

**Diary of Jennie Myers, 1937-1938**

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Friday, January 1, 1937 - 1<sup>st</sup> Day – 364 Days to Follow

Out to farm, Vi's Mother, Vernon, Mildred, Melvin, Frank, Blanche & Jean were there too. We had a very fine dinner of Roast goose-Chicken and rabbit. We all stayed to the evening meal too.

Saturday, January 2, 1937 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Day – 363 Days to Follow

Pauline starts to pay radio for Fry boys brot home \$1.00 wash & took old radio & cabinet. Pauline is to do laundry until radio is paid for \$15.00.

Rained hard during last nite & trees, shrubs, etc. are covered with ice this morning & it sure looks like a "winter wonderland". Frank had to go to work. Yesterday was Bl's last day at plant-she resigned. Alice went to work for Dana Blair. The wind is howling and it is fast getting colder.

Sunday, January 3, 1937 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Day – 362 Days to Follow

Got very cold and froze up during the nite-some snow flurries. Harold, Linda, Viola and her Mother came in for dinner. They worked on a "Jig-Saw" puzzle this P.M. while listening to Radio. They left for home about 4:30 P.M.

Monday, January 4, 1937 – 4<sup>th</sup> Day – 361 to Follow

Dig-

Bright sunshine, but much colder. Only 19 above this eve.

Ruth went down to Rev. Gables to rehearse with Woman's Club. Gloria was down with Jane & listened to Radio plays.

Tuesday, January 5, 1937 – 5<sup>th</sup> Day – 360 Days to Follow

Was some warmer today, but getting colder again this eve.

The flood situation about the same and is being (the flood victims) are pretty well taken care of by the "Red Cross".

Wednesday, January 6, 1937 – 6<sup>th</sup> Day – 359 Days to Follow

No record.

Thursday, January 7, 1937 – 7<sup>th</sup> Day – 358 Days to Follow

Rained all day and froze as it rained. Ruth went to Oregon in P.M. to meet with Woman's Club to practice singing. I stayed with Blanche & Jean until Jane came from school.

Friday, January 8, 1937 – 8<sup>th</sup> Day – 357 Days to Follow

Rained hard last nite & thawed the ice some but still very icy. The busses could not get the students in so there were no classes & Jane stayed home. We had lightning and thunder with the rain storm early this morn.

Ruth & Blanche went to Mrs. Leber's to a bridge party this eve.

Laverne was here to supper & spend eve. Worked jig-saw puzzles.

Saturday, January 9, 1937– 9<sup>th</sup> Day – 356 Days to Follow

Cloudy & cold. Frank had to work today until 3 P.M. His car got out of the road coming home & made him late. The girls & Gloria took their sleds & skates & went down an pond. I rode over to Fr's an sled & stayed with Blanche & Jean until they got home. Jane & Gloria went to basketball game this eve & then Jane went out to hall dance.

Julia Alden's funeral services this 2 P.M.

Sunday, January 10, 193740– 10<sup>th</sup> Day – 355 Days to Follow

Dig-

Lovely sunshine most of day. Melted quite a little ice but still it is very icy-roads are glazed over. Frank drove down to Mt. M. so he'd be there in morn to work and not have to take any chances. Harold's "Vi" came in about noon on way to take Mrs. Smith & Melvin to Ashton as Vernon is sick with "Flu". They left Linda with us. She had good time, she & Jean playing and girls took "Em a ride on sled. Pretty cold and freezing.

Monday, January 11, 193740 – 11<sup>th</sup> Day – 354 Days to Follow

Sunshine & clouds. I've been house all day. Jane in school. Ruth busy with house work & down town for groceries & mail.

\* Letter from Arbelin.

Sun thawed the ice some, but not enuf to help much. Having cold weather even in sunny Calif – estimate \$15,000,000 loss to citrus fruits. Frank did not come home this eve on account of bad roads.

Thursday, 193740

Har-Vi & 3 girls here for dinner the eve. Har then went down to play for Sportsmen.

~~Tuesday~~, Friday, January 12, 193740 – 12<sup>th</sup> Day – 353 Days to Follow

Much warmer – nice, bright sunshine-snow has melted quite a bit. Iona still "shut in". Jane rushed "Bonnie" there but not much help. This P.M. Ruth is sewing on J's green dress.

Wednesday, January 13, 1937 – 13<sup>th</sup> Day – 352 Days to Follow

Frank stayed in Mt. M. on account of bad icy roads. Letter from Arbelin. Ruth is staying all nite with Bl. & Jean.

Thursday, January 14, 1937 – Day 14<sup>th</sup> – 351 Days to Follow

Dig-

Ice melted quite a bit from little rain that fell last eve. Not so cold. Junior brot laundry home. Means another \$1.00 on radio. They took our old radio & are to pay for it in laundry work.

Jane home with me this eve. Ruth went up to Faye Schreiber's for rehearsel with "Woman's Club".

Dr. Andrus, M.D., Rockford burial this 2:30 P.M.

Friday, January 15, 1937 – 15<sup>th</sup> Day – 350 Days to Follow

Dig-

Cloudy & colder. Close to zero this eve. Jane has gone to Hi-school basketball game. R. & I alone. R. darning hose, me reading paper & we are getting some good stories over radio. Talked to Harold, they are O.K. Vivian fell and sprained ankle & “Vi” taught school for her. Frank came home, doesn’t have to work tomorrow. Wrote to Arbelin.

Saturday, January 16, 1937 – 16<sup>th</sup> Day – 349 Days to Follow

Cool & Cloudy. Ruth & Jane went to Rockford shopping with Frank & Bl. This P.M. Laverne stayed with me. Jean with Mrs. Leber.

“Jerry” Bolen “passed on” 1 A.M. tonight, Serv. A.M.

Sunday, January 17, 1937 – 17<sup>th</sup> Day – 348 Days to Follow

Cloudy, sort of foggy. Harold, Viola, & Linda came in about noon, ate dinner with us & spent most of P.M.

Fr. Bl & Jean came in & we all visited awhile, Jean & Linda played grocery store. Mrs. Pittman’s funeral services held 2 P.M. Christian Church & burial at Polo.

Monday, January 18, 1937 – 18<sup>th</sup> Day – 347 Days to Follow

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Tuesday, January 19, 1937 – 19<sup>th</sup> Day – 346 Days to Follow

Cloudy weather looks quite threatening. Having hard rains in many states. The Mississippi & Ohio rivers on rampage. Valleys are flooded & many are driven from their houses. There is much sickness thro out the country. Pneumonia & “Flu”. Ruth “knocked out” with bad cold.

Wednesday, January 20, 1937 – 20<sup>th</sup> Day – 345 Days to Follow

Dig-

Very strong wind until after midnite, then it rained hard, turning to sleet & snow. After we got up it rained showers up until school time. We got up late as we did not rest very well. Ruth has bad cold. Jane went to Rock. Auto show with Mark, Bill & Betty Martin. Heard Anson Week’s Orchestra play. She enjoyed it very much. There was a grand display of fine cars.

~~Thursday, January 21, 1937~~ – 21<sup>st</sup> Day – 344 Days to Follow

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> continued.

Inauguration of F. D. Roosevelt to 2<sup>nd</sup> term of office. Just poured rain about the entire day in the Capital. Everyone got “a soaking”. 75,000 people estimated to have watched parade-----

Sure – “He’s all wet”

Friday, January 22, 1937 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Day – 343 Days to Follow

Dig-

Very cold this A.M. Cloudy most of day. Cleared up at sunset which was very pretty & the moon & stars are shining bright this eve. Jane has gone to basketball game L.R. vs F'n. L. R. won. She is thro' with her tests and made very good in all. Talked to Harold bit ago. All O.K. Vivian has her ankle in cast for 6 wks. Below zero at farm. R's cold is some better. Floods in Ohio valley many driven from house.

Saturday, January 23, 1937 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Day – 342 Days to Follow

Cold, cloudy, still heavy coating of ice on streets & walks. Worst Ohio river flood in history, 30,000 already homeless. Many cities and towns isolated. Property destroyed, running into millions. Mary sick with pneumonia & "flu". Food & medical aid badly needed. Fr. Did not have to work today. Bl. & Jean over awile this eve. Jane went to the dance at L. R. Hall. Ruth's cold is much better. So glad for that. Jane went down to dance at hall. Mary was up & brot her home. Good crowd, good time.

Dig-

Sunday, January 24, 1937 – 24<sup>th</sup> Day – 341 Days to Follow

Quite a bit warmer this A.M. S. E. wind. Clouded over and quite a skiff of snow fell this P.M. Wind has shifted to N.W. this eve & getting colder----- Cloudy again. We were not away all day, only girls took a short walk. We were alone all day only for Fr. Being in a short time around noon.

Dig-

Monday, January 25, 1937 – 25<sup>th</sup> Day – 340 Days to Follow

Was little warmer today but getting colder toward evening. The flood situation still is very serious. The "Red Cross" is doing a great work in caring for the sufferers.

Letters from Arbeline & Kathryn this eve. Jane broke one of the lenses in her glasses this P.M. & is sending them to Mt. M. by Frank, to be repaired. Will have to have new lenses.

Tuesday, January 26, 1937 – 26<sup>th</sup> Day – 339 Days to Follow

Dig-

Beautiful sunshine day. Jane in school. Ruth & I alone all day. No one in, but Dr. Stengel called on his way to Freeport, around 1:15 p.m. Blood pressure 150, heart beat good. Nerves effecting blood vessels causes poor circulation on left side. Ruth went to Grace Bergs to card party with Blanche & Mrs. Leber this eve. It is a beautiful moon light night again. Jane is studying. We are going to retire early around nine o'clock. Card from Aunt Ida. She fell Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> & broke her right wrist. Has it in a cast.

Dig- da-12

Wednesday, January 27, 1937 – 27<sup>th</sup> Day – 338 Days to Follow

Fair & some warmer. Ruth made couple calls on Mrs. Hiestand & Jennie Kendel and mailed a letter to Aunt Ida for me. I was not out all day. Jane was up to Gloria's little while this eve. I have been reading Rockford evening paper & listening in to Radio. Ruth heard thru Mrs. Spring that Mrs. Murray Garst is sick in Rockford Hospital. The news coming from flooded district is still too terrible to listen to.

Dig-

Thursday, January 28, 1937 – 28 Days – 337 Days to Follow

Quite a nice day. Thawed some in sun. Ruth got out her shoe skates & skated out in front of Franks, then Mrs. Leber came out & enjoyed the sport too. They became so enthused they decided to go to the pond awhile & were gone a couple hours. Had a fine time. We listen to Floyd Gibbons broadcast from Cincinnati happenings of the real flooded districts. "Jakie" to bot the bank building today at auction.

Dig-

Friday, January 29, 1937 – 29<sup>th</sup> Day – 336 Days to Follow

Ruth did cleaning this a.m. & in P.M. was down town making plans for birthday bridge party for Bl. Frank brot R. Med. from Stengel. Harold & Linda were in little while this late P.M.

Dig- Bl's birthday

Saturday, January 30, 1937 – 30<sup>th</sup> Day – 335 Days to Follow

Clouds – showers- warmer- Water standing almost entirely across the road between us & Franks. Supposed to get more rain and turn colder tonight. Fr – Bl - & Ruth went over to Byron to do some banking & get groceries. R- got Bl – pretty linen peice for gift. The bridge Club are having a surprise party for Bl- tonight. It is Myrna Bow – birthday too. Jane is going to Pres's Birthday Ball at Byron with Bill & Mark Asp. Ruth Tassler & Gloria Pat will stay with me. They came about 9:30. Jane left about 9. Colder ---snow flurries.

Dig-

Sunday, January 31, 1937 – 31<sup>st</sup> Day – 334 Days to Follow

Colder & clear – nice sunshine, but not warm enuf to melt-the ice-we were late getting up this A.M. as we did not retire until around one o'clock. There wasn't any dance at Byron so Bill, Mary & Jane went on to Oregon to the dance at Colosieum, where Har. Was playing. Big crowd, good time. Bl's birthday party went off fine. Blanche won 1<sup>st</sup> prize & Ruth "Coobie". Fr – Bl. & "we three" went to 3 P.M. show at Mt. M. this P.M. to see "Romona" – Don Amache and Loretta Young. I enjoyed ride & all = 1<sup>st</sup> I been out since 1<sup>st</sup> of mo.

Dig- 14 das.

Monday, February 1, 1937 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Day – 333 Days to Follow

Fair – N.W. wind – cold. Ruth did her house work this A.M. then about noon she & Mrs. Leber skated out her in the street from corner up to Newcomers. Then they decided to take sleds & go coasting on Main street. Bl. Took jean's sled & went too. After that they went in to Frank's & played pool until 5 P.M. This eve we listened to "Bambi" & Lux Radio Theater, from Hollywood. Ruth did fancy work & Jane read their class play book. Letter from Arbelin.

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Tuesday, February 2, 1937 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Day – 332 Days to Follow

(Empty)

Wednesday, February 3, 1937 – 34<sup>th</sup> Day – 331 Days to Follow

(Empty)

Thursday, February 4, 1937 – 35<sup>th</sup> Day – 330 Days to Follow

Beautiful – bright day. Thawed quite a bit this P.M. Ruth & Mrs. Leber had their skate around noon and this eve, the ice is covered with water, but it is again growing colder. Jane went to school this A.M. prepared to go out, in bus, after school, to John Haire's for a birthday "slumber party" for Phyllis tonight.

Mrs. Spring called in and spent an hour with R. & I. Mailed letter to Kathering

Dig-

Friday, February 5, 1937 – 36<sup>th</sup> Day – 329 Days to Follow

Mistake – same as Feb. 12.

Cloudy – windy. Man down her all day from Smith Oil to over haul oil burner. Worked fine when he got thru & the house warmed up sooner than we had Expected. We had our suppers over to Fr. & Bl's, then "picked up our beds" & walked". The house was quite cozy but there was stench from oil & we aired out good before going to bed. Har. & Vi. Had been to Rock – left Linda with us as they went up. She & Jean had a good time & busy day. Both very tired this eve. Jane & Maxine went to Byron to basketball game this eve.

Dig-

Saturday, February 6, 1937

Little cloudy. Cold N. W. wind, but thawed a little where sun shone against the house. Linda is with us. This A.M. Jane took her down to get a haircut & the mail & then gave her a nice bath. After lunch Linda & Jane went upstairs & took a long nap. Ruth & I rested down stairs. R. went down town to get the meat for tomorrow. Jane went down to the dance at hall this eve. Mark & Bill Asp were up and they brot her Jane home.

Dig-

Sunday, February 7, 1937

Fairly nice day. We got around late & Har & Vi & Vivian got here late to dinner. Were delayed by Vivian's mother "dropping in". Ruth had a good dinner ready & waiting. They stayed until around four P.M. taking Linda with them. She wanted to stay longer. We enjoyed having her here, very much.

Old man Rothermel "passed on".

Dig-

Monday, February 8, 1937

Cloudy & cool wind, still very icy – foggy. Jane out of school all day. Girls took “Laddie” up to Rockford to have Dr. Wilson give him examination. He decided it was worms & told them to keep him quiet & give capsules. We also gave Peggy one. “Laddie” seems better this eve – he does not cough as much. I stayed with Bl until they returned. Girls did little shopping. R. got gabardine shoes. Getting much colder.

Tuesday, February 9, 1937

Sunshine – but cold – S.W. wind. Jane back in school today. Ruth was down town this P.M. & had a permanent. She went to P.T.A. at hi-school this eve, with Bl. & Jean. \*Jean sang in chorus. \*Jane stayed with me & did some school work.

Wednesday, February 10, 1937

(Empty)

Thursday, \*Twin to Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> February 11, 1937 – 42<sup>nd</sup> Day – 323 Days to Follow

Mistake

Sunshine - but chilly. Jane in school. Ruth went up to Faye Schrieber’s to meet with Woman’s Club this P.M. After she came home we did some baking. After supper we discovered \*our oil burner had gone “on the blink” – had Fr. Over to see if he could start it but no go. Had to stack up our bedding & night clothes & go across & sleep over at Frs. Took our pets dogs & birds along.

