

The 1955 Journal of  
**Charles Wesley Fitch**

Transcribed  
May 1, 2000  
by  
Donald Gene Chinnery  
Grandson of Charles Wesley Fitch

## 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 hypens to separate entries for clarity purposes.

The 1955 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 7 inches high and about 1/2 thick.

While this particular volume is only 40+ years ago, I find it very interesting. It covers one of his retirement years and winter months take place in Florida. 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  
1 May 2000

January 1955<sup>1</sup>

1. Sat<sup>2</sup>.

Grace<sup>3</sup> and I went to a picnic at Philippi Park.  
We ate Supper at Kenneth Kibby's at Agonia on our way home.

2. Sun.

Grace and I went to the nine o'clock preaching service and Sunday School at ten p'clock.  
Went to church in the evening.

3. Mon.

I started to wash the north side of our house.  
- In the afternoon we called on Mr and Mrs Wm. Mercereau at the hospital. - We drove to Port Ricky [?Richy?] to see Herbert Young but they were not home.

4. Tues.

Washed on the north side of the house

5. Wed.

Washed on the north side of our garage. - Four of us neighbor families had a birthday surprise party on Robert Weatherby.

6. Thurs.

Washed on north side of garage.  
George Letzkow was here awhile - Al Ding called on us. Also, Mrs Richard Brye, Mrs Evlyn Nerheim and Pam. - Received a letter and check from Elsie Fitch.

7. Fri.

Grace and I went to Clearwater. I bought a pair of suspenders. \$1.19 - Grace bought a sheet for a bed - \$1.39 - Got groceries \$9.60 and to Parnels - groceries \$4.63.  
Got 1/2 bushel Grapefruit - 50 cents and 1/2 bushel Oranges - 65 cents.

8. Sat.

I washed the East end of the garage.

Patched our auto seat cushin cover.

9. Sun.

Grace and I went to the nine o'clock preaching service and sunday school at ten. In the afternoon we called on Mr and Mrs Wm Mercereau at the hospital.  
They wanted us to find out something about the convalect home, so we drove down thru Edgewater drive to talk to Mercereaus . We went to church..

10. Mon.

I washed the south side of our garage.  
Took Ralph Blackman to the Chamber of Commerce Dinner. Took Grace down to church, watered Garden and Rye grass. We read four chapters in the Barefoot Mailman.

11. Tues.

Started to wash the south side of our house.  
Wrote to Mr and Mrs Wm. Ross and Nora Hayes and Dean Hansen. Grace and I ate supper with Mrs Myrtle Good. - We took Mr and Mrs George Letzkow to see pictures at our church.

12. Wed.

Grace and I went to the meeting of the Retired Civil Service Employees at Clearwater Beach. - We called on Ruchard Bryes at Indian Rocks

13. Thurs.

Finished wash the south side of our house. - Lowered the bath curtain.

14. Fri.

Moved some poles for wood from Robert Weatherlys to our back yard.  
Grace and I went to the funeral of George Slocum. - Grace and I went to tge Fish Supper at the V.F.W. - Watered the garden and Rye Grass.

January 1955

15. Sat.

Wrote to Alfred Chinnerys<sup>4</sup> and Hiram Herricks<sup>5</sup> - Got our groceries at the sunshine market. - Started to paint the south side of our house.

16. Sun.

Grace and I went to the nine o'clock Preaching Service and Sunday School at ten. I wrote letters to Roy Henrys<sup>6</sup> - Ronald DeCiccio<sup>7</sup> and Nita Herrick<sup>8</sup>.

17. Mon.

I wrote to Clarence Burmeisters<sup>9</sup> and checks to Consumer Power and Mrs Kenneth Bates<sup>10</sup>. - Raked leaves in back yard. - Mr and Mrs B Keyes of Detroit called on us.

18. Tues.

Wrote to Gladys Herrick. Took Grace down to the Church. Went up and got George Sterns and his chain saw. We cut some grapefruit trees in 500 Block on Loudon Ave.

19. Wed.

George Sterns and I cut wood on Loudon Ave with his chain saw, and we hauled it home. - George's heart bothered him. Mr and Mrs Sam White and mother-in-law from Port Huron, MI called on us.

20. Thurs

We wrote to Elsie Fitch<sup>11</sup>. Sent \$1.-- to cornet for 7 months. Painted on south side of house.

21. Fri.

Wrote to James Cassans<sup>12</sup> and Bill Johnson. Finished paint the south side of our house. Mr and Mrs Wm Hosenback and Mr and Mrs Tubbs of Freesoil called on us. Mrs Wm Ball was here a little while.

22. Sat.

Put a Bracket up in South room for Bed light. - Got our groceries \$9.82 - 100 pounds

4-8-4 fertilizer \$2.60

Put some around Flowers Onions Lettuce. - Worked in yard. Ordered a bushel of Oranges for Arnold Grants

23. Sun.

Grace and I went to the nine o'clock Service and Sunday School at 10 o'clock. We had Mr and Mrs Cyrus Falls for dinner.

24. Mon.

Grace and I bought our license plate \$15.25 and attended meetings of the chain of Missions morning and afternoon. brought three women back to Dunedin.

25. Tues.

Worked on income tax report. Dave and Myrtle Blackmer and daughter called on us. We went down to the Methodist Church to see pictures with George Letzkow.

26. Wed.

I wrote a letter to Rotmans<sup>13</sup> and a card to sister Nora<sup>14</sup>. Mailed our figures for income tax to Willard Tallefson. Mowed our Rye Grass with Letzkow's mower. Sowed fertilizer on Rye Grass and watered it. I have a cold.

27. Thurs.

My cold is no better Moved some wood back to the back end of our lot. Squeezed out a can of Orange juice.

28. Fri.

My cold is bad. Stayed in about all day. Water Rye Grass and Garden. Gladys and Hiram Herrick got here at 11 o'clock P.M.

29. Sat.

January 1955

We four went to Clearwater and got a lot of groceries and we also got some ar Parnels. In the afternoon we called on Kibbys, L.B. Lyons, John Houks, Verne Manchester and Will Balls.

.....

30. Sun.

We four went to the nine o'clock Preaching Service and Sunday School at ten. In the afternoon we drove over to Brooksville and called on Andrew Fishers and Martin Schwass.

.....

31. Mon.

We four went to St. Petersburg by way of alternate US 19 and came back by the way of the beaches. George Sterns took us to Clearwater to the colored peoples program.

.....

## February 1955

### 1. Tues.

Went with Hiram to Chevrolet Garage in Clearwater to get his car inspected. George Letzkow took Hiram and I to Palm Harbor fishing - we tried to snag them but failed. Mailed check to National Bank of Ludington.

.....

### 2. Wed.

We left home about 6:30 a.m. Mother and I went with Hiram and Gladys Herrick to Homestead by way of U.S. 41. Stopped and said hello to A. Hulquist at Palmetto and at Fort Dragers went through the Edison Gardens - cost \$1.00 each., was very good. Had a motel room for the four of us for \$14.00. Hiram and Gladys called on Mrs Sam Meyers. The folks took lots of pictures.

.....

### 3. Thurs.

Today we ate breakfast in the Room and started for Key West about 6:30 A.M. Hiram and Gladys were in bathing just before noon at Key West. Ate dinner on a table in the park at the beach. I took a picture of the Herricks in the water. We called on A Campbell at his packing house. He gave us sour Limes. We found a cabin at Goulds for \$10.00 We went out for supper at \$1.00 each. The folks took lots of Pictures.

.....

### 4. Fri.

We left our cabin about 6:30 am - drove on U.S. Highway No. 1 to 27. Ate our Breakfast at the junction of the Fort Lauderdale Road . Ate our dinner at Lake Wales Park. We called some folk from Benton Harbor at Auburndale - Came home on 92 and 580 - arrived home at 8 o'clock PM. We stopped at Clewiston went through the sugar factory.

.....

### 5. Sat.

We drove around and told some about a picnic dinner tomorrow at Dunedin City Park.

.....

### 6 Sun.

We four went to the nine o'clock Preaching Service and Sunday School at ten. Eleven of us had a picnic dinner at Dunedin City Park. - We went down and saw the large Wooden Hotel at Bellair.

### 7. Mon.

A Rainy day  
We went to Clearwater  
Had some Homemade Soup at Woolworths-  
went to the Beach.  
Spent the evening at Mrs Lee Jacksons.

.....

### 8. Tues.

Got up at 5:30 We went to Bok Tower and Cypress Gardens- We went to see pictures at our church.

.....

### 9. Wed.

We four went to the retired Postal Employees Dinner Meeting at Clearwater Beach - got home at 3 o'clock. Hiram took George fishing. I wrote Elsie Fitch. Bought bread and eggs. Wrote to Rotmans and sister Nora.

.....

### 10. Thurs.

A real nice day.  
We four got up at 6:30  
Went to the State Fair at Tampa. Gladys and Hiram took lots of pictures. It was a good fair. We called on William Fredericks on the way home.- George and Mamie Sterns called on us and Gladys showed some pictures.

.....

### 11. Fri.

Rained about three inches in the night and this morning. We got ready to go fishing but it was too windy. In the afternoon we four called on Moores at Crystal Beach, stopped at Wall Springs and Tarpon Springs.

.....

### 12. Sat.

We went down and bought groceries. In the afternoon we called on George Duncans - Mrs Morris Lyons and Mrs Mamie Sterns called on us. - We four was to George Sterns for supper and spent the evening there. Its cold 34.

.....

### 13. Sun.

We four went to 9 o'clock service and Sunday School at ten. Afternoon we called on Amil VanAilst and Earl Olmstead at St. Petersburg.

February 1955

.....  
14. Mon.

