

The 1959 Journal of
Charles Wesley Fitch

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Introduction

Charles Wesley Fitch maintained daily journals or diaries, if you will. The 1905 Diary - grandpa refers to them as diarie. 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. 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 punctuation as recorded in the diary, except for adding periods or hyphens to separate entries for clarity purposes.

Special thanks to Laura Lagana for transcribing this [1958] journal. Laura is a grand niece of Charles Fitch.

Donald Chinnery
January 5, 2006

January 1959

From the Cassan Children¹ for
Christmas 1958
Charles W. Fitch

January

1. Thurs.

A damp day but warm.
We wrote to Charles W. Fitch, Jr.
Mother fed me 3 good meals.
I took it easy. We opened about 40
letters.

2. Fri.

George Litzkow called a little while in the
evening.
Callers today Mr. and Mrs. Al Ding
Mr. and Mrs. Harper
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Van Nortwick and
George Litzkow
and Bell Birtbeck.

3. Sat.

I haven't been out of doors since I came
home.
Grace and I went down town.
Frances Hayward came took us to
Tampa to see the
Oswalds. We bought 6 lb. olio at 15
cents, corn beef at
39 cents, eggs at 49c at the big barn.
Frances stayed all night with us.

4. Sun.

I took Grace and Lucile Abrahamson
down to church, they walked home.
I started a letter to Gladys Herrick.
Bell Birtbeck brought the Clearwater Sun
in,
and Mrs. Harper brought us the St.
Petersburg Times.
Mr. and Mrs. Chip Chase called on us.

5. Mon.

Went out to Litzkows and telephoned
hospital for
an appointment with Dr. Lord - tomorrow
at 3 P.M.
George Litzkow ate a dish of soup with
us.
Grace and I went to the bank.

¹ Children of James and Ethel Cassan. Ethel
was youngest daughter of Charles and Ethel.

Paid our water bill applied for
Homestead Exemption.
We called on the Bert Wilsons and Lily
Storm.

6. Tues.

Went down and paid electric bill.
Had appointment with Dr. Lord at 3 P.M.
Paid \$4.75 - for 30 Sulfa Tablets
Visitors today. Mrs. Bowan Mrs. Douglas
Mr. and Mrs. Jules Jensen Mr. and Mrs.
Holger Hansen
Albert Storm, George Litzkow.
We got a few groceries at Public
Sent letters to Herricks Talifsona and
Michigan Temperance Foundation.

7. Wed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oswald and Inez
Gardner
came and brought 1.40 worth of mullet
also peanut oil to fry the fish in so we had
a
real fish dinner.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller and Lucile
Abrahamson
came, and George Litzkow brought in a
big armful of
Bean Tree wood.

8. Thurs.

Wrote to the Clarence Burmeisters
Sent the hospital bill to the ___?
also Feb and Mar Premium \$24.00
Sent taxes to Ludington.
Grace and I were at a party at George
Litzkows.

9. Fri.

Wrote to James Cassans
Wrote check to Gleaner Insurance.
Grace and I went to Palm Harbor and got
1/2 bu grapefruit \$1.00
We called on Mrs. Bush.
George Litzkow was in a little while.

10. Sat.

Wrote to Floyd McDonalds and Roy
Henrys.
George Litzkow went with me to show
me where I could
get a load of wood.

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We went to the Public and got some cottage cheese, syrup, Clorox.

11. Sun.

Grace and I took Lucile Abrahamson to the 8-50 A.M. Preaching Service and Sunday School. George and Marie Litzkow were here for dinner.

I wrote to Marvin Rotmans² and the post office employees at Ludington, Mich.

12. Mon.

I wrote to the Builders Class of the Methodist Church Holland, Mich. Took Grace and Lucile down to circle meeting at the Church. Mrs. Bernice Reivit called on us. I went with George Litzkow to W. Ericksons and after a can of gas put a box of leaves by the street.

13. Tues.

Watered the lettuce. Grace and I went up to Lily Storms and ate Oyster Stew.

14. Wed.

George brought over a large armful of wood. Grace and I went to the Come In Dinner Meeting of the All States Retired Postal Employees Club at the marina on Clearwater Beach. We called on W. Boomer and the Leonardsons.

15. Thurs.

Raked a few leaves in front of house. Grace and I went to Clearwater. I got our License Plate \$15.25. Grace got a corset and bath curtain. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lyons called on us.

16. Fri.

Rainy cold wind today.

Grace and I were over to George Litzkows and he was over here a little while.

I rode with him to the Bank and to the City Park.

Grace and I went to Joe Hopkinsons but they were not home.

We called on Roy Van Nortwicks.

17. Sat.

Squeezed out a can of orange juice. Grace and I got groceries at Sunshine and Public Markets.

Got a 15 1/2 inch of stove pipe.

Put 1959 Plate on Chevrolet.

Wrote check to Consumers Power Co.

Wrote to A. Chinnerys.

18. Sun.

Grace and I took Lucile Abrahamson to the 850 A.M.

Preaching Service and Sunday School.

I wrote to Ronald Decisco, Jerry

Winsemius and

Raymond Hayes.

Grace and I went down to Robert Harper to spend the evening.

19. Mon.

I raked a little in front of house.

Sent a check of \$48.54 to the Blue Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stone called on us. Also Lee Jackson and Lucile Abrahamson.

20. Tues.

Took Grace to circle meeting at the church.

I called on Mamie Sterns.

Henry Meisenheimer and Mary Broder were at the Sterns.

I raked a square in the front yard.

Wrote to Mrs. John Butz Chaplain of Pomona Grange.

Received letters from Clara Grover and Lewis Mottler.

21. Wed.

Helped George Litzkow cut a limb off an

² Daughter Bernice and husband Marvin.

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oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oswald and Mary Gardener

Mr and Mrs. George Litzkow were here for fish dinner.

Received letters from H. Herricks, Roy Henrys,
Estelle Faulkerson.

22. Thurs.

Rainy warm.

I took Grace down to Ladies Meeting at the church.

Was over to Litzkows.

Wrote to Clara Grover and Brother Ernest.

23. Fri.

Helped George dig out an oak tree.

He helped me carry some wood home.

We received letters Edith Grant and Alphild Talifson

and Ruth McDonald.

Wrote to Wm. Johnson and Hiram Herricks.

24. Sat.

We took George Sterns rope home.

Got groceries at Sunshine Market and the Public.

Started a letter to Roy Henrys³.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Herrick⁴ Jr. came to see us.

25. Sun.

Grace and I took Lucile Abrahamson to the 8-50 A.M.

Preaching Service and Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Pullirs called on us.

26. Mon.

We got ready to go to Howards to get my hair cut, and

Laura Ball came from New Port Richey to see us. We

had coffee and started to Howards at noon.

Grace bought 100 tea bags for 50 cents and 3 towels for \$1.00.

I went down to the bank to hear a lecture.

³ Daughter Elsie Henry

⁴ Eldest daughter Gladys and husband Hiram.

27. Tues.

Raked leaves between our house and Birtbecks.

Grace sacked them and put them on the street.

I transplanted a Hibiscus Plant.

George Litzkow went with me and got a load of wood at

Fred Ericksons on Spring St.

28. Wed.

Unloaded the wood from the car.

Raked on south side of house.

Wrote to President W. Robinson and notices for our

Retired Postal Meeting.

Grace, Lucile and I called on Morris

Lyons and Mary Broder.

We ate supper at Broder.

29. Thurs.

George came over and cut off a limb of our Jackoranda Tree.

Mrs. Lily Storm came over and we went to the Public and

got some groceries.

We spent the evening at Lee Jacksons.

30. Fri.

Finished cut off the old chrysanthemum plants.

Sawed a little wood and put fertilizer on lettuce and onions.

Grace and I went to Joe Millers. They were away.

We called on Fred Butler.

31. Sat.

Raked a few leaves and sawed a little wood.

Sent check of \$46. to Elliott Insurance and \$2 to

American Bible Society.

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February 1959

February

1. Sun.

Grace, Lucile and I went to the 8-50 A.M. Preaching Service and Sunday School. Grace and I called on Mrs. Lillian Kibbey. Mrs. Bertha Bickford and Ruth McDonald came just as we were going to eat supper so they ate with us. Bert and Anna Wilson called just a few minutes.

2. Mon.

I took Grace, Ruth, and Lucile down to a Ladies meeting at our church. I went to Humphreys and bought a half bushel of Grapefruit 90 cents and 1/2 bushel of Temple Oranges \$1.25 -5 lb. Bananas 25 cents. We went to Clearwater and met Mary at 5-15 P.M.

3. Tues.

Wrote to Rotmans. Raked on north side of our house and put leaves out on the street. Finished cut the limbs into stove wood. Ruth, Grace, and I called on Verne Manchester.

4. Wed.

Raked a little in the back yard. I had appointment with Dr. Lord. Am to go back March 4th at 2-30 P.M. We had company from Grand Rapids. Grace, Ruth, Mary and I went to Palm Harbor and Tarpon Springs. We bought some Mullets at 20 cent pound.

5. Thurs.

Finished pick the Tangelos [] Helped George cut a couple of limbs off of oak trees. Put the ladder away. Received letters from Herricks, Social S. Grace, Ruth and I went to the Public after groceries. [Squeezed out a can of juice] Two Mr. Jones called on us.