Friday, February 5, ~~12,~~ 1937 – 43<sup>rd</sup> Day – 322 Days to Follow

Mistake

Dig – 22 das.

Frank called Charley Runyan early to have him get a man from Smith Oil here to over haul oil burner – he got down here around 8 A.M. Found something wrong with motor had to take it out put in new one and send old one in to be repaired. We had to spend the day with Bl & Jean. Jane was in the school & R. had to run back and forth. She made a nice cold fire in the grate. The oil burner was O.K. by 3:30 P.M. and until bed time house was quite warm.

Dig –

Saturday, February 13, 1937 – 44<sup>th</sup> Day – 321 Days to Follow

Clouds & sunshine – strong. Cold windy. “We Three” \*took Laddie up to Dr. Wilson & got Jane’s dress \*applied – flowers. Had a nice lunch before we left for home. Dr. Wilson decided Laddie’s trouble was bronchichial.\* Jane put on warm cloths & Vick’s Vapo Rub on Laddie. We Three spent the eve at home & retired in good time.

Dig –

Sunday, February 14, 1937 – 45 Day – 320 Days to Follow



## Valentine Day

Nice sunshine, but turning colder again all ice out in front. Harold called up 8 A.M. wanting to know if we were coming out to dine. Girls were still in bed. After we talked it over we decided to go. We enjoyed the ride, roads were quite good and we had a good broiled Steak dinner & a nice visit. Had to come back little after three as Jane "has a date" with Mark at 4 P.M. to go to a show. Luella McKinley's Mother "passed on" today. Heart trouble.

Monday, February 15, 1937 – 46<sup>th</sup> Day – 319 Days to Follow

Cloudy & damp, N.E. wind – getting some colder this eve. Radio says – rain & snow. Rather quiet day not much doing. Ruth's cold is some better. My old bones have been sore & "achy". Rec. a nice letter from Charlotte Chamberlain with memorium folder of Uncle Burts passing & relating all about the funeral services. Must answer tomorrow. We are listening to testimonial Dinner to postmaster Gen. Farley.

Wed. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> ~~Tuesday~~, February 16, 1937 – 47<sup>th</sup> Day – 318 Days to Follow

Dig –

Snow flurries this eve. Clouds & sunshine – S.E. wind – not thawing. Started letter to Arbelin but did not finish as Ruth made up her mind we would go over to Stillman Valley to attend the cooking school. She invited Mrs. Fossler & Faye Schreiber – Faye did the driving. Jane went with Mark to Minstrel show at Mt. M. this eve. Jimmie was to take part. Ruth & I alone. Listened to E. Stanley Jones farewell speech before leaving for India. Luella McKinley Mother's funeral at Adeline this P.M.

Tuesday 16, ~~Wednesday~~, February 17, 1937 – 48<sup>th</sup> Day – 317 Days to Follow

Cloudy & damp. Ruth did little laundry work this A.M. This P.M.N. she went to cooking school at the hi-school gym. Got a box of Lux soaps – etc. Rose Pelican got a dandy lamp.

Thursday, February 18, 1937 = 49<sup>th</sup> Day – 316 Days to Follow

Warm & sloppy.

Ruth went down to Mrs. John Motters this P.M. in car with Viola & Mrs. Lester Miller, to the Woman's Club Meeting. Ruth read a paper on Civil Service. Linda stayed with me & Harold was in too. Not feeling so well & went to Mt. M. to see Dr. Stetigel.

Friday, February 19, 1937 – 50<sup>th</sup> day – 315 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy & damp – S.W. wind chilly. Ruth did part of her cleaning today. Bl. was in awhile this early P.M. Mrs. Whitney Pyper in a short time to see Ruth. Jane stayed up at hi-school for home economics & refreshments. Got home around seven.

Saturday, February 20, 1875, ~~1937~~ – 51<sup>st</sup> Day – 314 Days to Follow

Dig – 45-69<sup>th</sup> B.D. gift dress Jane pretty cards. Har. Phoned. Card from Catherine

This is my 62<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. It has been foggy and rainy about all day – Warm & thawing.

Frank & Bl. went to Rockford this A.M. – Jean stayed with us. Ruth & Jean went over to Fr's to rest in P.M. & Jane & I rested here. Mark came for Jane 7:30 to attend the Alumni banquet at Mt. M. It rained – thundered & lightened hard around supper time. Just like Spring Old Rock river & its small tributaries are rising fast, are getting out electricity from Sterling. Oregon power house flooded.

Sunday, February 21, 1937 – 52<sup>nd</sup> Day – 313 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy – windy – Snow flurries – Frank, Blanche, Jean here to 12:30 dinner – also lunch in eve. They drove down to Mt. M. before noon to see Bl's mother, who is sick. They stayed over all P. M. and to lunch. We were sorry Harold was “not feeling well & we that best for him not to come out in the damp, windy weather.

Monday, February 22, 1937 – 53<sup>rd</sup> Day – 312 Days to Follow

Washington's Birthday

(empty)

Tuesday, February 23, 1937 – 54<sup>th</sup> Day – 311 Days to Follow

(empty)

Wednesday, February 24, 1937 – 55<sup>th</sup> Day – 310 Days to Follow

Dig –

Mailed a little letter to Linda. Rec. a card from Arbelin also one from Katherine.

Thursday, February 25, 1937 – 56<sup>th</sup> Day – 309 Days to Follow

Dig –

Beautiful sunshiny day. Chilly wind. Jane in School. R & I home all day. Frank & Bl went to Rockford this P.M. for a new Desoto that he has sold to Brinker of Mt. M. Jean came in & stayed with us until around five, when they got back. This eve Jane has gone to Basket Ball tournament at hi-school. Byron & Kings.

Friday, February 26, 1937 – 45 – 57<sup>th</sup> Day – 308 Days to Follow

Cloudy, mild, 25 in Rock. 33 in Chgo. 45 - we wrote to Jane about my Sear's dress B. D. gift.

Helen Palmer taken to hospital, broken hip.

Dig –

Cloudy, but mild, warmer. Fannie B's birth-day. Mailed pretty card. When the girls went down for car they stopped & gave Fannie her gift, an embroidered linen square with four napkins, and & card. Ruth emb. The peice. We went to Oregon in P.M. to show. Jane went with Mark to Basket Ball games here in our hi-school. “Bill” took Maxine Whitney home after game.

45 – weather same as in 37. Mailed card to Fannie B.B. Day. Mailed letter to Earl & Kathryn. Warmer 31 deg. Sunshine.

Sunday, February 28, 1937 – 59<sup>th</sup> Day – 306 Days to Follow

Beautiful sunshiny spring like day. We did not get around until late this morn. It was such a nice A. M. we decided to go see Mae Robson, Chas. Butterworth and Bobbie Breen in a picture at Oregon. The girls wanted to see take the teachers, Acker, Schmertman, & Grotte along. We got out of town about 4 mis. And on trying to pass Tex Bane. Got in the soft dirt & gravel and slid in the ditch. Frank came out & with others help got us out & we came back home & rested to quiet our nerves.

\*sent R.R. dress in for exchange.

Monday, March 1, 1937 – 60<sup>th</sup> Day – 305 Days to Follow

No –

Thawing, 37 above at Rockford this P.M. We heard a “Pee Wee” this A.M. Sure seems quite spring like. Jane in school. R. down town for mail & groceries. I have not been out. Feel quite stiff & sore. \* Sent a long letter to Charlotte Chamberlain.

Tuesday, Mary 2, 1937 – 61<sup>st</sup> Day – 304 Days to Follow

No –

(Empty)

Wednesday, March 3, 1937 – 62<sup>nd</sup> Day – 303 Days to Follow

No –

Clouds & sunshine, warm. Harold & Linda came in this 10 A.M. here to lunch. Harold went over to a sale at Byron after lunch. Linda stayed with us & had a dandy time after school played with Jean. L. rode tricycle, Jean roller skated. R. took Linda down town. “Bill” came up after Jane to take her down to the Regional Basket Ball game. Mark had to sell tickets but he brot her home. Rained during nite.

Thursday, March 4, 1937 – 63<sup>rd</sup> Day – 302 Days to Follow

Cloudy – warm – over 40 above. 32 above this eve in Rockford. There has been rain in some sections & the rivers are swollen again. Laverne was up & spent the eve with Jane. We listened to Major Bowe’s hour, was quite good. Pres. Roosevelt on air but he makes us tired with his “blowing his own horn”, as Grand Pa used to say. May the good Lord direct & lead us on in the best way is my prayer.

Mailed “social card” to Ida. “Hookie” was up & drained off the water out in front.

Friday, Mary 5, 1937 – 64<sup>th</sup> Day – 301 Days to Follow

No –

Cloudy until mid-afternoon, then sun came out nicely 36 degrees above in Chgo. This eve. Ruth did cleaning this A. M. Down town at noon, over to Fr’s this P.M. playing pool with Bl & Miss Leber. I wrote

Katherine & after school she and Jane took it to office. This eve Mark "dropped in" and took Jane down to Mt. Morris to Regional Basket Ball game. Polo V. S. Mt. M. and Rochelle V. S. Oregon.

Saturday, March 6, 1937 – 65<sup>th</sup> Day – 300 Days to Follow

Beautiful spring-like sunshiny day. Saw some honey bees flying about. Jane roller skated for first this year. Ruth & I took little walk around the house & around the square. Bl. & Jean went along to Mt. M. with Fr. As he went to work. Came home this noon with B's uncle. Mark came for Jane to go to the last game of tournament at Mt. Morris this eve. Mt. M. vs Rochelle. Oregon vs Polo. Ruth & I alone. Mt. Morris lost.

Sunday, March 7, 1937 – 66<sup>th</sup> Day – 299 Days to Follow

Dig – 58 above in Chgo. Mostly cloudy. Blanche, Jean & Frank went to Mt. Morris to dinner with B's folk. They were back by midafternoon & invited us to ride along to Oregon in the new Plymouth. Quite a bit of traffic. River still quite high and lot of ice along banks. We enjoyed the ride very much. All three home this eve. Vernon & Mildred brot Mrs. S. up to spend week with Viola this P.M.

Monday, March 8, 1937 – 67<sup>th</sup> Day – 298 Days to Follow

Dig –

\*Wed. R. & I went to Freeport and as Catherine M's guests attended "pot luck" dinner at church & her home for eve meal & then to church for P.M. To church for eve. Enjoyed it.

\*Fr. Started to work in the new rotogravure department, helping set up the new press.

Tuesday, March 9, 1937 – 68<sup>th</sup> Day – 297 Days to Follow

No –

Cloudy, N.W. wind and getting colder. The dirt roads have been so soft & muddy the cars & buses could not get thro so it is well they have frozen. The "Eastern Star" of Mt. Morris put on the program "The Minstrels" at hi-school this eve & Bl. Jean, Ruth & I went up in Leber's car. Their program was quite good. Lavern came up to be with Jane & Mark brot up his Mother & Jimmy & then came on down here. He & Jane has seen show in Mt. M.

Wednesday, March 10, 1937 – 69<sup>th</sup> Day – 296 Days to Follow

Cloudy, colder. Slight snow flurries.

Home all day. Expected to go to see "The Reunion" with "Dianne Quinto" at Mt. Morris this eve, but Frank had an old car deal on so-o-o- we stayed home. The "father & son" Banquet is on at M. E. church and Jane is helping serve at tables. They served 115.

Thursday, Friday, March 11, 1937 – 70<sup>th</sup> Day – 295 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy, snow flurries cold N.W. wind 25 above in Chgo. This eve. Ruth went to Rockford this noon with Mr. & Mrs. Spring. Got back around six. Blanche came over and stayed with me, she went down for mail brot me letter from Arbe. Then took her bath & when Jean came from school gave her a bath. Harold was in awhile this P.M. drove the white team into an old buggy. Came home from Freeport this mid P.M. after being up with Phyllis & Beryl since Monday.

Thurs. ~~Friday~~, March 12, 1937 – 71<sup>st</sup> Day – 294 Days to Follow (No Entry)

\*Monday – Fr's busy decorating the Newcomer house. Sunny & warm. Ruth had a good hair permanent over to Forreston this P.M. 1 o'clock hope it lasts. I not so good & rested. R & B attended S.S.

\*Wed – Mch – 10<sup>th</sup>

Ruth & Blanche went down to Lana's this eve to the bridge party. The Ladie's Aid gave a banquet for the Father's & sons this eve. Jane helped serve. 115.

\*Sun 4<sup>th</sup> '45

R & B attended S. S. & church at U.B. this morn. Good attendance. "Phyl" had a good dinner ready when they returned. Jill had mumps. Twins good & sweet.

~~Saturday~~, Tuesday March 13, 1937 – yr. 45

Temp. 70 deg. Or **so-porch**.

\*Ruth worked in yd. all day, picked 1 violet.

\*Fr. & Bl. Went to Rock. Drove our car up to be overhauled and then they each drove a new car home. 1 Desoto & 1 Plymouth. They left Jean with us.

\* I wrote letter to Jane & R. mailed it hoped to hear from Jane, word from "Sears", didn't have my dress get more in 30 days. I did rec. the white gloves.

R. is reading "Dragonwych". She uncovered the first catapillar today. Cardinals came to bird bath.

Sunday, March 14, 1937 – 292 Days to Follow

Dig –

Fairly nice day. Late to rise. Were over to F's to a nice dinner. After dinner work was over we decided to go for ride in new DeSoto & take in "Banjo on my knee" at Mt. M. Back home about five.

\*Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> '45

Temp 60 deg. At noon in Rockford. Warm & sunny here. Ruth worked out doors. I wrote Harolds, Colo. & R. mailed it. James "Pat", Jr. in New York. Phoned his folks. Tom Brenneman "Breakfast at Sardis", San Francisco.

Monday, March 15, 1937 – 74<sup>th</sup> Day – 291 Days to Follow

Cloudy around freezing point all day. Little colder this eve. Jane went up to see the Mt. Morris & Leaf River M. E. basket ball teams play at hi-school. Mark brot her home. Ruth busy about making decorations for Woman's Club Men's night. Harold went to Oregon today about the claims for heirship stopped in short time around 3 P.M.

Tuesday, March 16, 1937 – 75<sup>th</sup> Day – 290 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Wednesday, March 17, 1937 – 76<sup>th</sup> Day – 289 Days to Follow

Light snow.

\*Mark came up for Jane & took her down to their home for a little party Bill planned. Mrs. Asp. Served a chop suey midnite dinner.

The North Grove Christian Ladie's Aid served a "Penny supper at the Christian Church annex and the three hi-school Lady teachers, Miss Grote, Acker & Schmertman came her to call.

\*Spent the eve Ruth served ice cream & devil's food cake.

Thursday, March 18, 1937 – 77 Day – 288 Days to Follow

Snowed a bit last eve is warmer & damp & cloudy this A.M. Women's club Men's night at M. E. Church.

\*Ruth and Jane went. J.\* waited on tables. Viola was not well & they did not come in. served 115. \*

Friday, March 19, 1937 – 78<sup>th</sup> Day – 287 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Saturday, March 20, 1937 – 79<sup>th</sup> Day – 286 Days to Follow

Snowed during last nite, wind, still snowing & blowing. Blanche brot Jean over about 9 this A.M. & she went to Rockford with her Uncle to look after some business for Frank. They returned around one & then she & J. went down to Mt. M. with Uncle to visit with her Mother & "Teenie" who is there taking care of her Mother, who is ill. They expect Hallis this eve. We saw & fed our first 2 robins this P.M. & sent 1<sup>st</sup> violets to Arbelin in a letter.

Sunday, March 21, 1937 – 80<sup>th</sup> Day – 285 Days to Follow

First day of spring and a beautiful sunshiny day. We Three went to Mt. M. after dinner to see the picture "The charge of the light brigade". Wonderful picture but too much fighting – horrible. Frank had to work today. Bl's Uncle Hallis & "Teenie" came up this A.M. & took Bl. & Jean down there to dinner & for P.M. They came back with Fr. after work. We talked with Dr. Stengel a little bit while waiting for show time.

