

The Diary of
Anna Kropf Ropp

1973-1977

Monday, January 1, 1973. Fair, nice day, 22°. I washed and ironed. We went to girls at 10:30. Gram along, Rons there too. Watched Rose Parade and football games. Took Gram home in PM. We all stayed for lunch in evening. I took salad. Cheryl Rempel there in evening.

Tuesday, January 2, 1973. Fair, 12° above, beautiful day. I went to Florence's home. Pete to gift shop and had turn signal on car fixed at John Brackman's. Gerlof Homan here at 4:00, got Sunday School material. He's new SS Superintendent. Rons here for supper. Had waffles and sausage.

Wednesday, January 3, 1973. Cloudy, rained and windy. Went to Florences until 1:00. Pete took me in, then got our lunch at noon at Coneys. He ate with us. We took our tree and decorations down in p.m. We went to Under Shepherd meeting with Cys. Met at church.

Thursday, January 4, 1973. Fair, 17°, windy, cold all day. I went to Florences until noon. Stopped up town, exchanged Gram's dress. Pete and I to Birkelbaws for apples. I made cinnamon apples and cooked squash. Wrote to Marvins and Evelyn.

Friday, January 5, 1973. Cloudy to partly cloudy, cold, 7° above. We went to annual auxiliary (hospital) meeting at church. Ida along. Jo and we to Eastland after meeting to look at drapes for living room. Got groceries. Cleaned up bedrooms. Were home in evening. Stopped at Grams in morning.

Saturday, January 6, 1973. Fair, cold, 3° above. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked coffeecake braid and pumpkin bread. Washed my hair and did cleaning. Put my new cooking utensils away. Marty and Jon here for supper. Jo brought sandwiches. Rons to Hiltys.

Sunday, January 7, 1973. Partly cloudy, 9° above. We went to church and to girls for dinner. Went to Eds. They seem better. Ed going to dining room for 2 meals. We stopped at Grams on way back. She was at CR's for dinner. We went to church at 5:45, had Love Feast Communion in basement of church. Nice service.

Monday, January 8, 1973. Fair, nice day, 18°. I went to work at 7:30, there all day. Pete cleaned up brush and limbs from ice storm. I washed and ironed when got home from work. Rons here awhile.

Tuesday, January 9, 1973. Fair, 3° above, cold all day. I went to Florences in morning. Pete home. I went to Pennys after work. Got new drapes for living and dining room. Went to Good Will with Jeanette.

Wednesday, January 10, 1973. Fair, cold, zero. I went to Florences in morning. Pete to hospital and bank. We got Merl at 12:30. She took us to grand Café for dinner. Marguerite [Burwitz] along. Took Merle to bank and went to Eastland. We went to choir practice and to small group meeting at John Gundys.

Thursday, January 11, 1973. Fair, 9° above, nice day. Went to Home Extension. Girls and Mabel along. Took Pete to hospital. He had executive board meeting, over at noon. Pete, Jo and I to Kmart and Zayers. Looked for yarn. Stopped at Jo's a while. Made plans for birthday party for Ida. Went to girls for supper. Rev. Waltners there.

Friday, January 12, 1973. Fair, 5° above, warmed up some. Went to Florences all day. Got groceries and meds, etc. for Gram. Stopped there on way home. Pete sawed wood in p.m. We went with Wen Lang Lin to Chinese show at Schroder Hall at ISU.

Saturday, January 13, 1973. Fair, nice day, warmer, 18° but windy. Pete to Don Nesters to help put paneling on their living room. I baked pecan rolls, did cleaning, washed my hair. Made salad and cooked apples. We went to Lions [Club] pancake and sausage supper at Carlock. I finished embroidering towel for MCC sale.

Sunday, January 14, 1973. Partly cloudy, warmer. Went to church, had dinner at noon and annual business meeting in p.m. John Gundy elected chairman. Girls and we to see Julia awhile, then took gram to Steak & Shake for supper. Girls along.

Monday, January 15, 1973. Cloudy, warmer, 37° in morning. I went to Florences, home at 3:30. Pete raked yard in morning. He went to Gift Shop in p.m. I washed and ironed when got home. Made casserole. Rons here for supper. Went back at 8:00 as Ron had to work at 8:00.

Tuesday, January 16, 1973. Fair, nice day, 50°, rather windy. I went to Florences at 8:00 to 1:30. Pete along. He went to Gailey's at 10:30. He brought us our lunch (Coney dog). I made granola when got home. We went to Marguerite's at 5:30. She took us and Merle to Ozark House for dinner. Very good.

Wednesday, January 17, 1973. Cloudy, warm. Went to Florences in morning. Left at 12:30. Went to club meeting at Dorothy Singley. Mabel and Gram along. Gram home with me, here for supper. We took her home on way to choir practice. Pete to sharing group at John Gundys. I babysat. Jo to John's too. Ron working. Pete cleaned up more limbs.

Thursday, January 18, 1973. Rained greater part of day. Warm. I made salad and ham salad. Dusted up house. Got things ready for supper. Shortened to pair of new drapes. Gerald Galloways here for supper. We did newsletter.

Friday, January 19, 1973. Cloudy, colder. I went to Florence's in morning. Left at 11:15. Pete to hospital and bank. We went to Ro's at 11:30. Helped Jo get ready for luncheon for Ida's birthday. Gram, Mabel, May [Mohr], Clara B[rodbeck], Esther D, Mrs. R.L. Hartzler, Lydia B, Edith M, Ruth S, Lenore [Waltner] and Joan W. Florence M, Mary and Ida, Ethel S [all there]. We served ham salad and tuna sandwiches, salads, relishes, ice cream and cake. We were at Rons for supper.

Saturday, January 20, 1973. Fair, chilly. Pete to men's breakfast. I went along, ate at hospital. Made coffee for girls in ICU. We went to Gerald Galloways at 8:30 to address newsletters. We

mailed them. Pete helped Don Nester in p.m. I washed my hair. Did cleaning. Worked on new drapes. We took Gram and Marguerite to Ozark House. Marguerite paid for Gram.

Sunday, January 21, 1973. Cloudy, rained in evening. We went to church. Ida, Mary, May, Luella and we ate at Specialty House. We went to girls afterwards. Were there for supper. Edgars, Gram and CRs there. Pauls arrived at Tucson Arizona at Marj's brother (Curtis Liechty) from Taipei, Taiwan.

Monday, January 22, 1973. Cloudy, showered, snow flurries in p.m., windy and chilly. I went to Florences. Came home at 1:00. Washed and ironed and hemmed up new drapes. Pauls called from Tucson in evening. So good to hear from them.

Tuesday, January 23, 1973. Cloudy in morning, colder, few flurries, fair in p.m. I went to Florences in morning. Pete to hospital. We came home at noon. I pressed and hung new drapes in living and dining room. Dusted up stairs and made up beds. We went to town at 5:30. Girls and we to Ponderosa and to Eastland. Looked for picture for Mary's birthday.

Wednesday, January 24, 1973. Fair, fine day. I went to Florence all day. We went to airport at 6:00. Met Pauls at 6:40 PM. They arrived from Tucson. So good to see them and Amy Su Lin. She's a sweet baby. Ron and boys at airport too. We went to Rons for supper. Pauls are tired and have some colds.

Thursday, January 25, 1973. Fair, fine day, warmer. Visited in morning. Marjorie, Pete and I to town at 11:00. Did shopping for children and Marj. Got some clothes and toys for children. Paul home with children. We all went to Mary and Ida's for supper. Rons and Gram there too. Talked to Allens in evening.

Friday, January 26, 1973. Mostly cloudy, mild. I did some washing for Marjorie. Pete to town at 10:00. Got Wen Lang. He was here for dinner. Marjorie and Andy with Jo and boys to play at Wesleyan. I did cleaning. We went to Rons. Pete got pizza for our supper. Washed my hair when got home.

Saturday, January 27, 1973. Fair, nice day. Pauls to hospital in morning, to type letter. I got things ready for dinner. Gram, Marie and Pauls here. Pete and I to annual hospital meeting at 2:00. I am delegate. Auxiliary had skit. We all went to CRs for supper. Rons, girls, May, Pearl, Gram, Marie, Rays and Gordons. Marie at CRs all night.

Sunday, January 28, 1973. Snowed, blowing, colder, some drifting. Our drive drifted. We went to church. Rons and Ida and Mary here for dinner. Marie home in morning. Gram didn't want to come. Pauls along to Rons in evening. They went skating at Four Seasons.

Monday, January 29, 1973. Fair, cold, 12° above, warmed up some. I washed. Had big one. Pete and Paul took Rambler to Pennys, had some work done. Marj and I went at noon. We had lunch

at Eastland. Got Paul jacket and knit shirt for his Christmas and birthday. Went to Kmart. Finished ironing. Got supper. Edgars here. Had waffles and sausage. Looked at some pictures.

Tuesday, January 30, 1973. Fair, nice day. Pete took Rambler to town in morning. Had clutch fixed. Paul and Marj to hospital at 11:30. Had lunch with Rons. I kept children. Made pudding and apple dessert. Pete to Gailey's at 12:30. Pauls and we to Eds at 3:00. They are about same. We got Marty and Jon on way home. They were here for supper. Rons came after them. Marj out with Cinda.

Wednesday, January 31, 1973. Mostly cloudy, 40°, showered little in evening. I washed 3 loads for Marj and made salad. Marj made birthday cake for Andy. Pete to town to bank after dinner and got floral arrangement for Mary's birthday. Gave her some money too. Rons, girls and Gram here for supper. Ate early as Ron had to leave early. Gave Andy some toys.

Thursday, February 1, 1973. Rained early morning, cloudy. Pauls left in Rambler for Berne at 10:10. Had flat tire and some clutch trouble. Got there at 5:30. I washed and ironed. Cleaned up whole house. We went to church at 7:30. Got trainees, Dan Tsung-Ter Yang from Taiwan and Andre Nussbaumer from France. They are attending conference at our church.

Friday, February 2, 1973. Cloudy, misted, colder in evening, little snow. Pete took boys [trainees] to church at 8:30. We went at 9:30. Pete to hospital auxiliary meeting. I had physical at Dr. Birtsche, blood pressure high, 180/95. Have to have BA enema and blood work. Went to hospital at noon. Pete worked in gift shop. Mrs. Moore asked if I would come back to work. Stopped to see Florence. Vera Homingous took girls and we and Scogin to Bob Johnson's for supper. Got boys at church.

Saturday, February 3, 1973. Cleared off in p.m. Pete and boys to breakfast at hospital. Boys to church at 8:30. I made salad and did morning work. We went to town at 12:30. Pete to girls. I got permanent at *Sondles* (sp?). Jo and I to Kmart, got yarn for Afghan for her. Pete and I at girls for supper. I helped quilt. Got boys at church at 9:15.

Sunday, February 4, 1973. Fair, beautiful day. We went to church. Trainees spoke in Sunday school class. Peter Dyck preached. Were home for dinner. Boys here (trainees). We took them to Bloomington Mennonite Church at 3:30. Went to Grams a while, then got boys at church at 6:00. Took them to Hopedale Mennonite Church for program. Girls along. Interesting program.

Monday, February 5, 1973. Cloudy, chilly, rather foggy. I washed and ironed. Washed some things for the trainees. Pete took them to church at 8:30. I baked cookies. We went to church at 9:00, got the boys. Andre showed pictures of France and his home. Beautiful country.

Tuesday, February 6, 1973. Cloudy, chilly, Northeast wind. Had late breakfast for boys. Took them to bus station. Dan was to leave at noon, 1½ hours late. Jo and others at bus. Andre to Jo

until 2:40. I washed all bedding upstairs when got home. Went to Good Will with Jeanette. (Took castor oil.) Pete to caucus. He wasn't reelected for Town Clerk.

Wednesday, February 7, 1973. Cloudy, began to snow midmorning. Over 1 inch. Roads slick in evening. Much colder. I took enemas, went to hospital at 8:30. Had Ba enema. Pete to bank. Got home at 11:30. We worked in attics in p.m. Ready to go to choir in evening. They called it off on account of roads.

Thursday, February 8, 1973. Fair, cold, 4° above. 12° all day. Went to town at 9:00 to \$1 day. Got brown (kinda tweed) coat for \$38. Girls and I to Home Extension. Pete to hospital, worked in Volunteer Office and Gift Shop. We were home in evening.

Friday, February 9, 1973. Clear, zero to 2° below. I cleaned 2 rooms upstairs. Washed windows, woodwork and floors. We went to town at 1:00. Pete to girls. Ida and I to church. Quilted on quilt for Relief Sale. Mary working. We girls and Gram to Edgars for supper. Marguerite there too. Had good meal.

Saturday, February 10, 1973. Fair, fine day, 8° above, near 30° during day. Washed old drapes from living room and put one up in west room upstairs. Did cleaning and washed my hair. Embroidered some in p.m. We went to Paul Millers in evening. Had beef fondue. Showed our Japan pictures.

Sunday, February 11, 1973. Fair, nice day, warmer. We went to church. Ida along. Mary still has cold and ear trouble. Went to girls for dinner. Ida and we to Eureka. Ed's about same. Saw Fanny Schrock. She didn't feel so well.

Monday, February 12, 1973. Fair, fine day. Washed and ironed. Cleaned out Cedar chest. Went to Merle's at 5:00. She took us to Ozark House to eat. Then we took her to see The Great Waltz. Very good.

Tuesday, February 13, 1973. Cloudy, misted some. Baked sugar cookies and iced them. Took few to hospital in some to Gram and gave Marty and Jon a box. We went to Thrift Shop at 2:00. Pete and Mr. Summers plan to make table. Went to girls. Mary helped me start on Afghan for Jo. Went to Rons for supper. Rons to Hopedale, dinner and meeting for MCC sale. Pete to Town Hall. I stayed with boys.

Wednesday, February 14, 1973. Cloudy, foggy, snowed and rained in p.m. I went to ICU (volunteer). Real busy. Pete to see Gram awhile. We went to Gerald Galloways at 2:00. Jerry and we did newsletter. Alma [Galloway] at Thrift Shop. We went to choir practice. Pete to sharing group. Jo with him. I stayed with boys.

Thursday, February 15, 1973. Cloudy, snowed intermittently all day, colder. I went to work in ICU at 7:00. Took time out to go to Bertsche's office for blood sugar. Had busy day. 9 patients in

ICU. Pete worked in Volunteer Office in morning and Gift Shop in p.m. I went to Adult Believers class with Phils. Pete home.

Friday, February 16, 1973. Clear, cold, 4° above, rather windy. Did all of cleaning. Went to town in p.m. Addressed newsletters and mailed them. Got vanilla for Good Will from Mrs. Klein and took it to church. Went to Colonial Plaza awhile. Home in evening.

Saturday, February 17, 1973. Fair, 022° below. Pete to men's breakfast. Took Gordon. He gave program. I washed my hair. Made salad and bars. We went to town at noon. Pete to Gift Shop at 1:00. I went to girls. Set Mary's hair. She went to Dr. Knight. [Her] cold little better. Ida and I to church, quilted. Pete and I to Rons at 4:30. We went to Colonial Plaza. Got free cherry pie at Red Wheel. Pete and Ron to men's dinner at Mennonite Hospital. I was at Rons.

Sunday, February 18, 1973. Cloudy, few flurries in morning. Stopped at grams in morning. Rons and we to Morton Mennonite Church. Ron preached. Don Roths took us all and Roy Kings to The Beacon in East Peoria for dinner. We went for ride to Pekin – Tremont area where ancestor Ropps lived. Went to Roths (fine home). We went to International Student program at Dr. Hight. Took Wen-lang and 3 other students, then to Stanley Cole home for supper. I took salad and bars and toppings.

Monday, February 19, 1973. Mostly fair, warmer, near 40°. Cloudy and misted in evening. Washed and ironed. Had [TV] antenna put up. We went to town at to: 30. Went to Merle's. We took she and Marguerite [Burwitz] to Fish Market in Peoria. I drove Merle's car. Went to Field Restaurant at Morton to eat. Merle took us. We went to Pepper Mill first but they were closed.

Tuesday, February 20, 1973. Mostly fair, colder. Went to town at 9:30. Took Merle to lawyer for income tax. Went to Florence Cromley's at 11:30, took oysters. We had lunch with her. I made oyster stew. I stayed with her in p.m. Pete to Thrift Shop. Made 2 tables. Rons here for supper. Had catfish.

Wednesday, February 21, 1973. Fair, windy, cold. I went to hospital, volunteer in ICU 2 hours. Pete to Gailey's to get lense, but had ordered wrong one. Got Gram. She took us to lunch. We went to club meeting at Maxine Alwes. Mabel along. Gram here for supper. Took her home on way to choir practice. Pete and Jo to group sharing. I stayed with boys.

Thursday, February 22, 1973. Fair, nice day, warmer. We went to annual meeting of Meadows Home. Chester and Edith [Miller] along. Got home at 4:30. I went to adult class with Lucy Catherine [Patton].

Friday, February 23, 1973. Fair, nice day, 42°. I did most of cleaning and defrosted icebox. Rons here awhile late p.m. Boys here while they looked at house (Harold Fosters). We went to girls for supper. D. Scogin and Vera Hominghous there too.

Saturday, February 24, 1973. Fair, beautiful day, 50°. Washed my hair. Finished cleaning. We went to town at 11:00 to post office. Ida and I to church. Quilted several hours. We washed car when got home. Rons here awhile in evening.

Sunday, February 25, 1973. Mostly cloudy, mild. We went to church and to Ida and Mary's for dinner. We went to Eureka to see Eds. They are about the same. We went to senior – youth supper and program at church. Took Merle. Was nice evening.

Monday, February 26, 1973. Cloudy, chilly wind, few snow flurries in morning. I washed and ironed in morning. Went to church in p.m. Quilted. Ida along. *Letha* (sp?) Gilbert there too. Were home in evening.

Tuesday, February 27, 1973. Cloudy, low 30s. Pete to Gift Shop in morning. I went with Jo to Creve Coeur TV station 19. She was taped for program for Mennonite Relief Sale. Got back at 12:30. Ate lunch at Falcon (Earl Kaufman paid for our church). I went to Dr. Bertsche. Got good report on blood work. BP better. Mary, Jo and we uptown. Mary got paper for bedroom. We went to Heritage Group at Myrna Parks.

Wednesday, February 28, 1973. Fair, warmer, 50°. We went to town at 9:00. Ida, June and I to church. Quilted. We saw Jo on TV telling about Relief Sale. Pete to Service Company meeting at 11:00. Jo came for lunch. We stopped at Grams. Took her a box lunch. We went to choir in Normal, then to Carlock to start work on "Creation" with combined choirs. Jeanette and Ruth Marquis along.

Thursday, March 1, 1973. Cloudy, mild. We went to auxiliary at 9:30. Saw Dr. McGinnis. Says I need to have lump removed from breast. Made arrangements to go to hospital in p.m. Ron, Jo and we to Grand Café for lunch. Came home, got things ready and back to hospital. Admitted to room 246 at 4:30. Sorry it has to be. Had enemas, nauseated. Rons brought me 2 roses.

Friday, March 2, 1973. Cloudy, misted. I went to surgery at 12:30 for radical mastectomy. Had tachycardia in OR. Put me on monitor. Taken to ICU after surgery. Ron and Jo with Pete at hospital. Rons talked to Allens and Pauls in evening. Pete home that night. I have 2 drains, one on suction.

Saturday, March 3, 1973. Cloudy, damp. Uncomfortable, pretty well sedated. Marie came in p.m. She was here all night. Gram, Pete, Marie, Ida and Mary to Specialty House in evening. I don't remember too much what went on. Rosalie at Rons for the day.

Sunday, March 4, 1973. Rainy and foggy. I felt little better, no appetite. Marie left for home at noon. Pete at hospital all day. Ron at hospital several times. Hard to believe all that has taken place.

Monday, March 5, 1973. Nice part of day, rained. Uncomfortable with gas pains. Was moved out of ICU to [Room] 248. Got 14 cards and 4 bouquets. Pete at hospital. Pearl, daffodils, Gram and Marie mixed bouquet. Good Will, carnations.

Tuesday, March 6, 1973. Warm, 62°, clear in a.m., hard rain in night, 1.6 inches. More gas pains. Gave me 2-4 6 enema, about tore me apart. Nauseated again. Pete at hospital. White chrysanthemums from Allens. Rose bowl, Scott Necessaries. *Sacht* (sp?), Scogin. PJs and robe, Florence Cromley.

Wednesday, March 7, 1973. Beautiful day, sunny and warm. Running temp. Limited visitors. Still have drainage tubes. Can't eat. Pete with me. Perspired profusely at night. Got rose from Mick [Mishler]s, Cologne [from] Mary. 2 pair of hose [from] Ida. Bath powder, Cys and Mary and Joe Jantze.

Thursday, March 8, 1973. Sunny and warm. Still have temp, no appetite, apparently flu bug. Removed suction tube. Very uncomfortable. Perspiring at night. Pete with me. Ron comes every day. Pixie, Butcher; plant, Elaine and Ruth R. Plant, Emersons and Paul M[iller]s. Flowers, Phils. Carnation, Marie Hastings. Rose Bowl, Home Bureau.

Friday, March 9, 1973. Cloudy, some showers. Chester Miller died of heart attack. Sure a shock. I'm feeling some better. Still have temp. Average about 15 cards a day. Pete with me. Ron and Jo in. Ideals, June Jantze, plant, Harold and Helen. Red roses, OR and ER girls. Large basket of fruit, Merle. Musical doll, Sophie *Avec* (sp?).

Saturday, March 10, 1973. Cloudy, rained all p.m. Pete to relief sale early morning and Ron came home at 11:00. They left with Dunns at 1:00 Atlanta Georgia, hospital and homes conference. Boys at Clemens for the weekend. I feel better. Sat up some. Took out stitches. No company, doctor's orders. Plant [from] CRs, flowers [from] Gordons and Rays. Carnations [from] Garfield club, candy [from] Edgars.

Sunday, March 11, 1973. Cloudy and windy. I had too much laxative. Ron and Paul called me in evening. Allen called at home when Pete got home. Rons got to Atlanta at 3:00 a.m. Had interview today. Inducted into College of Chaplains tomorrow evening. Pete to girls for dinner and to visitation for Chester Miller in evening. Mary with Marty and Jon at night.

Monday, March 12, 1973. Nice day, rained in night. I'm feeling some stronger and up more. Pete to Chester Millers funeral in p.m. Rubber drain came out. Gown [from] Marvins. Correspondence cards from Mary Necessary, *Roeder* (sp?) and Diana Bass.

Tuesday, March 13, 1973. Beautiful morning, cloudy PM and rained 1 – 2 inches in night. I am walking some in halls. Ron called boys in evening. Mary with them nights. Pete to Town board in evening.

Wednesday, March 14, 1973. My shoulder not healing properly. Have to hold my arm out, uncomfortable. Took No Visitor sign down. Pete stayed with boys all night.

Thursday, March 15, 1973. Usual day, up in chair most of time. Walking halls. Shoulder slightly better. Pete helped Gerald [Galloway]s with newsletter. There for lunch. Mary with boys at night.

Friday, March 16, 1973. Cloudy most of day. Feeling some better. Dr. in late, aspirated some fluid from shoulder. Pete mailed newsletter. Have 162 cards to date and so many flowers.

Saturday, March 17, 1973. Ground covered with snow, about an inch, 25°, windy, Roads slick for a while. Pete to hospital at noon. Dr. in, says I can go home which is good news. Still have place that hasn't healed. We packed and got home about 3:00. Sure good to be home. Grass is so green. Rons got home from Atlanta Georgia in evening. They came out awhile in evening.

Sunday, March 18, 1973. Clear, nice day, 25°. Warmed up some. We put roast in oven. Ida and Mary came after church, helped with dinner. CR and Mabel here in morning. Brought salad and cookies. Glen Augsburg's and Merls here in p.m. Glens brought yellow chrysanthemum. Roberta here, brought casserole and cookies. Ron and boys here a short time. Phils here toward evening.

Monday, March 19, 1973. Mostly cloudy, rained in evening. Pete and I did washing. Mary and Ida here a while in p.m. Mary ironed. Chet Roths here awhile in p.m. Paul called in evening. He got back from Conway Arkansas last Friday evening and is awaiting a call from them. Jo taught school.

Tuesday, March 20, 1973. Partly cloudy, 28° in morning. Pete to hospital at 9:30. Volunteers had TB tests. My shoulder seems to be draining more. James Waltner here awhile in p.m. Mabel stopped. Rons came in evening. Jo made Chinese food for our supper. Jo taught school.

Wednesday, March 21, 1973. Fair, beautiful day. We went to town at 11:30. Met Dr. McGinnis at hospital. Place on shoulder not doing too well, draining quite a bit. Took some of scabs off. Pete to Garfield Club at Pearls. I was on committee, had Sharon irons show pictures of Haiti so Pete run projector for her. I stayed at girls. Gerald Galloways here in evening. Jo taught school.

Thursday, March 22, 1973. Fair, fine day. Pete worked outside a while in morning, cleaned off Iris. He went to George Hudelson's funeral in p.m. Ron had service. I'm about same, quite a lot of drainage. Pearl here in p.m. Paul Miller here a little while.

Friday, March 23, 1973. Fair, nice day, in 50s. I didn't feel so well in morning, better in PM. Jo came in PM. Washed my hair and pinned it up. Pete to town, had reaction on TB test. Had chest x-ray, hope it's okay. Jeanette here awhile. Carol brought cookies and Easter egg she made.

Saturday, March 24, 1973. Fair, cloudy late p.m., 64°. Dusted up house. Pete to Birkelbaws, got apples for Rons and girls and us. Emerson, Ruth, Stef and his wife here in morning. Had nice

visit, good to see them. Pete raked off flower garden. I was outside awhile. Girls here, got apples. Vera *Homrighous* (sp?) & Scogin here awhile.

Sunday, March 25, 1973. Rained early morning and most of day. Pete didn't go to church. We went to see ours for dinner. Gram there too. We came home at 2:15. Val Kampmeiers here in p.m. Mabel and Gram stopped awhile. Mary and May Mohr to Passion Play. Rons to church. His weekend to work. We looked at pictures in evening.