I borrowed Letzkows mower and cut our grass. Hiram raked leaves. Gladys done some washing. Took Grace to Mrs Houses to a circle meeting. Us three went to Jacksons to see Television.

.....  
15. Tues.

We four went to Sarasota - we picked up A Hulquist, went through Ringlings House, Art Gallery, Shows and then the Jungle Gardens. We ate a Picnic Dinner on the Ringling Grounds.

.....  
16. Wed.

Hiram tooked George Sterns and I fishing at Palm Harbor. George caught one nice trout that was the only bite we had. Hiram and Gladys took mother and I to Dr. George Duncans to spend the evening.

.....  
17. Thurs.

Hiram and Gladys went to Plant Citry and spent the day. I put fertilizer around the rest of our trees and hoed them. - We were up to May Broders and Grace Hulls for Supper.

.....  
18. Fri.

Hiram took George Sterns and Ted Anthony Fishing- I took Gladys and Grace to the Snow-Crop we went through it. Trimed a couple of Turks Caps.

.....  
19. Sat.

We four went to Phillipi Park and to the Kapok Tree and Safety Harbor. Got some groceries at Clearwater and some at Dunedin.. Watered garden and lawn. Mrs Jackson and Lucile Abrahamson were here for supper.

.....  
20. Sun.

Hiram took us and Lucile to the nine o'clock Preaching Service and Sunday School at ten. Twenty of us ate a picnic dinner at the Dunedin City Park. We all went to church there were 81 from Michigan

21. Mon.

Hiram had his Chevrolet greased at Clearwater, I chored around. We went down to Howards and Hiram got a hair cut for 45 cents. - We were to Mrs Lee Jacksons for supper and evening.

.....  
22. tues.

Hiram took Lucile and us to the Mason County Picnic at Gulfport. There was over a hundred there. Herricks packed their Chevrolet. I went to Braningburgs and got 1/2 bushel of organes for them. We went to our church to see pictures. We spent the late evening at George Letzkows.

.....  
23. Wed.

Herricks started for the north about nine o'clock. I tied up our large Fern to the tree. Juiced a pint of Lime juice. Grace and I went to a birthday party on Ed Storm at our city park. Grace and I acted on supper committee for all church supper.

.....  
24. Thurs.

Raked north part of our yard. Grace and I went to Sulpher Springs to see Wm Ross's but they were away. We called on Charles Oswald and they were away. We called on Charles Wheeler and ate supper with them. We spent the evening with David Blackmers

.....  
25. Fri.

I raked south part of the yard. Wrote the Florida Power corporation regarding hosue being on commercial rates. Received a card from Alice Chinnery and one from Gladys Herrick.

.....  
26. Sat.

Grace and I went to the Strawberry Festival at Plant City we were with the Oswalds at the Festival they had his sister and stepmother with them. Received a letter from Mrs Herbert Young saying he could get well for us to come up.

.....  
27. Sun.

Grace and I went to the nine o'clock Preaching Service and Sunday School at

February 1955

ten. We had Lucile Abrahamson with us. In the afternoon we went to see Mrs Ida Young, we went to the Nursing Home and had prayer with him.

.....

28. Mon.

I trimed two turks cap bushes and the two trees in front of the house. Bought a hlf bushel of oranges and squeesed out a can full of juice. Received a card from Alice Chinnery and one from Gladys Herrick.

.....

March 1955

1. Tues.

I went up to See how Mrs Ervin Clark is, found her some better. Bought round steak, bread and potatoes.

Charles Oswald, wife, sister and mother called on us, we took them down to our city park to eat our dinner. Received cards from Gladys, Elsie Henry, + letter from Bill Johnson and Government check.

2. Wed.

Went down and got some Round Steak - squeezed out some Orange Juice - started to write to Alice Chinnery.

Wm and Clara Ross were here in the afternoon - we took them to our City Park to eat our supper.

3. Thurs.

Raked some leaves- Took my oxfords down to get half soles and heels and our front seat cover to Clearwater to get sewed. Watered Garden and Lawn.

4. Fri.

Painted on West end of our house. Grace and I got my oxfords from the shoe shop. \$3. and our seat cover from Clearwater - \$1.00 Received letters from Burmeisters, Grants, Bensons, Fitchs.

5. Sat.

Painted on west end of our house till noon. Wrote to Elsie Fitch, Nora Hayes and National Bank of Ludington. Grace and I drove to see Grace Hull.

Art Cutler, Mr and Mrs Charles Anthony were here, mother served lunch. Watered garden and lawn.

6. Sun.

Grace and I took Lucile down to the nine o'clock Preaching Service and Sunday School at ten. I wrote a letter to sister Hattie. Grace and I helped on the Supper Committee, we served about 40 young people. We attended the evening service - they had five choirs.

7. Mon.

Took Grace and Lucile down to the church. Bought 10 lbs Fertilizer \$3.00. 1/2 bushel of grape fruit 50 cents. Ordered a bushel of Oranges for Bernice-\$2.50. Painted front end of porch. Put fertilizer on lawn and watered it. Received letters from Bernice, Bensons, and Alphild. Wrote to Bernice. We spent the evening at Lee Jacksons.

8. Tues.

Mowed the lawn  
Painted on front end of house  
Water lawn and garden  
G. Letzkow took us down to our church to see Pictures of Oil Wells and Michigan. Had lunch at Letzkows.

9. Wed.

Grace and I went to the dinner meeting of the retired Postal Employees at Clearwater Beach. there were 46 there, I acted as chaplain. Raymond Edmans called on us.

10. Thu.

Painted trim on west end of our house. A man from Florida Power Corporation called on me.

11. Fri.

Painted trim on west end of our house. Received a letter from Gladys Herrick. Grace and I walked to the Fish Supper with George Letzkows. Grace and I called on Myrta Good.

12. Sat.

We mailed 3 packages for Mrs Good \$2.88. Got our groceries. Received letters from Alfhild and Gertrude Benson

13. Sun.

Grace and I took Lucile to the nine

March 1955

oclock Preaching Service and sunday school at ten.

Wrote to the Herricks

Grace and I called on Ida Young at New Port Richey, we went to the Hospital and had prayer with him.

We went to church.

.....

14. Mon.

George Letzkow and I collected \$13.35 for flowers for Mrs Haynes Funeral. George took us to the funeral. I went to the Chamber of Commerce Dinner meeting. Bought 50 lb ice - 35 cents. Received letters from Louis Hawley and Ralph Baushke. I went to see Mamie Sterns. We spent the evening at Lee Jacksons.

.....

15. Tues.

Wrote check to Lillian Hawley and Consumers Power Company. Grace and I went to a birthday party on Mamie Sterns and Fannie Frederich at our City Park. Watered lawn and garden. We took Letzkows to the pictures at our church. We had them and Lucile and Mrs Jackson in for lunch after.

.....

16 Wed.

Wrote to Wm Ross's at Tampa. Took nails out of boards and sawed them into fire wood. Received a letter from Elsie Henry from Rochester Minn.

Watered lawn

Grace and I went to the midweek meeting.

.....

17. Thurs.

Shinny

Painted on north side of House.

Received letter from Arlene Dixon

Watered garden and lawn.

Wrote to Burmeisters.

.....

18. Fri.

Painted on north side of house got the chevrolet greased-washed chevrolet.

Grace and I went to Clearwater - got haircut for 45 cents at Howards. Went to Howard auction. Received letters from Bernice, Edfith and Dona Fitch. I went with George Letzkow to Palm Harber

.....

19. Sat.

Wrote to Clifford Dixons and Roy Henrys. Painted trim and kitchen wondows on north side of house. Called on Grace Hull. Received a letter from Clara Ross at Sulpher Springs

.....

20. Sun.

Grace, Lucile and I went to the nine o'clock Preaching Service and Sunday School at ten. Grace and I went to New Port Richey to see Herbert Young. He died on Wednesday. We called on Mrs Bertha Bush at Palm Harber ate lunch with her - went to church.

.....

21. Mon.

Grace and I took Grace Hull and William and Clara Ross to Hillsborough State Park for a picnic dinner. We had a good visit together. On the way home we stopped at Tampa City Park on Sleigh St. Grace and I spent the evening at Lee Jacksons.

.....

March 1955

22. Tues.

Dug hole for garbage.  
Borrowed Letzkows mower and mowed our rice grass. Received letters from Alphild. Sent our Income Tax Report and a check for April Reading Club Book. Got 50 pounds of ice - 55 cents. Letzkow took us to our church to see pictures of the parks in the west. We all stopped in at Mrs Lee Jacksons on the way home. Wrote to Nita Herrick and Ronald DeCiccós.

23. Wed.

Grace a had a pain in her side all night. And is bad about all day and I just seem tired out.

24. Thurs.

Wrote to Nora and Jean and Brother William.  
Rained about all day  
Grace and I went to our Sunday School Class Fish Supper.

25. Fri.

Sawed wood  
Grace Hull, Mrs Lee Jackson and Lucile Abrahamson were here for dinner.  
Wrote to Marvin Rotmans and Gunder Johnson  
Got 50 lb Ice 35 cents.

26. Sat.

Went down to the Bank  
Grace has a pain in her left side  
I am helping keep house.

27. Sun.

Grace, Lucile and I went to the nine o'clock Preaching Service and Sunday

School at ten. Grace and I stayed in the rest of the day as Grace don't feel very good.

28. Mon.

Mowed the lawn  
Charles Rinnschissel moved out this a.m. Grace and I went to Clearwtaer to meet Mrs and Miss Rath from Winter haven but they didn't come - A rainy afternoon  
We spent the evening at Mrs Jacksons.

29. Tues.

Sawed the rest of the wood.  
Pulled a few eeds.  
Went to Clearwater and got the Brakes on the Chevrolet adjusted.

30. Wed.

Painted four windows on the outside.  
Gertrude Lyon called on us, we took her with us to carry in supper at our church.

