

The 1950 Journal of
Charles Wesley Fitch

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Introduction

Charles Wesley Fitch maintained daily journals or diaries, if you will. We do not know how many remain to this day. This transcription was undertaken to make available to descendants of Grandpa Fitch, these excellent records of life nearly a century ago. We hope that this transcription is only the first of many. Currently we are trying to determine how many of the journals remain and their current whereabouts.

From a genealogical standpoint I have added footnotes that are printed at the end of this transcription. These footnotes attempt to identify members of the family. Many other names are referred to in the Journal and are no doubt recognized by many as individuals prominent in the early history of this area of Mason County. We retained the spellings and punctuations as recorded in the diary, except for adding periods or hyphens to separate entries for clarity purposes.

The 1950 Diary (grandpa refers to them as diaries) is a generic (no specified year) diary with two days provided for on each page. The Month and date are shown. Size of this volume is 5 inches wide by 6 inches high and about 1/2 thick.

While this particular volume is only 56+ years ago, I find it very interesting. It covers one of his retirement years and winter months take place in Florida. It also provides information on the house Grace and Charles built in Dunedin FL 1948-1950. Having traveled extensively in Florida we find it very interesting to read about their travels in areas that we are familiar with. I hope that you glean as much enjoyment reading these transcriptions as I have in preparing them.

Donald Chinnery
25 January 2007

January 1950

1 Sun

Grace and I went to Sunday school, and Preaching morning and evening. We had a carry in dinner at Isaac Goods on Bass Ave. about 12 there. In the Afternoon we called on the Pridemores.

2 Mon

Sharpened the Plane and some knives. Mr. Jackson sent us a peporius we ate some for dinner and took some to Joe Millers. Mr. Campbell brought in a Peporius. We wrote to Dixon's and Mc Donald's. George Sterns brought us a lot of Fish. Mr. Campbell came over and helped clean them.

3 Tue

Went down to Clearwater and got some window stool and stops. Put the casing on one window. Mr. and Mrs. Nels Jensen called on us. Wrote checks to light and gas co., Ludington.

4 Wed

Put the casing on one window in our front room. Alex Benedict was here. Grace and I went to a carry in supper at the Church and Prayer Meeting.

5 Thur

Took Grave down to the Church. Painted the two window casings in the front room. Went to see Mr. Butler about moving some sand.

6 Fri

Wrote and sent 2 checks to National Bank of Ludington. Alex Benedict was here I took him to Dunedin Pines to see his 4 lots.

7 Sat

Grace and I went to Clearwater for groceries. Watered the Lawn.

8 Sun

Grace and I went to Sunday school and Preaching. Went home with Joe Millers for dinner, after dinner we had our pictures taken and went to Safety Harbor for a ride. We went to Church.

9 Mon

Moved some dirt between curb and sidewalk. Mr. Ralph Blackman took me to the Chamber of Commerce Dinner. Watered the Lawn.

10 Tue

Received a letter from Elsie Fitch and a \$30 check. I wrote to Charles and Elsie. Grace and I went to the Church to see pictures of the Beauty of Florida.

11 Wed

Grace and I took Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Parshel to the Retired Postal Workers Club carry in dinner and meeting at Clearwater. After the meeting we went to the art gallery at Belliare. Alex Benedict was here early in the forenoon. Grace and I went to Prayer meeting. Watered the lawn.

12 Thur

I made the form for cement driveway in our yard. Went to Clearwater and ordered 1 3/4 yard of Ready Mixed cement to be delivered Saturday forenoon.

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13 Fri

Got some lumber down from the attic to protect the sidewalk when the cement truck comes Saturday.

Dug out some weeds in the lawn. Went to Blackburns and got 1 sack of cement and a keg of sand.

14 Sat

Had 1 3/4 yards of cement delivered. Worked till suppertime to smooth it out, it dried so fast. My back is very near broke tonight.

15 Sun

Grace and I went to Sunday school and Preaching. Mr. and Mrs. Will Frederick was here awhile. I wrote to Herricks. We went to Church.

16 Mon

Watered the grass and cement drive. Mr. Ralph Blackman took me to the Chamber of Commerce dinner. Dug grass out of lawn.

17 Tue

Mr. Morse was up a little while to see me. Alex Benedict was here and I took him to see a Mr. Jones to do some disting for him. Grace and I went to Clearwater and to Semanole Nursery to buy some citrus Trees but it was too late in the day. We went to the Church to see pictures.

18 Wed

Went down to the Semanole Nursery and bought three orange trees and one Duncan Grapefruit for \$13.00. Set the four trees. Wrote airmail letter to Mrs. Lily Durham at Ludington R1. Grace and I went to Prayer meeting.

19 Thurs

Grace and I took Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller to Clearwater to see colored moving pictures on conservation. Got a letter from Ernest Tiedemans wanting an apartment. Went downtown to inquire about apartments. Sent airmail to Tiedemans. Went to Clearwater to see about license for apartment. Don't need any.

Set out some Saint Augustine grass south of house. Watered trees and grass. Went to the city dump with a tubful of tin cans.

20 Fri

Set out some Saint Augustine grass south of house. Went to the city dump with a tub full of tin cans.

21 Sat

Loaded Butler's trailer with sand from driveway and put the form in for the apron. We went to Parnells and got groceries. Went up and called on Kibley's. Watered trees and shrubs.

22 Sun

We went to Sunday school and preaching service. We brought Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller home with us for dinner. After dinner we drove to Butler Lake. We went to church.

23 Mon

Watered our orange grove. Real warm today. Had a yard of cement come for the apron of our driveway, Mr. Underwood got _ yard of it. \$15.65 all told. Mrs. Lily Durham from Ludington, R1 came.

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24 Tue

Watered our shrubs, wrote to Burmeister's.

25 Wed

Grace and I took Mrs. Durham to Clearwater Beach. Stopped at Clearwater on the way home and ate our dinner at Mc Corey's 5& 10 cents store. We three went to prayer meeting.

26 Thurs

Dug wild grass and weeds out of lawn. Sent our income tax statement to Willard. Grace and I took Mrs. Lily Durham and Alex Benedict to the County Fair at Largo. It was a nice display. Got a letter from Elsie F. with \$35. Wrote to Rotman's. We went to our Sunday school class party at Ralph Blackmans.

27 Fri

Wrote to Charles Hamiltons. Dug weeds and grass out of lawn. Watered the lawn. Mrs. Durham, Grace and I spent the evening at George Sterns.

28 Sat

Watered our shrubs. Dug weeds and grass out of lawn. Wrote to Hiram Herricks'.

29 Sun

Grace and Mrs. Durham went to Sunday school and church. We three and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller ate a picnic dinner at the City Park after which we called on the Mr. and Mrs. La Fleur on Wood St. , Mr. and Mrs. Art Cutler was here for supper. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brye and Donald Peterson called on us. Mrs. Southwick and George was here while we were gone.

30 Mon

Watered some of the grass and sat out a little more South of the house. Took the women down to the church, also got my bucks filed. Mr. Blackman took me to the Chamber of Commerce dinner. Grace and I took Mrs. Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Miller to see the capac tree and to a wiener road on the Davis Causeway.

31 Tue

Moved some dirt from behind the house and set out some Saint Augustine grass. Wrote to Charles Fitch's Jr. Mrs. Durham, Grace and I went to the church to see pictures of the Grand Canyon.

February 1950

1 Wed

Borrowed some chains from G. Sterns, double blocks and rope from Jackson's. Pulled down a large dead oak tree. Returned borrowed articles. We three went to Prayer meeting.