Monday, March 26, 1973. Fair, rather windy, in 50s. We washed and did little ironing. Mary to Dr. Bertsche at 1:00. He admitted her to hospital, blood count low, has some bleeding. Jo took her to hospital. Edgars brought supper out for us, chicken & apple pie. Marguerite [Burwitz] here too. Rons here a little while, got apples and eggs.

Tuesday, March 27, 1973. Fine day, 60°. Went outside a while. Didn't feel so good. Pete to town in p.m., Earl Thomas, income tax. Winifred Maxwell here awhile in p.m. Mary having x-rays. Pete to Township meeting in evening.

Wednesday, March 28, 1973. Cloudy, rained in p.m. and evening. Went to town in p.m. Pete to Gailey's to see about lense. I went to hospital to see Mary. She had more x-rays. Ida and Jo there too. We went to Dr. McGinnis at 3:15. He trimmed some of scab off, thought it was improving some. Have to use Bedadine compresses. We went to Merle's for supper.

Thursday, March 29, 1973. Cloudy, rained early morning, foggy, drizzled. Sterilized things for compress. Jo here in p.m. We planted seeds in boxes. Mary having some lab tests. John and Mary Brackman here in evening.

Friday, March 30, 1973. Foggy in morning, nice day, 60°. We went to town at noon. Ate at Burger Chef. Went to Ida's. Roy Basting papering Mary's bedroom. Jo helped move things and came in evening. Washed windows & floor. Pete and I to hospital in p.m., got more dressings for me. Saw Mary. She's having more tests. Harold Patton had bowel surgery. Saw Helen. He got along okay. We were at Ida's for supper.

Saturday, March 31, 1973. Rained in morning. Ditch running full. Had rain in evening. Tornado warnings out early evening. Several cited near Lexington and Chenoa. Pete to men's breakfast. We did cleaning in morning. Read and rested in p.m. Mary feeling some better. X-rays and liver scan okay. Had over 9 inches rain in March.

Sunday, April 1, 1973. Cloudy, rained in morning. Colder in evening. We went to church at 10:30. Sure good to be there. Went to Ida's for dinner. Gram there too. Took her home at 3:00. Ida and we to see Mary. She didn't feel as well, stomach and bowels upset. We had lunch at Ida's, then to church. Harry Martens gave program on Wills and Estate Planning. He preached in morning. Allen called in evening.

Monday, April 2, 1973. Cloudy, misted in morning, chilly. We washed and ironed. Went to town at 1:30. Ida and I to see Mary. She's feeling better. Pete to Gailey's, had eyes tested again. They sent for wrong lens before. Harry Martens to see Ida and Mary about making wills. He was at Rons for supper.

Tuesday, April 3, 1973. Cloudy, misted some. Pete to vote and to Yuton. I made some sweet pickles and baked apple cake. Put in freezer. Rested in p.m. I went to Good Will with Jeanette. Lucy C[atherine] along.

Wednesday, April 4, 1973. Cloudy, rainy, chilly. Bill Miller, Gil Webb here in morning to check ballots from yesterdays voting. We went to hospital at 11:30. Pete had auxiliary board meeting. I had lunch with Ron. We took Mary home from hospital at 1:00. She feels some better but week. I went to Dr. McGinnis at 2:00. Shoulder about same. Wish it would heal. Pete to Township meeting.

Thursday, April 5, 1973. Fair, fine day, good to see the sun. We went to auxiliary meeting at 10:00. Ida along. Had workshop and salad luncheon at noon. Dr. Bertsche spoke on heart disease at 12:30. Pete had snow tires taken off. We and Ida got groceries. Rons left for Bluffton after school. He has board meeting.

Friday, April 6, 1973. Clear, fine day, in 60s, rather windy. We did cleaning. Went to town at 11:00. Had hair done at Stephens Beauty School. Harvella did it. Lloyd and Dorothy Singley here in p.m. Allens got here at 11:15. Didn't know for sure they were coming. So good to see them.

Saturday, April 7, 1973. Fair, nice day. We had late breakfast. Pete and Allen to town, took coat rack to Thrift Shop. Allen, Shirley and girls to town in p.m. Pete and boys put some lumber in barn. Steve mowed barn yard. Allens brought Gram, Mrs. Yeakel, Ida and Mary out for supper. Had ham. I got along okay. Was tired. Allen and Pete took them home.

Sunday, April 8, 1973. Partly cloudy. Allens left for home at 8:30. We miss them and we had good visit though it was short. We went to church and to girls for dinner. Mary didn't go, she's still week. May Mohr there too. We came home at 2:00. Went to church at 5:30. Under Shepherd group had sandwiches and fruit. Had discussion then at 7:00, Quarterly Congregational meeting. Rons home late.

Monday, April 9, 1973. Cloudy, rained early morning and most of forenoon. Snowed in p.m. through Iowa & Wisconsin & northern Illinois. Heavy snow and blizzard. We washed. I ironed. Pete to town at noon, got telfa dressings for me. Marty has temp.

Tuesday, April 10, 1973. Mostly cloudy, windy, cold, low 30s. I defrosted icebox. Baked rhubarb pie, cleaned kitchen cupboards in p.m. Pete to Township meeting in evening. Allen

called. They are snowed in, roads all drifted, everything closed. They didn't get to work yesterday. Marty not feeling good.

Wednesday, April 11, 1973. Cloudy, 22°. Rained some in p.m. and evening. I cleaned broom closet in morning. We went to town at 11:00. Pete got new lenses for his glasses. Went to hospital, saw Ron, also saw Harold. He's doing pretty good. I went to Dr. at 2:15. He thinks I'm healing some. Went to Grams and to Galloways for supper. Did newsletter.

Thursday, April 12, 1973. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 34°. I baked quick coffeecake. Took Pete to town. He and Ron to see John *Ludtke* (sp?) about Ron buying some ground here. I went to Home Extension. We took Under Shepherd material to John, Wayne and Dale Millers. Paul Miller here, brought plants for us to look after. They're going to DC. Marty still home.

Friday, April 13, 1973. Fair, frosty in morning, 56° during day. We did cleaning. Went to Jerry G[alloways] at 9:00, did newsletter and mailed it. Ida and Mary and we to Eureka to see Eds. Ate dinner with them. Ed isn't feeling so good, dizzy and leg swollen. We went to town when got home from Eureka.

Saturday, April 14, 1973. Fair, nice day, 60°. Pete to men's breakfast. I washed kitchen curtains and cleaned kitchen. Went to town at 3:00. Had hair done at Harvella's. We went to Rons for supper. Had waffles and sausage.

Sunday, April 15, 1973. Partly cloudy, in 60s. We went to church and to girls for dinner. Gram there too. We stopped at Edith Miller's in her new home at 1104 University. Skippy had broken leg when we got home. We took her to Wainscott [veterinarian]. He kept her all night.

Monday, April 16, 1973. Rained early morning, one half inch, cleared off in evening, colder. I washed. We went to TB sanitarium. Got pills for Pete, he has to take. Went to Wainscott, they have to operate on Skippy's foot. Did ironing in p.m. Rons here awhile before supper.

Tuesday, April 17, 1973. Fair, nice day. Pete took car to have air conditioner fixed. I waxed kitchen and bathroom floors and baked sugar cookies. We went to lunch with Marie and Betty Nielsen who are on their way to McHenry. Gram and Mabel went too. I went to Christian Business and Professional [Women's] dinner at Sinorak. Mary and I took Catherine M & *Krickton* (sp?). Ron sang. Pete at Ida's.

Wednesday, April 18, 1973. Cloudy, showers in p.m. and evening. We went with Katherine Mishler to Pekin Mall. Garfield Club went, ate at Bergners. Pete to Milo Millers. He went to Rotary with Milo, left some Ropp history papers with him. We brought Skippy home. Has cast on her leg.

Thursday, April 19, 1973. Mostly cloudy, showered off and on. I baked bars for 2B and ICU at hospital. We went to town at 11:00. Delivered Meals on Wheels. Pete to F[arm] S[upply] dinner at Masters Place. I went to hospital. Took bars to girls. Ate lunch there. We went to Dr. Shonat at

3:00. He says I can discontinue compresses. We went to communion at church. Our battery from car was stolen while we were in church. Brought Mary's car home.

Friday, April 20, 1973. Mostly cloudy, rained in evening and hailed a little. Marie came at 10:00. Left her things, then to Grams. We went to town at 10:30. Got new battery, put it in car and took Mary's car back. Got groceries. Went to Rons for supper. Had oyster stew. Gram and Marie there. Ida and Mary were to be there but Mary not feeling well. Marie here all night.

Saturday, April 21, 1973. Had nearly 2 inches rain early a.m. Showered during day. I made salad and colored eggs. We went to town at 11:00. Marie got Kentucky [Fried] Chicken. We took to Grams, had dinner with her. I had hair done at Harvellas at 1:00. Marie stayed with Gram. We uncovered roses. Mary has temp. Dr. put her in hospital. Ron took her. Feel so sorry for her. Rons here awhile, brought rose plant.

Sunday, April 22, 1973. Rained early a.m., lots of water in fields, etc. Cleared off, cooler, nice day. We went to church. Marie to Grams. We got them after church. We went to CRs. Rons, Ida and Mary, Gordons and Rays. I took salad. Pete, Ida and I to see Mary awhile. Think she feels some better. Took Ida home and got Perl and went to CRs for supper. Rons home at 4:00. Marie here all night.

Monday, April 23, 1973. Fine day. Marie left at 8:00 for Godfrey. I washed. Washed bedding and doilies from west room. Did ironing. Hung most of clothes outside. We went to hospital awhile in p.m. Ida along. Mary's temp down some. Pete took Township clerk material to Mrs. Early who is new clerk.

Tuesday, April 24, 1973. Fair, nice day. I cleaned closet and West bedroom. We went to town at 9:30. I stayed with Mary while they did cysto. They also did bone marrow. Cysto was okay. We went to Jo's at 12:30. Had committee meeting for auxiliary dinner in November. Rachel Mitchell and Ann *Davis* (sp?) there. Cleaned West bedroom when got home. We went to Heritage Group at Florence Millers.

Wednesday, April 25, 1973. Fair, cooler. We went to town at 9:30. Pete had dental appointment. Ida and I uptown. Got dress material. Ida got dress. Pete and Ron to sale barn at 1:00. I went to Dr. McGinnis at 2:00. Doing okay. Went to Ida's. Cut out one dress. We planted rose we got from Rons at Easter. I cleaned closets in our bedroom. Went to see Mary, she had 2 units blood.

Thursday, April 26, 1973. Partly cloudy in morning, cloudy PM, quite chilly. I cleaned our bedroom and washed bedding. Pete mowed lawn. Took Skippy to vet. Had her stitches removed while we delivered Meals on Wheels. Jo took Mary home from hospital in p.m. Gram took Jo and Ida to lunch. Jo and boys came after school. We planted peas, sweetcorn, onions, lettuce, radishes and cabbage seed. Rons here for supper.

Friday, April 27, 1973. Fair, but chilly wind. I cleaned bathroom. We went to girls at 11:00. Pete took Ida to get groceries. I pinned up Mary's hair. I washed my hair in p.m. Jo and boys came at 3:30. We planted potatoes, carrots, beets and spinach. CRs, Gram and we to Ozark House for supper. Marguerite took CRs and Gram. Merle took us.

Saturday, April 28, 1973. Clear, fine day. Rons and we left here at 6:15 for Berne Indiana. Got to Mrs. Liechty's at 10:45. She took Rons and we to dinner. Men started Rambler and we started for home at 12:15. Got here at 5:45. Rons went on to Bluffton for Kay's wedding. We are grateful for good trip. I went to Nurses Alumni Banquet at 6:30 at ISU. Pete and Wen Lang to Chinese dinner at Normal Methodist Church.

Sunday, April 29, 1973. Fair in morning, warmer, rained in p.m. We went to church. Pete taught Sunday School. We went to girls for dinner. Mary seems a little stronger. We stopped to see Gram on way home. We went to Kiwanis pictures in evening. Merle and Irene Davis along.

Monday, April 30, 1973. Mostly cloudy, warmer, in 70s. Showered some in evening. I washed. Pete set out 8 tomato plants. Ironed. We went to Florence's at noon. We took Coney Dogs. Effie Trutter there too. Had nice visit. Stopped at Merle's and girls. James Waltners here in evening to see about garden spot. Rons and Herman Rempel here awhile in morning.

Tuesday, May 1, 1973. Mostly cloudy, very windy, had rain in evening and night. I baked coffeecake braid. Pete on drive for F[arm] S[upply] Co. in morning. Jim Waltners here in p.m., made garden. We put out Dahlia bulbs and spaded flower beds. Went to church in evening. Freeman Jr. [College] Choir. Mr. Lavern Rutschman here all night.

Wednesday, May 2, 1973. Cloudy, cold. Pete took Mr. Rutschman to church at 7:30. I cleaned hallway. We went to town at 11:00. Pete to executive meeting at hospital for auxiliary. Gram and I to Steak & Shake for lunch. We stopped at Jo's on way home. I used sweeper on furniture. Knitted in read in evening.

Thursday, May 3, 1973. Clear, cool, rather windy. I cleaned furniture in living and dining room. Went to auxiliary at 10:00. Ida along. Pete worked outside, moved some lumber, etc. I washed and waxed furniture when got home. Knitted in evening.

Friday, May 4, 1973. Fair, beautiful day. Pete worked at Glenn Maxwells all day. I cleaned living room and dining room. Baked cookies. Went to United Church Women's and Men's Fellowship luncheon at Park ME [Church]. Took Merle. Rons came at 4:00. Pete mowed some lawn. Knitted.

Saturday, May 5, 1973. Fair, cloudy in p.m. Pete to Danvers, helped Roy Hoeft at FS office. Came home at 2:00, finished mowing lawn. Spaded around roses. I baked pecan rolls. Washed my hair. Rons here awhile in morning. Paul Miller here, planted garden. We planted 2 rows beans. I pulled weeds in strawberry patch.

Sunday, May 6, 1973. Cloudy, showered some. We went to church. Girls and we to Student Union for dinner. Went to Eureka to see Eds. Had a tea for relatives and friends. Metamora young folks gave program. Were at girls for lunch. We all went to Wesley Methodist Church in evening, combined choirs gave Haydn's "Creation." Ron had tenor solo. Very good.

Monday, May 7, 1973. Cloudy, rained in morning and again in evening. I washed and ironed. We went to town at 4:00. Took car to Brackman. Has noise, John couldn't fix it so went to Hydraulic Place. Did little shopping. Went to May Mohr's at 7:00. Showed our Japanese pictures. Lawrence and Harold Mohrs, CRs and Miss. Ward there.

Tuesday, May 8, 1973. Cloudy, showered, cleared off in evening. Pete with Lester Litwiller on FS drive. I cleaned fruit room and recreation room. Made salad. Went to Mother's Day salad supper and program at church. Jeanette with me. Took Merle. Jo there too. Pete to Rons awhile.

Wednesday, May 9, 1973. Fair in morning, showered little in p.m., fair in evening. Pete took Skippy to vet. Had cast removed. I cleaned furnace and laundry room. We went to town in p.m. Went to Dr. McGinnis, am doing okay, healing more. Went to Galloways, did newsletter. Went to church in evening. Cornelius Krahn spoke on early Anabaptists.

Thursday, May 10, 1973. Fair, warmer, fine day. I went with out to Litwiller to Home Extension tour to Clinton to Art Institute and DeWitt County Museum. Ate at Camelot. Mabel, Dorothy Singley, Ida and Mary along. Pete helped Glenn Maxwell in p.m. We went to church in evening. Dr. Krahn. Gerald and we addressed newsletters too. We stayed with boys after church. Rons to Dunns.

Friday, May 11, 1973. Mostly fair, cooler, had shower in evening. Pete to work at 7:00. I took car to town at 8:00. Had universal joint put in. Got groceries, did my hair and did cleaning. Cleaned silverware in p.m. Pete mowed some lawn. We went to church in evening. Dr. Krahn. Pauls got here at 9:15. Good to see them. Allens came at 10:15. Went to Mrs. Yeakels for all night. Deb and Steve didn't come.

Saturday, May 12, 1973. Partly cloudy, had few sprinkles, chilly. Pete and Paul to men's breakfast. Allens came out in morning. Had nice visit. We all went to Rons for lunch. We, Mary and children came home at to: 30. Jeff and Marty along too. Got things ready for supper. Allens, Rons, Pauls, Gram, Marie, Ida and Mary here for supper. Had a very nice time. So good to all be together again. Allens at Mrs. Yeakels all night.

Sunday, May 13, 1973. Mostly cloudy, quite chilly. Pauls and we to church. Allens there too. They were at Dunns for breakfast and to Mrs. Yeakels for lunch. Left soon after lunch for home. Pauls and we were home for lunch. Rons, Pauls and we to girls for supper.

Monday, May 14, 1973. Partly cloudy, windy, chilly. Pauls left at 11:00 for Ann Arbor. We miss them. Pete to Glenn's at 7:00. I washed and ironed. Rather tired after a very nice weekend. Was so good to all be together again. We missed Debbie and Steve.

Tuesday, May 15, 1973. Clear, beautiful day, cool, 37° in morning. Some Frost. Pete to Glenn's. I took car to town to Brackman's to have motor tuned. Mary B[rackman] brought me home. I washed bedding from upstairs. Ironed, fed and watered roses. Pete took me to town at 6:00. Got car. Mary and I to Christian Business and Professional Women's dinner at Wesleyan Memorial.

Wednesday, May 16, 1973. Fair, windy, chilly. Pete to work at 7:00. I baked cookies and rhubarb crisp. Went to meeting at Nina Fowlers with Mabel. Gram didn't go, wasn't feeling good, heart bothering her. Rons here awhile, checking on drainage for septic tank.

Thursday, May 17, 1973. Fair, fine day. We went to town. Got some medicine for gram. She's feeling some better. Pete to Glenn's at noon until 5:00. I got things ready for company. Rons, Cheryl Rempel, trainees *Elindet* (sp?) Marten from Switzerland and Gunther *Burky* (sp?) From Germany. Had nice evening.

Friday, May 18, 1973. Partly cloudy, warmer, had few sprinkles in evening. I went to Esther Cash at 9:30, had permanent. Pete to Glenn's, 10:00 to 1:00. We planted chrysanthemums Allens gave me. Planted 2 rows of corn. I baked strawberry shortcake. We went to Home Builders camp for supper. Rons there too. Jo's Uncle Gerald came in evening.

Saturday, May 19, 1973. Fair, nice day but windy. Pete took car to Jon Brackman, [car] still isn't working too good. I finished cleaning and baked coffeecake. Gave Jo one. Rons and Jo's uncle here in p.m. to draw up plans for their house. We washed windows and put in screens. Fixed flower box.

Sunday, May 20, 1973. Beautiful day. We went to church. Ron preached. Had good sermon, "Wholeness in a Broken World." We went to Meadows Home 50th anniversary. Had dinner there. Combined choirs gave part of "Creation." Jo and her Uncle Gerald here in p.m. Doing more work on building plans. He left for home in evening.

Monday, May 21, 1973. Mostly cloudy, warm, high 70s. Pete to Glenn's. I washed and ironed. Took Gram to lunch at Falcon. Girls along (Gram paid for our lunch.) Got medicine for her. Pete mowed yard when he got home and we put out glads. Went to Merle's for supper. She got Chinese food. Talked to Shirley in evening.

Tuesday, May 22, 1973. Rained early morning and showered in p.m. Did odd jobs in morning. Pete finished mowing lawn. I went to town at 1:00. Had car greased. Stopped at hospital awhile. Took Gram to Dr. at 3:00. Says she is doing pretty good. Pete set out 2 dozen cabbage and 2 dozen tomato plants. We sowed some beets.

Wednesday, May 23, 1973. Cloudy and misted in morning. We left at 8:15 for Allens. Got here at 2:40. Sun shining when we got to Burlington. Had good trip for which we are grateful. Debbie and Steve home. Debbie Tate with Deb. We all went to Debbie's graduation. Very nice. Helped Shirley get things ready for little reception. Had around 25 friends here. Had beautiful cake, punch, coffee, nuts, mints and brownies. Got to bed late.

Thursday, May 24, 1973. Cloudy, showered some. Shirley and Allen to work. Steve home in morning. I baked cookies and made rhubarb crisp. Made casserole for supper. Debbie and her friend to Barbara *Strips* (sp?) all night. Allen home late for supper.

Friday, May 25, 1973. Fair, cool, rather windy. Children to school. Got out at 2:00. Jeff rode his bike and Steve motorcycle. Pete run tractor for Jake Coffey until Steve came from school. Shirley home. We cleaned boys room and washed windows in Deb's room. Washed, had big one, bedding, etc. We sowed flower seeds. Pete cut some shrubbery. Cindy (dog) was hit by tractor and died soon after. Jeff had accident, bike brake came loose and got in wheel.

Saturday, May 26, 1973. Cloudy, rained in morning and p.m., very windy in night. Shirley to work. Pete with Allen to sell some insurance. We did cleaning downstairs and I ironed. Jeff and I made pizza for supper. Steve helped Jake Coffey until it rained. Washed my hair. Shirley pinned it up.

Sunday, May 27, 1973. Cloudy. Rained most of day. We all went to church at 9:00. We all accept Steve went to Des Moines. Ate dinner at Kings Restaurant. Shirley and Pam to see "Sound of Music." Allen took us to Nevada. Drove over the town. Allens are thinking of moving there. Drove to Ames around campus. Stopped at shopping center in Des Moines. Allen had to get voltage regulator. Got home at 6:30.

Monday, May 28, 1973. Cloudy, misted, rained most of day. Sun shone awhile in p.m. Allen and Pete fixed furnace in morning. They went to Phil Metcalf, cast bullets. Shirley washed and sewed. I ironed. Made salad. Knitted awhile. We got things ready for supper. Joe Spanglers were here. Allen grilled hamburgers and had homemade ice cream.

Tuesday, May 29, 1973. Fair, nice day. Shirley and Allen to work. Steve took Chrysler to Humeston to have car greased. He took Pam to music lesson at 1:30. Jeff mowed yard. I washed and ironed. Baked cookies. Made chili for supper. Debbie got back from Alta in p.m. Steve helped drive cattle for neighbor, Wayne *Heckehoms* (sp?) here in evening. Shirley packed clothes for Pam and Jeff.

Wednesday, May 30, 1973. Fair, nice day. Had rain at home in morning. Shirley to work. Allen took Steve and Jeff to dentist at Des Moines. Got back at noon. We had lunch and left Allens at 1:50. Got to Carlock about 7:00. Ate supper at Hen House. Jeff and Pam with us. Thankful for a safe trip. Ron here working on lumber. Florence Sharp passed away. Water pressure in deep well down.

Thursday, May 31, 1973. Clear, fine day, 75°. Pete and Jeff mowed yard. Pam and I picked some strawberries. Got lettuce and radishes for dinner. Went to town at 2:00. Jeff and Pam to girls. Jeff helped mow their lawn. Pete, Jo and I to Hudson. Jo looked for dress at Darlene's. Pete (unclear). We went to Niepagens, got petunias and tomatoes. Ate supper at girls. We set out plants when got home.

Friday, June 1, 1973. Fair, fine day, warm. We worked in garden and truck patch. Planted flower seeds and cucumbers. Plowed and hoed truck patch. Pete helped Glenn Maxwell in p.m. Jo and boys came after school. We planted lima beans, mush melons and watermelons. Picked strawberries, got 1 ½ quarts. Rons here for supper. Ron and boys shot coon and 5 babies in west barn. Pete and I to visitation for Florence Sharp.

Saturday, June 2, 1973. Mostly cloudy, had showers most of day. I washed 3 loads. Did cleaning. Went to town at 11:30 to bank. Had lunch. Jeff and Pam at girls with Ida, Pete and I to Florence Sharp's funeral. Mary worked. I washed my hair. Made dressing and baked brownies. We went to Rons at 6:00. They took us to Beef Place for pizza. Went to 4 Seasons. Rons and children swimming. Jeff and Pam at Rons all night.

Sunday, June 3, 1973. Partly cloudy, in 70s, windy in p.m. We went to church. Had dinner at church for Chuck Hiltys. Had reception of [new] members. We brought Gram along home at 1:30. Girls came later. They were here for lunch. We took them to Cemetery, put flowers on graves. Rons took Jeff and Pam to Evergreen Lake, fishing and had picnic lunch. We picked 3 quarts strawberries. Gave Rons a box. Paul Millers here awhile.

Monday, June 4, 1973. Rained, showers most of day and had tornado warnings out most of evening. Several sighted in area. I washed. We, girls and Jo to Eds at 10:30. Took Ed out to dinner. Came back at 1:00. Mary to Dr. Bertsche. Jo with her. Still has blood in urine. More tests. Rons here at 4:00 surveyor here. I got things ready for supper. Wen Lang here. Had Chinese food and strawberries and shortcake.

Tuesday, June 5, 1973. Partly cloudy, warm, showered some in evening. Jeff and Pam slept late. I picked 3 quarts strawberries. Put 3 quarts in freezer. We went to town at noon, had Pam's hair cut by Harvella. I went to Dr. McGinnis. Says I'm okay, don't have to go back for 3 months (all healed). I went to Good Will with Jeanette. Marty and Jon here in evening. Jo to Good Will. Ron had meeting.

Wednesday, June 6, 1973. Fair, cooler, fine day. I went to hospital at 8:00. Helped in ICU until 1:45. Jeff and Pam to Jo's. Pete took motor to town and had auxiliary board meeting at 11:30. Marty and Jon home with us. I picked 3 quarts berries. Pete plowed truck patch. I got supper. Rons here. Had chicken and [strawberry] shortcake.

Thursday, June 7, 1973. Fair, warm, 80°, rather windy. Pete worked in truck patch, plowed flower garden, planted more sweetcorn in evening. I went to auxiliary at 10:00. Jeff and Pam to

Mrs. Yeakel. Came home at 2:00. Jeff mowed Mary's lawn. She brought him home. Pete and Jeff mowed our yard. Picked nearly 3 quarts berries, gave girls a box. I put quart in freezer. Hoed some in evening. Baked bars (4 dozen).