6. Fri.

Raked yard north of house. Nellie Cheesebrough called on us. George Litzkow called on us. I went to the Hospital and paid \$12.25 for a bottle of Tablets [Sulfa] Started to work on our Income report.

7. Sat.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Butz called on us. I squeezed out a can of juice. Mrs. Hayes called on us. I worked at our income tax. Grace and I got groceries at Parnells and the Quick Chex. We called on Roy Van Nortwicks.

8. Sun.

Grace, Mary Jensen, Ruth McDonald and I went to the 8-50 A.M. Preaching Service. In the afternoon Grace, Ruth and I went down to Indian Rocks and called on Joe Albrechts. We ate supper with them, Hans and Mary Olsen were there.

9. Mon.

Real nice and warm. I raked the front yard. George Litzkow went with me to a Clearwater junk yard to get a part for my sun shield. I called on Litzkows. Pulled lettuce and onions. Received a post card from Edith and Alphild.

10. Tues.

Real warm. Raked south and east of our house. Received letters from Hiram Herrick, Jr. and Bernice Rotman. Caller today George Downey and Rev and George Litzkow. We all spent the evening at George Litzkow.

11. Wed.

Shaved and took a shower bath. Grace, Ruth and I went to the all states

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Retired Postal Employees Club Dinner Meeting at Clearwater Beach. Albert Storm brought us a box from Rotmans at Indian Rocks.

12. Thurs.
Another sunshiney day.
Wrote check to Sinclair Oil Company \$17.92.
Sent Willard tax report.
Margarette came in a little while.
George and I drove down to the city park.

13. Fri.
Put Tubbs out for Grace.
Wrote to McDonalds and Rotmans.
Herricks came the middle of the afternoon.
Mr. Fred Butler stopped as they drove by. Herricks and us walked down to the V.F.W. fish supper.

14. Sat.
Pulled weeds.
Herricks went to Bartow to see Hiram and Caroll.

15. Sun.
Grace, Mary, Lucile and I went to the 8-50 A.M. Preaching Service and Sunday School.
Callers today. Four people from Grand Rapids.
Herricks came back about 5 P.M.

16. Mon.
Pulled lettuce.
Squeezed out a can of orange juice.
Herricks took us to the Quick Check to Morris Lyons and to Roy Van Nortwick.

17. Tues.
Put up a couple of For Sale signs.
Hiram took us to Clearwater and the beach.
It rained.

18. Wed.
Raked a few leaves. Pulled a few weeds.
Gladys raked leaves. Hiram took us to John Houks, Hulger Hansens, Albert Storm and Andrew Knudsens.

19. Thurs.
Gladys raked leaves. I pulled weeds.
Hiram took us to the Public Market and to Azona for 5lb. Fish, 20 cents a pound.
Hiram took us to Howard auction.
Mary and Lucile went with us.

20. Fri.
Gladys raked leaves. I pulled a few weeds in front yard.
Hiram took us to the Mr. Market on Tyrone Road in St. Petersburg.
We called on Frances Hayward. Mary went with us.

21. Sat.
Grace and I went shopping. Got my house slippers, got groceries at Parnells, Public, and Sunshine Markets.
Hiram got an oil change.

22. Sun.
We all went to the 8-50 A.M. Preaching Service, but didn't stay for Sunday School.
We took a picnic dinner and went to the Mason County Picnic at Gulf Port 157 there.
We came home for supper and went to church.
It was all states night. I think there were 57 from Michigan.

23. Mon.
Watered lawn, picked lettuce.
Herricks done washing.
Grace wrote letters. I wrote to Charles.
Went to Humphreys for fruit.
Herricks took Lucile and Lee to Tarpon Springs.
We spent the evening at Jacksons.

24. Tues.
Hiram took us to Brooksville. We called on Martin Schwass, Andrew Fishers and Junius Houks Fishers to us to a state park.
We were at George Litzkows for supper and spent the evening.

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25. Wed.

Wrote to Sister Hattie, picked lettuce.
Set out Petunias, poisoned weeds.
Hiram took us down to Hans Olsens.

26. Thurs.

Hiram took Gladys, Lucile, Mary,
Grace and I down to the Hobby Show
at Palmetto. We called on Mrs. Genett
Rose,
Art Ludlow and Ernest Gifford. We got
home about 6 o'clock.

27. Fri.

Rainey. Wrote get well card to Sister
Hattie.
Wrote 4 notices of our Postal Meeting.
Hiram took us to the Largo Fair.

28. Sat.

Hiram scraped the west end of our house.
It's ready to paint.

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March 1959

March

1. Sun.

Hiram took Gladys, Grace, Lucile, Mary and I to the 8-50 A.M. Preaching Service and Sunday School.
In the afternoon we went to George Sterns.

2. Mon.

Hiram painted the south side of our house.
I scraped some on south side.
Hiram, Gladys, Grace and I was at Morris Lyons for supper.

3. Tues.

Hiram and I painted in the forenoon.
Hiram took Gladys, Mary, Mother and I to St. Petersburg to Webbs and the pier.

4. Wed.

Hiram painted the west end and started on the east end of our house.
I painted the two west windows and had an appointment with the doctor.

5. Thurs.

Hiram painted the east end of our house.
I put some screens in and washed north side of house.
Hiram took Gladys, Mary, Lucile, Grace, and I to our Sunday School class supper meeting.

6. Fri.

Hiram and Gladys went over to Barlow.
I took Grace, Mary and Lucile down to a ladies meeting at the church. Raked yard.
Finished wash north side of our house.
Put fertilizer on garden and trees.

7. Sat.

Saturday cool.
Squeezed out a can of orange juice.
Got ready to paint bath room window and fell off wash stand and spilt two quarts of paint on me.
Got groceries at the Sunshine and Parnells.
Got two quarts of Indian Gray paint -

Mary Carters \$2.32.

8. Sun.

Grace, Mary, Lucile and I went to the 8-50 A.M. Preaching Service and Sunday School.
I wrote to Austin Houks.
Herricks got back about five o'clock.

9. Mon.

Hiram painted the north side of our house.
I painted two windows on east side of house, washed south side of the garage.

10. Tues.

Grace and I went to Ozona for 4 1/2 lbs. of Mullet 85 cents.
Gladys and I finished wash the garage.
Hiram painted garage and some spots on house. Hiram and I went to Humphrys after one bushel of Duncan grapefruit, 1 bu Valencia and 1/2 bu Temple Oranges.
Hiram Jr. and Carol came for a few minutes.
We went to George Sterns.

11. Wed.

Squeezed out a can of juice.
Hiram and Gladys started north about 8-30 A.M.
I washed doors and wall in front porch.

12. Thurs.

Grace and I went to the Carry in Dinner Meeting of the Retired Postal Employees Club of Clearwater.

13. Fri.

I don't feel very good this morning.
There is a pain in my hip.
Took Grace and Mary down to a meeting at the church.
Ms Jean Mearl and boyfriend called.
I raked a little in the backyard.
Grace, Mary and I went to the V.F.W. Fish Supper.
Mr. and Mrs. van Pelter called on us.

14. Sat.

I painted the white in our front porch.
Grace and I called on Mary

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Oswalds wasn't home.
We called on Mrs. Wm Frederick
and Mrs. Wm King at Oldsmar.

15. Sun.
I took Grace, Mary and Lucile to
the 8-50 A.M. Preaching Service
and Sunday School.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oswald and Mary
called on us and was here for supper.
I wrote to Hiram Herricks and Joyce
Herrick.

16. Mon.
I got a lame back. I picked lettuce
My bowels are upset.
Layed in bed most of the day.
Mary and Hans Olsen brought
Ruth McDonald here to stay.
Received a card from Alice.
The women spent the evening at Litzkow.

17. Tues.
A wet day.
My bowels are kicking yet.
Grace and I went to the Public
and got Groceries including Gingerale.
I layed down till noon.
Received a letter from Rotmans.
Wrote to Chinnerys, Kenneth and Mable
Stern were here.
Wrote check to Consumers Power.

18. Wed.
A rainy day.
I cut material for the frames of two
window screens.
Cleaned three paint brushes.
Mary's sister and nephew came and ate
dinner with us.
Mr. and Mrs. Waster called on us.
The women spent the evening at
Jacksons.

19. Thurs.
Rained all day.
My bowels are kicking again. I ate
oat meal and toast and drank some
Gingerale and layed down most of the
day.
Mary Jensen's sister and nephew came
and took her to Athens, Georgia.

Wrote to Rotmans.

20. Fri.
A rainy day.
I raked north and east of our house.
I took Grace and Ruth McDonald
up to Tarpon Springs. We stopped
at Harvey's and got 1/2 bu Grapefruit
75 cents and 1/2 bu Valinches Orangers
\$1.25
Grace and I called on Roy Van Nortwicks.

21. Sat.
A real nice warm day.
Grace, Ruth and I went to see the
Fun and Sun parade at Clearwater.
Mrs. Lillian Kibbey, Grace Hull and
Miss Hart were here for dinner.
Raked front yard.

22. Sun.
A fine day.
I took Grace and Lucile to the 8-50 A.M.
Preaching Service and Sunday School.
I wrote to Floyd McDonalds.

