Think car sold, $800.00.}
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1987 Lovely day, but didn't go out. After a hot bath, slept a long time. Called Bill. He feels better. Will drive to Gary's tomorrow and be at Gloria's with all of us. {Didn't do much.}

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1987 Beautiful Easter Sunday. Karen went to church with me, then I went to their house for dinner. So glad Bill could be there. Twelve with baby. Had a nice time. Sat on porch when I came home. Valerie called. {Karen went to church with me, then to Gloria's for dinner. Mark and Valerie called.}

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1987 84°. Very warm. Moved some flowers to back porch. Betty Chafin took me to Golden Crest. So tired! Man called, he will come about car tomorrow evening. Don called. (Billey Chafin took me to Golden Crest. Man called. Will come tomorrow about car.)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1987
Hotter than yesterday. Carolyn took me and Helen to Center, and we went to [Drug] Emporium for medicine and to Oakland Nursery. So tired, I was almost sick. Man came and paid in cash for the car. $800.00. How I have loved that car. Lucy [Dennis] called. {84°. Went to sew. Don took me for medicine. To Oakland Park for shrubs. Man came. Paid for car, $800.00. I am so tired.}

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1987
Home all day. Took some flowers to back porch. My car sold to Mr. Van Sickle. $800.00. My, how it hurts to give it up. He came and paid in cash. Carole, Pat, and Barbara over. {Didn't feel well. Got so discouraged.}

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1987
Leona took me to "Chat 'n Sew." Had a nice time. Felt better today. Mr. Van Sickle came for my car. I had a good cry as I saw it go up the street for last time, but feel I sold it to people who will take good care of it. Barbara and Carole came to console me. Carole brought a piece of cake. I feel so sad and lost without it. {Felt better. Went to "Chat 'n Sew." Leona took me. Man came for car. How I hate to see it go! Had a cry.}

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1987 Rain during night. Barbara took me to bank and grocery. Paid in money from car. Hardly slept last night, and don't feel like doing much. Edna Scott sold her house in two days for $45,000. {Barbara took me to bank and grocery. Cold, drizzly day. Mrs. Hutchins called.}

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1987 Lovely, sunny day. I felt better. Cleaned up front bedroom and some other things. Valerie was here a little while, she picked up limb and sticks from wind yesterday. Wayne called and asked me to baby's baptism, but not going. No one offered to take me to church tomorrow. {Felt better. Cleaned front bedroom. Valerie came.} [Trish Cooper's 28th birthday.]

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1987 So disappointed, no one called to take me to church. Barbara and Carole here. Wayne's baby baptized and he stopped on way home. He looks fine. I can hardly stand the empty garage and I shed tears for my car. {No one called. I didn't get to church. Bill came on way Rome from Wayne's, baby baptized.}

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1987 Nice day, until a little rain in evening. Edna came over about six. I gave her boxes for dishes. Don called. I called Gerry. Walked outside, but can't do any work. The empty garage
makes me feel so bad. {Didn't do much. Edna came in evening. I gave her boxes to pack dishes.}

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1987

Lovely day, but cool in morning. Don took me to Dr. Bope. All was well. Chest clear, blood pressure good. He took [me] off two medicines. We went to [Drug] Emporium for a prescription, to grocery, and brought sandwiches home from Wendy's. He helped me with hospital bills, tied up the fallen sticks and planted more onions.

[Glady's made a second entry for Tuesday, April 28, but mislabeled it Wednesday, April 28.] Beautiful day. Don took me to Dr. Bope. Had blood tests, Chest-X-Rays. Chest clear and blood pressure good. Then to [Drug] Emporium for medicine, then grocery. Brought home sandwiches for lunch. He helped me with hospital bills, tied up fallen branches and planted more onions. Carole brought lemonade she bought for me. Barbara and Karen Ryder here in evening. Then, woman called about cleaning tomorrow. I walked as far as Alcott's. First walk I have taken in a long time. {Don took me to Dr. Bope, for medicine, and grocery.}

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1987 Nice day until a little rain in late afternoon. Woman came to clean. Ran the sweepers. Cleaned both rooms - washed windows on inside. Don brought two shrubs and set out. Valerie and Amanda came at five and brought me an Easter basket. Garage door won't do down. Ellen went to get her mother's car. {Maid came and cleaned house. Valerie and baby came. Ellen went to her mother's.}


FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1987 Need rain. I felt better, back doesn't hurt so much. Barbara got me package meat, and I went over to her house to see what she has done. Karen stopped in P.M. {Karen came.}


SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1987 Fletchers took me to church - stayed for Brunch - had pancakes, sausage. Leona [Benton] brought me home. [Doris Fletcrer, formerly Doris Gillespie, grew up next-door to Charles and Gladys on Mimring Road. Doris and Earl Fletcher were also members of Crestview Presbyterian Church.] A dark, gloomy day. Had rain. Called Bill. {Fletcher's took me to church. I stayed for Brunch. Leona brought me home. Called Bill. Gloomy, rainy day.}

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1987 Nice day. Wasn't out of house. Too cool to sit out. Went to bed at 9:30. Peter mowed grass. {Didn't do much. Nice day but wasn't out of house.}
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1987 Carolyn took Helen and me to [Senior] Center. Walked around yard to look at things. Don called. He had talked with Bill. He is so discouraged, and I am too. {Went to sew. Lovely day, but cool. Turned furnace on.}

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1987 So worried about Bill - could not sleep, took a pill at 2:30. Mr. Dickerson came, fixed ceiling. Washed all windows on outside, fixed ceiling, took windows off back porch and to basement. Cleaned cold air register in front room. $20.00. Could hardly get my supper.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1987 Nice day, but cool. Downey's cleaned carpet. $66.22 (with 10% discount). Swept garage. Don took Bill for his treatment. Goes for another in three weeks.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1987 Beautiful day. Barbara got me strawberries and took me to bank. Mabel Justice came to see me. Carole and I took a short walk.

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1987 Lovely day, but we need rain. Didn't feel well - spent most of day on front porch. Had a hard time getting out of tub. Called Bill - he had mowed with his tractor for two hours.

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1987

MONDAY, MAY 11, 1987

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1987 Thought we wouldn't get to sew, but Carolyn called at eight and said her husband would take us. Didn't feel well, and glad to get home. Trimmed some in back yard. Too cool to sit out. Don called. (Carolyn's husband took us to church.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1987 Nothing special. The woman didn't come to clean. Valerie and baby stopped in evening. {Home all day. Woman did not come to clean. Valerie came with baby.}

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1987 I got trash out. Swept some of drive. Tried to set out flowers, but did only one. I just can't do much. Dorothy called at seven. They would leave for B.J. [in Massachusetts], and be here overnight. Hard thunderstorm in evening. Dorothy and Dick came about ten. {Dorothy and Dick here overnight on way to B.J.}
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1987

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1987
Lovely day. Don came at ten. Set out all my flowers, eight tomato plants, two cucumbers. Peter mowed grass. No one called about church, and I didn't ask. We are waiting for word of B.J.'s baby. Frieda called. Every time 'phone rings think it will be about the baby. Bill Utterback called. {Don came and set out flowers and tomato plants. I can hardly do anything. Bill Utterback called.}

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1987
Mr. Shivery called at eight, and I went to church. So tired when I got home, lay down without changing clothes and slept 'till one. After lunch slept 'till three. Did not feel like doing anything. {Went to church. Don't feel well. No word from B.J.'s baby.}

MONDAY, MAY 18, 1987
Really warm. Didn't feel like going to Golden Crest. Washed spread on my bed and finished cleaning the back porch. Ate there first time. Valerie called B.J. Baby [Brittany Novak] was three days old before we found out [born on May 15]. B.J. called, also talked to Dorothy. Rain predicted.

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1987
Carolyn sick and I didn't feel like going to sew. Don't get much done. So hot and humid. Something ate my cucumbers. Called Bill. Said he would be up Thursday. {Home all day.}

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1987
Pat stopped for me to have hair done. Valerie and baby came for me. Went in to grocery. They came in awhile. So hot and humid. Don't feel like doing anything. {Had hair done. Pat took me. Went to grocery. Sent letter to Frieda.}

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1987
Bill came about ten. We had such a good lunch at Bonanza. He took me to [Drug] Emporium to get medicine. We had a nice time together. Storm and rain in evening. {Bill came. Had good lunch at Bonanza. Storm and rain in evening.}

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1987
85°. Washed a quilt and some other things. Phone never ran. Later, Gerry and Carolyn called. {Washed a quilt, and some other things.}

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1987
A little cooler and less humid. Carole took Gerry and me to bridge. Place closed. We went to M.C.L. [Cafeteria] and played there. I gave Carole $1.00. Valerie called, and Mrs. Brobst to tell me Leona Zahn had a stroke. [The Zahns had once owned cabin next door to the Cooper's on Fish Lake in Wisconsin. Today that cabin belongs to the David Schwarze's.] {Went to bridge. Fawcett Center closed. Went to M.C.L. Carol Jones [daughter of Gerry] took me. Call about Leona Zahn.}

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 1987
Edgell's took me to church. So tired, could hardly get dinner. In P.M. Mark, Valerie, Amanda, and Barbara came. Watched a movie. {Edgell's took me to church. Valerie, Mark, Amanda came.}
MONDAY, MAY 25, 1987 Memorial Day observed.
Barbara and Pat sat on porch 'till 8:30. {Home all day.}

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1987 Carolyn's husband took Helen and me to
Center. Brought home material. Valerie and Don called as soon as I got home, then Carole and
her niece came. She wants to rent garage for summer to store furniture. Good rain and storm in
evening. {Went to Center.}

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1987 Hot and humid. Swept garage and
washed with hose. Can't do much. Don called. Mrs. Hutchins so confused. {Hosed the garage.}

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1987 Valerie took me to Dr. Bope. Found my
heart slow. 40 beats a minute. Gave me a cardigram - then she took me to "Chat 'n Sew." Leona
brought me home - so glad to get to davenport. Don't feel well. Dorothy and Dick got home
from B.J.'s. At Valerie's. {Valerie took me to Dr. Bope, then to "Chat 'n Sew." My heart slow.
Had a cardigram. Can't do much.}

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1987 91°. Another hot, humid day. Dorothy
came down, took me to bakery, bank, and grocery. Then went to Valerie's. Bill called. {Bed
changed. Dorothy took me on errands. So hot!} [Jeremy Kutchera's 11th birthday.]

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1987 A long day, didn't feel like doing
anything. So hot and humid! Dorothy and Dick didn't come down 'till evening. Very hard storms
and rain. {Long day. Hard storm and heavy rain. Hot and humid.}

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1987 Dorothy and Dick came in morning.
Dick fixed a plastic around gravel, and mowed grass. [There was a strip of gravel between
Gladys's front lawn and the street. Some of the gravel would end up in the lawn.] Dorothy
cleaned weeds. Took out storm windows. Here over night. Hot! More showers and rain. {Home
all day.}

MONDAY, JUNE 1,1987 Still hot and humid. Dorothy and Dick
went to Valerie's in P.M. Fixed bricks in front, came back after dinner. Dorothy and I played
Scrabble. {Dick fixed bricks in front.}

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1987 Still hot and humid. Dorothy planted
pole beans and [did] some trimming. They left after lunch for Valerie's, then on home. Storm
and rain in P.M. Lucy [Dennis] called. {Planted pole beans. Dorothy and Dick left in P.M.}

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1987 Not quite so hot. I took Edna [Scott]
and Barbara [Kaiser] to Golf Course for lunch. They came in awhile after we came home. Merle
and Don called, and I called Karen. She has a job. {Took Edna and Barbara to lunch.}

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1987 A perfect day - lower humidity. Gerry,
Margaret, and Florence here for bridge. Nice afternoon. They didn't leave 'till 20 of six. I was so
tired. Don called. Bill seems much better.
Don had an accident coming home. His fault, got a ticket and car was damaged. Went to bed at 9:45. {Women here for bridge. So tired. Don had accident coming from Bill's.}

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1987  Beautiful day. I didn't do much. So tired after yesterday, good to relax. John came in P.M. and got some things from basement. Called Bill. Carole brought me strawberries. {Home all day.}

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1987  Lovely day. Didn't do anything special except put fertilizer around tomatoes and impatiens. Valerie and Amanda came. I called Leona for church tomorrow. Later, Mr. Danes called. Started a rug. {Didn't do much. Valerie and Amanda here.}

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1987  Leona took me to church. Stayed for Brunch. So tired when I came home, slept two hours. Do not feel well. Don called. {Went to church and Brunch.}

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1987  87° hot! Margaret took me to Circle. {Margaret took me to Circle.} [Linda Cooper Channell's 22nd birthday.]

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1987  Went to Center. Carolyn's husband took us. Took a short nap, swept porch, walk and half drive. Cannot do much. Lovely day. My 64th wedding anniversary. I still miss Charles so much. Now, I am old and he is gone. {Went to Circle.}

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1987  Valerie took me to bakery, bank, and grocery. Baby slept all the time. In evening took walk with Barbara. Don got worried because I didn't answer 'phone. He called Valerie and she came down. {Valerie took me on errands. Took a walk.}

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1987  Valerie and I went to Friendship Village. She had a friend there, and I went to see Laura [Hardy]. Had such a nice time. In evening Don had a dinner at Faculty Club for Linda and John. Linda announced her engagement to Jeff. Wedding, August 8th. Didn't go home 'till ten o'clock. {Dinner at Faculty Club. Linda's engagement.}

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1987  Rain during night and most of morning. A miserable day for graduation. John, Linda, and Karen graduated. A very dreary, humid day. {Trish and their furniture left for [Nashville], Tennessee.}

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1987  Very hot and humid. I did laundry and changed bed. Called Bill. His fingers and toes so numb he can't do much. Called Dorothy for their 34th wedding anniversary. Bill Utterback called - Helen died this morning. Called some friends to tell them. Decided not to go to church tomorrow - at ten now and so hot and humid. {Laundry and bed. Helen Utterback died. Very hot and humid. Finished book. Dorothy and Dick's 34th wedding anniversary. Called Bill.}

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1987  [No entry for this date.}  {Didn't feel like going to church. 89°. Can hardly stand heat. Karen called.}

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1987 Very warm, few degrees cooler than yesterday. Went to a "coffee" at Mrs. Jones for Edna [Scott, who was moving]. Valerie took me to Doctor and Drug Emporium. After we came home, Edna and Karen came. She was locked out for third time. Bill and Dorothy called. Worked all evening on checkbook and could not balance. {Valerie took me to Doctor and to [Drug] Emporium. Coffee for Edna.}

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1987 90°. Don came about ten - thought we were going to bank. He had wrong day. In P.M. went to Helen Utterback's funeral. Leona took me - such an effort. I can hardly get around. {Helen's funeral.}

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1987 Don and I decided to go to bank tomorrow. Felt some better than yesterday. He got check book balanced. Karen came at 5:30. We played Double Solitaire. {Don came. We did errands at two banks, medicine, and grocery.}

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1987 Another scorcher. Don came. We went to Citizens Federal, cashed a certificate, and put in Buckeye [Savings & Loan]. Also, went to grocery and Drug Emporium. {Edna moved.}

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1987 So hot and humid. Carole took Gerry and me to bridge. Had a nice time. In evening Mark, Valerie and baby came. Decided not to go to church in this heat. {Went to bridge. Mark and Valerie and baby here. Letter to Frieda.}

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1987 Second Sunday I have missed church. So hot - did not wake up until after nine. Had some nice rain. Helen and Leona called and Barbara over. Bill called, said he would come up Tuesday. {Didn't go to church. Bill called, coming Tuesday.}

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1987 Another hot day. I made three cherry pies from the cherries Don gave me. One big, one medium and small one. Didn't do anything else. Called Ilo and Gerry Gifford. {Made cherry pies. Don gave me fruit.}

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1987 No rain - didn't seem quite so hot. Bill came for lunch, brought me a fan to clamp on table, and quart strawberries. Took a walk with Barbara. We stopped at Mrs. Cochran's. {Bill came. Took me to grocery. Took walk with Barbara. Stopped at Mrs. Cochran's.}

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1987 Hot and humid. I washed some rugs. Ellen called and they took me to a movie, "Benji." In evening Carole and Barbara here. {Movie with Don and Ellen.}

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1987 Went to "Chat 'n Sew." Only seven there - took a bag lunch. Most of them quilted -1 cut. Wouldn't have gone had [ known that. {Went to Chat n' Sew." Leona took me.}
FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1987 Not quite so hot. I swept some, but did not do much. Walked on drive for exercise. Don called. Linda has wedding plans. Matron of Honor, five bridesmaids. {Some cooler, no rain, had to water.}

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1987 Cooler, rain in P.M. Called Bill and Don called. {Didn't do much. A long day.}

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1987 Not so hot and humid. Mr. Shively took me to church. I was so sleepy. I didn't hear the sermon - a substitute Minister I didn't care for. Took a short walk with Barbara. Valerie called.

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1987 Hot and humid. In P.M. Valerie took me to Super-Duper. I was so exhausted when home, I sat down on chair, turned on fan, and sat for two hours. Squirrels cut beans all over yard. Pat helped me pick up. Peter mowed grass.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1987 Carolyn in hospital and I can't go to sew. Anyway, I don't feel like going. Had some rain and storms. Did laundry and changed bed. Trimmed a little. Carole took me to see a chest they had refinished. Saw my car all waxed and very cleaned. Glad it is so well taken care of.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1987 Rained all day. Pat stopped for me - had hair done. Barbara came for me. Dorothy and Dick came at 8:30. Brought a lot of things. Dorothy set out some cucumbers for me. Valerie didn't feel like coming for dinner. So many places flooded. {Rained almost all day. Dorothy and Dick came at 8:30.}

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1987 Valerie felt better. She and baby here all afternoon. Dorothy went to grocery. Made zucchini casserole. She and I play Scrabble in evenings. Washed carpet in bathroom.

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1987 Dorothy pulled up dead shrubs and planted ivy in front. They went shopping all afternoon with Valerie and Mark. Don came in evening.

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1987 Dorothy and Dick went to do some things for Valerie. Dick got chicken and other things for dinner. They carried some things out of basement. Want to get that rid up. {Quiet 4th. Dorothy and Dick went to help Valerie in morning.}

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 1987 Mr. Cartwright took me to church. Dorothy and Dick left soon after I did. Stayed for Brunch. Leona brought me home. A storm in P.M. Very hard rain. Called Bill. The treatment didn't make him sick. {Church, brunch. Dorothy and Dick left. Edna called. Called Bill.}


TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1987 Woman (Susan) came for three hours and cleaned house. Will come every two weeks. I can hardly do anything in this heat.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1987 Another hot day - about 90°. Valerie came in P.M. and took me to grocery. Got enough to last awhile. Bill called. Carol Burnett [who had once rented a room from Gladys] came to see me. {Bill called. Valerie took me to grocery.}

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1987 88°. Very hot and humid. I did the laundry. Mr. Clover helped me get the trash out. Ellen came to show me Linda's graduation pictures and gave me a small one. {Did laundry. Ellen came.}


SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1987
90°. Went to bridge with Gerry. Only played one hand. Had low score. Carole down - getting on every evening occurrence. My car at Hoffrnans. Decided not to go to church tomorrow. Can hardly make it by 9:30 to leave. {Did nothing. Saw my car at Hoffman's. Froze pint beans. Don't feel well.}

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 1987
Could not sleep last night. Took sleeping pill at one, two more hours before slept. Got up at nine, ate breakfast. Before two, slept in chair 'till 12:10. Felt miserable. Bill came in P.M. We had good visit. Brought me beans, cabbage, and apples. Don called. Was coming over but will come later. So hot! {Slept 'till noon. Bill came in P.M.}

MONDAY, JULY 13, 1987 84°. Hot and humid. I don't feel like doing anything. Did freeze a pint of beans that Bill gave me. In evening Carole, Barbara, Pat here. Carole comes every evening, and I am getting tired of it. Called Volunteers [of America], and hostess for Linda's shower. I can't go. Carolyn called. Said I would go to sew tomorrow. {Felt miserable. Put pint beans in freezer.}

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1987 Cooler and less humid. Felt much better, went to sew and brought material home. Ellen called and persuaded me to go to Linda's shower. Carole and Barbara here. {Went to sew. Less humid, felt better.} [Jamison "Jamie" Novak's 5th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1987 Lovely day. Didn't do much. Wanda and I went to Bob Evans for dinner. Wanted to go to Elby's, but could not turn. Traffic backed up from Morse to 161. She came in awhile. Hattie called. {Wanda and I went out for dinner.}

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1987 Another nice day. Thought Valerie would come, but Mark called. She has been sick all day. Carole told me Ruckman's are going to move. Our street is sure changing! (Home all day. Not so hot and humid.)

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1987 Warmer today. Don brought sandwiches, ate lunch. He took me to [Drug] Emporium, bank, grocery. So tired. Could hardly get supper. {Don took me to Emporium, bank, and grocery. So tired could hardly get dinner.}
SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1987 88°. So hot. I changed bed, put clean papers in some of cupboards. Looked for Valerie all afternoon. She didn't come until almost seven. Called Bill. {Changed bed. Clean papers in cupboard. Valerie and Amanda came. Called Bill. Grass cut. Noisy behind me.}

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 1987 About 98°. Too hot to dress up and go to church. Sorted out papers, etc., and put in tin box. Carole and Barbara here. Valerie brought me milk. Called Lucy. {Too hot to go to church. Valerie brought me milk.}

MONDAY, JULY 20, 1987 90°. Couldn't sleep last night. Sat in chair two hours. Went to sleep about three. Did laundry, but felt "punk" all day. Don called. Decided not to go tomorrow. Karen called. {93°. Did laundry. Heat is terrible. Don and Karen called.}


WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1987 94°. I am almost sick with heat. Can hardly do anything. Valerie and baby here. Dorothy called and Don. {Home all day. Can hardly take heat.}

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1987 Awful heat continues - can hardly do anything. Barbara took me to get hair done. Valentine luncheon. I had no way to go. Also, "Chat 'n Sew," but didn't feel like going. Volunteers [of America] came. Would not take Carole's mattress and frame. She took them to her house. Have lost 15 pounds. {Barbara took me to have hair done. Did not feel like going to "Chat 'n Sew."}

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1987 94°. Can't do anything in this heat. {94°. Didn't do anything. Wash dishes. Work on strips from Center.}

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1987 The hottest week we have had. I am about sick. Dorothy and Dick came, but went to Valerie's. Kept baby [Amanda] while they went to a wedding. I was up there for supper. Came home early. They got my medicine. Frieda called [from Phoenix]. [New neighbors] moved into Edna's house. [Nichole Marie Rehl's 13th birthday.]