Monday, March 22, 1937 – 81<sup>st</sup> Day – 284 Days to Follow

Cloudy, cool N.W. wind. Jane in school. R. & I home all day. R. mailed my letter to Arbelin this noon. Girls took little walk down town after summer. "Teenie" came up to Blanche's awhile this P.M.

Tuesday, March 23, 1937 – 82<sup>nd</sup> Day – 283 Days to Follow

Fairly nice day & quite warm. I sat on back porch good part of day in sunshine, windows still on. R. cleaned my bedroom wall & made garden. Rec. good letter from Jane Mackinaw. They have little lambs & also piggies. Jane & Gus both very busy. We hope to go down soon in couple wks. It has seemed so long since we were down. Glad to hear they are all well. I ans. right away & R. mailed it.

Wednesday, March 24, '45 ~~1937~~ – 83<sup>rd</sup> Day – 282 Days to Follow

First Bluebird today. Strong wind blew all night colder this A.M. wind mostly east. About mid A.M. started to rain, wind switched to N. E. rain turning to snow. Almost like a real blizzard. Mc'h came in "like a lamb" and now it is sure like a roaring old lion. Dust storm in So. & So. Western states, heavy rain in Cal. Blizzards in N. W. & central states. We are glad to stay in where it is cozy and warm. Jane went up to Gloria's awhile & may be to Gables to practice singing.

Thursday, March 25, 1937 – 84<sup>th</sup> Day – 281 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Dig –

Friday, March 26, 1937 – 65<sup>th</sup> Day – 280 Days to Follow

Cloudy & strong, chilly wind all day, to clear up & be warmer tomorrow. We'll be thankful as we have plans made to go to Freeport to hear "The Musical Places"

\*R. will send Easter box off to Mackinaw.

\*Wolf put 100 gal. oil in. Miss Stengel had birthday party. 17 there, Surprise.

Saturday, March 27, 1937 – 86<sup>th</sup> Day – 279 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy & cool wind.

\*We went to Oregon to 3 P.M. show. Saw "Rembrandt" with Charles Lawton. Also "Dixie", Jane Withers. It was almost seven when we came out of theatre. Hurried home, had our tea & Ruth went down to M. E. church about some play the church is going to put on. Jane stayed with me.

Sunday, March 28, 1937 – 87<sup>th</sup> Day – 278 Days to Follow

\*Jane went over to Shannon this eve with Jr. choir M. E. Church.

Beautiful, bright, cool morning, quite typical of the resurrection. Nature does not show much sign of Spring, a few violets beneath our So. Living room window & we are enjoying two beautiful potted plants indoors, one from Fr. & family & one from Har. & family. R. & J. also Jean have gone to M. E. church 11 A.M. Har's to Ashton, stopped a few min. Fr's are going to Mt. M. to dinner. "We Three" went over to Fr. 2 P.M. to dedicatory program of new electric organ.

Monday, March 29, 1937 – 88<sup>th</sup> Day – 277 Days to Follow

Sunny, springlike day.

Jane went to rehearse for a play this eve, up to hi-school. R. & I alone.

Tuesday, March 30, 1937 – 89<sup>th</sup> Day – 276 Days to Follow

Cloudy, cool. Been sort of “punk” today. Would liked to got out of doors awhile but too cool for me. The girls walked down town this early eve. I rec. a card from Katherine this P.M.

\*Oil burner was off again this morn.

Wednesday, March 31, 1937 – 90<sup>th</sup> Day – 275 Days to Follow

No.

Cloudy. We arose at 6:30 A.M. & hurried our breakfast over as the oil burner man was to come early and change the motors. He did not come until after lunch. I stayed with Bl. Until the burner was O.K. & house warm again. Har. Came in about mid A.M. on way to Oregon, left Linda with us for the P.M. ... “We Three” went down to see “The Great Ziegfield” Mt. M. It sure was Marvelous. 3 hr. picture.

\*Sat. '45

Sunshine & cool. Lame foot. Saturday Fr. got moved & R. helping out some also colored eggs for G. & J. Rec. beautiful Easter folder from Busings. Wish we were with them. Fr's went to Waycarters. R. & I alone all day, sat out on sun porch, sunny & warm. We sent B. & D. box Easter too.

Thursday, April 1, 1937 – 91<sup>st</sup> Day – 274 Days to Follow

Little rain.

Jane went to school around 8 A.M. stayed after school for Home Economics & lunch then rehearsal of play. Did not get home until ten. Ruth went to Oregon. Faye Schreiber drove our car to rehearse W. C. songs. I stayed over to Blanche's while they were gone.

Friday, April 2, 1937 – 92<sup>nd</sup> Day – 273 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy. Harold, Viola & Linda came in early. Viola & Linda stayed with me while Har. & girls went to Oregon to confer with Frank Kerr. Got back during noon hour and stayed to lunch. Jane went up to school and got her books then helped Ruth clean & dust. Maxine Whitney came after to school to spend the night with J. Ruth over to B's to bridge club this eve. Dr. Stengel called this eve bot fruit, heart good, P.B. 150.

Saturday, April 3, 1937 – 93<sup>rd</sup> Day – 272 Days to Follow

Dig –

'45 – Cloudy – cool – windy

Snow and windy. Maxine & Jane went up to hi-school at 9:30 A.M. met Miss Acker and chorus girls and all went to Mt. M. to enter contest of vocal music. They won and were classed in Grace A. Means they will get to go to DeKalb later. Mark brot Jane home in their car, he stayed awhile until around six P.M. Jane brot me tonic from Dr. Stengel.

'45 – April



Weight 80 lbs. Dr. at Stengels.

Sunday, April 4, 1937 – 94<sup>th</sup> Day – 271 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy & rain. We stayed in bed and rested late, got around in time to hear a very good talk from Dr. Halland. Were “loafing around” in middle of P.M. when Lo! And behold Earl & Katherine, Bill & Elizabeth came walking in, we were surprised & pleased to see them & had a good visit. After they had left Bill & Miss Cross of Polo & Mark came & got Jane and they went to Dixon and saw Swing high, swing low. Returned about 9:30.

Monday, April 5, 1937 – 95<sup>th</sup> Day – 270 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy, cool, damp & windy. Jane in school. Ruth and I home all day. Blanche & Jean in a while this A.M. Jane up to hi-school to play rehearse this eve. Fr. Brot in the garage rent this eve.

April 4<sup>th</sup>,

cold & very strong cold wind flowing all day. Beryl came down this P.M. & to stay over nite. She & R. worked on U.S.O. book this eve.

Thurs – April 5 – '45

Wind **lar** cool. Laura Garkey called. “Bum” day for me. No mail.

Tuesday, April 6, 1937 – 96<sup>th</sup> Day – 269 Days to Follow

Dig –

F's birthday

Mostly sunshine, warmer. Fr's birthday. Ruth went down town & got him a carton of cigarettes and birth card & I gave them to him when he came in after work. They and also Leibers went down to Mt. M. to see show after supper. Jane went to Rockford to New's Tower to have pictures taken & this eve to hi-school for play rehearse. I got \*letters from Ida, Fern, H – J also from Linda today. I was in bed all day, R. & J. went over to bank this A.M.

Fr's birthday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 1906. R. & I mailed B.D. card. \*Ruth wrote & mailed Jane a letter. I have been feeling “bum” all day & for wk or so. Same old trouble seems, aches & soreness. Been in all day, too cold, damp & windy for me to be out. Quite a bit sunshine warmer birds singing, ate our meal on back porch, took a ride & R. fished awhile, no luck, no mail. R. reading book this eve. I feel bum, hope for a nice day, to feel better tomorrow.

~~Thursday~~, Sunday, April 8, 1937 '45

Dig –

Sunday, R. & I have been alone all day, sort of quiet & lonely. Has been quiet nice day, we sat out on back porch & ate our "eats" there on card table. Little breezy outside but bright warm sunshine which seemed heavenly to me. Foot better.

\*Dr. Stengel "dropped" in on his way to Forreston. He said leave off Dig. For a week & take blood pressure tablets for a wk. Will ans. card tomorrow, hope to go down Wed. A.M.

Ko. –

~~Friday, April 9, 1937 – 99<sup>th</sup> Day – 266 Days to Follow~~

Tuesday, Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> '45

Quite a nice day, little cool & breezy. I spent most of P.M. on back porch in the warm sunshine, ate lunch there, peach & plum blossoms open. R. took me in car around town to see blossoms & esp. Bertolets place. I am alone all eve. R. has gone to party for Miss Stengel up at Rose Carpenters, 8 to 12 P.M. Gov. card from Jane regarding Bentley's op'rs to be about May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Saturday, April 10, 1937 – 100<sup>th</sup> Day – 265 Days to Follow

No. –

\*Quite a nice, bright day. Little cool. Girls went to Rockford shopping. Blanche & Jean went along\* Jane got a pretty rose organza dress, pair of white shoes, little red hat. Erma Knitzleman stayed with me. Girls back around 5:30 P.M. Some careless fellow bumped their fender & delayed 'em. Mrs. Welty, Mrs. Spring also Rev. Gable called in P.M.

Wed. – Apr' 11 – '45

Rain & wind. All P.M. & eve. Beryl came in at supper time & Ruth planned right away for a show at Mt. M. tho' it was storming, left me alone & I sure get lonely. Has been raining & windy all eve. I sat by fire place & cried for joy because M touched my heart.

Sunday, April 11, 1937 – 101<sup>st</sup> Day – 264 Days to Follow

No. –

Beautiful, bright, sunny morn & sunshone most of day. 3 of the Woman's Club members met here this P.M. to practice with Ruth to sing with W. County Club chorus. Jane went up to Rockford this P.M. with some of the Glee Club to broadcast from Station W.R.O.K. Raymond Hawk sang solo. Girls went up in his car. R. & I listened in & it sounded pretty good. Mrs. Fager called P.M. LaVerne up this eve, awhile.

Monday, April 12, 1937 – 102<sup>nd</sup> Day – 263 Days to Follow

Cool, breezy little sunshine. We R & I both wrote to Jane & went down town in car to P.O. \*R. pasting U.S.O. book for Beryl. Just before we left news came over radio R.D.R. has "passed on" at Warm Springs. \*Cause cerebral hemorrhage, continuous broadcast all evening from news commentators recordings of F.D.R's speeches, inaugurations etc. "God rest his soul" – a fine man after all.

Tuesday, April 13, 1937 – 103<sup>rd</sup> Day – 262 Days to Follow

(No entry)

Wednesday, April 14, 1937 – 104<sup>th</sup> Day – 261 Days to Follow

F.D.R. burial – 9 A.M.

Private services in East Room.

Ed & Teena back to S.F. with Franks last eve. &

\*Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> – '45.

Clouds, rain, no sun, wind. Ruth & I alone all day.

Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1937 – 105<sup>th</sup> Day – 260 Days to Follow

Cloudy, cool, damp. A little Jersey heifer came to farm this A.M. Ruth went to Oregon, in our car, Faye drove to rehearsal of W. C. chorus. She & Faye got wave sets. Got back around 5:30. Myrna Kuntzleman stayed with me. Jane got a wave set at Bonnie's this eve.

Friday, April 16, 1937 – 106<sup>th</sup> Day – 259 Days to Follow

8 yrs. I have had trouble with bowels & circulation.

Saturday, April 17, 1937 – ~~107<sup>th</sup> Day – 258 Days to Follow~~ '45

Tuesday.

Cool, damp & very windy. Election day & R. & I went down to vote for younger men on the board & they won. Was "time for a change". Much to be done in this little burg & older men had been careless & indifferent. We called on Mrs. Spring & really made a visit. Came home, had our "eats" & R. called Miss Stengel to invite her to go along to Mt. Morris to see Movie ZZZZ... Frenchman's Creek. Wolf put in 100 gal's oil. Am all alone by radio but cannot have interest in any thing.

Sunday, April 18, 1937 – 108<sup>th</sup> Day – 257 Days to Follow

Quite a nice spring morning. Did not arise until late. Ruth hustled around & went to hear Rev. Gable on "Scarecrows". Roland Jones sang. Jane stayed with me. She & Ruth took a little walk in early eve.

Monday, April 19, 1937 – 109<sup>th</sup> Day – 256 Days to Follow

No –

Bright, warm sunshine this A.M. I sat out in its warm rays for about half an hour while Ruth was raking. This P.M., after school, the girls went down to Mt. Morris to get Jane new lens, she had broken other ones last week. I stayed over with Blanche. This eve Jane went to hi-school for play rehearsal. \*Frank brot in Jakie's rent check this eve.

Thurs. Apr. 19 '45. Cloudy, windy. R. getting packed for us to go to Jane's, Mack waiting for extra tire.

Tuesday, April 20, 1937 – 110<sup>th</sup> Day – 255 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy, cooler, little rain this eve. Jane has gone to play rehearsal. Ruth & Blanche are going to join the "Rebeccas" this eve. LaVerne is coming to stay with me. The Ogle County Woman's Club met at the

Christian Church for all day convention. Had a good meeting. The girls trio sang, Jane accomp. Dinner was served to a large number. Rained all eve. Jane came home in rain, little after nine. Just pouring down & wind blowing when Ruth & Bl. Came at midnite.

Wednesday, April 21, 1937 – 111<sup>th</sup> Day – 254 Days to Follow

Dig –

Rained hard & wind blew about all night, but “let up” this morn ‘ere school time. Stayed cloudy all day. Turned much cooler this P.M. N.W. wind. Jane cold when she returned from school. Had her lie down with hot pad & she had a good hours rest. Had to go for play rehearsel again this eve. Ruth reading “Gone with the Wind” and I am writing Aunt Ida letter. Had a good letter from her yesterday.

April 18,

Beryl came done in P.M. here for “eats” &

Thursday, April 22, 1937 – 112 Day – 253 Days to Follow

\*Ruth went to Salinas to Bridge Club this eve & Jane went to play rehearsel and after that to Mt. Morris with some of the players to see “Born to Dance”. \*Laverne stayed with me.

Friday, April 23, 1937 – 113<sup>th</sup> Day – 252 Days to Follow

\*Jane went to M. E. church to accompany Glee Club also Trio for the P.T.A. meeting.

Saturday, April 24, 1937 – 114<sup>th</sup> Day – 251 Days to Follow

No –

Cloudy & rainy, cool.

Viola stopped this P.M. on her way home from taking Vivian over to Byron to take bus to Rockford. Linda had stayed with us while she was gone. \*Mark came 8:30 P.M. to take Jane to the Firemen’s Ball at Mt. M. Did not get back until after one. Had good time.

Sunday, April 25, 1937 – 115<sup>th</sup> Day – 250 Days to Follow

No –

Cloudy, damp, rained some in night & early A.M. We were to go to farm for dinner but it is not fit for me to go out, roads bad too. Also Linda is not at all well. We rested until late, had late lunch. Har. Came in just as we were eating, he did not tarry long. Frank, Bl & Jean were in awhile in late P.M. Rev. Gable came up to prevail on Jane to go to Byron to accompany choir for Epworth League over to Byron M.E. church. She got back by 9:30.

Monday, April 26, 1937 – 116 Day – 249 Days to Follow

Dig -

Cloudy, cool, N.E. wind, little rain here. Storm in Dakotas & western Minn., also N.W. Iowa which swept as much as 18 in. snow over N.W. No wonder it is so cool here. I am minding it more than the cold winter days. Am now sitting over register. Ruth is working on Woman’s Club scrap book. Jane has gone

to play rehearsal at hi-school. Just called Har's Linda is some better, has bad cold. Rec. postal card from Ida.

Tuesday, April 27, 1937 – 117<sup>th</sup> Day – 248 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy, damp, cool.

Went to Freeport this noon to spend couple days & hear "Places" music. Easter Ex. In park.