2 Thurs

Worked at our flame vine. We went down to see Miller's. In the afternoon we took Mrs. Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller and James Adams to Indian Rocks to bathe and get cokers. We all had soup at our place when we came back. Bought one bushel of oranges and a half-bushel of grapefruit.

3 Fri

Burnt some brush. Put the flame vine in another tree. Went down to Clearwater and Dunedin after groceries. Wrote check to electric light co. Ludington, also to Mason County clerk for auto license. Mr. and Mrs. Fall and Sarah came in the evening and brought lettuce, cabbage, onions and carrots.

4 Sat

Sent check to National Bank and a check to G.A. Swanson for auto insurance. Took Mrs. Durham up to Kibbeys. Painted our mailbox. Wrote to Brother Richard and Mrs. Robert Keith, Scottville, R2. Watered orange grove and lawn. Got beat again by Grace playing Chinese checkers.

5 Sun

Grace and I and Mrs. Durham went to Sunday school and preaching service; although there was no preaching, but the Lords Supper. We went to church in the

evening.

6 Mon

Went to Clearwater and ordered the flooring for our north apartment. Ralph Blackman took me to the Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting. Started to lay the floor. Watered trees and grass.

7 Tue

Worked at the floor all day. Mrs. Durham, Grace and I went to see the pictures of the New England States at the church.

8 Wed

Layed a few boards in the floor. Grace and I took Mrs. Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller and James Adams to the retired postal workers club carry in dinner at Clearwater. Watered trees and lawn. Grace and I went to payer meeting.

9 Thurs

Worked at the floor all day. Watered the lawn.

10 Fri

Finished lay the floor in our front room. Watered our citrus grove. Mrs. Durham, Grace and I went to the fish supper at the City Park, we also went to a good meeting at the Nazarene Church at Clearwater.

11 Sat

Went down town and bought a bit brace and ordered 2-2x4-8 feet long. Moved our icebox. We went down and bought our groceries.

12 Sun

The two women and I went to Sunday

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school and preaching service. Had picnic dinner at the park with Falls and Millers. We wrote to Willis and Rotmans. In the evening we went to Clearwater to a service at the high school.

13 Mon

Moved the doorway in the kitchen to go outdoors over a foot. Went to Chamber of Commerce dinner. Went to Clearwater bought a kitchen back door \$12.75. Also varnish 1 qt. And shilac 1 _ quarts. Grace and IU walked to the Pres. Church.

14 Tue

Put a doorframe together and put it in. We went to the church to see pictures of Old England.

15 Wed

Watered the shrubs and flowers. Hung the back door. Alex Benedict was here a few minutes. I went up and helped him raise a light pole.

16 Thurs

Layed floor in the kitchen. We three went to our Bible class carry in supper.

17 Fri

Layed floor in the kitchen.

18 Sat

Finished lay the floor in the kitchen. In the afternoon we took Mrs. Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller and went to Tarpon Springs, Port Ricky, Palm Harbor and Dunedin Pines. Came back at 5:30 p.m. and got our groceries. Bought _ bushel of oranges \$1.00 1 bushel of grapefruit \$1.25.

19 Sun

We three went to Sunday school and preaching service. We wrote to Clarence Burmeisters, Marvin Rotmans, and John Butz. Grace wrote to Gertrude Benson. We three went to church.

20 Mon

Went down to Douglas Hardware and spoke for their floor sander for tomorrow. Sawed some wood. Ralph Blackman took me to Chamber of Commerce dinner. Alex Benedict was here. Dug weeds out of the lawn. Received a letter from Elsie Fitch and bill from Florida Power Co. We went to meeting at our church.

21 Tue

Went down and got the sander and edger. Sanded the two floors. Took the sander back and paid \$4.86.

22 Wed

Grace and I took Mrs. Durham and Alex Benedict to Gulfport to our Mason County picnic. There was over a hundred there. Mrs. Durham, Grace and I went to a carry in supper at our church also stayed for preaching service.

23 Thurs

Varnished the front room floor. Rev. and Mrs. Myron Hoyt called on us. Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Swanson and Mike Flanley made a short call on us. We had Rev. and Mrs. Hoyt here for supper and they went to church with us.

24 Fri

Varnished the front room floor the second coat. Took the women down to the church. Painted the East door and siding

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north of the door. Joe Albright and Art Cutler called on us. We went to church.

25 Sat

Took the form out that I had for the apron of our driveway. Received a letter from Carleton Chinnery and answered it.

Asked him to come and see us. We went to Clearwater. Moved our bed back into the West room.

26 Sun

Mrs. Durham, Grace and I went to Sunday school and preaching service. We went to William Fredericks in the afternoon and ate supper with them in their yard. We three went to church.

27 Mon

Shellached the kitchen floor. We three went to a supper at our church.

28 Tue

Varnished the kitchen floor the first coat. I went fishing with George Sterns north of Port Richey. We three went to the church to see pictures of the Great Smokies.

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1 Wed

Varnished the kitchen floor the second coat. Washed the West End of our house. Wrote to Rotmans. We went to prayer meeting.

2 Thurs

It's cool this morning. Sawed some wood. Pulled the grass out from under the steps, cleaned the stove, got a hair cut 75 cents. Got linoleum for the kitchen \$7.99 and a sprinkling ring for the lawn \$1.29.

3 Fri

Put the casing on two doors. Received my retirement check and the Michigan Public Service bill \$7.75. Bought one bushel of grapefruit \$1.50 _ bushel of oranges for \$1.00. Lillian and Ida were here for the evening.

4 Sat

Went down to meet the train twice looking for Carleton Chinnery but he didn't come. Wrote to Lillian Hawley and wrote check for Blue cross insurance. Sent check to bank and to Michigan Public Service.

5 Sun

Mrs. Durham, Grace and I went to Sunday school and preaching service. We wrote letters to Henrys, Rotmans, Alfild, Gertrude, Kuipers, Nita and Sister Nora. I had a bad cold so didn't go to church in the evening.

6 Mon

My cold had me in the house all day and in bed most of the day. We received letters from John Butz, Elsie Fitch, Edith and Alfild. Mrs. Durham son and wife

and nephew and niece came from Detroit, Michigan. Started to rain about 4 p.m.

7 Tue

There was about 3 inches of rainfall. My cold has got me yet but I am some better. Mother wrote to Elsie Fitch.

8 Wed

A cloudy day it rained 6 tenths of an inch. Layed around most allday. Took Grace down to see Millers. The Durham young people went South from here.

9 Thur

Put putty in nail holes in two door casings. Took Grace and Mrs. Durham to the cooking school at Clearwater. Bought nails, paint and perp a tape cement. Mr. and Mrs. George Hollick called on us. I drove up to George Sterns.

10 Fri

Mrs. Durham, Grace and I went with Hollicks to George Sterns. Went through the concontacte plant and to Kenneth Kibbeys. I started to put a lock in the kitchen door. Mrs. Durham, Grace and I went to the fish fry at the City Park.

11 Sat

Finished put the lock in kitchen door and put a threshold on doorsill. We went and called on Isaac Goods and got our groceries.

12 Sun

Mrs. Durham, Grace and I went to Sunday school and preaching service. We wrote to brothers Richard and William, Alfred Chinnerys, Carleton Chinnery and Mc Cabe. We went to church.

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13 Mon

We wrote to Charles and Elsie. Started to paint the West End of our house. Got letters from Chinnerys, (Alex was up) Edith, Alfhild, Birdie. Ralph Blackman took me to the Chamber of Commerce dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rohrmoser and Mrs. and Dr. Paukutis called on us. I took Grace and Mrs. Durham up to houses. Washed East End of house.

