

THE 1960 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 WHERE-ABOUTS.

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.

TRANSCRIBED BY DONALD CHINNERY, GRANDSON OF CHARLES WESLEY FITCH

TRANSCRIBER NOTES: AS WE FINISHED THE TYPING OF THIS DIARY, WE CONCLUDED IT WAS PROBABLY THE LAST YEAR MAINTAINED BY GRANDFATHER. GRANDMA GRACE DIED DURING JULY 1960 AND CHARLES IN FAILING HEALTH MOVED IN WITH SON CHARLES JR. AND ELSIE FITCH AT 807 DEXTER. WE THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE IN AN APPENDIX OF THIS TRANSCRIPTION SOME FAMILY GENEALOGY RECORDS FROM MY DATABASE.

DONALD CHINNERY
AUGUST 4, 2010

JANUARY 1960

1. Fri

Squeezed out a can of Orange Juice also 4 lemons. Reset our Pencil Tree and tied it up. Raked a little.

Grace and I went to Robert Harpers to watch the Parade at the Rose Bowl.

Wrote to Alfred Chinnerys and Harry Trepaniers

Company today - Lucile Lee and George.

2. Sat

Carried out some brush. Went to the Public [Publix] Store with Austin Hauks. Grace copied a Letter in Norwegon for a Mr. Jenson.

Received letters from Floyd McDonalds, a lady from Aledo and my check.

3. Sun

We rode to the Methodist Church with Mrs Lee Jackson. Rode home with Kenneth Kibbys.

Wrote to Elaine Henry, Roy Henry, Lee Bates, and Jerry Winsemius.

Callers today - Albert Brockhouse and Mother Minnie Brockhouse, Mr. and Mrs Burt Meese.

We were over to Litzkows for the evening.

4. Mon

Squeezed out a can of Orange Juice - cut a little wood.

Wrote Notice of our Retired Postal Club Meeting for the papers.

George took me to bank and to the Dunedin Times and we went to the dump and got wood.

Received a card from David Rotman. He wanted information about our ancestors.

5. Tues

I wrote David Rotman¹, Hiram Herrick Jr., National bank of Ludington and Mrs Larry Smith².

Received letters from Jack Traverse and our two checks.

6. Wed

Sent checks to Ludington City Treasurer and Arthur Dewey. Wrote to James Snell³, St. Petersburg Times, Clearwater sun, Charles Fitch Jr., Mrs Carl Schram⁴, Carleton⁵ Chinnerys, Arlene Dixon.

We went to party on Bill Birkbeck

7. Thurs

Wrote to Ethel Cassan and Ronald⁶ DiCicco.

I went with George Litzkow to get his auto license plate. We went to the memorial

¹ Rotman and Herrick are grandsons .

² Mrs Larry Smith would be Martha nee Herrick, granddaughter

³ James Snell married to Lucille nee Chinnery, granddaughter

⁴ Mrs Carl Scram would be Doris Vivian Dixon, granddaughter

⁵ Carlton would be grandson of Charles

⁶ Ronald DeCicco would be husband of Betty nee Herrick, granddaughter

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causeway and got some wood and cement blocks.

8. Fri

Ray VanNortwick took us to the Public Store.⁷ Received a letter from Laura Ball. Mrs Myrta Good took us to Bert Wilsons for supper. We had a good trout supper and good visit.
I have a pain in my bowells.

9. Sat

Wrote to Joyce Herrick, Nancy Herrick⁸, Donald Chinnerys and Al Dings. Received letters from Mrs Edna Larsen, Mrs Helen Burmeister, Mrs Elsie Fitch and Michael Barner.
Pain is no better.

10. Sun

Grace thought I had better stay home this morning as my bowells was making me believe they hurt so I agreed with her. Grace and Lucille walked to church and back home. After dinner we walked over to Mrs George Downeys and brought her over to eat lunch with us.

11. Mon

I wrote Morris Brown⁹, Nashville Mich. Mr and Mrs Wm. Tane called on us. Received letters from Mrs. Grace Hall, Mrs Doris Schram¹⁰, Mrs Edith Grant¹¹, Mrs Gertrude Benson, Mrs Gladys Herrick. Said they wanted to start south

Feb. 15th.

I went with George Litzkow to Humphreys after fruit.

Took Litzkows a few radish.

12. Tues

Went with George Litzkow to get grapefruit from Curtice Jackson. Painted three window sills. Austin Houks came while we were eating dinner and asked us to go to Clearwater and Howards auction. I bought this book at Woolworths \$1.23. I bought a cap at McCorys for 19 cents. We went to auction I bought two cans NuCoat for \$1.03. Grace bought a vanity case for \$1.13. We got home 5:30 PM
I watered lawn
ate radish from our garden.

13. Wed

Baums took us to the Retired Postal Employees Club Dinner Meeting at the Marina on Clearwater Beach. There were 25 there. We had election. Morris and Elida Lyon called while we were gone. Received a letter from Sister Gertrude Johnson¹².

14. Thurs

Took Tampa and Clearwater Sun [papers] over to Litzkows. Took the doors off the cubbard [cupboard] over our electric

⁷ Public Store would be "Publix" - A super market chain in South East USA- In 1960 probably only in Florida.

⁸ Joyce and Nancy Herrick , granddaughters

⁹ Morris Borwns would be granddaughter Nita Herrick.

¹⁰ Doris Schram nee Dixon wife of Carl Schram.

¹¹ Edith Grant and Gertrude Benson two of Grace's daughters.

¹² Gertrude Johnson, could be sister or sister in law. Grace's maiden name was Johnson.

stove and painted the outside of the cubbard.

Received letter from Alfhild¹³ Tallefson, Ludington Tax Receipt, and new contract from the Michigan Hospital Service. Wrote check of \$53.25 to Michigan hospital Service. Lucile Abrahamson called.

Two people inquired about our house. Birkbeck brought us both dailies.

15. Fri

Squesed out a can of orange juice.

Shaved

Took Tampa Tribune and Clearwater Sun to Litzkows. She gave us some cookies.

At 2:30 PM we started to walk to the Post office and mailed four letters. We walked to Morris Lyon. They were not at home..

So we went to Jess Pattersons across the street, Ray VanNortwicks came by and asked us to come to their place. We went there and stayed for supper, then they took us to the Kwik and home.

16. Sat

Watered the lawn and garden.

Received letters from Grace Hull.

Wrote to Grace Hull, Hazel McDonald, Narce¹⁴ Check, Ludington Electric bill, Hiram Herricks, Joyce Herrick, William Johnson.

Had onions from garden.

Done some writing for our record.

17. Sun

Grace, Lucile Abrahamson and I walked to the 8:50 AM Service and Sunday School at 10. and we walked home. We rested all the afternoon.

Ray Birkbeck brought in his papers.

18. Mon

Another wonderful day.

Took doors off the cubbard over the sink and painted outside the cubbard.

Went with George Litzkows to Clearwater and bought potatoes, bread and cottage cheese.

We moved our Electric stove so we could varnish the floor.

I went with George Litzkow to Post office and Davis & Beath Lumber Company and got one pint of varnish \$1.03

Bought 5 lb honey for 99 cents

We received letters from Doris Schram¹⁵ and Richard White.

We picked up ten bottles today.

Grace and I spent the evening at George Litzkows.

19. Tues

Cold 50 at noon.

I varnished the kitchen floor near the back door.

Wrote to Clarence Burmeisters and Charles Fitch Jr.

Set out 24 chrysanthemums.

¹³ Alfhild daughter of Grace.

¹⁴ Narce or NARCE is referenced often through out diary. Believed to have been a group providing supplemental health care.

¹⁵ Doris Schram nee Dixon

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20. Wed

Cold 42 this morning, 50 in middle of the day.¹⁶

Put the doors on the high cubbard.

Received letters from Edith Grant and Mrs Ethel White

Wrote to Harold Fitch¹⁷

Copied Harold Fitch's Record

Lucile Abrahamson called.

21. Thurs

Cold again this morning

Copied three of the Hayes Boys records and also Donald Gatke.

Company today was relatives of Hoenes and Lucile Abrahamson.

22. Fri

Cold 36-62

Squeezed out a can of orange and grapefruit mixed.

Copied the reports of Catherine Trepanier and Lillian Russa.

Received a letter from Mrs Floyd Briggs.

Callers today Mr and Mrs Morris Lyon , Mr and Mrs Bert Wilson, Mr and Mrs Austin Houk, and Lucile Abrahamson.

Ray VanNortwick took us to the public market.

23. Sat

Cold

Dug out a few pieces of cement where we are going to lay a slab walk.

Received a letter from Bernice Rotman Mrs Ray Birkbeck brought their dailies to us.

Callers today Lucile Abrahamson, Mr and Mrs Hans Olsen, and Ruth McDonald.

Went with George Litzkow to his cousins on

24. Sun

Still Cold

Froze last night or this morning.

Lucile Grace and I walked to Church.

Kenneth Kibbys brought us home. Lucile stopped in for coffee.

We had George and Marie Litzkow for dinner. They took us to the pier at Tarpon Springs.

We ate supper at Litzkows and he took us down to the Methodist Church, it was States Night and Michigan won with 35 present.

25. Mon

A little warmer today

Took the papers over to Litzkows

George and I went to get a tank of gas for him. and he drove to Humphies Fruit Market. I bought a 1/2 bushel of Temple Oranges for \$1.25 and he got a peck for juice for 50 cents.

We went to Fred Ericksons and got some wood.

We stopped and paid water bill \$4.26 applied for homestead exemption.

George was here in the evening.

Letters today two from Alfhild and one from Edith.

26, Tues

Warmer this morning

Shaved

Wrote in Diary

Started to lay cement slabs for a sidewalk to the house.

Lucile Abrahamson was here

Received a card from Mrs Morris Lyon

¹⁶ Should mention here that in addition to recent references to local weather, that each page of this diary contains a little table at top left with reference to the weather. CLEAR, CLOUDY, RAIN SNOW. Left hand column providing a box for writer to check current weather.

¹⁷ Harold Fitch would be an cousin to Charles

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Spent the evening at Mrs Lee Jackson.
Grace called Mrs Lyon on the phone.

27. Wed

Real warm today
Laid a few pieces of cement on walk.
Carried some wood from house on
Locklie Street.
Morris Lyon came and took us for a ride.
We were gone all afternoon and came
back and had oysters for supper.

28. Thurs

A nice day
Got up O.K. but put a kink in my back
before I dressed.
Mr and Mrs Burtan Pullin called on us.
Received a letter from Hiram Herricks. Mr
and Mrs Charles Oswalds came. Albert
Storm and two friends called, also Lucile
Abrahamson.
Oswalds took us to Ozana to Gibsons to
get six pound of mullet.

29. Fri

Warm
My back still hurts
I layed around all day.
Charles did take us to the Public and
Kwick Check.
I wrote to Hiram Herricks.
The two women carried wood from the
new house on Locklie St.
George called also Mrs Robert Harper.

30. Sat

Rained last night
My back is no better.
Callers today-
George Litzkow, Mr and Mrs Arthur
Fichtner
Oswalds started home at 2 PM.

Wrote to Hazel mcDonald
I sent Records¹⁸ of Harold Fitch, Floyd
Levagood¹⁹, Rockwell Hayes, Melville
Hayes, and Lillian Catherine Gatke.