31. Thurs.

Painted the white on front door and projection on north side of garage roof.  
Received a letter from Elsie Fitch telling of the storm breaking our front door at Ludington Mich.  
Wrote to Elsie Fitch  
We called and had supper with Bert Wilsons.

April 1955

1. Fri.

Painted on north side of the garage.  
Washed on East end of our house.  
Received a letter from Betty DeCicco.

2. Sat.

A rainy day.  
We went to the bank-paid our electric,  
water bill, and renewed our  
subscription to the Dunedin Times-  
\$2.50.

3. Sun.

Grace, Lucille and I went to the nine  
o'clock Preaching Service and Sunday  
School at ten.  
In the afternoon we called on  
Theodore McCumber.  
Grace and I went to Church

4. Mon.

Went to Clearwater and got the Brakes  
on Chevrolet fixed. Picked lettuce for  
Robert Weatherby.  
Washed East end of house.  
Water lawn.  
Received letters from Elsie Fitch, Elsie  
Henry, Arlene Dixon, Alphild Talifson.  
Grace and I went to church.  
I bought a bushel of oranges for C.  
Dixons.

5. Tues.

Picked lettuce for George Letzkows  
and Mrs Lee Jackson.  
Washed 3 windows.  
Wrote to Elsie Fitch.  
Mother wrote to Clifford Dixons.  
Received a letter from Alice Chinnery  
Laura Ball called on us.  
We brought C. Fulls home with us

from church.

6. Wed.

Mowed the lawn.  
Painted two screen doors.  
Started to put new roof on garage.  
We went to church.

7. Thurs.

Worked on garage roof.  
Grace, Lucile and I went to church.

8. Fri.

Worked on garage  
Received letters from Bernice Rotman  
and Hazel Mc Donald  
Grace and I went to the V.F.W. Fish  
supper.

9. Sat.

Picked some lettuce.  
Finished the garage roof.  
Received a letter from Katherine  
Johnson  
Bought 4 + gallons of gas \$1.05

10. Sun.

Grace, Lucile and I went to nine  
o'clock Preaching Service and Sunday  
School at ten.  
Mr and Mrs I. Fosell and Mr and Mrs  
John Janindo called on us.  
Grace and I went to church.

11. Mon.

Grace and I went with Mrs Lee Jackson  
to take Lucile Abrahamson to Floral  
City 70 miles from Dunedin.  
We spent the evening at Mrs Jacksons.

April 1955

12. Tues.

I cut the sprouts off the cherry tree north of our house.  
Picked the lettuce.  
Grace and I met the Bus at Clearwater at 12:45 but the Rath women was not there. We tried again at 2 PM and they came. Came home and ate lunch and went to Tarpon Springs  
Ate Supper and watered lawn.  
We ate supper and took Gertrude Lyon to Clearwater.

13. Wed.

Grace and I took Lily and Helen Rath to the Retired Employees Dinner and meeting at Clearwater Beach.  
Received a letter from Arlene Dixon.

14. Thurs.

Grace and I took Lily and Helen Rath and Gertrude Lyon to St. Peterburg Pier and Webbs store.  
We ate our dinner in Webbs Basement and Ice Cream at the Pier.  
I bought a Power Lawn Mower at Webbs - 20 inch Clinton for \$81.25.  
It wained a little today.  
Received a letter from Edith Grant.

15. Fri.

Grace and I took Lily and Helen Rath to the Bus Station at Clearwater.  
Grace and I called on Joe Millers and bid them good bye.  
We ate dinner with George Duncans  
Mowed our lawn with our new Clinton Mower.

16. Sat.

Just chored around all day.

17. Sun.

Grace, Lucile and I went to nine o'clock Precaching Service and Sunday School at ten.  
Called on Wm Mercereaus  
Wrote to Marvin Rotmans and sister Nora Hayes.

18. Mon.

Used up our white paint on the east end of the house.  
Water lawn and garden.  
We spent the evening at Lee Jacksons.

19. Tues.

Used up our Gray Trim paint.  
I painted the Bathroom floor.  
Water garden and lawn.

20. Wed.

Pulled weeds in front yard  
Went down town to renew our insurance on our house.  
Painted floor in shower Bath  
Called on Laura Ball, Ed Storms and ate supper with Lillian, Kenneth and Ida Kibby.  
We went to prayer meeting.

21. Thurs.

Water garden and lawn.  
Put some stuf up in attic and brought some down. Put fertilizer around the trees.  
Ate carryin supper at the church.

22. Fri.

I run the new mower over all our lot.  
Water garden and lawn.  
Ate supper at Ed Storms.

April 1955

.....

23. Sat.

Went to auction sale at Howards in Clearwater. Bought some groceries Water lawn and Garden I wrote to Dixons, and brother William Bert Wilsons called on us.

.....

24. Sun.

Grace and I ate breakfast at William Balls. Sunday School at ten and Precaching Service at eleven. We went to church

.....

25. Mon.

Drawed out our account at the bank and paid our water bill. Changed our address at Post office and Dunedin Times. Loaded the Chevrolet. Notified Florida to shut off the power.

.....

26. Tues.

Grace and I started for Ludington Mich at 6:20 AM. (45779). We got 16 miles pass Phoenix, got a cabin at Joihnson's - \$4.00; Supper \$1.00. We put in 22 gallon of gasolene - \$7.01. One quart of oil - 40 cents. 416 miles - speed 46195

.....

27. Wed.

Left Johnson's at 6-30  
Breakfast at Sylacuce 99 cents  
19 gal gasolene 5.89  
Cabin at Harris near Bowling Green  
\$3.50 - supper 1.20. Miles 381

.....

28. Thurs.

Left cabin at 6:30 A.M.

ate breakfast at Morgantown 95 cents. 18 3/4 gals gas \$5.14. 1 qt oil 40 cents

New Buffalo Cabin \$6.00 . 419 miles

.....

29. Fri.

We didn't start as early this morning. Stopped at South Haven Breakfast \$1.29 ate dinner with Bernice and their four boys.

Drove to Carlton Bensons, they took out to Marne to a sunday school class carryin supper.

.....

30. Sat.

Got up late- went up to the Saint Paul Methodist Church. Grace and I went to Clark memorial Home to see Myrtle McClathie.

.....

May 1955

1. Sun.

We went to Church and Sunday School in the forenoon.

Rested in afternoon.

I took a walk of 8 blocks

We went to church

.....

2. Mon.

We left Grand Rapids about 9:45 AM.

arrived at Floyd McDonalds 12.30.

Had dinner and supper with

McDonalds. Stayed all night and had breakfast with Clarence Burmeisters.

5 gal gasoline - \$1.50

.....

3. Tues.

It was after 10 o'clock when we left

Clarence and Helen. They gave us

Potatoes and asparagus. Ate dinner

with Elsie Fitch and supper with

Willard Tallefsons.

5 gallons gasoline - \$1.50

We went to Pamona Grange with

Clinton Parsons.

.....

4. Wed.

Got the Chevrolet greased and oil

changed. \$3.75 - 6 1/3 gallons of

gasoline - \$1.90

Grace and I called on Alex Benedick,

Sister Nora and Howard Nerhiem.

We ate supper with Ethel and children.

I went over to Charles.

.....

5. Thurs.

I wrote to George Letzkows

Bought a two gallon gasoline can and

two gallons of gasoline.

Mowed our lawn with our new power mower. Cleaned off the asparagus bed.

.....

6. Fri.

Cleaned out the quacher oil stove.

Cleaned the walls of the middle room and west room upstairs.

Cleaned the asparagus bed.

.....

7. Sat.

Started to wash the upstairs kitchen walls.

Got our groceries \$10.63.

Edith fixed mothers hair.

Grace and I took Mrs Henry Outcalt home.

.....

8. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany. I went to the Methodist. Julie and Jane stayed at church with me.

Callers were Alfhild and James

Tallefson, Ethel FGitch, Helen and

Clarence Burmeisters. Gladys Herrick left cloth for mother.

We called on Sister Nora.

.....

9. Mon.

Started to paint middle room upstairs with mist green texture paint.

Received a letter from Benrice.

Grace went to Mother and Daughter Banquet at Bethany Church.

.....

10. Tues.

Finished paint the middle room and started on the west room.

Elsie Fitch was here - brought mother a present.

.....

11. Wed.

Finished paint the west room.

Called on sister Norna.

Grace and I went to a carry in supper at

May 1955

the First Methodist Church.  
.....

12. Thurs.  
Finished wash the upstairs kitchen  
walls.  
.....

13. Fri.  
Painted the window in East end of our  
house upstairs.  
.....

14. Sat.  
Worked in the garden  
Charles and Susie Hamilton were here  
for dinner and got some flower plants.  
Grace and I called on Carl Quinn and  
took Mr and Mrs George Mallison to  
the district meeting of the Rural Letter  
Carriers at Hammitte(???)  
Received a letter from George  
Letzkow.  
.....

15. Sun.  
Took Grace to Bethany church  
I went to the First Methodist  
We called on sister Nora.  
.....

16 Mon.  
Worked in the garden.  
Painted window on east end of the  
house. Fitted the double doors  
upstairs.. Charles hauled a load of  
manure from W. Suttons for me.  
.....

17. Tues.  
Spaded the garden.  
Painted the upstairs double doors.  
Wrote check to Florida Power Corp.  
.....

18. Wed.  
Finished spade the north part of the

garden.  
We called on sister Nora.  
.....

19. Thurs.  
Raked the garden  
Set out some winter onions  
.....

20. Fri.  
Grace and I went to Scottville and  
helped with the feeding of the  
children of rural schools.  
Planted carrots. radish. beets, lettuce,  
spinich.  
.....