\*R. mailed Easter pkg to Busing boys, some rabbits, white hen, etc. that Jane got years ago.

Jane went to play rehearsal. Vanpel was there to criticize & help out. \* Ft. brot Jane's glasses up from Mt. Morris this eve.

Wednesday, April 28, 1937 – 118<sup>th</sup> Day – 247 Days to Follow

Dig –

Still cool, thunder, cloudy and some sprinkles of rain. In Freeport. Ruth and Beryl downtown in P.M. & to U. B. church in eve. To hear the "Musical Places" & other services. I could not go on account of lame lt. foot. Jane to play rehearsal again this eve. Ruth and I alone. R. reading "Gone with the wind".

-Bath-

Thursday, April 29, 1937 – 119<sup>th</sup> Day – 246 Days to Follow

Cloudy, cool & damp. Blanche & Caroline cleaned house so Jean took music lesson here. Mrs. Spring called. Jane to play at rehearsal. \*Dr. Stengel called this P.M. – B.P. 135. Girls will call at his office tomorrow for other med, letter from Arbelin. \* Card from Katherine.

~~Thursday, Mch 29<sup>th</sup> '45~~

Franks are moving to Newcomer house. Came home from Freeport this P.M. after spending few days in Freeport visiting Beryl & Phyllis & twins. Cloudy.

Friday, April 30, 1937 – 120<sup>th</sup> Day – 245 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy, cool, rain. Rained quite a bit early this morn.

\*Got new med. Br. Tablets.

\*Girls went to Mt. Morris this P.M. for Jane hair set. My medicine and Jane's glasses. Blanche came over to stay with me. Frank & Jean in awhile too. Then they three went to Mt. Morris.

Saturday, May 1, 1937 – 121<sup>st</sup> Day – 244 Days to Follow

Br tab. –

Quite a bit sunshine thru mid-day. Girls decided to go Rockford – left around noon. Myrna came 11:30 A.M. & stayed with me. Girls did not get back until 5:30. Got Jane flowered wash dress & white shoes

also knee hose. Ruth pretty floral dress gown. Frank, Bl, & Jean were up, got Jean new coat, hat & shoes. Jenny Wren here. Fr. Sold Ford car to "Bob" Frye.

Sunday, May 2, 1937 – 122<sup>nd</sup> Day – 243 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy, cool, damp, little rain in early morn. Did not get around in time for girls to attend S. S. at church. Jean went & wore her new spring outfit, navy coat & hat. Jane Wither's style, she looked so sweet and neat. They were in awhile this early P.M. This eve they went to Mt. M. to see "The gorgeous Hussy". They invited Jane to go with. Ruth & I alone. Harold was in little while this P.M., he, Roland & Ellis tried little orchestra practice.

Monday, May 3, 1937 – 123<sup>rd</sup> Day – 242 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy, cool, rainy. Caroline came 8 A.M. to clean house, did the kitchen, B.R., basement and back porch, & did up curtains. Managed the job & waited on me quite a little. Harold was in on little business. This eve Blanche & Ruth are over to Lebers to their bridge club. A surprise, tomorrow is Lucille's birthday. Bl & Ruth got up the party & prepared the refreshments.

Frank got his fruit trees. \*Hartze plowed garden plot.

Tuesday, May 4, 1937 – 124<sup>th</sup> Day – 241 Days to Follow

Dig –

Mostly cloudy, just a sprinkle, Cool. Caroline came to house clean, here all day. Wont clean any more this week, wait until warmer weather. Are all thrs' but the 3 down stair rooms & airing the clothes. Blanche's mother had an attack of her heart this eve. Bl. Went down. Due to a misunderstanding over phone Dr. Stengel came here to see me. He called Bl and told her he would hurry down. Lucille Leber's birth day.

\*B.P. 165

Wednesday, May 5, 1937 – 125<sup>th</sup> Day – 240 Days to Follow

Mostly sunshine and it sure seemed glorious. Was good & warm on back porch. Ruth was pretty busy all day. I did not go out as the wind was so chilly and I was quite sore and "achy". I wrote a little letter to Linda and fixed up a birthday card for Jean with a new dollar bill enclosed. Ruth and Faye are working on the Woman's Club book this eve & Jane on her dress.

Thursday, May 6, 1937 – 126<sup>th</sup> Day – 239 Days to Follow

Dig –

Sunshine. Beautiful morning. R. arose early and was ready to go to Dixon to attend a "get together" of the Woman's Club. Mrs. Spring called for her at 7:15. Jane & I hurried around & had our breakfast. Blanche came in as soon as Jean got off to school and stayed with me until after 4 P.M. Jane, Jean, Bl. &

I Lunched together. Jean's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday. Germany's **Graf** Zapplin Hindenberg destroyed by a terrific explosion that to been caused by bolt of lightening setting the hellium gas on fire.

~~Friday~~, Sat., May 7, 1937 – 127<sup>th</sup> Day – 238 Days to Follow

Dig – 7 das.

Fine bright day. Tulips in blossom. "We three" drove over to Adeline late this P.M. & the girls placed flowers on graves. Bl. Washed their car in our driveway & then R. did ours. Maxine Whitney was here over nite & also here today for her meals. Left this eve. Ruth went up to the Mother & dau Banquet at hi-school as Mrs. Spring's guest. Christian Ladies Aid put on the banquet. We had quite a little rain this eve early.

~~Saturday~~, Friday, May 8, 1937 – 129<sup>th</sup> Day – 236 Days to Follow

Rather fair day, little cool. I walked out in yard little bit with Ruth. Jane went with girls chorus to Byron for rehearsel route 72 contest & festival, went from there home with Maxine & then Max came down here for the nite. Jane went to American Legion Ball at the Armory in Rock. With Asp boys & Max went to Byron to an entertainment.

Sunday, May 9, 1937 – 129<sup>th</sup> Day – 236 Days to Follow (Mother's Day)

Beautiful morn. Cloudy, 47 deg. Am so thankful to be alive and be here with my children. Viola & Linda & "Shorty" went to Ashton. Stopped here to say hello & leave a potted plant (Indian Moccasin. Frank came in & brot a lovely box of candy. Ruth & Jane had a fine box of candy & pretty card with sweet verse. I feel I am wonderfully blest. 4 loving children & I am very thankful for so many blessings. Fr. Bl., & Jean in awhile this eve.

Monday, May 10, 1937 – 130<sup>th</sup> Day – 235 Days to Follow

No –

Mostly sunshine. Wind S. E. this eve. Girls went to Rockford this A.M. – did a little shopping. Jane a "shark skin" jacket. Got home around mid P.M. I stayed over with Bl. Girls stopped at bank on way home to see about gov. bonds. Har. had been to Oregon to see Kerr & stopped here while. Have just listened to Lux Radio "Mary Queen of Scots" & girls have taken car down to garage. We are all quite tired.

Tuesday, May 11, 1937 – 131<sup>st</sup> Day – 234 Days to Follow

No –

Little cloudy & few showers. S. W. wind. Not much doing. Ruth has slight cold & sore throat. I was not out any today, tho' it was quite nice, little cool for me. P.T.A. meeting this eve. Bl & Jean went, Jean is to sing & be in Rhythm Band. Frank went to Oregon about papers & Harold, Viola & Linda were in awhile this eve and settled up everything. Pd. Frank for settling with Halls for over hauling car.

Wednesday, May 12, 1937 – 132<sup>nd</sup> Day – 233 Days to Follow

No -

We drove to Mt. Morris this eve to see "God's Country & the Woman", found we had made a mistake. Isn't on until next wk, so came back home & saved our money. Bot & pd for blanket at Sprecher.

Thursday, May 13, 1937 – 133<sup>rd</sup> Day – 232 Days to Follow

No –

Cloudy, little sprinkle, cool. Blanche & Ruth put out gardens, just got thro' before the showers.

Tonite is the Jr. & Sr. Banquet to be held at the Faust Hotel. They were invited to dance in the "Rainbo" ball room afterward & had a very enjoyable time. Jane & Maxine rode home with Vanpel & as it was late to take Maxine on home she stayed with Jane.

Friday, May 14, 1937 – 134<sup>th</sup> Day – 231 Days to Follow

No –

Dwight Sterling's birthday 1894. 1<sup>st</sup> baby.

Cloudy, cool, N.E. wind. Ruth vaccumed the upholstery & rugs is A.M. & worked some in yard this P.M. Jane left at 12:30 to go to Oregon for rehearsel of music for the festival which is held at Coliseum this eve. County festival, all neighboring towns compete. The Killer of Thielbald of Stillman Valley was arrested in New York & is to be brot back to Rockford, his sweetheart with him. Rec. dividend check from Byron Bank this P.M. \$16.00. Jane had dinner with Asps & Mark brot her home.

Saturday, May 15, 1937 – 135<sup>th</sup> Day – 230 Day to Follow

(No Entry)

Sunday, May 16, 1937 – 136<sup>th</sup> Day – 229 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Monday, May 17, 1937 – 137<sup>th</sup> Day – 228 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Tuesday, May 18, 1937 – 138<sup>th</sup> Day – 227 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Wednesday, May 19, 1937 – 139<sup>th</sup> Day – 226 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Thursday, May 20, 1937 – 140<sup>th</sup> Day – 225 Days to Follow

(No Entry)



Friday, May 21, 1937 – 141<sup>st</sup> Day – 224 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Saturday, May 22, 1937 – 142<sup>nd</sup> Day – 223 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Sunday, May 23, 1937 – 143<sup>rd</sup> Day – 222 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Monday, May 24, 1937 – 144<sup>th</sup> Day – 221 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Tuesday, May 25, 1937 – 145 Day – 220 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Wednesday, May 26, 1937 – 146<sup>th</sup> Day – 219 Days to Follow

Dig –

Rained quite hard last nite, warmer & quite nice today. Ruth did cleaning in the three living rooms & Blanche came in & helped change or rearrange the furniture. “We three” & Misses, Grote & Schmertman went to Mt. Morris in eve to see “Waikaki Wedding”. Good but very tiresome.

Thursday, May 27, 1937 – 147<sup>th</sup> Day – 218 – Days to Follow

Cool, damp, cloudy. Rained quite a bit in the nite. Gardens & shrubs look brite and green. We have two men cleaning out the \$40.00 cess-pool over to Jane’s house this P.M. Some job. Kept Ruth busy looking after the job. Viola & Linda came in. Vi & Vivian went on to Byron to have hair done. Stopped here to “tea”. I wrote a letter to Catherine & Earl. John Rockefeller’s funeral this A.M.

Friday, May 28, 1937 – 148<sup>th</sup> Day – 217 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Saturday, May 29, 1937 – 149<sup>th</sup> Day – 216 Days to Follow

Thursday

(No Further Entry)

Sunday, May 30, 1937 – 150<sup>th</sup> Day – 215 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Monday, May 31, 1937 – 151<sup>st</sup> Day – 214 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Tuesday, June 1, 1937 – 152<sup>nd</sup> Day – 213 Days to Follow

Dig –

(No Further Entry)

Wednesday, June 2, 1937 – 153<sup>rd</sup> Day – 212 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy, damp, couple showers. “We Three” left for Rock. Around eleven to do some shopping. I stayed in Weise’s rest room while girls did shopping. They bought Mark’s grad. Gift. Ruth wh. oxford, some drugs, etc. Jane took a good rest, then bath and got ready to go to the Jr. Sr. Banquet Ball at Mt. Morris. Harold “picked her up” & she met Mark down there & turned over the gift to him.

Thursday, June 3, 1937 – 154<sup>th</sup> Day – 211 Days to Follow

Dig –

Sunshine but still cool, N.E. wind. Arose some earlier than usual as the girls had much to do “having been” “on the go” last few days. They are doing some cleaning & bathing the dogs. Our neighbor, Fred Paul “passed on” in his sleep last nite. Ruth over to Mrs. “Chet” Pypers this P.M. to Woman’s Club meet. We went to Mt. Morris this eve & saw “Green Light”, good picture.

Friday, June 4, 1937 – 155<sup>th</sup> Day – 210 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy, cool, damp. Had oil burner on part of day. Ruth washed car.

Donald Marcus Asp’s 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jane is having her likeness done to give him later as a gift.

Saturday, June 5, 1937 – 156<sup>th</sup> Day – 209 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy, cool, S.E. wind. Had quite a shower just before supper. Ruth put out pepper plants. Jane went to Rockford this A.M. with Fr. & Bl. She & Jean sat for pictures at Burchett’s Studio.

Fred Paul’s funeral & burial this P.M. at West Grove Church. Ruth mailed letters to Arbelin, Mrs. Angell & Laverne. Fr. Bot new toilet for garage today. It and a “stoker” bay (?). Fr. To be delivered first of wk.

Sunday, June 6, 1937 – 157<sup>th</sup> Day – 208 Days to Follow

Jane went to Mt. Morris with Mark, Bill & his girlfriend to see a movie – Nelson Eddy & Jeanette McDonald in “Maytime”. They attended Baccaleurate services first.

Monday, June 7, 1937 – 158<sup>th</sup> Day – 207 Days to Follow

Sunshine & clouds. Girls laundried living room curtains & dried ‘em on Azalia’s stretchers, also did quite a bit of other laundry work, ironing, etc.

Tuesday, June 8, 1937 – 159<sup>th</sup> Day – 206 Days to Follow

Cool, damp, windy. Ruth & Jane worked at mowing lawn and trimming down tall grass, etc.

Ruth, Bl., & Mrs. Leiber went to lodge this evening for rehearsal for Memorial services. Jane & I were alone.

Fr. sold Chas. Fossler a Plymouth. Fr's stoker & toilet for garage were delivered this P.M.

Wednesday, June 9, 1937 – 160<sup>th</sup> Day – 205 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy, cool, N.E. wind. 57 deg. Few snow flakes in Chgo. We have had the oil burner on all day & Frank's have had coal fire in grate. Very "unusual" weather. "I'll say". Viola & Linda came in about ten A.M. & Jane went with them to Rockford. Viola had eyes taken care of & Linda sat for her picture at Burchett's. Jane rested awhile & Bill & Mark came 7 P.M. to take her to Mark's graduation, then they expect to dance over at Shepp's awhile. Check for Hawkins rent.

Jean Harlow's funeral rites at "Wee Kirk" Forest Lawn. Nelson Eddy & Jeanette sang "Sweet Mystery of Life" also "Indian Love Call".

Thursday, June 10, 1937 – 161<sup>st</sup> Day – 204 Days to Follow

57 degrees

(No other entry)

Friday, June 11, 1937 – 162<sup>nd</sup> Day – 203 Days to Follow

No –

Fairly nice day. Cloudy but some warmer which we much appreciate. Ruth gathered "Mock Orange" & lemon lilies & we had early supper & then drove over to Ad cemetery, were there just before sun-set, which was just gorgeous. The burial grounds looked so quiet & peaceful just at the twilight hour. The birds were flitting to & fro among the trees, hunting a roosting place. We returned by way of "White Eagle". Pretty drive.

Saturday, June 12, 1937 – 163<sup>rd</sup> Day – 202 Days to Follow

Dig –

Quite warm sun-shine. I sat out in the sun & it was most too warm. "We Three" went over to "White Eagle" about mid-P.M. girls packed a good lunch & took fish poles along, caught a few "shiners". Made a "camp fire" toasted "weiners" and brewed coffee. Had a bit of fun feeding the hens too. Returned home in good time – fed our pets and almost decided to go to Mt. Morris Band Concert, but were most too tired. Merchants are having free movies on Christian Church Ice Cr. Social street.

Sunday, June 13, 1937 – 164<sup>th</sup> Day – 201 Days to Follow

Cloudy, few showers. Big rain during nite, must have been a cloud burst during nite. Our little Leaf River way over banks. We drove around to see the effects. Came back home, had dinner. Laverne came up awhile then the Asp boys came to get Jane & they picked up Jimmy and their parents & went on to Oregon to see "Seventh Heaven". Ruth & I were alone all eve.