23. Mon.
I painted our two front doors.
I went with George to get some
Tangerines.
Mr. and Mrs. Barlett from Ludington
called on us.
Lucile and Lee came in the evening.

24. Tues.
Another warm day.
Painted our kitchen door.
Pruned a couple of Turks Caps.
Picked some lettuce.
Lucile was here. George Stern came to
tell us Mary Broder had died.
Grace and I went up to Kenneth Kibbys.

25. Wed.
Pulled some weeds.
Picked a cupful of mulberries.

26. Thurs.
Grace and I went to the Moss Funeral
Home in Clearwater to see Mary Broder.
Wrote check to Gleaner Life Insurance
and Letter to Charles and Elsie Fitch.

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We took Lucile to Evening Service.

27. Fri.

Went up in the attic to get material for two screen frames. Mailed 9 letters and a dress to Mary Jensen.

28. Sat.

Made two frames for screens windows.

29. Sun.

We got up at 5 A.M. I shaved. We intended to go to the Sunrise Service at Palm Harbor but it was raining, so we returned to bed for a while. We went to the 8-50 A.M. Service at our church also Sunday School.

30. Mon.

I picked the mulberries. Carried brush out to the street. Picked lettuce. Grace and I called on Theron Burrells 512 Wilkie St.

31. Tues.

I bought a small can of Shellac and just some on three small spots of our front bedroom floor. Grace and I went to Tampa and called on Charles Oswalds had dinner with them. They took us to Sears Roebucks and north Gate Robert, Margaret and Karla Lunde called on us.

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April 1959

April

1. Wed.

I varnished the South half of the front bed room floor.
Picked the mulberries.
Painted a couple of window screen Frames the second coat.
Grace and I called on Mrs. Lillian Kibby and Joe Hopkinson's.
Bert and Anna Wilson salled on us.

2. Thurs.

Changed the address for Michigan Farmer,
Michigan Christian Advocate, Farm Journal
National Grange Monthly, Michigan Patron.
Varnished the rest of the floor in front bed room.
George and Marie took Grace and Lucile and I to our Sunday School Class Fish Supper at O'Houser's Honey House.

3. Fri.

A nice day.
Picked the lettuce.
Took down a couple of old screen doors to get the plastic screen.
Went to the Bank, Post Office and to the Hospital for a check up.
The Dr. Lord discharged me.
Put screen on one frame.

4. Sat.

Wrote to Charles and Elsie.
Timmed a Turks Cap.
Wrote to a man in Holland describing our House here that is for sale.
We spent the evening at Kenneth Stones.

5. Sun.

Grace and I went to the 8-50 A.M. Preaching Service and Sunday School.
We were into Harpers for the evening.

6. Mon.

Carried brush to the street.
Picked a quart of mulberries.
Took Grace down to the church.

Pulled some weeds north of house.
Watered lawn.

7. Tues.

Picked the Lettuce.
Layed down awhile.
Sawed a little wood.
Grace and I went to the Quick Kuck and called on Balm.
Picked the mulberries.

8. Wed.

Sent change of address to Social Security Chicago, Ill.
Mr. and Mrs. Baum took us to the Dinner Meeting of the Retired Postal Employees at Clearwater Beach.
Pulled weeds.

9. Thurs.

88 A real warm day.
Picked the mulberries.
Sent check to Michigan Hospital Service And Christian Herald.
Pulled a few weeds.
Watered Garden and Lawn.
We spent the Evening at George Litzkow.
We had two women stay in our front bed room.

10. Fri.

90 today.
Fixed a chair. Mrs. Fortunia put back for ome to use for Fuel.
Pulled a few weeds.
Too warm to work.

11. Sat.

Painted the chair.
Picked the mulberries.
Grace and I went to Charles Oswalds had dinner with them we went to a meeting of the NARGE.

12. Sun.

Grace and I went to the 8-50 A.M. Preaching Service and Sunday School
Hiram and Carol and Baby was here for dinner.
We went to Clearwater Beach with them.

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13. Mon.
Getting cooler.
Picked the mulberries.
Varnished the back bed room floor.
Pained the chair Second Coat.
Carried some Trash top the Street.
Bought 100 lbs. Fertilizer 4-6-8 \$3.20
and applied it to Trees and yard.

14. Tues.
Got the Chevrolet Greased and oil
changed.
Went to Bank got 5 checks cashed.
Put stuff back in back Bed Room.
We went to George Sterns no one at
home.

15. Wed.
Cloudy cool.
Put chair over on Fortunia Porch.
Picked mulberries.
Took a mulberry, a Hybiscus and two
Cherry Trees to Lee Jacksons.
Polished the Chevrolet.
Grace and I spent the evening at
Mr. Lee Jacksons.

16. Thurs.
Mowed in back yard.
Sawed wood Wrote check to
Consumers Power.
Raked front yard.
Got Fire Extenger examined.
Renewed Dunedin Paper.
We was at a Birthday Party on
Mrs. Lily Storm.

17. Fri.
Picked the mulberries.
Got the boxes and Baskets from
the attic.

18. Sat.
Rainy Day.
Packed up stuff for the North.
Went to Harveys at Palm Harbor
and bought two Bushel of Duncan
Grape Fruit for \$5.00.
Got a key made 35 cents
Bought a sprinkler \$2.80.

19. Sun.

Grace and I went to the 8-50 A.M.
Preaching Service and Sunday
School at ten.
We called on Robert Harper and
had supper at George Litzkows.
They took us for a ride.

20. Mon.
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Got up at 5 o'clock. Loaded the Chevrolet
Drove to 10 mile West of Slyvester Ga.
311 miles
15 gallons Gas \$4.80
Tire Repair \$1.75
Supper \$2.73
Motel \$5.15
85643
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21. Tues.
85643
Rained about half of the time.
Left cabin about 6 A.M.
Breakfast at Rickland \$1.19
Gasoline 25 gallons 7.02
1 qt. Oil .50
Supper at Fayetteville Tenn 6.67
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22. Wed.
A real nice day
Left Cabin about 6 A.M.
Breakfast for two \$1.39
20 gallons of Gasoline 6.00
1 quarts oil 1.15
Supper for two 2.00
Cabin or Motel at Spencer Ind 6.00
about 5 P.M. 86371
86014

23. Thurs.
Left the motel at 6-15 A.M.
Breakfast at Crawfordville \$1.20
Gasoline 10 gal 3.00
Dinner at New Buffalo Mich 1.95
86671 arrived at Rotmans in Holland
86371 about 3-30 P.M.
300 Stayed at Rotmans all night.

24. Fri.
Just came to Carlton Bensons in

April 1959

Grand Rapids rained all forenoon.
I am tired and don't feel good.
We went to a carry in supper at the church.

25. Sat.
I don't feel extra good my back hurts and I have dizzy spells.
Grace and Gertrude went down town.

26. Sun.
I layed around all the forenoon
I not very good.
Grace and I went tot he Clark Home and called on Rose and Myrtle McClatchie
Mrs. Soren Erickson, and Miss Sterl.
I talked to Kenneth Bennett on the phone.
We went to church.

27. Mon.
We left Grand Rapids about 8 A.M.
Came up Lafayette to Leonard St.
Went to Clarence Burmeisters for dinner, we were at Floyd McDonalds for supper and for the night.
A good day started to rain about 5 o'clock.

28. Tues.
We left McDonalds about 8 A.M.
Had coffee and cake at Elsie's.
Dinner at Arnold Grant, then finished unload.
Had supper at Willard Tallifsons.
I went over to see Charles.

29. Wed.
Arlene called a minute.
James and Ethel was here.
Edith came and done mothers hair.
Got the Chevrolet greased and oil changed at 86808 miles. Got a new exhaust pipe and tail pipe \$22.62.
Grace went to mother and daughter banquet with Gladys Herrick.

30. Thurs.
Changed front tire that leaked to the back put a good one on front.
Tyed up a Rose Bush, Emptied ash

barrell.
Mother and I went to Arnold Grants for coffee it is Ediths birthday.
We went to the Pere Marquette town hall to a Demonstration Meeting.

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May 1959

May

1. Fri.

I dug the quack grass out of the asparaguss bed.
Grace went to dinner at our church.
Ethel took me out to see Uncle Willie.

2. Sat.

Hoed the asparagus bed.
Took a couple of Jappaness Lilac Bushes out to Herricks and brought back a card table and some glass cans.

3. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church. I went to the First Methodist Church.
Gladys Herrick took Arlene Dixon Mother and I out to see Sister Estella Hansen.

4. Mon.

Went down to Coolmans and ordered floor covering for front room.
Grace and I went to Dr. Paukustis.
Both got medicine \$7.00.

5. Tues.

Took the old rug out of the front room.
Grace and I went to the Funeral of Anna Olmstead.
We called on Grace Wilke and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Biggs.

6. Wed.

Picked Rubarb and asparagus.
Took down our two kitchen storm windows and put on screens.
Coolmans put down a rug in front room.
Dug quack grass out of north section of the garden.

7. Thurs.

Mr. Black dug up our garden.
I mowed our grass and raked part of the garden.
Took Grace to Arnold Grants and bought some garden seeds 62 cents and 6 carnations.
Hawleys brought 2 sacks of fertilizer

\$6.65.