14 Tue

Took the Spanish moss off an oak tree. Washed the South side of the house. Wrote to Alice Chinnery. Took Mrs. Durham up to Kibbeys. Took tins and bottles to the dump. Cut out some weeds. Grace and I called on Jacksons.

15 Wed

Painted on West End of house. Went down to the bank. Mr. and Mrs. Rose from Muskegon and Braidington called on us. Went down to fish pier and got the fish for the Sunday school class supper. Mrs. Durham, Grace and I went to the fish supper at the Honey house.

16 Thurs

Mrs. Durham, Grace and I went to Saint Petersburg, to the pier, Webbs store, and Amy Southwicks and to Sears & Roebuck. Got home about supertime.

17 Fri

Hauled 2 loads of wood from Jacksons. Finished paint the West End of house one coat. Put a second hand tire on the rim and put it on the left front wheel. Took Mrs. Durham up to Parsons. Put air in

tires. Called G. Sterns. Mrs. Durham, Grace and I went to Clearwater Beach to see moving pictures.

18 Sat

Moved the colored leaf tree in backyard. Paint kitchen door on outside also siding north of door. Alex was here for dinner. We went down after groceries. Raining. Rained 6 tenths of an inch.

19 Sun

Mrs. Durham, Grace and I went to Sunday school and preaching service. Mrs. Jensen took the three of us down to Faith Temple at Saint Petersburg. We three went to see pictures of India at our church.

20 Mon

Moved some sand so I could get under the house to the chimney to look for termites, but found none. Ralph took me to Chamber of Commerce dinner. After dinner Mrs. Durham, Grace and I called on Kibbeys, Goods and Millers.

21 Tue

We took a boat trip to Honeymoon Island. There was 15 of us, took a carry in dinner and had a real nice day of it for one dollar each. Boat left Fish Pier at 9:30 a.m. and we got back at 4 p.m. Got some nice shells and took some pictures. We went to pictures at the church in the evening.

22 Wed

Grace and I took Mrs. Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller to the Wonder House at Bartlow, to the Bok Tower at Lake Wales and ten miles North of Kissimmee

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to see some land John Butz owns near Lake Bryon. We took eats with, got home at 8:30 p.m. Rained .6 inch.

23 Thurs

Filled in the hole under North side of our house. Took Mrs. Campbell to hospital and City Hall and Mrs. Durham to see two apartments for rent. Put some siding at bottom of West wall of house and painted same.

24 Fri

Grace and I went to Tampa and got a battery, put in the Chevrolet, and spoke for a paint job for next Tuesday. Washed the North side of house. We took Merceans for a short ride. We took Mrs. Durham and Joe Millers to a program at Clearwater Beach. Received letters from Dixons, Fitchs, Mc Donalds, Burmeisters, Hamiltons and Sister Nora.

25 Sat

We wrote to Elsie Fitch, Hattie Young, Betty Herrick, Guner Johnson. Grace and I took Mrs. Durham to Clearwater. Washed the Chevrolet. Dug weeds out of lawn. Grace wrote to Nita Herrick and Alfhild & Edith.

26 Sun

Mrs. Durham, Grace and I went to Sunday school and preaching. Grace and I called on the retired rural carrier at Dunedin Pines and Isaac Goods. We went to church in the evening.

27 Mon

Painted on West End of house the second coat. Ralph Blackman took me to the Chamber of Commerce dinner. Wrote to

Dixons and Mc Donalds. I took Grace and Mrs. Durham to Charles Hadleys. Went to Clearwater for a sack of cement and 3 sacks of sand. We bought 1/2 bu grapefruit and 1/2 bu oranges.

28 Tue

Took the Chevrolet over to Tampa to Honest John to have some welding and paint job. Came home on the bus. Made a form for the back steps. Dug weeds out of lawn. Mrs. Durham, Grace and I had taxi take us down to church to see pictures from Florida to Great Lakes. Mr. Charles Morgan brought us home.

29 Wed

Started to put in the cement steps at back door, but ran out of sand and cement. Needed about a pail full more. But there was too much cement for my back. Wrote to Helen and Ethel and John Butz.

30 Thurs

Painted casing of one door under coat white. Took the bus to Tampa to get the Chevrolet but it wasn't ready so rode back on the bus.

31 Fri

Painted the doors in our side under coat white. Used the rest of our outside paint on West End of house. Dug weeds out of lawn. Received letters from Alice and Bernice. We were over to Campbells a while in the evening.

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1 Sat

Went to Tampa and got our Chevrolet paid \$45 for welding and painting. Brought Mrs. Durham home.

2 Sun

Took Grace and Mrs. Durham to Sunday school and church. We ate a carry in dinner at the City Park with Falls and Millers. Heard a Russian preacher at our church at 3 p.m. and seen pictures in the evening.

3 Mon

Put a frame in doorway between bedroom and kitchen. Went to Chamber of Commerce dinner. Went to Clearwater after a sack of cement and 3 sacks of sand. Finished the back steps. Took Mrs. Cirows home and Alex to see a man to dist. We went to see the King of Kings at the church. It rained one inch.

4 Tue

Made 5 cement blocks 4 inches thick to use up what cement I had, got through a noon and between the work and the heat I am played out.

5 Wed

Took Grace, Mrs. Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller to the Retired Postal Workers Meeting at Clearwater got home about 3:30 p.m. and held the bed down the rest of the day.

6 Thurs

I drove the Chevrolet down to the drug store so Grace could get some Pepto Bismol then I layed on the bed most of the day. Joe Miller came to see me. I did

drive the women down to the church and came right back.

7 Fri

I am feeling some better. Took the two women down to the church. Wrote to Willie and Anna.

8 Sat

Carleton Chinnery came, Mother and I took him to Clearwater Beach, and to Saint Petersburg, went to the pier, fed the pelicans and had our picture taken. Ate at Webbs Restaurant and went to Amy Southwicks and had coffee. Had fried oysters for supper at home.

9 Sun

Mother and I took Carleton to Tampa to catch the 8 o'clock bus. Mrs. Durham also went to Tampa with us and got on the 10 o'clock for Daytona, Fla. Donald Peterson's called on us before we went to church, took us to church and we went to Indian Rocks and ate dinner with them.

10 Mon

Pulled weeds out of lawn. Went over to Brandinburgs twice to give them Mrs. Durham address and check. Put casing on doorway between our two rooms. Grace and I went to Goods but not at home, called on Joe Miller.

11 Tue

Dug weeds out of lawn. Went to the bank, to the post office, city hall and Mc Masters Hardware. Bought a hoe and nail set. Painted the casing on the doorway. Grace and I went to the church to see pictures.

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12 Wed

Moved our storage building and boxes in back yard back near the back end of the lot. Wrote checks to Mrs. Kenneth Bates, Kansas City Insurance Co. and the Great Southern Insurance Co. We called on Kibbeys. Took some ice cream to Campbell's and helped eat it, it is his birthday.

13 Thurs

Burnt trash in backyard. Took Grace and Tim to city dump. We called on I. Goods.

14 Fri

I took Grace and Mrs. Campbell to Clearwater after groceries. Dug weeds out of the lawn. We went to the fish fry at the City Park \$1.00 each.

15 Sat

Painted the woodwork in our apartment the second coat white. Bought one half bushel of grapefruit \$.75.

16 Sun

Grace and I went to Sunday school and preaching service. Ate our carry in dinner at the City Park with the Falls, Millers, Goods and Coles.

17 Mon

Wrote to Rotmans and Deans. Plastered seams in wallboard in our kitchen.