Friday, June 8, 1973. Fair, 86°, quite windy. Washed. Big washing. Did cleaning. Ironed. Went to Wesley Methodist [Churc]h at 3:00. Jeanette and I set up for graduation reception. Good Will baked cookies and serving reception. Jeanette and I went at 6:30. Pete, Pam and girls went for program. Ida, Mary and Mary Jantze helped. Jeff at Gordons awhile in p.m.

Saturday, June 9, 1973. Fair, hot, 90s. Baked coffeecake. Washed my hair. Finished cleaning. We picked 6 quarts strawberries. Pete burned some brush. Darren and David [Ropp] here awhile in p.m. Got things ready for supper. Rons, Gram, Marie, Ida and Mary here. Grilled hamburgers, [had] strawberry shortcake. Ate outside. Marie here all night.

Sunday, June 10, 1973. Fair, hot, 92°. Went to church. We all went to Woizeski family reunion at Nob Hill Lake. 38 there. Rons there. Gram, Marie and girls here for lunch. Jeff and Pam at Gordons. We took Gram and girls home. Marie here all night.

Monday, June 11, 1973. Fair, hot, 90°. Jeff Cho Ring at Gordons. They are in DC. Marie left at 8:00. Washed and ironed. We picked 3 quarts berries. Put 3 boxes in freezer. Made 3 ½ pints jam. Fixed berries for supper and lunch. Pete worked in truck patch and burned brush. We went to Rons for supper, had fish. I took shortcake. Jeff doing Darren's chores. Pam to Bible school with Jo. She's teaching. Pam at Rons all night.

Tuesday, June 12, 1973. Fair, rained in evening, 1/3 inch. I baked bars and carrot cookies for Home Extension. Pete and Jeff cut some weeds and planted more sweet corn. We picked 3 ½ quarts berries. Jo brought Pam home after lunch. We hoed some in truck patch. I fed and hoed roses. Took Pam to Bible School. Went to girls awhile. Had wind storm at Downs in evening.

Wednesday, June 13, 1973. Fair, cooler, fine day. I went to hospital. Worked in ICU until 2:20. Pete and Jeff worked in truck patch. Marty and Jon here until after lunch. Pam at Ida's. She made some doll clothes for Pam. We sowed row of flower seeds, more beets, lettuce, radishes and carrots. Took Pam to Bible School and got groceries. Marty and Jon home with us. Stayed all night.

Thursday, June 14, 1973. Fair, nice day. Pete to Glen Maxwell, cultivated corn. I washed 2 loads. Picked 3 quarts strawberries. Got dinner. Jo got Jeff, Pam, Marty and Jon after lunch. I went to Home Bureau with Ida and Mary. Mabel and May along. We were on committee. Took cookies and had punch. Jeff and Pam to Dunns in p.m. We worked in garden and truck patch.

Friday, June 15, 1973. Partly cloudy, hot, 93°. I did all of cleaning and defrosted icebox. Irene [Dunn] brought Jeff and Pam home at 10:30. Pete at Glens in p.m. Gram took Jeff, Pam and me to Specialty House for dinner. Jeff mowed Mary's yard while I went to bank. He mowed ours

when we got home. I worked some in garden. We went to girls for supper. Pam to Bible School. We went to ballgame at Towanda. We won.

Saturday, June 16, 1973. Fair, hot, 94°, windy. Had thunderstorm and rain in evening. Tornado watches out. Pete plowing corn at Glenn's. I picked a quart of berries. Worked in truck patch. Washed 2 loads. Washed my hair. Mended some. Jeff at Gordons awhile. David here too. Rons here for supper. Had barbecue. Had heavy rain and strong wind.

Sunday, June 17, 1973. Cleared off in morning, nice day. Mrs. Yeakel, Ida, Mary and we left at 8:15 for Nauvoo. Got there at 11:00. Met Allens there, had picnic dinner and nice visit. Jeff and Pam home with them. We left there at 3:40, got home at 7:00. Thankful for safe trip. We miss Jeff and Pam.

Monday, June 18, 1973. Fair in morning. Had bad wind and rain storm at 4:00 PM. Wednesday over 70 mph. Rained came in windows in west bedroom, bathroom and south kitchen window and our north bedroom window, also upstairs, north window. I washed and ironed. Jo and boys here. We picked peas. Put 3 ½ pints in freezer. Went to town in evening. Jimmy Grady home. He took Merle and we to supper. Had pizza at his dad's place.

Tuesday, June 19, 1973. Cloudy in morning. We cleaned up brush from Redbud tree. Wind took half of it down. Bluetooth trees down in ash Grove. Pete cleaned out eaves. We and girls left town at 8:40 for Missouri. Got to Orvie's at 4:30. A fine day to travel. Partly cloudy. We went to Marvins. Dave and Margaret (his wife) and 2 children, Doreen and Ronald, Carrie and Gladys there. We all, Arthurs, Orvie, Marvins, and Daves to Harvest House to eat. Came back to Marvins to visit. Girls at Orvies. We at Marvins all night.

Wednesday, June 20, 1973. Fair, dutiful pleasant day. Orvie took Ida, Mary and we to Kansas to see Evelyn and Bill. Left at 10:00. Enjoyed the trip. Stopped by Cemetery on way home. Helped Frances get things ready for supper. She and Marvin to work in p.m. Ate supper at Marvins. We all went to Garden City, drove past home place and around town. Went to Carrie's. Dave and Margaret came from Arthurs. Visited with them.

Thursday, June 21, 1973. Fair, nice day. Showered in Independence in evening. Blanche at Marvin's a while in morning. We had early lunch. We all went to Independence in p.m. Visited Truman Library and Kansas City Royals Stadium. All very interesting. Went to Arthurs for supper. Morris Millers there a while. Saw Arthurs Hawaiian pictures. Saw some of Marvin's when got home. Jo called in morning. Hospital wants me to work Saturday and Sunday. Dave and Margaret left for California.

Friday, June 22, 1973. Fair, fine day. We left Marvins at 7:45. Had little trouble with fuel pump when we got to Lincoln, but got home at 4:00. Thankful for good trip. I washed some and Rons came at 6:30. Brought pizza for supper. We picked peas. Put 3 quarts and one 1 ½ pints in freezer. Pete mowed lawn. We were tired.

Saturday, June 23, 1973. Fair, warmer. I went to work in ICU at 7:00 to 3:30. Got along okay. Pete to Glenn's. I washed my hair and did some cleaning. Mark Emericks at Rons. They came out awhile. Ethel Streid passed away in morning.

Sunday, June 24, 1973. Fair, fine day. I went to work in ICU. Had 7 patients, a busy day. Pete to church and to girls for dinner. Gram there too. We went to visitation for Ethel Streid. Girls along. Carol and Kenny [Ropp] here a few minutes in evening. Rons and Marks to New Salem.

Monday, June 25, 1973. Partly cloudy, quite warm, 88°. Pete to Glens, plowed beans. I washed. Worked some in garden. Took car to Brackman at 11:30. Jo and I went with Mary to Dr. Pfellder. [She] had physical and blood drawn. Got home at 4:00. Jo and I to June Jantze to picked raspberries (they are on vacation). Got 4 pints. I put quart and pint in freezer. Worked in truck patch. Ron sang at Ethel Streid funeral.

Tuesday, June 26, 1973. Had thunderstorm at 4:30 a.m. Mostly cloudy, rained hard again at 4:00 p.m. Had 1 inch all together. I ironed. Pete worked on auxiliary books. I transplanted flowers. We went to town at 11:00. Ate at Specialty House. I went to Ida's. She cut out my red checked dress. We got it nearly done. Pete to town. Rons here awhile in evening.

Wednesday, June 27, 1973. Fair, cooler. I went to hospital, volunteer at 8:00. Came home at 10:30. Didn't feel good. Had stomach pain, vomited. Pete and I picked and podded peas. I put 3 pints and 1½ pints in freezer and had some for supper. Pete got barn & fence ready for sheep.

Thursday, June 28, 1973. Fair, cool, rather windy. Got things ready for dinner. Gerald Galloways here in morning. We did newsletter. Gerald's here for dinner. Pete, Jo and I picked 7 quarts raspberries at June Jantze's. Jo took 4 boxes. I gave girls a box. I put 3 boxes in freezer. Girls and we to Eds at 3:30. They are about same. Worked in garden in evening.

Friday, June 29, 1973. Clear, fine day. Pete mowed yard. I did cleaning, worked in garden. Went to town at 1:00. Got newsletter in mail. Got groceries. Went to Eastland. Jo, boys and Mary left at 11:00 for Ohio. Ron and Ida here for supper. Ron worked on fallen trees in Ash Grove. He and Pete plowed truck patch. We planted corn, endive and the more lettuce.

Saturday, June 30, 1973. Fair, nice day, warmer. Pete to Glenn's. We planted more beets. I worked in truck patch and washed off porch and west stoop. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Ron came at noon for lunch. He sawed up fallen trees in Ash Grove. I picked peas and podded them. Got nearly 3 pints. Ron here for supper. Pete and I worked in truck patch in evening.

Sunday, July 1, 1973. Had showers in morning, fair. We went to church and to Gibson City to Cornelius Ropp's 35th wedding anniversary. Had buffet dinner and reception at 3:00. Stopped at Grams on way home. Were home in evening.

Monday, July 2, 1973. Fair, quite warm, humid, 88°. I washed and ironed some. Pete hoed some corn. We went to auxiliary board meeting at hospital at 11:30. Got some groceries. Picked 8

quarts raspberries at June Jantze's. Put 6 boxes in freezer. We went to church in evening. Bell Ringers from Newton Kansas there. Very good.

Tuesday, July 3, 1973. Fair. Had thunder shower in town at noon. 90°, humid. I cleaned rugs, baked bars and peanut Rice Krispies next. Finished ironing. Picked last of peas. Pete pulled pea plants and plowed ground. We went to Ida's awhile. Helped her put quilt in frame. Pete got some boards for her quilt frames. Jo and boys and Mary got home about 4:00. Robert Stutzmans to Allens.

Wednesday, July 4, 1973. Had thunder shower at 5:30 a.m., $\frac{3}{4}$ inch rain. Cleared off in morning, cooler. I got things ready for dinner. Gram, Marie, Rons and Ida here. Mary worked, came at 2:00. Ron and Marty fishing in p.m. We all went to Rays for supper. Pearl and CRs there. All took something. Had some fireworks. Marie at CRs all night.

Thursday, July 5, 1973. Fair, nice day, in 80s. We went to town at 9:30. I went to auxiliary until 11:00. We met Marie, Gram and Mabel at McLean. Marie took us to lunch. She left for Godfrey. We brought Gram and Mabel home. We went to Jo's. We and she picked 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ boxes raspberries at June's. I took 2 quarts, gave rest to Jo. Pete mowed some yard in evening. I worked in garden.

Friday, July 6, 1973. Fair, high 80s, nice day. I did most of cleaning. Pete finished mowing yard. We planted sweet corn and a few glad bulbs and some beans. I made custard raspberry pie. We went to town in p.m. I got blue raincoat. Took car to Pennys, had new fuel pump put on. Hoed and fed roses. Rons camping at Shelbyville.

Saturday, July 7, 1973. Fair, humid, 88°, good breeze. Pete to men's breakfast and got apples at Birkelbaws. I finished cleaning. Picked beans for supper. Washed my hair. Pete sprayed weeds and mowed some around fences. I got things ready for supper. Alpha Baughmans, Edith Miller, Ida and Mary here for supper. Paul called in evening.

Sunday, July 8, 1973. Fair, quite warm. We went to church and to girls for dinner. Came home at 3:30. Went to church in evening. Ron Ackerman showed pictures of Vietnam and told of his work there. Rons got back from camping.

Monday, July 9, 1973. Hot, humid, 92°. Had rain at 11:00 p.m. I washed and ironed. Rons here in p.m. Ron and Pete piled brush from fallen trees and burned it. They were here for supper. We went to Rons at 9:30. Stayed with boys while Jo went after some of players for Merle Good play, "These People Mine." Barry Hummel here all night.

Tuesday, July 10, 1973. Had rain at 4 AM, had 3 force inch Monday night and this morning. Fair, cooler in p.m. We went to town at 12:00. Took Barry to Yoder's. I went to alumni board meeting at 12:30. Pete to Gailey's to have glasses straightened. We went to see Florence. Took her (unclear) robe Ida made. We went to "These People Mine." Took Merle. Enjoyed it. Barry here all night.

Wednesday, July 11, 1973. Fair, beautiful day, 82°. I took Barry to church at 8:30. They left for Iowa. I went to hospital, volunteer in ICU. Busy, worked until 2:00. Jo and boys came at 4:00. We picked beans. Paul Miller gave us some. We canned 6 quarts. I worked outside a while. Pete cut [bur]dock in morning. We defrosted freezer.

Thursday, July 12, 1973. Fair, nice day, rather windy. I washed 3 loads. Ironed. Picked few straw and raspberries. Worked in garden and truck patch. Pete plowed garden and truck patch. Ron brought Marty and Jon at 4:30. Were here for supper and all night. Rons and Waltners to stage play in Chicago. Mended some.

Friday, July 13, 1973. Fair, warmer, in high 80s. Pete mowed yard. Did most of cleaning. Went to town at 10:00. Jo and I to shopping for bathroom carpeting. I baked pumpkin bread. Pete and I to town in p.m. Helped paint new educational building the church purchased. Jo there too. Were home in evening. Jo got Marty and Jon at 8:30.

Saturday, July 14, 1973. Partly cloudy, cooler, looked rainy several times. We picked beans and some of Paul [Miller]'s. Jo and boys came about 10:00. We canned 14 quarts. Ron came at noon. Jo and I hoed some in truck patch after lunch. Pete and Ron cut up some trees in Ash Grove. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom and washed my hair. Walker Ropp moved to Shamel Manor. Willis Laesch died.

Sunday, July 15, 1973. Fair, pleasant. We went to church and to girls for dinner and to Eureka in p.m. Eds about same. Gram and Walker Ropp here for lunch. Ida and Mary here too. Rons here awhile, visited with Walker.

Monday, July 16, 1973. Fair, fine day, cool in morning. Pete walked beans for Glenn Maxwell in morning. I washed and ironed. Picked raspberries and strawberries. Jo here in p.m. We picked beans and canned 7 quarts. Sprayed roses. Went to visitation for Willis Laesch. Large crowd.

Tuesday, July 17, 1973. Fair, warmer, 88°. Pete walked beans in morning. Marty and Jon with him awhile. They ate lunch at truck stop. Jo and I to Home Extension annual meeting at Willows. Left at 1:30. Pete and I to Willis Laesch's funeral at 2:30. Went uptown awhile. We went to Cy [Colter]s in evening. Sent invitations to our Under Shepherd group for picnic supper the 29th. Paul called.

Wednesday, July 18, 1973. Partly cloudy, more humid and warmer. Pete walking beans. I went to hospital, volunteer in ICU until noon. Made salad and deviled eggs. Picked some beans for Jo. Went to Rons at 4:30. Elizabeth Martens from Switzerland, trainee [there]. Made some Swiss dishes. Pete and I to Garfield picnic at Marie Heiser's.

Thursday, July 19, 1973. Mostly cloudy, warm and humid, rained in evening. Pete walked beans in morning. I worked some in garden. Picked raspberries and strawberries. Jo came at 10:00. We picked beans. Canned 7 quarts and 6 pints. She was here for lunch. Boys at Clemens. We went to

Farm Bureau field at 4:30. Jo, boys and girls along. Ron came after work. F[arm] S[upply] and F[arm] B[ureau] had annual chicken supper. We didn't stay for program.

Friday, July 20, 1973. Mostly cloudy, rained some early a.m., had 1 ½ inches since yesterday morning. Warm and humid. Rons to Allens. Did cleaning. We, Ida and Mary left town at 9:30 for Godfrey. Got to Marie's at 2:00. Ate at Litchfield. Went for drive. Got peaches. Got 2 pecks and Marie gave us one. We all went to Muni Opera, "Fiddler on the Roof." Rained some, canceled last 10 minutes of play. Pete and I stayed at motel, Hi-Way House. Late getting home. Traffic tied up on bridge. Bus couldn't get thru.

Saturday, July 21, 1973. Partly cloudy, cooler in evening, showered little in p.m. We slept late. Had breakfast at Marie's. Left there at nearly noon. Stopped on way home, got sweet corn and tomatoes. Got to town at 3:00. Picked up I to strawberries and a few raspberries and a few cucumbers. Marie came along too. She and Gram here for supper.

Sunday, July 22, 1973. Partly cloudy, humid. We went to church. Gram took CRs, Marie and we to Illinois House for noon. Marie, Gram and Walker here for lunch. CRs, Gordons, Mary, Ida, Pearl, May here in evening. Rays came late. Had ice cream and cake and iced tea.

Monday, July 23, 1973. Mostly cloudy, rained in evening and early morning. Marie left at 9:00 a.m. for Godfrey. I felt bad, had pains in gastric region. Didn't sleep after 3 AM. I put 9 jars of peaches in freezer and made 5 pints marmalade. Ida and Mary came at 1:00. They and Pete picked beans. Canned 14 quarts and 3 pints and had some to use. Gave Marie some.

Tuesday, July 24, 1973. Partly cloudy, hot and humid. I washed in morning. Pete finished mowing lawn. We went to town at 1:00. Pete to budget meeting for auxiliary. I took some things to Thrift Shop. Pete took Mary's car to transmission man. I went to normal got On rack for Lucy Catherine. Rons got here from Allens at 6:45. Brought us some fish and apples.

Wednesday, July 25, 1973. Fair, hot and humid, had thunderstorm at 5:30, 2 ¼ inches rain in short time. I went to hospital in morning, volunteer in ICU. Pete walked beans in morning. I picked some cucumbers and canned 2 ½ quarts beets and picked a quart of strawberries. Pete worked some in truck patch and plowed garden.

Thursday, July 26, 1973. Mostly fair, cooler. We picked beans, canned 32 quarts. Jo and boys came at 11:30. Big day. Went to Merle's at 5:00. Took her to Park ME [Church] supper. She bought our tickets. Went to Merle's after supper. She gave me a beautiful decorated cake and candle and holder.

Friday, July 27, 1973. Fair, nice day, had shower in evening. I went to work at 7:00 on [Floor] 2C. Got along pretty good. Pete at Glenss, walked beans. I did some cleaning. Picked over 1 quart strawberries. We went to ballgame in evening, our team won after playing an extra inning.

Dr. Houck in his 2 girls and *Gleah* (sp?) were killed in airplane accident in Georgia. Sure sorry to hear it.

Saturday, July 28, 1973. Beautiful day, cool, 76°. Pete helped Glenn in morning. I baked 2 apple pies for freezer. Baked brownies. Jo came at 10:30. We picked beans. She and boys home at noon. I canned 7 quarts and had some left. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Washed my hair. Hoed and sprayed roses. Worked some in garden. Pete plowed some.

Sunday, July 29, 1973. Mostly fair. I went to work in ICU at 7:00. Pete to church and to girls for lunch and went to Rons awhile. He got me at 3:30. I fixed things for picnic supper at Colters. We were hosts with Cys for Under Shepherd group. Had some 20. Had nice evening. Had shower in night.

Monday, July 30, 1973. Mostly cloudy, had ½ inch rain in p.m. More in town. I washed. Gram sick, so Mabel and I to see her. They put her in Infirmary for today and night. Had stomach upset and dizzy. Pete walked beans in morning. Rons took us to Brittany for lunch and look for rug for bathroom. Did ironing. We, girls & Vera *Homenghous* (sp?) to Scogins for supper.

Tuesday, July 31, 1973. Mostly cloudy, much cooler in p.m. I baked pecan rolls. We cut grass away from walks. Pete mowed yard. I raked up some of grass. Jo here in p.m. We canned 10 ½ quarts beans and I made 6 quarts dill pickles. Gram feeling better. Still in Infirmary.

Wednesday, August 1, 1973. Partly cloudy, quite chilly and rather windy in p.m. We went to town in morning. Stopped at Grams. She's some better, but sick again in evening with her back. Called us at 6:00. Had to go in. Called [Dr.] Deneen. He came at 9:30. We got home at 10:00. Pete at Glens in p.m. I picked berries. We took urine specimen to Dr.'s office for Gram.

Thursday, August 2, 1973. Fair, fine day, cool. We went to town at 9:30. Stopped at Grams, she's better, had a good night. We went to auxiliary in morning. Home in PM. Fixed 5 quarts dill pickles. We and Mary to 4-H Fair at 3:00. Stayed for evening. Myron Floren there.

Friday, August 3, 1973. Fair, much warmer. I washed bedspreads and did cleaning. Pete worked in truck patch. We sowed lettuce, endive, radishes and green beans. Jo and boys here in p.m. We canned 10 quarts beans again. Pete at Glens in p.m. Talked to Allen. They are moving to Nevada.

Saturday, August 4, 1973. Partly cloudy, had little shower at 1:00. Pete to Glenn's in morning. Jo and I to see about carpet for our bathroom. Stopped at groceries and I stopped to see Gram. She's better. I made 7 quarts dill pickles and picked a few strawberries. Washed my hair. We went to Phils at 4:30. They took us to Lake Bloomington. Had picnic supper and went for boat ride. Then to Phils. Saw their pictures.

Sunday, August 5, 1973. Fair, warmer, nice day. We went to church. We and Jo had Junior Sunday School class. We showed some pictures of national parks and sunsets. Ida and Mary took

us to Elms for dinner. We went to see Eds in p.m. Marie came home in morning. She and Gram at CRs and Gordons in evening. Marie at Pearls. I talked to Pauls in morning.

Monday, August 6, 1973. Fair, nice day, rather humid. I washed. Ida and Mary came at 9:00. They helped pick beans. I canned 7 quarts and gave them some, also corn and cabbage. We went to town at 11:30. Marie took us and Pearl to Ponderosa for dinner. Pete and Ron to see Mr. Hammond. Jo and boys came at 4:30. I picked bucket of cucumbers, gave them to Jo. She picked some green beans. I ironed. We did newsletter at Galloways.

Tuesday, August 7, 1973. Fair, high 80s. Pete mowed yard. I picked few strawberries. Baked coffeecake braid and chocolate coconut bars. We pulled weeds in mellon patch. I worked some in garden. Marvins got to girls at 4:00. We were there for supper.

Wednesday, August 8, 1973. Fair, quite warm, humid. Pete and I left at 4:15 on bus for Ann Arbor. Got to Chicago at 7:00. Changed buses. Got to Ann Arbor at 2:00 our time. Made lot of stops. Had little lunch at South Bend at 10:10. Marjorie met us at bus station. Good to see all of them. They're busy packing. Pauls to some friends for supper.

Thursday, August 9, 1973. Fair, hot, rained late p.m. We helped Pauls pack and load truck. Marj and I cleaned kitchen cupboards, icebox in stove, also upstairs. We were at Japanese friends home for supper. Enjoyed the Oriental food. A bounteous meal.

Friday, August 10, 1973. Fair, not so humid. We finish loading the U-Haul and left Ann Arbor at 11:00 our time. Got home at 7:00. We made about 4 stops. Ate lunch at rest area. Marj and I stopped at fruit stand, got bushel of peaches for \$5.70. We went to Rons for supper. She had Marvins, Ida and Mary too. Had homemade ice cream. Thankful for safe trip.

Saturday, August 11, 1973. Mostly cloudy, humid. Had rain at noon. I washed for Marj and us. We picked cucumbers. Jo came at 10:30. We canned 28 quarts dills and 12 pints bread-and-butter pickles for Marj. Pete to town. Ron and Paul and boys went to State Fair. Got things ready for supper. Marvins, girls, Rons, Pauls and Gram here for supper. Pauls here all night. Andy to Rons all night.

Sunday, August 12, 1973. Cloudy, rained some early and at 9:00. We all went to church. Ron preached. Pauls took us to Illinois House for dinner. Ron home. Marvins and girls to Eureka. Took Ed out to dinner. Home in PM. Got things ready for supper. CRs here awhile in p.m. and came back for lunch. Marvins, girls, Pauls, Marty and Jon here for supper. Ron working. They came after boys. We called on Gram after church. Allen called in evening.

Monday, August 13, 1973. Fair, cloudy in evening, showered little. Pauls left at 8:00 for Conway Arkansas. Ron drove U-Haul and Jo the Datsun. Pauls took their car. Hope they have good trip. I put 4 ½ quarts peaches in freezer. Marvins, Ida, Mary and we to Rockome Gardens in Arcola

Illinois. An interesting place. Drove to Arthur. Lots of Amish country. Got some cheese. Marvins and girls here for supper. Mary got cucumbers.

Tuesday, August 14, 1973. Mostly cloudy, rained early a.m. and showered in evening. I washed. Pete to town in morning. I got things ready for dinner. Marvins and Ida here. Mary working. Put 23 boxes sweet corn in freezer. Some were quarts and 1 ½ pints. Marvins and Ida helped husk corn. We went to town in evening. Marvins took us to Ponderosa for supper. Rons and Pauls on to Conway Arkansas.

Wednesday, August 15, 1973. Fair, in 80s. I washed bedding from upstairs. Hung sheets outside. Had to wash some over, bugs bad. Pete sprayed some corn. Pete mowed yard. I ironed. Picked cucumbers. Mary here in p.m., got corn to freeze. Helped her husk it. Jantzes here in evening, got beans. Mary got some cucumbers. I hoed and fed roses.

Thursday, August 16, 1973. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., humid, 82°. Pete dug onions and sprayed corn. I made 2 quarts dill pickles and 4 pints bread-and-butter pickles. We went to see Florence Cromley in PM. Took her some vegetables. We helped Don Nesters pick green beans in evening. Got a bushel or more. I worked some in garden. Pulled some weeds in melons. Allen called in evening. They bought a house in Nevada, Iowa.

Friday, August 17, 1973. Fair, hot and humid. Did all of cleaning. We dug potatoes, nice big potatoes, around 3 bushels. Pulled weeds in melons. Merle, Phils and we to Holiday Inn in Peoria. Saw Berta Conway. Marie stopped in morning. [We] gave her vegetables. Also took some to Merle.

Saturday, August 18, 1973. Fair, hot, high 80s, hazy and humid. I baked cookies. Picked cucumbers. Pete to Yuton and Birkelbaws, got few peaches and apples. I canned 3 pints beets. Went to town at 1:00. Had hair done. Went to Eastland. Stopped at girls. I made 5 quarts dill pickles. Mary came after some cucumbers. Rons in St. Louis at Hiltys. Went to ballgame.