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1987 The men [Dick and Mark] went to Lake Erie to fish, but too rough and cancelled. Dorothy and Valerie went to a Baby Fair. Dorothy and Dick came in evening, and stayed over night. The third Sunday I have missed church - not so hot. {Dick's [63rd] birthday.}

MONDAY, JULY 27, 1987 Didn't sleep and felt miserable when I got up. Dorothy swept front yard and drive. They went to grocery for me. Left at ten after one. [Richard "Dick" Kutchera's 63rd birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 1987 Felt better, baked Toll House cookies -
gave some to Kaisers. Valerie took me to Linda's shower. Baby cried so much Valerie had to
leave her home. We had a nice time. Karen brought me home at 10:30. Stayed up to watch late
news. \{Linda's shower.\}

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1987 91°. Warmer. Don came and took me to
bank and grocery. Helped me to get hospital bills in order. Carole brought me a piece of lemon
pie. \{Home all \[day\].\}

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1987 90°. I can hardly take heat. Garage
sale at Ruckman's. Karen here for dinner. She sprinkled for me. Heat makes me sick.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1987 90°. Another hot
day, didn't do much. Called Bill. Am discouraged about him.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 1987 95°. Another Sunday to miss church.
Do not feel well and can hardly do anything. Still so hot I think this hottest day yet. Can hardly
get meals. Bill called from Gary's. Ellen having surgery on other shoulder. Won't get to cottage,
Don says he is going. Barbara and Carole here. I feel so bad!
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1987 Had a very bad storm around one
o'clock, and rain. Electricity went off at one, and didn't come on until 4 P.M. this afternoon.
Trees and power lines were down. At six [P.M.] 12,000 homes were without electricity. Have
gout in my toe, and don't feel well.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1987 93°. Don't feel like going to sew.
Susan [maid] came and cleaned house. Some rain in evening. Dorothy called. They come
Friday.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1987 Some cooler and I feel miserable.
Neighbors behind me noisy 'till one o'clock. Got book and read 'till almost two. Fell against
door in front bedroom. Man came for check for gas leak.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1987
Nice day, but feel miserable. Barbara took me to get hair done. Bill came at twelve.
Brought tomatoes, beans, zucchini, peppers, cabbage. Gave some to Barbara. He took me to
Bonanza for my birthday. He stayed until almost seven until traffic thinned out. Then, Mary,
Wayne, and baby came. I can hardly get around, I think too much medicine. So tired. My toe so
sore have to wear a slipper.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1987
Can hardly get around, but managed to freeze 5 packages beans. Dorothy and Dick didn't
come until almost one. She took me to Dr. Bope - he took off some medicine and gave me
prescriptions for gout. They went to Cub \[Foods\] with Valerie. \{Bill came. Blood pressure.
Mary, Wayne, and baby [Sean] came.\} \{Colleen Cooper's 30th birthday.\}

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1987 Didn't do much until time to get
ready for Linda and Jeffs wedding at 6:30. Felt some better, but an effort to go, so many steps.
It was lovely, then we went to Reception at Golf
Course. Over 220 there. Food was good. Didn't get home 'till 10:30. {Linda's wedding. Colleen's birthday. Dorothy and Dick came.}

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1987 Really all in after the wedding. Didn't wake up 'till 9:15. We went to Valerie's for dinner. Feel so bad. B. J., and her family there. Dorothy cleaned yard. {B. J.'s family came to Valerie's for dinner. Do not feel well.}

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1987 Dorothy froze apples and beans for me. Dick went for van and took the boys. Girls came down with the babies. Began to feel better in evening. Dorothy and I had two games of Scrabble. So many 'phone calls. Picked my first tomato. {Girls brought babies down. Dick took boys to get van. Began to feel some better. My first tomato.}

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1987 Felt better. Dorothy and Dick left at 9:30 for Valerie's. I found a big bag of tomatoes in refrigerator. Froze seven cups. Don left today for cottage. Ellen called around seven. He got to Madison safely. {Dorothy and Dick left at 9:30. Froze tomatoes.}

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1987 Nice day, but do need rain. Warmer. I froze more tomatoes. Valerie came and got tomatoes and cabbage. Michelle sent me a box of Anthony Thomas chocolates for use of my garage. Feel some better, but not steady on feet. Called Bill for his birthday tomorrow.


FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 1987 91°. Heat is terrible and no rain. Bill came at noon. We went to Bonanza. I didn't feel like going, but he enjoys it. Brought beans and tomatoes. Giving tomatoes to neighbors. Don called from cottage. I called B. J. for her birthday. She is at Dorothy's. {Bill came. Went to Bonanza.}

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 1987 To go to bridge was an effort. Did not play a hand - got low score - 12 pennies. So tired when I got home, lay down on bed and slept until almost 6:30. Carole got me milk. {B. J.'s [32nd] birthday. Could hardly make it. Worn out when I came home.}

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 1987 94°. Cannot go to church. Although could hardly get around froze three meals of tomatoes, one of beans. Picked five nice tomatoes from mine. B. J.'s [32nd] birthday [was yesterday]. Carole was down and watered some for me. {Could not go to church. Picked 5 nice tomatoes. Froze 4 and 1 of beans. Can hardly get around.}

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1987 Almost [illeg.], I can hardly do anything, an effort to get meals. Mrs. Starkstill [?] and Rev. Wendt called from church. No rain. {Still miserable. So humid.}
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1987 Not so hot, felt better. Susan came to clean. Worked almost three hours on checkbook, but finally made it. No rain. Watered flowers. {Felt better. Less humid. Susan came. Watered.}

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1987 Took a sleeping pill last night, and about put me out. Barbara took me to get a permanent. $35.00 + $2.00 tip, and $.20 [telephone] call. {Permanent.}

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1987 Didn't see anyone to speak to all day. A nice day, but no rain. Don's 56th birthday. Ellen came home from hospital for surgery on shoulder. Picked nine tomatoes. {Don's birthday. Nothing special. Ellen came home from hospital. Ruckman's moved.}

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1987 Looked gloomy, but a little rain which didn't amount to anything. In evening Mrs. Clover came over with watermelon and we ate on porch. Carole and Mopsy [dog] made daily visits. Called Ellen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1987 Hot, humid and no rain. I baked oatmeal cookies, but a real effort. Ellen is better. At eight went out, swept porch and watered flowers. {Baked oatmeal cookies. No rain. Watered. Ellen better.}

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 1987 Finally got to church after missing six Sundays. Fletcher's took me. Had sandwich for lunch, slept two hours. Valerie and baby came, then Bill. He brought sherbet. We went to Rax's for sandwiches, brought home to eat. He brought more tomatoes. {Went to church with Fletcher's.}

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1987 Beautiful day - cooler and no rain. I froze some peppers and three packages tomatoes. Gave some to Clovers and Kaisers. Gets dark so early and too cool to sit on porch in evening. Don called, so did Ellen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1987 66°. Could not go to sew, because Carolyn is sick. Put clean papers in cupboard. No one but paper girl to speak to - had gone two months, $17.75. Had a few sprinkles that didn't amount to anything. Coldest day since May 4th.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1987 Rain during night and into morning. After it cleared off Valerie took me to bank and bakery. We got sandwiches at Rax's and ate lunch here. Much warmer. Don called. Ilo [Hathaway - longtime friend whom Gladys met many years ago when both women were substitute teachers in the Columbus Public Schools] never forgets. 19 years today when I lost Charles. No one knows what a horrible day that was. I did not take my medicine today and felt much better.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 1987 Cloudy and some sunshine. Humid. Marva Reid took her mother [Jeanette Davis], Edna Scott, and Barbara Kaiser to lunch at Forest Park Inn. We got to see Edna and Jeanette's apartments and look place over. Karen called to tell me she would take me to church Sunday. Then, Dorothy called. They are coming Monday. {Marva's luncheon. Went to Oak Leaf.} [Nancy Kay Rehl's [Cole] 39th birthday. I am unaware of her current last name.]
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 1987  Gloomy day, little rain. Didn't
wake up 'till 9:10. Swept part of drive. Seem to feel better. (Picked 11 ripe tomatoes.)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1987  Nice day, but do need rain. Put three
cherry pies in refrigerator from Don's cherries. One big one and two medium. Made salad
dressing. Had hard time getting out of bed. Carole was down. Called Bill. {Made 3 cherry pies.
Carole sold rug in basement.}

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 1987  Lovely day - but no rain. Karen came
and went to church with me - then took me to Frisch's for a birthday dinner. Valerie called.
{Karen went to church with me. Took me to Frisch's for my birthday.}

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 1987  Only a sprinkle of rain. Dorothy
and Dick came in P.M. Valerie down in evening. {Dorothy and Dick came.}

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1987  Beautiful day and cooler. Dorothy
took me to nurse at Senior Center. Got a good report. Stopped at grocery. Dick took the dogs and
worked at Valerie's all day. Dick took us all to Bonanza. Had a good dinner. Jessie Boyd called
about my birthday. Dorothy went to Valerie in evening to get Dick and dogs. Susan came to
clean, did laundry. {Took me to Bonanza for birthday. Mark, Valerie, and baby here.}

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1987  Lovely day - no rain. Dorothy
and Dick left at 9:30. Ilo came in P.M. - brought me cookies. We had a nice visit. Don
called, and I called Bill. {Don called.}

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1987  A beautiful day and my 88th
birthday. A nice one - started with Karen taking me to dinner on Sunday. Dinner from Dorothy
and Dick. I requested no gifts. Talked with all three children. Carole brought me a box of candy.
Valerie and Amanda spent afternoon and brought me flowers, carrot cake, stamps, and cards. I
am really blessed with my family! Many cards. {88th birthday. Many cards. Valerie here all
P.M.}

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1987  Another lovely day and no rain.
Man came to check furnace. Managed to do a little trimming in yard.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1987  Wanner. Could enjoy both
porches. Froze three meals of tomatoes from mine. Ruckman's stopped to say "good-
bye." Their house is sold. Called Bill.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1987  Very dark in morning. No rain - sun
out in P.M. Dane's took me to church. Leona brought me home from Brunch. The yard a mess. I
managed to clean it up some. Bill surprised me and came up in P.M. Ellen will have to go to her
mother's tomorrow. {Went to church, brunch. Bill came with more vegetables. Cleaned up
some in yard.} [John Frederick Cooper's 29th birthday.]

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1987 Carolyn took Helen and me to sew. Had missed six weeks. Brought home a lot of material. {Went to sew.}

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1987 Had a nice day. Mrs. [Thelma] Hoffman [Carole's mother] took Carole, Mrs. Seo, and me to a church at Ashley for a church dinner. $2.00 for a complete meal. Much baked goods to sell. Choir sang before we ate. Enjoyed it very much. No rain. Watered flowers. {Went to Ashley with Thelma, Carole, and Mrs. See.} [Katie Lynn Kutchera's 2nd birthday.]

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1987 Dorothy and Dick came about six. I had already eaten, because didn't know if they would be here for dinner. Mark, Valerie, and baby came in evening. Dick and Mark went over maps. {Dorothy and Dick came on way to Wisconsin. Mark, Valerie, Amanda down.}

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1987 Washed sheets and pillow cases, etc. on Dorothy and Dick's bed. First laundry I have done for awhile. They left at seven to get Valerie and baby on way to Wisconsin. Had a shower in P.M. {Dorothy and Dick left at seven to get Valerie and baby. I did laundry, washed things on Dorothy and Dick's bed. A shower in P.M.}

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1987 Very gloomy day. I did some ironing. Watched football and worked on material from Center. State beat West Virginia 24-3. Block Party. Don called at nine to tell me he is home. {Did some ironing. Very gloomy day. Some rain. Block Party.}

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1987 Lovely day. Mr. Shively took me to church, came home with Limbers [?]. Mr. Clover, Carole, and Barbara stopped while I was on porch. {Went to church.}

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1987 Margaret took me to Circle. Afterwards we looked at things for Bazaar. So warm. The leaves and acorns coming down fast. {Went to Circle.}

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1987 Cloudy, but no rain. We went to sew - had ice cream and cake. Susan came to clean. Called Peter about yard. Called Don and Ellen may go back in Harding. Kaiser's left for Europe. (Went to sew. Susan came. Kaiser's left.)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1987 No rain. Don came about one and Ellen decided not to go to Harding. He took me to [Drug] Emporium, bank, grocery and bakery, also we went to Dairy Queen. Called Karen. She moves to an apartment October 3rd. {Went on errands with Don.}
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1987 Rain, then sun. An odd day. Swept drive and part of front yard. A lot for me. Frieda called. Gets dark so early, good letter from Dorothy.  {Letter from Dorothy. Swept drive and part of front yard.}

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1987 A gloomy day - didn't do anything special. Made some 'phone calls.  {Started to clean oven. Gloomy day.}

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1987 Gloomy morning - turned out nice. My back hurt so much. Finished cleaning oven. Bill and Don called. I called Dorothy at cottage. Peter mowed grass. Spent two hours on checkbook - could not balance. Don't see so well.  {Finished oven. Worked 2 hours on checkbook. Called Dorothy at cottage. Lonely!}

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1987 Never woke up until 9:30. Swept drive and Don came in P.M. Took checkbook home to balance. Lovely day but didn't go to church. Called and had it balanced. Lucy called. Met new neighbors.  {Decided not to go to church. Swept drive. Met the new neighbors. Don came. Balanced checkbook.}

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1987 Much cooler - closed all windows. Went to Golden Crest - pot luck. Loraine Bush took me.  {Went to Golden Crest - pot luck.}

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1987 Carolyn's husband took us to Center. She got sick. Her husband came and we were home soon after twelve. Had a good rain last night. So cool in house. I turned on furnace.  {Went to sew. Carolyn sick and had to come home.}

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1987 Lovely day. Don took me to bank - transferred a certificate from Indianola Bank to Buckeye. Went to grocery and to Dr. Hickey. My good eye in only 20/40. Not very good news. Spent a lot of time looking for a "Check" that was only a statement.  {Don took me to banks and Doctor Hickey.}

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1987 Up in 70's - really warm. Leona took me to "Chat n' Sew." Swept porch and part of drive. Carole, Mopsy, and Mrs. See came in evening. Don called. Ellen has bronchitis.  {Went to "Chat n' Sew." Swept part of drive. Carole, Mrs. See, Mopsy came.}

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1987 Lovely day. Took down two of tomato plants. Got 25 tomatoes from them.  {Home all day. Took down two tomato plants. Found 25 tomatoes.}


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1987 84°. Last night when I went to bed at 10:30 there was noise in house behind me. At 2:30 they woke me with their noise. I called police - said they would send someone out. I didn't sleep anymore. Karen came and went to church with me. She, Hattie, and I looked at the Bazaar things
then went to Sister's [Restaurant] for dinner. So warm - suit too hot. Could sit on porch. Clovers stopped to talk. Ellen still sick with bronchitis. Valerie and Mark got home from cottage. {Karen went to church with me. We went to "Sister's" for dinner with Hattie. Mark and Valerie got home from Wisconsin.} [Gary Lee Cooper's 36th birthday.]


TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1987 A gloomy day - a little rain in evening. Tried to clean up leaves and acorns. Cannot do it. Could hardly get back in house. Susan came to clean house. Don called. {Could not see Carolyn in hospital.}

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1987 Valerie and baby took me to grocery. After lunch she raked leaves and potted some flowers for me. Then, we went to bank and "Dairy Queen." When we came home had been a hard wind. Yard and porch covered with leaves and dead limbs fell off tree. {Valerie came. Took me to grocery, bank. Cleaned up leaves.}

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1987 Didn't do much. Ellen went to hospital. {Just can't do much. Ellen went to hospital. Furnace on. Cooler.}

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1987 Dark, gloomy day until afternoon when sun came out. Much colder. Washed my hair, took flowers off front and did some mending. Don stopped. Says Ellen so depressed. Donna [Kutchera, Chuck's wife] called to thank me for money. Gave each of grandchildren $100.00. Mark and Valerie's anniversary. {Don came over. Ellen so depressed. So discouraging.}


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1987 29°. Lovely day, but a record low. Eloise Cramer took me to church and brought me home. We stayed for Brunch and looked at Bazaar items. Took a nap. Valerie and baby came, and Carole. Don and Tom called. {Went to church, brunch, with Eloise C. Valerie came.}

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1987 Beautiful day - up to 73°. Brought in dirt and pots to plant flowers. Barbara over. Wayne called. {Home all day. Mr. Halleck came to see if my pilot turned on.}

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1987 Still can't go to sew. Didn't get up 'till nine. Potted some flowers. Saw no one until Carole came in evening. Then Mr. Halleck to see if I needed furnace turned on. Sorry Don didn't call. {Gloomy day.}

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1987 Had some rain last evening. Dreary day. Long days, don't know what I would do without T.V. and telephone. {Rain last night. Valerie took me to grocery.}
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1987 Beautiful day, but cool. Valerie took me to grocery. She and Amanda stayed until past one-thirty. Gary called.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1987
Didn't speak to anyone until Don called in evening.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1987 Don called early to tell me Ellen would be home Monday, and that John's are having another baby. Valerie took me to our Bazaar. Began to rain as we left around 1:30, and kept it up all evening. Dorothy and Dick came at 4:30, they brought dinner and cooked it. We had two games of Scrabble.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1987 Rained most of night. Don came over and we all went to church with Valerie and Mark for Amanda's baptism. Then to Valerie's for lunch. Didn't get home until almost dark. {Amanda's baptism. Lunch at Valerie's.}

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1987 Dorothy went to Circle with me. I was hostess. Dick put in storm windows. Dorothy raked leaves. Peter cut grass, cut peonies, etc. Lovely day - no mail or trash collection - Columbus Day. {Dorothy went to Circle with me. I was hostess. Peter mowed grass.}

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1987 Didn't sleep last night until after two. Got up feeling miserable. Had four generation picture, an effort to go. Dorothy and Dick left at two. Susan came to clean. Raymond Axline [a member of the bridge club of Charles and Gladys] died. {Dorothy and Dick left. Susan cleaned.}

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1987 Beautiful day - don't have much to do since Susan cleans house and does laundry. Don called, Ellen is home and think better. {Lovely day. Ellen home from hospital.}

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1987 Another lovely day. Didn't do much. Saw in paper, Bill Walter died. [Bill and Edith Walter were Charles and Gladys oldest friends. They met in college at Indianola Presbyterian church. They played bridge together hundreds of times, even though Gladys complained about Bill's "peeping." Bill was also the Cooper's, and later Gladys', attorney until he retired from practice in the mid-1980's.] Carol Jones took me to two funeral homes to see Bill and Raymond [who died on the same day]. Soon after I came home, Barbara came and stayed until almost ten. {Raymond, Bill died. Had four generation picture. Dorothy and Dick left.}

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1987 Up to 72°. Lovely day. Leaves coming down fast. Saw no one. {Went to two funeral homes. Raymond Axline and Bill Walter.}


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1987 Lovely day. Mr. Shively took me to church. Carole came down. Valerie planned to come, but got delayed at church. Lucy [Dennis] called from hospital. Had fallen. {Went to church.}
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1987 A beautiful day. Did not go to Golden Crest. They don't do anything, not worm dressing up. John and Karen called. {Beautiful day. Didn't go to Golden Crest.}

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1987 A miserable, gloomy day. I never dressed. Didn't speak to anyone until Don called. {Home all day. Miserable, gloomy. Never dressed.}

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1987 Much colder. Pat stopped for me to get my hair done. Valerie came for me. We went to bank, grocery, and [Drug] Emporium. Then, she took me to "Sister's" for lunch - spent the afternoon. Fixed food for "Chat n' Sew," and hope someone calls. {Valerie took me on errands, and to "Sister's" for lunch. Had hair done.}

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1987 Went to "Chat n' Sew" with Margaret, and Leona brought me home. The children next door woke me up from a nap raking leaves. I wish they would stay home! {Went to "Chat 'n Sew." Children raked leaves, with they would stay home!}

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1987 Pretty day. Mr. Clover came to get tomatoes, and opened medicine for me. Told children not to rake leaves. {Mr. Clover opened medicine. Told children not to rake leaves.}

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1987 Sun until some rain in evening. Lucille Little and Don called. Phone rang but hung up as I got there. May have been church. Clocks turned back.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1987 Had no way to go to church. A beautiful day. Some telephone calls and book helped to pass the time. {Didn't get to church.}

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1987 Lovely day. Valerie took me to Dr. Bope. All was fine. She told me she is having her gall bladder removed Friday. Dorothy and Dick are coming then. P.M., Barbara came over to see Amanda.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1987 Miss going to sew, but they send me material to work on. Susan came to clean. Don here in evening. Rain last night and leaves slippery. Afraid of falling to take trash out. There is a question about my will. [Gloria Bond Cooper's 63rd birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1987 Nice day. Swept porch and walk. Put some clean papers in cupboard. In P.M. a surprise, Laura Hardy and Bernice [illeg.] came to see me. Watched the "Titanic" from 6-10. [Wayne Cooper's 29th birthday.]

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1987 Peter worked two hours cleaning leaves, lawn service came. Valerie has gall bladder surgery tomorrow. Dorothy and Dick here for dinner, then went to her home for overnight. Called Gloria. (Dorothy and Dick came to Valerie's.)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1987 Valerie got along fine and baby, too.
Lovely day. Didn't do much. Don called. {Valerie had surgery.}

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1987 So warm. Dorothy took me to bank
and grocery. Got a lot of things - because Valerie won't be able to drive for awhile. Dorothy went
back to Valerie's after lunch. State lost football game. Beggars' Evening. None here. A van
unloaded three black children, and I didn't go to door. Valerie called - she feels much better.
{Dorothy took me to grocery.}

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1987 78°. Really warm. Dorothy went to
church with me. I stayed for Brunch, and Leona brought me home. In P.M. Don, Dorothy, and I
discussed items in my will. In evening I had cramps and chills - went to bed at seven. {Dorothy
went to church with me. Stayed for Brunch. Leona brought me home. Dorothy and Don discussed
my will. Cramps, to be at seven.}

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1987
79°. Another very warm day. Slept 'till four, then had problems and had to wash all on
bed. Dorothy came down in P.M. Put in windows on back porch, watered shrubbery and put out
trash. Began to feel better. Talked with Don and Bill. Ellen went to see Valerie and had a good
day. {Sick last night. Dorothy came, put windows on porch, watered shrubbery, put out trash.
Felt better.}

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1987
80°. A record for heat. Bill, Don, Dorothy, and I met with Mr. Yearling [attorney for
will]. [Neither Ellen nor Dick were included.] I do hope all can be worked out with no hard
feelings. Charles would have been grieved to hear talk. Valerie came home from hospital. {Went
to Mr. Yearling. Dorothy wanted more time.}

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1987
80°. Pat [hairdresser] stopped for me to get hair done. Didn't wear a sweater - so warm. I
am disturbed about the "will" problem. Barbara over. Wayne, Mary, and baby came in evening.
Dorothy brought me home from Beauty Parlor. {Dorothy picked me up at Blood Pressure. Went
to bakery.}

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1987
Don went to Valerie's to talk things over [with Dick and Dorothy]. So much anger, he came
home. {Dorothy asked Don to come to Valerie's. Ended in anger. I am heartsick - never thought
my children would argue.}

[When I arrived I learned that Dick had prepared a list of questions about Gladys' will.
Since I had been named Executor, Dick may have assumed that I would know the answers,
although that was rarely the case. As the questions became confrontational, I remarked that I
would feel that it would be unconscionable for me, as her son-in-law, to question Mrs. Gladys
Hutchins, my mother-in-law, about her will. But Dick replied that he felt that he deserved an
equal voice in all family discussions regarding Gladys' will. Dorothy nodded. As the questions
became more personal and accusatory, and angry words were exchanged, I decided it would be
best if I were to leave. Gladys was very hurt and angry that her will was being so discussed and
challenged. Later she stated emphatically more than once that her will was a matter between her
and her three children and no one else.]
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1987
Lovely day, still cooler. Dorothy came in P.M. We had words. My heart breaks. Don and Ellen came and took me to Bonanza for dinner. One good thing. Ellen is better. {Don called Dorothy, and tried to smooth things over. She came to see me. Don and Ellen took me to Bonanza.}

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1987
Don called Dorothy. She came over. We all agreed to try to forget the words we had said. To start over and be friends. We will all try, but I have never been hurt so bad. I was hostess at bridge and did not enjoy it much. Rain when we left restaurant. Dorothy had planned to go to church with me, but she and Dick didn't feel well and will go home in morning. {Bridge. Hostess. Did not enjoy myself. Too much on mind. I am so hurt!}

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1987
Had turned down two offers to go to church, thought I would go with Dorothy. Wasted the day, can't get my mind off trouble. So hurt! Bill called from Karen's and Don called. Carole and Barbara came. I can't settle down. My heart aches! {Turned down two chances to go to church. Dorothy had planned to go with me. They didn't feel well and went home. I can't get trouble out of mind.}

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1987
A drizzly day. Margaret took me to Circle. As we came home, Valerie and baby came. Don took me to Mr. Yearling and drafted a new will. I hope this will suit all concerned. I have never been so hurt in my life. {Circle.}

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1987 In low thirties, gloomy day. Valerie stopped at 9:30. We had a good talk, and both felt better. Susan couldn't come. Sent a black woman. She liked my rugs and bought one for a dollar. Manager collected for Dispatch. Peter will come Monday. I hate these long evenings.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1987 Bill brought me a lot of groceries and took me to Bonanza for my birthday dinner. So glad to see him.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1987 Hardly slept last night and got up feeling miserable. Valerie and baby came in P.M. and Barbara in evening. Picked slips from impatiens still not frozen.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1987
A beautiful day and warmer. Put peppers in freezer.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1987 Lovely, sunny day. I baked cookies - all I was able to do. Saw no one. Ohio State lost another game. Watched "Good Earth" in evening. {Baked cookies.}

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1987 Almost like summer. Wore suit to church and no coat. No one called. Karen went to church with me, and took me to her new apartment and for dinner. She brought Colleen over. When we came home, she washed the two small windows. I gave her the "Castle Picture." Such long, dark evenings. {Karen went to church with me - to her apartment.}
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1987  Almost like spring. Peter cleaned gutters and raked leaves. I gave him $20.00. Discovered later he had not cleaned behind garage. Earle Bruce fired [as football coach at Ohio State]. {Golden Crest. Did not go. Peter cleaned gutters and leaves.}

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1987  Rain during night and more during day. Juanita [Shupe, long-time friend and member of former bridge club] came for me, and Laura [Hardy - another member of same club] took us to "55" [Restaurant] for lunch, then to her apartment. A treat for me to go somewhere different. {Juanita took Laura and me to "55" for lunch. Little sun - rain.}

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1987  Cloudy but no rain. I didn't wake up until 9:30. Valerie and baby came in P.M. She raked some leaves that Peter missed. Barbara came over. I am so sick of hearing about her aunt! {Valerie here.}

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1987  Lovely, sunny day, but a cool wind. Margaret took me to "Chat n' Sew," and Leona brought me home. Don called. Mrs. Hutchins has fallen twice. Called Bill, he got a good report from Doctor today. No sign of Hodgkin's Disease. Finished a rug.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1987  Snow during night. It soon melted and flurries during day. Streets bad and accidents all over town. All news is about Michigan game at Ann Arbor tomorrow. Worse because Mr. Bruce was fired. Two telephone calls. All I spoke to all day.


SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1987  Didn't plan to go to church. Rev. Wendt gone. No one called. I saw no one. Telephone never rang. {No one called. Home all day. Barbara over.}

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1987  57°. Nice, sunny day. I didn't do much. Don called, and Barbara came over. {Home all day.} [Thomas "Tom" Glenn Cooper's 26th birthday.]

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1987  Nice day until rain began at 4:30. Barbara took me to Beauty Shop, and Valerie came for me. Didn't sleep and took a sleeping pill at one o'clock. Didn't wake until nine and groggy all day. Valerie, [illeg.], and baby came in and Carole came and brought me a treat. Rain all evening. Susan [maid] came. {Had hair done. Valerie took me to bank and grocery. Rain all evening. Susan cleaned.}

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1987  Sun in evening and rain about four o'clock. Don and Ellen left for John's [in Nashville]. Dorothy and Dick came about 4:30. Leaves picked up on my side offence. Rain most all evening. Made salad. {Dorothy and Dick came. Leaves picked up. Rain in evening.}
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1987 A gloomy Thanksgiving Day.
Dorothy brought turkey and they took it to Valerie's at eight o'clock. I didn't feel very well and didn't go 'till 2:30. Mark's family there, ten with baby. An excellent meal. Home about 8:30. I wonder if I'll make another Thanksgiving! Bill called, from Gloria's. Don, Ellen, and Tom at John's. Much to be thankful for. Do hope rift in family will heal. {At Valerie's - 10 there. Rain in evening.}

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1987 A little sun. The leaf picker came at eight, but broke down, never got started 'till one o'clock. Dick went to fix Valerie's toilet. Dorothy and Valerie went shopping. Dorothy and Dick gave me an early Christmas present - a watch. Both of mine had broken. Dorothy and I played "Scrabble." {Nothing special. Dorothy and I play "Scrabble" in evenings.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1987 A nice day. Carol took me to bridge. Had some better cards. So warm, I left my coat in car. Dorothy and Dick left after I did. When I came home, front door was wide open. Storm door closed. Nothing bothered. Watched first basketball game. So one-sided, not interesting - State won. Good rain in evening. {Bridge. Went to bridge. Dorothy and Dick left.}

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1987 Thought I couldn't make church, but made an effort and went. Bill and Don called. They just got home from John's. Took a nap. Valerie came down. Mark in Honduras with Air Force. Barbara came over to see the baby. {Made effort and went to church. Don and Ellen got home. Bill called. Valerie and Barbara came.}

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1987 A gloomy day.
Called Jeanette and Don called. Only persons I spoke to.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1987 Dark, gloomy day - some rain. Don't feel well. All I do is get meals, wash dishes. Don't know what I would do without my T.V. Helen called and I called Valerie.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1987 A light snow and many accidents. Felt more like doing something. Have tried and tried to get Valerie and no answer.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1987 Was awake last night from 1-5. Sat in chair part of time. Valerie went to Cincinnati. Leona took me to Christmas Tea. A horrible day with more snow. Tom called to thank me for his birthday card. Don invited me to dinner at their home tomorrow. Hard rain in evening. {Went to Christmas Tea. Bad, snowy day.}

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1987 A few flurries, and cold. Don took me to Mr. Yearling for final time. Cost me $550.00. I went to their house for dinner. We all forgot the garlic bread in oven. Home at 8:30. Karen called. Marva Reid sent me a beautiful poinsettia.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1987 Couldn't sleep last night. Got up at one o'clock, got a cup of hot chocolate and played two games of Solitaire. Got up at nine-thirty. Did not feel well and didn't do much.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1987 A fairly nice day. Eloise took me to church and Brunch.  {Eloise took me to church and Brunch.}

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1987 Some rain last night. Quite a day. Valerie took me to grocery and Drug Emporium. Karen came for dinner. We had a game of Scrabble. Then Mary and Wayne came and brought me a big box. Put up my little tree.  {Valerie took me on errands. Karen came for dinner. Mary, Wayne came. Put up tree.}

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1987 Nice day. Susan came to clean. Decorated mantle.  {Susan came. Decorated mantle.}

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1987
Almost 60°. Never spoke to anyone all day.  {Up to 60°.}

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1987 A little warmer - nice day. Made cookies, iced them and put in freezer. Barbara over. Don called.  {Baked cookies and iced them.}

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1987 Cloudy, and rain began about four and lasted all evening. Never spoke to anyone except I made one call, and Bill called me. Am putting clean papers in cupboards - little at a time.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1987 Cloudy, windy and cooler. Valerie and baby came in P.M. Working on [Christmas] cards.  [Rachel Cooper's 2nd birthday.]

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1987 Cloudy, but not a bad day. Mr. Shively took me to church. Don called. I am going there for Christmas Day.  {Mr. Shively took me to church.}

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1987 Good day 'till four - then snow that turned to rain. Margaret took me to Circle, only five there. I didn't sleep much last night. I can't get family troubles off my mind. Valerie's 28th birthday.  {Circle - met in parlor - only six. Margaret took me.}

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1987 A bad, very windy day. Trees blown down and tree at State House broken and ornaments scattered.  {Awful winds. Lots of damage.}

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1987
My yard a mess from the storm. Mr. Clover came and took out my garbage and picked up big branches. Valerie took me for a permanent and grocery. Very cold and flurries. "Chat 'n Sew" called off.  {Permanent, 1:00 P.M. Valerie took me and to grocery. Mr. Clover took out garbage.}

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1987
"Chat 'n Sew" called off. Turned out to be a good day. I never woke up 'till quarter 'till ten. A record for me. In evening Mark and Valerie took me down town to see lights. They came in for ice cream and cookies.  {"Chat n' Sew" called off. Mark and Valerie took me downtown to see lights.}
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1987 A good day with some sunshine. Woman came to asset [?] my home care service. Carole was down. Called Bill.


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1987 Rain during night. Karen went to church with me and I took her to "Sister's" for lunch. She bought dessert. We had a game of "Scrabble." {Karen came.}

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1987 Lovely day. Went to Golden Crest. Had a nice time. Betty Chafin took me. {Golden Crest.}


WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1987 Nice day. I did my laundry and changed bed. Don came for me and I went there for dinner. All family home. When we came home, Don drove around to see the lights. Had a nice time.


FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1987 Don came for me at 9:30. After John came, we opened our packages. Had a good dinner - roast. Saw tape of Linda's wedding. Coming home drove through rain and almost sleet. Bill called and talked with Don and me, a long time. It was nice for all family to be home. I am glad when Christmas is over. Doesn't mean so much to me without Charles. Dorothy called. Cookies to Carole and Mrs. Cochran all I did.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1987 Very gloomy day and a long one. Carole came and brought me a nice plate of candy from Mrs. Cochran. Bill and Don called.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1987 Cloudy. EdgelPs took me to church. Cleaned up filing cabinet in P.M. Gary called - they are taking me to dinner tomorrow.


TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1987 Snow on ground. Did not get up 'till nine. Barbara over in evening. Getting colder.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1987 Nothing to write about. Saw no one - only person to speak to is on 'phone.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1987
Hardly slept 'till four o'clock - felt miserable. So lonesome. Don and Valerie called. I called Bill.
New Year's Eve - 1987. All alone, as usual - so lonely. This past year I was in hospital in March, and Doctor said "No more driving." That was like losing a good friend. Bill had surgery and found cancer returned. After treatment, he is much better. Also, Ellen has improved, so grateful for both. Three new babies, Sean [Cooper], Amanda [Hooper], and Brittany [Novak]. John finished Medical School and went to Nashville for two years [at Vanderbilt University]. Tom moved to Indianapolis. Linda married and added Jeff to family. Karen got her Master's and her own apartment.
I can't do much anymore, but glad to keep my home. The rift in the family hurts me so much. I pray this year will help to heal.
I lost special friend, Helen Utterback. Also Raymond Axline and Bill Walter died same day. Also, a Wisconsin friend, Vi Besette, others are in nursing home. I thank the Lord for my home and can be in it.

END OF BOOK XLIV, PART TWO (JANUARY 1, 1987 - DECEMBER 31, 1987)

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A LIFE REVEALED:

THE DIARY OF GLADYS BOLON COOPER (1939-1989)

BOOK XLV, PART ONE (JANUARY 1, 1988 - DECEMBER 31, 1988)

SYNOPSIS OF BOOK XLV, PART ONE (1988)

Gladys, age 89, found occasions for joy in 1988, and remained strong and incomplaining about life's increasing isolation and difficulties, but there was an understated, persistent sadness for most of the year. First, there was the reality of declining health. It was true that she made it through the winter without even a cold, but there were multiple problems. She bravely faced shingles, gout, a cataract, and fell several times. On February 10, "Gout in right foot hurts me so - can hardly walk. Effort to get meals." The next day, "Fell in kitchen. Spent most of day in chair." On March 27, "My back began to pain me - could not stoop over." "Don't feel like doing anything." On April 25, "My finger is so swollen from gout, can hardly write." On July 21, "Saw five little tomatoes." On August 7, "I fell in front room.... I am so discouraged - cannot walk well and don't see well." There was also the pain of loneliness. On March 6, "I am so lonely and blue. Do not see or walk so well." "[My friends at bridge] all talk of going places, and I seldom go anywhere." On March 20, "I am so lonely tonight. I haven't seen anyone to speak to for three days and a half except my 'phone." On September 6, three days after her 89th birthday, "So lonely. Home too much, time to think and cry." On October 7, "I don't see how I can stand these long evenings, and no one to talk to. How I miss Charles!"

Second, there was the ongoing pain of the family quarrels about her will and other issues. On January 10 she wrote, "I feel so bad that I can't mention Don's name or cottage when Dorothy and Dick here. To have Dorothy fall out with Don really hurts me. Why did they have to stir up this trouble, and cause me so much heartache? So many unkind things were said." The next day she wrote, "Both my boys said I love you! I sure love them! Oh, how I wish this trouble would heal!" On March 8, "the trouble in family has about got me down. I never thought my family would hurt me so much." On June 20, "Last night I could not sleep because of family problems. Took a sleeping pill." On December 20, in yet another attempt to placate certain family critics, she signed a new will. "I am worn out with that!" But on the last day of the year she wrote, "No change in families." Nor has there ever been since.

The third great difficulty for Gladys in this - the final complete year of her life - was, as detailed below, the severe sickness and death of Bill from recurrent Hodgkin's Disease on Thanksgiving Day.

There were few activities for Gladys outside her home. She enjoyed reading, and a friend brought her large-print books from the library, but she could no longer take walks around the neighborhood. She could not attend church unless a friend called to offer her a ride. "Never went to church in February." Occasionally she attended Golden Crest, the Women's Association, her Circle, Sunday Brunch, and "Chat n' Sew." At the latter, "all [my friends] are good to me, thread my needles, etc." Visits to the Senior Center, where she and several friends made lap robes (one of which was given to Bill in his final illness), had become rare, as were bridge games, her chief recreation for well over half a century. On March 12 she won first place at bridge, and top prize of $1.00. She was able to visit Bill twice, once in his home, and another time in the Lancaster Hospital. Most of her days were spent at home. She relied on television, the telephone, and the mails for news of the wider community. She had a small garden, but it produced little. Baking was rare, but she does mention baking oatmeal cookies (using a new recipe), a Jiffy cake, and zucchini bread. There was even one pie, an apple pie. She greatly enjoyed watching the birds at her feeder, but on March 13, "the squirrel got all the food and broke feeder. I give up feeding the birds." She gave the feeder to Wayne. Susan, her housecleaner, "does sweeping, dusting, bathrooms, and laundry," Peter, a
neighbor boy, cut the grass, and her attentive neighbors continued to watch over her. At various times during the year neighbors brought Gladys tomato and chicken noodle soup, flowers, chicken salad, pieces of cake and pie, and vegetables from their gardens. Mr. Clover took out her trash, and often lingered to talk awhile. "Carole came with snow blower and cleaned drive." Sometimes the attention was irksome. On July 14, "Carole brought Mopsy [dog] to have her haircut admired. I did not feel like admiring it. Gets kind of old." Gladys' small front porch continued to be a gathering place in summer for neighborhood ladies. Although not mentioned in the diary, Gladys had an understanding with the Kaisers and the Clovers, neighbors directly across the street, that if her Venetian blinds were still closed by 10:00 A.M., they should come over and check on her.

Occasionally there was a break in the usual routine. On January 4, Jerry Revish, a reporter for Channel Ten, a local television station, interviewed Gladys and her housecleaner, Susan, and both appeared on the 7:00 P.M. news. "It was fun to be on T.V." On May 14, "we saw four policemen chase a boy through my yard. Broke top rail on fence." On July 12, "Two men went in Rutherford's garage and took two bikes. A man on Wynding [Drive] saw them, called police. They knew they were followed and dropped bikes." On October 12, "I enjoy the groundhog [who lives] under porch. He sits on hind legs and eats acorns."

Although she seldom left home, Gladys does record a few prices of goods and services. Plumber opening sink, $31.50; trip to grocery, "Spent over $38.00. Most I ever spent;" yard work by Peter, $5.00 an hour; carpet cleaned, $30.00; trimming trees, $150.00; another visit to grocery, $61.05, "Such a bill!," and $35.00 for monthly pledge to Crestview Presbyterian Church. She notes once again the anniversaries that were important to her. On February 22, "Thirty-one years ago we moved here [from 393 Mimring Road];" on April 20, "A year ago [today], sold my car. Like losing a good friend;" on June 9, "My 65th wedding anniversary." On August 26, "19 years ago today since the awful day I lost Charles;" and September 3, "My 89th birthday. Rained most of day. Dorothy and Dick came at 11:30 to take me to dinner. It rained so hard men went over and bought chicken and we ate here. Had a nice meal."

Bill, age 64, was sick most of the year as his Hodgkin's Disease returned after a fifteen-year remission. He visited Gladys in her home twice during the year, first on January 4, when he "brought me a lot of fruit, a magazine, and jigsaw puzzle," and for the last time ever on June 12 when "he brought me a fan for Mother's Day, ice cream, pop, and ham." On January 10 Bill fell and hit his head on his wooden stove and burned his forehead. By spring he tried to plant his usual large garden, but most of it would be lost in the drought which was the worst in 50 years. On July 5, "Bill called. He sounded bad, has pneumonia and peritonitis." By July 15, Bill "is so weak, can hardly walk. I am so worried about him down there alone." There were several blood transfusions and bone marrow tests. A further worry was his finances, stretched thin by medical necessities. On July 27 Gladys wrote, "[Bill] was really touched- Don sent him $500." There was a brief improvement on August 10, "Bill felt better today, drove his tractor a little way, and car to town." On August 29 Gladys and Gloria visited Bill at his home. "Bill's very sick, don't think he will be much better. Had hardly anything to eat all day. We took food and he felt better. Brought home corn, tomatoes, and cabbage. It makes me sick to see him so bad." The next day Bill was admitted to the Lancaster Hospital, and stayed until September 13 when he went to stay at Gary's home near Pataskala. On October 3, "Bill called, he can't get out of bed.... There are so many problems in that family I can hardly stand it. A day at a time, and trust in the Lord." A week later, "Gary called. Put Bill in hospital. I am afraid he won't make it. Sometimes I think I can't bear it." A pacemaker was installed on October 11, and the next day many of his household items were sold at auction. On October 31 Dorothy and Gladys visited Bill in the hospital. "We went to see Bill and took him a new lap robe the Center gave me. He is so sick, can hardly talk. I am afraid I won't see him again." Bill had further transfusions, and lost much of his hearing. On November 24, Thanksgiving Day, "Don came at 8; 15 ... to tell me Bill couldn't live through day. Soon heard he was gone.... My heart aches, but Bill had suffered so much.... Funeral tomorrow at Lancaster." On November 25, "We went to
calling hours at two. Most of family there. Bill looked so nice, and beautiful flowers.... Bill is through suffering, and I had him for 64 years." On November 26, "One of saddest days of my life when we went to Bill's funeral. It was a beautiful service. The minister gave a good talk. Twenty three family members. A military service at cemetery. 21 gun salute - flag given to Gary.... John and Trish came from Tennessee. Tom, Linda, and Jeff." [Bill is buried in gravesite # 139, #2, in the Garden of Devotion Cemetery in Lancaster, Ohio, not far from Coonpath Road.]

Dorothy, age 60, and Dick, age 64, continued living in Cincinnati, as did Chuck and Donna. B.J. and Gary still lived in Massachusetts. Dorothy visited Gladys (and Valerie) several times during the year. Dick helped Gladys in various ways, including repairing the bird feeder, installing and removing storm windows, and fixing the garage door. Dorothy helped with shopping and housecleaning when she was with in town. Valerie's second child, and first boy, Matthew, was born September 8. He was baptized November 13, and Gladys was able to attend the ceremony. Matthew was her 16th great-grandchild. On September 17, Gladys was at Valerie's for dinner. "She told me they are moving to Cleveland. Just makes me sick!" Valerie had been a constant help to Gladys in many ways, and Gladys would miss her and Mark enormously.

Don, age 57, and Ellen, age 53, continued to live at 1896 Baldridge Road, Upper Arlington. Don continued with his duties at Ohio State University as the Senior Professor of Latin American History. Ellen had various medical problems during the year. She was hospitalized for the 9th time in three years on January 23 with severe shoulder pain. During this stay it was decided also to remove her gall bladder; this was done on January 29. She got along very well. On February 29 she was back in the hospital for "surgery - to replace a disk in neck from a piece of bone taken from her hip. All went well." On May 25 she was admitted once again to the hospital, this time for severe bronchitis. On October 1, Ellen's mother, Gladys Hutchins, was admitted to the Health Center in her Nursing Home. On December 14 Ellen called. "She and Don are already planning my 90th birthday party! Hope I make it." Tom bought a house in Indianapolis where he worked for the Video-Jet Corporation. John and Trish were still in Nashville, Tennessee, where John was completing his Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Vanderbilt University. Their third child, and first son, Daniel Jacob, was born on June 13. The family dog, much-beloved Buffy, was put down after a charmed life of 18 1/2 years, on June 20. Don and Ellen were at the cottage in Wisconsin from July 29 to September 7.

As usual Gladys closed her diary for the year with a brief summary. It would be the last one she would write.

"Again, I spent New Year's Eve alone, as I have done for 19 years. I think of things Charles and I used to do. This past year has been both joy and sorrow. We had three new babies, Daniel, Timothy, and Matthew. I have not been anywRere. Do not walk so well. Hardly go out to back yard. No change in families [disagreement over will]. How [I] hate to see Valerie and Mark move [to Cleveland].

All last winter Bill planned a new building with a greenhouse for plants he would raise. Never got much use of it as he took sick again before plants were set out. Left his house on August 31st, and never got back to stay. He left me on Thanksgiving day. I try to be thankful for the years we had, and the two I have left.

I lost more friends. Edith Walter, Evelyn Dietz, Blanche Smith. Wonder if I'll make another year."
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1988 Am glad I made another year! Sunny and cold. I watched part of Rose Bowl Parade and all the game. Michigan State won by 3 points.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1988 Low of 12°, but sunny. I went to bridge, had some better cards and a good time. Enjoyed lunch. No one called to take me to church and I called Leona [Benton].

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 1988 Nice sunny day, but cold. Leona took me to church and I stayed for Brunch. Bill came at 3:30, brought me a lot of fruit, a magazine, and jigsaw puzzle. We went to Bonanza.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1988 Sunny and cold! Susan [maid] called and wanted to come today to clean. Then Channel Ten called. They wanted to interview her and me. A woman, a camera man, and Jerry Revish, Channel 10 reporter. They took pictures and was on seven o'clock news. It was fun to be on T.V. Valerie taped it. I called Bill. Mrs. [Illo] Hathaway recognized me.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1988 Only 3° above zero. Sunny day. Ellen stopped for a few minutes to return dishes I left there at Christmas. Took down mantle decorations. Called Hattie.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1988 1° above zero and high of 15°. Sunny day. Valerie planned to take me to grocery in morning, but had to take Shellie [dog] to vet. We went in P.M. Letter from Delta [roommate at Denison University in 1918 or 1919] - her husband died day before Christmas. [Robert Cooper's 16th birthday.]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1988 Sunny until late afternoon, then snow. Dorothy and Dick came at 4:30. Snow in evening.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1988 An inch or more of snow. Dorothy washed all the curtains in kitchen, my bedroom and both baths. They got some groceries for me. Scrabble in evening.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1988 Low of 7°. Dorothy and Dick were with Valerie until middle of afternoon. I baked cookies. [Ohio] State (basketball) lost to Wisconsin by one point. Nice day, but cold. Rain began in evening.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1988
Did not go to church. Nice, sunny day. Dick hung the bird feeder. They left for Valerie's around 11:30. Called Bill. He had fallen on Friday and hit his head on wood stove and burned his forehead.

I feel so bad that I can't mention Don's name or cottage when Dorothy and Dick here. To have Dorothy fall out with Don really hurts me. Why did they have to stir up this trouble and cause me so much heartache? So many unkind things were said. I pray everyday these wounds will heal.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1988 Most of snow melted. I don't have much to do and get lonesome. Called Bill and he is better from his fall. Don called. My Team Guard [security system] isn't working - he will come over
tomorrow. Both my boys said "I love you"! I sure love them! Oh, how I wish this trouble would heal!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1988 Up to 48°. Don came in P.M. to check Team Guard. Didn't do right and rang to office. He was calling the office and they called Mr. Clover [neighbor across street]. He came and an emergency car came, also Barbara [Kaiser]. Glad it wasn't so bad.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1988 Man came and fixed "Team Guard." No charge. We had about half inch snow. Barbara came over to unload her problems about her aunt. [Rebecca Cooper's 4th birthday.]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1988 Nice day. Valerie called, only person I spoke to. Don't have much to do. Susan does sweeping, dusting, bathrooms and laundry.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1988 Nice sunny day and snow melted. Barbara came and took out my trash. Karen was here for dinner. Don called.


SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1988 Rainy day.
We need rain. Leona took me to church. Watched football.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1988 A dreary day. No mail, etc. Martin Luther King day. Only person I spoke to was when Susan called to say she would come Tuesday.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1988 Rain most of day. Susan came to clean. I don't do much. Miss going to Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1988 Up to 59°. Swept porch and walk without a sweater. Long day. Washed my hair. Barbara over in evening. Only person I spoke to except I made one telephone call.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1988 Baked oatmeal cookies from a new recipe. Called Edna [Scott] and Bill called to say he would be up Monday.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1988 Cloudy and snow flurries. I washed the things on "what-not." Barbara got me some groceries. Carole was down. Reading "The Thornbirds."

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 1988 Cloudy, dismal day. Don came and went to church with me. I got dinner here. Valerie called. She and Mark are getting over "flu." Don picked up [sewing] material [for Center] at Helen's [Rymer]. We stopped at grocery.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1988 Nice sunny day. Bill came. We had lunch here. He took me to bank and grocery. Left at four. Snow and cold weather predicted.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1988 Snow began about dark last evening. Several inches, about 3 inches here. 1° at airport. 7° downtown. Man came again about Team Guard. Carole came with snow blower and cleaned drive.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1988 Didn't do much. Work on material from Center. Don called. Ellen is to have gall bladder surgery Friday.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1988 Had a miserable night. Hardly slept until 4:30. "Chat 'n Sew" called off. Would not have felt like going. Started yesterday to wash all "knick-knacks." Some each day.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1988 Up to 52°, and a nice sunny day. Finished washing things on kitchen shelves. Ellen got along well with surgery. Valerie and Mark went to Cincinnati [to visit Dorothy and Dick]. Have not been out of house since Monday. Won't go out tomorrow.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1988 Beautiful, sunny day. Ellen is much better. Don took me to "Sister's" for lunch. Had not been out of house since Monday. Baked cookies.


TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1988 Rainy and almost freezing. We had an extra meeting of "Chat n' Sew" to make a comfort for Mary Grashel who had a fire. Had a nice time. Leona took me. Have a problem - a check and my passbook I sent to Huntington. Called both banks, have to go to Buckeye [Savings & Loan]. Valerie is in Cincinnati.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1988 Another miserable day. I did the laundry and changed my bed. Also washed my hair. Ellen came home from hospital. Bad weather predicted.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1988 Had freezing rain and about 2 inches snows. Wilma Harper called. Called Valerie, she is sick from the baby coming.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1988 High of 13°. Didn't sleep much last night. Florence [Mick], Margaret, and I went to Merle's [Axline]. Ate lunch there, played bridge. I was high. No prize.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1988 2° below zero. Nice, sunny day. Edith Walter died. [Earlier Edith had been Gladys' best friend. Gladys and Charles, Edith and Bill Walter, had played hundreds of bridge games together for over 40 years.] Went to bridge - Carole was half hour late coming for me. Usual poor cards - got low score. Not going to church tomorrow. Frieda was hostess at bridge.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1988 Up to 25°. Didn't feel like going to church. Karen and Colleen came in P.M. Colleen brought me an African violet and another flower. Don will take me on errands tomorrow. Have gout in right foot.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1988 Nice day and some snow melted. Don took me to two banks to get lost check, and savings book straightened out. Then to grocery. So glad to get that all done.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1988 Cloudy day. Plumber came at 8:30 and opened sink. $31.50. The [Golden] Buckeye Card [discount card for Ohio seniors] saved me $3.50. Dorothy called. Also, Don. Ellen has such pain in her arms. [Michael Cooper's 14th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1988 Hardly slept last night. Got up at twelve and had hot chocolate and crackers. At 2:30 took a pill - nothing did any good. Gout in right foot hurts me so - can hardly walk. Effort to get meals. Valerie and baby here in P.M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1988 Another miserable day. Managed to get meals and wash dishes. Barbara over. Called Doctor and he 'phoned a prescription. Fell in kitchen. Spent most of day in chair. [Bryan Kutchera's 5th birthday.]


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1988 Beautiful, sunny day. Slept until after nine and felt so much better. Can walk without hurting. Cleaned burners on stove. Don called. Ellen has so much pain from her shoulders.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1988 Took sleeping pill last night. Gout began to hurt. Called Mr. Shivery to tell him I could not go to church. Could not [get] a shoe on. Felt miserable and slept most of day in chair. Frieda called. Carole [Hoffman] brought stool down to show me. I had given to refinish for Michelle. Looks lovely.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1988 Slept well last night and feel better, but foot still sore.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1988 Bad night and did not feel well. Have so much trouble sleeping. Susan came to clean.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1988 Another sunny day 50° for a high. All three of my children and Valerie called. Dorothy and Dick come Friday.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1988 Up to 50° again. Valerie took me to grocery - spent over $38.00. Most I ever spent. Don't go there often. She and Amanda stayed for lunch. Carole came and brought me a piece of cake.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1988 Rainy day. Baked cookies. Dorothy and Dick came at four thirty.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1988 Some sun and some snow flurries. Went to Bridge played more and had a nice time. We went to Valerie's for dinner. Home soon after eight. Ellen's [53rd] birthday.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1988 Third Sunday I have missed church. Dorothy and Dick went to Valerie's about one-thirty. Will stay there overnight.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1988 61°. Lovely, sunny day. Dorothy came at ten, and took me to Senior Citizen's [Center] to see the nurse. She left after lunch, and they went home. Mr. Clover came over and got my garbage, and stayed and talked for an hour. Thirty-one years ago we moved here [from 393 Mimring Road].

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1988 Much cooler. Snow last night that soon melted. Nothing to write about.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1988 Nice day, but cold. Don called and Ellen will have surgery Monday to replace a disk in her neck. Barbara [Kaiser] over in evening. They leave Friday for Florida.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1988 Sunny and cold. Leona [Benton] took me to "Chat n' Sew." Had a bad night and did not feel well. Came home, on davenport. Valerie called and I told her to come tomorrow. Can get my shoe on.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1988 Bill came for lunch. Brought me fruit and vegetables. Valerie also came. Amanda took several steps. [Later she became a champion gymnast.] After Bill left, Valerie took me to grocery. Don called. Ellen has surgery Monday. A disk in her neck to be replaced. Karen called. She will come Sunday. Lovely, sunny day.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1988 Did not sleep well, and don't feel like doing anything. Don called. Decided not to go to church. Spent most of day on davenport.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1988 Beautiful day. High 40°. Never went to church in February. Seems more of an effort to get ready. Karen came in P.M. We had a nice visit. No calls.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1988 An extra day this month, and a long one. Ellen had surgery - to replace a disk in neck from a piece of bone taken from her hip. All went well. [Dr. Carole Miller was the physician.] Mr. Clover came and took my trash.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1988 March came in "like a lamb." Beautiful, sunny day. Susan came to clean. Don called, Ellen much better today, and has solid food.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1988 A long, dreary day, and some rain.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1988 A miserable day with rain, snow, sleet. But Carole took me to get my hair done, and Leona took me to Women's Association [at church]. Gave me sandwiches to bring home. Had for supper. [Andrew Novak's 3rd birthday.]

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1988 Such a day! Electricity went off at 10:15 - off three hours. Off again. Didn't come on until one or two in morning. I ate a cold supper, then Carole brought me tomato soup. Later, Mr. Clover brought me two thermos, one with hot water for coffee, and one with chicken noodle soup. No light except a candle - went to bed at eight o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1988 Didn't get up until eight. Electricity came on during night, off twelve or thirteen hours. Carole and Pat came. Bill called from Wayne's. His electricity had been off two days. May not get 'till Monday. Never heard anything like the ice cracking on roof. Yard looks like a hail storm. [Sean Cooper's 1st birthday.]

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 1988 All the ice continued to crack and fall in morning. More wood fell. Edgell's took me to church. Our Brunch was pancakes and sausage. Eloise brought me home. Valerie couldn't come because Mark was gone with baby seat. I am so lonely and blue. Do not see or walk so well.

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1988 Nice, sunny day. I baked cookies, gave some to Carole. Mr. Clover took my trash. Man came from "Barefoot Grass," and I changed [lawn service] to them. Valerie and baby here. Called Bill - his electricity off four days, twenty minutes. Called Peter to clean up yard.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1988 Up to 68°. Almost like spring. Ellen won't get home 'till tomorrow. Cannot drive or do anything. I feel so bad about her. The trouble in family has about got me down. I never thought my family would hurt me so much.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1988 A dreary day. Valerie came in P.M. Brought watch Dorothy had exchanged. Ellen went home from hospital.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1988 A "no sleep" night. Felt miserable, got up at eight. After breakfast slept on davenport 'till 10:30. Don called. Ellen home, but has so much pain in left arm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1988 Lovely, sunny day. Peter came, cleaned up yard, swept garage and driveway. Washed kitchen window on outside. Walked outside and sat on porch steps awhile.
SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1988
Didn't sleep well and an effort to get ready for Bridge. My luck changed and I had high score and won $1.00. Florence was hostess at bridge. Some rain and felt better in evening.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1988
Some snow flurries. Edgell's took me to church.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1988
Another "no sleep" night. When finally went to sleep, did not wake up 'till ten o'clock. Betty Chapin took our Circle members to meeting. Snow flurries.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1988
Snow flurries and cold. Had to take a sleeping pill last night. Don called, he took me to grocery and spent over $42.00 after coupons. Should last me awhile. Susan came, cleaned, and did laundry. Valerie called.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1988
Dreary day - snow flurries. Valerie came in P.M. got the material at Helen's. Dorothy's 60 birthday. Have a problem with check book.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1988
Nice, sunny day. Carole took me to get hair done. Don called - I will get a tax refund.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1988
Snow during night. It soon melted. I never spoke to anyone all day except a nuisance call. Worked on blocks [for lap robes at Center] while I watch TV.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1988
Nice, sunny day. Only spoke to telephone calls. Mr. Shively called about church. Decided not to go tomorrow.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1988
First day of Spring. Sunny, but cold. I made it through another winter without even a cold. I am so lonely tonight. I haven't seen anyone to speak to for three days and a half except my 'phone. I should have gone to church.

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1988
Beautiful day, still cool. Betty Chapin took me to Golden Crest. Leona brought me home. Mr. Clover came and got trash.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1988
Another lovely day. Put some clean papers in cupboards. In P.M. Valerie and baby came. Then, Don. He brought my tax papers. Helen Rymer called as he left. I asked her to substitute in Bridge Saturday. [Christopher Rehl's 21st birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1988
Up to 72°. Like spring. Saw the first robin and took a walk. More clean papers in cupboard, and cleaned some woodwork in kitchen. Can only do a little at a time. Gloria called about Easter and Wayne called.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1988
Another warm day like yesterday. Leona took me to "Chat n' Sew." Took a nap and sat on porch for awhile. The girls next door came over.
FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1988 A dark day, with rain which we need. Dorothy and Dick came at four. Had dinner ready in crock pot. Dick went to Valerie's to get milk. Dorothy and I had two games of Scrabble which she won.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1988 Rain at times - turned much cooler. Dorothy took me to grocery and bank. Then, we went to Bridge. I was hostess and had low score. Mark took us to Rax's for salad bar, then we went to their house for awhile.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1988 Dorothy went to church with me and Dick went Valerie and Mark. My back began to pain me - could not stoop over. Took Bufferin and sat on heating pad. Didn't feel like going, but Dorothy took me to [Drug] Emporium to get medicine. She left in P.M. They stay with Valerie tonight. Bill called.

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1988 Another nice day. My back some better - can straighten up. Still not well. Dorothy came and brought fish sandwiches and onion rings. She left soon after lunch and they went home. Tried to sit on porch, but wind cold.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988 Up to 72°. Sat on porch. Clovers came over. My back hurt when I got up, but better in P.M. Susan came to clean. I hope I feel better tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1988 About 10° cooler, but nice, sunny day. My back is better. Mr. Clover brought me spring flowers. Kaiser's came home [from Florida]. Barbara over in evening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1988 Cloudy and began to rain in evening. Carole took me to get hair done. I went in grocery for milk, and she took me to bank. Peter cleaned up back yard and trimmed ivy. $5.00 an hour. Carole came, then Valerie. She brought me an Easter Basket.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1988 Dark, gloomy day. Didn't have much to do. Don called. He took Ellen to a Doctor this P.M. Dorothy called.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1988 Didn't feel like doing anything. Got meals and washed dishes. Back better, but not well.


MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1988 66°. Nice day, but did not wake up 'til five often. Sat on porch awhile. Don called. He and Ellen went out for dinner, Easter.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1988 82°, one degree short of record. I got all garbage out, picked up some sticks and put flower pots to soak. Magnolia is full of buds. Ate dinner on porch for first time. First could sit out after dinner.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1988 A lovely, sunny day. Valerie was down in P.M.
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1988 Rainy, dreary day. I washed some rugs. Peter was to come. He stopped after school, put off 'till Tuesday.
FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1988 A lovely, sunny day. Valerie was down in P.M. [Brandon Kutchera's 7th birthday.]

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1988 Nice day. Carole took me to Bridge. Dorothy and Dick came and went to Valerie's. After I cam home called and Dorothy came for me. Went to Valerie's for Amanda's first birthday party. Dorothy and Dick here overnight. On way home stopped at grocery. Made salad for Brunch.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1988 Dorothy went to Church with me and stayed for Brunch. Glad to get my turn over for a while. Dick took out storm windows, fixed bird feeder. She left about two. Sat on porch.

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1988 Lucille Bolon took me to Circle, Betty Chafin brought me home. Don took me to Dr. Hickey. He was running two hours late. Didn't get home 'till six. My bad eye no worse, the other one a little better. Three days of "going" and company [sic].

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1988 Lovely weather continues. Susan came to clean and Peter cleaned yard and washed windows. Called Bill. His cold better.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1988 This is to be our last nice day. Washed flower pots. The squirrel got all the feed and broke feeder. I give up on feeding the birds. [Amanda Hooper's 1st birthday.]

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1988 Cooler today. Carol took me to get hair done. Went in grocery for a few things. Then, she took me to get my glasses tightened.
FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1988 Cool in 40's, but mostly sunny. Had two telephone calls - one was Valerie. Later, both boys called. Bill thought his cold better. Ellen thought she felt better last two days.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1988 Baked cookies, will give a pan full to Mr. Clover. He takes my garbage on Mondays. Only person I spoke to. Mr. Davis called about church. Can't get in mood, so won't go.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1988 Lovely, sunny day. Didn't go to church because of [needing to ride in a] van. [*] In morning Valerie and baby came. Tom called. He is buying a house, if loan goes through. Called Wayne to offer him bird feeder. I can't beat the squirrels. Up to 68° today, but windy.

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1988 Nice day. Betty Chafin took me to Golden Crest. Barbara came over. Nothing more 'till Saturday.
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1988 Sunny, but cold. I called Bill. His cold better, but felt so numb. Called Jeanette. She lost [illeg.]. Seemed confused, didn't seem to know what was wrong with her.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1988 No rain and we really need it. Wish it would warm up, and I could get on porch. Walked to back yard, so many violets. A year ago, sold my car. Like losing a good friend.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1988 Home all day. No one called.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1988 Nice day. Don called - they think Ellen some better. Can drive now. Then, Barbara called, took me to grocery and bank. I get a lot of things when I have a chance to go. Valerie and baby here in P.M. She got my medicine.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1988 Went to Bridge. Had such a good lunch. We asked Carol to be a member. Gerry was hostess. A thunderstorm warning in P.M. Had a hard rain, only lasted a few minutes, but would help. Bill called. Mr. VanSickle took my car [a year ago] today.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1988 Much cooler. Mr. Shively took me to church. Came home with Eloise - didn't want to stay for Coffee Hour. Carole came in P.M. Mrs. Cochran sent me delicious chicken salad.

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1988 Beautiful day. No one called except Don. I took a little walk, saw some of neighbors. My finer so swollen from gout, can hardly write. Don called. [Trish Cooper's 29th birthday.]

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1988 Beautiful day, but felt bad. Didn't dress until almost four. Finger so sore. Wilma Harper called me.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1988 Never spoke to anyone. Had some trouble getting out of tub. Later, Don called.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1988 Carol took me to get hair done, then on to "Chat n' Sew." Eloise Cramer brought me home. Called doctor for medicine - my finger so sore - swollen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1988 Nice day. I did the laundry and changed bed. Valerie got medicine for gout. Had a time getting it. Finger still so sore! Mr. Clover came over.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1988 A lovely, sunny day. I did some ironing. Barbara came to tell me her aunt had died. Got out of tub with no problems. Later got out hose and watered shrubbery in front. Saw my car at Hoffman's. Looked like it was well cared for - could hardly resist going up to see it. Called Bill. My finger not so sore. Still swollen. [Bryan Rehl's 20th birthday.]

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1988 Beautiful day. Eloise took me to church. We stayed for Brunch. Don called and invited [me] to dinner with him and Ellen at Faculty Club next Sunday. Sat on porch 'till 5:30.
MONDAY, MAY 2, 1988 Another lovely day. Sat on [front] porch and ate on back one. Second time this year. Don came in P.M. We went to two banks and grocery. Watered shrubs in front and walked to end of rail fence [at front of house next-door]. Got [sewing] material to work on [for Senior Center].

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1988 We need rain very badly, but nice weather continues. Barbara's aunt (92) was buried today. She came over. Sat on porch, but hardly warm enough.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1988
Cloudy day. All rain goes around us - we need it!

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1988 Rain began in night and kept up most of day. Moved flowers from bedroom to porch. In afternoon roof began to leak. Only person I spoke to was Valerie's call. Called "Barefoot Grass" [lawn service] for second time. No answer.

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1988 Beautiful day. Put fertilizer on shrubbery and set out three ivy plants. Can hardly do anything. Valerie stopped. She had got stamps for me. Called about roof. Don called "Bare Foot."


SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1988 Beautiful Mothers' Day and warm. Fletchers took me to church. Don took Ellen and me to Faculty Club for dinner. He sent a card besides dinner, gave me a box of candy. Bill sent a card and called twice. Dorothy called. Also, Tom, John, and Karen. Valerie down yesterday. In P.M. Barbara and young couple next door came over.

MONDAY, MAY 9, 1988 Nice day until late afternoon. Tornado warning, but cleared. Two men came for estimate on roof. Peter mowed grass. Margaret took me to Circle.


WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1988 Lovely day. Bill surprised me - came at five. We went to Bonanza for dinner. Don called.

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1988 Summer day. Carol took me to get a permanent. Then I went to bank and grocery. Do [Hathaway] called. In evening went to see Mrs. Cochran with Carol. Called from "Barefoot Grass" [lawn service].
FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1988 Thunder in P.M., but hardly any rain. Dorothy and Dick came at four. After dinner, Dorothy set out flowers. I had put out some impatiens.

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1988 Nice day. Barefoot [Grass] did not keep promise to come yesterday or today. Dorothy set out four tomato plants. Went to bridge, got 32 pennies. They stayed at Valerie's for dinner. I didn't feel like going. We saw four policemen chase a boy through my yard. Broke top rail on fence.

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1988 89°. Really warm. Dick went to church with Mark and Valerie. Dorothy went with me. In P.M. she got me things at [Drug] Emporium - one prescription not there. She went to Valerie's - they will stay there 'till Tuesday. Baked a cake for Golden Crest tomorrow. Mrs. Cochran sent me a piece of Bundt cake. [Brittany Novak's 1st birthday.]


TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1988 Much cooler, but nice, sunny day. Baked cookies. Man finished roof. Mr. Welsh came and planted grass seed. Wayne and Mary came in evening.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1988 Nice day. Thelma Hoffman [mother of Carole] called about noon, and asked me to go to Ashley to church dinner. Barbara went to. On way home stopped at Mrs. See's. Really liked her apartment and retirement home. Ate no dinner - so tired fell asleep in chair until almost seven.


FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1988 Cloudy in morning. Sun later. Barbara took me to grocery with her. I went in to bank. Don surprised me in P.M. He did some things around yard. I ate dinner on porch. Watched a movie in evening.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1988 Warm day. Didn't do much. Valerie and baby here. Mr. Berenger called to thank me for sympathy card and note. With Carolyn's death my chances of getting to Center are slim. Called Bill, he works so hard. Plants are drying up for lack of rain.

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1988 Went with Hoffman's and other neighbors to a restaurant close to Circleville. Never had such a good meal. Brought home chicken. Carole brought me a piece of her birthday cake. Watered some.

MONDAY, MAY 23, 1988 Didn't wake up 'till 9:30. Had hard rain last night. Didn't do anything to write about. Frieda called at 11 P.M. to tell me she knew father of man next door - go to same church.
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1988 Had a bad night and felt miserable. After breakfast slept on davenport 'till 11:15. Susan came to clean. Hattie called.


THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1988 Beautiful day - don't think frost to cause damage. Carole took me to get hair done. Went home to get salad for "Chat n' Sew," then to church. Margaret brought me home. Walked out in back yard, do not think beans are coming up. Violets are about taking over. Don called - Ellen didn't get out of emergency room 'till three o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1988 Bad night, gas and little sleep. Felt miserable. T.V. seems out of order.

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1988 Much warmer. Didn't do anything.

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 1988 Very warm. Karen went to church with me. Then, she took me to [Drug] Emporium and Super-Duper [grocery]. So tired when she left, took a nap. Sat on porch 'till dark. [Jeremy Kutchera's 12th birthday.]

MONDAY, MAY 30, 1988 90° in shade. Don came over and did some things for me. He set out marigolds at cemetery. Brought me yogurt, pineapple, ice cream bars, and candy. So hot! I called Peter again - he came and cut grass.

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1988 Another 90° day. Carol took Helen and me to Center - good to get back. Went to nurse. Blood pressure, O.K. Completely exhausted when I got home. Could hardly get my dinner, so hot and back hurt. Sat on porch 'till after nine.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1988 92°. Still hot and no rain. Barbara only one I saw all day. Felt some better.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1988 Rain began about 10:20, and rained steady 'till about five, and much cooler. Called Bill - he lost some plants and some will be replaced. [Bill always planted a large garden, and sold some items at a roadside stand.] Don called. Ellen not home yet.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1988 Temperature dropped 30° in twenty four hours. Really chilly, but a nice day. Barbara took me to the grocery, and I went to bank. In P.M. tied up my tomatoes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1988 Lovely day. Went to Bridge - miserable cards and low score. Frieda had a spill and had to call emergency.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 1988 Beautiful day - thought I would not go to church. Mrs. Shively didn't call 'till quarter 'till nine. Stayed for Brunch. Enjoyed porch. Don called.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1988 92° again today and no rain. Susan came to clean. Bill called.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1988 A few degrees cooler, but still hot. Farmers are desperate for rain. I am concerned about Bill's big garden. Very windy and cool in evening. Don called. Don finished at O.S.U. [Don was the Senior Professor of Latin American History at Ohio State from 1969 to 1995.] [Linda Cooper's 23rd birthday.]

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1988 Hard storm last evening and some rain. Carole took me to Beauty Shop. I went to grocery and she met me there, then took me to Huntington Bank. My 65th wedding anniversary. My walking much worse than last summer. Called Dorothy. La-Z Boy chair broke.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1988 Such a day. Took a sleeping pill last night. Got up at 8:30, ate breakfast, sat down on chair at 9:30. 'Phone woke me at eleven. Slept on chair from 1:30 'till 3:30. Don't feel like doing anything. Bill called.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1988 Much warmer. A garage sale up the street. I walked to where street divides. Don called.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1988 Still warmer. Edgell's took me to church. Hattie and I had a good chicken dinner at Sister's. Took a nap. Bill came in evening and brought me a fan for Mother's Day, ice cream, pop, and ham. I am worried. He has to have a bone marrow next Wednesday. Last time Bill was here.

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1988 No rain in sight and heat is terrible! I was hostess at Circle, took two kinds of cookies. Margaret took me and afterwards we went to see Blanche [Smith]. Don called. John's have a baby boy. Daniel Jacob.


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1988 Could not get to sleep last evening. Read awhile, took a sleeping pill and never woke up until 20 after ten. So hot and felt punk all day. The woman came to check on Susan [maid]. Valerie and baby came. Called Bill - his test tomorrow. Called Gary to give him platform rocker and see if he can fix La-Z Boy [chair]. Almost sick with heat.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1988 At last some rain. Gary came and took platform rocker. Could not fix La-Z Boy. Had lunch with me. Dorothy called, and I called Bill. He had bone marrow test. Dr. said some of his troubles could be lack of B (12). He will have shots for it. He didn't get any rain.
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1988 Some cooler and less humid. Took sheets and pillow cases off bed in front room, and washed them. Karen and I went to Strawberry Festival, came home, and had a game of Scrabble.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 1988 Didn't sleep well and that about "knocks me out." Did a little ironing, and baked some pie shells.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 1988 Mrs. Evans took me to church. Such a time Indianola [Avenue] was blocked off for Bicycle riders. We were late and did not like the supply minister. Watered in evening. Don called. So hot!