18 Tues

Burnt some rubbish. Changed two wheels on Chevrolet on the left side. Put the front one on the back and the back one in front. Dug weeds out of the lawn.

19 Wed

Wrote to Ludington Post Office and Ida Langfeldt. Done some sanding in kitchen. Dug weeds out of lawn. Grace and I went to prayer meeting.

20 Thurs

Sent roll to Rockford, Ill. Pulled weeds out of the lawn. Water the lawn. Grace and I went to a Sunday school class carry in supper.

21 Fri

I took Mrs. Campbell and Grace to Clearwater; we also drove down to Largo to see the county agent. Varnished bedstead and two doors. Fixed window shade. Watered the lawn.

22 Sat

Took Mr. Underwood down to the bank and I paid our light bill and got meat for Sunday dinner.

23 Sun

Grace and I went to Sunday school and church. Falls was here for dinner and William Frederick's for supper. Alex Benedict was here a little while. Grace and I went to church.

24 Mon

Went down and bought one quart of French gray outside paint. Painted the two front doors and the two front windows.

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25 Tue

Got the Chevrolet greased and oil also filter cartridge. Painted the two South windows and the East door. Went after bread at the Midway store. Grace is not feeling good.

26 Wed

Put a threshold under our front door. Put the two screen doors on. Grace and I went to Prayer meeting.

27 Thurs

Painted some on screen doors. Cleaned out paintbrushes. Cut some weeds in the backyard. Watered the lawn.

28 Fri

Started to pack up. Paid water bill. Notified Dunedin paper to send it to Ludington. Grace and I went over and ate dinner with Will Frederick's. Got my hair cut 75 cents. Went over to Campbell's a little while.

29 Sat

Went down to the bank. Watered everything that needed water.

30 Sun

Went down to Sunday school and preaching service. It was home coming Sunday and we had our dinner at the City Park. We went to church in the evening.

May 1950

1 Mon

We got up at 5 o'clock, loaded for home. Left Dunedin at 8:30 a.m. Arrived at Amerikus 347 miles put in 16 gal. Gasoline and 1 qt. Oil. Stopped at King Motor Court.

2 Tue

Left Americus at 6:30 a.m. Drove 351 miles, stayed a motor court on side hill Rockwood, Tennessee \$3.00 supper 2 eggs and 2 pork chops each French fried potatoes and biscuit \$1.94

3 Wed

Left Rockwood at 6:30 a.m. Stopped at Stearns, KY for nearly an hour. Got to Oxford, Ohio about 7 p.m. Cincinnati a busy place to drive through. Must have had lots of good surveyors to make so many turns in the road uphill and down to the right and left.

4 Thurs

Left Oxford at 6:30 a.m. arrived at Carlton Benson at 2 p.m. 5 miles South of Marshall, Mich. Better roads today in Indiana and Michigan. Gertrude drove us around Lyon Lake Resort.

5 Fri

Grace and I took Gertrude to Battle Creek; Grace and I went through the Kellogg cereal company factory.

6 Sat

Gertrude took us to Marshall and to Albion. The wind is blowing hard but the sun is shining.

7 Sun

We went to church with Bensons both at Lyon Lake and Marengo. Carlton showed us moving pictures in the evening.

8 Mon

Grace and I left Benson's about nine o'clock, bought 4 dozen eggs for Bernice. Arrived at Rotmans about one o'clock just right for dinner.

9 Tue

W left Rotman's about 9:30 a.m. arrived at Mc Donalds time for dinner. Stayed till about 4:30 and got to Clarence Burmeister for supper.

10 Wed

We left Helen's time to get to Arnold Grant in Ludington for dinner. Came home and unloaded and ate supper with Willard. Called on Charles and Elsie after supper.

11 Thurs

Grace and I went down town. She bought 2 cakes and I went to the bank. We went to Scottville for Field Day, helped field about 450 school children. Called on sister Nora while Grace got her hair done up at Edith's. Hoed the asparagus, mother went to. I called on Cassan's mother and daughter banquet.

12 Fri

Spaded around the edge of asparagus bed and in flower garden.

13 Sat

We went up to Hollick and Carlson's and got our groceries. Worked in the flower garden. Grace and I went to a RLCA

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District Meeting at Scottville.

14 Sun

Took Grace to the Bethany Church:
Ethel and her two girls to the 1st
Methodist. Roy Henry's were here for
dinner. Mother had coffee with Edith at
the Community Church. We had supper
with the Talifson's.

15 Mon

Spaded in the pie plant and flower garden.
Planted 43 Gladiola bulbs that Charles
Clauson gave me.

16 Tue

I spaded in the garden. Got the Chevrolet
greased and oil changed. Mother and I
went to a carry in supper at the
Methodist Church. Charles brought me
some manure.

17 Wed

Spaded garden. Joe Kaufman gave me
some horseradish.

18 Thurs

Spaded garden. Grace and I went to
prayer meeting at Bethany Church.

19 Fri

Went and bought some garden seed and
one dozen each early cabbage, tomatoes,
and lettuce plants. Planted carrots, radish,
parsnips, beets, parsley, lettuce, spinach,
early cabbage and Banton Sweet corn.
Took the Chevrolet down to Chinnery's
garage to get a water pump put on the
radiator fixed.

20 Sat

Finished spade the garden. Got the
Chevrolet and got groceries. Will
Frederick called on us and ate dinner with
us.

21 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany and Ethel and her
girls to 1st Methodist. I went to the
Methodist men's meeting.

22 Mon

Took the Chevrolet down to Chinnery's
garage. Planted 4 rows of sweet corn and
3 rows of Black Valentine Beans. Took 6
storm windows off and mother washed
them. Hoed among the flowers South of
our house.

23 Tue

Polished the Chevrolet. Took 3 storm
windows off. Nailed some siding on East
Side of garage.

24 Wed

Set a cedar post to hold up the track of
the garage door. Sawed the boards off
above the track.

25 Thurs

It rained and hailed. I sawed some wood
in the basement. Took the two doors off
the garage and will use the door on the
track. We went to prayer meeting at
Bethany.

26 Fri

Mowed the lawn. Started to clean up the
garage. Grace and I took Mrs. Sawnsby
to the RLCA meeting at Ed Karas's near
Freesoil.

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27 Sat

Finished clean up garage. We went down and got groceries. Elsie Henry called a few minutes. We went to Grange and were on supper committee.

28 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany Church: Ethel and her two daughters to First Methodist. Wanuita and Doris and Alvin and Lee Bates called in the afternoon. We went up to Arnold Grants for supper.

29 Mon

Hoed garden and flowers in the forenoon. Took my felt hat to the cleaners. Bought a quart of Montgomery's best white enamel \$2.04. Had a key made for glove apartment on Chevrolet 25 cents. Grace and I went fishing on the breakwater and caught one Herring.

30 Tue

Helped Herricks plant garden one half day. Stopped and visited Charles and Elsie on way home. Grace and I went fishing and didn't get a bite. We went up to see Debbie Grant at 9:15 p.m.

31 Wed

Went and bought one dozen pepper plants, 2 dozen tomato plants and set them. Took Grace up to Edith Grants to get her hair done up, I went up there for dinner. I painted woodwork in front room white enamel.

June 1950

1 Thurs

Took down the nine storm windows from upstairs window. Took Grace to Women's Society and went and got her and groceries. Grace was hostess. Hoed garden. We went to prayer meeting.

2 Fri

Painted woodwork white enamel.