Sunday, August 19, 1973. Mostly cloudy, showered little at noon, not quite so warm. We went to church. Gram, Ida, Mary and Walker Ropp here for dinner. We were home in evening. Rons got home about midnight.

Monday, August 20, 1973. Fair, nice day, cooler. I washed. Pete mowed lawn. We went to town at 1:00. Had car greased. Did ironing. Rons here for supper. They brought hamburgers and cake. Gave him a shirt for his birthday. Don Nester here late, got beans. Packed suitcases.

Tuesday, August 21, 1973. Fair, fine day, cool, 56° in morning. Pete and I left at 7:00 for Allens. Got to Humeston at 12:00. Ate lunch there. Pete took Allen's Chrysler to Humeston to have hose put on car. I helped Shirley do some packing. Debbie to Life Guard in evening awhile. Insurance men had picnic at reservoir for Allens. We all went. Was cold. [They] gave Allen pen set.

Wednesday, August 22, 1973. Fair, warmer, rained in night. Allens left at 7:45 for Nevada. We and Jeff left at 8:00 for Nevada. Saw Allen's house, nice. We got back to Allens at 4:00. Allens got back at 5:00. Packed dishes most of evening. Deb washed some.

Thursday, August 23, 1973. Cloudy, showered in morning and evening. We were busy packing. Allen to see about trailer and couldn't get one they had promised. Some of neighbors got 2 U-Hauls. Didn't get started to load until about 2:30. Finished at 6:30. We all went to Danny Cherrington for pizza and pie and watermelon, then to Dale McAlexander's all night (some day).

Friday, August 24, 1973. Mostly cloudy, rather foggy in morning. We all left Allens at 8:00. Had 2 U-Hauls, house trailer with pickup and Don Harper's station wagon, Allen's 2 cars and ours all loaded, also Danny's car. Got to Nevada a little after 10:00. Got unloaded by noon. Phyllis Sponzlil and JoAnn McAlexander fixed lunch. Got dishes all unpacked except good China, but new stove wasn't delivered. Allens took Dale's and us out to eat. Their 2 children in Deb's friend stayed all night. (A big day.)

Saturday, August 25, 1973. Foggy in morning, cleared off at noon, warm and humid. Allens, Deb, her friend and Jeff left at 10:45 for Weldon. Cleaned up house, etc. Steve and Pam with us. We went to laundromat in morning, got groceries in p.m. and ironed. Unpacked good China and washed it. Unpacked canned goods. Steve to football practice at 3:00. Washed my hair. Got home at 12:30. Deb stayed with some friends.

Sunday, August 26, 1973. Clear, hot, in 90s but good breeze. We got up late. Done some straightening up. We went on picnic at Hickory Grove Park. Nice place and Lake. Stopped at Jim Raders for short visit. Allen, Shirley and Pam went swimming awhile, pool and high school near Allens.

Monday, August 27, 1973. Fair, hot, 94°. Allen had meeting in morning. Shirley and Steve uptown. Got Steve some clothes. We unpacked more canned things. Got lunch. Allens to Des Moines at 12:45. We left for home, got here at 6:00. It's 300 miles. Thankful for safe trip. Rons got tomatoes. Gram has been sick again.

Tuesday, August 28, 1973. Fair, hot, 90° – 92°. I washed and ironed. Baked coffeecake braid, brownies and lemon bars. Pete worked on auxiliary books and mowed some lawn. We went to church ballgame. We lost.

Wednesday, August 29, 1973. Fair, hot, 92°. I went to ICU in morning until 10:30. Stopped to see Gram. She's some better. Mary worked in coffee shop in on way home at 11:15 she was hit by a car at corner of Kelsey and East Street. We went to hospital. Mary has bump on head and chest hurts her, hard to breathe. She was admitted to hospital. I canned 7 quarts tomato juice in evening. Talked to Paul. Classes have started.

Thursday, August 30, 1973. Showered little in morning, fair in p.m., 87°. I canned 8 quarts tomato juice. We went to town at 10:30. Stopped to see Mary. She's still nauseated, has a cracked rib. Pete to town. I got permanent at Esther Cash. Did cleaning. Marie came in evening. She, Gram, Ida and we to Daniel's for supper. Stopped to see Mary. She's feeling some better. Marie here all night.

Friday, August 31, 1973. Fair, hot, 92°. We took Gram to hospital at 9:00. Had x-ray of back, okay. Dr. thinks her trouble is muscle spasm. Marie took us to lunch. Saw Mary, she's some better. We got groceries. Did cleaning when got home. I picked 1 ½ pints strawberries. Gram, Marie and Ida here for supper. Took ride. Marty and Jon here in evening. Allen, Shirley, Debbie and Pam got here at 10:00. Good to see them.

Saturday, September 1, 1973. Fair, around 90°, windy. Got things ready for dinner. We all went to Ropp Reunion at Ash Park except Shirley. She went to her mothers. Marie took Gram and Walker. Went to hospital to see Mary, [she's] still quite sore. We all went to Rons for supper. Ida and Mrs. Yeakel, Gram and Marie there too. I took endive. Allens and Marie here all night.

Sunday, September 2, 1973. Fair, around 90°, good breeze. Allens left at 5:45 for Bluffton. Debbie to be there at 1:00. We miss them. Went to church. Marie to Grams. Gram sick again in morning with back. She was coming out for dinner but not able. Marie here for dinner. Went back to Grams awhile in p.m., here for lunch. We all went to Grams in evening. She felt better. Went to see Mary.

Monday, September 3, 1973. Partly cloudy, had shower at noon. Marie left at 8:15 for home. Gram better. Mary home in PM. Ron took her. I did big washing (11 sheets) canned 10 quarts tomato juice in p.m. Rons here. He worked around barn. Jo working on bazaar things. They were here for supper. Had strawberry shortcake. Picked nearly 2 quarts berries. I ironed some in evening. A big day. Allens back to Nevada.

Tuesday, September 4, 1973. Mostly cloudy, showered some in morning, little cooler. I canned 22 quarts tomato juice and finished ironing. We took Mary to Gailey's at 4:00. Had her glasses straightened. We stopped to see Gram. She's better. Were at girls for supper. Ida and I to Good Will. Pete to Rons to babysit. Ruth Schwartz passed away.

Wednesday, September 5, 1973. Fair, cooler, nice day. I went to hospital to volunteer in ICU awhile, then met with Erma Stutzman to make pricelist for baked goods. Jo & committee marking things for bazaar. I pressed some things for them. We went to town at 2:00. Had checkup with Dr. McGinnis. Everything seems okay. Took Ida and Mary to visitation for Ruth Schwartz. I picked a quart of strawberries. Home in evening.

Thursday, September 6, 1973. Beautiful, cool. We went to bazaar at Eastland at 8:30. I worked until 12:00. Real busy. Pete and I, Ida and Mary to Ruth Schwartz's funeral at 1:30. Went back

to Eastland. Merle bought a quilt, [we] took it to her. Got medicine for Gram. Baked some bars in evening for bazaar.

Friday, September 7, 1973. Fine day, pleasant. We went to Eastland at 9:00. I worked in booth until after noon. Pete took money to bank and took girls up town and got groceries. He went to Gailey's [to see] Dr. Ringer at 12:30. We came home at 2:30. I canned 8 quarts tomatoes. We went to town at 5:00. Walker took us to Sinorak. Talked over some of his problems. Went to Eastland. I got money from booth.

Saturday, September 8, 1973. Cloudy, rained in morning, cool. Pete to men's breakfast. I picked quart of strawberries and picked tomatoes and canned 8 quarts. Washed my hair and cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. We went to Eastland. Pete banked money. Girls along. I got dress with Florence's gift certificate. Mary got dress too. We got medicine refills for Gram. Pete mowed yard.

Sunday, September 9, 1973. Cloudy, showered in morning, cool. We went to church, to Ida and Mary's for dinner. Went to Eureka to see Eds. They are about same. Rons here short time early evening. Florence Cromley had stroke this a.m., is at Mennonite. Doesn't respond. Feel so sorry for her. Virginia called Rons. She tried to get me. They want me to stay with Florence.

Monday, September 10, 1973. Fair, nice day. I went to work at 7:00 with Florence Cromley. Sorry to see her in such condition. Pete had heater fixed on car. I washed and we picked strawberries. Did ironing. Cut celery and onions. Washed tomatoes for chili sauce.

Tuesday, September 11, 1973. A fine day, cool. I went to work at 7:00. Florence about same, can't talk. Pete set up mailbox the road men took down. I made 10 pints chili sauce after got home. Jo and boys here, got tomatoes, beans and corn. Pete to Education Committee meeting in evening.

Wednesday, September 12, 1973. Fair, another fine day. I went to work at 7:00. Florence not quite as good. Walter Yoder was brought from Florida and admitted to hospital. Pete and I took Walker to Dr. Bertsche at 3:30. He had physical, hasn't been well. He took us to Grand Café for supper. Alma Gallaway got tomatoes.

Thursday, September 13, 1973. Partly cloudy, rained some in evening. I went to work at 7:00. Florence seems little more alert. Pete dug glad bulbs. We went to Lumberland, got new Hardwick electric stove (*auacoda* [sp?]). We, Earl [Kaufnsn]s, Phil [Patton]s and Alvin Mohrs to Brittany, then to Earls. Men practiced for quartet for Sunday.

Friday, September 14, 1973. Fair, fine day, cool in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Florence slept a lot. Pete to town. Got carpet for bathroom. Rons and he got stove at Lumberland. Ron set it up for us. We went to Gerald's in evening. Did newsletter. Ate in town.

Saturday, September 15, 1973. Fair, lovely day. Pete to men's breakfast. I washed 3 loads, uniforms, etc. and cleaned upstairs. Washed windows, woodwork and floor. Rons came at noon, brought rainbow trout they caught at Normal pool for dinner. Very good. Worked in bathroom. Took [toilet] stool out, cleaned it and laid carpeting they gave us for birthdays and anniversary. Very nice. I washed my hair, ironed, picked berries and lima beans.

Sunday, September 16, 1973. Cloudy, chilly, showered some. Got things ready for dinner. Went to church. Pete sang with quartet, Earl, Phil and Al Mohr. Gram, Ida and Mary here for dinner. Talked to Allens in morning. They're okay. Boys playing football. We went to church in evening. Rev. Waltner showed slides. Rained in night.

Monday, September 17, 1973. Cloudy, rained in morning, had 2/3 inch, chilly. I went to work at 7:00. Pete on United Fund drive. I washed when got home. Did ironing. We went to Galloways after supper. Got newsletter ready to mail.

Tuesday, September 18, 1973. Clear, 39°, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Florence seems better. Eats better and tries to talk but can't understand. Walter Yoder is worse. Pete had meeting (budget) in morning and went to bank. Gathered some flower seeds. I went to Christian Business and Professional Women's meeting at Wesleyan. Went with Luella and Mary. Good meeting.

Wednesday, September 19, 1973. Fair, cool. I went to work at 7:00. Florence about same. Pete mowed yard and worked on pump in deep well. I canned 8 quarts tomatoes when got home. *Yeskes* (sp?) brought 2 cats out in evening. Paul Miller here, got vegetables. We were home in evening.

Thursday, September 20, 1973. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to town in morning. He ate lunch with me at hospital. Dusted bedrooms when got home. We went to volunteer (hospital) dinner at Ranch House in evening. Was nice evening.

Friday, September 21, 1973. Partly cloudy, rather windy. Went to work at 7:00. Florence about same. Pete worked around home. We got ready for wiener roast. Rons had wiener roast for summer ballplayers. They came out early, got things ready. We had nice time. Rained in night.

Saturday, September 22, 1973. Cloudy in morning, cleared off, warm, nice day. Paul Millers took us to Pekin. Docked their boat. Went down Illinois River 25 miles. Had fish dinner at Liverpool. Enjoyed it. Got home at 5:00. Washed my uniforms and washed my hair.

Sunday, September 23, 1973. Fair, fine day. We went to church. Had dedication of C[hristian] E[ducation] building and dinner at noon. Had open house at CE building. Stopped to see Walker and Gram but she was at CRs. Were home in evening. Ida and Mary here awhile.

Monday, September 24, 1973. Fair, quite warm, rained in evening. I went to work at 7:00. Florence some better. Walter Yoder passed away. Pete helped Glenn Maxwell in p.m. I did

washing and ironing after work. I went with Maxine Alwes to Katherine Mishler's to make out programs for Garfield Club.

Tuesday, September 25, 1973. Fair, warm, 81°. I went to work at 7:00. Florence rather restless. I cleaned 2 closets in our bedroom after work. We took Gram and Walker to New Sambo restaurant for supper (went dutch). Went to visitation for Walter Yoder and then to Rons awhile.

Wednesday, September 26, 1973. Partly cloudy, warm, windy. I cleaned our bedroom. Washed curtains and bedding. Went to Walter Yoder's funeral at 1:30. Large crowd. Ron and John Stutzman sang. Pete to Glenn's at 3:00. I baked cookies and gathered flower seeds. Pete home late. We took Jon's gift to him (PJs). Had some cake and ice cream.

Thursday, September 27, 1973. Mostly cloudy, warm, showered some in night. I went to work at 7:00. Florence rather restless. Pete to Glenn's all day. I canned 7 quarts tomato juice when got home. I went to alumni meeting in evening. Helen Irwin showed some of her crafts.

Friday, September 28, 1973. Mostly cloudy, warm, humid. Rained some in morning and evening. I went to work at 7:00. Florence rested better. Pete took tomatoes to Edgars. Went to Howard Johnson's with them and went to bank. We, Ida and Mary to Eureka at 3:30. Pete to courthouse to get material for genealogy. Ate in town. Went to see Eds.

Saturday, September 29, 1973. Cloudy in morning. Had over inch of rain last night. Fair in p.m. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked rolls and cleaned west bedroom and closet. Washed windows. Washed my hair and cleaned up kitchen. Rons came at 5:00 just as we left to take Merle to Pepper Mill at Morton. Nice place to eat. Rather expensive.

Sunday, September 30, 1973. Cloudy and foggy in morning, chilly, fair in p.m. We went to church and to girls for dinner. May M[ohr] and Edith Miller and Luella M[ishler] there. Pete and I took Wen Lang Lin on ISU foreign student tour. Went to Ewing Museum and David Davis Home, then to ISU grounds. Had picnic supper and entertainment. Stopped at Grams on way home.

Monday, October 1, 1973. Cloudy, showered some in morning, partly cloudy, looked rainy in evening. I went to work at 7:00. Florence about same, eating better. Pete to town and Carlock. Mowed yard. I washed and ironed after work. Merle and Dudleys here in evening.

Tuesday, October 2, 1973. Partly cloudy, rained some in night. I went to work at 7:00. Virginia came at 1:30 so I left. Stopped at Grams, left her laundry. I picked some strawberries and lima beans. Put 3 pints limas in freezer. Pete at Glenns shucking corn. I went to Good Will. Jo along. Pete stayed with boys.

Wednesday, October 3, 1973. Cloudy, damp in morning. I went to work at 7:00. Took Ida and Mary to Eastland after work. Ida looking for dress. Pete to work in p.m. We went to choir practice in evening. Jeanette along. Rained in night.

Thursday, October 4, 1973. Cloudy, showered some, cooler in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Florence rather uncomfortable. Gave enema. Pete to auxiliary meeting in morning. Jo and I to Virginia's after work. She gave us Florence's clothes. Jo and boys here for supper. Ron came, got sandwich, then on to Washington, gave talk. We tried on dresses. Girls came out. Can wear a few things. Jo got more.

Friday, October 5, 1973. Clear, cool, 43°, beautiful day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete helped Glenn shucking corn. Cleaned fruit room when got home. Washed my hair and did some dusting. Gurtner's here in morning. Got tomatoes to take to DC. Ron to meeting in Chicago.

Saturday, October 6, 1973. Mostly cloudy, cool. We cleaned windows and put in storm windows. Cleaned up kitchen. Jo and boys here, got squash and pumpkins in. Jo took some of Florence's clothes to Thrift Shop. We left at 11:30 with Earl Kaufmans for football game at Champaign. [U. of] Illinois got beat. We got to Normal at 6:30. Ate at Sambo's. Stopped at Earls awhile.

Sunday, October 7, 1973. Cloudy in morning, fair and warm in p.m. We went to church. Had communion, choir sang. Girls and we had dinner at Sambo's. Then to North Danvers [Mennonite] Church. Heritage Group met there, then on to site of first Mennonite church near Rock Creek Fair. Pete gave talk. Gram, Marie, CRs and girls here for lunch. Marie came yesterday, is at CRS. Rons to football game at St. Louis.

Monday, October 8, 1973. Real foggy in morning. Sun shone some in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Florence terribly upset when Mrs. Wey came at 3:00. Mrs. Wey off case. A trying day. I washed and ironed and gathered some flower seeds. Pete to Glenn's, helped with corn. Called Emerson Millers at Bluffton to make reservations for Jo and I for homecoming.

Tuesday, October 9, 1973. Foggy in morning, warm, 81°, Sun soon came out. Went to work at 7:00. Florence settled down some but still rather irritable. Pete to work at Glenn's. I cleaned some kitchen cupboards when got home. We got Walker at 6:15. He took us to Grand Café for supper. Were going to Rons for Marty's birthday but boys have temp.

Wednesday, October 10, 1973. Fair, warm, 80° plus. Went to work at 7:00. Pete at Glenn's combining beans. I baked Chocolate Magic bars and Praline bars. We went to choir practice with Jeanette.

Thursday, October 11, 1973. Fair, nice day, warm. Pete to work, combine beans. I went to work. Am off case. Florence will be on floor care. I had hair done at Harvella's after work. I took Walker to hospital for x-rays when I went to work. Took him home at 10:30. We went to Rons for supper for Marty's birthday. Gave him PJs. Gram and girls and Cheryl there. Ron called Allens in evening.

Friday, October 12, 1973. Cloudy, showered in morning and all night. Jo, Mary and I left at 11:30 for Bluffton. Drove in rain through Indiana. Got to Rosalee's at 6:30. Lots of traffic.

Kennedys to ballgame. Jo took Mary and I to Emersons in evening. She went to ballgame. Ruth took us to Walter Gerings awhile. They have nice home, so do Emersons. We were at Rosalee's all night. Pete disc at Glenns and mowed yard.

Saturday, October 13, 1973. Cloudy and cleared off here in p.m. but rained at Bluffton in p.m. Cleared off in evening. We went to coronation at Founders Hall at 10:00. Saw Debbie at 11:30. We had lunch together. Went to ballgame at 1:30. Saw Parade. Rained all during game. Mary and I stayed in car. Went to Rosalee's. Changed clothes and went to buffet dinner at Marbeck [Center]. Mary and I to play after dinner. Jo to reception for Ada Lapp. Went to Emersons awhile. Went to Debbie's room awhile. Walker took Pete and Gram to dinner at Elms.

Sunday, October 14, 1973. Clear, beautiful day. We went to church and to Rosalee's for dinner. Debbie and friend Cathy there too. We took them home and left at 1:00 for home. Got here at 6:45. Thankful for good trip. Pete to church. He, Ron and boys to Ida's for dinner. Pete came home, got tomatoes for Gurtners. They took him to Sambo's for supper. He went to Rons awhile.

Monday, October 15, 1973. Clear, fine day. I washed and ironed. Cleaned hallway, aired bedding and coats from Cedar closet. Pete to Glenn's at 1:00, worked late. We went to Galloways in evening. Did newsletter. Rons here awhile at 5:00. He harvested sunflowers. Pete to Birkelbaws in morning. Got apples for Jo & girls & us.

Tuesday, October 16, 1973. Fair, real chilly. Pete to work at 7:00. I cleaned cupboards in kitchen. Washed curtains, also some summer dresses and shells of Florence's. Jo here in p.m. We got things in from truck patch and cut sweet potato vines. I cooked squash and made pie crusts.

Wednesday, October 17, 1973. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 38°. Pete to town and to dentist at 10:00. Went to Glenns in p.m. I baked 2 pumpkin pies and fixed deviled eggs. Went to town at 11:00. Stopped at hospital. Florence about same. I went to Garfield winner – loser potluck dinner. I took pies and deviled eggs. Stopped at Brokaw to see CR. He's doing okay. Went to choir practice and to Gerald's, addressed newsletters.

Thursday, October 18, 1973. Clear, beautiful day. Pete to Glenn's. They finished combining beans. I cleaned living and dining room and cleaned rug. Had severe stomach cramp all morning. Took Walker to Dr. Bertsche for blood tests. Dr. saw me. May be gastrointestinal trouble. Gave me samples of medicine. Orvie got to girls at 4:00. We were there for supper.

Friday, October 19, 1973. Fair, warmer, windy, cooler in evening. Pete to Glenn's at 7:00. I cleaned bathroom and washed my hair and made 2 pumpkin pies. Got things ready for supper. Rons, Orvie, Ida, Mary and Gram here. Pete, Gram and Orvie to CRs awhile. He came home from hospital yesterday.

Saturday, October 20, 1973. Clear, beautiful day. I took Walker to hospital at 7:30 for gallbladder and stomach x-rays. Got home at 9:30. Orvie, Ida, Pete and I went to Eureka at 10:30.

Spent afternoon with Eds, also went to bazaar. Marie came in evening. She, Gram, Walker, Pete and I to CRs for supper. Marie here all night. Rons to St. Louis. Cheryl with boys.

Sunday, October 21, 1973. Beautiful day, 70°. We went to church. Went to girls for dinner. Gram, Marie, Cheryl, Marty, Jon and Orvie there. Ladies went for ride to Lake Bloomington in p.m. Gram, Marie, girls, Orvie and we to Lake Evergreen for picnic supper. Had near accident at Pattons. Marie here all night.

Monday, October 22, 1973. Fine day, warm. Pete to work at 7:30. Marie left at 8:00 for home. I washed and ironed. Took Walker to Dr. J[ohn] Stutzman. Got home at 5:00. We and Walker to Master's Place for supper. Walker took us. Got some things and drugstore for him. I knitted in evening.

Tuesday, October 23, 1973. Fair, warm, 70s. Pete to work at 7:00. He plowed in p.m. Elevator shut them off at noon. I went to town. Took Ida to Gailey's. Orvie with me to Miller Cabinet Shop to order cabinet for above stove. He went to Eds at noon. Met Jo uptown. Went to Klemms. Carol showed me how to do hairpin crocheting. Mary here in p.m. to get some yarn and tomatoes. Edgars got tomatoes. I started hairpin baby shawl.

Wednesday, October 24, 1973. Fair, warm, windy. Pete to work at 7:00. I baked sugar cookies and cleaned recreation room. Worked on hairpin shawl. Rons brought supper out. Ate outside. Girls and Orvie here. Rons had planned to go to Lake but Jon had earache. Pete and Jeanette to choir. I have laryngitis.

Thursday, October 25, 1973. Partly cloudy, cooler. Pete to work. Went to hospital committee meeting at 9:30. Got groceries. Made 2 apple pies for alumni chili supper. Worked on hairpin lace. We went to alumni chili supper in evening.

Friday, October 26, 1973. Nice day. Pete to work. I did cleaning. Orvie with me to get kitchen cabinet for above stove. Got things ready for supper. Baked pumpkin pies and baked apples. Got Gram at 4:00. Erma Birkey, Irene Zook & Albert Birkey & Gram here for supper.

Saturday, October 27, 1973. Rained, windy and colder. Pete to men's breakfast. Orvie with him. He came out after breakfast. He and Pete put up kitchen cabinet. I cleaned up kitchen and worked on baby shawl. Marty and Jon here in evening. Rons to Bluffton alumni dinner at El Paso. Orvie here all night.

Sunday, October 28, 1973. Cloudy, chilly, clear in morning. We went to church. I went to Grams during Sunday School. She sprained her ankle. We, Orvie and girls to Eureka. Got Ed and went to Elms for dinner, then back to Home. Visited with Nettie. We went to church in evening. Had lunch there and Congregational meeting. Orvie here all night. Showered some in night. Talked to Allens to wish them happy 20th anniversary.

Monday, October 29, 1973. Cloudy, cold, low 40s, damp. Pete worked on auxiliary books in morning. Went to work at noon. I washed and ironed in morning. Got things ready for dinner. Washed a few things for Orvie. He went to girls in p.m. I went to bank and got gift (in for hair) for Merle. We took Merle to McLean for supper.

Tuesday, October 30, 1973. Fair, fine day. Pete to work at 7:00. I went to hospital at 9:30 for committee meeting. Stopped at Grams. Her ankle much better. Home at noon. Got lunch. Ron and Jo were working outside with lumber. They took air-conditioner out. I cleaned windows, cleaned laundry and furnace rooms in morning. Took Walker to Dr. J[ohn] Stutzman at 2:00. He took us to Sambo's for supper. We went to Heritage Group at Bertsche's.

Wednesday, October 31, 1973. Rained all morning. Cleared off in evening. Pete painted new kitchen cabinet. I crocheted some and mended. We went to town at 3:00. Orvie and we to Julia's. She gave them each overcoat. Went to Eastland awhile and to girls for supper. Rons and Orvie there too. We went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, November 1, 1973. Partly cloudy. Pete painted kitchen cabinet. I cleaned silverware, waxed kitchen floor. We went to town at 10:00. I had hair done at Stephens. Pete to auxiliary. Ate lunch at Coffee Shop. Pete to Glens in p.m. They finished shucking corn. We went to Hospital Recognition Dinner at new ISU Student Union. Good program, Employees put on.

Friday, November 2, 1973. Cloudy in morning, cold, partly cloudy in p.m. Pete to Glens, plowed. I washed guest bed [sheets] and rugs. Did cleaning. Took car to Pennys to have wheels balanced. Jo along. I got little suit for Don nesters baby. Worked some on baby shawl. Rons came at 5:00, got tomatoes. We went with them to Sambo's for supper.

Saturday, November 3, 1973. Fair, lovely day, 30° in morning, frosty. I baked coffeecake braid. Worked on shawl. Rons came at 9:00. Paul Miller here, put boat in barn. Pete and Rons put beams in barn. We had lunch together. Jo brought meat for sandwiches. Rons to Lake awhile fishing. Stopped here on way back. Girls came to get eggs and vegetables.