8. Fri.

Put fertilizer on asparagus and garden. Planted 8 kinds of flower seeds.
Put front storm door on.

9. Sat.

Planted two rows of Lettuce
 " " Spinach
 " " Carrotts and Radish
 " " Detroit dark Red Beets
Three " Early Sweet Corn
Gladys brought Beets and Carrotts.
Cleaned and polished the 1949 Chevrolet.
Got \$4. + groceries at Market Basket.

10. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church, I went to the First Methodist.
Mother and I were at Willard Talifsons for dinner. Alice Chinnery brought Mother a nightie.
We called on Mrs. Joe Davis
Elsie Henry brought us a dozen eggs while we were gone.

11. Mon.

Planted a row of Glads.
Cleaned two paint brushes.
Raked south part of garden.

12. Tues.

Elsie Henry was here a few minutes.
Set out a row of onions and planted a row of dill.
Carried nine storm windows down in the basement.
I called on Bert Filer in the hospital.
Elsie Fitch brought Mother a nice slip.

13. Wed.

Cool and windy.
Layed around about all day.
Dug out a little quack gress in Pie plant.

14. Thurs.

Windy & cold.

May 1959

Wrote to Rotmans.
Sent check \$24. to Grace for
June and July.
Mother had a Circle Meeting here.
I went up to Cassons for the
afternoon.

15. Fri.
Cool and windy.
Looked over some papers.
Set some yellow Crysanthemums.

16. Sat.
A little warmer to day.
Set some Crysanthemums.
Watered some of the garden.
We went down and paid Coolman.
Got our groceries at the Market Basket.
Got four quarts of maple syrup from
John Hawk \$5.25.

17. Sun.
Grace has a bad cold and stayed
home all day.
I went the First Methodist Preaching
Service and Sunday School.
Hiram and Gladys Herrick called on us
and had coffee.

18. Mon.
Moved the furniture out of our
bed room, I layed down till noon
then planted two rows of flower seeds
and one row of beans.
hoed four rows in north part of garden.

19. Tues.
We took our bed down and had
Coolmans put new Linolium
down.
Mowed our lawn.
We put our bed up.
Grace went to Mother and Daughter
Banquet at Bethany Church.

20. Wed.
Thundered and rained early this A.M.
Grace and I took our dinner and
went out and visited with Brother
William.
I bought two dozen tomatoe plants
18 early Ruggers and 6 yellow.

21. Thurs.
Cloudy this morning.
Pulled some Pie plant.
Put protection around 19 tomatoe
plants.
Hoed the north part of the garden.
We took a pan of busquits up to
Mary Lunde.

22. Fri.
Hoed a little in the garden.
Grace and I went out to Pere marquette
Town Hall for dinner in honor of people
over 75 years.

23. Sat.
Bought 5 pieces of shoe molding
and painted them.
Started a letter to Litzkows.
We took Mrs. Fortier to Grange Meeting.

24. Sun.
Grace went to Bethany Church.
I went to the First Methodist.
Rested all afternoon.

25. Mon.
Finished my letter to Litzkows.
Wrote check to Marci for \$3.50.
Mailed package to Martha Smith.
Layed in all afternoon with a
sore throat.

26. Tues.
Stayed in all day my throat
is worse. I am taking aspiran
and tonight bread and onions.

27. Wed.
Painted the shoe molding enamel.
Put fertilizer on lawn.
Watered lawn.
Grace and I ate supper at James Casson.

28. Thurs.
My cold is worse today.
Layed on the bed most of the day.
Charles fixed our electric frying
pan and brought it over.

May 1959

29. Fri.

Layed around most of the forenoon.

My cold is some better.

Went down and got my tire but they didn't find the leak.

Bought a Linolium knife 75 cents and one quart White Enamel \$2.35.

Grace and I went to Rural Carriers Meeting at Raymond Hayse.

30. Sat.

The Dixon Boys brought their lawn mower over and cut our lawn.

Our mower wouldn't work.

Hoes dome in the garden.

My cold is real bad but Grace

and I went to the Funeral of Robert Caswell. Hazel and Lewis McDonald was here.

31. Sun.

My cold is pretty bad so I didn't go to church.

Clarence and Helen Burmeister ate soup with us. Gerry called at Dixons.

Roy and Elsie Henry called a little while.

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June 1959

June

1. Mon.

Picked the asparagus and some Pie Plant.

Bought one gallon of white outside paint at Montgomery Wards \$5.79.

Planted some radish and lettuce.

2. Tues.

Hoed Garden.

Layed around about all day.

3. Wed.

Started Earl Dixon on painting the trim on our garage.

Grace and I went up to Roy Henrys and stayed for supper.

She let us have 4 doz eggs for \$1.00.

4. Thurs.

Cut sprouts off Lilacs Paid Early \$7.00

Mrs. Hayward called on us.

Charles brought our mower home all fixed up, paid \$3.00 just for parts.

Grace and I went to the Commencement. Was to Arlenes for coffee.

5. Fri.

Used our mower to trim around the edge of grass.

Dug out some Rose vines.

Charles Oswalds and Mary was here for lunch.

We were at Charles S Hamiltons for supper.

6. Sat.

Straightened the apron on left side of Chevrolet.

Grace and I went to the Hospital to see Sister Estella hanson also Doris Bates.

In the Evening Elsie Henry, Hiram and Gladys

Herricks, Alfred and Alice Chinnery, Charles and Elsie Fitch, Arlene Dixon. Ethel Casson came in and brought two chairs from all the children.

7. Sun.

Took Grace to Bethany Church. I went

to the First Methodist.

Grace and I went to the Cemetary.

We went to the Farewell Party on Rev and Mrs. Edmonson.

8. Mon.

A real warm day.

Cut the lawn.

Received Birthday cards⁵ from Ronald Decialo, Hiram Herrick Jr., Morris Brown.

Went out to Hiram Herricks.

Our barn door Hangers and at 12 foot Track instead of the 16 feet one I ordered.

I took it down to Sears Store.

9. Tues.

Hoed the vegetable garden.

10. Wed.

Hoed the flower garden.

Came in at 10-45 A.M. and was real sick, sick stomach, dizzy and

Pain around my heart.

Elsie Fitch was here and helped

Grace take care of me.

Doctor Paukutis came at 6 o'clock P.M.

11. Thurs.

Didn't get dressed today am a little dizzy yet.

Bernice Robt and Jack Rotman from Holland came up, Elsie Fitch,

Arlene Dixon, Ethel Cassan

Gladys Herrick, Edith Grant

and Alphild Talifson, Charles Fitch came in.

12. Fri.

Kept my pagames on all day.

13. Sat.

Dressed the same as yesterday.

Edith took mother down town.

Clinton Parsons came in to see me.

14. Sun.

Sunday cool.

Mother went to church with Alphild.

I got my blue pants on and

⁵ DeCicco's would be granddaughter Betty Herrick while Morris Browns would be granddaughter Nita Herrick.

June 1959

feel a lot better.

Gladys and two of her daughters came in to see me also Johny Winsemius Clarence and Helen Burmeister. Elizabeth Klopman and Minar Fourtune called.

15. Mon.

Layed around about all day.
Ethel Casson had coffee with brother.
Helped Mother water garden.
Dixon boys cut our lawn.
Edna Hanson, Alice Chinnery, Doris James
and her friend called on us.
Received a get well card from Pere Marquette
Grange.

16. Tues.

Wrote letters to George Litzkows and Marvin Rotmans.
Grace walked down town paid Coolmans and telephone, Charles and Susie Hamilton were here for supper. Gladys called in.
Received letters from George Litzkow Bernice Rotman and Gertrude Benson cards from Pomona Grange and John Butz.

17. Wed.

Cool and windy.
Watered some lawn.
Tryed to repair toilet.
James Cassan and Rev Carpenter called on me.
Received cards from Bernice Rotman and the Post Office Fellows
Cassans same to big me goodbye.
Ed Bartels called on us.

18. Thurs.

We need rain.
Layed around all day.
William F Kleinhaus Gleaner agent ate dinner with us.
Received a letter from Bert Wilsons.

19. Fri.

We need rain.
Layed around all day.

Bert and Ruth Filer called on us and ate supper with us.

Arlene Dixon came in.

Elsie Henry came this way with a load of strwberries to show us and gave us some large ones.

20. Sat.

Still dry.
Sat over at Parsons about all the forenoon and visited with him.
Wrote check for Sears Roebuck and one for Henry Washatka 22.95.

21. Sun.

Still dry.
Mother walked to Bethany Church.
I layed around all day.
Willard Alphild, Janius and James Talifson came in.
Charles and Elsie, Clarence and Helen and Arlene, Carl and Emma Christisen called on us and ate supper with us.

22. Mon.

Still dry.
Dug a hole for garbage.
Sewed my suprender
Sharpened three knives
Read several chapters in the Artic Doctor.
Grace went to the WSCS Meeting.

23. Tues.

Pulled the raddish out of the carrots also some weeds.
Charles brought our barn door hardware.
Mother walked over to Willard Talifsons.
Was over to Parsons most of the afternoon.

24. Wed.

Pulled a few weeds in the garden.
Read some in the Artic Doctor.
Took the Chevrolet down and got air in the tires and five gallons of gasoline.
Gladys called up.
Received letter from Litzkows, Bensons.