21. Sat.  
Went fishing down on the breakwater  
- got 30 perch.  
Planted a row of Spanish onion sets,  
sweet corn seed that Charles gave me.  
Grace and I went to Pere Marquette  
Grange  
.....

22. Sun.  
Took Grace to Bethany Church, I went  
to the 1st Methodist. Jane Cassan staid  
to Preaching Service with me.  
Mother and I was at Hiram Herricks  
for dinner.  
We called on Sister Nora.  
.....

23. Mon.  
Planted two rows of green beans.  
Met Brother Will down near the  
Electric Light office brought him home  
for dinner than took him home.  
Planted Glads and Begonias.  
.....

24. Tues.  
Planted nine packets of flower seeds.  
Worked upstairs.  
Set twelve tomatoe Plants-Profor

May 1955

Sowed tomatoe seeds - Marigold  
.....

25. Wed.  
Sent check to Mason county Press  
Sent card back to family reading club  
(Aug). Cleaned the Back Stairway.  
Grace and I called on sister Nora.  
.....

26. Thurs.  
Mowed the lawn  
Painted some window screens.  
.....

27. Fri.  
Mailed refusal card to Reading Club  
for July  
Hoed weeds in asparagus  
Trimmed the grass east side of garage.  
Marvin and Bernice Rotman and their  
four boys came about nine o'clock  
PM.  
Grace and I went over to Robert  
Hansens to a Rural Carriers meeting.  
.....

28. Sat.  
A rainy morning.  
I took Robert, David, Paul down on the  
Breakwater Fishing. Brough home  
about twenty perch. Lost one  
windshield wiper. The six Cassans and  
six Rotmans were here for dinner.  
.....

29. Sun.  
I took Bernice and her four boys to  
Sunday school and Preaching service  
at the First Methodist Church.  
I called on sister Nora.  
.....

30. Mon.  
The Rotmans left for home by way of  
Clair Michigan about 9.30 AM.  
Mother and I went to the cemetery

and to the park - ate our dinner with  
the Grant Family.  
.....

31. Tues.  
Took eleven storm windows off and  
washed the windows and put the  
screens on.  
.....

June 1955

1. Wed.

Got a windshield wiper put on the Chevrtolet. Hoed the Garden  
Grace and I took Miss(?) Woodward  
and Mrs(?) to W.C.T.W. District  
Meeting at Hart.

Grace and I went out to surprise party  
on brother Richard.

.....

2. Thurs.

Went to the Bank  
Paid Grotomack Wife Saving Station  
\$14.28 for repairs on washer.  
I worked at Herricks in the afternoon.

.....

3. Fri.

Worked in the Garden  
I called on sister Nora

.....

4. Sat.

Repaired the front storm door.  
Spaded the garden.

.....

5. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church  
I went to the 1st Methodist. Julie and  
Jane Cassan stayed to preaching  
service.

Grace and I called at the hospital and  
seen Rex Jones, Mr. Kelly, Robert  
Magnason, Mrs Green, and Mrs Albert  
Swanson.

We went to the cemetary  
We called on sister Nora.

.....

6. Mon.

I went to the Green House, Post Office  
and to George's Appliance.  
Mowed the Lawn  
Hoed Asparagus.  
We ate supper at James Cassans, they

gave me a nice shirt for my  
birthday.<sup>15</sup> Charles and Elsie came up  
there and gave me 3 pair of nice  
socks.

.....

7. Tues.

Repair front storm door.  
Grace and I went on the mystery ride  
with Clinto Parson's to Victory Town  
Hall.

.....

8. Wed.

Spaded garden by oil house.  
Bought one dozen Bonnie Best  
Tomatoe Plants and one dozen Early  
Rugers. - 72 cents. and set them.  
I called on sister Nora - left Grace at  
Clifford Johnson's.

Rained.

.....

9. Thurs.

Rained some.  
Put band iron on west storm door and  
painted it.  
Hoed in Garden.  
Went to the graduating exercise of  
Joyce Herrick's Class.<sup>16</sup>

.....

10. Fri.

Took Grace over to Willard Talifsons.  
Spaded garden.  
Grace and I went to the Funeral of  
Arthur Bigsby.  
Got about \$7. groceries.

.....

11. Sat.

Rained all day  
Cleaned up my work bench in the  
garage.  
Went down and paid electric bill \$6.88  
Took my pocket watch in to get fixed.

June 1955

.....  
12 Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church, I went to the 1st Methodist. Hazel was here for dinner.

We went to our church to Morris Brown and Nita Herrick's wedding.<sup>17</sup> Grace and I called on sister Nora.

.....  
13. Mon.

Started to paint our bed room with texture- blue pottery.

.....  
14. Tues.

Worked at the bed-room until noon. I went to Rustus Batesa Funeral. Mowed the lawn  
Grace went to a meeting at Parker Kirkbridges.

We received a letter from Oscar White telling of his father's death.

.....  
15. Wed.

Painted in the bed room  
Carlton and Gertrude Benson was her for supper. Grace and I called on sister Nora.

.....  
16. Thurs.

Finished paint bed room  
Hoed the garden  
Sister Estella Hansen<sup>18</sup> came down and we went out to Charles Hamiltons for supper.  
We left Estella at Charles Jr's, while we went to Fred Lageson's open house. 25 years married.

.....  
17. Fri.

Rev. Runkel and I called on sister Nora.

Estella, Grace and I took Willie out to his place and ate dinner with them- after dinner we went over to Bert Filer's and seen Clara Grover.

.....  
18. Sat.

Pulled out some bridle weath bushes south of the house.

Hoed in the garden.

Thined the spinach.

Got groiceries and Edith fixed mother's hair.

.....  
19. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church.

I went to 1st Methodist

In the afternoon we went to a farewell party on Rev. Emil Runkel.

Called on sister Nora.

Grace and I went out to the Roadside Park in Summit and ate supper with Arnold Grant and Robert Hansen families.

.....  
20. Mon.

Trimmed spirea bushes and set some Petunias south of the house.

Watered some garden.

Took mother to Bethany Church.

Wrote to george Letzkow.

.....  
21. Tues.

Mowed thelawn.

Trimmed Spires bushes.

Put fertilizer 10-10-10 on east part of our lawn. Watered lawn and garden.

.....  
22. Wed.

Wrote to Clifford Dixon's

Hoed Garden

thined some beets.

June 1955

Trimmed the spirea bushes.  
I called Claude Bailey and Brfuce Bailey.  
Grace and I called on sister Nora.  
.....  
23. Thurs.  
Trimmed the Lilacs and maple tree. Hoed weeds in asparagus. Water flowers and some garden.  
.....  
24. Fri.  
Thined the spinach. Set a row of marigold plants.  
Edith came and got some Petunia and Marigold plants.  
Grace and I went to the funeral of Marius Obel  
.....  
25. Sat.  
Worked in the flower garden.  
Mr and Mrs Ed Stornz from Dunedin Fl were here for dinner.  
Got our groceries and my pocket watch. Grace and I were hostess at our grange.  
.....  
26. Sun.  
Took Grace to Bethany Church.  
I went to 1st Methodist.  
I called on sister Nora.  
Grace and I called at rye Funeral Home to see Gust Nelson and at Dorrell's Funeral Home to see Howard Cowell.  
Gertrude Benson called in a few minutes.  
.....  
27. Mon.  
Moved some things in our basement.  
Grace and I went to the funeral of Gust Nelson. Mr Henry Jacobs was here, we gave him \$3. for the

International Student.  
Took a load of sand from our basement, water lawn and garden.  
.....  
28. Tues  
Painted the floor out side Kitchen Door where we keep our washing machine.  
Hoed some garden. We ate supper at arnold grants in their back yard.  
.....  
29. Wed.  
Worked in the garden.  
Transplanted about 20 tomatoe plants.  
Grace and I went to the funeral of Peter A. Nelson. We called on Ed Fortune  
We called on sister Nora  
.....  
30. Thurs.  
Painted the floor outside kitchen door the second coat. Worked in the garden.  
.....

July 1955

1. Fri.

Mowed our lawn  
The mower runs better after Charles  
adjusted it.  
Went to the bank.

Called at Butler Funeral Home  
Got our groceries, called at Edith's  
Pearl Benjamen was here a little while.

2. Sat.

Transplanted flower plants, took some  
to Alice. Cut the rest of our spinach.  
James Talifson came for some.  
We went to the funeral of Mrs Andrew  
Forsleff.

3. Sun.

I went with Grace to the Bethany  
Church, we were committe to  
welcome people.  
We ate our dinner at water works Park  
with Chinnery's, Burmeister's and  
Cassan's.  
Grace and I went to the Golden  
Wedding of Joe Spencers, we called on  
Mrs Arthur Sherick and sister Nora.

4. Mon.

Put fertilizer on Lettuce by garage on  
some tomatoes, beans and carrots.  
Layed around in the afternoon.

5. Tues.

Mowed the lawn.  
Grace and I went to see Dr. Pautus.  
Grace and I took Clinton and Mollie  
Parsons to Parson's Grange at  
Harmony Grange Hall.

6. Wed.

Made four trips to James Cassan's

with sand from our basement.

Grace and I ate supper at the water  
works Park with Arnold Grants and  
Alfhild.

Water flowers.

7. Thurs.

Made three trips with sand from the  
basement. Put copper plate ob toilet  
seat.

8. Fri.

Grace and I took our power lawn  
mower down to Clarence Burmesiters  
and mowed their front yard.  
Mother picked a lug and a half of  
cherries + I picked three lugs.

9. Sat.

Picked lettuce, thinned a few beets,  
hoed the flowers.  
Got our groceries \$8. plus 8 gal gas.  
a 3/4 inch shutoff valve - \$2  
We wrote Bernice Rotman  
Grace's cousin Alfred Jacobson wife  
and two sons were here for supper  
and staid all night.

10. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church - I went  
to the First Methodist.  
We had a carryin dinner at the  
Waterworks Park.  
Grace and I called on sister Nora and  
at Robert Albrechts

11. Mon.

Put a 3/4 inch pipe through the north  
wall of the cellar witha shut off valve  
inside and a faucet on the outside.  
Grace and I went to a party on sister

July 1955

Nora at Rockwell Hayes'

.....

12. Tues.

Grace and I went to Clarence  
Burmesiters - visited and picked  
cherries with them.

We brought Ethel two lugs.

.....

13. Wed.

Picked some lettuce. Mowed lawn,  
hoed garden - pulled batchar buttons.  
Wrote to Clifford Dixons and Oscar  
White.

I called on sister Nora

.....

14. Thurs.

Took out the bathroom window.  
Took Grace to a WSCS at Harold  
Gallies.

Water lawn and garden.

.....

15. Fri.

Worked at bathroom window.  
Cleaned three paint brushes.  
GOt about \$9.00 in groceries.  
Paid water bill - \$7.35  
Received a letter from Mrs Bart  
Wilson.

.....

16. Sat.

Worked at the bathroom window.  
McDonalds came and we went down  
and watched the parade.  
Went to waterworks Park - ate supper  
with Chinnerys, Cassans, McDonalds,  
Lucile Gatke, Rotmans came as we  
were about done eating.

.....

17. Sun.

Took Robert, David, and Paul Rotman  
to sunday school and preaching.

Bernice came to preaching service.  
Grace and I went out to grange hall to  
help with the dinner for the class of  
1920.

We called on sister Nora

.....

18. Mon .

Bought a pair of Butts hinges and put  
them on the bath room door.  
Cleaned 5 paint brushes.

.....

19. Tues.

Put windows in bathroom and stated  
to paint the woodwork.  
Hoed a little in the garden, but it was  
88 in the shade.

.....

20. Wed.

Painted woodwork in bathrooms  
mowed the lawn.  
Rented the upstairs to Dennis  
Alexander.  
Grace and I ate supper at Charles and  
Elsies.  
We called on sister Nora.

.....

21. Thurs.

Brought the washer in.  
Picked beans and snipped them.  
90 in the shade and thats where I sat.  
Watered lawn and garden.

.....

22. Fri.

Hoed some garden  
Worked a little in our basement  
Got Groceries \$7.00  
Edith fixed mothers hair.

.....

23. Sat.

Cleaned up basement  
We went to aparty on Mrs kenneth

July 1955

Kibbey at the Waterworks Park  
Grace and I went to the Gleaner  
meeting at Harold Williamsons in  
Victory.

.....

24. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church, I went  
to the First Methodists.  
We were asked over to John Wyants to  
visit with Estella Hansen . Estella gave  
Grace a rag carpet rug.  
We called on sister Nora

.....

25. Mon.

Worked at cleaning upstairs in garage.  
Grace and I ate supper with Gunder  
Johnsons at middle Bayou on Hamlin  
Lake. Water lawn and garden.

.....

26. Tues.

Picked lettuce and beans  
Pulled a pail full of beets.  
Worked in basement  
I took Alexanders out to Herricks for ride.

.....

27. Wed.

Worked upstairs in the garage  
cleaning up. We wrote George  
Letzkows in Dunedin.  
Grace and I called on Sister Nora

.....

28. Thurs.

Worked upstairs in the garage one half  
day cleaning up. I paid telephone and  
bill at reliance Plumbing for repair  
upstairs.  
We ate supper with the Johnsons at  
Hamlin Lake.

.....

29. Fri.

Cleaned upstairs in garage 1/2 day

Layed down a couple of hours. Its real  
warm.

.....

30. Sat.

Cleaned upstairs in garage a 1/2 day  
Went to city park played shuffle board  
We ate supper at waterworks Park  
with the Grange.  
Water lawned and garden.

.....

31. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church, I went  
to the First methodist. We called on  
sister Nora, Mrs Baughman was there  
We went to picnic supper of Bethany  
Church at Waterworks Park

August 1955

.....  
1. Mon.  
Worked upstairs in garage 1/2 day.  
Took Mrs Carpenter and clothes down  
to laundry. Mowed the lwan.  
I went out to Herrick's Factory.  
Water lawn and garden.  
.....  
2. Tues.  
Worked in garage.  
Painted window and frame upstairs in  
garage.  
Watered garden and lawn.  
Grace and I called on Alice Chinnery.  
.....  
3. Wed.  
Put the acreen door on the upstairs.  
Elsie Henry called on us. Charles  
Roger<sup>19</sup> helped me some dismantling  
starter and generator.  
Grace and I called on sister Nora.  
.....  
4. Thurs.  
Pulled the rest of the beets and  
mother canned five quarts.  
Carried some stuff upstairs in garage.  
Bought over \$11. in groceries.  
Put spring on upstairs screen door.  
.....  
5. Fri.  
Cleaned some in garage.  
Took Chinnerys towing tackle over to  
their house, also fireless cooker.  
Painted window second coat.  
Water lawn and garden.  
.....  
6. Sat.  
Grace and I went to Pamona Grange  
Picnic Dinner at Summit Township  
Park. Called on James Mortons, Robert  
Squire, and John Booth.

About 50 of Grace's relativces had a  
fish supper at Summit Park. Grace and  
I made coffee and used 1 1/2 pounds.  
.....  
7. Sun.  
I went with Grace to Bethany Church.  
Carlton Benson preached.  
The Johnson Family had a picnic  
dinner at the Waterworks Park.  
We went to Jacob Lundes Golden  
Wedding.  
We called on sister Nora  
.....  
8. Mon.  
Got our Chevrolet greased and oiled  
483. Put window in upstairs garage.  
mowed lawn.  
.....  
9. Tues.  
Cleaned up some in the garage.  
We had a picnic supper at the  
Waterworks Park with Grants, Kenneth  
Tabors, Ras...? Hansen and Myrtle  
Johnson.  
Watered lawn and garden.  
.....  
10. Wed.  
Worked in the garage and in the  
basement.  
Took Grace down town and over to  
Arnold Grants.  
Pulled weeds. Water Lawn and Garden,  
We had a picnic supper at Waterworks  
Park with Clifford Johnsons, Jacob  
Lunde and Rasmus Hansen and <yrtle  
Johnson.  
I called on sister Nora  
.....  
11. Thurs.  
Picked lettuce. Worked in garage.  
Bought two sackls of cement. \$3.61

August 1955

Water lawn and garden.  
.....

12. Fri.

Emptied the fuel oil in containers on the ground and removed the posts. Watered lawn and garden. We went down to Arnold Grants. It is Debbie's Birthday. Sent two birthday cards to sister Anna.<sup>20</sup>  
.....

13. Sat.

Charles brought his trailer and we went to Abrahamsons and get 1/3 yard gravel. Charles W. and son Charles Roger came and laid the floor for our oil tank. Watered garden and lawn.  
.....

14. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church I went to the First Methodist, about 30 of us had a picnic dinner at the waterworks Park for Rev. A. Boggs and family. Grace and I called on sister Nora and Ed Storms.  
.....

15. Mon.

Grace and I took Rev. Boggs and family to the State Park and to north Bayou on Hamilton Lake . We all ate dinner at our house and I took them out to Herrick's factory. Watered lawn and garden. Grace and I went out to Fred Hansens, Hazen Deans were there.  
.....

16. Tues.

Went down to the city Market and got two dozen Sweet Corn and 25 cents of Tomatoes, and \$1.86 groceries. We had Deans, Estella and Janice

Hansen to Waterworks Park for dinner.  
.....

17. Wed.

Worked in the garage. Retailed on east side of garage Watered lawn and garden. I called on sister Nora.  
.....

18. Thurs.

Worked in the garage - took two model T. steering columns apart. Put a sleeve on the water pipe through the north wall of the basement. Plastered up around pipes Grace and I called on Steve Nerheim Mrs Keller, Mr. G. Cooper, Miss Milgard at the hospital.  
.....

19. Fri.

Grace and I went to Charles Oswald at Baldwin for dinner and supper. We had nice visit. It is warm day - 97 We called at Arnold Grants - his birthday. Watered lawn and flowers.  
.....

20. Sat.

Went to the City Market and got tomatoes - 3 pounds - 30 cents. 2 dozen corn seconds - 20 cents. We went to the wedding of Archie Paul. Called on Mary Lunde.  
.....

21. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church I went to the First Methodist. Helen and Clarence brought us some peaches. We called on sister Nora.

August 1955

.....  
22. Mon.  
Went down and paid \$95 electric  
Boarded up some on east side of  
garage. wrote to Arlene.  
Watered lawn and garden.  
.....  
23. Tues.  
Mowed the lawn.  
Oiled the alarm clock.  
Sold old scrap iron - \$20.68  
Water lawn and garden.  
.....  
24. Wed.  
Board up on east side of garage.  
Trying to rain.  
Had fire in barrel by garage.  
my bowells don't feel good.  
.....  
25. Thurs.  
Finished board up on east side of  
garage.  
Had fire in barrel by garage.  
Burnt building felt and stuff from in  
the garage.  
Grace and I called on sister Nora  
.....  
26. Fri.  
Burnt more stuff from inside garage.  
Washed the Chevrolet  
Supposed to be Rural Letter Carriers  
meeting here, but only Ed Karas's and  
Raymond and Pearl Heyse were here to  
eat supper with us.  
.....  
27. Sat.  
Washed eight window on outside  
sun porch.  
After dinner I went over to the park  
played shuffle board with Quail and  
came out second best.