Sunday, November 4, 1973. Cloudy, quite chilly. We went to church. Took gram and girls to McLean for dinner and took drive through funks Grove. Beautiful trees. Stopped at Art Siegs a few minutes. Went to girls awhile, then to Bloomington Mennonite Church to Sing. Went to Bill Dunns. They want us to stay with children while they go to Haiti.

Monday, November 5, 1973. Clear, cold, 25°, nice day. I washed and ironed. Pete put bulbs in basement and brought in some endive. We went to town in p.m. to bank. Took things to Thrift Shop. Stopped at Rons. I helped him clean storm windows. Jo teaching. Walker took us to Barney's for supper. Had steaks. Talked to Pauls and Martha Mishler.

Tuesday, November 6, 1973. Fair, nice day, 21°. Went to town at 8:00. Pete took car to garage to have universal joint put in. I went with Jo to Boynton Church at Hopedale to women's meeting.

Jo chairman. Leonard Wiebe spoke. He was at Rons all night. He and Irene Dunn with Jo too. Very good meeting. We had committee meeting in evening for Good Will Christmas program. We told Bill Dunns we would stay with children while they go to Haiti. A big decision.

Wednesday, November 7, 1973. Partly cloudy in morning, partly cloudy in p.m. We left town at 8:00 for Bull Shoals Arkansas. Stopped for lunch at Diamonds on Interstate. Got to Micks at 4:15. Good to see them and thankful for safe trip. Scenery beautiful. I drove most of way. Esther and Lester Earls and Dr. Barbers at Micks for supper.

Thursday, November 8, 1973. Cloudy. Showered some in evening. Mix took us for drive to see the new homes being built. We went to Cotter Arkansas for dinner. Stopped at shirt factory. Pete got 4 shirts and one for Allen. Went to Mt. Home Hospital. Saw Mabel Lewis *Bragione* (sp?). She was so surprised. We went to Esther and Lester's for supper. Played Mexican Checkers.

Friday, November 9, 1973. Fair, cooler, beautiful day. We left Micks at 10:15 for Pauls. Got here at 2:30. A beautiful drive. Mountains sides colorful. Good to see Pauls. Children are growing. We went to Pauls friends in evening. He served apple pie (he made). Very good.

Saturday, November 10, 1973. Clear, beautiful day, cool. We and Pauls to Petit Jean [State] Park about 50 miles near Morilton, Arkansas. Beautiful scenery and the mountains. Ate at the Lodge, buffet dinner, very good. Saw highest waterfall in Arkansas. Drove through Winrock Farms, owned by Rockefellers. Were home in evening.

Sunday, November 11, 1973. Fair, little warmer. We all went to Episcopalian church in morning. Home rest of day. Paul played tennis with friend awhile. Pete, Benjy and I went for walk.

Monday, November 12, 1973. Cloudy in morning, cleared off, fine day. Warmed up, 70°. We went shopping. Got Benjy pants and shirt for birthday and pants for Christmas. Marjorie got shoes, etc. We ate lunch up town. Drove through campus. We washed some in p.m. and I crocheted on baby blanket. Pauls to Little Rock in evening to show. We babysat. Got along fine.

Tuesday, November 13, 1973. Partly cloudy, rather windy, Marj children and we to Pickle Gap Craft place. Drove through some new developments in country. Stopped at fruit stand. Pete and I went to Paul's evening class. Saw film on Japanese architecture and music. Saw some of places we visited in Japan.

Wednesday, November 14, 1973. Partly cloudy, warm, in 70s. Helped Marj with some of cleaning. Cooked the pumpkin we brought. Pete and I to campus. Took some pictures and went back at 4:30 to see Paul's office and library. Marj & Andy uptown at 2:30. Got Andy some new clothes. Jim Brodman here for supper. Marj to a meeting at 7:30. I knitted some.

Thursday, November 15, 1973. Fair, much cooler in evening. Marjorie took children to daycare at Methodist Church, then took us to Little Rock. Went to Arts Center. Had lunch there, then to

Arkansas Territorial Restoration. Very interesting. Were back by 3:00. Paul busy with his work. Rons went to Bluffton.

Friday, November 16, 1973. Clear, beautiful day. Marjorie washing. Pete and I and Benjy to Dairy to get milk and stopped at shopping center. Marjorie did some typing for Paul. I knitted some. We took Pauls to Ramada Inn for buffet supper. Jim Brodman went with us. Took some pictures in evening.

Saturday, November 17, 1973. A beautiful day. We left Pauls at 6:30 for home. Got to town at 5:30 after a good trip. Enjoyed being with Pauls and the children. We drove 616 miles. Thankful for a safe trip and enjoyable trip.

Sunday, November 18, 1973. Cloudy in the morning, clear in PM. We went to church. Had Mission Festival Sunday with Paul Longacre as speaker. Had basket dinner and program in p.m. Girls here awhile in p.m. CRS here awhile in evening.

Monday, November 19, 1973. Cloudy, foggy in morning, chilly. I washed. Put flower seeds away. Fixed some for Shirley. Did ironing. Pete cleaned out eaves, got apples and eggs at Birkelbaws. Put dirt around roses. We went to town at 2:30. Stopped at Jo's. Got auxiliary dinner money at hospital. Went to girls. Pete took money to bank. We made fruitcakes. There for supper.

Tuesday, November 20, 1973. Cloudy, windy, rained in evening. I baked bars and cookies. We went to town at 9:30, to bank and Rons and we met with Jon Luedtke to close deal. Rons bought 30 acres south and west of house. We ate lunch at Illinois House and to Federal Land Bank and to Rons. I cleaned all of Jo's silver were. Pete to Grams. Walker took us to Sambo's for supper. Jo to Chenoa. Met Debbie and Sue S. We went to choir practice. Debbie here all night.

Wednesday, November 21, 1973. Cloudy in morning, windy, clear in p.m., colder. I made chili, cooked squash and cranberries. Cleaned endive. Debbie made brownies for Jo and baked pumpkin bread. We went to town at 4:00. Got pictures. Got groceries. Stopped at Rons. He's paneling west wall of basement. Allens got here at 8:00. Left Nevada at 3:00. So good to see them.

Thursday, November 22, 1973. Clear, warm, 65°, a beautiful Thanksgiving day. We all went to Rons for the day. Gram, Marie, Ida, Mary, Pearl, CRs, Rays. Gordons there for supper. May M[ohr] had cold so didn't come. Everyone took something. I fixed endive, baked oysters for Jo. Took cranberries, brownies and pumpkin bread. Ladies walked to Pearls. She gave us each a tablecloth. Allens here all night.

Friday, November 23, 1973. Fair, nice day. Shirley, Debbie, Pam and I to town at 11:30. Harvella did my hair and cut Debbie's. We met Pete and Allen at Eastland. We shopped. I got boys and Pam house slippers. Steve & Jeff stayed here. Darren & David here in p.m. We all went

to girls for supper. Pete and I to Hudson. Saw Harold [Pattons] and Earl Kaufmans pictures of their trip to Alaska. Allens & Rons & boys went skating.

Saturday, November 24, 1973. Cloudy, rained early morning, gloomy, cooler in p.m. I washed 3 loads in morning, some for Shirley and Debbie and towels. Got dinner. Allens to town at 12:30. Shirley and Debbie and Steve to Mrs. Yeakels. Allen, Jeff, Ron and Marty to ISU game. Pam to Rons. I did cleaning. Pete and I to town at 3:00. Did some shopping. Stopped at Rons. I washed tablecloth and some sheets in evening. Allens and girls at Mrs. Yeakels all night. Boys here.

Sunday, November 25, 1973. Mostly cloudy, cool. Allens left for home at 9:00. We miss them. Debbie and we to church. We and girls to Grand Café for dinner. We went to church at 2 to 4 to birthday reception for RL Hartzler, [his] 80th birthday. I was in charge of guestbook. Some 150 attended. We stopped at Grams on way home. Marie to Godfrey this morning. Jo was worship leader in morning. Debbie and Sue to late show.

Monday, November 26, 1973. Cloudy, rained some, very foggy in evening. I washed in morning. We went to town at 10:30. Took Walker to Illinois House, engaged an apartment for January 1. He took us to lunch there. Jo met us there. We took Debbie to Stutzmans at 1:30. They were to leave Chenoa at 2:00 with Roeschley boys for Bluffton. [We] miss Debbie. Was good to have her. I washed sheets and bedspread. Did all of ironing.

Tuesday, November 27, 1973. Cloudy, real foggy all day, misted. I baked rolls, Ginger and snickerdoodle cookies and pumpkin bread. Pete cracked nuts. We were going to Federal Land Bank dinner at Chenoa at 6:00 but too foggy. Rained in night.

Wednesday, November 28, 1973. Clear, nice day, colder. Went to town in morning. I worked at hospital ICU and outpatients for Dr. Wright. We went to stamp places. Jo along. Had to wait in line long time. We went to Eastland. Girls along. Did shopping. Got silver butter dish. We all & Rons to McDonald's for supper. He went to choir practice. Had committee meeting for Christmas party.

Thursday, November 29, 1973. Clear fine day, some warmer, 25° in morning. I baked coffeecake braid and carrot cookies. We went to Irene Dunn's in p.m., making plans to stay with their children while they go to Haiti. We to Christian business and professional women's dinner at Wesleyan. Pete to nominating committee meeting. Mary to Kmart and bookstore. Had supper at girls. I helped quilt awhile.

Friday, November 30, 1973. Clear, beautiful day. Did cleaning. We went to town at 10:00. Took cookies and pumpkin bread to bake sale. Got pin set for Merle at gift sale. Went to Eastland. Got Ida housecoat. Had car washed. Went to Cheese House. Got cheese for Orvie. Took Walker to Dr. J[ohn] Stutzman. He took us to Sinorak for supper.

Saturday, December 1, 1973. Fair, cooler. Ron and Larry Mohr here at 8:00 to talk about rent for next year. Jo and boys came later. Ron and Pete made some fence. Ron took fence out. Pete took papers to recycle. I baked crescent cookies. Cleaned up kitchen. Rons here for dinner. Washed my hair. We finished covering roses. Boys here for supper & evening. Rons and Dunns to Peoria.

Sunday, December 2, 1973. Clear, warm, beautiful day. CRs, Walker and we left at 10:00 for Chicago. Got to Loop at 12:50. Drove 50 mph. Stopped at Marshall Field. Looked at Windows, very pretty. Drove to Swedish Club north of Loop. Had a delicious meal. Looked over the club. Started for home at 4:15. I drove all the way home. We stopped at Dwight. Got home at 8:00. Walker paid all meals. Allens called in evening.

Monday, December 3, 1973. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., sprinkled little in evening. I washed and ironed. Got dinner. Gram, Ida and Mary came at 10:30. Ida fixed dress for Gram and one for me. Mary to dentist at 2:30. We took Ida and Gram home at 4:30. We went to Millers, got step stool. Got James Waltners and Merle. Merle took us to Ozark House for supper. Went to Merle's awhile.

Tuesday, December 4, 1973. Rained hard early morning, rained most of day. Packed boxes for Orvie (cheese) and Marvins. Packed box for Pauls, fruitcake, cookies. Baked chocolate bars. We went to town at 12:30. Stopped at Jo's. Went to post office and to Shamel Manor. Helped Walker sort some of his things. Walker and Pete to Sambo's. Mary and I with Kirkton to Christian Business and Professional Women's dinner at Wesleyan. Pete to nominating committee meeting.

Wednesday, December 5, 1973. Cloudy, misted, turns to snow. Windy and much colder. We went to town at 8:30. I worked (volunteer) in ICU. Pete to bank and board meeting (auxiliary) at noon. I baked Yummy cookies in p.m. We went to Bill Dunns for supper, then to choir practice.

Thursday, December 6, 1973. Cloudy, 19°, few flurries. I baked sugar cookies. Ida, Mary and we to Eureka at 11:30. Had dinner with Eds. Nettie and we girls to Sunday School class Christmas program. Enjoyed it. Iced cookies when got home. Addressed Christmas cards in evening.

Friday, December 7, 1973. Fair, cold, 15°. Did cleaning. Made salad and finished addressing cards. Got things ready for supper. Edgars, Walker, Gram, Ida and Mary here for supper. Had chicken and biscuits.

Saturday, December 8, 1973. Cloudy, chilly. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked press cookies. Cleaned up kitchen. We went to Eastland. Got candle ornament for Florence, got PJs for Edd, box of cheeses for Wen Lang. We went to International House in evening, Christmas party. Wen Lang with us. Stopped at Rons awhile.

Sunday, December 9, 1973. Had over 1 inch snow early a.m. Pete took me to work at 7:00. Worked in ICU until 10:00. Went to church. We, Rons, Ida and Mary at Florence Millers for

dinner. Merle, Marguerite [Burwitz] and Wen Lang here for supper. Pete got them. I had Taiwanese Special and rice.

Monday, December 10, 1973. Mostly cloudy, few flurries, cold, 12° above. I washed and ironed. We went to town at 10:45. Went to Esther Cash, had a permanent. Pete took Walker uptown shopping. We went to Wards. Pete bought a pool table. Walker took us to Grand Café to eat.

Tuesday, December 11, 1973. Cloudy, 8° above, warmed up some. I cooked squash. Put 3 quarts in freezer. Fixed 8 boxes of cookies. Baked bars. Wrapped Christmas gifts in p.m. Pete to education committee meeting in evening. I went to girls awhile.

Wednesday, December 12, 1973. Fair, nice day, rained some in evening. Went to hospital at 8:30 (volunteer) in ICU. Pete did some errands. Jo had lunch with us at hospital. Went to Gerald's in p.m., did newsletter. Went to grocery store and to girls for supper, then to choir practice. Stopped at Dunns on way home to make preparations for their leaving.

Thursday, December 13, 1973. Rained and sleeted in morning, some snow. Quit about noon. Windy and much colder. Went to Galloways at 9:30. Alma fell downstairs, hurt her hip and back, nauseated. Called Dr. Applied ice. Left there at 11:30. Girls and we to Home Extension. Pete and Walker out for lunch. We went to girls for supper. Gram, Walker and Edgars there.

Friday, December 14, 1973. Cloudy, snowed some, Roads rather slick in evening. We went to Bill Dunns at 6:30. They and Sherry left at 7:00 for Haiti. We stayed until children got off to school, then home and did cleaning. Packed clothes and moved to Bill Dunns in town. Got supper for children and we. Pete and I and Cindy to Galloways. Addressed newsletter. Alma feeling some better.

Saturday, December 15, 1973. Snowed some most of day. Have 4 inches on ground in morning. Ron, Pete, Mike and Frank went to Wards. Got pool table for Pete. Jo and boys and Cindy and I took it home. I got dinner and washed some. Men set up table. Rons to town at 1:00. Cindy along. Christmas party at ISU for patrol children.

Sunday, December 16, 1973. Fair, cold. We all went to church. Had surprise luncheon. We went to Chet Roths for dinner. I took salad. Luella there too. Went to church at 3:00 to get ready for dessert. I took cookies and centerpiece and tablecloth. Cys, Nesters, Jantzes & Roths & we on committee. Had program at 6:00, slides of different families. Ron sang solo. Nice program. YPU went caroling, stopped here.

Monday, December 17, 1973. Fair, cold, 7° above. Children to school. We went to country. I washed 2 loads towels. Pete worked on auxiliary books. Came to town at 12:30. Stopped at hospital and bank. Got Merle. Took her to Basting girls. They showed their Christmas program, very good. Had refreshments. Pete, I, Gram, Walker, Ida, Mary and CRs at Edga's for supper. Children home, got pizza for them. Frank not feeling good.

Tuesday, December 18, 1973. Cloudy, snowed most of day and evening. I washed most of morning. We went to hospital. Took Elaine and Florence's gifts. Went out home. Packed some canned things for Allens. Got all gifts. We, Frank and Cindy to Rons (Mike wouldn't go) for supper. Had chili. I took sandwiches and cookies. We had gift exchange. Got necklace and mirror and record. Took Cindy to Christmas program. Back to Ron's, had dessert. Merle sent large box cheese and meat. Frank home from school, better in evening.

Wednesday, December 19, 1973. Snowing, 9 inches snow by midmorning, drifting some. All schools closed and some businesses. Cleaned up house. Washed some. Snowed all day, drifted, 12 inches on ground. Children played out some. Played games. I knitted some. Debbie and sue didn't start from Bluffton.

Thursday, December 20, 1973. Fair, cold, 17°. I washed sheets, etc. Pete and boys school Drive. Had to push some to get on street. Went out home at 1:00. Everything drifted. Had to scoop path to road. We loaded up things to take to Allens. Jo and boys and we all went. Snowplow came through as we were coming home. Packed suitcases for children and us. Debbie called from Urbana at 9:00 [PM]. They left Bluffton at 7:30 [AM] our time. Bad driving. They are staying there all night.

Friday, December 21, 1973. Clear, 11° below but no wind. Debbie and Sue got to Stutzmans at 8:00. We took Cindy to Jo's. Got Deb and Ida and stopped at home. Left there at 9:45 for Allens. Got here at 3:35. Had a good trip for which we are grateful. Roads good, few icy places on I-74. Not nearly as much snow as at home. Good to see Allens again. Debbie glad to get home. They have a beautiful tree. Dunn children to Kansas by train.

Saturday, December 22, 1973. Fair, not so cold. Shirley washed some. I did ironing for her. Allen to office in morning. Allens, Deb, Steve and Jeff to Ames shopping in p.m. Pam home with us. Kept neighbor's baby in p.m. I made chili for supper. Listened to Allens church choir Christmas program on tape.

Sunday, December 23, 1973. Mostly cloudy, chilly. We went to church in morning. Were home for dinner. Played some games in p.m. and sang around piano. Rained in night and froze some ice.

Monday, December 24, 1973. Cloudy, drizzled and damp. Ice melted off road. Allen and Shirley to Colo [Iowa] to funeral of one of his agents who was killed in Rome [Iowa] by (unclear). I washed and ironed. Baked 2 pies (pumpkin). Made vegetable soup and salad. Allens to town in p.m. Ida amended. We all went to candlelight service at Presbyterian Church (Shirley sang solo) at 11:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25, 1973. Cloudy, few snow flurries. We all slept late. Had gift exchange. Allens gave us a fondue set. We talked to Rons and Pauls. Rons and Mary to CRs for dinner.

Pauls home alone. Was good to talk to them. We had turkey and all the trimmings. Played games in p.m. and evening.

Wednesday, December 26, 1973. Cloudy, snowed little in night. Washed. Cleaned up house. Shirley and Deb to Ames. Pete, Jeff, Ida and I went to town, got groceries, ham and roasts. Made salad. Rons and Mary got here at 3:15. Glad they had good trip. Have a house full, but it's fun to be together.

Thursday, December 27, 1973. Cleared off & colder. Pete had turn signal fixed. Allen to office. We and Rons uptown. Got card for Gram's birthday and mailed it. Jo shopped some. I ironed. Ron and Steve worked on Mary's car and changed oil in Allen's car. Rons & boys, Shirley & Pam & Mary went to show (Mary Poppins). We and boys watched "Oklahoma." Allen to office.

Friday, December 28, 1973. Cloudy, chilly. Allen to office. We visited. Allen, Rons, boys and Debbie to Des Moines in p.m. Shirley, girls, Pete and I to Ames in p.m. Got fondue forks for our set. Had cheese fondue for supper. Steve and Jeff to Humeston in morning. Rons, Allens and I uptown after supper. Went shopping. Allens got new picture for living room. Got to bed late.

Saturday, December 29, 1973. Fair, 12° above. Allen to office. Ron, Mary and I uptown. Mary got picture. Rons, Ida and Mary left at 11:00 home. We cleaned up house. Washed and I ironed some. Shirley sewed some. Washed my hair. Shirley pinned it up. We took Allens to Ames for supper. Rons got home at 5:30.

Sunday, December 30, 1973. Fair, cold, zero. Didn't warm-up much. We went to church. Home rest of day. Debbie, Steve and Jeff got back from Humeston at 5:00. Some friends of Allens here in evening. Showed pictures of trip to Europe. Jo sick, stomach flu?

Monday, December 31, 1973. Partly cloudy, 10° below zero. We and Debbie packed suitcases. We left Allens at 11:15 for home. Got to our house at 5:30. Stopped a few minutes. Got mail and stopped at Sambo's for supper. Got groceries and on to Dunns. Thankful for safe trip. Had some snow flurries around Galesburg. Shirley not feeling well. I washed some. We watched TV and had pizza at midnight.

Tuesday, January 1, 1974. Fair, cold, 9° below, but no wind. I washed some and ironed. Debbie, Pete and I to girls. Gram and CRs there too. Ron took Dr. J Chrisman to Peoria to see his wife and went to Chillicothe, got Cindy, Mike and Frank. Train late, 2:30 arrived. Jo not feeling well enough to go to girls. We watched parade and ballgames. Came home at 4:00. Ron sick in evening.

Wednesday, January 2, 1974. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., cold, zero. Debbie finished packing. I got dinner. We ate early. She left at 1:00 with Harvella and Sue [Stutzman] for Chenoa to go back to Bluffton. Mrs. Lawrence took children to Lake Bloomington skating. Pete and I to hospital. Took Mary to (unclear) and went out home. Fed animals and watered plants, etc. Got eggs and apples at Birkelbaws. I knitted some.

Thursday, January 3, 1974. Cloudy, few snow flurries in morning. Warmer. Cindy and Mike back to school. Frank home. Pete and I to hospital auxiliary annual meeting at 9:00. We left at noon. Got Walker, took him to Illinois House, had lunch. We helped him unpack and hung pictures, etc. Came home at 5:30. Got children. He took us all to Sambo's for supper. I washed 4 loads.

Friday, January 4, 1974. 9° below, fair, warmed up some. We stopped to see gram at 9:00. Got Walker. Finished moving home to Illinois House. Ate lunch there. Left at 1:00. Got groceries, cleaned up upstairs and some of downstairs. Pete and Frank out home. Frank left at 4:00 for YPU retreat at Friedenswald. Went with Kaufmans. Cindy to Lawrences all night.

Saturday, January 5, 1974. Mostly cloudy, 11° above. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning and scrubbed all, family room and kitchen. Washed my hair. Pete to ISU sale barn awhile. Ron and Marty buying gilts for 4-H. Cindy home in p.m., then to neighbor's house. Pete, Mike and I went out home awhile in p.m. I baked cake and made casserole. Washed 2 loads.

Sunday, January 6, 1974. Cloudy, snow flurries. We went to church. Cindy to Stutzmans. Rons, Ida and Mary here for dinner. Had roast turkey legs. Frank home from camp at 3:00. Rons & we & Mike went out home awhile. They played pool. I made popcorn. We went to communion and supper at church. A nice service.

Monday, January 7, 1974. Clear, cold, 2° above, got up to 7°. Mike and Cindy to school. Pete took Frank to U High to see coach. I washed 6 loads and ironed some. We got groceries. I baked some bread and got supper. Had chicken. Made tapioca. Pete and Mike went with Ron and Marty out home.

Tuesday, January 8, 1974. 1° below zero, up to 18° during day. Started to snow at noon, had 3 ¼ more inches. We stopped at hospital in morning. Got Gram, Ida, Mary and Walker at noon. He took us all and Pearl and Edgars to Sinorak for dinner. EAs and Mary stopped to see his apartment. Ida to gift shop. Good Will cancel on account of weather. Cindy to Don Nesters in evening. Frank to U High to register.

Wednesday, January 9, 1974. Mostly cloudy, 11° above. We went to Eastland in morning. Got pair of brown shoes. We got Merle and took her to Bergners for lunch and she got groceries. Frank home. He and Pete scooped snow from drive. Cindy to piano lessons and choir practice. Had problems with Mike again. Had 2 ¼ more inches snow in night.

Thursday, January 10, 1974. Cloudy, 15° above, some snow in morning. Schools closed again. Home Extension canceled. I washed children's beds, etc. We went out home a short time in p.m. Roads bad drifting so didn't stay long. Paul Millers here awhile in evening. Rons came later. Frank to school in p.m.

Friday, January 11, 1974. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., 11°. Got colder in p.m. We did cleaning. Went to hospital in p.m. with mail for *Ralum* (sp?). Children all in school again. We got groceries. Pete took Mike to basketball practice (YPU). He, Frank and Cindy to Waltners for supper. We took Walker to Eastland and ate supper at Bergners.

Saturday, January 12, 1974. Clear, cold, 14° below zero was high for the day. Cindy, Pete and I to Eastland. Got her a sweater and got robe for Shirley's birthday. Pete got sweaters. He and boys out home in PM. I baked brownies. Cindy made cake. I made salad and fixed meat loaf. Washed some. Sherry called from Chicago at 7:30. Said she would be in Springfield at 11:00. Bus didn't stop in Bloomington. Pete and Ron went after her.

Sunday, January 13, 1974. Cloudy, 5° above, warmed up some but chilly wind. We all went to church. Had dinner and annual meeting. Ron preached at St. John's Lutheran Church in morning. Mike went sledding with junior high from church. Cindy to Stutzmans after meeting and Sherry to friend's house. We went to see Gram. She wasn't feeling good. Then to girls awhile.

Monday, January 14, 1974. Fair, warmed up some. Children to school. I did washing and ironing. Went to grocery store. Got Frank at school. Pete and I took Frank to skating place to YPU skating. We went to Paul Millers awhile. Ron out home to feed pigs and found the bathroom floor and rug wet. Bowl on stool ran over.

Tuesday, January 15, 1974. Fair, nice day, near 40°. Mike missed school bus again. Pete and I went out home in morning. Good to be home. Came back to town at 1:30. Went to hospital. Took some mail to *Reiidun* (sp?). Went to see Florence, she's about same. Got Frank at school. I made chili. Pete took girls and I to Wesleyan Christian Business and Professional Women's meeting. Pete to education meeting. He and Mike to farm after school.

Wednesday, January 16, 1974. Fair, warmer, 45°. I baked coffeecake. Had lunch early. I went to club at Dorothy Singley's. Mabel along. Pete out home. We took Cindy uptown, got reed for oboe. Got Mike at school (he had to stay after school). Cindy to junior choir. We stopped at Grams on way to choir.