25. Thurs.

Thinned some beets.
Sat our a row of Zinias.
Grace went out to Spears with

June 1959

Mary Lunde.

26. Fri.
Set out a row of Merry Goulds.
Grace and I went out to
Rural Carriers meeting with
Robert Hansons at Water Works Park.

27. Sat.
Hulled two quarts of strawberries.
Picked some spinach.
Arlene came in a little while. Letter
from J. Miller.
Received a card from Geroge Litzkow
and Grace and I went to the wedding
of Nancy Dostol to Robert England.

28. Sun.
Grace went to Preaching Service at
Bethany Church with Talifsons.
I stayed home.
Hiram and Gladys took us out to
William E. Fitchs and to see
George Sterns.
We ate supper at Herricks.

29. Mon.
Helped get the washer and tubbs
ready for Grace.
Started a letter for Litzkows.

30. Tues.
Cloudy.
Finished Litzkows letter.
Received a nice letter from Litzkow.
Charles Hamilton called in.
I transplanted a tomato plant
and five Petunias.
I don't feel so good today.

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July 1959

July

1. Wed.

Layed around all day.
Arlene Dixon called in a
little while.

2. Thurs.

We wrote to George Litzkows.
Grace wrote to Rotmans and
Joe Miller.
Mother walked down town.
I painted a kitchen chair red.

3. Fri.

Thinned a few carrots.
I wrote to the Ludington Post
Office Employees and a check
to Gleaner Insurance.
Painted a kitchen cahir red.
Charles and Elsie came and took us
to their house for supper.

4. Sat.

Floyd and Hazel McDonald were up.
She drove our Chevrolet over to
Chinnerys.
We ate our dinner in thier yard.
Floyd and Hazel were here for supper.

5. Sun.

Gladys Herrick came and took
me to Preaching Service.
Ethel brought me home.
Grace went to Bethany Church.
Callers today Alphild Talifson
the Grants, Arlene Dixon.

6. Mon.

Helped get the washer and Tubs in.
Finished thin the carrots.
Painted a kitchen chair red.

7. Tues.

Stired the ground around the
Beets and carrots.
Went to Davis Store got 2 qts milk
and a small carton of cottage cheese.
Painted the fourth kitchen chair 73 cents.
Wrote checks to Grace,
Ludington Water and Mich Hospital
Service.

8. Wed.

I watered the garden and lawn.
We received a eight page letter from
Martha Leonardson.
done a very little weeding.

9. Thurs.

Received letter from Bernice Rotman.
Also a invation to a shower on
Lucile Chinnery.
Arnold Grant came and took us
to their place for dinner.
Painted our kitchen cabinet.
Received the Dunedin Paper from
Litzkow.

10. Fri.

Painted the inside of kitchen cabinet
drawers white.
Charles and Elsie came and took
us to Victory Cemetery and then to
their place for Ice Cream.

11. Sat.

Set out seven tomatoe plants,
Pulled some weeds.
Started the Chevrolet motor.
Painted the inside of kitchen cabinet
drawers white enamel second coat.
Put the cabinet back in its place.
Wrote a card to Litzkows.

12. Sun.

Alphild Talifson took me down to
Methodist Church. Grace to Bethany.
Ethel Casson took us up to Roy Henrys
to a surprise picnic dinner on
Elsie about 25 at the table.

13. Mon.

Stired the ground where the lillies were.
Wrote Highway Department Toronto
Canada.
Received a letter from George Litzkow.
Marie is in the Eastern States.
John Appleton came and got Grace and
I and had us for the afternoon
and supper.

14. Tues.

Painted our kitchen table red.
Watered garden and lawn.

July 1959

We need rain.

15. Wed.

Warm about 80.

Done some weeding. Ruth McDonald was here for dinner. Clara Nelson called in afternoon.

Watered the garden. Set out a few Zenias.

Charles W. Fitch Jr. came over and done a real job of mowing our lawn.

Arlene and Ethel was here in the evening. I telephoned Bernice Rotman.

16. Thurs.

Warm about 80.

Wrote check to city of Dunedin Water Dept.

Wrote to George and Marie.

We went to the cemetary with Elsie Henry to funeral of Baby Smith. Watered garden and lawn.

17. Fri.

We still need rain.

Watered lawn.

Thinned our Beets.

Painted the table the telephone sits on also the kitchen stool red.

Wrote to Continintal Casualty Company.

18. Sat.

Wrote a letter to Carrie and Ruth Ficht.

McDonalds were here for inner.

We picked the Beens.

Earl Cole connected our T.V. direct to the airel and paid his rent.

19. Sun.

Ethel Casson took Mother and I to the First United Methodist Church.

Grace and I went with Clifford and Marion Johnson to Suttons Bay and had dinner with William Johnsons got Home a little after 9 P.M.

20. Mon.

Pulled a few weeds.

Got the washer and tubs ready.

Painted the stand in the bath room also the inside of two drawers for

table that the telephone sits on.

Watered the garden.

21. Tues.

Pulled a few weeds.

Elsie Henry was here a few minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oswald came and we went to water works park to eat our dinner.

22. Wed.

Elsie Henry brought us 2 doz eggs.

Pulled some weeds.

Went upstairs and got the kitchen door ready for a glass.

We baby sat for Arnold Grants.

Painted inside of two drawers white enamel.

23. Thurs.

Pulled a few weeds.

Mother baby sat for Arnold Grants.

24. Fri.

Put a glass in the kitchen door upstairs.

Edith fixed Mothers hair and took us down town to do some trading.

25. Sat.

It is still dry but cool.

Took the sear off the upstairs toilet and tightened the screws.

Painted upstairs kitchen door.

Watered the garden.

26. Sun.

Grace went to Bethany Church.

I went to the First Methodist.

We rested in afternoon.

Morris Lynn took us to Hawleys Gym to a concert by Frank Biggs.

27. Mon.

I am tired layed down all forenoon.

Grace went to a 9 A.M. Circle Meeting.

Received letters Litzkow, Rotman, Bensons.

Grace cleaned upstairs.

I fixed dome light in front room upstairs and put small door in refrigerator upstairs.

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Earl Dixon mowed our lawn.
We wrote to George Litzkow, Rotmans,
Bensons.

28. Tues.
I pulled a few weeds Rested.
Herman Schmock cleaned our two
stoves \$10.
Ethel took me down town to get
some electric switches.
Painted in upstairs kitchen.
Gander Johnsons stopped in.
Watered garden.

29. Wed.
Pulled a few weeds. Rested.
Put gaskets on faucets upstairs.
Put a pull switch on drop cord
in small bed room upstairs.
Finished use up the white paint in
bed room upstairs.

30. Thurs.
Pulled a few weeds.
Put a push in switch in the
wall in front room upstairs.
Charles and Susie Hamilton called
on us just supper time.

31. Fri.
Pulled a few weeds.
Edith took us around town.
We ordered a mattress for our bed
from Obel.
Robert Hansons same and took us
to a Rural Carriers Meeting at the
Water Works Park.

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August 1959

August

1. Sat.

Pulled weeds.

Watered garden.

2. Sun.

Ethel Casson took me to Sunday School and Church.

Mother rode with R Lairds.

We walked down to the 1st Methodist Church to a Golden wedding on Edwin Barttel

after Edith took us to the Bethany Picnic at water works Park and to Gunder Johnsons.

3. Mon.

Got the washer and tubs ready for washing.

Pulled a few weeds.

Sanded and painted the upstairs washer cover with Elumium.

Put two glass towel racks over our bath tub upstairs.

4. Tues.

Pulled weeds.

Pb Cs brought a mattress for our bed.

Watered the garden.

5. Wed.

Picked some lettuce.

Cut 4 lumbs off the evergreen tree.

Cut Pie Plant.

We rode with Clinton Parsons to Ponoma Grange at Amber.

6. Thurs.

Ruth McDonald and I took our Chevrolet down and got air in the tires, went to City Market and got sweet corn.

Ruth drove our car and took us to Mary Jenson's in Scottville for dinner.

7. Fri.

Pulled a few weeds.

Mother and Gertrude walked down to the Maxwell House day.

George Litzkow and Charles Wolf came

and had supper with us. They brought us some cans from Florida and some from their own place.

8. Sat.

We Mother and I went to the wedding of Gerald Iverheim and the Catholic Church and the Reception at the Golf Links.

The Johnsons had a picnic at the Water Works Park. Supper.

9. Sun.

Gertrude drove our Chevrolet and took me to the 1st Methodist Church and Mother to Bethany.

Hiram and Gladys took Grace and I to the Morton School Reunion at the Riverton Township Hall.

Herricks were here for lunch.

10. Mon.

Gertrude, Allen and Pricella rode to Grand Rapids with Bruce Benson.

I pulled weeds south of our house.

Elsie Firtch brought us some Perch.

Painted in bath room upstairs.

Had a thunderstorm.

11. Tues.

Got the washer and tubs ready for Grace.

Mr and Mrs Tryque Krevaland called on us and gave us a pound of chocolate candy and a pint of Huckleberries.

Roy Henry's beans got damaged with hail.

Edith Grant Took us up to Roy Henry north of Caster we got one bushel of beans for \$1.

12. Wed.

I helped Grace all day canning

28 quarts of beans for

Gertrude Benson.