31. Sun

Cloudy but warm
Grace and Lucile walked to early Service
and sunday school and back.
My back is some better but thought best
to stay home and rest.
Mr and Mrs Art Ludlow and two friends
called on us.

¹⁸ Curious is to what records he refers to here. Family history records?.

¹⁹ Floyd, Rockwell, and Melville were nephews of Charles.

1. Mon

A nice day

We carried some wood from Locklie St.
Grace went to meeting at our church.
I went with George to the bank - after
eggs at 40 cents a dozen and after a tank
of gas. We got a few pieces of cement.
Received a letter from Mary Jensen and
my check and a card from Arthur
Fichtner. Mr Bert Crandel called on us.

2. Tues

Warm

George Litzkows took us to the bank. We
went into Collins Reality Office and listed
our house at \$8,000.00²⁰
We called on Austin Houks had lunch
with them. We went with them to see
house trailer park in St. Petersburg to see
Mr and Mrs Norman Gerbers and Mr and
Mrs Walter Gerbers. We had the Houks
stop in for supper.

3. Wed

Mrs Birkbeck brought the dailies in.
Grace and I carried wood from Locklie St.
Wrote to Mrs Edna Larsen.
Watered the lawn.
A couple came to look at our house . We
went with George Litzkow to get
grapefruit from Curtis Jackens on Union
St.
Lucile Abrahamson was here.

4. Thurs

Grace and Lucile went to the Chain of
Missions at the Methodist Church in
Clearwater.
I went with George we took some chunk
of cement over to the dump.

Its raining real hard and we like it.

Callers today: Mr and Mrs Marines
Schaafema, Mr and Mrs Henry Delancy
from Grand Rapids, Mich. and Lucile
Abrahamson.

5. Fri

Thundered early in the morning
Squeused out a can of Temple Orange
Juice. Shaved and layed down.
George was in a while and gave me a
shirt.
Mr and Mrs Burton Pullin came and took
us to their home in east Clearwater for
supper. After supper they took us to
Howards Auction. I bought a claw
hammer for \$1.50, a can opener for \$1.00

6. Sat

Warm
Got up at 9 o'clock a.m.. Shaved
Delivered dailies to George Litzkow.
Pulled a few nails out of boards.
I called on Will - Back corner of Louden
and Lyndhurst²¹, also called on _____
French on Locklie St.

7. Sun

Grace Lucile and I walked to the 8:50 am
Service and Sunday School at ten.
Rested in the afternoon.
We were invited to George Litzkows for
supper and Evening.

8. Mon

Painted two shelves in the south cubbard
also the lower part of kitchen windows
and toilet seat.

²⁰ I am surmising that this was probably his last winter in Florida. I don't believe the house was ever sold except to family. Apparently there was a sale but the buyers defaulted after his death. Gladys Herrick and Elsie Henry had to go down and salvage what they could and not end up losing the property.

²¹ I corrected spelling here, was Linhursh, but per map it had to be Lyndhurst. As general rule I retained spelling as written in diary, except in cases like this have changed.

Received letters from Alfhild Tallefson,
David Kings, Alice Chinnery and Charles
Oswalds.

Layed four feet in our walk.

Mr Birkbeck brought the dailies in.

9. Tue

Little warmer today.

Took papers to Litzkows
shaved

Wrote check to Elliotts Insurance Agency
\$47.00

Raked in yard next to Birkbecks.

Started record of Nora Fitch Hayes to
sent to Rockwell to finish.²²

Started to write to Charles and Elsie.

10. Wed

Windy

William Buck took us to the all states
Retired Postal Employees and Club of
Clearwater at the Marina on Clearwater
Beach. 35 thru a good meeting .

Caller's today Mrs Hans Olsen and Ruth
McDonald, Mr and Mrs Robert Hessland
and Andrew Forfleff.

11. Thurs

Warm

Went with George to Clearwater and to
the Birite Store in Dunedin- got 2
bunches carrots 15 cents and 4 lbs
Onions 30 cents, George got eggs at 40
cents at Brandingburgs.

After dinner we went after a can of gas ,
George brought over a small avocata²³
trees and set in backyard. Raked next to
Birkbecks.

Lucile is here.

12. Fri

warm

Took Papers to Litzkows .

Wrote to Nancy Herrick, Joyce Herrick
and David King.

Ray VanNortwick came and took us to
the Public market.

Wrote and sent Martha Smith a birthday
card.

Rewrote Michael Fitchs²⁴ record for our
book.

13. Sat

Warm

Took dailies papers to Litzkow.

Coppied and rewrote:

Grace Hulls, Floyd Biggs and Floyd C
Biggs Report for our record.

14. Sun

Cold Windy

Grace and I walked to the 8:50 AM
Preaching service and Sunday school at
ten o'clock.

We wrote to Floyd E. Biggs

15. Mon

Cold this morning 36

Raked the north half of front yard.

Wrote letters to Sister Hattie, and Hiram
Herrick Jr.

Raked the south half of front yard.

Received letters from Gertrude Bensen,
Bernice Rotman, Helen Burmeister,
Beatrice Organ, Bert Wilsons, Bertha
Clark, Alfhild Tallefson, Georgia
Owen, Juiola Brown, Martha Smith and
Consumers Power bill. Wrote check to
Consumers Power Company.

²² I pretty sure now that these records being referred to, are family history information.

²³ Avocada

²⁴ Michael Fitch would have been uncle to Charles.

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16. Tues

Its cool yet
Trimmed some bushes
Raked south of our house.
Put Barrs in our electric spider.
Wrote to Beatrice Organ
George set out four Blue Dassies back of
our house.
Elida Lyon called a little while

17. Wed

Warm - Weather box check warm cloudy
Raked a few leaves
Took the cover of the seat of rocking chair
and painted the chair black.
Callers today Mr and Mrs Austin Houk
and Bertha Headly
Ray brought in the two dailies.

18. Thurs

Took the dailies over to Litzkows.
Mr and Mrs Charles Oswald came over
and brought five pounds of mullett.
Charles and I rode with George Litzkow
to Humphys - I bought a half bushel of
oranges \$1.58 . George got a peck.
Callers today Mrs Gertrude Harper, Bert
and Martha Leonardson, Al Ding.

19. Fri

Cold in the wind
Oswalds took us to Gibsons after 4 1/2
lbs mullet 85 cents.
To the he Qwick Kick after cheese. To
Sunshine after vegetables and meat.
After dinner we called on Leonardsons at
Clearwater. We bought rubber for chair
cushion \$2.65 - cloth \$1.30

20. Sat

Cold Quite Cold
Oswalds started home right after dinner.
Callers today George Litzkow, Mr and
Mrs Arthur Fichtner, Ray Birkbeck, Mr
and Mrs Morris Lyons

21. Sun

A nice day
Grace and I walked to the 8:50 AM
Service and sunday school at ten. We
walked home.
Morris Lyons took us to Janius Houks
Open house at Brooksville FL. We called
at William Balls on the way home but they
were not home.

22. Mon

Rain checked with added note all day.
Mr and Mrs Austin Houk took us to St.
Petersburg. We ate dinner at the Dutch
Pantry - Corner of Central Ave and 34th
Street \$5.35 for four of us. A good dinner.
We went to Gulf Port but no one there so
we went to Larry Kistlers and stayed for
supper.

23. Tues

a nice day
I layed 32 inches on my walk
Finished put the cushin on seat of rocking
chair
Callers today Mr and Mrs Clay Blue, Mr
and Mrs Robnot, Austin Houk.
Received a letter from Edith Grant

24. Wed

Rain
Put cloth on rocking chair
George took us to the bank and to
Sunshine Market and to the dump and
got four pieces of cement.
Received letter from William ball.
Ray brought dailies in.

25. Thurs

Rained and thundered in afternoon.
Wrote to Hiram Herricks in Texas
Layed 10 pieces of cement in our walk.
Grace was down and invited Lucile for
supper. Lucile Abrahamson was here for
supper.
Letters today from Alfhild Tallefson and
Joyce Herrick.

26. Fri

Cooler this morning
Raked yard.
Wrote to Marvin Rotmans
Austin Houks took us to the county fair in
Largo and to the Kwick Chek for
groceries.

27. Sat

Clear
Pulled weeds by the garage.

28. Sun

Grace and I walked to the 8:50 AM
Service and Sunday School at ten. We
met Ruth Fitch Osborn at church.
Grace walked to Lily Storms- she had
fallen out of bed and hurt her back. Grace
wrote to Lilys four children.
Mr Joe Gardner brought Grace home and
ate lunch with us.

29. Mon

I rode with George to Post Office, Bank
and to Kwick Chek.
I finished our walk to the street. Hoed
weeds by Guava tree.
Lucile called a little while.

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1. Tues

Nice and warm
Wrote to Charles and Elsie
Hoed weeds by our garden
Pulled weeds by our garage.

2. Wed

Real Warm
Windy
Pulled weeds east of house.
Took papers to George
Houks took us to Howards Auction got
hair cut 65 cents. Nucoat 50 cents,
pepper planters \$1.00
Houks took us to their place for supper.

3. Thurs

Rained in the night
George put coupling on our Blue Hose.
Raised some of the blocks on walk near
step. Pulled some weeds.
Wrote change of address to Farm
Journal, Retirement Life, Michigan
farmer, National Letter Carrier, Michigan
Patron, Michigan Christian Advocate,
United States Postal Service, Guide
Posts
Received a card from Gladys Herrick
Southern Texas.

4. Fri

Cold
Raked front yard.
Mr and Mrs Lloyd Osborne called on us.
Took a shower bath.
Received a letter from Brother William
Johnson²⁵ Detroit. also our checks.
Austin Houks took us to the Palm
Gardens Restaurant to Bert Williams
Golden Wedding Dinner - over 30 there.
Wonderful Dinner and a Friendly Group.
In the we were at their home in Dunedin.

5. Sat

Down to 40 this A.M.

Took papers to Litzkow
Brother William Johnson came shortly
after dinner then Austin Houk took Grace
to the Public Market. Hiram Herricks and
Elaine Henry came.

6. Sun

Cold
Hiram took us and Lucile to the 8:50 AM
Preaching Service and Sunday School at
10 o'clock
After noon Hiram took us to Charles
Osbornes in Tampa and to Budweiser
Gardens to see flowers and birds.
Got home about six o'clock.

7. Mon

Froze last night.
Hiram took me to the bank and Kwik
Chek and to Sunshine Market and to
Gibson Fish Market but they had no fish.
Hiram took us to Clearwater Beach and
to see the Banyon trees. We went to
Gibsons and bought 10 pounds of mullet
for \$1.00

8. Tues

Not quite so cold
Took papers to george.
Hiram took Elaine downtown.
I worked on our income tax report.
Hiram took us to Philippi Park to the
Kappok Tree and to Tarpon Springs.
We went to George Stern and borrowed
his half inch rope chains and heavy rope.

9. Wed

A nice day
Hiram took us to the all states Retired
Postal Employee and Club Dinner
meeting at the Marina on Clearwater
Beach and Gladys and mother went to a
baby shower at Morris Lyon.