Thursday, January 17, 1974. Fair, nice day. I washed some. Ida, Mary and we to Eds at 10:30. Foggy when we got to Eureka. Had dinner with Eds. They are about as usual. Pete got Frank at school and took him to buy material for his speaker he is making at school. Were home in evening.

Friday, January 18, 1974. Cloudy, very foggy all day, misted some. We did cleaning. Washed load of towels. Went to Illinois House at 11:00. Had lunch with Walker. Then took him shopping. He got several pairs of shoes, etc. Pete got a pair too. We got groceries and got Frank. Pete and I took Ida and Mary to Bob Johnson's for their birthdays. Ida not feeling too good. Sherry to show. Cindy to Friedenswald.

Saturday, January 19, 1974. Cloudy, foggy, rained some in evening. Pete took Frank to school to work on his speakers. Mike played basketball. Jo and I to Eastland and uptown. I got along dress at Pines (skirt and blouse). Ron and Pete to men's breakfast. Ron and Marty out home. We went in p.m. Marty stayed & came back to town with us. Dr. to see Ida. [She] has fluid, difficulty in breathing. Sherry to show.

Sunday, January 20, 1974. Cloudy, foggy, rained most of day. We went to church. Pete taught Sunday School. Ron had charge of service. Some of young people helped. We were home for dinner. Pete took boys to 4 Seasons. I went to girls. Ida feeling some better. Sherry to see girlfriend. Julie *Ritian* (sp?) Here for lunch. Cindy home from camp at 5:30.

Monday, January 21, 1974. Cloudy, misted some. I washed and ironed and baked cookies. Mary and I to June Jantze in p.m. Put quilt in frame for MCC Relief Sale. Quilted some. We took boys to Stutzmans in evening for haircuts. Cindy to Nesters in p.m. Got her in evening and visited with Dons. Sherry gone all evening.

Tuesday, January 22, 1974. Rained in morning, real foggy in p.m. Went to June's in morning. Quilted. Pete had car greased. We went to Illinois house at 11:45. Had lunch with Walker. Took him to Dr. J Stutzman at 1:30. We went out home at 3:30. Took Marty. We did chores. I was sick in evening, vomited. Were going out to eat with Walker and Gram. Canceled with Walker. Pete took Gram.

Wednesday, January 23, 1974. Nice day, good to see sun. I washed bedding, etc. (6 loads). We stopped at hospital. Had my blood pressure checked, 120/80. Went to funeral home at Carlock, visitation for Ralph Schad. We went to Rons for supper. Cindy and Marty to choir. We brought boys home and to chore. Sherry home later.

Thursday, January 24, 1974. Fair. I went to June Jantze's to quilt. Mary there too. Pete took Ida to Dr. in. She isn't feeling any better, nauseated. Thinks it's medicine. Pete and I to Gerald's in p.m. to do newsletter. Gary Stutzman home with Sherry after school. They made pizzas for supper. Ron and Jo to Bluffton at 5:00. He has board meeting.

Friday, January 25, 1974. Nice day, warmer. Did all of cleaning. I waxed hallway, kitchen and family room. Washed towels. We went to bank and got groceries. Addressed newsletters and mailed them. Bruce Jiles home from school with Mike. Took Cindy and Frank to town. Got them shoes. I got a pair on sale for \$3.00. Washed my hair when we got home. We took Marty to chore at 3:30.

Saturday, January 26, 1974. Rained most of day nearly an inch. I washed in morning. Pete took Mike and friend to church basketball game. They didn't come home until 1:00. Pete had to get them. I made ham loaf for supper. Had pancakes and sausage for lunch. Rons got home from Bluffton at 5:00 a.m. We went to annual hospital meeting at ISU at 2:00. Had good meeting. Ida no better. Pete took children to 4 Seasons. I [went] to girls.

Sunday, January 27, 1974. Cloudy, colder. We all went to church and to John Reimers for dinner. Sharon home with us. Took she and Cindy to 4 Seasons. We found water in basement when got home. Started sump pump. Mike out home with Rons. Took Sherry and Frank to YPU at Stutzmans. Went to girls awhile. Ida still nauseated. Tried to call Dr. Deneen but [he was] not in. We stopped to see Gram. Had installation of church board and Jo is assistant to James Waltner.

Monday, January 28, 1974. Cloudy, some snow and rain mixed in morning. Partly cloudy in p.m. We took Ida to hospital at 9:30. She is weak and nauseated. Came home at 11:00. Did washing (7 loads). Made apple dessert. Pete to town, did some errands for Walker. He and Mike with Ron and Marty to farm. Marty had gamma globulin. Stan Clemens has hepatitis and Marty was there Thursday night.

Tuesday, January 29, 1974. Partly cloudy, chilly. I went to June's, quilted a while. Pete and I got Merle. Took her to Bob Johnson's. She got our lunch. We took her to Ludtke and to bank to get travelers checks. Pete at Rons in morning with Jon. He didn't feel well. Jo teaching. Ida about same, still nauseated. We went to Heritage at Myrna Parks.

Wednesday, January 30, 1974. Nice day, warmer, windy. I went to hospital, volunteer in ICU until noon. Ida trying to eat some but still nauseated. I did some washing when got home. Gary Stutzman here for supper. We had pizza. Cindy to junior choir. We went to choir practice. Jo directed junior choir. Pete and boys did chores. Ron at Belleville.

Thursday, January 31, 1974. Fair, nice day, chilly. Pete took me to Provident bookstore at 8:00. I helped with inventory. An interesting day, but rather tiring. Pete to Yuton and home and went to Ida. She's same. Jo, boys, Mary, Gram, Walker and we to Bob Johnson's for supper. Ron had to meet plane. Bills came at 6:30 from Haiti, so Ron didn't get to eat with us. Meredith K[ing] took Dunn children to Peoria to see their cousin play basketball. Bill took Ron's car and went too. I went to alumni meeting.

Friday, February 1, 1974. Partly cloudy, colder, 24°. We visited with Bill after children went to school. He went to hospital at 9:30. We did cleaning. I did washing. I went to hospital to see Ida

in p.m. Pete took Walker to get haircut. Ida had BA meal in morning. Still nauseated. Bill took us all to Sambo's for supper. Jo taught school, taught all week. Sherry to Rietans all night.

Saturday, February 2, 1974. Cloudy, 25°. Pete to men's breakfast. Bill, Cindy and Frank left at 5:30 for Chicago. He had meeting. Sherry to speech contest. Pete took Mike to ballgame. I washed my hair. Baked bars and washed 2 loads. We and Mike out home awhile. Stopped at hospital. Ida about same, still nauseated. Walker took Pete and I to Grand Café for supper. Mike didn't want to go. Bill home at 7:00.

Sunday, February 3, 1974. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., colder. Bill left with Evelyn Bertsche at 7:15 for Chicago to go back to Haiti. We all went to church. Cindy to Stutzmans. We got Col. Sanders chicken for dinner. Pete, Mary and I to hospital to see Ida. Wen Lang, Pete and I to international Student program at U High at 4:00. Then went to Bob Duncans. I took fruit. Had a very nice evening.

Monday, February 4, 1974. Fair, 3° above zero, warmed up during day. I washed some in morning. Mary and I to June Jantze's. We finished quilt for MCC sale. Pete took Walker to lunch. We went to hospital at 3:00. Ida not so nauseated but not feeling good. I finished washing and ironing. Pete took Ron and Marty to farm.

Tuesday, February 5, 1974. Partly cloudy, chilly, east wind. We went out home in morning. I cleaned up kitchen floor. Gram took us to Sambo's for lunch. Visited with her awhile, then to see Ida. She is eating better but still weak. Julie Rietan here for supper. I went to Good Will. Pete and Cindy to Rons. Stayed with boys, also Clemens children. Stan [Clemons] in hospital.

Wednesday, February 6, 1974. Cloudy, rained early morning, froze ice, Rhodes quite slick. Started to snow at noon. I went to prayer group at Alma Galloway's. Took Pete to hospital. He worked in Gift Shop. I went to hospital at noon. Ida had BA enema. Is tired out from it. Cinda and we to choir practice.

Thursday, February 7, 1974. Mostly cloudy, 15°, few snow flurries. We went to auxiliary meeting at 10:00. Visited with Ida. She hasn't been sleeping well at night. We went to Yuton in p.m. Got feed for Ron's gilts. Stopped at home. We got Frank and Mike at school. Went shopping. Got pants and jeans on sale, \$1 day. Cinda to Nesters after school. We got groceries in evening and got Cinda. Packed boys clothes. Gary Stutzman here in evening. Jon has pink eye.

Friday, February 8, 1974. Fair, 17°. Did cleaning. Washed. Pete out home in morning. Went to hospital in p.m. Ida seems better. We got groceries. Frank and Mike left at 4:20 with Dr. Bertsche for Friedenswald. Good to have little quiet and peace. Luella and May M[ohr] here awhile in evening. Cindy and I oiled furniture in evening. Sherry had date with Gary Stutzman. She went to Rietans all night. Rons out home all night to watch pigs.

Saturday, February 9, 1974. Partly cloudy, 15°. Had snow flurries in p.m. I washed my hair and cleaned up family room and kitchen. Cindy to band practice, 10 – 11:30. We took her to Nesters at noon. Went uptown and to hospital. Ida not feeling quite so good. We went out home. Rons there all day, watching pigs. We, Gram, Mary and Walker to Master's Place for supper. Sherry to speech contest. Had to date in evening.

Sunday, February 10, 1974. Snowing in morning, blowing, quit in morning, but very windy in PM. We and Sherry to church. She went to Stutzmans. Pete and I and Gram to Mary's for dinner. Mary and I to hospital in p.m. Ida about same. Frank and Mike got back from Friedenswald at 6:15. Rons out home all day. Jo to church. They have baby pigs (13), 2 died. Ron and boys have colds. Pete and I to church in evening. Waltner showed pictures (unclear). Went after Cindy. Rons back to town in evening.

Monday, February 11, 1974. Fair, 7° above, warmed up, windy. Children to school. I'd did big washing and did ironing. Baked sugar cookies and iced them. Went to hospital in p.m. Ida feeling some better. Pete and Sherry to school in evening. He and Ron, Marty and Mike out home at 4:00.

Tuesday, February 12, 1974. Clear, fine day, warmer. Lot of snow melted. Mike and Cindy home, no school. We went shopping in morning. Got Mike shoes and tennis shoes. Went to Eastland. Got hose and Cindy got Valentines. Took Cindy, Mike and Ann Lawrence to show at 1:00. Went to hospital. Took Ida home. Pete, Ron and boys out home. Have pair of lambs. Pete to Ed[ucation] meeting. Cindy and I to Mary's awhile. Pete and I out home to see about livestock.

Wednesday, February 13, 1974. Beautiful day, in 50s, cloudy in evening. I went to prayer group at June Jantze's. Pete and I got Walker at noon. He took us to Sinorak for dinner. We took him shopping. We got plant for Ida and African Violet for Gram. Got supper. Gary Stutzman here again. Washed 3 loads. Cindy to junior choir. Pete and Mike and Rons to farm. We went to choir and to Paul Millers awhile.

Thursday, February 14, 1974. Cloudy, damp, real chilly. Pete out home for the day. CR there awhile in p.m. to play pool. I went to home extension with Alta Litwiller. Mary along too. We went to Normal, got some groceries. We were home in evening. Knitted some. Sherry working on costumes for school.

Friday, February 15, 1974. Fair, nice day. Did all of cleaning. Waxed hall, kitchen and family room. Washed 6 loads. We went to Birkelbaws and got eggs in p.m. Took some to girls. Ida about same. I made pie for supper and had chicken. Pete and Cindy to farm. Rons along. Paul Lawrence here all night. Bill Mosimann passed away.

Saturday, February 16, 1974. Cloudy in morning, cleared off in a.m., 47°, a nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. Mike to basketball game. Pete took Cindy to literary contest. I washed my hair and baked sugar cookies. Jon here in morning. Jo at church. Ron and Marty out home and went

to Chenoa to get farrowing crate. We and Mike out home in PM. Got little lunch for Ron and Marty. Sherry to speech contest, home in evening. We took Cindy to Stutzmans all night.

Sunday, February 17, 1974. A beautiful day, 52°. We went to church. We took children to Ponderosa for dinner. Pete and I to girls awhile. Ida not feeling good, appetite poor. We went with Gerald Galloway to Mackinaw to visitation for Bill Mosimann. Pete and I to Home Builders at hospital. Rons and Don Nesters in charge.

Monday, February 18, 1974. Cloudy, rained in morning. I washed and ironed. Pete out home, had another pair of lambs. We took Ida to Dr. at 2:00. She still isn't eating very well. Had supper early. Pete and I with Mike to church basketball game at ISSCS. We won.

Tuesday, February 19, 1974. Rained early morning, turned to snow, cleared off at noon. We went to Service Company meeting at Consistory. Mary along. Stopped at Grams, gave her a box lunch. Brought some home for children. I went with Mary to Christian Business and Professional Women's dinner at Wesleyan. Pete to Heritage at Galloways.

Wednesday, February 20, 1974. Fair, nice day. I went to hospital in morning. Volunteer, worked in ICU and out patient. I went to club meeting at Maxine always. Mabel and Mrs. *Genke* (sp?) Along. Pete out home. I made pizza for supper. Cindy to Junior choir. Sherry working at school. We went to choir practice. Washed load of towels.

Thursday, February 21, 1974. Cloudy, started to rain at noon. I washed 2 loads in morning and for in p.m. Pete out home in morning. We went to Illinois Power meeting and dinner at ISU. An interesting program. I baked brownies and apples. Pete got children at school. We helped boys clean up their room in evening.

Friday, February 22, 1974. Rained early morning, turned to snow, very windy. Quit at noon. Sun shone some. Pete out home in morning. He and Jo and Marty there until in p.m. Guilt having pigs. Ron was to go to Bluffton at noon but on account of weather and roads, didn't go. Roads bad north of here, drifted. Did cleaning, washed 5 loads. We went to town, bank and to see *Rudian* (sp?). Got groceries. Got kids at school. Went to student nurses chili supper. Boys home. [Went] to Gerald's, did newsletter.

Saturday, February 23, 1974. Fair, most of snow melted. Sherry to speech contest. I went to Harvella's at 9:30. She did my hair. Pete, boys and Cindy to ISU gym. We all went to country in p.m. Took some things home. Had some more lambs. Pete to Mennonite Men's Fellowship dinner at hospital. Gary Stutzman here for supper. Washed 3 loads in evening. I baked apple cake.

Sunday, February 24, 1974. Snowed in morning, some flurries in p.m., chilly, 17° in morning. We all went to church. Rons here for dinner. Jo brought roast beef and RiceaRoni. I fixed

vegetables. Pete and Mike with Rons to chore. Cindy and I to girls awhile. Pete and I to Grams awhile. Ann Miller called. We went there awhile.

Monday, February 25, 1974. Clear, 7° above. Pete out home in morning. Had to have vet for ewe, lost the lamb. I washed and ironed. Cleaned up house. We moved home in PM. Put things away. We and Cindy met Bill and Irene at airport at 6:30. Glad to see them. We visited awhile. Had ice cream, berries, cookies. Came home at 9:30. Sure good to be home again & less responsibility.

Tuesday, February 26, 1974. Fair, 17°, windy in evening. We went to Dunns at 9:00. Talked with them until 11:30. We went to see Walker. He took us to Sambo's for lunch. Took him to Oscos [Drugstore]. Had pulley welded for deep well pump. We went to visitation for Lena Hilton in evening and to Educational Committee meeting.

Wednesday, February 27, 1974. Fair. I went to hospital, volunteer in ICU. Pete and I to Lena Hilton's funeral at 1:30, then to Gerald Galloways. Addressed newsletter. Stopped at girls. Ida feeling little better. We went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, February 28, 1974. Fair, nice day, windy and colder in evening. I fixed things for dinner. We went to Meadows Home annual meeting. Had good meeting. I baked cookies when got home. Jo and Marty here to chore.

Friday, March 1, 1974. Hartley cloudy. Did all of cleaning. Irene, Mike and Cindy Dunn here in morning. Played pool. I baked coffeecake braid. We went to town in p.m. to bank, hospital and got groceries. Walker took us to dinner and to Conklin Players, "The American Dame," at Illinois House. Marie came in PM. She joined us for the play. She was here all night. I was sick in night.

Saturday, March 2, 1974. Fair, very windy, warm, near 70°. Pete to men's breakfast. Marie to town. She and Gram here for lunch, had oyster stew. I got things ready for supper. We all rested awhile. I feel better. Rons, Ida, Mary, Gram, Marie and CRs here for supper. Had roast chicken. Jo brought salad.

Sunday, March 3, 1974. Fair, windy, warm, in 70s. Marie took Gram, we and Rons to Sambo's for breakfast. We went to church. Marie back to Godfrey. We went to girls for dinner, then to Eds awhile. Ida along. We took Jon to program at Bloomington church (puppets). Paul Millers here awhile after we got home.

Monday, March 4, 1974. Cloudy, rained and had hail early morning. Rained some during day. Had $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. I washed and ironed. We went to town in p.m. Went with Mary. She got coat and dress. We went to Merle's in evening. She took us to Steak 'n Shake for supper.

Tuesday, March 5, 1974. Foggy in morning, fair. We went down. Got paint for kitchen. Started painting in p.m. Went to town at 4:00 p.m. Took Walker shopping. He took us to Grand Café for supper. I went to Good Will. Home with Jeanette. Pete and Walker to show, "Wild Wilderness."

Wednesday, March 6, 1974. Cloudy and foggy, fair in p.m. I went with Dorothy Singley and Mabel to ISU to a Consumer Seminar. Pete painted. I went to auxiliary board meeting at noon. I painted when got home. We went to choir practice. Jeanette along. Rays got a baby girl.

Thursday, March 7, 1974. Fair, warmer. We went to town at 9:00. Helped Jo at church awhile, then went to auxiliary. Got home at 1:30. We finished painting kitchen and back stairway. I baked quick coffeecake and apple cake. Got supper. Rons here. Jo to conference meeting at Danvers.

Friday, March 8, 1974. Mostly cloudy, rained some in morning, warmer, 72°. Did all of cleaning. Baked cookies and cinnamon rolls. We went to town in p.m. Got groceries. Pete to dentist. We washed when got home. I put up curtains in kitchen. Rons here a while at chore time.

Saturday, March 9, 1974. Rained off and on all day, warm. We left at 7:30 for MCC sale at Peoria. Mary with us. A tremendous crowd. Got sausage, backbone and ribs. Good Will quilt sold for \$155. Highest one was \$525. Got home at 3:00. Marty and Jon with us. Rons came at 5:00. He was on panel discussion on radio, 6 – 7 [pm]. I washed my hair and made salad.

Sunday, March 10, 1974. Partly cloudy, cooler. We went to church. Girls and Walker here for dinner. Invited Gram. She went to CRs instead. Merle too but she was ill. Bill Dunns and boys and Cindy here in evening. Played pool, had ice cream, strawberries and cookies and pumpkin bread.

Monday, March 11, 1974. Rained or misted most of day. I washed and ironed in morning. We went to town in p.m. Went to Zaire's. Got Walker at 3:30. Took him to Moberly. He picked out material for 3 suits to be tailor-made. Did some other shopping. He took us to Bob Johnson's for supper. Rained in night.

Tuesday, March 12, 1974. Rained, some turned to snow. Had over 1 inch in short time. Fair in p.m. Windy, chilly, but snow melted. I cleaned kitchen cabinets and broom closet. Polished silver service and good silverware. Pete put up rack for his pool cues. We went to girls for supper. Scogin there. Gave her candle and dish for her birthday.

Wednesday, March 13, 1974. Fair, 27° in morning, chilly. I finished cleaning silverware. Pete took me to Mary's. He went to district HEA at Hudson Town Hall. I took salad. Pete had new windshield put in car. He went to Danvers. Got soil samples and visited with Ed Miller. I cleaned kitchen drawers. We went to choir practice. Jeanette home with us. Ron at practice. He has solo in "Seven Last Words."

Thursday, March 14, 1974. Fair, nice day, chilly. I cleaned upstairs. Washed windows and floors in morning. We went to girls. Helped quilt until 3:30. Then Jo with us to Eastland. Looked for curtains for bathroom. Got one at Sears. Were home in evening.

Friday, March 15, 1974. Rained most of morning, cloudy and chilly. Did all of cleaning. Cleaned bathroom and waxed kitchen floor. Went to town at 4:00. Stopped at Merle's. Took her some head cheese from MCC sale. Stopped at Grams. We went to Bill Dunns for supper. RL Hartzler, Florence Miller, Elsie Stahly there. They showed pictures of Haiti.

Saturday, March 16, 1974. Cloudy, cold, some snow flurries in evening. Pete to men's breakfast, then to church. I went to church with Ron and Marty. We cleaned at Ed Building & church. Left at 12:30. Mike and Frank home with us. We got hamburgers. Boys here for supper. I washed my hair and knitted some. We took boys home. Ron left at noon for California. Paul called. They plan to go to Montréal next year.

Sunday, March 17, 1974. Cloudy, chilly. We went to church. Gram, girls, Jo and boys here for dinner. Ron to preach at Fresno and to San Francisco in p.m. to Hospital and Homes Meeting. Mary and we to Kiwanis Travelogue on Japan. Enjoyed it.

Monday, March 18, 1974. Cloudy, chilly. Washed and ironed. Shortened bathroom curtains. Cleaned the living and dining room rugs. Knitted in evening. Albert Birkey passed away.

Tuesday, March 19, 1974. Cloudy, quite chilly. Made lemon dessert. Went to town at 10:30, got some seeds. Walker took us to Village Inn for lunch. Took him to Dr. John Stutzman at 1:30. Did some shopping, got material for dress. Pete and Walker to Sambo's for supper. I went to Business and Professional Women's dinner at Wesleyan. Pete to Heritage at Florence M.

Wednesday, March 20, 1974. Fair, cold, snowed, colder in evening. Had Garfield Club in p.m. Ida and Gram here for lunch. Mary came in p.m. Had 17 women. Ed Miller here with Pete. Served lemon dessert. Went to choir practice. Jeanette along. We went to Jo's. Got Marty and Jon. They were here all night.

Thursday, March 21, 1974. Fair, cold, rather windy. Pete took boys to school. Then to see Glenn Maxwell. We went to town at 11:00. Gram took us, Ida and Mary to Sambo's for lunch. Girls and we to Eastland. Ida got dress and Mary got material. Got boys at school. We took Walker some cookies, his birthday. Went to Bluffton meeting at hospital. Boys at girls. Jo to Ohio early morning.

Friday, March 22, 1974. Fair, windy, chilly. Dusted up house. Got things ready for dinner. Erma Birkey, Lorena and Harold Reeser here for dinner. Gram and girls here too. Had nice visit. Got boys at school and got groceries. Went to Galloways in evening. Did newsletter.

Saturday, March 23, 1974. Cloudy, cold, 15°. Had inch snow in p.m. I washed my hair. Finished cleaning. Got dinner. We took boys to Stan Clemens in p.m. We went to girls. Ida and I cut out my dress. Worked on it some. Rons got here at 7:00. Glad they're home. Frances called girls in evening. Marvin had a slight stroke last night in Harrisonville Hospital. So sorry to hear it. Sure hope he can get better.

Sunday, March 24, 1974. Clear, cold, 3° above. We went to church and to girls for dinner. Ida to church for first time since she was in hospital. Mary left with Jo at 5:30 for Chillicothe. Jo and Bess Desch and Esther Brown to Hesston Kansas to S[unday] S[chool] meeting. Mary to Kansas City. Arthurs will meet her and take her to Harrisonville. Ida talked to Frances. Marvin is better. We went to Home Builders at John Reimers.

Monday, March 25, 1974. Fair, windy, chilly. Washed and ironed. Went to town at 11:00. Took Ida to dentist. Ate lunch at hospital. Pete to Earl Thomas for Income Tax. I took Ida to Dr. Deneen at 2:30. Walker took us and Merle to grand Café for supper. Then we took them to ISU auditorium to hear Fred Waring and Pennsylvanians. Sure enjoyed it. A good concert.

Tuesday, March 26, 1974. Warm or, up to 52°, nice day. I baked cookies for conference. Went to Esther cash at 11:00, had permanent. Pete took garden tractor to town. Ron and boys here for supper and all night. I went to Galloways, addressed newsletter. Pete to Bill Dunns. They got new pool table. I stopped there awhile. We sowed lettuce and radishes.

Wednesday, March 27, 1974. Mostly fair, 65°. Ron to meeting at 7:00. Pete took boys to school. I washed for boys. Took Merle to lawyer at 10:00. She took us to lunch. Took Walker to chiropractor at 3:00. We went to Eastland. Got toaster for Phyllis Miller. Rons and boys here for supper. Ron to Lincoln at 6:00 to speak. We took Marty to Junior choir. Jon to Ida's. We went to choir practice. Jeanette along.

Thursday, March 28, 1974. Cloudy, foggy in morning, misted some. We went to Thrift Shop at 10:00. Helped clean. Went to Chillicothe at 12:30 to get Mary. She came home from Kansas City. She was to come tomorrow when Jo comes from Kansas but had misunderstanding about time. I washed 3 loads when got home. We sowed cabbage and tomato seeds in hotbed. Marvin not good.

Friday, March 29, 1974. Foggy, cloudy, had tornado cited over Lake Bloomington. Rained hard at 4:00. We went to Conference at Lake Bloomington at 8:30. We are delegates. Went to women's dinner in evening. Their program open to everyone. Jo got back from Hesston Kansas soon after noon.

Saturday, March 30, 1974. Cloudy, snowed in morning, cold and damp. We went to Conference at 8:30. Mostly reports and business meeting all day. We came home after p.m. session. Went back for evening. Bluffton College put on play, "For Heaven Sake." Ron to conference in p.m. awhile and in evening. Jo busy with children's programs. Talked to Debbie. She's coming home with Emersons.

Sunday, March 31, 1974. Mostly fair. We and Ida and Mary to conference at 8:30. Bethel choral group gave program and had communion. Was good service. Conference ended at noon. Feel it was a good conference and enjoyed meeting friends. We went to Elms for dinner and on to

Eureka. Eds about same. We went after paper and stopped at Grams. Talked to Frances. Marvin some better. He didn't vomit today.