Monday, June 14, 1937 – 165<sup>th</sup> Day – 200 Days to Follow

Cloudy and cool. Has looked like rain all day. According to the evening papers there have been bad storms in many parts of the state. Rain, floods & wind.

Tuesday, June 15, 1937 – 166<sup>th</sup> Day – 199 Days to Follow

No –

Cloudy, damp, cool in the house. "We Three" home all day. Girls fitting and remodeling R's white crepe dress with red jacket. Ruth, Blanche & Mrs. Leiber taking part in a program put on by "Rebeccas" this eve. The three of them wore "Seven Sister" rose buds, they are doing so well this year.

Wednesday, June 16, 1937 – 167<sup>th</sup> Day – 198 Days to Follow

No –

Cool & rainy. Jane and Viola went to Rockford. Jane to see about her picture at Burchetts. Viola about her eyes but doctor was not in. Linda stayed with R. & I.....Ruth worked in the garden this A.M. Harold plowed with the tractor but this P.M. it rained & rained all this eve. Card from Freeport. Catherine said "come up & go to circus." We took a short drive this P.M. Fr. invited us to go in their car to see Movie at Mt. M. this eve. Dr. Stengel called, pulse 72, B.P. 160.

Thursday, June 17, 1937 – 168<sup>th</sup> Day – 197 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Friday, June 18, 1937 – 169<sup>th</sup> Day – 196 Days to Follow

"We Three" went to Rockford this P.M. to do a little shopping & get Jane's picture at Burchett's. This eve Jane went to Mt. M. to the Alumni Banquet Ball with Mark. Ruth & Bl. went to Grace Harrison's to bridge party. I stayed over with Frank & Jean.

Saturday, June 19, 1937 – 170<sup>th</sup> Day – 195 Days to Follow

No –

Sunshine & clouds, few showers. Little warmer. Blanche and "Teena" drove DeSoto to Rockford to get the fender smoothed out & to get Jean's picture. Jean stayed with us. We drove out to Chas. Thomas' to get couple chix this eve. Then "we three" spent eve reading & girls took baths. The Asp family left early this morn on their trip to Calif.

Sunday, June 20, 1937 – 171<sup>st</sup> Day – 194 Days to Follow

Stormy. Quite an electrical storm, wind & rain. Home all day.

Monday, June 21, 1937 – 172<sup>nd</sup> Day – 193 Days to Follow

No –

Sunshine. Every thing fresh & lovely after the rain & electrical storm of last nite. Girls quite busy with house work this A.M. Harry Coffman & Maggie Miller called this P.M. After supper we drove around town & gathered up books for the library. Beautiful evening. Received letter from Arbelin with one from Ida & also one from Frank inclosed.

Tuesday, June 22, 1937 – 173<sup>rd</sup> Day – 192 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Wednesday, June 23, 1937 – 174<sup>th</sup> Day – 191 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Thursday, June 24, 1937 – 175<sup>th</sup> Day – 190 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Friday, June 25, 1937 – 176<sup>th</sup> Day – 189 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Saturday, June 26, 1937 – 177<sup>th</sup> Day – 188 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Sunday, June 27, 1937 – 178<sup>th</sup> Day – 187 Days to Follow

No –

Moderate weather, but pretty warm in sun. Jane went to church in A.M. Ruth packed a nice lunch, we invited Gloria to go along and drove to Polo cemetery & laid roses on Lottie's & Fred's graves. Then went on to "The Pines" & spent couple hrs. Jane went to Adeline in eve to sing with Junior choir. Fred Grim was found along hi-way on his way home to Polo. Thot to had heart attack – funeral at Polo M.E. church Thursday. (too hot to go.)

Monday, June 28, 1939 – 179<sup>th</sup> Day – 186 Days to Follow

No –

Warm. Sunny. Went to Byron this P.M. to see about getting Viola a birthday gift. We are invited out there Wednesday her birthday. Jane mailed a letter to Donald Mareus Asp. Berkley Calif this noon and rec. couple letters from him on same train, one from Berkley the other from Venice.

Tuesday, June 29, 1937 – 180<sup>th</sup> Day – 185 Day to Follow

Dig –

Got much cooler during nite. N. E. wind, cloudy. It is only 60 deg. in Chgo. I was in bed all A.M. covered with blankets & hot water bottle at my feet. Wrote Arbelin & girls mailed it. Ora Brean called this A.M. & again this P.M. They live at Lime ridge, Wis. now.

Wednesday, June 30, 1937 – 181<sup>st</sup> Day – 184 Days to Follow

Cloudy & cool, Viola's birthday. "We Three" invited out to evening dinner. Vi had fire in cook stove & it felt mighty good to me. Viola served a dandy fried chicken dinner, first one they killed. Mrs. Smith, Vernon, Mildred and Melvin came & Duke & Doloras came in just before the feast. We took Vi a wash dress her mother brot her material for pr. pillow cases, Doloras pr. hose.

Thursday, July 1, 1937 – 182<sup>nd</sup> Day – 183 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Friday, July 2, 1937 – 183<sup>rd</sup> Day – 182 Days to Follow

Very warm. We went to Seward to a "shower" for Cuplin girl, Jane accompanied Maxine in a saxophone solo.

Amelia Earhart lost on her flight over Pacific near Equator & Howland Island.

Saturday, July 3, 1937 – 184<sup>th</sup> Day – 181 Days to Follow

Dig –

Jane got card (letter) from Mark.

Quite warm & cloudy toward evening. Leaf River celebrated "the Fourth" today. Parade, races, program up in grade school yard, Movies, fireworks and dance in evening until storm came up and interrupted. Made the crowd scatter & many of them got wet. Even Jane & Maxine had to come back up & stay all nite. Har., Vi. & Linda were here to dinner, brot cake, cream & pickles. Har. Went to Rockford in eve to play for dance.

Fr. & Bl. went to Rockford for a new car, brot home a dog.

Sunday, July 4, 1937 – 185<sup>th</sup> Day – 180 Days to Follow

Dig-

Quite an electrical storm last nite. We didn't get much rest. Lovely N.E. breeze. "We Three" home all day. Ed & Teenie brot Jean home, she had been with them one week. "Max" left for home this morn.

Monday, July 5, 1937 – 186<sup>th</sup> Day – 179 Days to Follow

Dig-

Clouds & sunshine. Quite pleasant, cool, N.E. breeze. Girls did up the morning work, also did little laundering. R. picked nice mess of pease which we had with new potatoes for our dinner this eve. Joe Leber picked & brot over about 4 or 5 gals. nice cherries. Lucille's sister & husband went home to Chgo. this last eve. Left "Kennie" & his Grammy here. Mrs. Frank (Gov.) Lowden "passed on" in her sleep last nite.

Tuesday, July 6, 1937 – 187<sup>th</sup> Day – 178 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Wednesday, July 7, 1937 – 188<sup>th</sup> Day – 177 Days to Follow

Quite warm, no breeze. Took a ride in the eve stopped at Ad cemetery to get flower basket. We are all out of flowers now. Drove on out to farm for little visit, all sat out on screened porch. Viola served a delicious carmel forsted cake & lemonade.

Thursday, July 8, 1937 – 189<sup>th</sup> Day – 176 Days to Follow

Dig –

Very warm again. Whole country suffering from heat, from the “Rockies” to the Atlantic Coast. Many prostrated from heat.

Planes busy looking for Amelia Earheart. Seems rather hopeless. Jane & Gloria took little walk this eve.

Friday, July 9, 1937 – 190<sup>th</sup> Day – 175 Days to Follow

No –

Very warm & sultry. Close to 100 degrees. “We Three” home all day & eve. Ruth picked pease & green beans. Had mess for dinner & R. is going to cold pack some.

Saturday, July 10, 1937 – 191<sup>st</sup> Day – 174 Days to Follow

Dig –

Rockford 95 degrees at 12:30 noon.

Sunday, July 11, 1937 – 192<sup>nd</sup> Day – 173 Days to Follow

Cloudy – hot – expected storm but we did not get it here. Phyllis Haire came for Jane to go with her family on a picnic at Lowell Park. They left before dinner & returned about dark. Clarence Tracy called to see Jane in P.M. Ruth & I were alone & seemed rather quiet & lonely. Fr., Bl. & Jean sat out in front awhile with us this eve.

Monday, July 12, 1937 – 193<sup>rd</sup> Day – 172 Days to Follow

Dig –

Turned cooler in nite & has been a much more enjoyable day today. Girls busy this A.M. with the regular work. We were home all day. Frank went back to work after a 2 wks. Vacation. I rec. a good letter from Arbelin. The change in the weather has helped me to feel better today. “Tracy called on phone this eve, but “what’s the use”. I say, No go. Blanche & Jean in awhile this eve.

Tuesday, July 13, 1937 – 194<sup>th</sup> Day – 171 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Wednesday, July 14, 1937 – 195<sup>th</sup> Day – 170 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Thursday, July 15, 1937 – 196<sup>th</sup> Day – 169 Days to Follow

“Vi” called up this P.M. said Linda practically over her cough but Har’s cough is worse. They are cutting oats.

Friday, July 16, 1937 – 197<sup>th</sup> Day – 168 Days to Follow

Dig –

Quite a nice day, good breeze. Helen Braem came to spend the P.M. with Jane & as we were going to Mt. Morris to get me medicine she rode along. They have not discovered “Amelia Earhart, tho’ there has been some report they have been sighted.

Girls went up & gave Dr. Hill check for \$8.00

Saturday, July 17, 1937 – 198<sup>th</sup> Day – 167 Days to Follow

Dig –

Woke up to find it a lovely cool morning so the idea came to me it would be lovely to run up to Freeport & have short visit with Earls. Had late breakfast and left here around two P.M. We found Katherine frying chix & Earl resting. They were pleased to see us & they wanted us to stay & help Earl eat his birthday dinner. Had very good eats, girls did up dishes & we got back home just in time to “catch” Bill & Mark here. Jane & Helen Braem went with boys to concert show. Frank, Bl., & Jean went to Teenie’s – Elgin. Loaned Fr. \$100.00.

Sunday, July 18, 1937 – 199<sup>th</sup> Day – 166 Days to Follow

Dig -

Another lovely day, cool. Home all day with the exception of drive over to “Sheps” in P.M. Congregational Christian “home coming” at the local church here. Fr., Bl., & Jean came home around 8 P.M. 71 deg. Above in Chgo. This eve. Have given up the hunt of Amelia Earhart. It has cost gov. #250,000 a day or 4,000,000 million for the entire hunt.

Pekingese “Pnchi-la-la”

Monday, July 19, 1937 – 200<sup>th</sup> Day – 165 Days to Follow

Dig –

Girls did some laundry work. Weather moderate.

Marconi – Italian. The greatest revolutionist of his time “passed on” 8:45 C.S.T. this eve. Thanks to his great discovery. What a blessing.

Tuesday, July 20, 1937 – 201<sup>st</sup> Day – 164 Days to Follow

Dig –

Quite pleasant day. No breeze & mostly sunshine, home all day. Helen Braem here with Jane, playing croquet this P.M. and again this eve. Gloria down too. When too dark to play they had music &



dancing. Lucille Leber, Blanche & Ruth went to their Lodge (Rebeccas) this eve. An article in tonite's paper on sudden death of Marconi. Inventor of wireless rather discoverer perfecter of radio.

Wednesday, July 21, 1937 – 202<sup>nd</sup> Day – 163 Days to Follow

Dig –

Quite a nice day, Sunshine, Not too warm. Ruth quite busy with paint brush, oil tank, front steps & bits of furniture. "We Three" were home all day. Everything quiet. We are spending the eve reading. Will retire early.

Marconi't funeral rites broadcast from London this P.M. A great & good man has joined the immortals.

Thursday, July 22, 1937 – 203<sup>rd</sup> Day – 162 Days to Follow

Dig –

(No Entry)

Friday, July 23, 1937 – 204<sup>th</sup> Day – 161 Days to Follow

No –

Ruth did more painting & they had Blanche's vaccum over & did the rungs and furniture good.

Helen Braem & Gloria in to visit with Jane this P.M.

"Mardy" Gable, M.E. pastor's dau. Married at parsonage this eve.

Lebers paid \$20.00 rent.

Saturday, July 24, 1937 – 205<sup>th</sup> Day – 160 Days to Follow

No –

Quite warm.

Harold & Linda in from farm, got their old electrical appliances from store room, as they were "hooked up" with the Northern Utilities yesterday. Jane went along home with them to stay over Sunday. Mark called this eve for her to go to Band Concert. So He & Bill went to farm for her then they went to Shepps to dance & took her back to farm again.

Sunday, July 25, 1937 – 206<sup>th</sup> Day – 159 Days to Follow

No –

Rather pleasant day. Sunshine & clouds & quite a breeze. 71 deg. On rear porch this P.M. We have a gate fire this eve. Ruth, "Laddie" and I are trying to enjoy it but it seems lonely with "Dad" gone & Jane out on the farm with Harolds. We have always been quite happy and contented & try to be now, but it is quite lonely and so different.

Dan Bentley's burial this P.M. Fr., Bl., & Jean were down to Mt. M. to dinner. Hollis & Bertha too.

Monday, July 26, 1937 – 207<sup>th</sup> Day – 158 Days to Follow

No –

Another pleasant day. Cool breeze but hot in sun. I sat out in yard quite a bit. The temperature in Chgo. This eve down to seventy. Sitting around grate fire again this eve. Jane is still at farm. Called up today. Expects to stay over for Grange doings tomorrow eve. Linda going to do some dances. “Dutch” & Sherwood are painting over to Franks. Homer Downey made quite a call this P.M.

Tuesday, July 27, 1937 – 208<sup>th</sup> Day – 157 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Wednesday, July 28, 1937 – 209<sup>th</sup> Day – 156 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Thursday, July 29, 1937 – 210<sup>th</sup> Day – 155 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 1937 – 211<sup>th</sup> Day – 154 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Saturday, July 31, 1937 – 212<sup>th</sup> Day – 153 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Sunday, August 1, 1937 – 213<sup>th</sup> Day – 152 Days to Follow

No –

(No Entry)

Monday, August 2, 1937 – 214<sup>th</sup> Day – 151 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy, looks like rain. “We Three” & Bl. & Jean went to Mt. Morris this eve & took a drive about town – called at Bl’s Mothers’ a while, then went across to neighbors & got “Ruff & Muff” white angora Mother & Kitten.

Tuesday, August 3, 1937 – 215<sup>th</sup> Day – 150 Days to Follow

Dig –

Quite cool & pleasant so we decided to go to Byron & Ruth get a permanent. Jane & I sat in car & listened to radio & read.

Ruth & Bl. Went to Rebeka lodge this eve. Jane & I alone.

The radio is paid for & we need to pay \$1.25 for this weeks laundry.

Wednesday, August 4, 1937 – 216<sup>th</sup> Day – 149 Days to Follow

Dig –

Quite warm & sultry. Home all day. Jane went over to “Sheps” in eve to dance. Went along in “Junior’s” car. Also Carpenter girls & a boy friend. She had quite an enjoyable time. Home by 12:30.

Mailed a card to Arbie.

Dutch finished paint of trim on F’s house today.

Thursday, August 5, 1937 – 217<sup>th</sup> Day – 148 Days to Follow

Dig –

Very warm & quite sultry, hot sun & we are much in need of rain. 94 on back porch. Girls basked in the sun & tried to get a bit of tan.

Helen Braem up to visit with Jane this P.M.

Blanche & Jean went along with Fr. When he went to work and spent the day with her folk. Harold is not feeling very well, still has to cough. Got a new sorrel stock horse.

Friday, August 6, 1937 – 218<sup>th</sup> Day – 147 Days to Follow

Dig –

Very warm day.

We decided to fix up lunch & go to “White Eagle” & have our evening lunch. Helen Braem went along.

Saturday, August 7, 1937 – 219<sup>th</sup> Day – 146 Days to Follow

No –

Quite hot today, about same as yesterday. We were home all day. Did the regular work. “Vi” called up saying they would be in this eve & stay with us while Harold went on to Rockford to play with a dance orchestra.