3 Sat

Made centers for quart crates at Herricks

4 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany, Ethel and her two girls and Waunita Mc Donald to First Methodist Church. People here for lunch was Burmeister's, Waunita Mc Donald, Cassans, Herricks and Henrys. Grace and I went to Baccalaureate after we went to Gerald Merheims.

5 Mon

Worked at Herricks, made centers 4 hours helped at lathe 4 hours. I am tired tonight

6 Tue

Mother and I went with Roy and Elsie down to Grand Rapids to see Elaine Graduate. We arrived home at one on the 7th, had a good trip.

7 Wed

Made centers for quarts crates at Herricks factory.

8 Thurs

Worked at Herricks Factory made centers one half day and helped at the lathe one half day. Went down to Oriole Hall to see

Charles Roger graduate. Was over to Charles's for lunch afterwards.

9 Fri

Worked at Herricks made centers and helped at lathe.

10 Sat

Cleaned out oil stove upstairs. Hoed in the garden. Went to Market Basket after groceries. Rented our upstairs at \$35.00.

11 Sun

Took Ethel and her girls to Sunday school, Grace went with me today. Floyd Mc Donald's were here for dinner and supper. Grace, Hazel and I went down and called on Mrs. Henry, Se. Roy Henry's were here for supper.

12 Mon

Worked for Herrick's. Nested bushel baskets in the Sellner Building 324 dozen. We moved a bed from Charles, Jr. to our upstairs. Charles Hamilton's were here a little while.

13 Tue

Worked at Herrick's Factory made centers _ day, in the lathe room in the afternoon. Planted a little parsley.

14 Wed

Worked at Herrick's Factory making centers for quart crates.

15 Thurs

Worked at Herrick's Factory made centers and carried in crate covers. Set out some Pinks that Mrs. Joe Lewis gave Grace.

June 1950

16 Fri

Worked at Herrick's Factory. Don't feel good, am not eating supper. My throat is sore.

17 Sat

Feel better this morning. Mowed the lawn. Hoed in the garden. Set some Marigolds Mrs. Clauson gave me. Bernice sent me a box of groceries for Father's Day. Grace and I went to the wedding of

Anderson to Stanley. We helped wash dishes at the 1st Methodist Church.

18 Sun

Grace walked to Bethany Church. Charles had sore throat and held the bed down most all day dad's day. Charles and Elsie were here a little while. Burmeister's were here for supper. Henry's were here in the evening.

19 Mon

Worked at Herrick's Factory making centers for quart crates. MY throat is still sore. Wrote a check for Blue cross Insurance.

20 Tue

Made centers for quart crates at Herrick's Factory.

21 Wed

Made centers for quarts crates at Herrick's Factory.

22 Thurs

Made centers for quart crates at Herrick's Factory.

23 Fri

Made centers for quart crates at Herricks Factory. Rural Letter Carriers and wives ate supper at Waterworks Park. It started to rain so we came here for the meeting. It rained 2 1/3 inches.

24 Sat

Grace, James and I went fishing on the Breakwater but no luck. Got our groceries.

25 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany Church. Ethel and her girls to 1st Methodist. Grace brought Mrs. Erickson home for dinner, we took her home right after dinner, then we called on Sister Nora Hayes at Ed Orgons and Mr. and Mrs. Hans I Hanson on Route 2.

26 Mon

Worked at Herricks. Carlton Bensons were here for supper. Went down to Butlers Funeral Home to see Stanley Benson.

27 Tue

Made centers for quarts crates at Herricks. Hoed in the garden a little

28 Wed

Made centers for quart crates at Herricks Factory.

29 Thurs

Worked at Herricks Factory.

30 Fri

Started to make ends and centers for tomato crates. Mowed some lawn.

July 1950

1 Sat

Grace and I went fishing on the Breakwater got 3 perch. Finished mow the lawn. Thinned a few carrots and parsnip. Got our groceries and gasoline. Received a letter from Arlene.

2 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany Church. I went to the 1st Methodist. Lee Bates was here, brought Doris's suitcase. Ethel, James and Children brought Mrs. Cassan, Sr. to see us. Grace and I went to carry in lunch at Bethany Church, after lunch we went out to Glen Benjamin.

3 Mon

Worked for Herricks moving bushel baskets for a barn on Airport or Fair grounds to the fruit Exchange in Ludington. We moved 500 dozen down there. Grace and I went to a picnic supper at Bethany Church.

4 Tue

Wrote a letter to Clifford Dixon's. I stayed in the house about all day, have a little sore throat yet Mc Donald's were here for dinner and supper. Gladys was here for some cabbage plants.

5 Wed

Worked at Herrick's Factory. Have my sore throat yet.

6 Thurs

Worked at Herrick's Factory.

7 Fri

Worked at Herrick's Factory.

8 Sat

Worked at Herrick's Factory.

9 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany Church. Ethel and her two girls to 1st Methodist. Mother and I went out and ate supper at Herrick's.

10 Mon

Worked at Herrick's Factory making centers and ends for tomato crates.

11 Tue

Worked at Herrick's Factory.

12 Wed

Worked at Herrick's Factory. It rained one inch tonight. Grace and I went to prayer meeting.

13 Thurs

Worked at Herrick's Factory. We went over to Charles JR's.

14 Fri

Worked at Herrick's Factory. Started to mow our lawn.

15 Sat

Finished mow the lawn. Killed weeds behind the garage. Put a bottom in the rocking chair for upstairs and put cherry varnish on it. Hoed in the garden.

July 1950

16 Sun

Took Ethel and her two girls to the 1st Methodist and mother to Bethany Church. Lee Bates was here a while. Grace and I called on Mrs. Fred Snow and Mr. and Mrs. Miles.

17 Mon

Worked at Herricks Factory at tomato crates ends.

18 Tue

Worked at Herricks Factory at tomato crates ends.

19 Wed

Worked at Herricks Factory at tomato crates ends. Mother stayed at Willard Talifsons, I went up there for supper.

20 Thur

Worked at Herricks Factory. Grace and I went to a committee meeting at Louis Mottles to plan for the home coming of Morton School District August 13, 1950

21 Fri

Worked at Herricks Factory at tomato crates. Grace and I went out to Martin Schwass to speak for the Riverton Township Hall for the Morton School Reunion if it rains

13.

22 Sat

Mowed the lawn. Grace, Jimme and I went fishing on the South Breakwater got

about a 100. Got our groceries. We ate out supper at the Waterworks Park with the Pere Marquette Grange.

23 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany Church, Ethel and her girls to 1st Methodist Church and Elsie went to Holland and brought Bernice Rotman and her four boys here to visit. Lee Bates and the two Henry girls were here for lunch. Gladys was here a little while.

24 Mon

Worked at Herricks Factory. Went down to Park Dairy and got 2 gal of milk. Took Bernice up to James Cassans.

25 Tue

Worked at Herricks Factory. Bernice's boys and I went after sand for the sand play box.

26 Wed

Worked at Herricks Factory.

27 Thurs

Worked at Herricks Factory. Bernice and her four boys and Grace and I went to Roy Henry's for supper.

28 Fri

Worked at Herricks Factory. Alice took Bernice down to Clarence Burmeisters for dinner. Grace and I went to Alton Haywards to a Mason County RLCA meeting.

29 Sat

Trimmed the spyrea. Helped Grace pick currants off the Sterns. Went down to the

July 1950

Police station and applied for a drivers license renewal. Hoed in the garden.

30 Sun

I took Bernice, Ethel and her two girls to the 1st Methodist Church. Grace took care of the boys. Marvin came after his family. Helen and Clarence were here a few minutes. We went to Herrick's 25-year wedding anniversary; we called on Sister Nora and Jacob Lunde. Went to Bethany Church.