Monday, April 1, 1974. Fair, warmer, 72°, cloudy, cooler in evening. Washed and ironed. Was tired. We went to town at 2:30 to Gailey's. Had glasses adjusted. Did some shopping. Went to Master's Place with Walker for supper. Home at 7:15. Jo and Jon here while Marty went to 4-H at Bastings.

Tuesday, April 2, 1974. Fair, in 60s, nice day. Pete to Emmanuel men's breakfast at 7:00. I went to hospital, helped Rachel a while then to dentist at 9:00, then to church. Helped Jo a while. Pete to auxiliary board meeting at 9:30. At 11:00 we delivered Meals on Wheels. I cleaned closets in our bedroom. Went to Dr. McGinnis at 4:30. Everything seems okay. Am grateful. Went to Rons for supper. Jo and I to Good Will. Irene and Sherry told about Haiti. Ron to meeting. Pete with boys.

Wednesday, April 3, 1974. Windy, partly cloudy, had stormy p.m. tornadoes sighted near Evergreen [Lake] and Lake Bloomington, Gridley, Chenoa and McLean. Had hail at Danvers and Carlock. Had a little here, rained hard. Sun shone in evening. I baked bars and sugar cookies and cleaned oven and closet and West bedroom. We went to choir practice. Jeanette along. Had tornado at (unclear).

Thursday, April 4, 1974. Cloudy, colder, misted in p.m. and evening. Some snow in evening. We went to auxiliary at 9:30. Stopped at Grams. Went to see Florence. Louise K is in hospital. We had luncheon at auxiliary. Rev. Skillrud showed slides of Holy Land. We went to Eastland and got groceries. Pete to education committee meeting. I went to girls. Quilted awhile. Had one half inch snow. Allens called in evening.

Friday, April 5, 1974. Cloudy, cold, partly cloudy in p.m. I did cleaning. Washed my hair. Pete to town, got garden plow. Mick and Martha [Mishler] here awhile in p.m. Packed. Got ready to go to Bluffton. Left with Bill Dunns at 6:30. Drove to Huntington Indiana. Got motel at 11:00. Nice place. Drove through tornado area at Monticello. So sad, such destruction.

Saturday, April 6, 1974. Nice day. We got to Bluffton church at 10:30 for Phyllis Miller and Joe Wingerds wedding. A very nice wedding. Debbie helped with reception. We went to Emersons after reception. Had lunch there and visited with friends. At 2:30 went to Dr. Hiltys (Bill's friends) at Columbus Grove. Left there at 4:00 home. Got back here at 11:00. Thankful for nice trip. Good to see Debbie too.

Sunday, April 7, 1974. Cloudy, windy, colder in evening and misted. Fixed salad and sandwiches for supper. We went to church and to girls for dinner. Ida not feeling too good. We went to church at 2:00. Got things ready for supper. Berne men's choir sang at 3:00. Choir members were hosts and hostesses. Rons here in evening. Marvin's condition worse. Was better yesterday. So sorry for him.

Monday, April 8, 1974. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., cold and windy. I washed and ironed in morning. Went to town in p.m. Went with Ida and Mary to Eastland. Was there for supper. I quilted awhile. We went to choir rehearsal at 7:00.

Tuesday, April 9, 1974. Mostly fair, 25°. I cleaned our bedroom. Washed bedding and curtains. Delivered Meals on Wheels at 11:00. Finished bedroom when we got home. Went to town at 4:00. Took chrysanthemum to Florence Cromley. Got Walker. He did some errands. We went to McLean for supper. Then to visitation for Noel Blair.

Wednesday, April 10, 1974. Fair, nice day. Pete to Glenn Maxwell, worked until noon. I cleaned west bedroom. Jo and boys here. She worked up some truck patch. Pete brought Glenn's tractor and worked up some. We planted potatoes, onions, peas, carrots, beets, spinach, lettuce and radishes. Irene Dunn and Waltners out, planted some. We went to church. Our church and Bloomington church choir gave "Seven Last Words." Ron had tenor solo. Did real well. Rons, Waltner's and we stopped for pizza on way home. Ida to Dr. [She's] not so well again.

Thursday, April 11, 1974. Rained in morning, had 1 inch. Cloudy. Got things ready for dinner. Lawrence Mishlers, Gram, Ida and Mary here for dinner. We went to communion services in evening. Emerson Millers got here with Debbie at 9:30. Emersons to Stutzmans all night. Allen, Shirley and Pam got here at 10:00. Sue Ferguson, Deb's friend, here too. Rons here awhile. We got to bed late.

Friday, April 12, 1974. Cloudy in morning, fair and very windy. Allens and Deb and her friend left at 9:00. Stopped at Mrs. Yeakels and girls a few minutes. Left for home. I washed sheets, towels and rugs. Ironed. We went to town at noon. Met Marie. Gram took us to Sambo's. Took Walker to get his new suits. He took us, Marie and Gram to Elms for supper. Orvie called at 7:00. Marvin had a massive coronary this morning at 9:00. So sorry to hear it. Marie here all night.

Saturday, April 13, 1974. Nice day, cloudy in evening, very windy, storms in some areas. Emerson Millers here awhile in morning. Marie and I to town. Got groceries. Washed my hair. Did some cleaning. Paul Millers here awhile in p.m. We died eggs. We, Marie and Gram to Rons for supper. I called Frances in morning. Marvin is no better. Critical condition.

Easter Sunday, April 14, 1974. Cloudy, misted some, cold and windy. Pete to Sunday School. Marie and I to grams a while, then to church. Ron sang. Got ready for company. Gram, Ida, Mary, CRs, Pearl, May [Mohr] and Rons here for dinner. Everyone brought something. Gordons, Rays and Walker here also for supper. Cheryl here for dinner. Pete took she and Ida home at 4:00. Ida not good. Frances called in evening. Marvin's right side paralyzed and [he's] very restless.

Monday, April 15, 1974. Clear, nice day, cool. Marie took us and Gram to Sambo's for breakfast. She left for home. I did a big washing and ironed. Cleaned up house. Pete to town. Had snow tires taken off. Ron and boys here in p.m. He and Pete took some fence out. We and CRs to visitation for Ed Berman. Talked to Orvie. Things about same. I packed some.

Tuesday, April 16, 1974. Clear at home, 36°. We left at 8:20 for Missouri. Got to hospital at 4:45. Had rain for a while at St. Louis, but nice in p.m. Marvin about same. Is taking a little liquids with syringe. Restless at times. Hard to see him in such a condition. Bernice came home with Blanche. She stayed with Marvin while we went out to eat. Orvie with us. We stayed all night with Frances. She had been staying at hospital. Have night nurse with Marvin.

Wednesday, April 17, 1974. Fair, cool, fine day. Bernice to hospital at 7:00. We went at 9:30. Stayed with Marvin. He is quite restless. We came home at noon to eat. Back after lunch. Marvin took nourishment in morning and noon, but didn't take much in evening. Seemed to choke. We went to Red Onion for supper. Stayed with Marvin until 8:30. Bernice stayed until 11:00. Talked to Mary and Pauls. Ida felt little better.

Thursday, April 18, 1974. Cloudy in morning, fair, nice day, warmer, 72°. I went to hospital at 7:00. Stayed until 11:30. Marvin much quieter. I talked to Dr. Wheeler and Jones. Think he has permanent paralysis on right side and won't be able to talk again. It's so sad. Pete and I to Carrie's in p.m. but no one home. We ate at hotel at noon. Got groceries. Ate at home in evening. Frances rested awhile. Orvie and Bernice with Marvin awhile.

Friday, April 19, 1974. Fair, warm, 72°. Went to hospital in morning. Marvin about same. We came home a while in p.m. to rest. Bernice with Marvin. We got groceries. Ate at home at noon. Talked to Rons in evening. Paul Thietje passed away.

Saturday, April 20, 1974. Mostly cloudy, very windy. Rained in evening. I went to hospital at 7:00. Jim Humphrey came for Bernice. They left in p.m. We miss her. Marvin had restless afternoon. Had diarrhea. I stayed with him until 11:00. Orvie with me. I went with Frances in morning to talk to Dr. Jones. Marvin has pneumonia too.

Sunday, April 21, 1974. A beautiful day. We spent the day at hospital. I stayed until 11:00 p.m. [Marvin] still had some diarrhea, and restless at times. We ate dinner at hospital cafeteria. Orvie and Arthurs at hospital in p.m. Mary called in evening. Had a cold rainy day at home. Ida about same. Not feeling good.

Monday, April 22, 1974. Cloudy in morning, clear, fine day. Pete to hospital at 7:00. He and I stayed late. Left at 11:00. Marvin very restless all day. Hypos seem to have no effect. Quieter at 10 p.m. Still having diarrhea.

Tuesday, April 23, 1974. Fine day, cool. Frances to hospital at 7:00. Marvin very restless until 8:30. Gave him hypos. He was very quiet all day. Didn't rouse up at any time. We came home at 9:30. Talked to Rons and Pauls. Everything okay at home. Orvie relieves us while we eat

Wednesday, April 24, 1974. Fine day, 65°. Pete to hospital at 7:00. We went later. Did some washing. Were at hospital. Marvin still has some diarrhea and difficult breathing. *Cheyne Stoke*

(sp?) most of time. Pete stayed until 11:00. Allen took Debbie and her friend to Rons. He had lunch with them and started home again.

Thursday, April 25, 1974. Fair, warm, 75° – 80°. Frances and I to hospital at 7:00. Talked to Dr. Jones. He discontinued IVs and medication except hypos. [Marvin] very restless at times and difficult breathing. Feel so sorry for him. Pete and I uptown. He got hat and shoes on sale. Got groceries. We went to (unclear) for lunch. Had some food brought in. Orvie relieved at meals. Jo called in evening.

Friday, April 26, 1974. Partly cloudy, in 70s. Frances to hospital at 7:00. She and I to Beauty Shop at 9:00. Pete with Marvin. Rested fair during night, but restless at times. About same. We left hospital at 1:30 for Pauls. Got here at 8:30. A beautiful drive but such a winding road. Were tired when got here. Good to see Pauls.

Saturday, April 27, 1974. Fair, nice day, quite warm. Slept late. I went with Marjorie to store. Pete took car to garage. Didn't perform right on way here, but nothing serious. We went on picnic to Burns Park at Little Rock. Ruth Hastings passed away.

Sunday, April 28, 1974. Partly cloudy, warm, 80°. We were at Paul's all day. Rested. Went for walk.

Monday, April 29, 1974. Cloudy, rained. We left Pauls at 8:30 for Harrisonville. Got here at 4:10. Came through Fort Smith. Were in and out of rain. Marvin weaker and looks worse. Don't know how he can go on. Arthurs came in evening. Came to house. Ron called. Ida went to doctor. She hasn't felt good but Dr. says she has no fluid. Rons to visitation for Ruth Hastings. Everything okay at home.

Tuesday, April 30, 1974. Fair, fine day, 65°. Went to hospital in morning. Marvin quiet most of day. Took only 15 cc of water all day. Frances and I to grocery store. Pete mowed the lawn in p.m. Orvie relieving us while we eat. We came home at 9:15. Everyone is very tired. Frances not feeling too good, quite nervous.

Wednesday, May 1, 1974. Cloudy, rather chilly. We did few things around house in morning, then to hospital. Marvin about same, appears weaker. We and Orvie to Harvest House for dinner. Pete with Orvie to Dr. in KC in p.m. Frances and I at hospital.

Thursday, May 2, 1974. Had shower early a.m., cleared off, fine day. Pete to hospital early. We went later. Marvin weaker, worse in p.m. and evening. Had to suction him but not much results. Trying to cough, pulse and respiration very rapid- [R.] 50 – P. 130-160. So hard to see him this way. Orvie ate dinner with us. Frances had visitors here at hospital. Mr. Coaley stayed awhile in evening. Ron called in evening. He got back from trip with Mental Health group.

Friday, May 3, 1974. Fair, cool, nice day. Went to hospital. Marvin very critical. Respiration very rapid, 60 – 70. Pulse weak, no BP. Arthurs came in evening. We stayed at hospital until

nearly 12 o'clock midnight. Arthur and Georgia stayed with Marvin all night. We didn't sleep much.

Saturday, May 4, 1974. Marvin passed away at 6:15 a.m. Our hearts are sad but thankful he can be relieved of his suffering. We went to hospital at 6:30. Talked to Dr. Atkinson. Arthurs came by house a while. We made calls. Talked to Allens and Rons and Pauls. Made calls for Frances. Garnett L. came. He and Pete mowed lawn. Frances and we to funeral home at 1:00. Ordered flowers. Had callers. Mr. Atkinson took Frances, Orvie, Blanche and us to *Dickeys* (sp?) [Funeral Home] to see Marvin. He looks natural, but hard to realize he is gone.

Sunday, May 5, 1974. Fair, nice day. We had callers morning, food brought in. Orvie and Blanche here for dinner. They, Arthurs and Lynn Chappells here for supper. Allen and Pam got here at 6:45. We all went to visitation for Marvin. Quite a large number there. Some relatives from KC there. Paul and Benjy got here at 10:30. So glad they all had safe trip.

Monday, May 6, 1974. Beautiful day. Rons and Mary got to Orvie's at 5:30 a.m. Drove all night. We all went to funeral home in morning and went to Methodist Church for dinner. Marvin's funeral at 3:00. In nice service. Burial at Garden City. A sad day. Allen and Paul left right after services. Ron to Cemetery, also to Clearfork. We had lunch at Frances. Rons and boys left at 6:00 for home. Mary stayed with us all night. Luella with Ida. May Mohr took her [Ida] to doctor.

Tuesday, May 7, 1974. Nice day. We left Frances at 8:30 for home. Got to town at 4:10. Rons got home at 2:30 a.m. Luella with Ida all day. She isn't good. So very thin and weak. Feel so sorry for her. We brought some plants home for her. We had rain in evening. Windy and cold. Thankful for safe trip and good to be home after 3 weeks. Mary and I to mother-daughter salad luncheon at church. Jo there too. Pete with Ida.

Wednesday, May 8, 1974. Cloudy, rained early, had nearly an inch, cold. I washed some and ironed. Pete worked on books. I cooked chicken. Went to Ida's at 2:00. She wasn't feeling well. Was numb on her right side, face, arm and leg. Took her to hospital. Admitted her at 4:00. We stopped at Grams. Got groceries. Mary and we got pizza and went back to hospital awhile.

Thursday, May 9, 1974. Cloudy, and 40s. I fixed chicken casserole for Home Extension. Mabel and I on committee. Pete took me to town. Went with Mary to Town Hall. Pete had car serviced and did some shopping. We stopped at hospital. Ida feeling some better. Pete to Education Committee meeting at church.

Friday, May 10, 1974. Mostly cloudy, some warmer. Did the cleaning. I dug dandelions out of strawberries. Pete trimmed roses. I made rhubarb pudding. We washed windows and put in screens. Went to hospital to see Ida at 4:00. Took Mary some rhubarb. Ida not feeling quite so good today.

Saturday, May 11, 1974. Cloudy, had some showers. I washed my hair. Baked cakes for Sunday. Pete to men's breakfast. We went with Walker to Master's Place for supper. Saw Parke Hastings there. He ate with us. He is so lonely since Ruth is gone. Went to see Ida. Marie stopped in morning. She's staying at CRs.

Sunday, May 12, 1974. Fair, real windy, chilly. We went to church and to see ours for dinner. Gram, Marie, Rons, Gordons, Cutters, Rays and Carol's folks and Mary. She, Pete and I to see Ida awhile. I took strawberries and cake. We, Mary, Gram, Marie, Pearl and may there for supper. Rest went home. Rons gave me white (John Kennedy) roses. Allens sent money.

Monday, May 13, 1974. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., very windy. Storm warnings out in evening. Pete helped Glenn Maxwell in morning. I washed and ironed. We worked outside in p.m. I hoed and fed roses. We planted beans, cucumbers, radishes and lettuce. Plowed and hoed. Pete spread fertilizer. I spaded flower beds. Frances called in evening. She is doing fairly well. Rained some in night.

Tuesday, May 14, 1974. Cloudy, had shower in morning, rained in evening. I baked cookies and bars and cleaned fruit room in morning. We planted Dahlia bulbs and row of glads and tuberose begonias. I fixed porch box. Mary gave me 2 geraniums. We went to town at 3:00 to bank and to hospital. Ida about same. We went to Merle's. She ordered supper from Phone a Feast.

Wednesday, May 15, 1974. Fair, nice day. I cleaned the recreation room in morning. Went to club meeting at Mabel's. Pete cleaned garage. We went to visitation for Mrs. Imhoff. Stopped to see Ida. She's about same. Went to choir practice, then to Galloways. Did newsletter. Marty stepped on nail.

Thursday, May 16, 1974. Cloudy in morning, showered some, much warmer in p.m., 80°. I made rhubarb pudding. We went to Mary's in morning. Helped her clean the living and dining room. Mary and we to Eds in p.m. They wasn't feeling quite so well. Rons and Mary here for supper. Allen called in evening. Rained in night.

Friday, May 17, 1974. Cloudy, rained in morning. I baked pecan rolls and did cleaning. Pete and I mowed lawn in p.m. Virginia and Jack Porst stopped a few minutes. We went to see Ida at 4:00. She didn't feel well. We went with Walker to Grand Café, then to Galloways. Addressed newsletter. Allens and Pam got here at 10:25. Good to see them. Ron and Jon to Bluffton.

Saturday, May 18, 1974. Cloudy and foggy. Had big rain in morning. Allen and Shirley left at 7:00 for Bluffton. I washed my hair. Finished cleaning. Jo and Marty here for lunch. Marty stayed until we went to town at 4:00. Took Ida home from hospital. We went to Kmart. Got Petunia plants. We and Pam home in evening. Made 2 rhubarb – strawberry pies and fixed ham.

Sunday, May 19, 1974. Rained early morning and most of forenoon. We and Pam to church and to girls for dinner. Jo and Marty there too. Came home at 3:00. Val K[ampmeier]s and Henrietta

[Thietje] here a while. Virginia Porst here too. Allens got here at 4:00. Ron got home at 3:15. Allens and Rons here for supper. Allens went calling to Gram, Ida and Mrs. Yeakel. We went to church. Bill and Irene Dunn showed pictures of Haiti.

Monday, May 20, 1974. Cloudy in morning, very humid, 83°. Allens, Debbie and Pam left for home at 9:30. Was good to have them but time was short. I washed and ironed. Got ready for company. Rons, Cheryl Rempel and Wen-lang Lin here for supper. Jo brought meat (Turkey). Pete helped Ron at corn crib taking nails out of boards awhile in p.m. Ron worked at hospital in evening.

Tuesday, May 21, 1974. Fair in morning, rained in p.m. I cleaned laundry and furnace room in morning. Pete did odd jobs. Cleaned out eaves. I baked bars. We set out 4 dozen tomato plants and some egg plants. We went to bank and grocery [store] at 4:00. We went to Heritage Group at CRs. I took cookies. 13 there. CR told about relics.

Wednesday, May 22, 1974. Cloudy in morning, fair, nice in p.m. I dusted up house. Fixed 2 rhubarb strawberry pies. Got things ready for supper. Edgar's, Henrietta [Thietje], Val[Kampmeier]s, Gram, Ida, Mary and CRs here for supper. Ida rested quite a lot and they went home early. Henrietta is doing quite well. Loise [Kampmeier]'s legs still swollen. I was sick in night. Didn't sleep much. Pains in stomach.

Thursday, May 23, 1974. Fine day, but rained late p.m. I cleaned living and dining room. Pete helped me move things. I cleaned up. Washed sheets from upstairs and table cloths, towels, etc. in p.m. Waxed furniture. We went with Walker to Sambo's in evening and to see Parke Hastings. He's so lonely. Stopped at Rons.

Friday, May 24, 1974. Fair, cool. I cleaned hallway and Cedar closet. We replanted cucumbers and planted some corn. Pete went after riding mower. We took Merle to Holiday Inn in evening to see Berta. I ironed sheets and tablecloths.

Saturday, May 25, 1974. Fair, fine day. Pete to men's breakfast. We mowed yards. I washed my hair. We worked in garden and truck patch until late. Set out petunias and planted melons. Jim [Waltner]s, Stan [Clemens]s, and Bill [Dunn]s all are working in truck patch. Jo came in evening. Ron too, after a wedding.

Sunday, May 26, 1974. Cloudy, showery most of day. We went to church and to girls for dinner. Stopped to see Gram. She and CRs to Sambo's for dinner. Were home in evening.

Monday, May 27, 1974. Fair, cloudy in evening, rained in night. I washed and ironed. Took Ida to Dr. at 11:00. Ate at Red Wheel. Ida about same. Pete and I helped Ron tear down corn crib at May [Mohr]'s. Jo there too. I picked 2 quarts berries. Rons and Walker here for supper. Had chicken (Jo brought).

Tuesday, May 28, 1974. Rained in morning, one half inch, cloudy. Went to town in morning. Got dehumidifier at Pennys for basement. Got things ready for company in p.m. Pete helped Ron on crib. Virginia and Jack Porst, Gram, Walker and Pearl here for supper. CRs busy. Rons here awhile in evening.

Wednesday, May 29, 1974. Rained nearly all morning. I baked coffeecake braid and cleaned China cabinet. Pete helped me pick strawberries in p.m. Got nearly 2 quarts. I went with Mabel to cemeteries at 4:00. Gram along. Pete helped Ron again. Pulled crib down. Gave Jo coffeecake and berries. Went to choir.

Thursday, May 30, 1974. Foggy most of morning, cloudy, rained late p.m. Storm warnings out. Merle came at 9:30. We went to Troyer Cemetery with her. Helped her trimmed some trees. She was here for lunch. We set out sweet potato plants in p.m. and went to girls at 3:30. Pete put new screens on basement windows. We were there for supper. Ida not very good, so short of breath.

Friday, May 31, 1974. Rained early a.m. and windy. Fair to partly cloudy, cooler in evening. Did cleaning. We picked 4 boxes berries. Put quart and pint in freezer and made pint of preserves. Gave Rons a box. Pete and I worked on corn crib awhile in p.m. Walker took us to Streid's for supper. Washed my hair in evening.

Saturday, June 1, 1974. Fair, fine day. Went to town at 8:00. Pete had bumper straightened. I went to Gailey's, had eyes tested. New lenses. Got groceries. Pete mowed lawn. We worked outside in p.m. Pete plowed truck patch. Planted squash and pumpkin. I sowed 3 rows of flower seeds on South side. Picked 2 ½ quarts berries. Gave Rons some. We went to Evergreen Lake at 7:00. Had picnic lunch with Rons. He and boys fished.

Sunday, June 2, 1974. Fine day, warmer, 78°. Rained in evening. We went to church. Large crowd. Had baptismal services. Church service first. Had coffee and cookies before Sunday School. Gram and we at girls for dinner. Ida seems so weak, not good. We went to Bill Dunns at Lake for supper. Bob Stutzmans there. Bobs showed pictures of their trip to Europe.

Monday, June 3, 1974. Fair, fine day, 83°. Pete to Glenn Maxwells. I washed. Sowed rest of flower seeds and put out more glad bulbs. Picked 7 quarts strawberries. Gave Jo 3 quarts. Put 2 ½ quarts in freezer. Ironed some in evening. A big day. Waltners here in morning. Worked in garden. Bills here, worked a while in evening.

Tuesday, June 4, 1974. Fair, in 80s. Pete to work at Glenn's. I made 1 ½ pints strawberry preserves. Finished ironing. Hoed in truck patch in morning and p.m. We planted lima beans and sweet corn. Another big day. Ida not doing well, nauseated and so weak. I went to Good Will with Jeanette.

Wednesday, June 5, 1974. Cloudy, showered and rained in evening. We went to town at 9:00. Pete to auxiliary board meeting. I was at hospital. We picked 12 boxes berries. Pete to Glenn's at

1:00. I put quart of berries in freezer. Mary got 4 boxes. Gave Rons 3. Got things ready for supper. Ray Kinders here to talk about Japan. Showed our pictures. Rays are going there on vacation. Ida still no better.

Thursday, June 6, 1974. Rained most of day. Had thunderstorm in p.m. Had over 1 inch rain during that time. We went to town at 10:00. Stopped at Grams. Went to auxiliary awhile. Had lunch with Walker. Stopped to see Ida. She's very uncomfortable. Mary and we to grocery store. Bill Dunns here for supper. Had pizza and strawberry shortcake. Irene brought pizza too.

Friday, June 7, 1974. Had some rain again. We picked 7 boxes berries. Did cleaning and washed 2 loads. Went to Ida's at 11:00. Took her to hospital. She's so short of breath, they gave her oxygen in evening. Feel so sorry for her. Harvella did my hair at 2:00. Marie came in PM. She and Gram took us and Mary to Sambo's for supper. I was sick all night, pain in upper abdomen and vomited.

Saturday, June 8, 1974. Cloudy, showered some. Pete to men's breakfast. Marie to town and to Rons. We met Dr. Bertsche at hospital. He thinks it may be gallbladder or stomach. I'm to have x-rays. I don't feel very good, weak. Stopped to see Ida. She's about same. Marie and Gram to Rons for lunch. Bill Dunns met Allens at Amana. Brought Pam back. Marie to high school reunion. Ida not good. Took her to ICU at 10:00.

Sunday, June 9, 1974. Ida passed away at 3:15 a.m. Ron stayed with her. Our hearts are sad but she was so uncomfortable and couldn't breathe. We didn't sleep much. Ron, Mary and we to Flinspach Funeral Home to make plans for Ida's funeral and burial. Rons and Pam to Woizeski Reunion. They, Gram and Marie here for lunch. Bills here, picked berries. Cys, Paul Millers and CRs here awhile. Pam home with Mary. Mostly fair, very windy, had shower in evening. Made calls to Missouri and Allens and Pauls. Pauls are coming.

Monday, June 10, 1974. Mostly cloudy in morning, misted some, fair in evening. Pauls got here at 1:45 AM. Good to see them. Marj did washing for me. I still don't feel good. We and Mary to Novak [Flowers]. Ordered flowers for Ida and took clothes to funeral home. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. Mary here for dinner. Mabel brought casserole. She stayed to eat. We all went to visitation for Ida. Pam to Bible School and to Rons all night.