Grace and I went to Pere Marquette  
Grange.  
.....  
28. Sun.  
Took Grace to Bethany Church  
I went to 1st Methodist.  
We had Ethel her four children here  
for dinner.  
Floyd, Hazel, and Louis McDonald  
were here for supper.  
Grace and I called on sister Nora.  
.....  
29. Mon.  
Painted toilet seat, small wall cabinet,  
and stand in bath room white.  
Took my Striped suit and light colored  
pants to the cleaners.  
Bought a membership ticket in the  
West Michigan Fair.  
Went over to Charles's  
.....  
30. Tues.  
Marvin and Bernice Rotman and four  
boys were here from Holland Mich.  
We took them and asked the Cassan  
Family and Elsie Fitch over to the  
Waterworks Park for dinner.  
In the afternoon we had lunch and  
asked Alice Chinnery over.  
.....  
31. Wed.  
Mowed the lawn.  
Dug hole for garbage.  
Measured the garage - it takes eight  
squares to cover the sides and ends.  
Grace and I called on Sister Nora  
.....

September 1955

1. Thurs.

Painted a little cubbard that came off a dresser. also four R.L.C.A. arrow signs. Took Grace to Jacob Lundes Wrote to Civil Service Commission Grace and I went out to the Fair.

2. Fri.

Trimed three bushes. We had Alexanders here for dinner and I took them to the bus station. They moved out. Took mother to Ediths to get a hair do. Got groceries and Christmas Presents.

3. Sat.

Outtied cellar storm window. Grace and I went to the wedding of Gerald Grant. We called on Jacob Lundes. They gave us some smoked fish.

4.. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church I went to the First Methodist Grace and I called on sister Nora.

5. Mon.

Painted celler storm window and one upstairs storm window. Put some masonite on wall by the back door.

6. Tues.

Grace and I met Willie and Floyd<sup>21</sup> Biggs near the Library, they said Anna<sup>22</sup> was failing. Grace and I went to Manly Frenchs and order 1 bushel monark plums, 1 bushel Pears, and 1/2 bushel Prunes. Called on Richard, he gave us a bushel

of macintosh apples. We met Willie at the hospital and he came home with us.

7. Wed.

Painted cellar window on one side, also painted a little on R.L.C.A. arrow signs. Willie, Grace and I went to the hospital to see Anna. Charles and Susie Hamilton were here for supper. I called on sister Nora.

8. Thurs.

Painted five storm windows on one side. Willie and I went to the hospital to see Anna. Put catch on cubbard door upstairs. Helped Charles put 4 1/2 feet pipe legs on our oil tank.

9. Fri.

Bought one quart aliumin paint and one quart of pearl gray. Painted the new oil tank aliumin. Took Willie and Grace up to see sister Nora. I called in Adam Slamkoski's Watered lawn and garden.

10. Sat.

Charles came over and worked puting braces on our oil tank legs. It took us until noon. Willie and I called on Sister Anna I visited with Mrs Ethel Puisis. We had coffee with Arnold Grants Willie and I had a visit with Norman Butler. Willie went home with John and

September 1955

Myrtle.  
.....

11. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church.  
I went to the First Methodist  
We ate dinner with Arnold Grants  
Grace and I called on sister Nora.  
Willie is with us, we went to the  
cemetary  
Ate our lunch.  
.....

12. Mon.

Bought two pipe nipples 2 x 5 \$1.08  
2 two inch caps 1.42  
38 inches 3/4 copper pipe 0.50  
Painted braces and trim on tank  
aliumin  
Willie, Grace and I went to the hospital  
to see sister Anna.  
I called on Robert Bonville.  
.....

13. Tues.

Painted part of Oil tank and braces  
pearl gray house paint.  
Willie and I went to see sister Anna.  
Willie paid Mable Witte Blue Cross  
dues.  
We got fruit from Manly French for  
Herricks, Charles Jr., and ourselves.  
Floyd and Carrie<sup>23</sup> Biggs got back from  
Detroit, they came and got Willie.  
.....

14. Wed.

Finished painted the tank and braces  
with house paint.  
Painted nine storm windows on one  
side.  
Grace and I called on sister Nora.  
.....

15. Thurs.

Bought two 3/4 inch nipples and a 3/4  
T. 52 cents. Took storm window off  
Play room and painted it. Swept sun  
porch and celler stairs.  
.....

16. Fri.

Connected up oil line to the tank and  
put in about 70 gallons we have on  
hand.  
Took mother to Bethany Church.  
.....

17. Sat.

Had a lame back so layed down all the  
morning. Better this afternoon.  
Got groceries, a hair cut \$1.25 and a  
night shirt \$3.04. Watered the flowers.  
.....

18. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church  
I went to the First Methodist.  
We ate dinner at Cassans in honor of  
the girls birthday, Burmeisters, and  
other grandparents were there.  
Burmeisters were here for lunch.  
Grace and I called on sister Nora.  
.....

19. Mon.

Grace and I canned 12 1/2 quarts of  
prunes and 41 quarts of Monark  
Plums. I put on two upstairs storm  
windows. Water some of the flowers.  
.....

20. Tues.

Put two storm windows on down stairs  
painted ten storm windows on one  
side.  
.....

21. Wed.

Cut ahead out of a steel barrel for to  
burn papers in. Put our spare tire on

September 1955

left back wheel of Chevrolet. Worked at kitchen door to get so it would open and shut better.

Grace and I called on sister Nora.

.....  
22. Thurs.

Mother and I drove down to Clarence Burmeisters. I helped him mix 10 sacks of cement for floor in south part of barn. We used cement one to five.

.....  
23. Fri.

Helped Clarence pick six bushel of Rena Claude Plums and two bushels of Elberta peaches. Cut a doorway in south part of barn and cut the two jams.

Mother and I called on and ate supper with Floyd McDonalds.

.....  
24. Sat.

Washed and put on some storm windows. Got groceries.

Grace and I went to the Pere Marquette Grange meeting.

.....  
25. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church.

I went to the First Methodist.

We had dinner at Alfred Chinnerys

Grace and I called on sister Nora.

.....  
26. Mon.

Put on the last seven storm windows.

Helped mother can fruit.

Mother made one batch of soap.

Went over to see Charles Jr.

Wrote change of address to Christian Herald, Michigan Union, National Grange Monthly, Retirement Life, The

Florida Methodist

.....  
27. Tues.

Sister Anne<sup>24</sup> died 7 A.M.

Painted the ceiling of the pantry

Grace and I were at Arnold Grants for dinner.

We called at the funeral home, then went out for a special meeting of our grange.

.....  
28. Wed.

Painted pantry

We ate dinner with Willard Talifsons

We called on sister Nora and at the funeral home.

.....  
29. Thurs.

Washed the Chevrolet

I went down to the funeral home and stayed with the folks.

Grace and I were both at the funeral home.

.....  
30. Fri.

Sent refusal of Dec. book, also change of address Sent money order for drivers license. Mother and I went to the funeral of sister Anna.

We went to Rural Letter Carriers meeting at Raymond Heyse.

October 1955

1. Sat.  
Just chored around.  
Cut a hole in Barrel by the garage.  
Put up bracketlamp in sun porch for a plant.  
Got salt pork, Beans and onions.  
Grace and I took Carl and Maude Quin and Ida Langfeld to District meeting of the RLCA<sup>25</sup> at Freesoil.

.....  
2. Sun.  
Took Grace to Bethany Church  
I went to the First Methodist.  
Grace and I was at Jacob Lunde's for dinner.  
We had Marvin and Bernice Rotman, the Cassan family, Charles and elsie Fitch for supper.  
Grace and I called on sister Nora.

.....  
3. Mon.  
Dug up our glads  
Trimed the tops of the spirea.  
Spaded a little in the garden.  
Paid taxes, water and telephone Bills.  
Sent change of address to Civil Service Commission, Farm Journal, Town Journal, Christian Advocate, Guide Posts, Patron, R.L. Carrier.

.....  
4. Tues.  
Painted in pantry  
Sent change of address to Dunedin Post Office.  
Grace and I took Parsons and Mrs Mathews to Pomona Grange at Pere Marquette Hall.

.....  
5. Wed.  
This is a wet day.  
Finished paint Pantry

I called on Sister Nora.  
.....  
6. Thurs.  
Put the shelves back in the pantry.  
Sent change of address to Social Security.  
I called on Charles W. Jr.

.....  
7. Fri.  
Got our groceries  
Put a new light switch in dining room  
Put a door on cupboard in pantry.  
Mended my jacket.  
Rained off and on all day

.....  
8. Sat.  
Put a gascut on cold water faucet in wash basin.  
a fine day

Rested  
Wrote a little in family record.

.....  
9. Sun.  
Took Grace to Bethany Church  
I went to the First Methodist  
We went out to see sister Estella Hanson and stayed for supper.  
We called on sister Nora.  
This was a nice fall day.