Lily Storm was here for dinner.

13. Thurs.

Painted two doors in kitchen upstairs white.

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14. Fri.

Put a bracket to hold curtain rod.
Patched Linolium on Kitchen Sink.
upstairs, patched holes in plaster.
Went to Doctor. He said I was
a lot better paid \$6.00 for casuls.

15. Sat.

Took the oil tank off our Norge Stove.
Pulled a few weeds.
We went to the wedding of Lucile
Chinnery
to James Snell.
Hazel McDonald drove our Chevrolet
over to Chinnerys in the evening.

16. Sun.

Hazel drove our Chevrolet and took
Mother to Bethany and me to the
First methodist Church, after she
took us to the Methodist Church
in Victory for a Grange Dinner and
to attend the 2 o'clock Service.
Charles and Susie Hamilton was
here for awhile.

17. Mon.

Wrote checks to Cosumers Power
Telephone Co and Marius Obel
and a letter to George Litzkow.
Took our Norge oil stove out of
dining room.
Doris Schram mowed our lawn.

18. Tues.

Took our spare tire down to
Montgomery Ward and had a inner tube
put in and wheel balanced \$5.51.

19. Wed.

Varnished center table upstairs.
Charles Hamilton came a got us took
us to their place for a good dinner
and brought us home.

20. Thurs.

Pulled a few weeds.
Gathered the onion sets.
Worked at repairing the door on
Father Roses writing desk in garage.

21. Fri.

Thunder lighting and rained.
Wrote check for Dunedin Water.
Wrote to Ernest Hill at Hayworth
Ontario Canada.
Ripped a board for the upstairs cubbard.
Edith took us to get our groceries. She
cut my hair and done up Mothers.
Charles came over and fixed bed lamp.
Elsie Fitch was here.

22. Sat.

Real warm.
Painted the shelf for the cubbard
in kitchen upstairs.
Also painted a folding chair.
Mr and Mrs Junius Hauk called on
us and gave us a musk melon.

23. Sun.

Earl Dixon took me to the
First methodist Church.
Grace rode with Robert Laird to
Bethany.
Hiram Gladys and Joyce Herrick were
here for supper.
Alphild took Mother and I over to
Ted Talifsons.

24. Mon.

Helped Mother get the waasher and
tubs filled with water.
Painted the board for shelf in
cubbard upstairs.
Wrote to John Chadbourne at North Bay
telling him we would be there
Friday noon. Ate supper at A Grants.
Edith done Mothers hair.

25. Tues.

Helped peel four quarts of peaches.
Mary Lunde called in just a minute.
Received a letter from Gertrude Benson
and Ellen White from Kincardine.

26. Wed.

Glued the door of Father Roses
writing desk.
Arnold Grants took us to a picnic
supper at Hamlin Dam.

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27. Thurs.

Grace and I took our Chevrolet out to Hiram Herricks and they took us up on US 31 across the Macinaw Bridge and into Canada at the Soo.

Saw a boat go through the locks.

Got to Weddwood Cabin \$5.00

Ate our noon lunch north of the Bridge on road side table, Samon Steak for supper

\$1.25 each.

and back to Richard Whites for supper.

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28. Fri.

Hiram got a hair cut at Sturgeon Falls \$1.25.

Had a good dinner with John and Mae Chadbourne. He is a first cousin of mine and 89 years old.

We started from there at 2 P.M. for the South. Near Huntsville it rained so hard we parked, ate coffee at 4 P.M.

Got a cabin at Maford. I phoned Mary Foregraves.

29. Sat.

We arrived at Ethel Doubts about 9 A.M.

We called on Naomi Banister, Bruce Cliford

after dinner we went to Wiarton to see Mrs Clifford and to the beach and park ate supper in the park.

Spent the evening a Foregraaves they had

35 people there.

30. Sun.

We all went to Church and at Ernest Hills for dinner.

We called on Eldin Fosters and then went to lesleys Keyes cottage at Salble Beach for supper there were 18 for supper.

31. Mon.

We left Ethel Doubts about 8 A.M. arived at Richard White about 10:30 was there for dinner.

Ellen went with us, we called on William White's, Clif Chadbournes Ruth White, Fred Moreltons Hattie Headley, and Oscar White's

September 1959

September

1. Tues.

We left Richard Whites about 6-30 A.M.
Called on Sam White at Port Huron.
Betty DeCicco at Ann Arbor.
Fred Deans at Parma
Morris Browns at Nashville
Joyce Herrick at Garenville
and Hiram got us home at
11-30 P.M.

2. Wed.

Gladys brought us some kinling woods
and Nancy brought our Chevrolet home.
I wrote in this diary and rested.
John Appletons spent the early evening
here.

3. Thurs.

I glued a p;iece onn the door for
Father Roses desk where the hinge
goes on. Rested.
We wrote to John Chadbourne.
Edith Grant took us down town.
I bought a suit of clothes \$36.40
at Lunde and Sheldon Store.
Mother bought 8 pant hangers at 58 c.

4. Fri.

Put a gaset in the fauset north
side of house.
Hazen Deans were here for supper.
We took them to Bethany Church
for ice cream.
we wrote to Richard White's.

5. Sat.

Put the door on Father Roses desk in
the garage.
Was over to Parsons awhile.
Arlene called a little while.

6. Sun.

Sunday fine.
Ray Plank took us to the drive in
for 8 o'clock Preaching Service.
Grace went to Bethany Church.
I went to the First Methodist.
Ted Talifson took us to his cottage
to eat supper with the Mens Brotherhood.
Clarence and Helen brought us some
muck melons and peaches.

7. Mon.

Pulled the rest of the beets.
Picked a pail of tomatoes.
Wrote check to Daily News.
Wrote check to Judges of Pinellas for D.
License.
Wrote letter to Helen and Clarence.
Hazel and Lewis brought us a bushel
of tomatoes and near a bushel of
cucumbers.
Grace canned four quarts of tomatoes.

8. Tues.

We canned 12 quarts of tomatoes.
We wrote to Ethel Doubt.

9. Wed.

Real warm 84.
Painted Father Rose desk in
the garage.
We wrote to George Litzkow.
Was over in C. Parsons yard
talking with them an hour.
Was over and asked Jess Saur
to fix the top of our chimney.

10. Thurs.

Cooler today.
James Cassan came and got me
and brought me home.
Ethel typed the records of the
Betty, Nitta and Hiram Herricks
also John H. Fitch.
Started to take wall paper off
of south bed room upstairs.

11. Fri.

Grace and I worked a little at
taking paper off bed room upstairs.
Marvin, Bernice, Paul, and Jack
Rotman and we went up to Roy Henrys
and Ray Bates and then we were there
for supper, Rotmans stopped at
Charles W Jr. all night.

12. Sat.

Mother rode to Bethany with R. Laird.
Ethel Cassan took me to First Methodist.
We were at Willard Talifsons for
dinner.
Clarence, Helen and Jerry Burmeister

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were here a little while and gave us four musk melons. Grace and I attended services across the street.

13. Sun.
Helped Grace get the washing started. Removed paper from bed room upstairs.

14. Mon.
We canned eight quarts of tomatoes. Ruth McDonald came and took us to her place for dinner and supper and she brought us home.

15. Tues.
Moved the bed out of the room upstairs and removed paper. Wrote to Lesley Keyes.

16. Wed.
Removed paper from walls in upstairs bed room.

17. Thurs.
Finished remove paper from walls in upstairs bed room.

18. Fri.
Plastered holes in walls in upstairs bed room. Wrote check to Consumers Power Telephone Co. Edith took us around town and we had sloppy Joes for supper at Grants. Herricks took us to Amber Grange.

19. Sat.
Wrote to Ernest Hills. Earl Cole brought us the rotor for the T.V. Cut the Tiger Lilies and pulled weeds.

20. Sun.
Ethel took me to the First Methodist. Grace rode with Lairds to Bethany. I wrote to May Clifford at Wiarion Can. Herricks took us to James Cassans for supper.

21. Mon.
Wrote to David King. John Appleton was here said he would take us to Grange Saturday evening. Wrote to Rotmans.

22. Tues.
Received a letter from Lesley Keyes. Edith took us to town we ordered Linoleum for dining room. I bought a pair of Oxfords \$14.51.

23. Wed.
Wrote to Leslie Keyes and sent a picture of our Florida House. Helped Grace can ten quarts of peaches and four quarts of tomatoes. Wrote check for House Insurance to Olmstead Insurance.

24. Thurs.
Ruth McDonald took us to the Scottville Harvest Festival, we enjoyed ourselves all day. Ruth went in line and got our Barlique Buns. We took folding chairs, at noon we ate dinner in basement of the Bank by Methodist Ladies. Visited with lots of people. Ruth took us out to French's after plums and apples.

25. Fri.
Painted the ceiling in small bed room upstairs. Helped Grace can 31 quarts of plums.

26. Sat.
Helped Charles W Jr hang our garage door. We bought a 2 x 8-8 and a 1 x 8 = 12
Paid 2.72

27. Sun.
Ethel took me to the Methodist Church. Grace rode with Lairds to Bethany. We wrote to George Litzkow. Arnold Grant came and got us for supper.

28. Mon.
Helped Grace peel a few pairs.

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Rocmosher laid Linolium in the dining room.