Ruth, “Vi”, Linda & I went downtown & took in movie, “Rin-tin-tin Jr.”, good. Jane went to Freeport with Asp boys & some relative of theirs.

Sunday, August 8, 1937 – 220<sup>th</sup> Day – 145 Days to Follow

Dig –

Well, well, well, we had a wonderful, good quiet rain this morn. It was sure welcomed. The air seems so pure & fresh to breathe. Ruth & I have been home all day. Hollis & Bertha & Ed & Teenie out to Fr’s this P.M. All went to Mt. M. The Asp boys came about 4 P.M. & got Jane & Helen Braem & took ‘em to a Movie at Dixon, also went to Castle Rock. Rained just a little early this eve. Boys came in when they got here & the four played “cribbage”.

Monday, August 9, 1937 – 221<sup>st</sup> Day – 144 Days to Follow

Quite warm. Home all day. All quiet, nothing doing. “We Three” took a short ride this eve.

Tuesday, August 10, 1937 – 222<sup>nd</sup> Day – 143 Days to Follow

Cooler today & quite pleasant. Wind in N.W. part of P.M.

Wednesday, August 11, 1937 – 223<sup>rd</sup> Day – 142 Days to Follow

Cloudy, some cooler, little rain.

We went shopping to Rockford, got up there just at eleven. Had luncheon at Grants. I loafed at Weise’s rest room while girls did a bit of shopping. Jane a couple of wash school dresses, hose, etc. Just got home when we had a heavy shower.

Thursday, August 12, 1937 – 224<sup>th</sup> Day – 141 Days to Follow

Cloudy, cool. Quite a breeze. Strickenburgs thrashed . We got quite a little of the chaff & dust for two days. Ruth & I made a short call up at “Pat’s” this P.M. Jane was taking a long nap. Fr. Bl. & Jean went fishing after early supper. Caught a fine bass & brot it into us “Delic-ous”.

Friday, August 13, 1937 – 225<sup>th</sup> Day – 140 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Saturday, August 14, 1937 – 226<sup>th</sup> Day – 139 Days to Follow

Dad’s Birthday.

Warm, but nice breeze. R. phoned Catherine about show. Mailed letter to Arbe.

Sunday, August 15, 1937 – 227<sup>th</sup> Day – 138 Days to Follow

Quite warm, but nice breeze.

Monday, August 16, 1937 – 228<sup>th</sup> Day – 137 Days to Follow

Circus day in Freeport, Ringling, Barnum & Bailey. Earl & Catherine invited us up. We went up early after-noon. All the big “kids” went to circus in eve.

Katherine and I went over to Alice’s & kept her 3 Kiddies. After show we went back to Earls & waited up for Earl, then visited & had ice cream retired 1:15 A.M. hot nite.

Tuesday, August 17, 1937 – 229<sup>th</sup> Day – 136 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Wednesday, August 18, 1937 – 230<sup>th</sup> Day – 135 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Thursday, August 19, 1937 – 231<sup>st</sup> Day – 134 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Friday, August 20, 1937 – 232<sup>nd</sup> Day – 133 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Saturday, August 21, 1937 – 233<sup>rd</sup> Day – 132 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cool, cloudy, damp. Harold was to thresh but on account of the heavy rain Thurs. night rained from mid-nite until late morning. Mrs. Melvin Srup to help Viola.

Harold in few mins this P.M. This eve Jane went with Mark to dance over at “Sheps”.

Sunday, August 22, 1937 – 234<sup>th</sup> Day – 131 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cool N.E. wind, somewhat cloudy. At home all day. Nothing doing only reading & “listening in” on radio. Laverne & Jane took walk in P.M. Ruth baked cookies A.M. Ed & “Teenie”, Hollis and Bertha over to F’s. The men played golf this P.M.

Monday, August 23, 1937 – 235<sup>th</sup> Day – 130 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Tuesday, August 24, 1937 – 236<sup>th</sup> Day – 129 Days to Follow

Warm day. Harold brot Linda in this morn. Got her about 8 A.M. Got here just as we were getting up, Linda is going to stay a few days.

Wednesday, August 24, 1937 – 237<sup>th</sup> Day – 129 Days to Follow

Very warm day. Alice called up to tell us she, Francis & Kiddies would be down to dinner this eve with us. They also spent eve, leaving about 9:30. We had quite an enjoyable time. The girls had very nice dinner prepared. Linda & kiddies had good fun.

They threshed their oats out at farm today. Vi’s Mother is spending a week or more with ‘em.

Thursday, August 25, 1937 – 238<sup>th</sup> Day – 128 Days to Follow

Warm, Warm.

Har., Vi, Mrs. Smith in short ime this eve & took Linda home with them. She was little homesick but still she wanted to stay longer. She & Jean had lots of fun also Dolorus played with them.

Friday, August 26, 1937 – 239<sup>th</sup> Day – 127 Days to Follow

Dig –

(No Entry)

Saturday, August 28, 1937 – 240<sup>th</sup> Day – 125 Days to Follow

Dig –

This has been a hot day, no breeze, has cooled off quite a bit this eve. Blanche, Jean, Ruth & I went down to see street Movie. “The 13<sup>th</sup> guest.” Mark came up and took Jane to Mt. M. last band concert of the season & then to a movie.

Sunday, August 29, 1937 – 241<sup>st</sup> Day – 124 Days to Follow

Altogether this has been quite nice day. Little too warm. Home all day only for little ride about town this eve. Frank, Blanche & Jean went to Mt. M. to movie and it seems rather quiet in our neighbor-hood. The Wendt’s had their annual reunion out at Harold & Vi’s this P.M. We were invited but did not go. I have not felt at all good today. My left side has felt so strange.

Monday, August 30, 1937 – 242<sup>nd</sup> Day – 123 Days to Follow

Mostly fair but warm. Hi-school opened today but dismissed before 10:30. We drove to Oregon via Mt. M. to make our second & final payment of taxes.

Listened to Joe Louis – Tommy Farr (Wales) fight. Both were good fighters, “Nip & Tuck”. They fought 15 rounds. Joe Louis won on good points according to judges & Referee.

Tuesday, August 31, 1937 – 243<sup>rd</sup> Day – 122 Days to Follow

Warm, Warm, Warm.

We just laid down to rest this P.M. & Bill & Elizabeth drove up – surprise. Were here to evening dinner & stayed until around nine o’clock. Had a good visit. Were disappointed that Catherine was not with them.

Wednesday, September 1, 1937 – 244<sup>th</sup> Day – 121 Days to Follow

Hot & dry, 82 degrees. Jane in school this A.M.

Mark, Jane, Bill & girlfriend drove to Oregon this eve to a movie & over to “Pines State Park” for some water-melon & Ruth & I alone.

Thursday, September 2, 1937 – 245<sup>th</sup> Day – 120 Days to Follow

Dig –

Lottie’s Birthday

Very warm & dry, 82 degrees at 9 A.M. Home all day, Jane in school, 30 mins. Noon hr. took her lunch. Mr. Ehrner Middlestadt down from Rockford this P.M. & put in new motor. Came 2:30, left around 5 P.M. something broke about motor while he was trying it out & he will have to come back tomorrow P.M. Jane & Gloria rehearsed Operetta after school. Azalia in to call. Frank delivered DeSoto to Harley Motter this eve.

Friday, September 3, 1937 – 246<sup>th</sup> Day – 119 Days to Follow

Some cooler. Oil Burner Man came & soon had motor fixed. Tried it out and it seemed to be working fine. But later on it got noisy again.

Saturday, September 4, 1937 – 247<sup>th</sup> Day – 118 Days to Follow

Nice breeze, but warm, 82 degrees. R. & I been home all day only R. mailed our notes to Jane. No mail for us. I have had pain in head all day & fever & gas in bowels.

Nice letter from “Hazie”, surprise.

Sunday, September 5, 1937 – 248<sup>th</sup> Day – 117 Days to Follow

Cool & cloudy.

Monday, September 6, 1937 – 249<sup>th</sup> Day – 116 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Tuesday, September 7, 1937 – 250<sup>th</sup> Day – 115 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Wednesday, September 8, 1937 – 251<sup>st</sup> Day – 114 Days to Follow

Dig – 1

Not so warm, so Bl. & I thot it a good time to go to Byron and get permanents. We drove our car, got over there at 11 A.M., left 3 P.M. Sure seemed fine to have my hair taken care of.

Margaret Ryan came along with Jane from school to stay all nite. They went to chorus rehearsal in eve.

Thursday, September 9, 1937 – 252<sup>nd</sup> Day – 113 Days to Follow

Dig - 2

Quite nice day. Hip! Hip! Hooray!

Harold Garner came at last to dismantle our old frigidaire. We are so glad to have it moved out in the yard. Frank is going to take the motor over in his basement.

Friday, September 10, 1937 – 253<sup>rd</sup> Day – 112 Days to Follow

Dig – 3

Cloudy, cooler, shower. Womans Club Festival is on at Mt. Morris, also at Polo. Azalia & Ruth collected flowers last eve and this morn & they and Nell Wood took them down to Mt. M. this A.M. and put on display hoping to win some prizes. This eve Jean’s music instructor is giving a recital at Christian Church. Ruth went with Bl. & Jean. Jane went to dance up at Central Gardens, Rockford. I am alone.

Saturday, September 11, 1937 – 254<sup>th</sup> Day – 111 Days to Follow

Dig – 4

Ruth took care of "The Children's story hour this P.M.

There were only four there. The street is being repaired on Main street & not many came in from the country.

Jane & Mark to movie this eve & Ruth went to Mt. Morris flower show with "Pats". I stayed with Blanch.

Sunday, September 12, 1937 – 255<sup>th</sup> Day – 110 Days to Follow

Dig – 5

"We Three" took baths this A.M. Quite cool today, N. E. wind. We stayed in bed late. Put our dinner in thrift cooker to be ready to eat when we returned from Mt. Morris. We took Miss Grote along to see "The good Earth. Jane went with Mark to a movie at Mt. M. Sat. eve. & it rained hard. Frank, Blanche, Jean went to see "The Good Earth" too. Good Night to sleep, plenty cool.

Monday, September 13, 1937 – 256<sup>th</sup> Day – 109 Days to Follow

Dig – 6

Beautiful fall day.

Jane in school. Ruth busy all day, did quite a bit of out door work & I sat in sun in yard & looked on.

Colburn up & took care of toilet. Ruth went to lodge this eve to rehearse some drill work. Jane & I were home, listened to "Lux Radio" program. Janet Gaynor, Robert Montgomery and May Robson "A star is born".

Tuesday, September 14, 1937 – 257<sup>th</sup> Day – 108 Days to Follow

Dig – 7

(No Entry)

Wednesday, September 15, 1937 – 258<sup>th</sup> Day – 107 Days to Follow

Dig – 8

~~Thursday~~, Friday September 16, 17, 1937 – 259<sup>th</sup> Day – 106 Days to Follow

Dig – 9

Cloudy, cool. Woman's Club meeting out to Lester Miller's today. Mrs. Miller, Viola & Ruth served cookies, tea, coffee. German Valley minister gave talk on his trip abroad. Ruth, Faye Sch., Mrs. Harold Pyper rendered two songs. Mrs. Rev. Gable accompanist. Ruth and I rode out in Faye's car, Fannie Bow too & we took Linda out home.



Friday, Thurs. September 17, 16<sup>th</sup>, 1937 – 260<sup>th</sup> Day – 105 Days to Follow

Dig – 10

Sauer Kraut day

Cloudy, & cool. Vi & Linda came in early around 8 A.M. to take us over to watch parade at Forreston 10 A.M. We “hustled around” & got there just in good time & found good location, where parade passed twice. They had quite a number of interesting floats & about 5 bands. Harold rode Rex at the head of parade. Jane was with us so we hurried home & had lunch. Jane went to school, Har. & Vi back to F’s. & Linda stayed here.

Ida Strouse of Florida called today. No one “at home”.

Saturday, September 18, 1937 – 261<sup>st</sup> Day – 104 Days to Follow

Dig – 11

Cloudy, cool & windy. Jane needed school shoes badly so we decided to go to Rockford & do shopping. Jane got her shoes & twin sweaters and I had my feet x-rayed & got pair shoes at “Health Spot Shoe Co., \$9.50 plus tax. We did not get back home until supper time. Mark came at 6:15 for Jane to go to Mt. M. to the football game & Ruth & I waited up.

Sunday, September 19, 1937 – 262<sup>nd</sup> Day – 103 Days to Follow

Dig – 12

Sunshine but cool N.E. wind, only 52 degrees this eve on back porch. Frost is predicted. Ruth covered some of the house plants. “We Three” were home all day rested late this P.M. also this eve, are going to retire early.

Hollis & Bertha were out to Fr’s. last eve & again today.

Monday, September 20, 1937 – 263<sup>rd</sup> Day – 102 Days to Follow

Dig – 13

Cool, partly cloudy, frost last nite, did not hurt any of our plants.

Ruth down to lodge with Blanche & Lucille to rehearse drill. Jane busy studying, me resting & reading.

Tuesday, September 21, 1937 – 264<sup>th</sup> Day – 101 Days to Follow

Dig – 14

Wonderful fall day, warm & nice breeze. Jane in school. Ruth & I refilled fernery & took care of other house plants. Mrs. Welty gave us some very nice ones. Ruth, Blanche & Lucille gone to lodge this eve to “put on” the drill they have been rehearsing. Jane & I are alone & Jane studying. Had a short call of some Mt. M. “guy”.

Wednesday, September 22, 1937 – 265<sup>th</sup> Day – 100 Days to Follow

No –

Cloudy, cool.

Elmer Middlestadt & a mechanic came & fixed up oil burner so they think it will be O.K.

Caroline came this P.M. & helped Ruth clean bedrooms & move beds up stairs, also put windows up on back porch, etc.

(All above outline was crossed out by diarist)

Thursday, September 23, 1937 – 266<sup>th</sup> Day – 99 Days to Follow.

(No Entry)

Friday, September 24, 1937 – 267<sup>th</sup> Day – 98 Days to Follow.

Ruth baked pie and made candy for festival.

M. E's. put on an Amateur program at his school this eve. We did not go.

Jane went to DeKalb to football game this eve. Asp boys & Kathleen Myers.

Saturday, September 25, 1937 – 268<sup>th</sup> Day – 97 Days to Follow

Today is M. E. church dinner & Fall Festival. Linda & Vi in, in the afternoon. Big crowd to the dinner. \$65.00 taken in, good sales at the booths & Auction. Gable well pleased. Jane sold pop-corn & peanuts. Ruth & Bl. Helped at Needle work table.

Sunday, September 26, 1937 – 269<sup>th</sup> Day – 96 Days to Follow

Jane went with Asp boys & Kathleen Myers to Dixon movie.

Monday, September 27, 1937 – 270<sup>th</sup> Day – 95 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Tuesday, September 28, 1937 – 271<sup>st</sup> Day – 94 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Wednesday, September 29, 1937 – 272<sup>nd</sup> Day – 93 Days to Follow

Beautiful, sunny fall day.

P.M. – Caroline here to help Ruth clean bedrooms & move beds up. Ruth pd girl 75 cts.

Mary Myers is doing our laundry now. Girls brot it home this eve. R. pd her \$1.25 & we still owe 25 cts.

Elmer Middlestadt & Sandeen here & put motor in order.

Thursday, September 30, 1937 – 273<sup>rd</sup> Day – 92 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Friday, October 1, 1937 – 274<sup>th</sup> Day – 91 Days to Follow

Fairly nice fall day. Too nice to stay in. The leaves are turning, nuts are falling & we still have pretty flowers. Ruth had B's Vacuum over and did downstairs rugs & furniture this A.M.

Jane went with Asp boys & Kathleen to Morrison football game Mt. Morris, team beaten 20 to 0.