²⁵ William Johnson sibling of Grace

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Hiram and I called on Henry Niesinkring

10. March

Warm

Hiram took Elaine to the Bus Station at Clearwater, she started for Miami. Mother, Gladys and I went to Clearwater with them.

Afternoon John White came and told us about some wood we could get over on Patricia St., Hiram took his Chevrolet and got two good loads.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Fichtner came and was with us for supper.

William Johnson bid us good bye and said he would start early in the morning for Miami.

11. Fri

Started to rain about 11 AM and rained all afternoon.

Squeezed out a can of orange juice shaved

Went to the bank with Hiram and Gladys. George and Mamie Sterns were here a little while.

We went to Ozana²⁶ and got 8 pounds of mullet \$1.60

12. Sat

Cold 44 this A.M.

Took papers to Litzkows

Shaved, pulled a few weeds by the snake plants.

Hiram helped George Sterns cut a couple of trees on Fred Smiths into wood for us and they hauled it over here.

Wrote to David King²⁷

13. Sun

We four went to 8:50 AM preaching and Sunday school at ten.

Hiram took us to Brooksville and to Bay Port to a picnic dinner, a real nice place and we had a nice time.

14. Mon

Warm 78 today

Hiram worked at the wood

I raked the front yard

Two different parties came and looked at the house, one brought his wife and grandfather to see it. I pulled a few weeds We had George and Marie for supper and we were over there to see T.V. in the evening.

15. Tues

Rained about all day

Hiram and Gladys took us to St Petersburg. We called on Albert Storm, we called on Hulger Hanson but they were not at home.

We went to Webbs Store and we ate dinner at Nolgrens 99 cent restarant. Then we called on Mrs Amy Southwick-from there we went to Larry Kistlers and had a good visit with them. We called on Andrew Knudsen but no one was at home. We spent the evening at Lee Jacksons.

16, Wed

Rained about all day sometimes hard - Electric Storm

Got our stuff down from the attic

Took dailies to Litzkows

Ray VanNortwicks were here for dinner. We were up to Morris Lyons for supper.

17. Thurs

Wrote check to Consumers Power \$7.80

Packed up packages to mail

Started to mow back yard.

²⁶ Ozana FL located few miles north of Dunedin, FL

²⁷ A little later we find that David King was staying at 322 North Rowe Street - house sitting

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18. Fri

Took dailies to Litzkows
Hiram raked front yard and finished pile
the wood also mowed some in back yard.
I juiced some grapefruit
Piled a little wood

19. Sat

Cooler last night
Took dailies to Litzkows
Borrowed his ladder and Hiram took the
mistle toe and moss out of our oak tree.
I tied up two more packages.
Hiram to Gladys, Lucile, Mother and I up
to Tarpon Springs. We drove so we could
see the dredge working at the causeway.

20. Sun

Warm
We all went to the 8:50 AM Preaching
Service and Sunday School at ten.
Ray brought the dailies in.

21. Mon

We packed and loaded the Chevrolet.
We mailed packages to Ludington
Cost near \$8.00
We all ate supper at George Litzkows.

22. Tues

A nice day
We got started for Michigan about 7 AM.
George and Marie were over to bid us
good bye. We stopped at Greenville
Florida to see a sawmill that was using a
gang saw - sawing 10 inch cants. They
shut down shortly after we got there.
We ate dinner at a roadside table on way
to Thomasville.
Stopped at Thomasville and saw another
gang saw mill that was really doing fast
work, 28 inch gang sawing 10 inch
boards.
We stopped at Ellaville overnight. Nice
motel at \$5.15 - Supper in motel \$2.53 for

two.

23. Wed

Nice day good roads
We left Ellaville at 7 AM
Stopped at Grant Park at the east end of
Georgia Street to see the panorama of
the Battle of Atlanta, very real and sad.
Supper for two \$1.96 . Motel for two
\$5.15 just north of Lake Tenn and had to
back into town to eat as two restaurants
were closed.

24. Thurs

Good roads
We left Lake Tenn at 6:30 AM
Breakfast for two \$1.03
Stopped at a self served restaurant and I
had two hamburgers and chocolate milk.
Grace had soup and cottage cheese.
\$1.10
Got a cabin at Greenville Ohio - two beds
in one room for \$9.50

25. Fri

Cold this morning and more snow, but
roads are clear.
We left Greenville and drove to Ronald
DeCiccios in Ann Arbor - was there for
dinner and supper, had sweet corn on the
cob from their deep freeze just like fresh
corn.
After dinner Betty took us to the State
Hospital and around the college
buildings.

26. Sat

Roads good but lots of snow in fields,
auto covered with snow this morning.
We left Ann Arbor at 7:30 AM
Drove to Parma called on Fred Millie and
Doris (?).

MARCH 1960

Went to Nashville and had coffee with Morris and Nita²⁸ and then went to Grand Rapids and ate dinner with Bensons and arrived at Herricks at Ludington about 4 o'clock.

We brought some of our stuff to our house at 322 N. Rowe St.

27. Sun

Thawing today

Hiram, Gladys and I went the preaching service.

We left Grace at Arnold Grants and I went there for dinner.

In the evening Floyd and Hazel McDonald, Roy Elsie and Elaine Henry and James and Ethel Cassan called at Herricks and they showed pictures of their trip.

28. Mon

Thawing

Hiram made a Track to the Lathe Building Built fire in furnace and boiler

I walked out to the lathe building but it was too wet and too much snow for shoes.

Snow went fast today.

29. Tues

Warmer today

We got up at 6:30 AM

shaved

Wrote about our trip in old diary.

I made three trips to the lathe building.

Snow went faster today.

30. Wed

Thunderstorm in the night

Real foggy this forenoon

Polished a couple of pieces of silver for Gladys.

Herricks had the Legislative Committee of Pamona Grange - 15 members all

present.

31. Thurs

Edit Grant came and got us an appointment with Doctor Morris at 11:30 AM to adjust my lower teeth.

We ate dinner with Grants and Arnold took us to David Kings at 322 N. Rowe Street. We ate supper and spent the evening with them. David took us out to Herricks.

²⁸ Morris and Nita Brown. Nita being daughter of Gladys Herrick

1. Fri

A fine day snow still going
I went down to the Lathe Building and
watched the crew of three men and three
women cut pint slices and tie them up.
David King phoned and said they were
out to their house and said they would
move tomorrow.

2. Sat

Raining a little this Forenoon - Sunshine
this afternoon
Gladys brought us down here about ten
o'clock
We ate dinner with the Kings and then
they loaded their auto and left for their
home in Summit Township.
Donna and Elsie brought our packages-
we mailed to them , and then took me to
Bonsers Store to get groceries.

3. Sun

a nice day
I rode with Cassans to Sunday School
and Church
Charles and Susie²⁹ Hamilton came
home with me for dinner
Grace went to Bethany Church with
Tallefsons.

4. Mon

Snow and rained a little
Ethel took me to Dr. Morris
My mouth is some better but he wants
me to come back the 18th April at 11
o'clock.
James Cassan came and took me home.
Arnold Grant took us to the Post office,
The Bank, City Hall and to Lyon
Groceries.

5. Tues

Snowed about an inch in the night.
Wrote to Marvin and Bernice at Holland.

Grace and I had an appointment with
Doctor Paukstis - Alfild took us down
and stayed with us.
Dr said I was better and I could try
driving. He tried to wash our my ears but
couldn't get anything out, told me to put
peroxide in.
Graces blood pressure is too high.
Charles was in a few minutes .
I rode to Pamona Grange at Victory Hall
with Clinton Parsons.

6. Wed

Coppied in our diary.
Mother went to Lunchin at Bethany
Church
Alice Chinnery called a few minutes.

7. Thurs

Trying to snow
Grace doctored my ears. Shaved.
Wrote check for Michigan Hospital
Service and Florida Sheriffs Association.
Received letters from Joyce Herrick,
Dunedin, Carol and Buster from Texas
and our Social security Checks.
I set out a Box Elder tree in front. Raked
a little.

8. Fri

a changeable weather
Alfild Tallefson took mother to the
hospital to have xRay of her digestive
tract. I went down to get Michigan license
plates for our Chevrolet \$11.20
Set a little maple tree in front the house.
Raked in garden
Elsie Fitch was here a little while.

9. Sat

Snowed a lot last night and this morning
but went fast. Charles W. Jr took me out
to David Kings to get our Chevrolet.

²⁹ Susie Hamilton nee Gates would be first cousin to Charles.

Charles put the battery in and got the car started.

I took the blocks out from under it. It run like a new car. Grace and I drove down to Kenneth Tabors Motel, and to the Giant Market after groceries. Received a letter from the tax collector of Pinellas County Florida. Answered this letter.

10. Sun

A nice day but cold wind. I rode to church and sunday school with Ethel Cassan. In the afternoon she took Arlene and Grace and I out to Herricks to see the Burmeisters, Elsie, Roy and Elaine Henry were there also.

11. Mon

Mother treated my ears. Wrote to Austin Houks

12. Tues

Alfhild Tallefson took us to Doctor to see her xRays mother had taken. Doctor advised for us to go to Ann Arbor to university hospital as soon as possible.

13. Wed

We arose at 2 PM and Willard and Alfhild Tallefson took mother and I to Universoty Hospital in Ann Arbor. Mother got her bed about three o'clock and I had a chest xray and blood test when she did.

I went to the sixth floor and had my ears cleaned out so I could hear better. Mother is on 3E

Williard took me to Ronald DeCiccoc at 1856 Virnanky.

They left for house about 4 o'clock.

14. Thurs

I rode to the hospital on the bus to stay with Grace.

15. Fri

I went to the hospital to be with Grace.

16. Sat

I went to the hospital to be with Grace.

17. Sun

Ronald and Betty took me to their church for Easter Breakfast of pork sausage and eggs.

We all went to the hospital to see mother after dinner.

18. Mon

Went to the hospital to stay with Grace

19. Tues

I got to the hospital about 10 o'clock AM Mother had several xRays of chest I took her in wheel chair.

20. Wed

I went to hospital to stay with Grace.

21 Thurs

Rode on bus to hospital. Mother dont know this AM anything when she will be let out.

I went to DeCiccoc at four o'clock but at six we got a phone call Mother could get out. So Betty took me to the hospital. Her bill was \$408.13 I paid 21.98 and the Blue Cross was suppose to pay the rest.

22. Fri

A real nice day

Ronald took us to the Bus Station.

We rode to Grand Rapids for \$9. +

Went through Whitmore, Lake Brighton, Flint and Ionia.

Beverly is not well.

We are staying all night with Bensons.

23. Sat

A warm day

Mother has a hard pain in her back. We took her to Ferguson Hospital. They gave her several enimis and relieved her \$15.00

We ate dinner shortly after one o'clock and Gertrude took us home.

Alfhild brought us a warm supper.

24. Sun

Thunder Storm in late afternoon with large hail.

I rode to Sunday School and Church with Cassans. Mother rested

In the afternoon Helen and Clarence came also Arlene Dixon and Julie Cassan they ate lunch with us.

Hazel and Floyd McDonald were here.

25. Mon

Foggy this AM

Wrote checks to Florida Power, Florida Water Department and Consumers Power Company, and a card for claim blank to Norge. Wrote to Fred Dean

Went to Dentist. He just inspected my plates. Went out to Herricks and got two blocks to raise the head of our bed.