.....  
10. Mon.  
Brought the washer in for Grace  
Put an advertisement - 2 four rooms furnished apartments for rent in the Ludington Daily News.  
Asked Dr. Morris about tightening my teeth.  
I went out and called on Willie and richard. He gave me a nice basket of grapes.

another nice day

October 1955

.....  
 11. Tues.  
 Spaded in the garden a little.  
 I went to cemetery  
 Called on Ethel Cassan  
 Took Grace over to Clifford Johnsons.  
 .....  
 12. Wed.  
 Covered a foot stool with light colored  
 plastic.  
 Worked at our family history.  
 Ethel typed, one for Charles Fitch Sr,  
 Gladys M. herrick - Alice R. Chinnery  
 and Charles W. Fitch Jr.  
 Grace and I called on sister Nora and  
 Charles W. Fitch Jr.  
 .....  
 13. Thurs.  
 Put more tacks in Foot stool and  
 painted it.  
 Patched up hole in Brick wall by  
 outside Cellarway.  
 .....  
 14. Fri.  
 I have a touch of the flu.  
 Layed in the bed all the forenoon.  
 In the afternoon I took Grace over to  
 Charles Gatfield on Gaylord Ave. I  
 went to Hamlin to see brother Willie.  
 .....  
 15. Sat.  
 Grace had a pain in her side all night  
 and I feel sore all over.  
 We went down and got our groceries.  
 We called on Robert Car?-s and Mrs  
 Henry, also at Dorrel Funeral Home to  
 see Mrs Henry Amoret.  
 Grace is better.  
 .....  
 16. Sun.  
 Grace went to Sunday School

I didnt feel like going.  
 There were 31 of our family here for  
 supper.  
 .....  
 17. Mon.  
 Just laying around to day  
 Painting a Doll Buggy  
 Took mother over to Arnold Grants.  
 Paid our electric bill - \$7.30  
 Got our pants from the cleaners.  
 .....  
 18. Tues.  
 Just laying around  
 I called on sister Nora  
 .....  
 19. Wed.  
 Just laying around and don't feel like  
 working.  
 My back hurts.  
 Grace and I went to Pere Marquette  
 Grange.  
 .....  
 20. Thurs.  
 Charles came over and we sawed what  
 wood was in the basement.  
 Picked some ripe and green Tomatoes.  
 Washed the Chevrolet.  
 Put a glass oin one of the upper doors  
 in the garage.  
 Grace and I called on sister Nora and  
 spent the evening at George Hollicks.  
 .....  
 21. Fri.  
 Put a glass in one upstairs door in the  
 garage.  
 Grace and I drove to Grand Rapids and  
 are to stay with Rev. and Mrs. Carlton  
 Benson over Sunday.  
 We found them well.  
 .....  
 22. Sat.

October 1955

I am still not much good.  
Back and sides are sore.  
We rode down town with Gertrude.  
Gertrude took us down town to look  
for a used Portable Sewing Machine  
but they were too high price to suit  
our pocket book.

.....  
23. Sun.  
We all went to sunday School and  
Church Service.  
Had the heat pad on my back this  
afternoon.  
We went to church.  
It hailed some about seven o'clock.

.....  
24. Mon.  
We are ready to start for Holland at  
9:30 AM. -?- the Chevrolet won't start.  
Carliton shoved us two blocks and she  
wouldn't start.  
Had the Willys Garage Charge the  
Battery, we got away at Eleven. Ate  
dinner with Bernice and Boys . We got  
back to Ludingtonat five o'clock.  
We attended Grange State Convention  
at the Methodist Church.  
Rained some today.

.....  
25. Tues.  
Got up late with a back ache.  
Went to Rockwell Hayes and got  
Brother Willie and we called on Sister  
Nora.  
Willie was with us for dinner.  
We met Johnie at the Factory and he  
took his Father to his place.<sup>26</sup>

.....  
26. Wed.  
I took Grace down to the First  
Methodist Church to peal potatoes for

the Grange Banquet.  
I took brother Willie out to his house  
to look over some old papers to help  
me our Family History.  
We brought home a small trunk Father  
made perhaps 75 years ago.

.....  
27. Thurs.  
Grace and I went to the Pere  
Marquette Hall and helped get  
Breakfast for over a hundred  
Grangers.  
We went to Doctor Paukatus in the  
afternoon.  
We went to John Fitch's at Hamlin  
Lake for supper.

.....  
28. Fri.  
Took 4100.00 out of the bank.  
Bought a pair pants for \$9.75  
Paid Telephone Bill  
Grace and I took Carl and Maude  
Quin, Ida Langfeldt and Mrs George  
Mallison to Mason County Rural  
Carriers Meeting at Ed Karras's at  
Freesoil.

.....  
29. Sat.  
Drained the upstairs water pipes.  
Took mother down to Josephines  
Got Edith, she helped mother clean  
House. I ate dinner with Cassans.  
Mother and I were at Herricks for  
supper.

.....  
30. Sun.  
I took Grace to Bethany Church  
I went to the 1st Methodist.  
We ate dinner with Grants and  
Tallifsons at Grants.  
We called on Sister Nora and Ethel

October 1955

Benjamin.

.....

31. Mon.

Got the Chevrolet greased and oil  
change.

Went to Herricks, Charles Jr. and  
Cassans and bid them goodbye.

Loaded Chevrolet.

Alice called to bid us good bye.

Treated about 30 children with candy  
kisses.

Rented our downstairs to Kenneth D.  
Ebody.

.....

November 1955

1. Tues.

We left home at 6 o'clock a.m./ for the South. Ate pancakes and coffee at Saugatuck, Mich. 87 cents. 20 gallons gas \$5.89 - Supper \$1.55. Cabin at Loogootee, Ind \$5.00. Stopped on side of road at Michigan City in hard rain and ate peanut sandwich. Rained all afternoon. drove 445 miles. We are on 231 from Lafayette, Ind.

2. Wed.

We left cabin about seven o'clock in the rain. Had toast Egg and Bacon coffee at Huntingburg \$1.00. Ten gallons gasoline \$2.85 - oil 45. We stopped at Hazen Deans in Owensboro Kentucky for about 4 hours. Ate dinner with them. Cabin at Westmoreland Kirhes \$2.55. Supper and one quart milk \$1.65. Rained lightly half the day. Roads good - are still on U.S. 231.

3. Thurs.

Left cabin 6-30 A.M. Breakfast at Lebuon \$1.03- ate our lunch in Alabama at noon. 23 gal gasoline today \$7.01. Oil one quart 40 cents. Supper at Phenix \$1.65 Oysters. Cabin \$4.12. We drove 415 miles today.

4. Fri.

Left Phenix Ala about 7 o'clock A.M. Breakfast at Richland GA \$1.34. We ate our lunch in Northern Fla. 17 gallons gasoline \$5.36 - Oil 45c. 400 miles today. Our next neighbor Berckbeck had us in for supper.

5. Sat.

We went to Post office, City Hall, Bank, Chamber of Commerce and Groceries \$11.05. Strap for watch \$1.03. Dug out sand burrs, trimmed Palm Tree. Mrs Lee Jackson brought coffee and cake. George Letzkow brought us fish.

6. Sun.

Grace and I found a flat tire on the Chevrolet so we walked to church. Layed down a little while, then Mr and Mrs Bert Wilson came here and was here for lunch. George Letxkow came in and spent the evening. Mailed card to Alice and letter to Herricks.

7. Mon.

There was still fire in the heater this morning. Got a grease job and oil change and a tire patched. \$5.00. Pulled some weeds in backyard. Put mail box on a new 4 x 4 post. Mrs Robertson called in. Letters to Alfhild, Bernice, Arlene, Charles.

8. Tues.

Hired a rotary Power Mower and went over our whole lot. Took a hour and three quarters - I paid \$2.00. Mr and Mrs Joe Miller called. Also, Ray and Mrs Vandermark. Mailed letters to Gertrude Benson, Nora Hayes, Elsie Henry, Hazel McDonald.

9. Wed.

Grace and I went to Retired Postal Employees Dinner meeting at Clearwater Beach. Sent letters :Edith Grant, Willard

November 1955

Tallisson and Clarence Burmeister.  
.....

10. Thurs.

Took Grace down to the Methodist Church. Carried the peaches out of the garage. Put our hand lawn mower together. Wrote to Alfred Chinnerys, Charles W. Fitch Jr., Carlton benson, James Cassan, Ellen Paul.  
.....

11. Fri.

Trimed Turks Cap by South Window. Dug snad burrs in our parkway. Got a hair cut at Howard's for 45 cents and 100 pounds of fertilizer \$1.94.

We went to the V.F.W. Fish Supper \$1.00

Wrote to Lowell Beach, Elsie Fitch. Sent refused of Jan. Book.  
.....

12. Sat.

Raked in the yard.

Went down and got \$5.00 groceries.

A fountain pen \$1.00

We called at Will Balls.  
.....

13. Sun.

Grace and I went to the nine o'clock Service and Sunday Scool at ten.

Mother wrote some letters. I addressed Christmas cards.

We called on Roy VanNortwicks.  
.....

14. Mon.

Raked front yard.

Ralph Blackman took me to Chamber of Commerce Dinner.

Paid Community Chest \$5.00

Trimmed some bushes.

Wrote to Charles Oswalds.  
.....

15. Tues.

Wrote the family History of my Parents - John Henry fitch and wife.

Bought one half-bushel of oranges 65 cents. Wrote to sister Nora Bell.  
.....

16. Wed.

Mailed some flowers to sister Nora.

Cut sprouts off the cherry trees.

Copied the family histroy that I had written of my parents.

Sent \$1.00 to Father Flanigans School.

\$1.00 to Pnellas T.B. seals.  
.....

17. Thurs.

Dug up our parkway to kill the weed and seed.

Addressed a few Christmas cards.

Wrote a check to Consumers Power Company.  
.....

18. Fri.

Sawed a little wood.

Charles and Mrs. Oswald and Mary called on us right after dinner.

Grace packed up a lunch and we went down to Dunedin Park to eat our Supper.

Grace bought 18 Christmas Cards.

Grace and I called on George Stearns.  
.....

19. Sat.

George Letzkow brought us a fish.

We went downtown. Grace bought about ninety Christmas Cards. I got 5 pounds of Rye grass seed -95 cents.

Lettuce seed 15 cents, Plant Hormone 25 cents, 25 pounds of cow manure \$1.25.

Planted watermelons and lettuce.  
.....

November 1955

20. Sun.

Grace and I went to the nine o'clock Preaching Service and Sunday School after.

Wrote to the Rotman Family.

We called on Theodore McCumber and his housekeeper.

21. Mon.

George Letzkows Birthday.

Addressed about 50 Christmas Cards.