Saturday, October 2, 1937 – 275<sup>th</sup> Day – 90 Days to Follow

Cloudy this A.M. and cleared up until noon & we decided to drive up to Katherine & Earls. Reached there around 4 P.M. Found Catherine in garden & Earl on his way home from Springfield. Got back when we were eating lunch. Girls went up to see Mrs. Furst's art work. Alice's family & Elizabeth & Bill came in awhile. We did not get home until close to nine P.M.

Sunday, October 3, 1937 – 276<sup>th</sup> Day – 89 Days to Follow

Dig –

Beautiful day, E. wind. We had late breakfast then took short drive north thro' Lightsville then East, again So. To hi-way & on home. Ruth gathered some bitter-sweet, oak leaves & few hickory nuts and also many "stickers" on her sweater. Jane & I sat in car. J. studied, I read. Around 3 P.M. Bill & Mark came & got her to go to Dixon to a Movie. R. & I alone rest of day.

Monday, October 4, 1937 – 277<sup>th</sup> Day – 88 Days to Follow

Dig –

R & I called on Mrs. Hiestand.

Cool, cloudy, started a fine rain in late afternoon & is raining now at bed time. Frank & Bl. Went to Elgin to Ed's & Teenie's, left around 5 P.M. going to have dinner & spend the night with them. Fr. Will go on to Chgo. In A.M. to a convention of Dealers. Bl. Will stay with "Teene". Jean here to dinner & will spend the nite & be here until their return. Retiring 9 P.M.

Tuesday, October 5, 1937 – 278<sup>th</sup> Day – 87 Days to Follow

Dig –

Rained a little last nite. Walks wet this morn. Jean did not rest well last nite, coughed quite a bit. Jean & Jane went to school. Jean came here to lunch. Jane carries hers. After school Ruth had little Metzler girl come play with Jean after school. Mrs. Spring called in eve to see Ruth about library. We gave Jean half a nerve tablet & she rested quite well.

Wednesday, October 6, 1937 – 279<sup>th</sup> Day – 86 Days to Follow

Dig –

(No Entry)

Thursday, October 7, 1937 – 280<sup>th</sup> Day – 85 Days to Follow

Cool, cloudy. Home all day, so cool I did not even go out in yard.

Ruth & Blanche went on the bus with a bunch of Rebeccas over to Stillman Valley lodge. Jane had to go to hi-school to accompay in Operetta, so Myrna Kuntzleman is with me.

Friday, October 8, 1937 – 281<sup>st</sup> Day – 84 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Saturday, October 9, 1937 – 282<sup>nd</sup> Day – 83 Days to Follow

We went to Rockford shopping. Ruth bot a new grey coat. We called to Health Spot Shoe Co.

Gloria had story hour.

Sunday, October 10, 1937 – 283<sup>rd</sup> Day – 82 Days to Follow

Tomorrow Mrs. Hiestand's birthday.

Jane went to movie.

Monday, October 11, 1937 – 284<sup>th</sup> Day – 81 Days to Follow

Mrs. Hiestand 98 yrs. Sent her a card.

Tuesday, October 12, 1937 – 285<sup>th</sup> Day – 80 Days to Follow

Blanche, Jean, Ruth & I went to P.T.A. Jean played with Rythm Band & sang with chorus. Jane studied in Grote's room. R. & I caught more cold. Quite chilly.

Wednesday, October 13, 1937 – 286<sup>th</sup> Day – 79 Days to Follow

No. –

Very cool, Ruth & I both have "sniffles". Jane in school. Came home pretty well tired out, her arms full of books, but "thank goodness she will have four days at home due to "Teacher's Institute convening at Dixon. Ruth, Bl., & Lucille went to Pauline's bridge party" over to Mothers" at Geo. Rummie's Adeline. Went over in bus. R. won "galloping" prize. Jane & I were all alone. "Booh!: cold.

Thursday, October 14, 1937 – 287<sup>th</sup> Day – 78 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cold, froze water, thin scum of ice over to F's. It virtually finished all out door plants. Fr., Bl., & Jean went to Elgin, Ed & Teenies this P.M. & were then going on to Hollis & Bertha's in Chgo. Fr. Is to attend Auto Conv. In Chgo. Ruth will care for "Snookums". R. & J. planned & cut out their wool dresses today. Cold again to-nite. Snow in some of states last nite.

Friday, October 15, 1937 – 288<sup>th</sup> Day – 77 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cold, froze again last nite. R. pulled out the frozen plants along So. Side of house. She did the Friday cleaning this A.M.

Jane studied this P.M. "We three" went to Mt. M. Ruth went up and talked with Dr. Stengel & got nerve & digitalis tablets. This eve Ruth sewed, Jane studied & I loafed about & read.

Saturday, October 16, 1937 – 289<sup>th</sup> Day – 76 Days to Follow

Dig –

Gus' Birthday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Viola & Linda came in "had charge of Story Hour".

Fr., Bl., & Jean got back late this P.M. Bertha & Hollis came out too.

Sunday, October 17, 1937 – 290<sup>th</sup> Day – 75 Days to Follow

Dig –

Turned warmer during the nite. Cloudy, S.E. wind. Started raining about Mid P.M. but we went to Mt. M. to show. Invited Miss Grote to go along. We got back home about 6 P.M. Only here short time when Mark & Bill drove up. Nothing doing, but Jane should go to another show. It is still raining. R. & I alone listening to Radio.

Monday, October 18, 1937 – 291<sup>st</sup> Day – 74 Days to Follow

Dig –

Rec. letter from Arbe about not coming East.

Tuesday, October 19, 1937 – 292<sup>nd</sup> Day – 73 Days to Follow

Dig –

"The day is cold, and dark & dreary, it rains & the wind is never weary, etc. Jane & Margie stayed out of school & did some written work this A.M. went to school in P.M. Rehearsed Operetta at Hi-school this eve. Margie Ryan stayed again tonite with Jane.

Gus' Birthday.

Wednesday, October 20, 1937 – 293<sup>rd</sup> Day – 72 Days to Follow

Dig –

Started letter to Arbe

Margie Ryan went home this eve.

Thursday, October 21, 1937 – 294<sup>th</sup> Day – 71 Days to Follow

Dig-

Cloudy & quite cool. Jane in school. Fr. Working. Ruth went to Woman's club out to Gladys Pypers this P.M. Viola was there too, left Linda in with us, Bl. & I. I stayed over to Bl. It is Fr's & Bl's Wedding

anniversary 8 yrs. We had a very nice dinner with them & a good visit. Jane went to rehearse for Operetta this eve. We 3 retired around ten. Sent Arbe letter.

Friday, October 22, 1937 – 295<sup>th</sup> Day – 70 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cold, 41 degrees in Chgo. This A.M. around 10 degrees colder here. Quite cloudy. Ruth & I home all day. Jane in school. Came home about 3 P.M. to get ready to go to Rockford. The Home Economics class to be banqueted & programed by students of Rock College at the college. Ruth is sewing on Jane's wool dress this eve. Think we'll wait up for Jane. Stengel should be back from convention.

Saturday, October 23, 1937 – 296<sup>th</sup> Day – 69 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy & cool.

Frank & "Squeely Bill" set out the little ever-green trees.

Ruth had story hour at 3 P.M. Jean went along down.

Azalia was in and spent eve.

Girls took baths after she left.

Sunday, October 24, 1937 – 297<sup>th</sup> Day – 68 Days to Follow

Dig –

Partly sunshine and warmer. Ruth & I home all day. Had Franks over to a good chix dinner. About mid P.M. Ed & Teenie & another couple, friends, came to Franks. Asp boys came around 4 & Jane & Laverne went with 'em to a show at Dixon. When they got back here they played cards & the boys treated to ice cream & Ruth to walnut sugar cookies. Did not retire until 12 P.M.

Monday, October 25, 1937 – 298<sup>th</sup> Day – 67 Days to Follow

No –

Cloudy but some what warmer. Had an early caller, Mrs. Gordon Brean. Ruth was quite busy all day putting up storm windows, washing 'em etc.

I helped what I could in the kitchen. Jane had to go to hi-school to play for rehearsal of Operetta. Ruth & I alone.

Tuesday, October 26, 1937 – 299<sup>th</sup> Day – 66 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy, cool.

Ruth & Bl. Also Lucille went to Rebbecca lodge Halloween party. Ruth dressed as dutch girl, Blanche as pirate & Luc. As a Jew. Had a good time. Laverne Pals & I stayed over with Jean. Jane up to rehearse Operetta. We all got home about same time.

Wednesday, October 27, 1937 – 300<sup>th</sup> Day – 65 Days to Follow

Dig –

Some warmer, sunshine. Quite nice compared to what we've been having. Ruth & I called on our new neighbor, Mrs. Paul Vanpel this P.M. This eve Ruth & Bl. Are over to Lucille Leiber's to bridge club. Jane up to Hi-school to accompany for Operetta. I am alone but Jane will be home early.

Thursday, October 28, 1937 – 301<sup>st</sup> Day – 64 Days to Follow

Dig 14 das. –

Warm.

Azalia & Ruth went up to dress rehearsal of the Operetta. Jane was the accompanist so that left me alone. I had a little excitement before they returned, a mouse got in bird cage and was feasting on all seed in bottom of cage

Friday, October 29, 1937 – 302<sup>nd</sup> Day – 63 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Saturday, October 30, 1937 – 303<sup>rd</sup> Day – 62 Days to Follow

No –

Warm "Indian Summer" day. Jane had worked so hard on Operetta & expressed the desire to get out in the woods & make "whoopee" so we decided to pack a good lunch & go to the "Pines State Park" taking Gloria with us. The girls made a "dutch oven" fire & when there was good bed of red coals they toasted weiners for bun sandwiches. We heated up baked beans, had thermos of hot coffee also toasted Marshmallows. We enjoyed it more than any time we had been there.

Stopped in Mt. M. & got Linda's birth. Gift.

Sunday, October 31, 1937 – 304<sup>th</sup> Day – 61 Days to Follow

No –

Linda 5 yrs today. Quite a fine day. We are invited out to farm for evening dinner & to help celebrate Linda's birthday. We did not go out until mid P.M. The Smith family were there also. "Duke" & Caroline, Viola had very nice dinner of chix & tame rabbit, her Mother brot the pumpkin pies which were topped with thick whipped cream. Linda seemed very happy & enjoyed her gifts.

Monday, November 1, 1937 – 305<sup>th</sup> Day – 60 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Tuesday, November 2, 1937 – 306<sup>th</sup> Day – 59 Days to Follow

No –

Cold & windy.

Ruth & Bl. Went to the Rebecca lodge this eve & Jane to hi-school to rehearse Senior play. Laverne stayed with Jean & me over to Franks until R. & J. came.

Wednesday, November 3, 1937 – 307<sup>th</sup> Day – 58 Days to Follow

No –

Cold, 21 deg. At Rockford this early morning. 37 deg. At noon. Windy too. Jane in school. Ruth & Luville over to Bl's this P.M. playing "Pinochle". Jane had to go to hi-school this eve to rehearse Senior play. R. & I alone listening in to radio.

Ruth got laundry & paid for it 1.50 this early eve.

Thursday, November 4, 1937 – 308<sup>th</sup> Day – 57 Days to Follow

No –

Cool, windy, Cloudy. Ruth has been house-cleaning using Bl.'s Vaccum. After school we went to Mt. Morris for the girls to get "cold shots". Got a few groceries.

Rising temperature tonite, lowest about 45deg. Just started raining. We, R. & I were over to F. & B's this eve for short visit. Jane up to hi-school this eve rehearsing again.

Friday, November 5, 1937 – 309<sup>th</sup> Day – 56 Days to Follow

No –

(No Entry)

Saturday, November 6, 1937 – 310<sup>th</sup> Day – 55 Days to Follow

No –

(No Entry)

Sunday, November 7, 1937 – 311<sup>th</sup> Day – 54 Days to Follow

No –

Quite a nice day tho' it was some cloudy & windy. Viola brot Linda in to S.S. She gave her 5 birthday pennies & they sang "Happy birthday" to her. Viola let her stay in with us to dinner & then after we rested we took her home. Came back home for our lunch.

Monday, November 8, 1937 – 312<sup>th</sup> Day – 53 Days to Follow

No –

(No Entry)

Tuesday, November 9, 1937 – 313<sup>th</sup> Day – 52 Days to Follow

No –

Nice day.



Wednesday, November 10, 1937 – 314<sup>th</sup> Day – 51 Days to Follow

Dig –

Beautiful fall day, warm sun, nice breeze. Blanche, Ruth & I went to Polo to “Aunt Mollie” Geeting’s funeral services. Douglas & Mary & Esther were out, have been for several days & will be out rest of this week.

P.T.A. meet tonite.

Thursday, November 11, 1937 – 315<sup>th</sup> Day – 50 Days to Follow

Dig –

(No Entry)

Friday, November 12, 1937 – 316<sup>th</sup> Day – 49 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cloudy & cool. Started to rain just as we left Mt. M. this eve.

Went to Mt. Morris this eve, took Miss Grote along. Saw the movie, “The Prince & the Pauper” (twins) which we enjoyed very much.

Saturday, November 13, 1937 – 317<sup>th</sup> Day – 48 Days to Follow

Quite a nice day. Esther called middle of A.M. to say they, Doug & Mary Geeting, a lady friend, Alice & Esther would be up to dinner this eve 6 o’clock. And if girls didn’t get busy & hustle all day. Had a very nice dinner ready on time but quests did not arrive until seven. They had an accident near the Stuckerberg farm, horses on road, Doug’s car turned over twice. The 3 had bumps & bruises.

Sunday, November 14, 1937 – 318<sup>th</sup> Day – 47 Days to Follow

Dig –

Turned colder during night, windy. Skiff of snow on ground which was soon gone. We were all real tired and stayed in bed late. Having trouble with oil burner. After breakfast we went over to Bls. & F’s. stayed until the oil stench got out of our house & had the “left overs” from last nite’s dinner warmed over.

Middlestadt put in a new improved motor only needs oil in 3 yrs.

Monday, November 15, 1937 – 319<sup>th</sup> Day – 46 Days to Follow

Nov. 17 Ora Brean’s birthday. Forgot to send her a card.

Tuesday, November 16, 1937 – 320<sup>th</sup> Day – 45 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Wednesday, November 17, 1937 – 321<sup>st</sup> Day – 44 Days to Follow

Dig –

Turning colder, cloudy, threatening snow & Ruth sewed all day, refitting my b'l'k dress & making Jane a new sport dress, plain green & a plaid to go with.

Harold, "Vi" & Linda run in a while this eve. "Surprise" when they came walking in Jane was up to hi-school rehearsal & did not get to see them.

Thursday, November 18, 1937 – 322<sup>nd</sup> Day – 43 Days to Follow

Dig –

"Ole Man winter" came in the "nite". Left a blanket of snow & it is booh! Cold 27 deg. Still lightly snowing off & on all day. It is still cold & snow is still with us. Blanche, Ruth & I went to Azalia's to Woman's Club this P.M. good time, good program. After club we hurried down to Mt. M. for girls to take cold shots. Jane had to go again to rehearsal, Prof. Hanson excused a few of Srs. & they went to Byron this P.M. to their play Matinee.

"cold shots"

Friday, November 19, 1937 – 323<sup>rd</sup> Day – 42 Days to Follow

Seniors gave their class play "Dumb Doliver" this eve. Jane took part of "Giddy". Play was success, well liked, had a full house.

Saturday, November 20, 1937 – 324<sup>th</sup> Day – 41 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cold, skiff of snow on ground covering most of states.

Ruth's birthday. We were home all day excepting R. had the "story hour". Mark came up in eve & took Jane down to Mt. M. movie. Harold stopped here this ever, on his way to Rockford to play for dance, stopped a few minutes to give me my new underwear he had got in Freeport this P.M. Leslie K. brot in a small Philco radio to try out.

Sunday, November 21, 1937 – 325<sup>th</sup> Day – 40 Days to Follow

Dig –

Quite a bit of bright sunshine but still cold, N.W. wind. "We Three" home all day only that the girls took a short walk. I was not out at all.