Callers today were Mrs Parsons, Mrs Neilson, Arlene Dixon, Alfhild Tallefson, James and Ethel Cassan.

26. Tues

Wrote check to Gleaner Life Insurance.

Mother wrote to Beverly Benson and Joyce Herrick.

I put gaskets on kitchen faucets.

Mr John Appleton called in a while. Mr R Black worked our garden up \$2.00

Julie Ann called in.

I went down and mailed 6 letters.

I wrote to Betty and Ronald DeCicco , I talked with sister Hattie³⁰ on phone.

27. Wed

Warm

Washed breakfast dishes.

The kitchen faucets are leaking yet, so I fixed them.

Mother wrote to Betty and Ronald and Mary Jenson.

Pitted some plums for Jell

Put fertilizer on part of asparagus and hoed it in.

Took Grace to sister Mary Lunde's we took two pounds of hamburger and 16 buns down to Arnold Grants and ate our supper.

Edith cut my hair . Julie Ann stopped in.

28. Thurs

Washed dishes, mixed medicine for Grace. Put fertilizer on the rest of the asparagus and hoed in.

Wrote to University hospital for an appointment on May 20th

Called on Clinton Parsons.

29. Fri

CoolerWashed dishes, Mixed medicine.

Wrote to Rotmans, Leslie James and Hiram Herrick Jr

Raked garden south of walk also raked leaves next to neighbors house.

Robert Hanson took us to Rural Carriers meeting at Pearl Heyse

Bought 120 iron least tablets. \$1.53

30. Sat

Rained about all day

Washed dishes and got groceries

We went down and got groceries

al took the old cane off the piano bench of Carlton Bensons

³⁰ Hattie = Harriet Young nee Fitch

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1. Sun

A nice day
Took Grace to Bethany Church - I went to the First Methodist
We were at Arnold Grants for dinner, than came home and rested.

2. Mon

Washed dishes
Wrote to Naomi and Martha Banister and Roy Lawrence.
Took mother from downtown to Hillers to get some white shoes \$7.95
Brought lawn mower from pour basement
Bought two gallons gasoline \$1.10
Sowed petunia seed in bath room
Received get well cards from Roy Lawrence and Elgin Foster.

3. Tues

Raked and spaded in garden
Buried some trash
Received letters from George Litzkows, Gertrude Johnson, and the Norge Blank.
Get well card from Millie Dean
Borrowed Charles JR small power drill and two clamps.

4. Wed

Put fertilizer 10x10x10 on garden and planted lettuce, carrots, radish, beets, spinach.
Worked at the piano bench
We went to Harold Fettors funeral, Carlton Benson preached.
Arlene was here in the evening.

5. Thurs

Rained in the night
Picked pie plant. Mixed medicine .
Put fertilizer on the north part of garden and planted flower seeds.
Got the piano bench ready for cane.

6. Fri

Rained all day
Worked at caning the piano bench.
Mixed medicine.

7. Sat

Rainy about all day
I dont feel very well today - worked a few minutes too long yesterday.
We ate dinner with the Grants and Bensons at Arnold Grants
At 7:30 PM
went to the wedding and reception of Janius Tallefson to Robert Wolf at the Bethany Church

8. Sun

Took Grace to Bethany Church I went to the First Methodist
We ate dinner at Arnold Grants
Went to Tallefsons open house
Four of my daughters and Judy were there.
Roy and Elsie Henry were here in the evening.

9. Mon

Rained in the afternoon
I dont feel very good and so I am just laying around all day.

10. Tues

I worked on weaving the cane on the piano bench a little at a time and layed down between times.
Took Clintons Spark Plug wrench home.

11. Wed

Wrote to Rotmans
Worked on piano bench

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12. Thurs

Weaved some on piano bench
Afternoon I mailed a small package to
Robert Harper - payed telephone bill
\$5.42

Drove out and visited with brother William
Took our lawn mower over to Charles W.
Jrs . He found several bolts gone.

13. Fri

Wrote check to Narce Services for June
and July
Wrote to Clerk Antrim county about a
county map.
Worked on piano bench
Grace and I went after groceries.

14. Sat

Wrote to Litzkows
John Appleton came and took us to their
house for a nice dinner after he took us
for a ride to the Hamlin Dam a real
pleasant time.

15. Sun

I took Grace to Bethany Church
I went to First Methodist
We called and had coffee with Mrs
Carlton Chinnery. We had dinner at home
then Mrs Pearl Benjamin came in.
We drove up to see the Hamiltons. Susie
had been real sick but was some better
Mr and Mrs France Patterson and Mary
Severson was there.
Ethel Cassan took us to First Church to
Christian Life Mission, Ethel took Pearl
home.

16. Mon

I planted sweet corn and beans and
cucumbers.
Worked at caning the piano bench.
Got the mower out but I couldn't do much
with it, the mower was alright but I wasn't.

17. Tues

Wrote check to Dunedin water \$3.65
Wrote to Percy Gates and Elgin Foster.
Worked a little on the piano bench.

18. Wed

Grace and I went out to the Ludington
Fruit Company and bought two bushels of
apples for \$2.00
Payed electric bill \$7.65
Drewed \$125 out of bank.
Used mahogany stain on piano bench
Went to Arnold Grants after Grace
Earl Dixon mowed our lawn.

19. Thurs

Got up at 3:30 o'clock and at 4:30 AM
Willard Tallefson was at our place to take
us to Ann Arbor to University Hospital.
We engaged a room at the Beal House
for \$6.50.
Phoned Betty DeCicco.
Went to the hospital and went with Grace
to have xRay of stomach and chest.
Entered her in 3E bed 33 about 3:30 PM.
Tried to get our claim made out the
Narce. Went to the Beal House for
Graces robe.
Raining at 7 PM took a taxi for the Beal
house.

20. Fri

Ate a lunch toast roll and coffee.
Had appointment at 10 AM chest xRay at
11:30 AM
Stayed with Grace in afternoon.
Willard and I drove down to Ronald
DeCiccoss with a package from Gladys.
In the evening Betty and Martha came to
see grandmother and took me to the Beal
house Room \$3.50

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21. Sat

Willard and I stayed with mother till about one o'clock

We started for Ludington by way of Clair.

At Lansing we got our dinner at Howard Johnsons Restaurant \$3.61 got home

6:30 PM

Phoned most of our folks.

Carl came and bid me goodbye.

22. Sun

Ethel Cassan took me to Sunday School and Church

Alice Chinnery brought me potatoes squash and meat balls for my supper.

Gladys came in a while

Willard and Alfild call in about nine o'clock after they heard from Betty DeCicco that mother would have an operation Wednesday.

23. Mon

Got up and at 8 AM went over to Charles W. Jrs and Elsie made breakfast for me.

Varnished the piano bench with clear varnish

Went to the bank and got \$125

Got ten post cards

Hoed garden south of walk.

24. Tues

Willard came and picked me up at 10:30 AM, we went and got Alfild. Willard stopped a few minutes in Grand Rapids Ate sandwiches that Alfild brought near Lansing. When we arrived at hospital Doctor McKensie told us Mother could stay with me at the Beal House a couple of days, as they couldn't operate before Friday. So Willard and Alfild went back to Ludington.

Betty and Martha came to the Beal house to see us, and asked us to come for dinner and supper tomorrow.

25. Wed

About 10:30 AM Betty and Martha came and took us to Ronald DeCiccoss on Virnancy Circle.

We had dinner with them, then Martha left for her house in Benton Harbor.

Betty Grace and I layed down awhile.

Ronald came from work about 5 o'clock and Betty had a good supper ready for us. Ronald had an appointment at the Y, we watched TV till after President Ikes speech then Betty took us back to the Beal House

26. Thurs

We slept late went down to the hospital for breakfast.

Came back and Grace wrote several letters and cards. I rested.

We went back to the hospital for dinner then stayed in the front lobby till 3 o'clock, then after Dr McKensie said Grace was to have her operation tomorrow.

Grace went back in the same hospital bed she was in before.

I went to the Beal house after her suitcase ate supper at the hospital and stayed with Grace until 8 o'clock.

Betty came.

27. Fri

I slept late as the doctor ordered as he said it would be near noon by the time they were through with the operation. But i was in the front lobby of the hospital from 10 o'clock AM

At 12:30 the doctor found me in the cafeteria and told me that they had finished the operation. So I waited in the Family Room till 8 PM when they let me in to see Grace.

I phoned Willard Tallefsons 75 cents and Betty DeCicco 10 cents.

Went in with Grace a little while, but she was pretty dopy. So I went to the Beal House and to bed.

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28. Sat

Went to see Grace about 9:30 o'clock but they were working around her so I went out for an hour. But was in with her most of the day.

I mailed cards to Willard Tallefsons, Charles Fitch Jr, Marvin Rotmans and Clarence Burmeister. I called on Leola Roach on 5 West and phoned Betty DeCicco, Grace was restless in the evening so at seven PM the nurse gave her a shot.

So I came home and was tired out.

29. Sun

Went in to see Grace about 9:30 AM after taking a bath and shaving also wrote to Hiram Herricks

The nurse was working with mother then I went in, after they came and drove me out. after they came to the family room and said they would drive me in again. They took the other hose out of her nose, she feels better and more awake. In the afternoon Gertrude and Beverly Benson came, also Betty DeCicco. Mrs Mathews was just out in the ward. I called on Leola Roach she is pretty bad.

30. Mon

Mother seems a lot stronger to day.

They are giving her some water to drink. A lady from Detroit is in bed A. Wrote to Tallefsons and Cassans. Betty came again to see her grandmother . She is very good in coming

I was up to see Leola. She was in pain. I came away from the hospital at 8:30 PM

31. Tues

Was surprised this morning to find mother sitting in a chair while they made her bed.

The doctor had taken the drain tube out.

At noon they put her back into the ward and gave her milk to drink.

In the afternoon she sat in a chair and they gave her cold water

I wrote to James Cassans and W.

Tallefsons. I called on Leola Roach. She has lots of pain. A nice plant came from my folks. I went home at 7:30 PM

1. Wed

Grace is gaining we had her walking four times today.

Grace had twelve cards. She had dinner I wrote to Bensons, called on Leola and phoned Betty.

2. Thurs

Wrote to Roy Henrys, Floyd McDonalds, Jerry Winsimius, Garlton³¹ Bensons and Marvin Rotmans.

Walked with mother three trips . She didn't feel so much like walking. Called on Leola and Sandra.

Received ten cards

3. Fri

Mother received ten cards

Willard Tallefsons and edith Grant came and brought about ten letters from home and two shirts.

They also brought mother a nice plant.

Grace didn't seem to walk much although she can walk alone.

4. Sat

Didn't go in the ward till 9:30 AM. Grace had walked some before that. Gunder and Gertrude came from Detroit and mother was so pleased.

Wrote to Hiram Herricks and Willard Tallefsons. Betty came right after supper.

I wanted to give Gunder his dinner but he paid for mine.

5. Sun

I took Grace to Chapel in a wheel chair.

William Johnson came and took me to dinner. I called on Leola and Sandra.

Mother can walk pretty well now.

Wrote to Arlene Dixon.

Came home at seven.