31 Mon

Worked at Herricks sawing cross slats for jumbo basket covers and kept fire.

August 1950

1 Tue

Worked at Herricks Factory sawing cross slats for jumbo basket covers and kept fire.

2 Wed

Worked at Herricks Factory sawing cross slats for jumbo basket covers and keeping fire. Wrote to Mason County Enterprise and WKLA and filled out blank for the Civil Service Retirement.

3 Thurs

Worked at Herricks Factory sawing cross slats for jumbo basket covers and keeping fire. Mary Lunde and Elmer and Myrtle Johnson, and Edith and Arnold Grant were here for supper.

4 Fri

Worked at Herricks Factory sawing cross slats for jumbo basket covers and keeping fire. Hiram loaded for Benton Harbor.

5 Sat

Mowed the lawn. Pulled the flowers from under the Japanese Elm. Grace and I went out to Richards and Willies ate supper at Willies. Stopped at George Sterns and had coffee.

6 Sun

We took Ethel and her two girls to the 1st Methodist Sunday school. Grace and I went to Bethany. We took a nap after dinner. Wrote a letter to the Fall Family.

7 Mon

Worked at Herricks Factory sawing cross slats for jumbo basket covers and keeping

fire. Grace and I went out to Mrs. Peterson's for cherries but they had forgotten to save them for us.

8 Tue

Worked at Herricks Factory sawing cross slats for jumbo basket covers and keeping fire. Grace and I went out to Mary Broders to see H.O. Bender from California and Josie Gillette from Muskegon.

9 Wed

Worked at Herricks Factory sawing cross slats for jumbo basket covers.

10 Thurs

Worked at Herricks Factory sawing cross slats for jumbo basket covers and keeping fire. Hoed in flowers South of the house.

11 Fri

Worked at Herricks Basket Factory making ends for tomato crates. Gertrude Benson and her two children came. Grace and I went out to Buttersville to see Lundes and Elmer Johnson's. Received letters from Mrs. Lillian Kibbey and Isaac Good.

12 Sat

Trimmed the trees in the front yard. Planted some radish, lettuce and parsley. Went to Art Bensons sale, bought a floor pad for \$1.50. Watered the garden. Went over to Grants, its Debbie's birthday. Received letters from Campbell's, 3 years straveds and Bernice.

August 1950

13 Sun

Took Ethel and her two girls to 1st Methodist Sunday school. We ate our dinner with the people of Morton School District.

14 Mon

Worked at Herricks Factory.

15 Tues

Worked at Herricks Factory. Rained one inch.

16 Wed

Worked at Herricks Factory.

17 Thurs

Worked at Herricks Factory. The Bensons went out to Summit to stay all-night and go to Muskegon in the morning.

18 Fri

Worked at Herricks Factory. Went to strawberry ice cream social at Bethany Church. Went to see Sister Nora at Edward Orgons.

19 Sat

Mowed the lawn. Dug the tulip and lily bulbs. Hoed the radish and lettuce. Got our groceries and 8 gallons of red crown Gasolene. Ate supper at Alfred Chinnery's.

20 Sun

Took mother to Bethany church and Ethel and her two girls to the 1st Methodist. Helen and Clarence and Jerry were here and had coffee.

21 Mon

Worked at Herricks Factory, took veneer from the lathe all day. They started to make bushel baskets. Had Bantom sweet corn for supper from our garden.

22 Tues

Worked at Herricks Factory. I spread 120 doz. bushel baskets in the forenoon. The little girls and I moved some half-bushel baskets to the West warehouse. Arnie Grants were here for supper.

23 Wed

Worked at Herricks Factory taking verneer from the lathe. Had sweet corn for supper from our garden.

24 Thur

Worked at Herricks Factory. Grace and I called on Sister Nora and went to prayer meeting.

25 Fri

Worked at Herricks Factory just 81 dozen-bushel baskets out today and brought about that many in. Grace and I went to RLCA meeting at Wms. Tuckers in Freesoil.

26 Sat

Rained _ of an inch last night. We went down and got groceries and paid Chinnerys garage \$70.37. Got a chair bottom and put it in the hundred-year-old fennel chair.

Grace and I went to Pere Marquette Grange; we took Pearl Benjamin home.

August 1950

27 Sun

Rained _ inch last night. Took Grace to Bethany Church. Ethel and her two girls to 1st Methodist Sunday school. We rested all afternoon then went to Arnie Grants for supper.

28 Mon

Worked at Herricks Factory keeping fire and helped take veneer from the lathe. Cloudy all-day and rained in the evening.

29 Tue

Worked at Herricks Factory. Joyce and I put 50 dozen-bushel baskets outside the East warehouse to dry.

30 Wed

Worked at Herricks Factory. Grace and I called on Charles Hamiltons. Rained one inch.

31 Thurs

Worked at Herricks Factory.

October 1950

1 Fri

Worked at Herricks Factory. Stanley and I loaded the truck for Benton Harbor and took in 120 dozen-bushel baskets.

2 Sat

We took our bedspring outside and turned the hose on it. Went down and got our groceries and gasolene. Put a pad under our front room rug. We called on Sisters Hattie and Nora.

3 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany Church. Ethels two girls to the 1st Methodist. We wrote to Bernice, mother wrote to the Bensons.

4 Mon

Worked at Herricks Factory. Mother and I called on Charles Jr. and Edith. We went to revival meeting at Gray Hall.

5 Tue

Worked at Herricks Factory. Donald and I tied up 110 dozen-bushel baskets on the Fair Ground. After dinner we loaded the truck with 100 dozen. Grace and I took Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bradshaw and Pearl Benjamin to County Grange at Riverton Town Hall.

6 Wed

Worked at Herricks Factory. Grace and I went to revival meeting at Gray Hall.

7 Thurs

Worked at Herricks Factory.

8 Fri

Worked at Herricks Factory. Grace and I went to revival meeting at Gray Hall.

9 Sat

Worked at Herricks Factory. We loaded a truck for Benton Harbor. Grace and I went to meeting at Gray Hall.

10 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany Church, Ethel and her two girls to 1st Methodist. Grace and I went to special meeting at Gray Hall at 3 o'clock p.m. We called on Sister Nora. We ate supper at Clifford Johnson's.

11 Mon

Worked at Herricks Factory. Grace and I went to revival meeting at Gray Hall.

12 Tue

Worked at Herricks Factory. Grace and I went to revival meeting at Gray Hall.

13 Wed

Worked at Herricks Factory. Grace and I ate supper at Glen Benjamin's and brought her to revival service at Gray Hall.

14 Thurs

Worked at Herricks Factory.

15 Fri

Worked at Herricks Factory. It rained 1 _ inches this week. Grace and I went to revival meeting in Gray Hall.

October 1950

16 Sat

Grace and I went down to Clarence Burmeisters and got 8 bushel of peaches from the ground. Gave them 2 to Ethel, 2 to Charles, _ bu. To Alice, _ to Edith, _ to Alfield, _ to Mrs. Buskey, some to Clifford. We caned 20 quarts this afternoon. Grace and I went to Grange.

17 Sun

Took Ethel and girls to 1st Methodist Sunday school. Mother has a bad cold so didn't go. Floyd Mc Donalds were here for dinner and supper. Grace and I went to James Cassan's in the evening for the girl's birthdays.

18 Mon

Worked at Herricks Factory. Rained a little this afternoon and the wind blew hard from the South.