Monday, November 22, 1937 – 326<sup>th</sup> Day – 39 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Tuesday, November 23, 1937 – 327<sup>th</sup> Day – 38 Days to Follow

Dig-

S.W. wind, slowly warming up. We were home all day.

After school girls went to Mt. M. to get "cold shots". Laverne rode along & then came in to eat chop suey with girls & spent eve with Jane. Ruth & Bl. Went to Rebecca lodge.

Wednesday, November 24, 1937 – 328<sup>th</sup> Day – 37 Days to Follow

Dig –

Considerable warmer, snow nearly gone, S. W. wind. Harold's birthday. R. called him up, he said they are better of their colds, Linda has been having sore eyes. Frank won a goose at raffle last eve. Ruth went over this A.M. to help Bl. Kill & clean it. It took most of day. I went along over this P.M. rested & had nap while girls worked. This eve Mark & Jane went to movie. Ruth made candy all eve. I helped with nuts & stuffed dates. Mailed letter to Arbe.

Thursday, November 25, 1937 – 329<sup>th</sup> Day – 36 Days to Follow Thanksgiving Day

Rather pleasant day, not cold.

Out to farm (we three) for dinner & evening lunch. Mildred, Vernon, Melvin, Mrs. Smith, Dolores and Dick. Enjoyed good dinner & good visit. Linda came in home with us to stay few days. "Shortie" went to Ashton. Frank & Bl. Were down to Mt. Morris to Bl's folk.

Friday, November 26, 1937 – 330<sup>th</sup> Day – 35 Days to Follow

Dig –

Still "skiff" of snow on ground, little chilly & cloudy.

"We Three" \* Linda went to Rockford this 10 A.M. Linda and I stayed in rest-room while girls shopped. They got most of shopping done, got me warm "undies" & hose. The girls "snuggles", etc.

Saturday, November 27, 1937 – 331<sup>st</sup> Day – 34 Days to Follow

Dig –

Dandy fall like day. Ruth has been very busy cleaning. She took charge of the "story hour" this P.M. after that we picked hse & Linda up & went to Dr. Stengel's for "shots".

"We Three" & Linda went to Mt. Morris late this P.M. to get the girls last "shots" for cold. Har. Brot "Vi" in to stay, over nite & he went on to Haldane to play for a Mt. Morris dance. Jane & Vi. Went down here to a school play & dance. Linda, Ruth & I stayed home.

Sunday, November 28, 1937 – 332<sup>nd</sup> Day – 33 Days to Follow

Turned much colder in night & we had a little rain turning to snow, only a light blanket. N.W. wind. Harold came in to have dinner with us. R. had prepared a good dinner. Vi. Brot in the dessert, pineapple "upside down" cake & whipped cream. Yum! Yum! Mark came & got Jane mid P.M. to go to a movie & then the Epworth League in Mt. M. Har's left for home & that left R. & me along & lonely.

Monday, November 29, 1937 – 333<sup>rd</sup> Day – 32 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Tuesday, November 30, 1937 – 334<sup>th</sup> Day – 31 Days to Follow

No –

Cold

Wednesday, December 1, 1937 – 335<sup>th</sup> Day – 30 Days to Follow

No –

Cold, cloudy, not quite so cold. Ruth took checks to Chas. Reynan, oil, Colburn also electricity check.

Blanche went up to Rockford with Salina S. this P.M. bot a baby basket for Mrs. Leiber to be presented to club tomorrow eve.

Mark & Jimmie came up this eve & took Jane to Mendellson Club concert at Rockford. Special feature, duo pianists, men, Jane enjoyed it immensely. Ruth & I were home alone.

Thursday, December 2, 1937 – 336<sup>th</sup> Day – 29 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Friday, December 3, 1937 – 337<sup>th</sup> Day – 28 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Saturday, December 4, 1937 – 338<sup>th</sup> Day – 27 Days to Follow

Mark & Bill came up & we all went up to watch Polo vs. Leaf River play basket ball. Jane went with boys to a dance afterward. It sure is very cold. R.R. beat 2<sup>nd</sup> team but lost last game.

Sunday, December 5, 1937 – 339<sup>th</sup> Day – 26 Days to Follow

Cold, N.W. wind, stayed in bed late. Listened to Dr. Bradley. R. & J. went with Jimmy & Gloria skating down on pond middle of day then we had a good chix dinner & lolled about & rested while listening in on radio.

Charles & Anne Lindberg returned to America by boat.

Monday, December 6, 1937 – 340<sup>th</sup> Day – 25 Days to Follow

Dig X1 –

Very cold, 14 above. Cold wind.

Jane in school. Just the usual routine at home. R. & I alone. Ruth went up to Faye S. to rehearse singing for Woman's club W.R.O.K. broadcast. This eve she is down to Rebecca hall rehearsing in team work for installation of officers tomorrow eve.

Jane is studying for tomorrow's history test.

Tuesday, December 7, 1937 – 341<sup>st</sup> Day – 24 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Wednesday, December 8, 1937 – 342<sup>nd</sup> Day – 23 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Thursday, December 9, 1937 – 343<sup>rd</sup> Day – 22 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Friday, December 10, 1937 – 344<sup>th</sup> Day – 21 Days to Follow

Dig –

Mark came up this eve & took Jane to see “Double Wedding” at Rockford.

Saturday, December 11, 1937 – 345<sup>th</sup> Day – 20 Days to Follow

Dig –

Fr., Bl. & Ruth went to Rockford this P.M. Ruth did quite a bit of X-mas shopping.

Jack Daniels died at the Moline Hosp. today. Thelma & Cline Griffin married today.

Sunday, December 12, 1937 – 346<sup>th</sup> Day – 19 Days to Follow

Harold, Vi, & Linda went to Ashton, brot Mrs. S. & Melvin back home with them to stay until Thursday when Vernon will bring “Shorty” home & take Mrs. S. back.

Monday, December 13, 1937 – 347<sup>th</sup> Day – 18 Days to Follow

Dig –

Cold, snowing “fine as meal”.

Fat letter from Arba, one from Van. Frank’s & Ida’s inclosed.

Tuesday, December 14, 1937 – 348<sup>th</sup> Day – 17 Days to Follow

No –

Cloudy all day, not quite so cold, started to rain about mid afternoon, rained a while, also snow & sleet.

Fr. Off duty today. He & Bl. Went to Rockford part of P.M. Jean came in after school. This eve Ruth, Blanche & Lucille went to the bridge club X-mas party at Grace Bergs. Jane home with me.

Wednesday, December 15, 1937 – 349<sup>th</sup> Day – 16 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Thursday, December 16, 1937 – 350<sup>th</sup> Day – 15 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Friday, December 17, 1937 – 351<sup>st</sup> Day – 14 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Saturday, December 18, 1937 – 352<sup>nd</sup> Day – 13 Days to Follow

Dig –

Warmer, but still icy.

Harold, “Vi” & Linda came in mid P.M. left Linda with R. & I & took Jane along to Rockford, they had shopping to do, went to a movie & then to the dance where Harold played. They came home late so stayed here until morn.

Sunday, December 19, 1937 – 353<sup>rd</sup> Day – 12 Days to Follow

Dig –

Warmer, nice flaky light snow falling all day making trees & shrubs beautiful. Our little X-mas tree looks so beautiful, laden with snow & the pretty colored bulbs.

Mr. Eugene Grove, Music Inst. Was seriously if not critically injured when coasting down Main St. about 11:30 last eve. We were so shocked on hearing it. He is still in a critical condition. Are having a specialist out from Chgo.

Monday, December 20, 1937 – 354<sup>th</sup> Day – 11 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Tuesday, December 21, 1937 – 355<sup>th</sup> Day – 10 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Wednesday, December 22, 1937 – 356<sup>th</sup> Day – 9 Days to Follow

(No Entry)

Thursday, December 23, 1937 – 357<sup>th</sup> Day – 8 Days to Follow

Little rain & sleet this eve.

Friday, December 24, 1937 – 358<sup>th</sup> Day – 7 Days to Follow

No –

Some colder, cloudy. Thawed just a little. The hi. & grade schools out today. Jane sore throat. Schools dismissed until Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fr., Bl. & Jean were in a while this eve & we exchanged gifts. Mark came & took Jane to a movie. Ruth busy preparing food for dinner tomorrow. Mt. Morris Mason’s sent a fine generous basket of fruit, nuts, cake, etc.

Saturday, December 25, 1937 – 359<sup>th</sup> Day – 6 Days to Follow

Dig –

Mother’s birthday 104 yrs. Ago today.

Quite nice day. Quite a bit of sunshine. Ice & snow but not deep. Fr., Bl. & Jean went to Mt. Morris for dinner & also spent the eve. Harold, Vi., & Linda came in to a “chix” dinner & left around 4 P.M. to do

chores. They gave us an electric waffle. Fr. An "alarm clock. Mark - Ruth & I Begonia. Mark – Jane Manicure set. Linda – me her picture. We gave Frank waffle iron. Jean Lincoln logs, Linda black board.

Sunday, December 26, 1937 – 360<sup>th</sup> Day – 5 Days to Follow

Dig –

Clouds, & sunshine, not cold. "We three" home all day. No one in all day except Bl. & Jean a few minutes, Vi. A few min. on their way home from Ashton. Had good programs on radio. Hollis & Bertha, Ed & Teenie were out to Franks all had eve lunch over there, they Fr & Bl. & Jean & all had dinner with Bl's folk.

Monday, December 27, 1937 – 361<sup>st</sup> Day – 4 Days to Follow

No –

(No Entry)

Tuesday, December 28, 1937 – 362<sup>nd</sup> Day – 3 Days to Follow

No –

Warmer, thawing the ice & snow where the sun strikes. Ruth & Jane left about noon to go to Byron for Ruth to have a permanent & hair cut. I stayed with Bl. & Jean.

Wednesday, December 29, 1937 – 363<sup>rd</sup> Day – 2 Days to Follow

No –

(No Entry)

~~Thursday~~, Saturday, December 30, 1937 9 – 364<sup>th</sup> Day – 1 Days to Follow

Colder. Few snow flakes in air. Jane worked in P.O. got her pay. Ruth came home from F.

~~Friday~~, Sunday December 31, 1937 9 – 365<sup>th</sup> Day – Last Day of Year

Turned very cold during nite. N.W. wind. Only few points above zero this morn. At 9 A.M. Bedroom window all frosted. Too cold for Linda & Jean to go to S.S. Jean bro't her doll & came over & played with Linda. Gus in and Jane left at 2 P.M. to attend "Red's" father's funeral services, held at McAll & Julian funeral home. Christian Schience Services. Jane took cards from flowers. She & Gus have gone to Broadhead to dance the old year out & new year in.

Cash Account – January

Jan'y 2<sup>nd</sup> "Bob" Fry brot home laundry \$1.00, then he & Jr. came back & got radio. Pauline is to pay \$15.00 in laundry work.

Jan'y 14<sup>th</sup> another wash \$1.00 more paid.

Jan'y 27<sup>th</sup> another wash \$1.00

July 13<sup>th</sup> will be last.

Cash Account – February

(No Entry)

Cash Account – March

(No Entry)

Cash Account – April

No –

Jan'y '38

Quite a nice day, not cold. Mostly sunshine. Harold stayed all nite or from after he played for the dance at Rockford. Jane & Mark were to the mid-nite Coronado Show & did not get back until 2:30 A.M. Harold got here half hour later. He is to play up there this P.M. & eve. The girls & I went up to visit with Earl & family this P.M. Returned in time for supper.

Cash Account – May

No –

Jan'y 2, '38

Turned quite a bit colder during nite. Wind & few snow flakes today. We had Fr., Bl., Jean over to 1 o'clock dinner.

Laverne Pals up this eve & she & girls played "4-5-6 Pick up sticks".

Cash Account – June

Jan'y 3<sup>rd</sup>, '38

(No Entry)

Cash Account – July

Jan'y 4<sup>th</sup> '38

Dig –

Letter from Arbelin with card inclosed from Ida.

Cash Account – August

Jan'y 5 '38

Dig –

Mostly sunshine. But cool N.W. wind. Around 41 degrees. Ruth has been busy getting ready to have her bridge club tomorrow eve.

Jane went over to Byron this eve to see the team of colored girls play basketball. She went over with Aubrey Koonty & Ruth Fassler. Score 30 to 22.



Cash Account – September

Thursday – Jan'y 6 '38

Cold, snowing just enough for a nice blanket to cover the black earth. Ruth entertained her bridge club this eve, had nice lunch.

Jane was down to Hotel with Lavern & Ruth Fassler awhile.

Har., Vi., & Linda in brot Angel Food cake for R's club.

Cash Account - October

Friday – Jan'y 7<sup>th</sup> '38

No –

Cold 10 to 12 above. Ordered some coal & have a fire in grate. Skiff of snow on ground. Frank was off duty today & he, Bl., & Jean drove to Elgin this P.M. to be gone until Sunday. Jane went to Basket Ball games @ Byron this eve with Fasslers & Salina. R. & I alone listening to some good Radio programs.

Cold, cold, Linda vaccinated for S-pox.

Cash Account – November

Saturday – Jan'y 8 '38

No –

Cold. Below zero. Fair. "We Three" home all day only Ruth went down town for mailing out a letter to Mrs. Angelb, Arbelin & one for Jane to Maxine Whitney. Ora Palmer Breaan came in this P.M. and visited a couple hours. Mark came up this eve & he & Jane went to a show.

R. & I alone, took our baths. Jane had hers before dinner.

Cash Account – December

Jan'y 28<sup>th</sup>, 1945

Sunday rather cloudy & cold. Home & inside all day. Beryl had written Ruth She & the 3 Pfile girls might be down this P.M. but they did not come. R. & I had our P.M. nap, radio programs & this eve. Bl. Called R. if she wished to do her wash with hers in A.M. so-o-o R. took ours over & they put them to soak this eve, that is way she likes to do them. I am wondering how the Busings are, did not hear from them for several days. Hope to hear tomorrow. "Nitey nite to all".

Recapitulation

On hand January 1, 1937

Garage rent - \$40.00

15 January – "Jakie" rent – 15.00

Leber rent – 20.00

## Weights

Ma 109

Ruth 107

Jane 117

Gloria 117

Ill. Util Co. – Stove \$105.00

## Telephone Numbers

Sat. Jan'y 27

Cloudy & colder today. Moon shining tonite. Ruth & Miss Stengel at Mt. Carrol. Hi school teacher went to M.E. church this eve to see slide pictures put on by pastor. I stayed alone & seemed so quiet & lonely. Nothing good on radio. Intended to write some. I res. A big envelope with pamphlet or folder of colored views of "Wee Kirk of the heather & Forest Lawn Los Angeles where Arbelin was laid to rest. May her dear sweet spirit rest in peace.

## Telephone Numbers

Wednesday – Jan'y 12, '38

### Cold.

Ruth went to hall to rehearse in team work. Jane home with me. Studying for "History exams.

## Addresses

Thursday, Jan'y 13, '38

No –

About 12 or 14 deg. Below freezing. Cold N.E. wind, has a skiff of snow this eve. Ruth, Blanche, & Lucille went to Oregon Lodge this eve. Did not get back until 11:30. Jane studied for exams.

## Addresses

Freeport.

Katherine Red 1414

Waycaster & Lawson, 58 Mt. M.

Rev. & Mrs. Gordon Brean, Lime Ridge, Wis.

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Ora's birthday.

Friday – Jan'y 14<sup>th</sup>, '38

Around freezing point. Sunshine & clouds. Jane in school, finished her tests. Got dismissed early & we went to Dr. Stengel's for Jane to be vaccinated for small-pox. My B.P 150, Weight 109, heart beat good.

Jan'y 16, '38

Warmer, sunshiny. Ruth & I home all day. Mark came around 3:30 & took Jane to see a Movie. When they came back Mark came in, had some games & a lunch.

Jan'y 17<sup>th</sup> '38

Warm, thawing, foggy & clouding. Called in P.M. on Mrs. Vanpel. B's. Mother is staying few days in L.R. for a change & rest.