6. Mon

Went in the ward about 9:30 AM and a couple of nurses and some of the patients sang Happy Birthday for me.³²

Mother said she caught cold yesterday but she was doing some walking.

I wrote cards to Alfild and Gertrude.

Held a ladies head while she emptied her stomach.

Went to see Leola when she said Lucile had been there sunday.

Betty came and took me to their place for supper, Ronald brought me back.

7. Tues

The doctor took the stitches out of Grace this morning before I went in. She was feeling fine.

Carlton and Gertrude Benson came in the afternoon.

I called on Leola and sandra. Leola had pain in her chest, I called the nurse.

Wrote to Hiram Herricks

8. Wed

Grace is coming good.

They put a hose down her throat for a test.

Mother received ten letters

Betty came again.

9. Thurs

Just another day, regular routine ate breakfast called on Grace opened ten cards for mother.

Called on Leola and a few others, Leola seemed a lot better.

Mrs Quackinbush in bed next to Grace broke an arm reaching for the water pitcher.

³¹ Not sure if this is Carlton or Garlton. First letter definitely a G?

³² Charles's 82nd birthday. Birth date was June 6, 1878.

 10. Fri
 Got notice Blue Cross was through
 No cards to day wrote just another day at
 the hospital.
 Leola was resting as good as she could
 on her stomach.
 12 nurses came in to see her roll over
 bed while I was there.

11. Sat
 Arose at 7AM took a bath and shaved
 paid my room rent for 2 days \$7.00
 Went to the hospital and stayed with
 Grace. Called on Leola Roach she was
 not in much pain.
 Mr and Mrs Walley and Gertrude came
 after us.
 We went down to the restaurant and ate
 our dinner.
 Paid the hospital \$91 and \$4.50 for
 medicine to take home. Left Ann Arbor at
 2:30 PM got to Bensons about five. A
 good ride and a good driver.

12. Sun
 A warm day
 Grace and I just layed around all day.
 Charles Pauktis Jr called us and said he
 would come at 6 o'clock and take us
 home.
 So at six we were ready and he came.
 We arrived at Willard Tallefsons at 8:30 -
 just dark had a good trip home Charles is
 a good driver of a good car.

13. Mon
 A good day
 We both ate our meals at Tallefsons. I
 came over here and looked after our
 letters and wrote my claim to the Narce.³³

14. Tues
 Rained a little all day
 Cooked oatmeal and ate at home, ate
 some plums. Paid telephone bill. Went
 over to W. Tallefsons and mixed mothers
 medicine also went there for dinner.
 Put two checks in the bank \$435.00.³⁴
 Paid electric bill of \$6
 Went out to Herricks, stopped at
 Raymond Jensens and got 1 dozen
 ruggers tomatoes Plants 40 cents.

15. Wed
 arose at seven
 Hoed and weeded in the garden
 Went over to Willard Tallefsons and give
 Grace her medicine.
 I ate supper at Tallefsons
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16. Thurs
 Rained in the night
 Wipped [wiped] up kitchen floor
 Put soap mother made in a carton - went
 over and gave Grace her medicine.
 Ethel Cassan took me down to Doctor
 Pauktis \$3.00
 I got some capcels for my blood \$2.95
 Mr and Mrs Charles Oswald from Baldwin
 called on me and also went over to
 Tallefsons and she called on mother.
 I had supper with Ethel Cassan and
 children. I went over and visited with
 Grace.

³³ Narce - not sure what this is, hard to read, its been referenced before. nurse? Possible nursing care insurance program?

³⁴ I believe this to be their income. Not sure if the two checks were one for each (ie social security) or his Postal Service retirement and his social security. He has mentioned depositing two checks in previous months.

17. Fri

Wrote check to Dunedin water
Department
Sent \$1 to Bible Society
Went over to W Tallefsons and stayed
with mother while they done some
trading.
Hoed and weeded garden
Cooked some pie plant and took a quart
over to Tallefsons
Mother had callers this evening: Mr and
Mrs Albert Linburg, Lois Winsimius and
Joyce Herrick.

18. Sat

Watered peppers and tomatoe plants.
Marvin, Bernice, Paul and Jack Rotman
from Holland came last night and stayed
with Charles W Jr and called on me this
forenoon.
I went over and stayed with Grace a while
Went over to Charles W Jr. and ate with
them.

19. Sun

Ethel Cassan took me to church.
At 1:30 PM the Charles W Fitch tribe of
48 ate dinner at Waterworks Park.
Brother William E. and Washington G and
John and Myrtle also L??? was with us.
I went to see Grace and ate supper with
them
Hazel and Helen called on mother.

20. Mon

Went to bank and cashed my \$36 check.
Got two bottles of white medicine for
Grace \$3.52
Called on Alice and gave her \$2.00 for
Carl and Doris.
Hoed in the garden a little
Ate supper at Willard Tallefsons
Alice and Arlene called on mother.

21. Tues

Washed underwear and towel
Wrote check for vitamins
Hoed and weeded a little
Ate supper at Willard Tallefsons

22. Wed

Weeded in garden just a little
Showed a couple of young women the
upstairs.
Started a letter to George and Marie
Lutzkow
Ate supper at Willard Tallefsons

23. Thurs

Took shoes Charles and elsie gave me,
down to get larger ones but brought the
same ones back.
Changed a shirt for a 17 at
Montgomerys³⁵
Rented upstairs to a Linda Courville with
two children for \$45.00 a month for 3
rooms.
James Cassan came down and turned
the water on upstairs and seen that the
faucets worked alright.

24. Fri

James and Ethel Cassan took me to
Muskegon to see Doctor Hansen an eye
doctor and said that the glasses I had
was good to read with and I didn't need
any otherwise. Said right eye was no
good but left eye was real good.
Cassan brought me back to Dave
Horwckis , I stayed there for a Rural
Carrier Meeting.
There was ten of us at the table.
Rode home with Robert Hansens.
Received a card for George Litzkow
mailed in New Orleans, LA

³⁵ Montgomery Ward - a department store on Ludington Avenue.

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25. Sat

Graci came back to me this morning
Charles came over and took off some of
the storm windows and carried them
down in the basement.

I went down town and got groceries
Put screens on upstairs.

26. Sun

Ethel Cassans took me to Sunday School
and Church

Callers today Willard Tallefsons, Mary
Lunde, Mr and Mrs Clifford JOhnson,
Elsie Henry brought two boxes of
strawberries.

27. Mon

Washed dishes

Hulled two quarts of strawberries - Elsie
had brought us

Put screens in the sun porch
Arlene and Judy came after flower plants.

28. Tues

Layed around all day

Callers today Mr and Mrs Willard
Tallefson, The Arnold Grants - they
brought our supper. The Cassans and
Julia stayed and done supper dishes.
Jane was here early in the day and
brought some things from the store.
Gladys Herrick called in the evening.

29. Wed

Had a thunderstorm in the night
Got my breakfast Mother didn't eat till
noon

Washed dishes and layed around all day.
Callers today Willard Tallefson they got
our bottle filled with white medicine.
Elsie Fitch, Dave Rotman brought six
cans of eats. Edith Grant, Hiram Herrick
Jr, Carol and their two boys, Julia
Cassan, Ruth McDonald brought some
green peas from her garden, cooked
them up and ate supper with us.

Ruth and Julia done the dishes.

Charles and Elsie was here.

Buster put a gadget on faucet upstairs.

30. Thurs

I got breakfast but mother didn't eat
much. Pulled some lettuce .

I wrote a letter to Leola Roach at hospital
at Ann Arbor Michigan

Julia Cassan came and got dinner, ate
dinner with me. Grandmother didn't feel
like eating

Arnold Grants brought maulted milk and
water melon.

1. Fri

Got breakfast boiled eggs for Grace - coffee bacon and fried egg for me. Hot water

Pealed some apples and potatoes. Ethel Cassan brought in some eats. Julia³⁶ came and helped get supper.

I went to bank, paid water bill. Got some groceries.

2. Sat

Just layed around

Cut asparagus and lettuce

Julia Cassan got our dinner and supper
Callers today Ethel Cassan brought an air mattress for our couch. William Johnson, Mrs Roy Neilson, Alfhild Tallefson, Hiram Herrick Jr brought a post and set it for out clothes line.

3. Sun

Ethel Cassan took me to Sunday School and Church

Marvin and Bernice Rotman came from Holland. Bernice wiped up kitchen and bath room floor.

Alfhild Tallefson, Lois Winsimius, Nancy Herrick and Kenneth Motyka, Arlene Dixon, Hiram and Gladys Herrick and Ethel Cassan.

4. Mon

Elsie Fitch and Dona were here early. Floyd and Hazel McDonald, Arlene Dixon were here early and took mother and I down on Ludington Avenue and we sat in Cassans car and watched the parade. Hazel had supper with us. She had done a lot of typing for me in late afternoon. Arnold and Edith Grant came in the evening and brought us some cake and ham after mother was in her nights sleep. Robert and Gladys Albright brought us some cake, and pudding.

I got two quarts of milk and one loaf of bread 70 cents.

5. Tues

Rested most of the forenoon.

I went down and got a bottle of white medicine \$1.65 and one dozen eggs 42 cents.

Callers today Mollie Parsons, Ethel Cassan, Arnold and Edith Grant, Rev Mark Grapham.

6. Wed

I am pretty lazy today

Worked at our family history

7. Thurs

I layed around all day

Willard Tallefson took me down to see Doctor Pauktis . He said I was alright but I don't feel alright.

8. Fri

We got up early and Grace was ready to go with Willard Tallefson to Ann Arbor for a checkup at 7 o'clock AM.

I laid down again for I don't feel good.

Hard for me to breath

Carl and Emma Christenson came and brought some goats milk for Grace.

Judy Dixon hoed our garden

Earl brought something for me to eat but I had eaten my supper.

9. Sat

Layed around all forenoon

James Cassan came and got me for dinner. I rode down to the boat dock when Ethel took James back.

We brought a chair that Father Rose used to have from Cassans to be recaned.

Alfhild came over and told me Grace stayed in Ann Arbor Hospital because she

³⁶ Julia = Julie Cassan granddaughter. - most of his references were as "Julia"

had jaundice. Otherwise doctors said she was gaining alright.

10. Sun

Didn't feel like going to church as it is hard for me to breath.

At two o'clock I wrote to Grace

At 3 o'clock Elsie Henry came and brought me a quart of strawberries and some huckleberries.

At 4 o'clock Herricks and Ethel came and Hiram and Gladys took us to Hamilin Lake for a drive.

After supper Charles and Elsie came and took me around town for a ride. Showed me where Donna had bought two lots.

11. Mon

Put a screen in Dining Room window, watered garden and lawn.

Glued back of chair from Cassans

Wrote to Grace and Charles Oswald. Had a card from Letha saying he was in Grand Rapids Hospital.

Julia started to trim spiria.

Ethel brought me a hot dinner.

Alice brought me some carrot salad.

12. Tues

Warm and dry

Watered lawn

Canned two quarts of apples

Wrote card to Grace

Maude Haney and Ruth McDonald phoned.

Was over to Willard Tallefsons for supper.

Elsie Fitch and Arlene Dixon stopped in.

Received card from Hazel Tower for Grace.

13. Wed

Watered lawn

Received a card from Grace saying she was kept in bed.