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 1988 94°. Last night I could not sleep because of family problems. Took a sleeping pill. That or heat made me miserable. Could hardly get meals. Don took Buffy [pet dog of Don's family] to put her to sleep. She was 18 1/4.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 1988 98°. The hottest day I can remember. Don took me to grocery and bank. Susan came to clean. Called Bill, a storm last evening. Rain did not amount to much.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1988 Almost 100°, can hardly stand heat. Made salad to take to "Chat n' Sew" tomorrow. Ilo and Margaret Pugh called me.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1988 Temperature dropped to 84° and a good breeze, but no rain. Carole took me to Beauty Shop, then to church for "Chat n'Sew." It was Blanche's [Smith] 92nd birthday, and we had ice cream and cake. Rev. Wendt went for her and took her home. I came home with Eloise. Don and Valerie called.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1988 Hardly slept last night. Dorothy and Dick came at four. She and I walked to Justus's. Sat on porch until ten. Bill called. He took another blood test today. No rain in sight. Worse drought in over 50 years.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1988 Record 101°. Very hot! 96° here at six o'clock. I went to Bridge. Helen Rymer went - when we came home, Carole [I believe this was Helen's daughter] said she did not want to take me after next time. Too much housework. Flimsy excuse. Dick got chicken and Dorothy got dinner. She and I sat on porch until 10:30.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1988 Cooler and breezy, a high of 88°. Didn't go to church. We swept garage and disposed of some things. Dorothy and Dick left at 1:30 for Novak's [B.J. and Gary Novak in Massachusetts].

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1988 Beautiful day, cooler and less humid, but the drought so serious. Carole [Hoffman] took me to Dr. Bope. All was well, except shingles bother me. Don called.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1988 Lovely day, and no rain. Tree service came and cut so much dead wood out of trees -$150.00. Mr. Clover came for garbage and talked awhile. Carole asked me to go to dinner Sunday to Circleville where we had such a good meal before.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1988 Rain passed us. Nothing special. Valerie and I went to Dairy Queen for free sundaes. B.J. sent coupons. We stopped at grocery.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1988 Nice day, but the drought is awful. No rain predicted for ten days. In evening Don came to tell me Bill in hospital [in Lancaster]. He was exhausted from work and heat. He has lost all he planted. No report the cancer had returned, and hope rest will help. But, am worried!

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1988 Record low, 45°, 78° high. Barbara took me to bank while she went to grocery. Called Bill in hospital - don't know much more. Valerie and baby here.

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1988 Baked cookies - gave some to Barbara. Bill still in hospital. I called - he thought he was feeling better. Wayne, Karen, and Kay went down today.

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1988 Warmer - nice day, no rain mentioned. Hoffmans, Edna [Scott], and Mrs. See went to Circleville for dinner. Such a good one - brought chicken breast home. Sat on porch all evening - so tired when I got home - took a nap. Bill is getting better.

MONDAY, JULY 4, 1988 95° downtown. 90° here. No rain predicted. Lawns are burning up. A quiet 4th. No sound from people behind. Mrs. Clover came over in evening.

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1988 95° at six. This heat and no rain almost makes me sick. Am canceling hair appointment Thursday. Sue [maid] didn't come or call. Bill called. He sounded bad, has pneumonia and peritonitis.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1988 98°. Cancelled my hair appointment for tomorrow - am almost sick with heat. Did laundry - an effort. Mr. Clover brought his house guests from Sweden to meet me. Talked with Bill. The congestion in lungs is loosening up and fever down. Made two calls before he called me.

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1988 Did a little ironing. 102° downtown. 100° by my thermometer at five o'clock. Dorothy and Dick came at eight on way home from B.J.'s. Valerie got me milk and eggs. Sat on porch 'till 10:15. Didn't call Bill today.

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 1988 Another hot day. 98°. I am about sick with heat. Dorothy got my groceries and medicine. Valerie lost her keys, put groceries in my refrigerator and left baby here. Went back, but did not find them. Sat on [enclosed back] porch 'till 10:15.

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1988 Another day of about 100°. Dorothy and Dick went to Valerie's about ten. Carole came for Bridge, chair tipped and I fell. Both Kaiser's came, and he helped me up and to car. Not hurt. My usual poor cards. Air conditioning [at Golf Course Restaurant] broke and some went home. Wayne called.
SUNDAY, JULY 10, 1988 Almost 100° again. Second Sunday no one called to take me to church. But, could not go in this heat. Spent a lot of time on porch. In evening thunder and lightning.

MONDAY, JULY 11, 1988 Very little rain last evening. A few degrees cooler. Don and Ellen returned from Nashville [where John was pursuing a Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Vanderbilt University]. I called Bill and was upset. Then, Karen called and she thought he is better. On my porch today, Barbara, Carole, and Pat. I tried to take a walk with Barbara, but so unsteady.

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1988 Still can hardly take heat. Don came in morning, got some things I ordered, and brought me Klondike [ice cream] bars. In P.M. two men went in Rutherford's garage and took two bikes. A man on Wynding saw them, called police. They knew they were followed and dropped bikes. Bill called, all tubes had been removed and he could walk with walker and lung clear. Mr. Clover brought me watermelon.


THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1988 Very hot and humid. Don't feel like doing anything. Watch T.V. and work on material they send from [Senior] Center. Don went to see Bill. He gets home tomorrow. Carole brought Mopsy [dog] to have her haircut admired. I did not feel like admiring it. Gets kind of old. [Jamison Novak's 6th birthday.]

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1988 100° The humidity not so bad. But, still hot. No small tomatoes and very little bloom. Valerie and baby here in evening. Bill called. Mr. Cooke told him home. He is so weak, can hardly walk. I am so worried about him down there alone. Don't see how I can stand this heat much longer.

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1988 100°. Worst day yet. 100° at five here. Balanced the checkbook. Phone out of order awhile. Don called. Some of children are helping Bill.

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1988 90°. My fourth Sunday to miss church. No one called last two Sundays, but I couldn't go anyway. I called Valerie, she and Barbara only ones I spoke to. Man called from telephone company to see if phone fixed.

MONDAY, JULY 18, 1988 Hot and humid - didn't feel well. I called Blanche [Smith], and Don called. Only persons I spoke to. About five a storm came up, and had a good rain. Yes, I called Bill -thought he might be a little better.

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1988 Temperature lower, but humidity awful. One of worst days I have had. Rained most of night and shower this P.M. Susan came to clean.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 1988 Rained most of night. Began around noon, kept up all day. Pat stopped for me to get hair done. Don met me at Super-Duper [grocery]. Got groceries and went to bank. Took blocks to Helen [Rymer] and picked up some for me. We stopped at house and put groceries away, then to the
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1988 Rain during night. I didn't notice heat so much, but humidity high. Put clean papers in bathroom, swept porch. Walked to back yard, can hardly do it. Saw five little tomatoes. Called Bill. Said he could walk better with a cane. Has to have a blood transfusion every two weeks.

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1988 Took sleeping pill last night, and didn't wake up 'till 9:15. Felt miserable all day. Don called. Barbara got me a head of lettuce. Had a very hard rain about 5:30. Don didn't have any. Edna called and talked quite awhile.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1988 Went to bridge. Third and got 39 pennies. So tired when I came home. Did not get much dinner. Sat on porch until 9:30 with Barbara. This is third Sunday no one called to take me to church. Very humid! Hard rain in night.

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 1988 Pat went to lunch with me and seemed to enjoy going. We stayed for Zella Thompson's 100th birthday. Limb fell on Kaiser's car and smashed back window. Put in my garage in case of rain. Dorothy and Don called. I called Bill. He can walk a little better. Gary and Bobbie went down on Saturday. Cut grass, pulled weeds and cleaned garage.

MONDAY, JULY 25, 1988 Hot and humid. Did some things around house that did not amount to much. I called to see how Mary is. Barbara and Carole here. [Nichole Rehl's 14th birthday.]

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1988 Still very humid. I changed bed in back room. Cut ivy off driveway. Leona called to take me to "Chat n' Sew." Then Don called.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 1988 Still hot. Darlene Brown came from library and brought me eight big print books. Later, Valerie came. She took me to grocery. Exhausted when I got home. Bill called. He felt better and now able to do some things around house. He had a blood transfusion yesterday. He was really touched - Don sent him $500.00. Reading a book she brought me. [Dick Kutchera's 64th birthday.]

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1988 90°. Hot again! Leona took me to "Chat n'Sew." Took our own lunch. Only six there, four to work on quilt. It was a big one and we finished. Didn't get home 'till four. Almost fell getting out of car. Eloise brought me home. Both boys have been calling.

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1988 Over 90°. Cannot do much. Don and Ellen left today for Tom's [in Indianapolis, on way to cottage]. Barbara, Carole, and Mrs. Clover sat on porch.

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1988 Didn't go to church. Gerry Gifford and daughter came in P.M. Started a new book. Had good rain last night. Called Bill - he sounded so much better.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 1988 92° here. Hotter downtown. I never suffered so with heat. Called Peter about yard. Barbara can't get me on Wednesday. Valerie will.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1988 94° at eight o'clock. Don't see how I can stand this. Susan cleaned house. Peter cut grass and other things. Dorothy called to say they would come Friday. Don called. They reached cottage today. Heat terrible there - 100° once. Thunder in evening.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1988 No rain here, but as close as Graceland [Shopping Center]. Pat stopped for me to get hair done. Valerie came for me. We went to bank, grocery and bank. Dorothy called. Won't come 'till Saturday. Donna [Chuck's wife] has a problem. Bill called.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1988 The scorching weather continues - worst in 50 years. Don't do anything but meals and dishes.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 1988 Still very hot. I baked a pie shell for the weekend. Finished a lap robe. Leona took me to party at church for Lucille Bolon's 75th birthday. A storm came up as ready to leave. Didn't get home 'till 9:30.1 gave Leona $2.00. I could not go some places if she didn't take me. Called Bill. He has a blood transfusion on Tuesday. [Timothy Cooper born today.]


SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 1988 No one called to take me to church. Wasn't going anyway. Dick went to church with Valerie - she stayed here for dinner - Mark on duty. In P.M. Dorothy and Dick went to [Drug] Emporium. I fell in front room, went to Valerie's for dinner. I am so discouraged - cannot walk well and don't see well. [Colleen Cooper's 31st birthday.]

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 1988 90° again. Yesterday Dorothy cleaned refrigerator. I had a bad night, cramps, etc. Dorothy got milk and took [sewing] material to Helen [Rymer]. Dick fixed the garage door. I felt miserable, better in evening. They left after lunch to stay overnight with Valerie. Pat [Permell] cleaned half my drive. Karen called. I called Bill.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1988 93°. Saw no one until Barbara came over in evening. 'Phone didn't ring. Bill had blood transfusion.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1988 94°. Another scorcher - thunder in evening, but no rain. I called Bill - he felt better today, drove his tractor a little way, and car to town. Gary went with him. Don called. They are having a good time [at cottage in Wisconsin].
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1988

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1988 Still this awful heat. I am about sick with it. Karen came in evening. We had tuna fish sandwiches. Too hot to cook or eat. First letter from Don.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1988 93°. Baked a jiffy cake. Too hot to do anything. Worked on sewing. Mr. Fletcher called about church. Too hot to go. Called Bill for his 64th birthday. He seems to feel better. No one over.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1988 Another terrible day. The electricity went off at 2:30, and didn't come on 'till 6:30. Karen brought me things from Bill, a lot of tomatoes, cabbage, squash.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1988 Started out hot and humid. At 12:30 a bad storm and hard rain that didn't last long. Electricity went off at one, and didn't come on 'till seven thirty. My yard is a mess. Bill called. Had a cold supper, baked beans and tomato. [B.J. Novak's 33rd birthday.]

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1988 93°. This heat is terrible. Susan came to clean. Barbara over.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1988 Report was 102° downtown. Heat is almost unbearable! Pat was here at 8:30 to take me to Beauty Shop. Then, I went to grocery and Barbara came for me. In P.M. Peter cleaned up yard. Mowed and moved bricks in back yard. [There was a sizable stack of loose bricks in Gladys' back yard between her garage and the back fence. Apparently Charles had stored them there.] Nothing grows there but ivy. Peter goes to college and don't know where to get another boy.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1988 92°. The predicted cooler weather did not come. Suffered through another day. Nothing to write about. Thunder in evening and storm warning.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1988 Got some rain last night. I froze five cups of tomatoes from Bill's. Valerie got medicine - she was so long coming, I was worried. My yard looks awful. Wish I hadn't had it mowed.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1988 Had a good rain last night, but a miserable one for me. Shingles flared up again. Made zucchini bread. Called Don for his 57th birthday. Saw no one to speak to.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 1988 80°. A perfect day. Mr. Bond took me to church. Walked to back yard - only a few small green tomatoes. Barbara, Mr. Clover and Carole and Mopsy here.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1988 82°. Another beautiful day. Saw no one to speak to until Barbara came over and Effie Downing called. Called Bill. He is going to send typed envelopes with his name. Said mailman can't read my writing. I think I take too much medicine.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1988
[No entry for this date.]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1988 Another lovely day, but gets dark so much earlier. Leona took me to "Chat n' Sew." Nine there - took sack lunch. Kaiser's got new carpet, put old carpet and car in my garage.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 1988 Beautiful weather continues. Wish I had somewhere to go - 19 years today since the awful day I lost Charles. Ilo [Hathaway] never forget. Don called, and I called Bill. He doesn't get his strength back. Thought maybe Dorothy would call, but she didn't. Barbara got me milk and stayed awhile over in P.M.


SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1988 Went to church with Edgell's. Drizzle when we came out. In P.M. Gary and Kathy came and got Kaiser's carpet. They were glad I called them. Stayed 'till about five. About an hour later, Valerie, Mark, and baby [Amanda] came. Brought me candy bars. Steady rain all afternoon and evening.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 1988 Rained all night, and to about nine. Gloria called. Said she would like me to see Bill. We left about four and almost 9:30 when we got home. Bill's very sick, don't think he will be much better. Had hardly anything to eat all day. We took food and he felt better. Brought home corn, tomatoes, and cabbage. It makes me sick to see him so bad.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1988 Low 48°. Perfect day. I am so worried about Bill. Gary called - when he went to hospital for transfusion, they kept him for infection in hand. Man came for La-Z Boy chair. Carole helped him take it out. Gave corn to Kaisers and Clovers, put some in freezer in husk.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1988 Pat came for me to go to Beauty Shop. Barbara came for me. I was so "wobbly," could not have made it without their help. Went to grocery and bank. Valerie and baby here all afternoon.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1988 Still lovely weather. Warmer today. Gary called. He is taking Bill to their house when he leaves hospital. He will never get well. My heart aches. Man brought chair back. $15.00. Jeff Johnson mowed back yard.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1988 Much warmer. I did the ironing. Carole brought me two cupcakes for my birthday. Called Frieda to tell her about Bill.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1988 My 89th birthday. Rained most of day. Dorothy and Dick came at 11:30 to take me to dinner. It rained so hard men went over and bought chicken and we ate here. Had a nice meal. Dick and Mark bought me a birthday cake. Don called, and I called Bill. He is so sick and I can't think of anything else. Dorothy sent me a dress and flashlight. Will hear from Don later.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1988 Another gloomy day, and a few periods of sun. Didn't go to church. Dorothy and Dick got me things at [Drug] Emporium. They left at 1:30. So lonesome. Tom called for my birthday, also talked with John and Trish who were at his house. Was on church Bulletin about Bill. Doris B. called me. Called Gary.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1988 Labor Day. I slept late, until Carole came. I never spoke to anyone. Don will be home Wednesday.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1988 Record low of 44°. Did not do much. So lonely. Home too much, time to think and cry. Ilo only caller (phone) for two days. Called Bill - he could barely hear me - not very satisfactory. [John Cooper's 30th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1988 Perfect day. Made zucchini bread. Ada Lewis called [former neighbor who had lived to the rear of Gladys], and Princess [Hatch, former member of "dinner" bridge club]. Don and Ellen got home [from cottage]. Bill called - had another transfusion.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1988 A little warmer - perfect day. Don took me to a Chinese restaurant for lunch. We talked a lot about Bill - so sad. Mrs. Clover and Barbara over. Tom called. [Matthew Hooper born today.] [Don and Ellen's 31st wedding anniversary.]

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1988 Mark called about 8:30. Valerie had a baby boy [Matthew] at 9:30 [yesterday]. Don and Ellen took me to see Bill. He looked much better. Darlene brought more books. Much warmer. [Katie Lynn Kutchera's 3rd birthday.]

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1988 Really warm. I baked cookies, made a meat loaf. Ada Lewis came to see me, brought fruit, and Barbara sent tomatoes. Block Party tonight. Letter from Dorothy. Chuck had an accident with chain [saw?] - cut off parts of two fingers.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1988 Very warm. Went to church with Edgell's. Carole and Barbara came to tell me about Block Party. Called Gloria - she went to see Bill today - he walked to door with them. Valerie came home with baby.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1988 Showers in night and through day. Margaret took me to Circle. Tried to call Bill, but he has been moved, and I had wrong number for hospital. He goes to Gary's tomorrow. Warm!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1988 Very gloomy day and such high humidity. Bill went to Gary's [to stay]. Dorothy and Dick came to Valerie's. Susan came to clean.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1988 Beautiful day - lower humidity. Dorothy took me to get a permanent, then to bank and grocery. Can sit on porch. Bill called - throat better.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1988 Perfect day. I froze two meals of tomatoes. Dorothy called, but didn't come down. Except 'phone, spoke to no one except Mr. Clover, who picks up my garbage for trash day.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1988 Lovely day. Enjoyed porch. Several stopped. Dorothy came in P.M. Brought me tomatoes, zucchini, peppers. She called Don. Picked up sticks in front yard.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1988 Very dark morning. Sun out in P.M. Didn't feel good. Managed to freeze four cups tomatoes, one of peppers. Went to Valerie's for dinner - she told me they are moving to Cleveland. Just makes me sick!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1988 Decided not to go to church, and didn't wake up until a quarter 'till ten. In P.M. Barbara was over - Don, Dorothy, and Karen called.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1988 Very hot, humid day. Dorothy went to Golden Crest with me. Looked at Bazaar things. Bill and Don called.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1988 Another warm day. Dorothy took me to Center - so glad to get back. Sent home with me a lot of work. Went to nurse. She will call Dr. Bope about my medicine. Don called, then Bill. He has his own 'phone now. Drove to town.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1988 Much cooler. Washed a dress and blouse. Nurse at Center helping me with medicine. In evening Wayne, Mary, and children came.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1988 Margaret took me to "Chat n' Sew." Nine there. Had a nice time, warm enough to sit on porch. Dorothy came down in P.M. They left about six. Told me Dick doesn't feel well. Urinary problems.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1988 Warmer. Put three cups tomatoes in freezer. Two women came and cleaned kitchen carpet, small bath and spots off carpet in back room. $30.00. Mr. Barnett gave me six tomatoes. Valerie called.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1988 Gloomy day - I wasn't out of house. Cleaned stove, washed two blouses and a dress. Blanche Smith died. Exciting football game with Louisiana. State won in last few minutes by three points. I called Bill, and Don called.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1988 Beautiful day. Mr. Evans took me to church. Hattie and I went to Bonanza for dinner.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1988 About 80°. Ellen took me for a blood check. Stopped at grocery. Can sit on porch, called Bill - not very satisfactory - has throat trouble. He is driving to farm about every day - 30 miles each way.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1988 This weather is great! Leona and I went to Blanche Smith's funeral. Then, Hattie, and I went to Wendy's for lunch. Susan came to clean. [Gary Cooper's 37th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1988 Still beautiful weather. Pat took me to Beauty Shop. Barbara came for me. I took down two tomato plants, and cut ivy by garage. Someone broke lock on gate. Ellen left for her Mother's. Called Bill - he has problems.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1988 Have tried five boys to mow grass - no luck. Called Tina, said her husband would do it. Baked small apple pie. Mr. Clover visited awhile when he got garbage. Barbara over. Valerie and children here in evening. Worked out[s]ide a little while.


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1988 Nice day, cloudy but no rain. I cut down last tomato plants. Mr. Rutherford cut the grass. It was so high and big job I gave him $5.00 for girls. Mr. Davis called about church. Cannot get in van. Called Leona. Don called - they got her mother [Mrs. Gladys Hutchins] in Health Center.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1988 Gloomy morning - later sun came out. Leona took me to church and Brunch. Don called - all is working out well for Ellen at her mother's. Sat on porch, won't do that much more.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1988 Much cooler. Barbara brought me some slips [cuttings for rooting flowers]. Called from Center, the nurse. I will have to watch what I eat. Bill called, he can't get out of bed. Hopes a transfusion on Wednesday will help. There are so many problems in that family, I can hardly stand it. A day at a time and trust in the Lord.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1988 Nice day, but cold. Leona took me to Women's [Society] Meeting. A long nap in P.M. Valerie and Don called.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1988 Nice day - frost predicted. Don came over in P.M. took me to grocery and bank, brought in dirt, flowers, etc. Meant so much to me.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1988 Cold - furnace feels good. Made up bed in front room. Moved some flowers there. Gary called. Put Bill in hospital Tuesday. I am afraid he won't make it. Sometimes I think I can't bear it.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1988 Never dressed all day. Mary called. Bill is in intensive care. I don't see how I can stand these long evenings, and no one to talk to. How I miss Charles!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1988 Beautiful day. Went to bridge, but so worried about Bill. He will have a Pacemaker. He was feeling better today. Valerie and children here while they showed her house. Frieda called. Got pennies at bridge. Ellen and Tom got home with furniture [from the home of Ellen's mother, Gladys Hutchins].

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1988 Decided not to go to church - gloomy day. Valerie and children here all afternoon while their house open. Carole came down. Valerie swept drive, raked front yard. Fixed toilet seat.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1988 Cloudy and windy. Margaret took me to Circle. Bought some things put out for Bazaar.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1988 Rain during night. Susan came to clean, while she was here Rev. Wendt came to ask about Bill. He had permanent Pacemaker put in today. Mr. Clover came - will bring his slides over Saturday. Talked with Karen - Bill got along O.K. She will take me down Sunday. Margaret Harmon and Hattie called to ask about him. I swept walk and was sweeping part of drive when Susan came and finished. Leaves and acorns are awful. Ground hog living under front porch. Lawyer wrote Leona Zahn had died July 30th. [former next-door neighbor at cottage].

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1988 Cold! Pat stopped for me to go to Blood Pressure. Mrs. Hoffman came for me. Went in to grocery. I enjoy the groundhog under porch. He sits on hind legs and eats acorns. Karen called -late. Bill was moved out of intensive care. Had his auction and sold about everything [from his trailer - his home].

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1988 28° this morning. Didn't do much. Kaiser's came home - she was over.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1988 Another cold morning, but warmed up in P.M. Saw no one around here. Only persons I spoke to were on 'phone. Don called Bill - he can't get up or walk.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1988 Another nice day. 72°. Don went to see Bill, he was sitting in a chair. Clovers came over and showed their Sweden slides and brought popcorn. No one called about church.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1988 Valerie stopped. Karen took me to see Bill. He is only allowed two glasses of liquid a day. Feet so swollen. They walk him some each day. Rained all way home.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1988 Cloudy, but no rain. Don took me to Dr. Bope. Brought in flower pots. I am so worried about Bill - just take a day at time and trust in the Lord.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1988 Took a sleeping pill and didn't wake up 'till 9:15. Rain during night and wind. So many leaves down - yard and drive looks awful. Found Mr. Rutherford had mowed my grass Sunday. I was gone.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1988 Bad news about Bill. Want to take him to Gary's if can find someone to stay with him. My heart aches, and such long evenings. Mr. Clark took small T.V. for repair.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1988 Nothing special. Butler [neighbor boy?] promised to come, but never showed up. Called Kathy. Bill is to go to their home tomorrow.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1988 Rained almost all day. A dark, gloomy day. Ellen, Trish, and children came. Also Valerie and her two. She stayed for lunch. Took a nap. No word from Bill today.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1988 Much colder. Valerie took me to Bazaar and came for me. I didn't sell anything, but enjoyed visiting and lunch. Bill called, people at church asked about him and were praying for him. Don called.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1988 Missed church again. Went with Hoffman's, Mrs. See and Justus' to Circleville for dinner. Had a good one. A rain began about noon. Kept it up rest of day.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1988 Dark, cold, gloomy day. 43° high. Don took me to Dr. Hickey - got better report than expected. "Good" eye, 25/40. Very small cataract. Called Bill.


WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1988 Had a miserable night - slept very little. Pat took me to get hair done. Barbara came for me. Bill called - his voice weak. They are getting him a hospital bed. I sent him money to get a new robe and slippers. I feel better tonight. Hope I can sleep.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1988 Nice day. Leona took me to "Chat n' Sew." Had a nice time - all are good to me, thread my needles, etc. Don called. Barbara over. [Gloria Cooper VanDixon's 64th birthday.]

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1988 Rain and wind during night and leaves are awful. Nothing to write about. Called Bill - not very satisfactory - voice weak. [Wayne Cooper's 30th birthday.]