Hazel McDonald was here for dinner.
Ray Bates and family was here a little while.

Pained in upstairs bed room.

29. Tues.

Paint the walls in upstairs bed room.

30. Wed.

Finished paint in upstairs bed room.

Washed one door.

Swept the floor.

Alphild was here a little while.

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1. Thurs.

Grace Hull took Hattie Young, Mable Schaub, Grace and I up to Rapid City, Aldan, to try and find where our parents lived 78 years ago but we didn't find anything about them. We did see the school house Mable and her Mother taught in.

2. Fri.

Painted the wood work in bed room upstairs white.
James Talifson took me to the bank.

3. Sat.

Wrote checks to Palm Floor Coverings, Gleaner Life Insurance, Ludington taxes and water bill. I glued a couple of pieces of wood where the hinges was on the old chest.

4. Sun.

Grace rode to Bethany with Lairds.
Ethel Cassan took me to the First Methodist.
We wrote to Marvin Rotmans.
Alice Chinnery was here a little while.

5. Mon.

Put the hinges on the chest and painted it white.
Put the bed and curtains up in the upstairs bed room.
Took 7 screens off upstairs.
Arlene Dixon was here a little while.

6. Tues.

Wrote change of address Postmaster Dunedin Civil Service Social Society, Farm Journal, National Rural Letter Carrier, Michigan Patron, Guide Posts, National Grange, Sheriff Star, Michigan Farmer, Retirement Life, Michigan C. Advocate.
Painted barn door track and post.
Clinton Parsons took us to Ronoa Grange at Fountain. Rained all the way.

7. Wed.

Washed and put on three storm windows down stairs.
Helped get washer and tubs ready for washing.
Arlene Dixon brought us some kindling wood.

8. Thurs.

Put on one storm window and one in each door.
Hazard put up a new ariel for us and wired it up \$28.20.
I put Linolium in pantry.
Received Dunedin Papers from Litzkow.

9. Fri.

Edith Grant took us down town.
I took 25 pounds of Texture Pain back to Montgomerys, and went to the funeral of Charles Witte.
Received a latter from G. Litzkow.

10. Sat.

Put a 2 x 4 over the garage door opening.
Picked the grapes.

11. Sun.

Ethel Cassan took me to the First Methodist Church.
Grace went with her two daughters to Carlton Bensons in Grand Rapids.
Wrote to George Litzkow.

12. Mon.

Cold but not freezing.
Put up our oil heater.
Charles Oswalds was here for dinner.
Painted the Mothers chest and two storm windows.

13. Tues.

Wrote check to Blue Cross Insurance.
Cut off the Flocks and burnt soome old Linolium.
Alphild Tolifson took us out to Plumbs Store.
Floyd and Hazel McDonald were here for supper. Alice Chinnery gave us

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some Bear chops all cooked.

14. Wed.

We moved the china closet back into the dining room, also moved our Book from the Book covered upstairs. Was up to Cassans and she typed the Charles Gatke Sr, Smith Elijah Plumb and others records. Mother and I was up to Mary Lunde's for supper.

15. Thurs.

Wrote to Rotmans. Sent \$1. to Bible Soc. also to Lions Club of Dunedin. Received a letter from Bernice. Grace and I walked down town. I bought another Book for Family Record.

16. Fri.

Painted inside of cover on old chest and put handle on. Put weather strip on upstairs kitchen door. Carried 8 windows from basement and washed them. We were at Willard Talifsons for supper.

17. Sat.

Worked at our Family Record. Cut paper for second book. John Appletons took us to Peremagnum Grange.

18. Sun.

Grace rode to Bethany Church with Robert Laird. I rode with Conroy Nelson to the First Methodist. The Hiram and Gladys Herrick, Arlene Dixon, Alfred and Alice Chinnery, Charles and Elsie Firtch, Ray and Elsie Henry, Hazel and Floyd McDonald were here for supper.

19. Mon.

I helped Grace with the washing and washing breakfast dishes.

Put water in battery and radiator and started the motor on our Chevrolet.

20. Tues.

Put another drawer in our work table in basement, Grace and I went to Doctor and got checked up. Took the Chevrolet out to Dave Kings. Jacked it up on blocks, brought the battery home and put it in basement. Charles and Elsie came and brought me home.

21. Wed.

Washed the upper storm windows again. Morris Lyons came and put them on. Took the window out of the oil house and washed it.

22. Thurs.

I went to the bank and drew out \$125.00 got 3 window panes 47 cents. Put the glass in the oil house window and one in the up stairs garage door. Arlene Dixons had us over for a fish supper.

23. Fri.

Drained the up stairs water pipes and put oil in traps. Went down town and bought metal strips to put on the Linolium in the door ways.

24. Sat.

Went down town. Put in a change of address at Post Office. Bought a house key. We packed up. Margaret Lunde took us up to Howard Nerheims for lunch. Callers today Elsie Henry, Charles and Elsie Fitch and Dave Kings.

25. Sun.

Conney took me to the First Methodist. Mother rode with R. Lairds to Bethany. We had dinner at Arnold Grants. Bernice and Marvine and Arlene Dixon was here for supper. Arlene took me up to James Cassans.

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Ethel is sick.

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26. Mon.

We got up at 4-30 A.M. Marvin and Bernice came from Charles W. Jrs and we loaded, had breakfast and started at 6-30 A.M.

Marvin stopped at Holland and put in a new muffler.

We got a double cabin at Scottsburg Ind for \$10.00.

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27. Tues.

We left our cabin at 6-30 A.M. Ate breakfast at Hicks Restaurant now Jerrys.

We ate lunch at picnic ground south of Franklin. We found a cabin at Clanton for \$5.00 each and restaurant on grounds.

Brighton is a large and busy town to go through.

28. Wed.

We left cavin at 6 A.M. ate our breakfast at Montgomery and it was easy to come through.

We stopped for coffee break and had our dinner at Montecilla.

Stoped at 580 junction and got bananas.

Arrived home at 6 P.M.

Mrs. Berbeck and Litzkows came over.

29. Thurs.

We got up late.

Went to Tarpon Springs and got some fish at Gibbons 75 cents.

Bernice raked some leaves.

30. Fri.

We went to St. Petersburg.

Called on Albert Storm.

Went to Webbs Store.

Ate our dinner at Mohlgrens

99 cent Resterant.

Marvin and Bernice called on some people on Treasure Island, then we came up the beach to Indian Rocks.

31. Sat.

We went to Cypress Garden.s

Saw the Skiers and rode in the boats.

Marvin and Bernice took some

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1. Sun.

Marvin took us three to Sunday School and Church and came after us. After dinner Marvin to us to G. Sterns and Mrs Lillian Kibeys. We were at George Litzkkows for supper and evening.

2. Mon.

Wrote to Charles and Elsie and wrote in diary. Put some leaves on the street. We got fertilizer, Grape Fruit and groceries. Trimmed a Florida Holly and put brush on the street. I called on Lee Jackson.

3. Tues.

A nice cay. Marvin and Bernice started for home at 5-40 A.M. I put fertilizer around trees and trimmed Locust, Mango and Palm. George and mrs Berbeck called. Also Mrs Kenneth Stone.

4. Wed.

Fine Wednesday. I wrote ads to the Clearwater Sun and St. Petersburg Times. Raked leaves west of our garage. George took me to the bank and to the dump and got some wood. Trimmed the Tacoma Bush. Watered trees and yard.

5. Thurs.

Warm 80 sunshine. Wrote to Hiram Herricks and Alphild Talifson. Carried the wood we got yesterday back to the pile. Raked a little north of our house. Received 9 pieces of mail. Done some watering. Bell and George were in.

6. Fri.

Raked the south side of the front

yard, wrote to Clarence Burmeisters. Roy Van Nortwick took us to the Kuik Check to get 5 cans peaches \$1.00 and 3 cans corn beef \$1.00. Grace went to Womens meeting. I rode with George to Post Office Chamber of Commerce and to City Park.

7. Sat.

Grace's Birthday
Grace and I walked down to the Public to get chest X Rays.
Wrote to Floyd McDonalds and James Cassans. Received letters Herricks, Burmeisters, Edith Alphild. Raked in back yard. Had fire in heating stove. George and Marie brought over Hanker Chief Candy and Cookies for Grace. Socks for me.

8. Sun.

Mrs Babe Bough took us to Sunday and Preaching. Wrote to Roy Henrys. Bert and Martha Leonardson called on us.

9. Mon.

Raked leaves east of our house. Went with George Litzkow and got some wood and cement blocks. We called on his aunt and cousin. Received letters from H. Herricks, Bernice Rotman, Charles Elsie. Received personiled check books from Dunedin Bank.

10. Tues.

Mowed a little grass east of our house. Raked leaves south of our house. Got stung on the lower tip of my ear. It hurt swelled my face and neck. I was so dizzy I laid down all afternoon.

11. Wed.

Fine but cloudy.

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George Litzkow took Grace and I to Clearwater Beach, we attended a Retired Postal Club dinner meeting at the marina. 25 present.
Calvan Hastle brought us home.
Wrote to sister Hattie Young.
We called on Kenneth Stone.