Received bill from Blue Cross and

Telephone also card from Marian Fisher for Grace.

Arlene Dixon took me to the hospital to see Susie Hamilton.

14. Thurs

Windy

Cooked potatoes and onions for dinner.

Received a bill from doctor Paukitis \$4.00 and electric bill.

also card from Brother Willie E Fitch and Litha Oswald.

No message from Grace

Wrote to Grace and Charles Oswald

Opened a can of soup for supper.

15. Fri

No letter again to day

Fried hamburger for dinner, potatoes and onions. Worked on the chair a while.

Washington brought Willie down to see me. We went over to see Willies Garden

16. Sat

I am not so well this morning

Alfhild came and took me to their house.

My bowells have gotten real loose. Didn't feel like eating any dinner but after laying down I did eat a big supper.

Received a letter from a nurse wrote for Grace also a delayed card.

I am staying all night at Tallefsons.

Arlene brought her company to see me.

Alice came and bid me good bye.

17. Sun

Willard brought me home about 10 AM.

I wrote a letter to Grace

In the afternoon Cassans and Arlene called. James came after me for supper.

18. Mon

Rained in the night
Willard brought me home 8 AM.
Took the Chevrolet down and got it greased and oiled.
Received a card from Lithia Oswald, Charles is home.
Wrote to Grace at Ann Arbor
Shaved and took a tub bath.
Elsie Fitch came over and put clean sheets and pillow slips on our bed and took the soiled clothes home.

19. Tues

Willard, Alfchild and Edith started for Ann Arbor to see mother about 7 o'clock AM - returned home about 10 PM
Mother was not good to visit with but doctor thought she was improved a little.
I stayed at Willards and kept house for them. Wrote to Grace
After 9:30 PM when James came with the Chevrolet, I came home and took my medicine and looked for mail.

20. Wed

I took James to work and brought our Chevrolet home at eight o'clock
Willard came over and made out a card for Grace's registration at the hospital.
Received a letter from the Rotmans and one from the hospital wanting \$500.00
Wrote card to Grace and Rotmans.
Sent check to University for \$500.00 and one to the Gealners Insurance.
Ate supper at Charles W Jr and slept at home.
Mr and Mrs Calvin Hassel of St Petersburg called on me.

21. Thurs

Sent \$24.00 to Narce for Aug and Sept, sent in for claim blank. Also wrote inquiry letter. Sent check to Dunedin water.

Willard came and got me for supper and to stay all night.

As we got to the table we received a call saying Mother had died a few minutes after five.

We went to Norman Butlers and made arrangements for him to go to Ann Arbor after mother.

Charles came to our house and brought me to his home.

22. Fri

In the afternoon the three sisters³⁷ and I went to Butlers Funeral Home and picked out a casket and made funeral arrangements. We went out the cemetery but it rained so hard we didn't have leave our autos.

23. Sat

Saturday morning at seven I thought I would choke we had doctor Pauktises and Gladys Herrick come in and after Doctor gave me two pills I went to sleep. When I awoke I could breath pretty good, but layed low most of the day.

24. Sun

The three sisters came to see me about a grave and we agreed on one near Lundes. Today Charles and Elsie took me down to Butlers Funeral Home in the afternoon and met a good many friends. Several of our folks were down this evening and greeted the people.
The Rev and Mrs Carpenter was here - He had a prayer with us.

³⁷ Grace's three daughters Edith, Alfchild, and Gertrude

25. Mon

The folks took me down to the funeral -
The house was full, and so many flowers.
We have lots of friends.

The Johnson Brothers called on me
before they went back to Detroit. Sure
sister Gertrude was here too.

James and Helen Morton called in the
evening.

George and Marie Litzkow were here at
Charles W Jr for supper.

26. Tues

It took about all the forenoon to look at
cards.

In the afternoon I wrote to the Narce³⁸
and Michigan Hospital Service

Ethel was here and typed a letter to
Columbus Mutual Life Insurance Cp.

Alfhild, Edith, Gladys, Elsie Fitch, Elsie
Henry, Arlene and Ethel were here in
evening and worked at getting thank you
cards out.

They had 163 plus some that Alfhild and
Gertrude had.

27. Wed

Rained all night

Dorl(?) Schwab was here all forenoon to
visit us.

Received seven cards today

Sniped some beans for Elsie

Ethel and Arlene came over.

28. Thurs

A nice day

Looked for the little Insurance policy in
our iron box and also over in the house in
the afternoon.

Was over at C Parsons a little while.

Ethel and Julia stopped in the house
while I was there.

Charles Family drove down to the beach
and got each some ice cream
Received 8 cards today.

29. Fri

Charles went to work at 3 o'clock AM

Carl and Emma Christisen were here with
eggs

I wrote to Rotmans and Floyd McDonald

Robert Hansen came and took me to the
Rural Carriers Supper Meeting at the

Water Works Park and at Hansens

There were eleven present

30. Sat

Drove over to our house and looked
around all forenoon.

Mailed letters to Rotmans and
McDonalds

Layed down some in the afternoon

Hiram Herrick took me to Pere Marquette

Grange Picnic Supper at Water Works
Park

Doris and Judy came and copied some
names from our history.

31. Sun

We got up late but Elsie was ready to go
to church when Ethel Cassan came for
us.

In the afternoon Floyd and Hazel

McDonald, Clarence and Hellen

Burmeister and Ethel and Jane Cassan

called on us.

³⁸ Narce = NARCE National Association Rural Carriers E???? apparently offered some sort insurance policy.

AUGUST 1960

1. Mon

Didn't rest good last night
Alice Chinnery called on us this morning
Ethel and I did empty our refrigerator
I rested most of the day.

2. Tues

Rained in the night and this morning
Wrote to George Litzkow and a claim to
Narce
Hiram Gladys, Ethel was here in the
evening
I went over to the house this morning
while Alfhild gathered up mothers clothes.

3. Wed

I was lazy today just layed around all day

4. Thurs

I feel better this morning
Wrote to Austin Hauks and Bert Wilsons
Dave Rotman is here this morning
Elsie and Charles had Brother William,
Washington and Low here for a steak
supper fried outside.
Arlene and Ethel was here in the evening
also Waunita Bates a little while before
supper.

5. Fri

I feel a little better this morning
Elsie went down and paid doctor Pauktis
\$10.00 for me. and got a union suit \$3.00
I talked to Thomas Gatke³⁹ on the phone.
Wrote to Leslie James and Hazen Deans
Received cards from Millie Dean and
Floyd Osborn

6. Sat

Layed around all day
Received cards from Gertrude Lyons and
Floyd Osborns
Charles, Elsie, and Donna took me to the
wedding of Nancy Herrick to Kenneth
Motyka at the First Methodist church
Marvin and Bernice came late and stayed
with Charles all night.

7. Sun

I seemed too tired to go to church.
Layed around all day.
Mr and Mrs Edwin Crouse was here for
dinner.
Marvin and Bernice started home at two
o'clock
Ethel Cassan was here a while also Elsie
Henry was here in the evening.

8. Mon

Didn't feel very good this morning.
Wrote check of \$500.00 to Norman
Butler.

9. Tues

Raining this morning
Elsie and I was over to the Brick House
she worked in the bed room and i sorted
letters and cards.
Wrote a letter to sister Millie Dear⁴⁰.

10. Wed

We waited for the telephone man to put
an extension upstairs and he didn't come.
I worked an hour and a half on caning
Ethel's Chair.
Didn't feel so good afterwards
Cassans and Flowers⁴¹ brought my
Bureau.

³⁹ Thomas Gatke = 1st Cousin to Charles

⁴⁰ Millie Dean would be Mabel Dean nee Rose, sister to Ethel Vivian Rose.

⁴¹ Flowers would be long time friend of Cassans - Posey Flowers, the best i can remember.

11. Thurs
James Cassan had an Hernia Operation.

12. Fri
I layed around all day just tired.
Callers today Ida Peterson, Emma
Christensen, Ethel, Jane and Joan
Cassan.
Mr and Mrs Edwin Crouse.
Gladys Herrick

13. Sat
Another hard day to breath

14. Sun
Elsie went to church I layed down about
all day

15. Mon
Another hard day to get my breath
Elsie took me to the doctor and they let
me lay down while waiting. He gave me
some pills for my hear so I rested better.
Floyd brought Hazel up to help pack
some of the things at the house. Ethel
came over.
Rev Phil Carpenter called while we were
at the doctors.

16. Tues
Layed down about all day but rested
pretty well.
Hazel and Ethel worked over at the
house. Elsie Fitch helped some.
Received a \$39.00 check from the Narce
and a letter from Mrs Ervin Quackenbush
from Reading Mich.

17. Wed
Spent most of the day in bed.
Hard to breath
Elsie Fitch took me to the doctor and I
laid down on the bed while waiting for my
turn.

He gave me tablets to take four times a
day for three days then one half of one
tablet each day.

18, Thurs
Can breath better now
But rested about all day

19. Fri
Can breath easier now
Ruth McDonald called on me.

20. Aug
Leonard King was here this forenoon to
plan work on the bath room.

21. Sun
Stayed home all day.
Callers today Edwin Crouse
Gladys and Joyce Herrick, Elsie Henry,
Alfred and Alice Chinnery.

22. Mon
Had pain in my side early in the morning.
Elsie gave me two pills and ate breakfast
at noon.
Custard at 3:30 in afternoon.
Am alright at supper time and in bed at
8:15

23. Tues
Up at 8 AM
Ethel was here and got Elsie at 8:30
Telephone man came at 8:45 AM to
change telephone extension upstairs.
I wrote to George Litzkow and Irvin
Quackenbush, Reading R2, Mich
Leonard King began on bathroom.

24. Wed
I am tired today didn't even shave.
Ethel and Arlene were here in the
Evening.

AUGUST 1960

25. Thurs

Got up 7:45 AM

Ate breakfast, Charles Roger⁴² was here.

Shaved - Layed down and rested when I woke up ate dinner.

Sorted over some letters.

26. Fri

Mr and Mrs Dave King called upon me.

Leonard King got through with his part of the bathroom. Paid him \$58.50 by check.

Didn't even shave today just tired.

Rev Carpenter called on me and had prayer.

Received Card from cousin Emma.

27. Sat

Another nice fine day.

Shaved

Layed in the chair in the yard two hours after dinner.

We had supper in the yard. Hamburgers, wieners and sweet corn.

Received cards from Mrs Handly

28. Sun

We all got up late

I shaved before the rest got up.

Charles and elsie were gone to the woods when we got up.

Late afternoon Arlene called on me, then later Gladys and Joyce Herrick and Phylis Genter called.

29. Mon

I layed down awhile after breakfast then sorted a box of stuff from the writing desk.

Received a quarterly statement from the church.

30. Tues

Started to write to Percy and Tillie⁴³ Gates but too tired to think.

31. Wed

I am sleepy today

Sorted some stuff from the medicine cabinet

Finished the letter to Percy Gates.

⁴² Charles Roger Fitch, grandson. Son of Charles Jr and Elsie Fitch

⁴³ Matilda Gates nee Abram

SEPTEMBER 1960

1. Thurs

Received notice of our Ludinton City taxes also my annuity check
Wrote to Fred Moultons at Kincarde R5

2. Fri

I am tired and sleepy to day

3. Sat

Charles Roger started home at Durand about three o'clock
Layed in my chair in the shade an hour or more
Ethel stopped on her way home from Burmeisters with some peaches.