Watered lettuce and melons.

We spent the Evening at Letzkows.

22. Tues.

Raked the back yard.

Put an advertisement in Dunedin Paper . apartment for Rent.

Started to write Cassans.

We called for Morris Lyon's.

George Letzkow gave us a couple of fish.

23. Wed.

Mowed in the backyard.

Finished the letter to Cassans with the History of John Henry Fitch, the second generation in it.

George and Mamie Sterns were here in the evening.

24. Thurs.

Grace and I ate a picnic Dinner at William Fredericks with thirteen others.

Bert and Anna Wilson, Austin and Pauline Hank and Sister Bertha were here in the evening.

25. Fri.

We was just kinda lazy this afternoon.

George Letzkow took me up to Fred Ericksons to see new boat he is building.

We received letters from Grace's three daughters.

26. Sat.

Grace and I called on Lillian Kibby.

Got our Groceries and 8 gallons gasoline \$1.92.

Received a letter from Gladys Herrick.,

Went with George to Palm Harbor but got no fish.

27. Sun.

Grace and I got up at seven o'clock went to the nine o'clock Preaching Service and Sunday School at ten. We had a fish for dinner.

Wrote a few cards and a letter to sister Nora.

28. Mon.

Sent a check for our Dunedin taxes. \$1.00 for Michigan T.B. stamps.

Bought 60 more Christmas Cards.

Sent change of address to the Michigan Farmer.

Berkbecks asked us over to see television.

29. Tues.

It's 40 outside but nice and warm inside. Sewed a patch on the collar of my Even Day jacket.

30. Wed.

Wrote three letters in the Christmas Cards. Percy Gates, Harry Gates and Naomi Banister.

November 1955

George Letzkow took us to Largo to  
see the County Agent.

.....

December 1955

1. Thurs

Grace and I went to Charles Oswalds at Sulfer Springs for Fish Dinner.

We stopped at the 5-8-0 Trailer Park to see Vorher's

Received letters from Hattie Yound, Will Fitch and Ethel Cassan

.....  
2. Fri.

We had a picnic dinner at our city park with Bert Wilsons and Austin Houcks.

Water flowers and trees.

Received a letter from William Fitch.

Wrote to William Fitch.

.....  
3. Sat.

Wrote Letters.

Received letters from Hattie Young.

George Letzkow took me fishing at Palm Harbor, he snagged three fish.

.....  
4. Sun.

Grace and I went to the nine o'clock preaching service and sunday school after.

Wrote letters.

Went to church.

.....  
5. Mon.

Sowed rye grass between curb and sidewalk and watered it. Received twn letter mail from Elsie Fitch, Donna Fitch, Gertrude Benson, Ludington City

Treasurer.

Grace and I went fishing but no fish.

.....  
6. Tues.

Sowed rye grass in front yard and watered it.

Received letters from Bernice and

David Rotman, Card of Charles R. and Becca and Roy and Donna Sending the Ludington Daily.

George took me fishing but we caught none.

.....  
7. Wed.

Mailed letters to Rockwell Hayes,

Charles Hamilton and Carlton

Chinnery. Paid Dunedin Water Bill.

Went fishing and left them in the water.

.....  
8. Thurs.

Watered the rye grass.

Went to the bank. Mailed 21 letters.

Bought 150 three cent stamps and 50-2 cent stamps. Wrote letters

.....  
9. Fri.

Wrote letters.

.....  
10 Sat.

Wrote some more letters.

George Lutzkow went with me over near the new U.S. Highway 19 to get wood, we got a full auto load.

.....  
11. Sun.

Grace and I went to the nine o'clock preaching service and Sunday School at ten.

.....  
12. Mon.

Stomach and Bowells still hurt on the bed most of the day. Groege took

Grace down to the Church Mrs Birk

Beck called on me, also Mrs Westerly.

Mr Berk Beck brought in some Pepto Bismal.

.....

December 1955

13. Tues.  
I am feeling a lot better.  
We called on George Sterns.  
We voted.  
Bought some Pepto Bismol and Milk of Magnesia. George and I went after another load of wood and a tank of gas. Callers today Laura Ball, Mr and Mrs Roy VanNortwick.

14. Wed.  
Grace and I went to the all States Retired Postal Employees Club Dinner Meeting at Clearwater Church.  
Web wrote Christmas Letters.

15. Thurs.  
We wrote letters all day and mailed about 50.

16. Fri.  
Finished get out Christmas Cards  
Mailed.  
Hoed the Lettuce and summer squash.

17. Sat.  
Planted onion sets and radish.  
Worked at an Electric Plate.  
Called at George Sterns.

18. Sun.  
Grace and I went to the nine o'clock Preaching Service and Sunday School at ten.  
We called on a Norwegian Lady and Erwin Clarks.  
We went to church.

19. Mon.  
Raked in front yard and north of house. George and I went for a ride

north east of Tarpon Springs.  
Grace and I spent the evening at Mrs Lee Jenkins.

20. Tues.  
We went downtown and got a string of lights for our Christmas tree, also some decorations.

Washed the Chevrolet. Raked in the front yard.  
A Norwegian Lady was here in the afternoon.

21. Wed  
Raked South of the House  
Went down and got a wall plug in receptacle and installed it.  
Received a package from Tallifsons.  
We called on Wm Mercereaw.

22. Thurs.  
Wired one end of a double electric plate.  
Raked in the back yard.  
We called on Roy VanNortwicks and Austin Horeks.  
Received a package from Ludington, no name on it. Received a letter from Elsie Fitch telling us Dale Ebody had moved out of our house.

23. Fri.  
Wrote to Elsie Fitch  
Got our groceries.  
Spaded a little spot to set lettuce.  
Received a package from Holland.

24. Sat.  
Set two rows of lettuce.  
Watered lawn and garden.  
Opened a real nice lot of Christmas

December 1955

presents.

Went up to let Austin Houks know about the party at Morris Lyons. Grace and I went to the Party at Lyon's

.....  
25 Sun.

Grace and I went to the nine o'clock Preaching Service and Sunday School at ten.

Rested a lot.

Wrote to Charles W. Jr. , Carlton Benson's Sister Nora Bell Hayes.

.....  
26. Mon.

Grace and I went by the way of Clearwater to Philippi Park to a Picnic Dinner of mostly Mason County People.

We asked Harold Fitch's Family to come over for lunch.

Harold's family and Garce came and had lunch with us.

.....  
27. Tues.

Watered lawn and garden.

Wrote to the Ludington City Water Dept that our house was vacant.

Grace and I went to the Penny Store in Clearwater exchanged my pants and Grace's stockings and slip.

We called on Harold Fitch's.

.....  
28. Wed.

I went for a ride with george Lutzkow to St. Petersburg. He bought a 3 year 12 volt car battery for \$18.00.

Mother and I wrote to Alfred Chinnery's, Willard Tallifson's and Hiram Herrick's.

We went down to our church to hear the Kennedy Family Play.

.....  
29. Thurs.

We wrote to Clarence Burmeister's, Roy Henry's and Morris Brown.

I went for a ride with george Lutzkow north of Dunedin Isles. While I was away Junins Houks, Martin Schwass and Andrew Fisher Came.

Grace and I went with Harold Fitch's to see Christmas Lights on the Million Dollar Pier at St. Petersburg.

.....  
30. Fri.

Watered the lawn.

Pressed out a can of Orange juice.

Wrote to Marvin Rotmans, James Cassans and Arnold Grants.

We went down and got groceries \$6.00

.....  
31. Sat.

Transplanted some lettuce.

Planted some Zenias and ?

Watered garden and Lawn.

Peeled some Guavas.

George and I went down King's Highway and got some wood.

.....  
**Summary**

At the end of the diary was the following summary.

Sick and Shut in Calls

from Aug 1, 1954 to Aug 1, 1955 103

Cards and Letters 28

Sick and Shutins Nov 1, 55 100

Cards Nov 1 54 to Nov 55 30

-----  
**FOOTNOTES**

- 1 Charles Wesley Fitch would have been 76 at the beginning of this year (b. 6 Jun 1878)
- 2 The book used for this years diary only indicated the month and day. It did not indicate the day of the week. We have taken editorial license for clarity to add the day of the week.
- 3 Wife Grace
- 4 Daughter Alice and husband Alfred Chinnery
- 5 Daughter Gladys and husband Hiram Herrick
- 6 Daughter Elsie and husband Roy Henry
- 7 Granddaughter Betty Herrick and husband Ronald DeCicco
- 8 Granddaughter Nita Herrick
- 9 Daughter Helen and husband Clarence Burmeister.
- 10 Granddaughter
- 11 Daughter-in-law Elsie, wife of son Charles
- 12 Daughter Ethel and husband James Cassan
- 13 Daughter Bernice and husband Marvin Rotman.
- 14 Nora Belle Hayes
- 15 bd. June 6, 1878, so this would be his 77th.
- 16 Granddaughter Joyce Herrick daughter of Gladys and Hiram Herrick.
- 17 Granddaughter Nita Herrick, m. June 12, 1955. Daughter of Hiram and Gladys Herrick.
- 18 Estella Hansen nee Rose, sister of Ethel Vivian Rose first wife of Charles.
- 19 Grandson Charles Roger Fitch
- 20 Do not know to whom he is referring as he did not have a sister Anna. Whether Grace did we do not know.
- 21 Floyd Biggs, son-in-law of William (Willie) and Anna Fitch
- 22 Anna Mae Hurthle, wife of Willie
- 23 Carrie Mae Fitch, daughter of Willie and Anna
- 24 Anna Mary Fitch nee Hurthle (b. 13 Aug 1874), wife of William Fitch.

25 Rural Letter Carrier Association.

26 Probably John Henry Fitch(b. 28 Feb 1904) son of William Fitch (Willie)