19 Tue

A real fine sun shiney day-not much wind. Worked at Herrick's Factory

20 Wed

Worked at Herrick's Factory. We run the lathe about all day, cutting curve cover slats. Henry Agens helped us in the afternoon. Raymong Heyse brought us a bushel of Sweet Corn and 1/2 bushel of Tomatoes.

21 Thurs

Worked at Herrick's Factory.

22 Fri

Worked at Herrick's Factory. Grace and I went to the western Michigan fair after supper. 50 cents each to get in

and 50 centsto Grandstand.

23 Sat

Worked at Herrick's Factory. Put 8 gallons of High Test Gasoline in Chevrolet. \$2.29

24 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany Church. Ethel and her two kids to the First Methodist. We called on Mrs Henry Sr. Attended meeting for Rev Runkel celebrating 25 years in the ministry. We calle don Sister Nora

25 Mon

Worked at Herrick's Factory - 9 hours. Fixed mothers black shoes.

26 Tue

Worked at Herrick's Factory 9 hours.

27 Wed

Worked at Herrick's Factory-8hours. Mother went out to Raymond Heyses's amnd got 1/2 bushel of sweet corn. 50 cents

28 Thurs

Worked at Herrick's Factory

29 Fri

Worked at Herrick's Factory. Grace and I went to a Mason county R.L.C.A. Meeting at Raymond Heyse

30 Sat

Dug out quack grass near the Oil House and planted Iris, Tulips and Easter Lillies. Grace and I went up to Roy henrys for supper.

October 1950

1 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany Church
Ethel's two girls to 1st Methodist
Sunday School.

We wrote to Alvin Henry and the
Rotmans

Grace and I went to the cemetery.

2 Mon

Worked at Herricks Factory

3 Tue

Worked at Herrick's Factory
Grace and I took Clinton and Molley
Parsons to Pamona Grange at Ralph
Baukkes east of Fountain.

4 Wed

Worked at Herricks Factory.
Grace and I went to Historical Society
Meeting at the Library.

5 Thurs

Worked at Herrick's Factory
Grace and I went up and stayed with
Sister Nora two hours.

6 Fri

Worked at Herrick's Factory

7 Sat

Went down to Ahrhamsons & Neiheim
and ordered four tons of Lettherwood
Coal for Ed Peterson.

Made twelve pounds of soap put 2
cups borax in each 6 pounds.
Grace and I went up to Cliffors to se
epictures of their trip west.

8 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany Church
Ethel and her girls to the 1st Methodist.
Grace and I went to Charles Jr., in the
afternoon for lunch. It is Charles Roger's
birthday.

We called on sister Nora.

9 Mon

Worked at Herrick's Factory

10 Tue

Worked at Herricks factory

Had Sweet corn from our garden for
supper.

11 Wed

Worked at herricks factory
James cassan starte dto work on
Carferry 18.

12 Thurs.

Worked at herricks factory

13 Fri

Worked at herricks Factory
We went to the Market basket and got our
groceries.

14 Sat

Put up six storm windows on upstairs
windows.

Roy Henry and nighbor was her for lunch.

Brother Bill was here took our picture.

Grace and I went to the wedding of Doris
henry to Lee Bates - afterwards we went
to a 9th district meeting of R.L.C.A

15 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany Church.

Ethel and the girls to the 1st Methodist

We wrote to Fred Campbells of Dunedin,
Fla. and Ernest Fitch of Albuquerque
N.M.

16 Mon

We worked at Herrick's Basket factory.

Grace and I called on Sister Nora

17 Tue

We worked at Herrick's Basket factory.

18 Wed

We worked at Herrick's Basket factory.

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19 Thurs

We worked at Herrick's Basket factory.
Mrs Mary Durham called on Grace
Grace and I went to see Mary Durham.

20 Fri

We worked at Herrick's Basket factory.
The Arnie Grant Family was here for
Supper.

21 Sat

Put on 3 storm windows upstairs.
Went to the Market Basket after
groceries.
I drove out to brother Richards and he
gave me a bushel apples and two
bushel of Gold Drop Peaches.
Mother and I went to a carry in supper at
Bethany Church. The A.O.O.G had their
meeting here at our house.

22 Sun

Took mother to Bethany Church.
Ethel and her two girls to 1st Methodist.
Grace and I called on Roy Henrys. and
Clayton Bentleys at Branch.
I went to a meeting of Methodist men at
our church.

23 Mon

We worked at Herrick's Factory.
Grace and I called on Sister Nora.

24 Tue

Worked at Herrick's Factory
I went over to Chinnerys to talk to Alice
about us taking care of the Rotman Boys
Wrote a card to Bernice.

25 Wed

Worked at Herricks Basket factory.
Grace and I went to a carryin supper at
the 1st Methodict Church.

26 Thurs

Worked at Herricks Basket factory quit
work at 4 o'clock
Grace and I rode with Hirma and Gladys
to State Grange Meeting at Muskegon.

27 Fri

Worked at herricks Factory
Went to a RLCA Meeting at Robert
Hansens 303 N. Lewis Street

28 Sat

Put on storm windows on the down
stairs.
Dug the Gladious and Dahlias Bulbs.
The rotmans were here for Dinner and left
David here.
We went to Grange Meeting.

29 Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church
Ethel and two girls and David Rotman to
the 1st Methodist
We went down to () at Bass lake for
dinner and to Roy Henrys for open house
25th Wedding [anniversary]

30 Mon

Worked at Herricks Basket factory till six
o'clock

31 Tues.

Worked at herricks Factory
I went up to see Sister Nora
Grace stayed home with David.

November 1950

1 Wed

Worked at herrick's Factory

2 Thurs

Worked at herricks factory

4 Fri

Worked at Herricks Basket Factory
Our Chevrolet would not start so Gladys came after me and brought me home.

4 Sat

Started the Chevrolet by taking the air strainer off and putting some gas in to prime it.
Went down and got groceries and gasoline.
Went over to Charle's
Fixed cover on clothes Hamper and our bumper jack.
We had a few flakes of snow.

5 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany, Charles, David Rotman Ethel and her girls to First methdoist.
Ethel and girls ate dinner here.
Grace and I went over to Mrs Colemans on Diana St. and had coffee there.

6 Mon

Worked at Herrick's Factory

7 Tue

Worked at Herrick's Factory
Mothers Birthday
Mother's two girls and Families were here for supper. Willard couldn't come.
Glen and Pearl Benjamin calle don us.

8 Wed

Worked at Herrick's Factory

9 Thurs.

Worked at Herrick's Factory
A real windy day but not freezing.

10 Fri

Worked at Herrick's Factory

11 Sat

Worked at the garage door
Bought our groceries and gasoline
Called on Sister Nora

12 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany Church
Ethel and her two girls to the First Methodist
Chevrolet wouldn't leave the church, so clifford towed it to 322 N. Rowe St.
Grace and I had dinner with Jake Lunde's and supper with Charles Fitch Jr

13 Mon

Had the Chevrolet Garage come and pull my car down there
They let me have an auto to go to work at Herricks
Got my Chevrolet home.

14 Tue

Had the Chevrolet people come and tow our car to the garage. They let me have a car to go to work.
Got my Chevrolet - I guess it will run.

15 Wed.

Went out to Herricks but it rained and Hiram thought I better not work in the wet. So I went home.
Got the Dining Room windows ready to paint and the clock shelf down.

November 1950

16 Thurs

Went out to herricks

Boarded up the form as they needed it, they used about nine barrell of cement today. They are building a new warehouse 46 x 112 x 20 high.

Mother went to pottersville to visit Carlson Bensons.

17 Fri

Went out to Herricks

Tended Mason laying cement Blocks.
Ate Supper at Arnie Grants.