4. Sun

Charles was called to the Dow Plant but got home about 12:15 noon.
They took me with them to Edwin Crouse at Kalaus, we had dinner cooked in fire place - steaks and sweet corn.
We went up the back road through Orchard Beach came back by [Hwy] 31 through Scottville

5. Mon

Labor Day but no labor for me.
Just layed around all day
Wrote in Diary

6. Tues

Another nice warm day.

7. Wed

Another nice warm day but I seem to tired to even shave.
After supper Charles took Elsie and I out to Brother William's they treated us with watermelon.

8. Thurs

Warm but windy

I did work up enough energy to shave this forenoon.

and started to write to Johnsons⁴⁴ on Wisconsin in Detroit.

9. Fri

Got up at eight but was tired after breakfast so layed down till 10:30 AM.
Then finished the letter to the Johnsons on Wisconsin in Detroit.
Wrote thank you letter to Jack Bowdens and a well wishing for Betty and son in Ann Arbor hospital.

10. Sat

Charles and I kept house while Donna and Elsie took Ray Krause to the Grand rapids air port to take plane back to Fort Leonardwood.
Charles plastered wall in basement.

11. Sun

Ethel Cassan took me to the Methodist Church to Preaching Service.
Callers today Hiram and Gladys Herrick, Manley and Gladys French, Floyd and Hazel McDonald
I talked to Helen Burmeister at Roy Henrys on the phone.

12. Mon

Rainy this is a moist morning
I wrote to George and Marie Litzkow at Charles Wolfe in Montague.

13. Tues

Elsie is washing
Ida Peterson was taken to the hospital.
I seem to be tired about all the time.
Callers Ethel Cassan, Morris and Elida Lyons, Kenneth and Nancy Motyka.

⁴⁴ Johnson would be brother of Grace's

SEPTEMBER 1960

14. Wed

Layed in bed
Dale McDonald called in, he had been east of Custer hunting for a site to hunt deer with bow and arrow.
After dinner I layed down and then shaved.

15. Thurs

George Litzkow phoned they would be up today but not to stay.
Helen Burmeister phoned to find out about when Litzkows were coming.
They came at 3:30 after a little visit
George drove us up to the State Park and the Dam also Towns development
We Charles and Elsie, the Litzkows and I went to Herricks for supper. Came home about 9:30 PM

16. Fri

I am tired today did not even shave
Arlene Dixon, Arnold Grant is in traction at the hospital

17. Sat

Shaved my 82 year face
Charles got a new tire and tube put on our 1949 Chevrolet.
and a muffler and pipes on his Chevrolet.
They brought Mrs Ida Peterson from the hospital to her home on South Washington Ave.
Arlene Dixon called in.

18. Sun

We all got up late
None of us went to church
Alfhild Tallefson, Edith and Dorthie Grant, Alice Chinnery, Julia and Ethel Cassan all were here to see me and it was nice.
Arnold Grant is still in the hospital.

19. Mon

Don't feel so good today
My eyes is bothering
Elsie put salve in my eyes.

20. Tues

I stayed in bed quite a lot today.
Washed my eyes with borix water
Wrote check of \$240.00 to Butler to balance the account.

21. Wed

Received a letter from Charles Oswalds
Washed my eyes with Borix water and Elsie put salve in them.

22. Thurs

Mrs Scott of Holland brought Bernice, Mr Scott and two women here for dinner.
Bernice stayed the rest went back about 4 PM.
I am tired tonight
Doris and Lee Bates came after a some glass cans.

23. Fri

Elsie Fitch took us - Bernice Rotman and I up to Charles Oswalds at Baldwin . We had dinner with them.
Elsie and Bernice called on Ethel Benjamin. She is an invalid at the home in Scottville.
I layed down as soon as we got home.
The insurance man brought our check of \$312
Received a letter from Austin Houck from Detroit.

24. Sat

Charles and Elsie had started for Traverse City to have their eyes tested before I was up.
Bernice cooked oatmeal for me and gave me toast for breakfast.
We had frozen pies for dinner.

SEPTEMBER 1960

25. Sun

We were all up quite early for a Sunday morning.

Ethel came and took Bernice and I to the Methodist Church.

Marvin and Bernice started home shortly after Church

Callers today Clarence and Helen

Burmeister, Ethel and Jullian Cassan

Elsie and Charles are plastering with wood fiber in bath room upstairs.

26. Mon

I am tired all day and can't breathe very easy.

Started to take the oblong pills from Folded Package at supper time.

I went with Charles to see a rototiller.

27. Tues

Charles and Lithia Oswald were here for dinner

we had a good visit

Wrote letter to Mr and Mrs B.H. Pullin, London Ontario

Check to Dunedin Water

Austin Houk Detroit

28. Wed

I am not breathing good today

I did shave this forenoon

Elsie is taking paper off the bath room up stairs at 322 N Rowe Street

Wrote letters to George Litzkow and Ernest Hills

29. Thurs

Hard to breathe today

Shaved today

I rode with Charles and Elsie out to Franz Pattersons after Lena Claude Plums 1/2 bushel \$.20 1/2 bushel.

30. Sept

Not good in forenoon but better in afternoon

Elsie has paper off our upstairs bathroom.

OCTOBER 1960

1. Sat

Frost last night
Elsie got 25 pounds of texture powder
\$3.40
Elsie and Charles are using Texture Paint
in upstairs bathroom
I slept about all forenoon
I shaved
Wrote in diary
Wrote receipt to Mrs Wood for rent
Donna Krause for sewing machine.

2. Sun

no entry

3. Mon

no entry

4. Tues

Charles and ????⁴⁵ Oswald was here
and had plums with them they ate dinner
here - it was nice to see them.

5. Wed

no entry

6. Thurs

Elsie and Charles went to Muskegon to
do some trading. Ethel stayed with me.

7. Fri

no entry

8. Sat

Carrie and Floyd Biggs, Gardner and
Low, Edwin Cruse, Elsie Cruse, Hazel
and Floyd McDonald, Ethel and Julia and
Jane Cassan, Bernice and Marvin
Rotman [were callers that day]

9. Sun

Carrie, Floyd and Uncle Willie came
Mrs Gladys, Alice, Arlene, Paul Edna,
Clarence, Helen and Jerry [callers ?]
Bernice and Marvin started for home.

10. Mon

no entry

11. Tues

no entry

12. Wed

Mrs R.G. Block and Clinton Parsons
called. Gladys and Alice called.

13. Thurs

Elsie Henry was [here] and done some
painting
Ethel and Waunita, Mrs Roy Neilson, Mrs
Weiman, Nina Fourtune, Arnold Grant
called on me also Nancy and Kenny⁴⁶.

14. Fri

John Appleton called and brought
flowers. Ethel, James and Arlene called
Delbert and Ruth Filer called.

15. Sat

John Fors ⁴⁷ called on me and Gladys
Herrick called on me.

16. Sun

Elsie Henry, Helen and Clarence
Burmeister, Alice and Alfred.
Rev Carpenter called with 15 children
called and sang and had prayer.

⁴⁵ ???? looks like Ethel but her name is Marie.

⁴⁶ Kenny = Kenneth Motyka

⁴⁷ Space after Fors - looks like he intend to fill in later with complete spelling.

OCTOBER 1960

17. Mon

Ethel, James, Waunita, Ray and 4 children [called?]
Charles and Susie Hamilton and Arlene.

18. Tues

Edwin Cruse called

19. Wed

Rested about all day

20. Thurs

Ethel, Gladys, Arlene, Carleton Chinnery [called]
Dale McDonald had twin boys over eight pounds each.

21. Fri

no entry

22. Sat

no entry

23. Sun

no entry

24. Mon

Not very good today although I rested pretty well.
I called postmaster, city hall and David Kings

25. Tues

Filled in absent voters blank
sent corrected check and stubs to Narce
Didn't feel good today and couldn't breath

26. Wed

Ethel was here in afternoon

27. Thurs

Mr and Mrs Morris Lyons was here in the evening

28. Fri

Arlene was here in the evening.
Marvin and Bernice came in the night.

29. Sat

Marvin and Bernice were here off and on through the day
Had shower for Martha at Arlene Dixons

30. Sun

Elsie Henry called to see us an was to get Roys mother for church.
Washington and Lou, Gerry and Lois and Susan and Joyce Herrick, Clarence and Helen, Alice Chinnery, Clifford and Marian and Mary Lunde, Helen and Gladys Herrick, Marvin and Bernice left for home about two thirty.

31. Mon

Larry and Martha Smith called.
Ethel, Julia, James and JoAnn Cassan was here.
Besides about 50 others for treat.

NOVEMBER 1960

1. Tues

Rained about all day

Ad in Dunedin Times week of Nov 3

“As I am not able to come to Dunedin this winter, I am offering the use of our winter home for \$100 a month , a two bedroom house furnished at 433 Loudin Ave., See George Litzkow 442 Loudin Ave”

Sent tapes to Clearwater

Wrote to George and Marie

2. Wed

no entry

3. Thurs

No entry

4. Fri

John Appleton came and brought flowers. He was going to Grange Meeting in the evening at Harmony Hall

5. Sat

no entry

6. Sun

Hiram and Gladys Herrick called in on way home from church.

Willard and Alfhild Tallefson called in on the way home from church

Hazel and Floyd McDonald was her for dinner 5:30 PM

7. Mon

Elsie Henry called in afternoon.

8. Tues

no entry

9. Wed thru 15. Tues

no entries

16. Wed

Received a letter from George Litzkows saying he had rented the house.

He also told about a lady wanted to buy the house.

17. Thurs thru 27. Sun

No Entries

28. Mon

A damp day

Received a letter and check from George L.

Sent check to Vinant System Tampa \$10.00

Dunedin Water Department \$4.38

29. Tues

no entry

30. Wed

no entry

DECEMBER 1960

1. Thurs
no entry

2. Fri
no entry

3. Sat
Sent stamps to
Michigan Temperance Foundation
Michigan Temper T and Health
Sent check to NARCE
Sent check to Dunedin Times

4. Sun thru 13. Tues
no entries

14. Wed
Having quite a lot of pain in my rectum

15. Thurs
Having some pain yet.

16. Fri
Been in bad shape for about a week felt
as if I had piles.
Had doctor Pauktis call.

17. Sat
Marvin and Bernice Rotman came about
1:30 PM they will stay all night.

18. Sun
Feel a lot better, have pants and shirt on
for first time in about 4 weeks.
I was up about all day
Marvin and Bernice started home about 2
PM

19. Mon
I can breath better this week
But, I am still real tired
I just help to read the Christmas card we
receive each day.

20. Tues
Not must snow yet

21. Wed
Snowed 7 or 8 inches last night and is
cold today.
Donna and Elsie started to meet Ray at
the airport in Grand Rapids. They left
about 7 AM
Elsie Henry came about nine to stay with
me.
Ethel and Jane came awhile.

22. Thurs
It got down to 4 above
It is still 10 above
The young people were here and sang
outside the east window.

THIS CONCLUDES THE ENTRIES FOR
THIS 1960 DIARY.