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1988 Took a sleeping pill last night, and felt miserable most of day. Dorothy and Dick came at 3:30. Mark and Valerie going to a dinner where he was to get an award. Brought children here 'till seven when Dorothy and Dick took them home. Stayed there overnight.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1988 Four Sundays I have missed church. Had to go to grocery - such a bill! $61.05. Got things that will last awhile. Had to borrow from Dorothy. Don called, he talked with Dorothy. Bill called and told Dorothy how to come tomorrow. Dorothy raked leaves.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1988 Dorothy took me to nurse. Sugar high. We did some errands coming home. In P.M. we went to see Bill and took him new lap robe the Center gave me. He is so sick, can hardly talk. I am afraid I won't see him again. Beggar's Night. Did not go to door.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1988 Dorothy and Dick put in most of storm windows. They left at ten.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1988 Nothing to write about. Called Gary. Bill, the same. A thunderstorm and rain.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1988 Don't see anyone. Telephone and T.V. are a help. The storm was today instead of Wednesday.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1988 Never spoke to anyone. Will be many such days this winter. Another thunderstorm in morning, but cleared.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1988 A "no sleep" night. Got up feeling miserable. Valerie and children came. A dark, rainy day. Don called. I am so discouraged about Bill. He doesn't call me anymore - hard to talk.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1988 First snow, a miserable day. Mr. Crane took me to church - stayed for Brunch. Dorothy Pahl brought me home. Don went to see Bill - he is about the same. Mr. Clover came for garbage and stayed awhile.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1988 Cloudy, but no rain. Butler came. He raked leaves and cleaned gutters. Barbara over. Bill called Don - will have blood checked Wednesday. His voice so weak, can hardly talk.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1988 Rain during night. Cleared off and nice election day. George Bush was elected President of U.S. I didn't do much. Susan came to clean. Telephone didn't ring.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1988 Nice day. Pat took me to Beauty Shop and Barbara came for me. Went to bank. Mr. Randis came for church pledge. $35.00 a month.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1988 When I got up Tina was raking my leaves out of street. Don and Ellen called, only ones I spoke to all day. Bill gets a transfusion tomorrow.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1988 Veteran's Day. No mail and federal offices closed. Nice, sunny day. I swept walk and cut off peonies. Bill had transfusion and back at Gary's.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1988 Went to Bridge, had better cards and came in second. $.75. Came home, made chili. Dorothy and Dick here for dinner. In evening Dorothy and I went to grocery. A game of Scrabble. I won by one point!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1988 Rain during night. A gloomy morning, but sunny in P.M. We went to Matthew's baptism, then to Valerie's for dinner. Dorothy and Dick left at five. Don called.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1988 Lovely day. Circle called off. Hardly anyone could go. Called Gary, Bill much better - got up himself and walked quite a bit.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1988 Lovely, sunny day. Mr. Clover got my medicine. I called Nellie and Laura [Hardy] called me.


THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1988 Nice, sunny day. Leona took me to "Chat n'Sew." After I came home, Valerie and children came and we went to see Carole's ceramics. I bought three small [ceramic Christmas] trees for Christmas gifts. They came in awhile. Bill had another transfusion.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1988 Nice day. Butler promised to come this morning, but didn't come. In P.M. Don came - we took money from one bank and bought certificate at Buckeye Federal. Went to grocery and also had my glasses straightened.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1988 Gloomy day, but did not rain for Michigan game. We were 20-0 first half. Then 2nd half we were ahead, but one minute to go and we lost. Don called. Bill can hardly hear.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1988 Didn't go to church. I am so worried about Bill don't feel like going anywhere. Finished a book. 7th in a series. Fell in kitchen, but didn't hurt myself.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1988 Nice day. Butler cleaned up yard, $10.00. Altogether leaves have cost $27.00. Big T.V. won't shut off. Mr. Clark came and they had to take it out. Don called. Bill will be alone on Thanksgiving. Makes me feel so bad. Edna [Scott] called and Barbara [Kaiser] over.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1988 Nice sunny day. Pat came for me - half hour early. I was ready. Susan came to clean. Mr. Clark brought T.V. back. Said he couldn't fix. It works if I pull plug. Called Sun [T.V. store]. Picked slips from begonias.


THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1988 Don came at 8:15. Was just getting up to tell me Bill couldn't live through day. Soon heard he was gone. He stayed awhile and Dorothy and Dick came about noon. We all went to Valerie's for dinner. My heart aches, but Bill had suffered so much. Called Gloria and Frieda. Funeral tomorrow at Lancaster.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1988 We went to calling hours at two. Most of family there. Bill looked so nice and beautiful flowers. Frieda and family sent lovely ones. Bill is through suffering, and I had him for 64 years.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1988 One of saddest days of my life when we went to Bill's funeral. It was a beautiful service. The minister gave a good talk. Twenty three family members. A military service at cemetery. 21 gun salute - flag given to Gary. Dorothy and Dick and I stopped at Rax's on way home. John and Trish came from Tennessee. Tom, Linda, and Jeff.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1988 Dark, gloomy day and some rain. Mr. Shivery took my flowers to church. Rev. Wendt called in P.M. I was hurt he didn't come down to see me. I called him on Friday morning. They left my flowers in office.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1988 Cold. 35°. Dark and dreary. Dorothy went down and got flowers. We divided among her, Valerie, and me. No one came, and only Valerie and Don called. It really made me realize Bill was gone when I was alone. Called Karen.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1988 Nice, sunny day. Mr. Clover saw me taking out garbage and came and got it. He went for my medicine, but they said they didn't have order. Carole and Barbara over. More sympathy cards and a check for $20.00 from Linda Erickson [Gladys' niece from Story City, Iowa, and first cousin to Bill]. Hattie and Gerry called.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1988 Cold and gloomy. Hattie brought sandwiches and we had lunch here. Mr. Clover got medicine. Don called and Frieda and we talked quite awhile.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1988 Sunny, but cold. Margaret took me to Christmas Tea at church. Mrs. Clover brought me some "goodies." Called Gloria. Can hardly realize Bill is gone. "Buddy" called me from Anchorage, Alaska, about Bill and talked 15 minutes. ["Buddy" was a troubled young man whom Bill met while in his earlier career as a social worker. He lived for a time with Bill and Gloria. Buddy also called me. He said he was very grateful to Bill for his support in a very difficult time of his life.]

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1988 Nice day. Valerie and children here in morning. They were dressed in their "Christmas" suit and dress. Were going to have their picture taken.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1988 Baked cookies and put in freezer. A long time since I baked. Carole brought me three [ceramic Christmas] trees I ordered from her.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1988 Much colder. Mr. Pond took me to church. I slipped off seat getting out, and had hard time getting out. I think I had better stay home - getting to be too much trouble. Stayed for Brunch. Don came for me and spent afternoon. Was so low. Glad, Lucy called.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1988
Another sunny day. I cleaned some of stove. Barbara over.


WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1988 Pat took me to Beauty Shop, and Barbara came for me. Then, went with Hoffman's and Mrs. See to the church where they serve dinner for $2.00. Had a good meal. Light rain when we came home.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1988 Nice, sunny day. Don and I went to Mr. Yearling. Made a new will. Then we went to Don's to see the things they brought from Hutchins. Then we went to Bonanza and stopped at grocery.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1988 I felt miserable - cancelled bridge for tomorrow. Can hardly get around.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1988 Spent most of day in bed. Can hardly get meals. Snow began in P.M. Accidents all over town.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1988 15° Sunny and cold. Still feel miserable.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1988 Began to feel better and more like doing things. Finished trimming my little [Christmas] tree. Mrs. Clover came for garbage and admired it [the tree]. [Rachel Cooper's 3rd birthday.]


WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1988 52°. The snow melted. Margaret took me to Circle. We are two days late meeting. Getting [to be] an effort to go anywhere. Ellen called. She and Don are already planning my 90th birthday party! Hope I make it. [Valerie Hooper's 29th birthday.]

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1988 Snow flurries began in P.M. Decorated the mantle. Carole brought me cake and fudge, and Pat brought me cake.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1988 Nothing to write about. Remembered Don took me to Mr. Yearling, bank, grocery, [Drug] Emporium, then to their house for dinner. Coming home we drove around to see lights.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1988 About an inch of snow. After a sleeping pill, I didn't wake 'till 10:20. In P.M. Barbara and Carole came. Don's had carpet cleaned. Ellen was allergic to deodorizer came here overnight.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1988 Don't get to church very often. Snow on ground. Ellen left about 9:30. Valerie and children came and stayed 'till 1:30. Don't feel like doing much.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1988 Beautiful, sunny day - up to 55°. Snow melted. Leona's son-in-law took me to Golden Crest with her. Had a nice time, glad to go out.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1988 Gloomy, windy day. In P.M. Susan came to clean. Brought a "bootie" for my tree. Also, Mr. Yearling came - signed my new will. I am worn out with that! Mary, Wayne, and children came before I was through dinner.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1988 Nice day. Pat took me to Beauty Shop and Barbara came for me. Had a miserable night and didn't feel well. Valerie and Karen called.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1988 Wayne, Mary and children came in evening.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1988 Didn't feel like doing much. Karen came in P.M. and Gary and family in evening. They have all brought me nice gifts. Valerie brought 5 and have opened one each day. All nice. Gary's stayed'till 10:15.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1988 Rained hard last night. Took a sleeping pill and didn't wake 'till nine. Called Mrs. Cochran to thank her for plate of candy. Carole also brought fudge. A very gloomy day. Sun came out in P.M. Mr. Clover came and brought me Christmas ornament. Don called.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1988 A beautiful, sunny Christmas Day. Opened last of my packages. Was well remembered. Tom and Becky came for me and we had dinner. Linda and Jeff went to his folks. All rest there. Don brought me home at five. He and Ellen both have colds. I am glad Christmas is over. Miss Charles and Bill.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1988 Gloomy day. Put the gifts away. Some small things around house. Snow began in P.M. 'A inch. Tom got home safe, and Valerie and Mark. Driving was terrible. Accidents all over town.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1988 Warmer and snow melted. Dorothy and Dick came at noon. She and I went to grocery in P.M. Scrabble in evening.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1988 Rained all last evening. Then, turned to wet snow - over 2 inches. All trees and shrubs are so pretty. Dorothy and Dick went to [Drug] Emporium and to Valerie's. Game of Scrabble after they came back.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1988 Nice day, and much of snow melted. Saw no one - only person I spoke to was Don. Ellen in hospital with bronchitis. Watched "Sound of Music."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1988
Nice day - more snow melted. Barbara over. Only person I spoke to. Hardly slept last night - didn't feel too well.

Again, I spent New Year's Eve alone, as I have done for 19 years. I think of things Charles and I used to do. This past year has been both joy and sorrow. We had three new babies, Daniel, Timothy, and Matthew. I have not been anywhere. Do not walk so well. Hardly go out to back yard. No change in families [disagreement over will]. How [I] hate to see Valerie and Mark move [to Cleveland].

All last winter Bill planned a new building with a greenhouse for plants he would raise. Never got much use of it as he took sick again before plants were set out. Left his house on August 31st, and never got back to stay. He left me on Thanksgiving day. I try to be thankful for the years we had, and the two I have left.

I lost more friends. Edith Walter, Evelyn Dietz, Blanche Smith. Wonder if I'll make another year.

END OF BOOK XLV. PART ONE (JANUARY 1, 1988 - DECEMBER 31, 1988)

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Gladys, age 90, understandably experienced various aches and pains as she entered the ninth decade and final year of her long life. At various times she noted problems with walking, balance, high blood sugar, and vision. "I am so discouraged about my walking - should stay home [from church]." Hattie never asks me to go out for dinner [after church]. She is probably afraid I will fall. Because of such fears, "[I] don't go to basement very often." "Had a miserable night - felt terrible, my back hurts so much." Yet she wrote, "I am glad I made it through another winter - only one cold." She was able to continue many, if not all, of her customary activities, although on a reduced schedule. Indeed, she was unusually active the final week of her life. The final entry in the diary, November 18, was less than twelve hours before her death.

She played bridge various times, and won first place ($1.00) on several occasions. In the last few months she played "three-handed bridge" with two friends. Church was still important, although attendance was spotty and depended, of course, on a friend or family member taking her there. Karen was particularly faithful to take her to church. Gladys enjoyed "Chat n' Sew," although "cannot thread my needle, and so tired of being taken." She was no longer able to work on the annual Bazaar, but she attended with Dorothy. A friend brought large-print books from the library, sometimes ten at a time. "Don't know what I would do without books to read." In warm weather she very much enjoyed sitting on the front porch, often with friends from the neighborhood, and eating and reading on the back porch.

Her neighbors, especially the Clovers and Kaisers, were very attentive. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clover (who still live in same house across the street) did countless favors for Gladys. Frank Clover took out her garbage, picked up her medicine at the pharmacy, and did small jobs such as installing and removing windows and screens in season. The Clovers brought her flowers, candy, and took her warm popcorn and watermelon. Once Mr. Clover showed slides to Golden Crest at church of their trip to Turkey. Inside the home Gladys was able to bake cookies on several occasions, and made a key lime pie on October 13. She made meat loaves and casseroles from time to time, but no longer mentions freezing tomatoes from the garden as she had done for years. Since she had a cleaning woman come every other week, Gladys did little housework. Still she washed "odds and ends" and "knick-knacks," put clean newspapers on shelves, swept the driveway once ("a lot for me"), and pulled weeds from the ivy. She had several tomato plants, but no beans, onions, or cucumbers, and plentiful impatient marigolds, and beautiful peonies. She ordered new carpet for her bathroom.

Despite frequent telephone calls and visits by family members, friends, and neighbors, Gladys was sometimes lonely and blue. On April 6, "I have been lonesome for two days - don't get out or see anyone." On May 5, "I am so lonesome. Feel trapped. Can't go anywhere unless someone takes me. Can't even take a walk." On Saturday, April 22, "I have not been out of house since Monday." Special friends from Wisconsin, Leonard and Bernice Johnson, visited unexpectedly on May 10. She also lost several good friends during the year, including Lucille Reeder and Gerry Gifford from a former bridge club. She made one short trip outside of Columbus to a restaurant near Circleville with neighbors on October 22.

As usual, she took note of certain special anniversaries. On February 22, "32 years since we moved here. Moved to [393] Mimring [Road] same date in 1931. 26 years there." On March 5, "My mother's birthday. [Wilma Hayes Bolon]. She was born in 1876. So was Charles' mother. [Fanny Dolman Cooper Stewart, June 14]." On May 2, "Charles' 90th birthday. We always took each other to dinner on our birthdays." On May 14, "A beautiful Mother's Day. Don and Ellen went to church
with me. We stopped at grocery, then to Faculty Club for a good dinner. I went to their house for awhile.... Dorothy called. Tom later. I miss Bill on Mother's Day. I put his last year's card up with others. September 3 was a memorable day. "My 90th birthday, and such a day. Don, Dorothy, Karen, Frieda and six of her family went to church. The Minister [Rev. Alan Wendt] told of my birthday and [I] received applause. Then, he asked congregation to wait until I could go to door and greet everyone. That was really nice. In afternoon 36 at party [at Don's house]. From Arizona, Virginia, Iowa, Indiana. All had a good time and such good food. The ones from out of town stayed for evening meal. It was really great, and I shall never forget! But, I was tired! Weather ideal." She received 55 birthday cards, and beautiful flowers from her niece, Margie, in Hawaii, a fruit basket from Kaiser's, a box of delicious Anthony Thomas candy from the Clovers, a corsage for Frieda and herself from Don, and a necklace from Rev. Wendt's mother. She had requested "no gifts."

On August 30 Gladys wrote, "I am truly blessed with my children. Miss Bill." She continued to have close contact with all of Bill's family. Karen went to church with Gladys on several Sundays, and celebrated her 29th birthday with her on February 1. Gary came by and did various chores, and Wayne and Mary visited with their children. Gloria kept in touch by telephone, and visited more than once. Gary graduated from Ohio State on June 9, Gladys' 66th wedding anniversary. Karen got a new job at Mercy Hospital with "better salary and good hours." Wayne and Mary were expecting their third child in April, 1990 [Patrick Cooper, April 3].

Don continued his long-time career as the Senior Professor of Latin American History at Ohio State. He attended a conference in March at Notre Dame University. On March 24, he suffered a serious tear in the retina of his right eye, and it required immediate surgery that same morning. Dr. Hickey's surgery was completely successful. On October 16, "Don took me to Golden Crest. He showed pictures [slides] of South and Central America. I was so proud of him!" Ellen was hospitalized three times. She entered the hospital December 30 for bronchitis, and was discharged January 9. There was a second hospitalization for bronchitis, plus surgery for a hernia, in April. She made a trip to Gaithersburg, Maryland to visit her mother. Don and Ellen left for the cottage on June 23, and returned August 9. One evening Don discovered a very pregnant skunk resting on a bookshelf in the cottage basement. The door had been left open. Don was afraid several little stinkers would soon be born in the basement. No doubt the babies father would also want to visit. He tried to entice the mother outside by placing a cut-up hot dog just beyond the basement door. As he watched through the window, however, a fox ate the hot dog. The strategy of leaving the basement door open all night worked. Mrs. Skunk was gone in the morning. Nor was there any lingering aftereffect. Several improvements were made to the cottage that summer, including a new cabinet in the bath, a microwave in the kitchen, new curtains for the interior doors, and several chairs refinished. Linda and Jerry Erickson from Story City, Iowa, and their two sons, Christopher and Travase, visited for several days. Gladys wrote on July 19, "I am so glad they enjoy cottage.

During the final week of her life Gladys was surprisingly busy. On November 10 she visited Dr. Hickey for an eye exam. She played bridge on November 11, and won second prize, $.75. On
November 13, she attended her Circle meeting at church. On November 15, Ellen took her to a movie, "The Bear," which neither cared for, and then to dinner at Bonanza. On November 16 she attended "Chat n' Sew". On November 18, the last full day of her life, she finished a book and watched Ohio State beat Wisconsin in football by 20 points.

In past years the annual synopsis would conclude with Gladys' end-of-year reflections. This final year, when there was no final summary, I repeat the "Epilogue" following her death.

**Epilogue**

The long, fruitful, and inspiring life of Gladys Cooper ended the morning of Sunday, November 19. She recounts in her final entry that she had spent a "miserable" night, and declined an invitation to go to church. I am unaware at this point of the details of the next few hours. Gladys wore a medical monitoring alarm around her neck, her "Team Guard," and probably she used this device to call for help. It was probably Barbara Kaiser. She was taken by ambulance to Riverside Methodist Hospital where she quickly died of "myocardial infarction" at 2:30 A.M. She suffered no lingering pain. Gladys had lived 90 years, two months, and 15 days. I did not learn of my mother's passing until early Sunday afternoon, as Ellen and I were returning from Indianapolis where we were visiting Tom and Tammy.

Dorothy and Dick arrived, I believe, the next day, and we three went to the Rutherford Funeral Home, and selected a York "Titan Court" casket and a Landon vault, and proceeded to make funeral arrangements. The obituary, published twice in the Columbus *Dispatch*, read as follows:

"Gladys (Bolon) Cooper, age 90, Columbus, Ohio, died November 19, 1989 at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Former substitute teacher for Columbus Public Schools. Preceded in death by husband, Professor Charles D. Cooper, son, Charles W. Cooper and 2 grandchildren. Survived by daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy C. and Richard E. Kutchera of Cincinnati, Ohio; son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Donald B. and Ellen H. Cooper of Columbus, 11 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Mrs. Arnold (Frieda) Hubbard of Sun City, AZ; many nieces and nephews. Lifetime member of Crestview Presbyterian Church and the Golden Crest Club. Funeral service at 11 a.m., Wednesday, November 22 at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME, 2383 N. High St., Rev. Alan Wendt officiating. Family will receive friends 1 hour prior to service. Interment Union Cemetery. Friends may if they wish contribute to Crestview Presbyterian Church, 350 E. Tulane, Columbus, OH 43202, or a charity of choice."

The funeral service was at the Rutherford Chapel, 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, November 22, Rev. Alan Wendt officiating. It was a beautiful service for a beautiful, much loved, wife, mother, grand-mother, and great grand-mother. The family came together sufficiently to take care of necessary business. Don was the Executor of the estate. Gladys' house sold for $86,000 on May 31, 1990. Gladys was buried in Union Cemetery alongside Charles in Section 10, Lot 476. [On September 30, 2004, Ellen was buried nearby in Section 20, Lot 12. In due course Don will be buried alongside Ellen.] The address of the cemetery is 3349 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH, 43202.
JANUARY 1, 1989 Edgell's took me to church. I thought Brunch was next week because of New Year's. I stayed anyway. Eloise brought me home. Valerie called. They move in two weeks.


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1989 Turned out to be a nice, sunny day, but cold. I washed my hair - didn't feel "good." Karen was here for dinner. We watched T.V., and basketball game. She worked on afghan, and I worked on a rug. So tired!


FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1989 Had a good rain. Nothing special. Barbara got me some groceries and stayed awhile. Gloomy day. Darlene was to bring books, but didn't come. [17th birthday of Robert Cooper.]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1989 50°. Beautiful day - almost spring like. Went to bridge - nice time.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1989 I didn't go to church. Nice day, but getting colder. Don came in P.M. Took me to grocery and carried Christmas things to basement. Ellen still in hospital.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1989 Low of 24°. High, 30°. Nice sunny day, and Circle hadn't planned to meet, but such nice weather we did. Margaret took me - had a nice time. Ellen came home from hospital. [28th birthday of Jeffrey Channell.]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1989 Sunny day - not cold. Nothing to write about. Barbara over.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1989 Another nice day. Didn't do much, as usual. Some papers in cupboard - washed marble. Mr. Clover always gets my garbage day before trash.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1989 Dark, drizzly day. Good rain during night. Only person I saw was Barbara. She came over at 10:30 to tell me her "car" troubles.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1989 Dorothy and Dick came at six. Valerie lost her keys and credit card. Amanda put somewhere. Hunted 'till eight when both were found. Dorothy and I played Scrabble in evening. [5th birthday of Rebecca Ann Cooper.]
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1989  Gloomy, rainy day. Dorothy and Dick were at Valerie's from eleven 'till five. An exciting basketball game. O.S.U. beat Michigan State by two points. Each of us won a game of Scrabble.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1989 I must go to church. Have missed so much. Mark and Valerie stopped after their church. Dorothy and Dick left about two.


TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1989 Beautiful day - seems almost like a spring day. I felt much better. Susan came to clean. Valerie called. After all the problems they will get their house.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1989 48°. Sunny and not like January. Didn't sleep much last night. Pat stopped at 8:20 to take me. Got a permanent. $40.00 plus tip! Barbara came for me. No one called.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1989 Started out as usual. Didn't end that way. At 4:30 Valerie came with children - men were still loading truck. I got dinner. At 6:30 she went to house - baby asleep. He wakened at seven and screamed for half an hour. After they were in bed, she went back and didn't return until 1:30. They were still loading, and had to get another truck. She stayed overnight with the children, dog, cat, and three gold fish. Didn't get to bed 'till 12:10.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1989 Slept well. Valerie up long before me, but I didn't hear them. She went to grocery and got me some groceries. Brought me flowers and candy. She left at 11:15. Some snow flurries - colder.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1989 Another sunny day. Went to Bridge and won high, $1.00. Only had one table, two played euchre.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1989 This sunny weather continues. Lember's took me to church. Such an effort, easier to stay home. Barbara came while I was watching Super Bowl.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1989 High of 55°. Almost like a spring day. Nothing to write about. Two 'phone calls.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1989 Still mild weather. I had problems last night, and had to wash sheets, mattress cover and bath room rug. Made a gelatin dish for tomorrow. Called Merle.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1989 57°. Another drizzly day. In P.M. Karen called on me. She is doing housework as a "stop gap" until she gets a job in social work.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1989 Looks like spring. I have a cold and feel miserable. Didn't do anything but sit in chair and doze. Don came, he went to grocery and cashed a check for me. Then to [Drug] Emporium for medicine.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1989 Felt better, but still have cold. Barbara over, and Don called. Began another book.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1989 Didn't go to church. Read a lot. Barbara came over at six - didn't get my supper 'til seven.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1989 Washed two shelves of "knick-knacks" on kitchen shelves.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1989 60°. Finished washing things on shelves. Such nice, sunny days.


THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1989 30° colder than yesterday. Gloomy day. Anna sent me a box of material from Center.