18 Sat

Tended Mason at herricks

He layed anbbout 120 blocks.

Wiped up Kitchen floor after 8 o'clock PM

19 Sun

Took the Cassan sisters to sunday sqhool.

Ate dinner at Cassans

Wrote to Sam Banisters

I am lonely-miss Grace.

20 Mon

Worked at herricks

Hiram started to unload car of lumber.

Grace came home we ate supper at Willard.

21 Tues

Worked at herricks

They finished unload a car of lumber.

22 Wed

I tended Mason at Herricks He laid 140 blocks.

Edith and Arbie Grant were here for supper.

23 Thurs

Snowed a little last night.

We had our family Thanksgiving Dinner at Clarence Burmeisters and Alfred drove home for me.

The roads are slippery.

24 Fri

3 above zero this AM

Took Dining room window down and got glass put in \$1.50

Painted Dining room windows.

Hazen Deans and Sister Estelle calle don us.

25 Sat

Painted a little of the baseboard in the dining room.

McDonalds were here, mother gave them lunch at eleven o'clock, she expected to go down town with Edith.

I helped Edward Peterson unload his Truck. He is moving in here for the winter.

26 Sun

Took Mother to Bethany Church

Ethel and her girls to the 1st Methodist.

Mother and I had dinner with Rev and Mrs Harold Clark.

We called on four sick people.

27 Mon

Finished paint the woodwork in the dining room.

Shoveled some snow.

Grace and I went to Pere Marquette Grange

28 Tue

Sovelded some snow.

November 1950

Painted some in Bath room.
Went down and applied for Social
Security benefits.

29 Wed
Picked up some tools
Grace and I went up to Ethel Cassans for
supper.

30 Thurs
Packed up fruit to take to Florida
Went out to Willies and Richards
Had a tire blowout when we got back into
town.
We had supper at Arnie Grants

December 1950

1 Fri

Bought two new tires and tubes at Montgomery's \$47

Went out to Herricks and tended mason in the afternoon.

2 Sat

Charles Jr and I put in a new Elbow and nipple in our range hot water system.

Hamiltons and Edith gates called on us.

Grace and I ate supper with our grandchildren - Lee and Doris Bates.

I took Charles and elsie to Gleaner meeting.

3 Sun

Took Grace to Bethany Church- Ethel and her girls to the 1st Methodist.

We went to Arnie Grants for Dinner

Called on Sister Nora

Floyd McDonalds were here for Supper.

4 Mon

Got the Chevrolet greased and dloaded for Florida.

We ate Supper at Willards.

Had coffe at Charles Jr. about 9 o'clock

Called on Chinnerys.

5 Tue

Mother and I ate breakfast at Arnie Grants at 6:45 AM

Ate Dinner with Bernice at 10:30

Supper in Greencastle at 7 o'clock

Had a room at Gladys Rogers 514 Indiana Ave

6 Wed

Trying to rain and snow-roads wet

We got to Fred Deans at Owensboro

Kentucky about one thirty.

Tonight it's raining and freezing hard-car

all ice

I drained radiator.

7 Thurs

Roads slippery we are staying in.

Still cold 12 above.

8 Fri

The sun is out bright. We are leaving

Fred's at 10:30 AM. Soome ice for 30

miles, drove 200 miles. Stayed at

Moonlight Cabins \$3.00, Manchester

Tennessee.

9 Sat

Left Manchester at 6 o'clock

Fog real thick on top of Mount Eagle.

Too thick to drive so we ate breakfast on

top the mountain, better when daylight.

We drove to Thomasville Georgia 440

miles. Paid \$6.00 for cabin.

Got gas and oil.

10 Sun

Ate our wheat cakes and sausage and coffee \$1.10

Started for Dunedin at 9 a.m.

Got to dunedin and home at 4-30 pm

George Stearns stopped in the yard.

Campbells had us un for Supper.

11 Mon

Mother and I went to Dunedin Times City Hall.

Bought Bed [Springs and Box] anmd mattress \$71.

12 Tue

Went down to Clearwater after the window shades.

Started to Paint Peach color in South

Front Room.

December 1950

13 Wed

Grace and I went to a carryin Dinner meeting of Retired Postal Employees at Clearwater.

After the meeting we went ddown to Madiera Beach to hunt for Jack Travers. Mother and I went to carryin Supper at out church.

14 Thurs

Acted as Santa Claus at Irene Northrop's school room at 10 and 2 o'clock.

Painted a little

Wrote some letters.

I went down to our church to a pan cake supper.

15 Fri

Cut some wood

Finished paint Peach color.

Grace and I got our groceries

Looked at Oil Stove and Refrigerator.

16 Sat

We bought Fuel Oil stove \$54.00

and an Electric Refrigerator \$210

Cutwood, washed Chevrolet.

Set out 3 little trees

Water the lawn.

17 Sun

Grace and I went to Sunday school and Precahing service at the Methodist Church

.

In the afternoon we went to a Christmas Canata

Brought Joe and Ethel Miller home with us.

Took them home about eight o'clock.

18 Mon

Painted some woodwork in Southwest Room.

Took Ray Campbell to Big Pines Hospital.

19 Tue

Had some stove pipe cut and bought a 5 gallon Oil Can and 5 gal kerosine and setup a new fuel oil stove. Stove works good.

Painted Baseboard in South Front Room.

20 Wed

Finished paint White in south front room and painted the South Kitchen Ceiling light blue.

Grace and I went to Meeting at our church.

21 Thurs Finished paint the South kitch walls blue, and started to piant the woodwork white.

Grace and I went down to our Church to see pictures, The four Seasons.

22 Fri

Mrs Campbell with us to Clearwater to get groceries.

I got a quart of white enamel.

Got my Hair cut paid one dollar.on the Christmas Tree Lights.

Paint white in South Kitchen.

23 Sat.

Took Alex Benedict downtown.Came home put the hardware on the cubbard Doors and Drawers in South Apartment. Painted kitchen table.

Took Elex to Clearwater and home about 6 miles northwest from here.

Took Glass and tin cans to City Dump.

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24 Sun

Grace and I went to Sunday School and Preaching Service.

Brought Mrs Durham and Guy Britsells home with us for dinner.

Grace and I went down and ate supper with Mrs Durham.

I went out and got 6 of the Tom Smith Family and took them to the Christmas Program.

25 Mon

[Monday] Grace and I took Mrs Durham to Butlers lake . we had a picnic Dinner with the George Stearns Family. 13 in all.

26 Tue

Wrote 3 checks for Ludington
Sowed Rye grass between sidewalk and curb.

Grace and I went to the chamber of Commerce building after dinner we went to Saint Petersburg Pier and met cousins Jack and Eva Travers of Woodstock canada.

27 Wed

I went to Clearwater and ordered the material for a car port.

Painted the ceiling of our Bath Room white.

Got a building permit for car port for \$2.00

28 Thurs

Cut weeds in back yard
Put up forms for the north wall of car port.

Grace and I went down to see pictures at out church. I Millers gave us Fish.

29 Fri

Went down town took two saws to C Griffish to get filed.

VBorrowed mortar Box from Will Ball. H.W. Jennings from NewPort richey called on us.

Mixed concrete and made walls for car port.

30 Sat.

Raining this morning nice rain puttie d nail holes in Bath Room. Fixed end on service cord.

We went after Groceries and got the 2 handsaws \$1.75 for filing.

31 Sun

Grace and I went to sunday School and Preaching.

Called on Mrs Durham She 's got a cold. Joe Millers was here for a little while.

We wrote to Windsemius, Herricks Brother elmer.

We went to church.