[Some disbursements recorded on couple
of pages at end of year not included
here.]

APPENDIX containing some family
history information.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS EXTRACTED FROM GENEALOGY FILES OF DONALD G. CHINNERY.

Name: Charles Wesley Fitch⁴⁸

Birth: 6 Jun 1878 Place: Woodstock, Oxford Co., Ontario²
 Death: 12 Apr 1962 Place: Ludington, Mason Co., MI³
 Burial: 16 Apr 1962 Place: Ludington, Mason Co., MI⁴
 Occupation: Rural Mail Carrier
 Education:
 Religion: Methodist
 Father: John Henry Ficht (1847-1916)
 Mother: Harriett Cecilia Lano (1849-1926)

Misc. Notes

Charles Wesley Fitch notes:

NOTE: Charles Fitch was a SR as an adult. We have removed the suffix for our record because our genealogy records is to use the name they were born with.

Charles Wesley Fitch Sr. formerly of 322 N. Rowe St, Ludington MI was born June 6, 1878 in Woodstock Canada. He spent his childhood in Antrim Co. In 1882 he moved to Mason County (age 4) and lived in Riverton 1886-1919 as a farmer. He moved to Ludington in September of 1919 - rural mail carrier 1919-1945 and retired in 1945. Married Ethel Vivian Rose on October 29, 1902. Married Grace Jacobson nee JOHNSON November 24, 1942 and spent his winters at Dunedin FL. Surviving were 1 sister Mrs Rex Young and brother Ernest of Albuquerque NM. 31 Grandchildren and 23 great grand children. (per afc notes).

Note that birth record in Ontario shows Norwich Twp as birth place. Woodstock is in Norwich Twp. Listed parents as John Henry Fitch as Pump Maker and Harriet C. Lano living in Norwich. (ref:SLC-135) Marriage of Charles and Ethel was witnessed by David Grover and Nellie Fitch (ref:Red-51)

Charles Fitch Sr. Dies Thursday

Charles Wesley Fitch Sr., 83, formerly of 322 N. Rowe St. for many years, died Thursday evening at Paulina Streans Hospital where he had been a patient for a few days. During the last two years when Mr. Fitch was in failing health he had made his home with his son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Fitch Jr. of 805 Dexter St. The deceased was born June 6, 1878, in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada. He spent his early childhood in Antrim County and came to Riverton Township with his parents in 1886, where he lived until 1919 and engaged in fruit farming. In September 1919, he moved to Ludington and was a rural mail carrier from January, 1920, until he retired Dec. 31, 1945. He first used a horse and a cutter for winter deliveries and later had a snowmobile which he used on his route. After he retired, Mr. Fitch built his own winter home in Dunedin, Fla., where he spent winters until two years ago.

He was married Oct. 29, 1902, in Summit Township to Miss EthelRose who died in February 1940 His second marriage took place Nov. 24, 1942, in Ludington to Mrs. Grace Jacobson who died in July 1960. Mr. Fitch was a faithful member of First Methodist Church in Ludington where he had been a Sunday School teacher for many years. For many years he was a member of the church board. When the family lived in Riverton Township, Mr. Fitch was Sunday School superintendent at Morton School. He was a member of Pere Marquette Grange, Pomona Grange, Mutual Arbor of Gleaners and Rural Letter Carrier's Association.

⁴⁸ Fitch as americanized. European spelling was Ficht.

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Surviving are a son Charles W. Fitch Jr., eight daughters Mrs. Hiram (Gladys) Herrick of Ludington Route 2, Mrs. Alfred (Alice) Chinnery, Mrs. Clifford (Arlene) Dixon and Mrs. James (Ethel) Cassan of Ludington; Mrs. Floyd (Hazel) McDonald of Ludington Route 1, Mrs. Roy (Elsie) Henry of Custer Route 1, Mrs. Clarence (Helen) Burmeister of Hart Route 1 and Mrs. Marvin (Bernice) Rotman of Holland; three step-daughters Mrs. Willard (Alfhild) Tallefson and Mrs. Arnold (Edith) Grant of Ludington and Mrs. Carlton (Gertrude) Benson of Kalamazoo; a sister Mrs. Rex (Harriet) Young of Ludington, two brothers William Fitch of Ludington Route 1 and Ernest Fitch of Albuquerque, N.M., 31 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and several cousins in Ontario. Mr. Fitch was preceded in death by his wives, his parents, a baby daughter, three sisters and a brother. The body is at Dorrell Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday from First Methodist Church.

from newspaper: 14 Apr 1962 "Ludington Daily News"

Final Rites Held for Mr. Fitch

Funeral services for Charles Wesley Fitch Sr. who died Thursday, were held Monday afternoon at First Methodist Church with the Rev. Mark D. Graham of Bethany Methodist Church officiating. Mrs. Walter Schmidt, accompanied by Mrs. Lloyd Coolman organist, sang "No Night There" and "Lord, I'm Coming Home." The Rev. Mr. Graham held a family prayer service at Dorrell Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Monday.

Pallbearers were Earl Dixon, Charles R. Fitch, Robert Rotman, Dale McDonald, Carleton Chinnery and Alvin Henry, grandsons of the deceased. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery. Those who came from out of town to attend services were Robert Bannister of Hepworth, Ontario Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Stevens of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rotman and family of Marvin Rotman and family of Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Burmeister and family of Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeCicco and family of Ann Arbor, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Brown and family and Mr. and Mrs. James Burchett of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Winsemius and family of Benton Harbor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Fitch and family of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. James Snell of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Dale McDonald of Montague and numerous relatives and friends from Montague, Hart, Scottville, Custer and other places in Mason County.

from newspaper: 17 Apr 1962 "Ludington Daily News"

Spouses

1: **Ethel Vivian Rose**^{1,5}

Birth: 26 Jan 1881 Place: Ewart, Osceola Co., MI

Death: 29 Feb 1940 Place: Ludington, Mason Co., MI

Burial: 3 Mar 1940 Place: Ludington, Mason Co., MI

Father: Andrew Jackson Rose (1839-1908)

Mother: Mary Melissa Heath (1838-1923)

Marriage: 29 Oct 1902 Place: Summit Twp., Mason Co., MI⁶

Children: Gladys Mabel (1903-1979)

Alice Rose (1904-1993)

Lucille May (1906-1906)

Elsie Loretta (1907-1982)

Hazel Marguerite (1908-2006)

Charles Wesley (1912-1986)

Helen Ruth (1914-)

Bernice Evelyn (1917-1995)

Arlene Doris (1919-)

Ethel Vivian (1923-2005)

2: Grace Johnson
 Birth: 7 Nov 1888 Place:
 Death: 21 Jul 1960 Place: Ludington, Mason Co., MI
 Burial: Place: Ludington, Mason Co., MI
 Marriage: 24 Nov 1942 Place: Ludington, Mason Co., MI⁷
 Status: Place:

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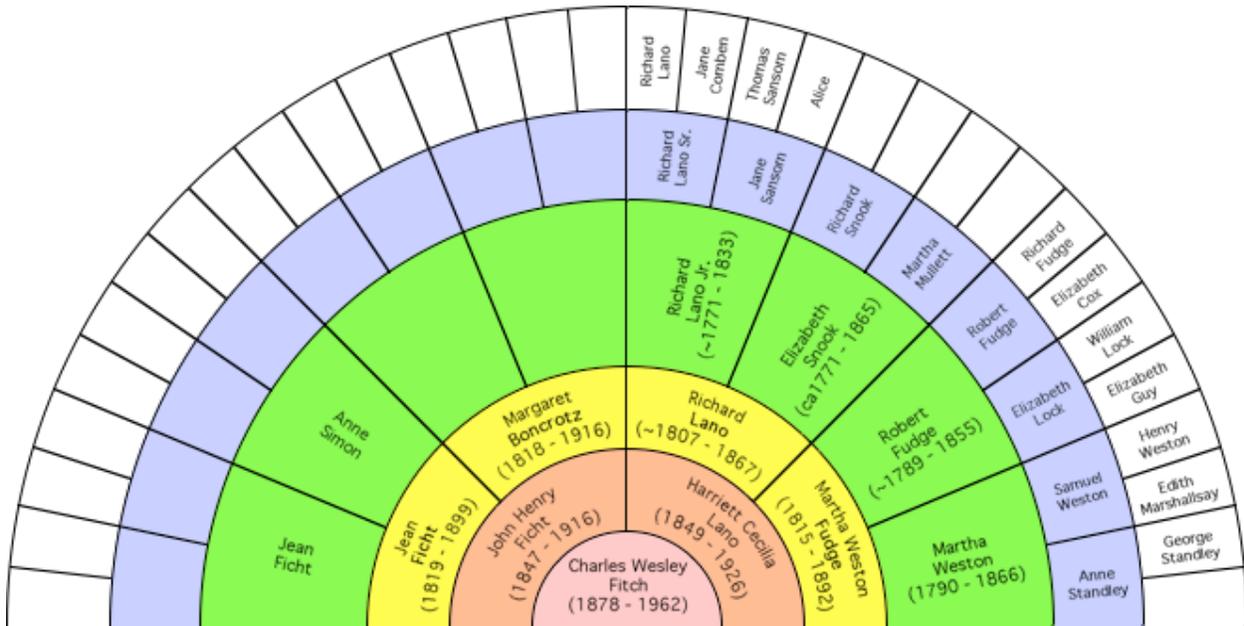
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24 years 145 days	Birth	Thursday	6 Jun 1878
25 years 104 days	Marriage: Ethel Vivian; length 37 years 123 da	Wednesday	29 Oct 1902
26 years 143 days	Daughter Birth: Gladys Mabel	Friday	18 Sep 1903
27 years 252 days	Daughter Birth: Alice Rose	Thursday	27 Oct 1904
28 years 56 days	Daughter Birth: Lucille May	Tuesday	13 Feb 1906
29 years 34 days	Daughter Death: Lucille May, age 0 years 169 days	Wednesday	1 Aug 1906
	Daughter Birth: Elsie Loretta	Wednesday	10 Jul 1907

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30 years 40 days	Daughter Birth: Hazel Marguerite	Thursday	16 Jul 1908
33 years 270 days	Son Birth: Charles Wesley	Saturday	2 Mar 1912
36 years 163 days	Daughter Birth: Helen Ruth	Monday	16 Nov 1914
38 years 165 days	Father Death: John Henry, age 69 years 304 days	Saturday	18 Nov 1916
38 years 319 days	Daughter Birth: Bernice Evelyn	Saturday	21 Apr 1917
41 years 70 days	Daughter Birth: Arlene Doris	Friday	15 Aug 1919
45 years 84 days	Daughter Birth: Ethel Vivian	Wednesday	29 Aug 1923
48 years 190 days	Mother Death: Harriett Cecilia, age 77 years 149 days	Monday	13 Dec 1926
61 years 268 days	Spouse Death: Ethel Vivian, age 59 years 34 days	Thursday	29 Feb 1940
64 years 171 days	Marriage: Grace; length 17 years 240 days	Tuesday	24 Nov 1942
82 years 45 days	Spouse Death: Grace, age 71 years 257 days	Thursday	21 Jul 1960
83 years 310 days	Death	Thursday	12 Apr 1962

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August 10, 2010