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1989 Much colder. Porch and walk icy. Went to Bridge and got along O.K. Mark was in town for his [National Guard] duty. Came to see me. Brought half-gallon ice cream.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1989 A little snow on ground. Karen went to church with me, and we stayed for Brunch. Only 12. She came in for awhile.


TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1989 Nice, sunny day. Washed "knick-knacks" in hall. Barbara over. Mr. Kaiser has to have a colostomy. She is very upset. Called Mrs. Lamb.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1989 Did not speak to anyone. Saw no one and 'phone didn't ring. Am washing all "odds and ends" around house.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1989 5° above. Wind chill -20. Finished washing the "knick-knacks." No one called. Mr. Clover only person I spoke to. Later, Don called. [15th birthday of Michael Cooper.]

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1989
Not so cold as yesterday. 'Phone was only one I spoke to.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1989 Lovely, sunny day. Baked cookies, sent some to Mrs. Cochran and Hoffman's. First I had baked since before Christmas. Barbara over. Don surprised me by bringing me box of candy. Mr. Davis called about church. Can't get in his van. We decided to go to grocery tomorrow, and I am taking Don to dinner. Ellen, at Linda's. Margaret called, plans to have Circle Monday. [6th birthday of Bryan Kutchera.]

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1989 Beautiful, sunny day. At ten Don called and said he could go to church with me. After church we went to Frisch's for dinner. Very ordinary! Then, to grocery. Ellen at Linda's.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1989 Snow and freezing rain. Our Circle called off. We could have gone. Warmed up and snow melted. A dark, gloomy day, rain in evening. Didn't dress all day.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1989 Gloomy day. Susan came to clean. Don called. Barbara over, Mr. Kaiser has to have surgery and radiation. Don gave me a box of candy - my only Valentine. Later - card from B.J.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1989 Rained most of day. Had my hair done and went to bank. Lucy called.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1989 'Phone never ran. Only person I spoke to was Mr. Clover.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1989 Another sunny day. Nothing to write about. I called Helen and Don called.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1989 Another sunny day. Went to Bridge - only five. After lunch we went to Margaret's [Harmon] to play. She and Florence took turns. I was second, $.75.1 fell coming out. Did not hurt me. Watched basketball.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1989 Had said I would go to church, but didn't feel like making an effort. A nice day. Don called. I called Hattie and Karen. She has not found a new job - doing cleaning 'till she finds one. Watched movie 'till 11.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1989 After sleeping pill, didn't get up 'till nine. Dorothy and Dick came at 12:30 on way to Valerie's - only here an hour. Rain began. Started a rug. Have all work done from the Center. [Ellen's 54th birthday.] TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1989 Rained all night and 'till noon today. Gloomy and dark. Called about books and bridge. Some clean papers in cupboards. Mr. Clover stopped. Karen will take me to nurse tomorrow.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1989 Karen came and took me to nurse at Senior Center. Sugar much better. A good report. Stopped at grocery. Snow began after Karen left. 32 years today since we moved here. Moved to [393] Mimring [Road] same date in 1931. 26 years there. I turned in material and they left some for me to take home. Mr. Kaiser had surgery. Rectal cancer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1989 Much colder. Snow melted, and a sunny day. Margaret took me to "Chat n' Sew." Dorothy called from Valerie's. They will come Saturday morning.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1989 11° and a wind chill of -3°. I didn't do anything but meals and dishes. Worked on material I brought home. Barbara over in morning.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1989 Nice, sunny day. Dorothy and Dick came at 2:30 on way home from Valerie's. Dorothy and I each won a game of Scrabble.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1989 Snowed most of night and into morning. Dorothy and Dick went to grocery and [Drug] Emporium for me. Watched basketball.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1989 Nice, sunny day. Nothing to write about. Don called and Pat [Pennell] and Barbara over.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1989 Beautiful, sunny day. Susan came to clean. Darlene brought ten more books from library.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1989 March came in like a lamb - lovely day. Had my hair done and went to bank. Karen called. She has a new job at Mercy Hospital - better salary and good hours.


FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1989 Another sunny day. Mr. Clover came and put new phone in. Barbara got me broccoli at grocery. Karen and I went to "Sister's" for dinner. She didn't come 'till six-tRirty, then we went to [Drug] Emporium. Played a game of Scrabble. [4th birthday of Andrew Novak.]

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1989 Another nice day. I was hostess at Bridge and won high prize, $1.00.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1989 Hard rain during night. No one called for church until 9:20. Didn't feel like getting ready and weather prediction bad. Rain in evening, to freeze, then snow. My mother's birthday. She was born in 1876. So was Charles' mother. [2nd birthday of Sean Cooper]
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1989 Freezing rain and snow. All schools closed, and my garbage collected. Not as bad as predicted. Letter from Valerie. Never spoke to anyone all day.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1989 Sunny but cold! Had more snow last night. Dorothy called to tell me Mrs. Kutchera [Dick's mother] died today. Only person I have spoken to in two days. Finished a lap robe top, and read.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1989 Nice day. I don't do much but meals and dishes. Keep house rid up. Don called. John and Trish got to Madison tomorrow to look for a house. [John had accepted a position at the Dean Clinic in Madison.] Take the baby, leave girls with her mother [Patty Haeussler]. Karen started her new job at Mercy Hospital.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1989 Lovely day, up to 46°. Most of snow melted. Barbara over. Lucy called.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1989 Getting "cabin fever." Have not been out since last Saturday. Walked on drive to garage. More snow melted. Seems almost like spring - nice and sunny.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1989 64°. Like a spring day. When I went to bed last evening had so much gas. Woke at six with bathroom problem. Felt better in afternoon. Don came, took me to bread store and grocery. Had a Dairy Queen. Plan to go to church tomorrow.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 1989 Lember's took me to church, also Leona. I am so discouraged about my walking - should stay home. Hattie never asks me to go out for dinner [after church]. She is probably afraid I will fall. Called Wanda. So lonesome this evening. I miss Bill. Don called. John and Trish bought a house in Wisconsin.

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1989 Beautiful, sunny. Went to Circle - Margaret took me. Gary came to see me, and I was gone. He called in evening. Don called. He goes to Notre Dame tomorrow [for a conference on Latin American History].


WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1989 Rain, strong wind and thunderstorm last night. Had hair done. Thelma and Carole came for me. Men came, trimmed hedge and shrubbery. Called Dorothy for her birthday tomorrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1989 Nice, sunny day. I dusted house, odd jobs. Mr. Clover brought me a crocus, only person I spoke to all day. Balanced my check book in about five minutes. Surely like the calculator Bill gave me. How I miss him! [61st birthday of Dorothy Jean Kutchera.]

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1989 Lovely day - sat on porch for first time. Girls [next-door] and Barbara over. 'Phone hasn't rung for two days. Don got home from Notre Dame. Later - Frieda called.
SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1989 Gloomy, dark day. Karen called about nine, then Don. He had a nice trip to Notre Dame. Then, Laura [Hardy] called. I baked cookies - don't do that very often.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1989 Yesterday told Mr. Pond I would go to church. Did not sleep after four, and did not feel like going. Hattie, Margaret, and Betty called. Mr. Clover came for trash, and visited awhile.

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1989 First day of spring, and snowing hard. I am glad I made it through another winter - only one cold. Snow began to melt and Margaret took me to Golden Crest. Rain when we came out. Glad to get home.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1989 Much nicer, sunny day but cold. Saw no one and 'phone didn't ring.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1989 Another nice day, but still cold. 'Phone hasn’t rung for two days except Barbara called to say she was coming over. Later, Don called. [22nd birthday of Christopher Rehl.]

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1989 Lovely day and warmer. Don came in morning. Took me to bank, grocery, and [Drug] Emporium. He put two screens in. Have a good supply of groceries.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1989 59°. Beautiful, sunny day. Had a bad night and didn’t feel like doing much. Don called - he has a torn retina. Tom and Tammy came today to Don’s. Called Edna [Scott] and Ilo [Hathaway].

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1989 A big day for me. Tom brought Tammy over and announced their engagement. Then, I went to Bridge. Hadn't been home long until Ellen called, and asked me for dinner. Yesterday, Don had a torn retina. He has had treatment and hope it will be O.K. They had planned to go out for dinner. Don didn't feel he could go, so they sent out for Chinese food. Dorothy called to wish me a nice Easter. A beautiful day, only need a sweater.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 1989 71°. Didn't feel too good. Had too big a day yesterday. Karen went to church with me, then to Gloria's for dinner. All there but Gary's family. Vicki came down to see about the yard.

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1989 78°. Sat on porch and ate on back porch for the first time. Don called, his eye is better and he can go back to work tomorrow. Mr. Clover brought me daffodils.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1989 About 80°. Vicki came and raked back yard, and put on fertilizer. Susan came to clean. Darlene brought more books [from library]. Had a miserable night - felt terrible, my back hurts so bad.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1989 Margaret called. She took me to "Chat n' Sew," then went home for dental appointment. Eloise brought me home. Don called. Jeff has a job, and Tom sold boat [former ski boat at the cottage. Named 'Del Norte']. Rained about an inch last night.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1989 Snow during night and about 'till noon. Made a meatloaf for dinner. Dorothy and Dick came at five. Had to bring truck - other car clutch had gone out. Had two games Scrabble. Each won one.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1989 Dorothy went to grocery. Put roast in crock pot. Valerie came from motel with children, dog, and gold fish! Mark came for dinner.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1989 Nice day. Dorothy took potato chips to church. I missed Brunch. Dick went to help Valerie, then they were here for dinner. Dorothy and Valerie went to [Drug] Emporium. I took a long nap. Children asleep. Valerie's friend, Linda, came. Mark and Valerie left about 5:45. Scrabble again. Has been a big weekend for me!

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1989 Dorothy and Dick left at ten. Don spoke at Bexley Women's Club, then came. [Don spoke six or seven times to this group, always on Latin America.] We went to bank on some business, then to grocery and bakery. He brought my tax forms. I am confused with them.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1989 Rained most of night. Had two 'phone calls - only ones I spoke to. Not a bad day - some sun.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1989 Nothing to write about. Don called, he will come Sunday to get tax straightened out. I try so hard, but sometimes too much for me.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1989 Had sun, rain, hail. I have been so lonesome for two days - don't get out or see anyone. Called Karen. Washed extra sheets. Don't go to basement very often.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1989 Nice day - felt better.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1989 Rained all day, went to Bridge at Enola's. We took a sandwich - she had pie and cheese. Helen went for the first time since stroke. [8th birthday of Brandon Kutchera.]

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1989 Nice, sunny day, but cool. Edgell's took me to church. In P.M. Don came and finished income tax, then sorted pictures from albums.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1989 Sunny, but cold. Margaret took me to Circle. Don called. Ellen has surgery Wednesday for hernia.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1989 52°. Nice day. Had my hair done. Carole invited me to go to Party House for dinner Sunday. Ellen had surgery for hernia - home same day.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1989 Felt miserable - slept in chair most of day. In evening felt better, Karen came and took me to dinner at Sister's. She sorted out pictures and took ones of Bill. Nice, sunny day. [2nd birthday of Amanda Hooper.]

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1989 Beautiful day. Sat on porch awhile. Brought up screen for storm door, but could not [get] storm door out. Worked on strips [for lap robes for the Center] and read.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1989 Nice day. Baked cookies and gave some to Kaiser's. Karen going to church with me tomorrow. She bought a washer and dryer today. Barbara over. Mr. Kaiser had an accident Friday. Not his fault.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1989 Beautiful day. Karen went to church with me. Didn't stay for dinner. Sat on porch and hour and half. Barbara and Pat came over, Pat brought me some bread. Halleck's used roto-tiller on front yard.

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1989 Cloudy, but no rain until evening. Went to Golden Crest with Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Clover showed slides. All seemed to enjoy them. I showed Mrs. Clover and another guest our Parlor and Sanctuary [at church]. Carole came down - go out for dinner next Sunday.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1989 High 50°. 10° cooler than yesterday. Rain last night, rain in afternoon. Princess [Hatch] called - only person I spoke to. Miserable, dark day.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1989 Much nicer day, with sun. Magnolia's had some bloom, but most buds were killed. No one called.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1989 Lovely day. Sat on porch awhile. Lucy [Dennis] called at twelve o'clock to talk. I would not call anyone at noon.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1989 Nice day. Haven't been out of house since Monday. Won't be 'till Sunday. Don called, also Ilo, her sister had open heart surgery.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1989 Nice, sunny day. I have not been out of house since last Monday. Swept and dusted a little. Carole only person I spoke to. Two years ago today, my car was sold. How I rated to see it go up the street for last time. I shed tears.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1989 Beautiful day. Went to Circleville for dinner with Hoffman's, Mrs. See, and another woman. Called Ellen - she has an allergy. May have to go to hospital.
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 1989 Up to 70°. Enjoy front porch. Called to
tell me Susan [housecleaner] was promoted and won't be back. I surely hate to lose her. Sent a
black woman - she was nice and did good work. Called Vicki - she was down Sunday. Mowed the
back [yard] and put on weed killer. Ellen back in hospital.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1989 Thunderstorm in morning. Got as dark as
night, but not much rain. Saw men measuring lot behind me. Finished sorting slides. [30th birthday
of Patricia "Trish" Cooper.]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1989 Lovely day. Ate on porch. Had my hair
done. Mr. Clover took windows out of front door, and put in screen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1989 Like summer. Margaret took me to
"Chat n' Sew." Didn't feel well. Can not thread my needle, and so tired of being taken. Can
enjoy both porches.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1989 Thunderstorm in morning. Don took me to
bakery, bank, and grocery. Over $40.00 at grocery. Then we went to Dr. [Charles] Hickey. Bad eye,
no worse. Good one 20/40. Ellen came home from hospital - bronchitis. Dorothy called. Going to
B.J.'s Tuesday to help her when Andrew has his tonsils out. Disappointed for they were coming
Friday.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1989 Nice day
after hard rain last night. Went to Bridge - had poor cards.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1989 Beautiful day. Mr. Pond took me to
church - was glad I went. Spent most of afternoon on porch. No one called. [21st birthday of Bryan
Rehl.]

MONDAY, MAY 1, 1989 Gloomy, dark day. I called Mrs. Peters, and
was surprised Margaret McCormick called. Mr. Clover got my medicine.
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1989 54°. Brief shower in P.M. Otherwise
a nice day. Cool and cold in house. Cleaned the Hummel cabinet. Charles 90th birthday! We
always took each other to dinner on our birthdays.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1989 Nice day, but still cool. Not warm
enough to use porches. Vicky called, she bought ivy. Kaiser's have a new car. Old one in
accident. Don called, he has a bad cold.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1989 Beautiful day. Something "beeping"
woke me last night at 12:45. Thought it was "Team Control" [Medical Alert System]. Woman
came out at noon. It was smoke alarm. I didn't get much sleep last night. She brought a new unit
and smaller one to wear around my neck. Vicky brought ivy, but ground too wet.
FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1989 Miserable, gloomy day. Barbara got me
some vegetables at grocery. I am so lonesome. Feel trapped. Can't go anywhere unless someone
takes me. Can't even take a walk. Called Gary and Karen. She will go to church with me Sunday.
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1989 20° below normal. I didn't do anything, but fix a casserole for dinner. Furnace feels good. Haven't been out of house since last Sunday.

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 1989 Snow when we got up. Soon melted. Karen went to church and Brunch with me. Then, to grocery and [Drug] Emporium. Mr. Clover took garbage. Vicki covered ivy last night.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 1989 Some warmer and sunny. Margaret took me to Circle. Vicky mowed back yard, put fertilizer on and stones in front for a flower bed.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1989 Rained all day. Can't get my ivy set out. Ellen stopped in P.M. My dogwood is beautiful.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1989 Gloomy, cold, a few sprinkles. Got a permanent. $40.00 + $2.00 tip. Had surprise in P.M. Bernice and Leonard Johnson came. So glad to see them.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1989 No rain today. Did not get up 'till nine and didn't do anything worth mentioning.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1989 A gloomy, dark day with some rain. So tired of this weather!

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1989 No rain for a change. Went to bridge. I think house behind me is sold. Sign down and a moving truck there.

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1989 A beautiful Mother's Day. Don and Ellen went to church with me. We stopped at grocery, then to Faculty Club for a good dinner. I went to their house for awhile. Then Don brought me home. Dorothy called. Later, Tom called. I miss Bill on Mother's Day. I put his last year's card up with others.

MONDAY, MAY 15, 1989 Got up feeling miserable. Didn't go to Golden Crest, although I was on committee. Could not have done anything if had been there. Slept two hours in P.M. thunderstorm and rain in afternoon. Cannot get yard done - so much rain! [Brittany Novak's 2nd birthday.]

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1989 Nice day and warmer. Ellen took me to Center. Had a lot of work to turn in, and brought a lot home. Then, stopped at bank and [Drug] Emporium. Carole was down. So glad to get all done. Alcott's behind me have moved. Wonder who moved in!


THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1989 Really warm. Vicky raked yard and put on most of mulch. Helen, Margaret came. We played three-handed bridge. Margaret brought me candy here brother makes. So tired. Have some
flowers on porch and ledge. So anxious to get them planted. Mrs. Hoffman asked me to go to Wardell's for dinner Sunday. But Dorothy and Dick coming.

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1989 Cloudy but only a few sprinkles. Vicky finished putting in ivy. 25 plants. She mowed grass last night about dark. I didn't feel very well today. Dorothy and Dick came at four and Kaiser's came home.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1989 Storm and rain during night. Dorothy took me to Lazarus and got pair white shoes. In P.M. she baked a rhubarb pie, then we went to bakery and grocery. Got four tomato plants and she set them out. Also, put out my flowers. I think they will look nice this summer. Quite warm.

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1989 A perfect day. Dorothy set out rest of flowers. Moved Lily of Valley plants from behind garage to driveway. Barbara and Pat over. Wayne called. Last night the new neighbors woke me at 11:30 with loud talk.


TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1989 Rained all night and all day. Ellen called, but too rainy to go to Center. Glad I didn't go, for Susan stopped to see me. Vicky came and I paid her. She saved me $175.00 over Oakland Park [Nursery]. She did a good job.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1989 Lovely day after the rain. Had hair done. Sat on porch. Went out to see my tomatoes. Don called.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1989 Thunderstorm in morning and tornado warnings in evening. I went to "Chat n' Sew." I cannot walk well, or thread needles. Had better stay home - don't see as well. I am discouraged with vision. A long letter from Valerie.

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1989 Hard storms and rain during night. Flooding and damage. So humid, didn't do anything. Carole brought me a piece of her birthday cake. Don called.

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1989 A perfect, sunny day. I went to Bridge - won the $1.00. Neighbors behind me cut most of shrubbery down by fence.

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1989 Another perfect day. Mr. Courtright took me to church. Margaret brought me home. I didn't want to stay for coffee hour. Don came in P.M. Brought me turkey soup. He cut dead branches out of lilac tree and pulled some weeds. Took me to Dairy Queen. Frieda and Valerie called. She will be here for lunch Wednesday. Met the neighbors behind. Two young men bought house. Finished a book.

MONDAY, MAY 29, 1989 Cloudy but a nice Memorial Day. Didn't do much. Barbara over. Flowers all growing. Pat came and brought me potato salad - from Man's 18th party. [Jeremy Kutchera's 13th birthday.]

TUESDAY, MAY 30,1989 Up to 88°, but good breeze. Ellen took me to Center. Vicky mowed grass while I was gone.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1989 Very hot and humid. Tony came to clean. Also washed winter spread on my bed. Valerie and children here for lunch, on way to Cincinnati. She brought sandwiches for lunch. Heat about gets me. Don called.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1989 Still very hot, cannot do anything except meals. Started material I brought from Center. Mr. Travis - whom I hadn't met - came down and brought me two peonies.


SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1989 Put more clean papers in cupboards. We three played three-handed bridge at Helen's. Had a good time. Pouring rain and storming when we came home. I called Frieda to ask about Betsy, who had breast surgery. Rained hard all evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 1989 Didn't feel like going to church. No rain, part sunny and cloudy. Slept two hours in P.M. Laura [Hardy] called.

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1989 Rained until about noon. Don took me to Dr. Bope. Blood pressure good. He removed a small wart from my face. Got sandwiches at Rax's and brought here. After lunch we went to bank and grocery.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1989 Beautiful day. Ellen couldn't take me to Center. Finished clean papers in kitchen except over refrigerator. Afraid to do that part for fear I'll fall. Vicky mowed grass. I paid her $10.00. She pulled weeds and cleaned up in gravel. Cut peonies. I never had such nice ones. Nurse called from Center. Can take me Tuesday at 9:30. Don called.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1989 Quite a day! Had my hair done, then Valerie and children were here from twelve 'till two. Hardly ate any lunch. Then, Toney came to clean. Sweeper blew a fuse. Called Mr. Clover and he fixed it. Karen and I were to go to Sister's for dinner. Was sitting on porch waiting a quarter 'till six. She called and had days mixed. We go tomorrow. So tired!

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1989 Lovely day. I did some ironing, clean papers in shelves under china closet. In P.M. Gary came to see me, then Karen and I went to Sister's for dinner. Had treat, then we went to [Drug] Emporium. Sat on porch after we came home. [Linda Cooper Channell's 23rd birthday.]


SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1989 Had a miserable night. Dark, gloomy day, but no rain. Ilo [Hathaway] called, she is such a good friend. Decided not to go to church. Walk, so bad.
SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1989 Lovely day and warmer. Stayed home from church. Finished a book. Dorothy Pahl came to see me in P.M. Don called. They just got home from Linda's graduation [from the University of Cincinnati, with a M.A. degree in Speech and Hearing Pathology].

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1989 Rained all morning. Circle was called off. It quit raining in P.M. Could sit on porch.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 1989 Ellen took me to Center, and I went to nurse. She said blood sugar too high - 348. It is diabetic. Seems not much I can eat. Mr. Halleck got me 1/4 gallon milk. Rain in morning, gloomy day. [Daniel Cooper's 1st birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1989 Rain during night. A dark, humid day. The nutritionist from [illeg.] called. Not to eat my cereal, lemonade, or candy. I am going to call Dr. Bope. He should have called me, as nurse called him.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1989 Another day like yesterday. Nurse from Dr. Bope called. Called a prescription to bring sugar down. Mr. Clover got it for me. More rain last night.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1989 No rain, cloudy. I didn't do much. Karen called. She and Gloria are picking strawberries and will bring me some. Mrs. Halleck had garage sale.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1989 A really nice day. Went to Margaret's for Bridge. Her sister played with us.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 1989 Decided not to go to church, and no one called. Gloomy morning, sun came out in P.M. Karen came and brought me a big bowl of strawberries, all cleaned. We played Scrabble and Double Solitaire.


TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1989 No rain, but hot and humid. Don took me to grocery, bank, bakery, and [Drug] Emporium. Got sandwiches at Rax's for lunch. Barbara had a polyp removed. Came over although she wasn't feeling well. I gave her a violet I bought from Leona. Carole was down. Man came from RiteRug for bathroom carpet. Will be put in Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1989 Rain all morning, and in afternoon a storm and downpour. Our street like a lake. Never saw it like that. Flooded roads and basements. Tony came to clean. Mr. Clover "waded" over and brought me candy with no sugar. More rain and storms in evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1989 Hot and humid - no rain here. Went out and tied up tomatoes. Margaret took me to Circle -not our regular day. Don called. They leave tomorrow for cottage. Put clean [sentence not completed].
FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1989 Another hot, humid day. Don and Ellen left for cottage. I didn't do much. Barbara had last test, all is well.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1989 Another day of hot, humid weather. Went to Bridge. Carole and Mrs. Clover here. She will take me for a blood test Monday. No one has called about church, but not going.


MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1989 Again 91°, humid. I can hardly stand heat. Mrs. Clover took me for blood test. Sugar down from 348 to 159.1 could hardly get dinner. Don called. They reached the cottage safely.


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1989 A perfect day - not so hot and humid! Felt better. Swept drive - a lot for me. After storm so many sticks and leaves.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1989 55°. Beautiful day. High 72°. Felt better. Mr. Clover can use big piece of carpet left over.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1989 Lovely day. Dorothy called. She will go to bridge with me next week. B.J. moving to Kansas City this summer.

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1989 Warmer, nice day. Helen and Margaret here for three-hand bridge. We had a good time. Don called - they had a skunk in basement at cottage. He is working on party for my 90th birthday.