12. Thurs.
Raked a few leaves.
Chopped the sprouts off the Bean Tree Stump in next lot.
Callers today Lily Storm, Austin and Pauline Houk, Bertha Headley, George Litzkow.
I called on Kenneth Stone.
Letters from Edith, Alphild and Ethel Miller.

13. Fri.
Raked a few leaves. Cut some brush on next lot.
Got a letter from Bernice Rotman.
Wrote to Brother William Fitch.
Roy Van Nortwick took us shopping.
We went to the VFW Fish Supper and to Litzkows to see T.V.

14. Sat.
Sent check to Marce \$24.00 also for Dunedin Taxes \$9.72.
Sent \$1.00 Amvets for Flag Stamps.
Wrote to Harold Fitchs.

15. Sun.
Mrs Babe Bough took us to Sunday School and Church.
We were over to Mrs Jones and ate supper with her.
We wrote to Charles and Elsie and

16. Mon.
We wrote to Hiram Herricks and Marvin Rotmans.
Put fertilizer on garden and planted Lettuce, Rasih and Onion Tagpies.
Trimed the little Black Cherry Tree.

17. Tues.
Wrote check to Consumers Power and General Telephone.
\$1.00 to Pinellas T.B.

Vitamin Sales Company \$3.95.
Mr and Mrs John Appleton came had dinner
with us and we called on Sterns, Kibbeys, Van Nortwicks and went to Tarpon Springs.
Bought Mullet on way ome, we called on Lee Jackson.

18. Wed.
We got up at 7-30 A.M. had breakfast.
Went to Clearwater Beach to the Bellair Wooden Hotel, Dime Stores and the Banyon Trees.
Appletons went home shortly after dinner.
Mrs. Jackson took Grace to a bazar at the Epsicol Church.
I cut a few limbs from trees.

19. Thurs.
Addressed 18 Christmas cards.
Grace went to a meeting at our Church.
I raked north half of front yard.
Trimed a little on Mullberry Tree.
Austin Houk took us to a caary in supper meeting of our Sunday School Class.

20. Fri.
Trimed a wild cherry tree in yard south of us with bad thorns on it.
Dug out at Bleeding Heart and a Glantanna Bush.
Austin Houk took me up on old W. 319 to see the official begining of the Causeway. We bought 5 lb Mullett.
Houks were here for supper.

21. Sat.
Addressed Christmas cards.

22. Sun.
Grace and I walked down to the 8-50 A.M. Preaching Service and Sunday School. Allens brought us home.
I addressed a few Christmas cards.

23. Mon.
Addressed a few Christmas cards.
Charles Oswalds came from Tampa.
Was here for dinner took us to the

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dime store we bought 100 card and
100 = 4 cent stamps.
We went to Gibsons and got 4 lb of
Mullett for supper.

24. Tues.
Grace and I went with Austin Houks
to Clearwater to get his Dodge greased.
We are our dinner at Madsens Frug Store
and in the afternoon called on
Lillian Houk. John wasn't home.

25. Wed.
Addressed Christmas cards.
Paid our Dunedin water bill.
Mamie Stern called on us also
Mrs. Harper.

26. Thurs.
Roy Van Nortwick took us to
George Sterns for our Thanksgiving.
Austin Houks were also there.
We came home about 8 P.M.

27. Fri.
Went to Clearwater with
George Litzkow and bought a quart
of white enamel \$3.57.
Painted cubbard around sink.

28. Sat.
Its cold about 45.
I finished address Christmas cards
and wrote in John Chadbournes and
George Dawsons.
Mrs Good came in we had her stay
for supper.

29. Sun.
Down to 40 this A.M.
Grace and I walked down to the
8-50 A.M. Service.
Cecil Traver brought us home from
Sunday School.
We had George and Marie Litzkow
come in for dinner.
Ray brought an armful of papers.
I wrote to Brother Ernest and Fred Dean.

30. Mon.
I put the drawers in and the doors on
kitchen cubbard.

Wrote a few letters in Christmas cards.
George was in a while.
Ray Birkbeck brought both doilies in.
Mrs Birkbeck brought a half squash in.

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1. Tues.

Wrote letters in Christmas cards.
Went with George and Marie over to
Humphys got one half bushel of
Grapefruit for \$.90.

2. Wed.

Wrote letters in Christmas cards.
Cut the rest of the limbs off
the wild cherry tree with throngs on
and it out on the street.

3. Thurs.

Warmer today.
Wrote letters in Christmas cards
only eight today.
Grace and I rode the bus to
Clearwater to attend a lecture on
Mentle Health.

4. Fri.

Roy Van Nortwick took us to the
and to the Public Store we bought
two dozens cans of vegetables
and fruit.
Wrote in Christmas cards.

5. Sat.

I wrote in Christmas cards.
Went with George to his aunts and
to the dump.

6. Sun.

We walked to the 8-50 A.M. Preaching
Service and Sunday School.
Bert Wilson brought us home.
We wrote some letters in Christmas
cards.
George called.

7. Mon.

Wrote letters in 11 Christmas cards.
Grace went to a tea at our church.
Went with George after gas.
We received 9 letters.
Went with George to their church after
a dress for Marie.

8. Tues.

George and Marie took us to Clearwater
to a lecture on Christian Science.

We wrote some letters in Christmas
cards.

George and Marie took us to Clearwater
and the Beach to see the colored lights.
They treated us to ice cream.

9. Wed.

Baums took us to the all States
Retired Postal Employees Club at
the marina on Clearwater Beach.
Mr and Mrs Sam White and Mr and Mrs
Stephens from Largo called on us.

10. Thurs.

Wrote letters in Christmas cards.
We received five letters.

11. Fri.

Roy Van Nortwick took us to the
Public Shopping Center also to
Fish Market at Ovona.
Wrote letters in Christmas cards.

12. Sat.

A warm day.
Wrote letters in Christmas cards.

13. Sun.

Grace and I walked to the 8-50 A.M.
Service and Sunday School at ten.
Mrs Roy Vandermark brought us home.
We asked Mrs Darney to stop for dinner.
After noon three people from Bensens
Church in Grand Rapids called on us.
Arnold and Grace Whaley and Jean.

14. Mon.

Raked the yard in front next to
Birkbecks.
Went with George to Post office
and to dump after wood.

15. Tues.

Raked the north part of front yard.
Mrs Lily Storm brought oysters
and ate dinner with us.
Watered front yard.
Raked a little in back yard.

16. Wed.

Went with George to Fred Ericksons
after some wood he said we could

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have, also got our saw at Whites.
Raked a little in back yard.
Hans and Mary Olsen and Ruth
McDonald
called on us.
Austin Houk came after us we had
supper there and Bert Wilson brought
us home.

17. Thurs.
Raked yard north of house.
Trimmed Turks Caps.
Grace and I were on the Supper
Committee
of our Sunday School Class.

18. Fri.
A rainy morning and we like it.
Wrote a few cards.

19. Sat.
It's cold today.
George Litzkow took us to the 10 cent
store
and to the Public.

20. Sun.
We walked to the early Service.
Roy Vandermark brought me home.
We had George and Marie here for
dinner.
We were over there for the evening.

21. Mon.
Wrote to Hiram Herricks.
Raked north of our garage.
We spent the evening at Robert Harpers.

22. Tues.
Raked south of our house.
Finished trim the Turks Caps.
Dehorned some cherry trees.
Bert Crandals took us down to
Clearwater to see Lily Crabtree.

23. Wed.
Had a little pain in my side in the night
so Grace said not to go out today.
Mrs Lee Jackson came and brought us
cookies and Grapefruit.
Joe and Ethel Miller came and had dinner
with us. Babe Bough came and told us

Lily Storm was in the hospital.
Millers took us up there.

24. Thurs.
Set up the Florida Holly Christmas
Tree Millers brought us.
Took a Christmas card to Litzkows.
Counted 220 + Christmas cards.

25. Fri.
George Sterns came over and took
us over to their place for the day.
We had a good day and Mamie
brought us home.

26. Sat.
Sawed a little wood.

27. Sun.
Fine and warm 76
Grace and I walked down to the
8-50 A.M. Service and Sunday School.
Kenneth Kibbeys brought us home.
We wrote to Hiram Herricks and
Willard Talifsons, Clarence Burmeister.

28. Mon.
Another fine morning.
Sawed a little wood.
Planted some Lettuce.
Wrote to Carlton Bensons and
Marvin Rotmans, Hazel McDonald.
George Litzkow started to trim our
Mulberry tree. Rained.

29. Tues.
A fine day.
Mr and Mrs Charles Oswald from
Baldwin and Tampa came for a
visit with us.
We went to the Kwick and Public
Markets.
George Litzkow finished trim our
Mulberry tree.

30. Wed.
Another fine day.
George dug out a Florida Holly Tree
in our back yard.
The Oswalds took us to Howards
Auction, I got a hair cut for 65 cents.
Grace bought a Blue Suit Case \$6.

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Received letters from John Chadbourne
and Catherine Trepania.

We bought 300 tea bags at 50 cents a
100.

31. Thurs.

Another fine day.

We bought a pint of oysters \$1.20
and went to Lily Storms for dinner.

Oswalds started for Tampa at
about 2 P.M.

Received letters Edith Grant and
Alphild Talifson and Florida Electric
Bill.

George brought me a half bushel of
Oranges at Humphreys for \$1.00