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1989 Hot and more humid. Eloise took me to church. Had a good Brunch. It is getting hard for me to go. Slept an hour result of a sleeping pill last night. Frieda called, also Mrs. Pettus.

MONDAY, JULY 3, 1989 Rain began in night and lasted until middle afternoon. Wayne, Mary, and children came to see me. So hot and humid. Wilma Harper called.

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 1989 Baked cookies - the first time for awhile. New woman from cleaning service called, could not have her at nine tomorrow. Told them to forget it this week. No rain today. Pretty quiet Fourth.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 1989 Pat [hairdresser] misunderstood and did not stop. I called and she came for me. Barbara took me to Huntington Bank. Will have a new cleaning woman. Called nurse - said 154 sugar nothing to worry about.
THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1989 92°. Hot! I did the laundry and some ironing. Made a salad for tomorrow. Sat on porch all evening - too hot in house.

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1989 Another very hot day. I was ready for Dorothy and Dick at noon. She called at 12:30 and they were just starting. Dorothy tied up tomatoes and put on fertilizer. We went to grocery after dinner. A bad storm before we got home. They had truck. It was loaded. She and I each won a Scrabble game. Don has mailed invitations to my 90 party.

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1989 Hot, but no so humid. I was hostess at bridge, and Dorothy went as substitute. She looked so nice. Glad to get my turn over. Alarm called Clovers, I must have sat on it. Dorothy and Dick left for Valerie's. Squad car came. Tired!

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1989 So hot, glad I didn't go to church. On front porch good part of day. Laura [Hardy] called. Cancer has returned. Mr. Clover brought me a big bowl of popcorn. Still warm. I walk on drive about dark.

MONDAY, JULY 10, 1989 About the hottest day yet. Don't do anything but meals and dishes. Valerie left for England, and Clovers for Turkey. Don and Ellen called. Cashed two certificates, and divided [illeg.] between Don and Dorothy.

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1989 96° in P.M. I don't do anything don't need to. Frieda called and she is coming to my party. Darlene brought more books. Storm warning in evening. Rain, but not wind.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1989 Not quite so hot. 84°. As usual didn't do much. Barbara only person I spoke to, except 'phone.

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1989 Rain in night. A lovely day. Cooler. Not so humid. Letter from Dorothy, they are getting along well with the children.

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1989 Lovely day and cooler. Called a man about washing windows. Linda in town and she called. [Jamieson "Jamie" Novak's 7th birthday.]

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1989 Beautiful day. I washed my bedroom furniture with Murphy's Oil Soap. Man came about windows. I liked him and gave him the job. Don called and talked a long time. Linda came to see me.

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1989 Another lovely day. Mr. Courtright took me to church. Hattie and I went to Bonanza for dinner. Called Maryane.

MONDAY, JULY 17, 1989
Lovely day. Vicky cut grass. I weeded the ivy.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1989 Barbara and I met Marva at Bill Knapp's [Restaurant] - she took us to lunch and gave each of us a loaf of orange, nut bread. Poured rain on way. Hot and very humid. Barbara and I stopped at [Drug] Emporium. Heard Lucille Reeder died July 17. [Lucille and her husband, Herman, played for many years, at least thirty, in one of the two bridge clubs of Charles and Gladys. I believe they retired to Florida.] Don and Ellen called and talked about half hour. I am so glad they enjoy cottage. Had my hair done. Pat stopped at 8:15. Wasn't dressed.

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1989 Very hot and humid. Karen came and we went to [Drug] Emporium and to Sister's for dinner. Then to Super-Duper [grocery]. She stayed awhile. She is debating marriage with Charlie.

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1989 Gloomy, dark morning, some rain. Didn't do much. Called Don to get Tom's address.

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1989 High 80°. Man came and washed all windows and cleaned screens. Dorothy and Dick came around five.

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 1989 Took a sleeping pill last night and didn't feel "good" all day. Dorothy washed big window in front bedroom. It was missed yesterday, a misunderstanding. She planted some ivy and we washed curtains in my bedroom. Dick got a pizza for supper. [Illeg.]

MONDAY, JULY 24, 1989 96° downtown. It was 90° here in shade. Dorothy got bread and groceries. Dick got medicine. They left about two o'clock. I cannot do anything but meals and dishes. One small tomato and a few blooms.

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 1989 92° downtown. Didn't do anything except meals and dishes. [Nicole Rehl's 15th birthday.]


THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1989 Made an effort and went to "Chat n' Sew." Glad I went. Still hot. Valerie called. She will be here this weekend. Called Gloria and Karen. Karen had planned to go to church with me Sunday. We cancelled that. A little cooler by evening. [Richard Emery Kutchera's 65th birthday.]

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 1989 Didn't feel well. Helen Rymer taken to hospital. Got Margaret McCormick to substitute for her in Bridge. Didn't eat much. Wonder how I can get through weekend. Anna sent blocks [for lap robes at Center].

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1989 Felt some better, but not much. Went to bridge - very poor cards. Low score. Mark and Valerie came in later for about an hour.

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 1989 Didn't wake up 'till 9:23, but felt better. Valerie and children came about ten and Karen at 11:30. Rained all morning. Valerie left to pick up Mark at 1:30. They had a misunderstanding where
to meet, and she waited two hours. Went to Zanesville to a funeral, then home. Karen took me to
grocery. I have three green tomatoes - small.

MONDAY, JULY 31, 1989 Not so hot, but very humid. Try to do a
little extra each day before Frieda comes. Did not call about cleaning tomorrow. Saw in paper where
Gerry Gifford died. [Gerry Gifford, and her husband, Estelle, were original members of one of
Gladys' bridge clubs, but dropped out early. But they remained friends.] Also, Barbara's brother
died last night.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1989 Lovely day. A new black cleaning
woman named "Charlie." She did good work. Don called and a surprise. Linda Erickson and family
there. They have so many chairs refinished. A new cabinet for bath. A microwave, and new
curtains for doors.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1989 Nice day. Washed a dress and
white sweater. Did nothing else except meals and dishes. Went to see tomatoes. Have to hold
to wall and fence. Three size of a walnut.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1989 89°. Hot, in 90's. Cannot do
anything I don't have to in this heat. Garage sale in neighborhood - many cars.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 1989 Another hot day. I didn't feel like doing
anything, not even sewing. A storm about dinner time, and a good shower. Barbara got me corn
and cucumbers.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1989 A very bad storm at dinnertime.
Electricity went off about six. Not on 'till 6:30 next morning. 12 1/4 hours. Went to bed at nine.
Did not sleep until after five. [Timothy Cooper's 1st birthday.]

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 1989 Called Mr. Edgell and told him I could
not go to church. Felt miserable. My yard a disaster. Big limbs, leaves and sticks. Mr. Kaiser cut
up one. Pat and Carole pulled a big limb - about 18 feet. Fell over wall [illeg.] my nice trees. Paid
Carole $4.00 to clean up. Big limb still there. Mr. Travis came to see if I had candles.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 1989 Down to 53°. Such a change. Mr.
Kaiser opened bedroom door with a nail file. News said 90,000 lost electricity - worst storm since
big blizzard. Some are still without electricity. [Colleen Cooper's 32nd birthday.]

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1989 46°. Broke record of 103 years.
Nice and sunny. I am cleaning pictures and washing all knick-knacks. Clovers home, brought
me money from countries they visited. [Jeff & Linda Channell's 2nd wedding anniversary.]

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1989 51° low. Nice day. No one called.
Work on some extra cleaning and work from Center. Don and Ellen left cottage today for John's at
Madison.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1989 Beautiful day. I washed
more "knick-knacks," and did a little ironing. Called Karen.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 1989 Nice day. Washed more "knick-knacks." Barbara got me eggs. Went out, cut ivy off wall and tied up tomatoes. Mrs. Clover came in evening and brought Black Eyed Susans.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1989 Really nice day. Went to bridge. It was an effort, and exhausted when I got home. No one called about church, unless when gone. Later, Mrs. Patteson called. Not going. Tom and Tammy were married. [Tom and Tammy Cooper's wedding day.]

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 1989 Didn't wake up until after nine. Felt a little better. Dorothy called because of Bill's birthday. He would have been 65.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 1989 Nice day. I put two medium size meat loaves in freezer. Also, two pie shells. Ellen stopped and told me more about wedding. Never heard of one like that. Vicky cut grass, and Mr. H. cut up big limb that fell during storm. Don called.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1989 High humidity and I don't feel like doing anything. My new cleaning woman is Charlie Mae. She does a good job. [Barbara Jean "B.J." Novak's 34th birthday.]

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1989 A mix-up on hair appointment. Had to call Pat and Don to come half hour later. Don took me to bank, grocery, and bread store. The checkbook balanced with no problem.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1989
Felt pretty "good" and baked cookies. Don and Karen called.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1989 At 8:30 Dorothy called. She is sick and they can't come today. Finished washing the "knick-knacks." A sprinkle kept me off porch. The supervisor came to check on "Home Maker." Called Laura [Hardy]. She is too sick to talk.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1989 Gloomy morning. Sun came out in P.M. Didn't do much. Felt sorry for myself. Do wish I could take a walk. But know I have much to be thankful for. Miss Bill! Called Dorothy and she feels better.


MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1989 Need rain, but none came. I put a tuna casserole in freezer. Now, have meat loaf, 2 pie shells and two tins of cookies besides casserole when Frieda comes. Letter from Valerie.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1989 Ellen took me to the [Senior] Center. Storm and rain while there. We stopped at grocery. Hard rain after I came home, Karen came for dinner. We played Double Solitaire and won one game. She left about nine.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1989 Very hot and humid. Nine months today since Bill left me. Mr. Clover brought me watermelon. Can hardly write. Wayne called.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1989 Rain during night. Margaret took me to "Chat n' Sew." I walk so bad, think I had better stay home. Mr. Clover got my medicine.


SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1989 Hot today. Glad I had bridge for 20 years today since I lost Charles. Ilo always calls. Won $.75 at bridge. Club had a lovely birthday cake and cards for me.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1989 Very hot! I didn't go to church. Such an effort. In P.M. Dorothy Pahl came to see me. Margaret McCormick and Don called, Dorothy, and Valerie. A new baby in April. Also, Wayne and Mary one in March. Went out to see tomatoes. More than I thought. Carole down. [Nancy Kay Rehl (Cole's) 41st birthday. Kay has remarried two additional times since her second marriage to Roy Cole. I do not know her present last name.]


WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1989 Got a permanent. $42.00 with $2.00 tip. Don came for me. Went to bank and grocery. Electricity off 8 1/4 hours. Had a miserable night. Don helped me with medicine, cleaned up yard, replaced bulb in front bedroom. I am truly blessed with my children. Miss Bill.


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1989 Nice day. Received flowers from Betsy and Glenn, and carnation from Carole. Book from B.J. Corsage for Frieda and me. Called Margaret on short notice. She came and we had a bridge game. Margie called from Hawaii, and Arnold [Hubbard, Frieda's second husband] from Arizona.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1989 My 90th birthday, and such a day. Don, Dorothy, Karen, Frieda and six of her family went to church. The Minister [Rev. Alan Wendt] told of my birthday and received applause. Then, he asked congregation to wait until I could go to door and greet everyone. That was really nice. In afternoon 36 at party [at Don's house]. From Arizona, Virginia, Iowa, Indiana. All had a good time and such good food. The ones from out of town stayed for evening meal. It was really great, and I shall never forget! But, I was tired! Weather ideal.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1989 Another nice day. Don left with Frieda around one. Quite a let down after all excitement. Dorothy picked three tomatoes for me. Have a lot of green ones. He gave trailer to Gary. Glad to keep in family.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1989 After a sleeping pill last night was groggy all morning. Tried to put some things back in place. Frieda called last evening to say she got home O.K.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1989 [No entry for this date.] [John Cooper's 31st birthday.] [Tammy Cooper's 31st birthday.]

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1989 Hot and humid. Am still getting back to order. Received a necklace from Rev. Wendt's mother. Have received 55 cards. Getting tomatoes to use.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1989 Another hot day. I got out and picked a nice tomato. See so much to do and can't do it. Don and Ellen's [32nd] wedding anniversary, and Matthew's first birthday. It has got too much for me to keep up with all birthdays.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1989 Another warm day. No rain for Block Party. I never go. Went to bridge. Had some interesting hands, got low score. Got so tired, took a nap. [Katie Lynn Kutchera's 4th birthday.]

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1989 Miserable, gloomy day. I didn't feel like going to church. Dorothy and Dick brought Valerie and children about four o'clock. Mark came for them, and they left about six-thirty.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1989 Slept very little last night. But, felt better today. Dorothy went to grocery for me. Had a time about medicine.


WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1989 Nice day. Felt better and did a load of laundry. No one came to clean this week. Ellen came for a chair in basement. Furnace checked. $42.50.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1989 Good rain. Margaret took me to Circle. Not our regular day. Looked at Bazaar items. I can not work on it anymore. Washed a washer and did some ironing.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1989 Dark, gloomy day. I finished the ironing. Barbara got me grapes at grocery. Days like this, don't like to be [illeg.] in house.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1989 Another gloomy day. I baked cookies. Don came over in P.M. State beat first football game. I am lonesome.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1989 Lovely day. Mr. Pond took me to church. Hat to wait until he and Leona went to a meeting. Hattie waited with me.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1989 Beautiful day. Leona's son-in-law took me to Golden Crest. Dorothy Pahl brought me home. Karen called. She will come Thursday.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1989 Lovely weather continues. Cool in home, turned furnace on a little while. Don and I have an errand. Karen will go to church with me Sunday. Picked four nice tomatoes.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1989
Lovely day - little warmer. Nothing to write about.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1989 Like summer. Don took me to Mr. Yearling to make some changes in my will. We had a Dairy Queen, then to bank and grocery. I got potting soil and Don brought in flower pots.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1989 Gloomy, drizzly day. Man came about garage door. Worn out and can't be fixed. Don't feel like getting a new one since I have no car. They are taking pictures for church Directory. "Chat n' Sew" at 10:30 Sunday.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1989 Dark morning, but sun came out later. Much colder, turned furnace on. Went to bridge, only played two hands. Didn't feel very well, so much gas. Ate very little.


MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1989
Nice day, but cool. Vicki mowed grass. Nothing special.


WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1989 Still beautiful weather. Pat stopped for me [to go to hairdresser]. Vicky came after me. She brought the van. I had a hard time. Almost fell backward getting in, and hurt my leg getting out. I'll never get in a van again. In P.M. Ellen and I went to a movie, "Cheeta," Mr. Clover picked up garbage. [Gary Lee Cooper's 38th birthday.]
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1989 Almost sunny. Margaret took me to "Chat n' Sew." Had a big quilt, didn't go home 'till 2:30. So tired, took a long nap. My leg hurts from getting out of van yesterday.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1989 Sick all night with gas and vomited. Didn't do anything today - slept a lot, ate very little. Did not speak to anyone or 'phone didn't ring.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1989 72°. Could sit on front porch. Called Gary, he will so some work for me. Beautiful day -leaves are falling fast.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1989 Dark, drizzly day. Mr. Shively took me to church. Stayed for Brunch. Eloise brought me home. Don't know what I would do without books to read.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1989 Gloomy morning, sun came out in P.M. and could sit on porch. Potted some flowers.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1989 Nice day. Ellen took me to Center and came for me. Stopped at bakery and grocery. Leaves are falling fast. In evening Margaret Pugh called to tell me I am hostess at Circle Monday. She will get a Pepperidge [Farm] cake for me. Also, Margaret Harmon called.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1989 Lovely day. Picked all my tomatoes and gave Mr. Clover some green ones.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1989 Did not go to meeting of Women's Association at church. Baked cookies for Circle Monday. Unless someone calls have not spoken to anyone today, and no mail.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1989 Cloudy day - mild temperature. Saw no one, two telephone calls. Long letter from Valerie.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1989 Beautiful day. Went to Bridge and won $1.00. had a good lunch. Not going to church. Cannot get in van.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1989 Did nothing all day. Watched some football. Barbara over.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1989 Went to basement, put in some clean papers. Washed two rugs. Went to Circle and we looked at Bazaar items. Never saw so many. Mr. Kaiser swept my drive. Don was on T.V., Channel 6.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1989 Drizzly, rainy, dark morning. Charlie was sick, so I did the laundry. Gary came, put in storm windows, ones on porch, took down tomato plants, cut off peonies, and other small jobs that helped a lot.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1989 Perfect day. Mrs. Clover brought me home from Beauty Shop. I wish I could take a walk on such a nice day.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1989 Up to 78°. Sat on porch in P.M. Made meat loaf and pie shell for tomorrow. Barbara came her to 'phone about their 'phone.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1989 Another summer day. Could sit on porch. Filled a Key Lime Pie for dinner. Dorothy and Dick came at 4:30. Two Scrabble games. Dorothy and I each won one.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1989 Up to almost 80°. Dorothy and I went to Bazaar. No coats. Got some nice things, liked sandwich toaster. We had toasted sandwiches. They went to [Drug] Emporium. In evening Mark came. Valerie called.


MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1989 Another summer day. Don took me to Golden Crest. He showed pictures [slides] of South and Central America. I was so proud of him! No doubt last day to sit on porch.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1989 Drizzly and turning colder. Ellen took me to Center. On way home we had a "Dairy Queen" and stopped at bakery. Carole came and invited me to go to Party House for dinner Sunday. Leaves are awful. Vicky swept drive. Bank I go to was held up.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1989 Home all day - saw no one. Don called. Spent about two hours on checkbook. Dismal day.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1989 Miserable day. We had drizzle and a little snow. Cincinnati had four inches. Mr. Clover put in last plastic window on porch. Karen called. Called Frieda [in Phoenix] after eleven to learn if any of their family in earthquake.


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1989 Three Sundays I have missed church. Went to Party House - close to Circleville with Hoffman's, Mrs. See, Edna Scott, and me. Delicious food but not used to eating so much. A lovely day.


THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1989 Another "spring" day. Went to "Chat n' Sew." Dorothy Pahl took me. In afternoon, Barbara and I were sitting on porch. I scratched my face and it began to bleed. Must have bled for 35 or 40 minutes. Ran down my face onto dress, slips and bra. A second slip and dress all bloody. We put ice on it and finally stopped bleeding. I was getting worried.


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1989 Another beautiful day. I didn't do anything except meals and dishes. Watched O.S.U. -Minnesota football. First half we were down 31-8. But, we beat 41-37. Quite a surprise! Ellen went to see her mother. [Wayne Cooper's 31st birthday.]

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1989 Karen went to church with me, then she, Hattie, and I went to "Sister's" for dinner - didn't need a coat. We took Hattie home. Went in to see two quilts she had made. Karen and I went to grocery.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1989 Weather to change. May be last day to sit on porch. I got out and cut some ivy off wall and driveway. Brought in more impatien slips. Still pretty this late. Beggar's Night - only one set here -didn't go to door.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1989 Cooler and rainy morning. Don't have much to do. A year ago Dorothy and Dick took me to see Bill. Last time I saw him. Two telephone calls - only persons I spoke to. Brought in porch chairs. I have really enjoyed my porch and my flowers.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1989 Low of 35°. High, 55°. A nice, sunny day. Vicki cleaned leaves and I made two meat loaves - one for freezer.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1989 Nice day. Two young men came to door. They cleaned gutters and took down a tree growing on roof. $25.00. They did a good job. Margaret and Helen here. We had three-handed bridge. Frieda called. Also Dorothy said they would be here Friday or Saturday. Valerie, too.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1989 Nice day. Much cooler. Dorothy and Dick didn't come today.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1989 Beautiful day. Valerie and children came, then Dorothy and Dick. Such excitement! Dick got a pizza for dinner - Mark here. They left for base at 7:30. Dorothy and I had a game of Scrabble.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1989 Valerie and children here. Dorothy and Dick had to take potato chips for Brunch. Dorothy took them down and we stopped at grocery. Valerie had a long sleep. Left at 3:30. Forgot purse. Dick caught her on Morse Road. They left soon after. Dorothy and Dick took Shelly [dog] and cat to keep while Valerie goes to San Diego with Mark. She had to drive home alone with children. Two babies, three dogs and a cat. Quite a weekend!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1989 56°. Beautiful day - wish I could take a walk. Potted some aluminum plants. Ellen called and Barbara over. Didn't feel very good.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1989 Rain in morning. Some sun in P.M. Charlie came to clean. Only person I spoke to.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1989 Had a miserable night. A sleeping pill did no good. At one sat in chair, at two got crackers and hot chocolate. Felt punk, but had my hair done.


FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1989 Good day - high, 43°. The electricity off over an hour. Don took me to Dr. Hickey - "good" eye no worse. Stopped at bank and grocery. Got turkey for Don. He got one, $.38 a pound, with $10.00 purchase. I gave him $100.00. Will give Dorothy the same when she comes.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1989 Nice day - went to bridge and won second, $.75. Veteran's Day, no mail.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1989 Beautiful day - only wore a sweater to church. Edgell's took me - had four to take. Carole down. Almost all the leaves are off trees.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1989 High of 72°. Like a summer day except trees are bare. Margaret took me to Circle - only five there.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1989 Weather changed - some rain. Ellen took me to Center. Treated me to a "Dairy Queen" on way home. Brought home a lot of material to work on.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1989 Thought I would be home today, but Ellen asked me to go to a movie, "The Bear." It didn't start 'till four. We didn't care too much for it. Rained so hard and tornado warnings. We went to Bonanza. I paid for movie, $7.00, and she for dinner.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1989 Had a "sleepless" night. Almost didn't go to "Chat n' Sew," but glad I did. Much colder and snow flurries.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1989 Cold! Some sun. Charlie came to clean - not her regular day. Saw no one else. Don and Ellen went to Indianapolis to see Tom and Tammy.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1989 Had a miserable night. Sat in chair and finished a book. Tried davenport. Felt "punk" all day. Mr. Fletcher called about church. Only person I spoke to. Listened to Wisconsin game. We beat by 20 points.

END OF BOOK XLV. PART TWO (JANUARY 1, 1989 - NOVEMBER 18, 1989)

FINAL ENTRY IN DIARY OF GLADYS COOPER. FIRST ENTRY ON JUNE 10, 1939

Epilogue

The long, fruitful, and inspiring life of Gladys Cooper ended the morning of Sunday, November 19. She recounts in her final entry that she had spent a "miserable" night, and declined an invitation to go to church. I am unaware at this point of the details of the next few hours. Gladys wore an alarm around her neck, her "Team Guard," and perhaps she used this device to call for help. She was taken by ambulance to Riverside Methodist Hospital where she died of "myocardial infarction" at 2:30 A.M. She had lived 90 years, two months, and 15 days. I did not learn of my mother's passing until early Sunday afternoon, as Ellen and I were returning from Indianapolis where we were visiting Tom and Tammy.

Dorothy and Dick arrived, I believe, the next day, and we three went to the Rutherford Funeral Home, and selected a York "Titan Court" casket and a Landon vault, and proceeded to make funeral arrangements. The obituary, published twice in the Columbus Dispatch, read as follows:

"Gladys (Bolon) Cooper, age 90, Columbus, Ohio, died November 19, 1989 at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Former substitute teacher for Columbus Public Schools. Preceded in death by husband, Professor Charles D. Cooper, son, Charles W. Cooper and 2 grandchildren. Survived by daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy C. and Richard E. Kutchera of Cincinnati, Ohio; son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Donald B. and Ellen H. Cooper of Columbus, 11 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Mrs. Arnold (Frieda) Hubbard of Sun City, AZ; many nieces and nephews. Lifetime member of Crestview Presbyterian Church and the Golden Crest Club. Funeral service at 11 a.m., Wednesday, November 22 at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME, 2383 N. High St., Rev. Alan Wendt officiating. Family will receive friends 1 hour prior to service. Interment Union Cemetery. Friends may if they wish contribute to Crestview Presbyterian Church, 350 E. Tulane, Columbus, OH 43202, or a charity of choice."

The funeral service was at the Rutherford Chapel, 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, November 22, Rev. Alan Wendt officiating. It was a beautiful service for a beautiful, much loved, wife, mother, grand-mother, and great grand-mother. The family came together sufficiently to take care of necessary business. Don was the Executor of the estate. Gladys' house sold for $86,000 on May 31, 1990. Gladys was buried in Union Cemetery alongside Charles in Section 10, Lot 476. [On September 30, 2004, Ellen was buried nearby in Section 20, Lot 12. In due course Don will be buried alongside Ellen.] The address of the cemetery is 3349 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH, 43202.

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