Tuesday, June 11, 1974. Had a few showers nice in p.m. a while. We went to Rons for dinner. Irene Dunn and June Jantze got dinner. Ed, Owen *Oliver* (sp?) and Charles Greasers there, also Mabel and Gram. We went to Ida's funeral at 2:00. Ron wrote obituary and Paul read it. Ron sang "The Holy City." Was beautiful, a nice service. We all went to Mary's for lunch. Mabel helped. May [Mohr] and Rev. Waltners and Merle there.

Wednesday, June 12, 1974. Fair, nice day. Pauls left at 9:00 for Arkansas. So glad they came. They took Pam to Bible School. Ron, Mary, Pete and I left at 10:20 for Missouri. We got to Frances's at 6:15. Arthurs and Orvie there for supper. We all went to funeral home. Max Smith

took Ida's body to (unclear) Dickey Funeral Home. Allens, Deb and Jeff got there at 9:30. Pam at Jo's.

Thursday, June 13, 1974. Fair, fine day. We all went to Memorial services for Ida at funeral home. Ron had service. Allen and Shirley sang "How Great Thou Art.. Burial was at Clearfork [Cemetery]. We all went to Harvey Roths for lunch. Allens left for home at 2:00 and we left at 3:00 for home. Got here at 11:20. Thankful for a safe trip but our hearts are heavy. We miss Ida so much.

Friday, June 14, 1974. Mostly cloudy, had several showers. I washed sheets from upstairs. Pete worked some in truck patch. Replanted melons and transplanted head lettuce. I picked some peas and hoed roses. Did ironing. Paul Millers here awhile. They leave tomorrow for Vermont to teach. Rons here to chore. Brought hamburgers and had peas. Bible School closed. Pam here. Just a week ago we took Ida to hospital.

Saturday, June 15, 1974. Fair, rather windy and cool, fine day. We did cleaning. Pete mowed lawn. We picked berries (3 boxes). Jo and boys here in p.m. We picked peas. Jo took some to eat and we had some. Put 2 ½ quarts in freezer. Pete plowed some in truck patch. He and boys and Pam planted more sweet corn. Jo and I hoed some. Washed my hair. Jo pinned it up.

Sunday, June 16, 1974. Mostly cloudy, cool, 50°. We went to church. Rons, Mary and we to Famous Chicken Restaurant for dinner. CR's and their family and Gram there. We and Mary to Eds in p.m. Rons and Pam to see Walt Disney movie. Cys and Rons here in evening. Allens called in evening.

Monday, June 17, 1974. Fair, quite cool. Pete to Glenss, plowed corn. I washed in morning. Pam and I to town in p.m. She went to Mrs. Yeakels. I went to Mary's. We addressed thank you notes. Ironed when got home. Mary home with us. Walker took us all to Streid's for supper. I was sick again in night.

Tuesday, June 18, 1974. Fair, fine day, little warmer. Pete to Glenss. I baked 2 batches cookies. Pam and I picked few berries. I picked peas. Pete home for dinner. I don't feel very good. I shortened dress that Frances gave me. Pete mowed barnyard in evening.

Wednesday, June 19, 1974. Partly cloudy, warm, 84°, humid. Had thunder shower in evening. We went to town in morning. Got new lenses for my glasses. Ate lunch at hospital. I went to club meeting at Evelyn S[chwoerer]. Mabel along. Jo and boys came to chore. We picked peas. Jo and children podded them. Gerald Galloways here. We did newsletter. Pam to Rons all night.

Thursday, June 20, 1974. Partly cloudy, humid, 87°. We went to town at 10:30 to Mary's. We sorted some dresses. Went to Jon Luedtke at 2:30 to see about Ida's estate. Went to bank. Walker took us and Mary to Master's Place for supper. Went to Galloways. Got newsletter out. Had rain and tornado warnings out most of evening. Thunderstorms in night. Pam at Rons.

Friday, June 21, 1974. Rained in morning. Had nearly 3 inches. Sunday shone awhile in p.m. Pete to town in morning. Had car greased and got new tire. He brought Pam, Marty and Jon out. I did cleaning. Got dinner. Picked peas in PM. Put 3 pints in freezer. Did some laundry for Pam. Washed my hair, also Pam's. Luella [Mishler], Mary and Dorothy Basting here awhile in evening.

Saturday, June 22, 1974. Rained most of day. Had tornado warnings at 7:30. One touched down between Carlock and Congerville. Pete to men's breakfast. I & Pam packed. Rons, Pam and we left at 10:45 for Amana Iowa where we met Allen and Shirley. We drove in rain about half way. Had heavy rain here about 4 PM. We got to Amana about 3:30. Stayed at Die Heimat. Ate at Bill Zubert (sp?). Went to Furniture [Store] and Woolen Mill and several other places.

Sunday, June 23, 1974. Cool, fine day. We did some sightseeing and tour of kitchens and bakery. Allens and Pam left at 11:30. We had lunch, then started home. Got here at 5:00. Thankful for safe trip. We miss Pam. Was good to be with Allens again. We went to sandwich and fruit supper and Congregational meeting at church. Mary along. She was at Dorothy Scogins last night.

Monday, June 24, 1974. Partly cloudy, quite cool. I washed. Ironed some. We went to town at 10:30. Pete met with Myrna Park to see about tour for Heritage Group. I went to Mary's awhile. Went to hospital. Got tablets to take for gallbladder x-rays. Ate at coffee shop with Ron. Stopped at Grams. I picked peas. Pete mowed lawn. Rons and Mary here awhile. Gave each some peas. Put 2 ½ pints in freezer.

Tuesday, June 25, 1974. Clear, fine day, 47° in morning. We went to hospital at 7:30. I had gallbladder and stomach x-rays. Finished at 10:45. Ate lunch at coffee shop. Rested a while. We worked in garden and truck patch. Pete plowed. I hoed flowers and roses and fed them. Irene and Sherry [Dunn] worked in their garden. We went to Mary's in evening. Wrote thank you notes for hospital memorials.

Wednesday, June 26, 1974. Fair, fine day, warmer. We worked outside some in morning. Went to town at 1:30. Took Mary to Luedtke. She made a will. We did some shopping. We, Mary and Walker to Ireland Restaurant. Walker took us. Have to have gallbladder x-rays repeated.

Thursday, June 27, 1974. Fair, nice day, 87°. Pete to Glenns, plowed corn. I picked peas. Gave Jo some. I went to Mary's. We sorted clothes. Went to bank and got some berries for Mary & box for us. Gram home with me at 2:00. Mary to hospital to help get ready for the Barbecue. She came out at 5:00. I got supper. Gram home with Mary.

Friday, June 28, 1974. A beautiful day, 87°. Pete to Glenn's until noon. I did cleaning. Washed my hair. We planted more sweet corn and sowed endive. We went to town at 4:00. Helped serve at the hospital barbecue at Franklin Park. Mary along. Had good crowd and was a fine evening.

Saturday, June 29, 1974. Fair, nice day. Pete to Glenn's in morning. Helped him measure some ground. I finished cleaning. Worked outside some. We went to grocery store in PM. We washed car. Pete mowed barnyard.

Sunday, June 30, 1974. Nice day, warm, in 80s. We went to church early. We were in charge of refreshments. Mary helped. Pete had Sunday School class. We had dinner at Mary's and to church at 1:30. Went on Heritage tour. Between 40 and 50 went. We went to Under Shepherd group for picnic at Rev. Waltner's. Had a nice day but a full one.

Monday, July 1, 1974. Fair, 91°. Washed. We went to town at 10:30 to bank and took clothes, etc. to Thrift Shop. I picked peas. Pete plowed through strawberry patch. Walker took us to Coachman for lunch. He did some shopping. Went to hospital. Got gallbladder pills again. I ironed. Pete helped Ron@crib. Sprayed roses.

Tuesday, July 2, 1974. Fair, windy, 92°. We went to hospital at 7:30. I had repeat gallbladder x-ray. Had diarrhea all day from the gallbladder tablets. Rested some. Wrote letters and notes. Pete cleaned off old pea vines and plowed it.

Wednesday, July 3, 1974. Partly cloudy, hot, 94°. I canned 4 quarts beets for Jo. Worked some outside. Marty and Jo here all day. Pete made 4-H Fair box for Marty. I picked raspberries and beans. Pete and I and Mary to Edith Miller's for supper. Gerald and Alma Galloway there too. I didn't feel good again in night. Marie here awhile in p.m. She's staying at CRs.

Thursday, July 4, 1974. Looked rainy in morning, partly cloudy and turned much cooler. Dusted up house. Got things ready for dinner. Gram, Marie, Mary, Walker and Rons here. Made ice cream and had raspberries. Mary brought cakes. Jo's arm still bothering her. Pete and Ron put air conditioner in. We went to see ours for picnic in evening. Wayne Basting's barn burned down.

Friday, July 5, 1974. Clear, cool, fine day. Pete at Glens until noon. I did cleaning and hoed in garden. We went to town in p.m. Took Walker to Dr. John Stutzman. Got groceries. Walker took us and Mary to Streid's for supper.

Saturday, July 6, 1974. Fair, quite warm, 88°. Pete to men's breakfast. I picked over a quart of raspberries and picked beans and stemmed most of them. Jo and boys came at 10:00. We canned 7 quarts and 3 pints. Rons here for dinner. Pete mowed lawn. Ron worked on Marty's fair box. They painted it. He worked some@crib. We went to Merle's for supper. She ordered Phone-A-Feast.

Sunday, July 7, 1974. Fair, hot, 93° – 95°, no breeze. We went to church. Jo was worship leader. Rons, we, Mary, Gram and May Mohr to Hubbard's Cupboard for lunch. We called on Julia [Klooz] but she wasn't home. Went to see Florence C[romley] and Bertha Lindemann. Then Pete and I to see Aaron Leischner who has been ill. Mary here awhile in evening. Talked to Pauls.

Monday, July 8, 1974. Fair, hot, 93°. Pete helped Glenn [Maxwell] in morning. I washed and ironed. Mary and we to Eureka in p.m. to see Eds. We talked to Earl Greaser about some of Ida's estate. Stopped at Bill Miller's on way home to see about insurance policy. Worked outside awhile after supper.

Tuesday, July 9, 1974. Fair, hot, 95°. I picked over a quart of strawberries. We picked beans. Canned 7 quarts and 3 pints. I went to town in p.m. Took Merle to Dr. He admitted her to hospital. I got home about 7:00. Road men working on our road. They hauled some gravel in our driveway. Rons here awhile in evening. Had ice cream and strawberries. Pete got apples at Birkelbaws.

Wednesday, July 10, 1974. Fair, hot, 97°. I baked cookies and quick coffeecake. We went to town at 10:00. Went to Merle's apartment. Got some things for her. Went to hospital to see her. Had lunch. Got groceries. Went to Mary's. She and we picked little over 2 quarts raspberries. She took a quart and gave Jo one. I fixed some of Ida's dresses for me. We planted more sweet corn in evening. Had shower in night.

Thursday, July 11, 1974. Partly cloudy. Showered some in a.m. I picked some strawberries. Made salad. We went to auxiliary at 10:00. Had salad luncheon. Went to Merle's, got her mail. She has to take insulin. Mary and we to Bank and Federal Savings to get Ida's estate taken care of. Pete shopped with Walker. Mary got shoes. Walker took us to Grand Café. Mary and we to North Danvers [Mennonite] Church to hear group from Bluffton. Ron to Lake Geneva.

Friday, July 12, 1974. Fair, hot, 93°. Picked raspberries and beans. Canned 7 quarts beans. Gave Jo some. I did cleaning. Hoed in garden and truck patch in evening. Ron home from Lake Geneva in evening. I cooked applesauce. Put about 5 quarts in freezer.

Saturday, July 13, 1974. Fair, hot. Went almost hot. Picked nearly a quart of strawberries. Cleaned up kitchen. We went to town at 10:00. Took Mary a peck of apples. Got some flowers for Merle and got her mail and more gowns and took them to her. Did some shopping. Had lunch with Walker. I cooked applesauce for Jo. Ron and boys worked out here all p.m. and evening. Jo brought hamburgers for supper. We had sweet corn, strawberries and ice cream.

Sunday, July 14, 1974. Fair, hot, near 100°. Had rain in town at 5 PM. We went to church and to Mary's for lunch. Went to hospital to see Merle. We and Mary to Bloomington [Mennonite] Church and Normal [Mennonite] Church picnic at Fairview Park at 5:00. We stopped to see Gram on way home. Sprinkled little in night.

Monday, July 15, 1974. Clear, much cooler, 83°. I did washing. Had some for Merl and gram. Picked 3 boxes strawberries. Mary came. We picked beans. Jo Clemens gave us a few of hers. Canned 7 quarts and 3 pints for Mary. She stayed for dinner. I ironed in p.m. Pete helped Ron on boards, took nails out. I picked ½ box raspberries.

Tuesday, July 16, 1974. Clear, warmer. I waxed kitchen floor. We defrosted freezer. Went to town in p.m. Had physicals at Dr. Bertsche's. Pete has to have [Vitamin] B12 shots once a month. I went to Christian Business and Professional Women's] dinner at ISU. Mary along. Pete home.

Wednesday, July 17, 1974. Fair, 85°. We went to town at 8:30. Harvella gave me a permanent. Pete had car worked on. Car] heats up when air conditioner runs. I baked brownies, made salad. Picked quart of strawberries and quart of raspberries. Put pint of raspberries in freezer. Gave Rons strawberries. We went to Garfield picnic at Earl Mishler's. Mary along. Tim Waltner hit Jon in eye with clod of dirt here. Ron took him to hospital. Has to stay several days. Ron with him all night.

Thursday, July 18, 1974. Fair, hot, 96°. Went to town at 9:00. Got Mary's car. Went to Dr. Bertsche. Had fasting blood sugar [test], then to Brokaw. Had *Kerox* (sp?) Mammography. Pete had car worked on again. We were at Mary's for lunch. Marty there too. We went to hospital. I stayed with Jon. Jo, Pete and Mary to Eastland. We went with Mary to lawyers. Walker took us to Ozark House. Dunns here in evening. Cindy here all night.

Friday, July 19, 1974. Cloudy in a.m., showered little early a.m., fair, hot, 90°. We picked beans. Canned 3 pints. Gave Jo some. Picked 1 ½ quarts strawberries. Did cleaning. Cindy home in PM. Pete to town in p.m. Jon went home from hospital in morning. His eye is better. I hoed some in evening. Rons and Rosalee & Emily & baby here awhile in evening. Rosalee got to Rons at 6:30.

Saturday, July 20, 1974. Fair, hot and getting so dry. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked rolls. Washed off the porches. Washed guest bed & my bedspread & towels. Marty and Ron worked with hogs. Ron mowed weeds. They ate dinner with us. Rosalee left for home at 5:00. We went to see Merle and got groceries. Pete picked raspberries. I ironed.

Sunday, July 21, 1974. Fair. We went to church. Mary, Earl Kaufmans and we ate at the Golden West. We came home after dinner. I wrote some letters. We went to sandwich supper at church at 6:00. Had Congregational meeting. Voted to continue Educational Director.

Monday, July 22, 1974. Rained early a.m. and again in forenoon. We had about ½ inch. Sure welcome the rain. We took car to garage again. Pete went in Rambler. We went to Mary's. Went through some of Ida's things. Went to bank in p.m. Got Ed's bond & finished other things. Stopped at Flinspach [Funeral Home]. Paid Ida's funeral expenses. Went to Eds at 3:00. Gave him the bond.

Tuesday, July 23, 1974. Fair, pleasant day. I did washing and ironing. Marty and Jon here in morning. We went to town at 11:30. Took boys home. We went to drivers test. Front turn signal not working. Couldn't get left one fixed, so borrowed Mary's car and took our drivers test. We both have to go back as we didn't stop soon enough at walk crossing. I went to Galloways. We did newsletter. Mary and we to Service Company and Farm Bureau barbecue dinner.

Wednesday, July 24, 1974. Fair, little warmer. We went to town at 9:00. Took our drivers test and passed. Sure thankful. Stopped at hospital. Had luncheon packed a few things. Picked some beans for Marie. See ours and we left at 2:00 for Godfrey. Got to Marie's at 4:45. We took Marie out to eat for her birthday. Had a nice evening. CR slept at motel. CRs drove their car.

Thursday, July 25, 1974. Fair, warm. We had breakfast at Marie's. Left there at 9:30, got home at 12:15. Thankful for safe trip. Picked 2 quarts strawberries and a few raspberries. Cut old hollyhocks off in garden. Pete mowed lawn. Paul called. They were to come today, but plan to come Saturday. Lucy Katherine and Phil [Patton] here in evening. Pete and Phil to church to practice for Sunday.

Friday, July 26, 1974. Fair, in high 80s. Men working on road. So very dusty and we are badly in need of rain. Did cleaning. Washed my hair. Worked little in flower garden. We went to town at 3:00. I had proctoscope at Dr. Bertsche's. We went to Eastland and to Mary's. She, Walker and we to Tom's Steak House. Walker took us. Ron here until after midnight. Sow having problems.

Saturday, July 27, 1974. Fair, hot, 90°. Pauls got here at 1:00 a.m. Glad to see them. We got up late. I picked pint of strawberries. Got dinner. Pete and I went to groceries in p.m. Got supper. Jo and boys here. Ron had NCHS class reunion.

Sunday, July 28, 1974. Rained early morning, 1/3 inch, not so hot and humid. Pauls left for Allens at 8:45. We went to church. Ray and we to Milo Millers to make plans for Ropp reunion. Ate at Pekin Mall. Got home at 3:30. Rons here getting Marty ready for 4-H Fair. We were home in evening. Mary at Pearl Bohrer's for supper.

Monday, July 29, 1974. Clear, cool, nice day. I washed and ironed. We went to Gerald G[alloways] at 2:00. Addressed newsletters. Went to Merle's apartment, got mail and other items for her. Had lunch and went to Mary's awhile. Went to hospital delegate meeting at hospital. They told of plans for *Umbrella Corp* (sp?) between Mennonite and Brokaw. Ron and boys here in morning. Took pigs to 4-H Fair.

Tuesday, July 30, 1974. Fair, fine day, little warmer. Jo came in morning. We got corn at CR's 5 acres. I put up 3 quarts, 3 1/2 pints and 2 pints. Jo put hers in [freezer] on ear. Ron and Jon came at noon. Brought chicken for our lunch. They and Allens gave me Corning Ware coffeepot. Phils and we to Ireland's for supper. Earls couldn't go. Harold Kaufman passed away. Mary here, got beets and beans.

Wednesday, July 31, 1974. Partly cloudy, pleasant. We went to fair at 8:40. Marty showed barrow. Didn't place, too heavy. Pete helped Jo chore in morning and he did them in evening. Ron took their car to Kmart, muffler off. We went to Merle's apartment. Stopped to see her. Took Jo home. I washed gowns for Merle. Worked outside awhile. Pete got 1/2 bushel of apples. He went to Sunday School meeting. Pauls got here from Allens at 10:00 p.m. Marty's pig had 12 pigs.

Thursday, August 1, 1974. We all went to fair at 8:30. Marty had grand champion guilt and grand champion litter. Mary with us. We had lunch in town. We came home at 2:00. Pauls got home at 3:00. I got things ready for supper. Marie, Gram, Mary, Walker and Rons here. Marie and Pauls here all night. Cloudy and looked rainy all day. Sprinkled a little.

Friday, August 2, 1974. Cloudy, showered intermittently all morning, cool. Did cleaning. Marie to Gailey's at 8:30. Marjorie washed. Gram and Marie and Pauls here for lunch. Paul made pancakes. Had sausage. Ron left at 8:30 for Pennsylvania. He speaks at Mennonite Medical. Jo and Jon here awhile. We helped Jo chore. Pauls took Marie, Pete and I to Grand Hotel for dinner. Children at Stutzmans. Had another litter of pigs.

Saturday, August 3, 1974. Mostly cloudy, cool, windy. Pete helped Jo chore. Gilt's sick. Giving them penicillin. Paul took Gordon's truck. Got Marty's pigs and went back after Gordon's [calves & cows]. Jo and boys had lunch here. Marie to town at 4:00. Took Paul and boys to bookstore. I baked ham and cooked apples. Cleaned up kitchen. We all, Gram, Marie, Jo and boys to Mary's for supper. Jon here all night.

Sunday, August 4, 1974. Cloudy, real chilly. Pauls and we to church. Didn't stay for Sunday School. Marj and boys home. She packed. Marie, Gram, Mary, Jo and boys here for dinner. Pauls left for Berne at 2:30. Marie & Gram to Gordons in evening. Ron home at 6:30. They came out to chore. Mary had car trouble going home. Wheel brakes went bad.

Monday, August 5, 1974. Fair, nice day. I washed and ironed. Marie did some laundry. She went to town in p.m. Had a physical at Dr. Deneen. She and Gram to McLean to eat. Orvie, Willis and Donna [Kropf] got to Mary's around 4:00. We and Rons at Mary's for supper. Ron fixed Mary's car (brakes). Marie here all night. Folks at Mary's.

Tuesday, August 6, 1974. Hartley cloudy, cool. I dusted up house and upstairs. Made Apple crisp. Orvie, Willis, Mary and we to Eureka at 11:30. Ate dinner with Eds. They're about same. Marie left at 8:30 for McHenry. Orvie, Willises, Mary, Phyllis Yoder and a friend from West Liberty here for supper. Orvie and Willises here all night. Rons came after ball game. Gordon gored by bull.

Wednesday, August 7, 1974. Mostly cloudy, warmer, showered little in evening. Orvie and Willises left at 8:30 for Missouri. I washed sheets and towels. Ironed in p.m. Mary to Eureka with her company. Rons took us to Ramada Inn for anniversary dinner. Gordon home from hospital.

Thursday, August 8, 1974. Fair, warm, in 80s. A historic day. Pres. Nixon resigned from the presidency. V. Pres. Gerald Ford will be president. I put 11 pints corn in freezer. Baked coffeecake braid. Worked some in garden. Ron took load of hay in Gordon's truck to Springfield in evening. State Fair starts tomorrow.

Friday, August 9, 1974. Rainy in p.m. We watched inauguration of Pres. Ford. Also saw the Nixons leave the White House. Feel sorry for them. Did cleaning and made some Swedish cole slaw. I went to town at 3:00. Took Walker to Dr. Hadden's. We and Mary to Elms for supper. Walker took us to dinner.

Saturday, August 10, 1974. Rained early a.m. and showered during day. Good to have dust settled. Baked cookies and made 4 quarts dill pickles. We went to Rons in p.m. Pete and Jon cleaned porch. I used vacuum on drapes and washed woodwork in living room and helped pack dishes. We all went to Sambo's for supper. They chored. Washed my hair. Jo pinned it up.

Sunday, August 11, 1974. Fair, warm. Had thunder shower at 3:00. Beautiful evening. We went to church. Ron preached and led Sunday School too. Mary took us to Bonanza for our anniversary. Rons along. Mary and we to see Merle. Pete and I stopped to see Aaron Leischner. He has CA [cancer?] of spine. Rons here to chore. Talked to Allens.

Monday, August 12, 1974. Fair, warm, 86°. Washed and ironed. Jo and boys here. We picked beans. Canned 8 quarts and 3 pints. Picked cucumbers. Made 4 quarts dills. Pete and boys dug potatoes, 5 bushels. Jo home at 11:00. Boys here all day. I fixed rabbit for Merle. Took supper in for her. Baked potatoes and beans and melons.

Tuesday, August 13, 1974. Fair, quite warm. We went to Rons. Pete and I painted their back stairway. Got home at 4:00. Helped Rons some with pigs. Gave shots. Delmar Woizeskis got to Art Siegs.

Wednesday, August 14, 1974. Mostly fair. Dusted up house. Baked brownies. We went with Edgars and Marguerite [Burwitz] to the Elms for dinner. Delmars and Art Siegs there too. Delmar paid for meals. Delmars, Gram and Merle and Mary here for supper. Ron and boys to State Fair. They and Jo here awhile in evening.

Thursday, August 15, 1974. Partly cloudy, warm. Mary here. We canned 7 quarts beans. Lenore [Waltner] took cooker home and used it for beans. Made 4 quarts dills. Marie to town in morning. Had lunch with Gram. Pete and I to Irene Gundy's funeral. We, Marie, Gram and CRs to Art Siegs for potluck supper for Delmars. EAs, Val [Kampmeier]s, Clarence S[iegs] and Elmer [Siegs], Al and Karl Giermann, Marguerite [Burwitz] there. A nice evening.

Friday, August 16, 1974. Partly cloudy, had shower in p.m. We did some cleaning. Made 2 quarts dill pickles. Got some peaches last night. Put 3 quarts and pint in freezer and made 2 ½ pints preserves. Gram fell in her room about 2:30. Broke her right hip. Rescue squad took her to Mennonite. Marie and we went in. We were all invited to Pearl's for supper. Took beans. Went to see Gram later in evening. She has lot of pain. Ron stayed all night with her.

Saturday, August 17, 1974. Fair, in 80s. Cleaned up kitchen. Marie took us, Rons and Mary to Sambo's for breakfast. Gram doing as well as can be expected. Marie stayed with her. I went to

Rons. Helped Jo with cleaning. They had some company from Fresno in p.m. Marie and we went to supper together. Stayed with Gram awhile.

Sunday, August 18, 1974. Partly cloudy. Had shower in town. Marie left this morning for Godfrey. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Pete and I to hospital to see Gram. She was lethargic all afternoon. Dr. Wright was in. Is going to do surgery in morning. Mary along home. She and Rons here for supper. Mary baked cake. Gave Ron shirt [for his birthday].

Monday, August 19, 1974. Fair, high 80s. We went to hospital at 8:30. Mabel there too. Gram went to OR at 9:00 for hip prosthesis. Her heart went bad. Carol Owens giving anesthetic. They called Dr. Causey. Finally did surgery after 11:00. Kept her in OR until 1:00. Took her to ICU. Was an anxious morning for everyone. We came home at 4:00 and back at 7:00. I put 2 quarts peaches in freezer. Made 1 ½ pints marmalade. Went to hospital meeting.

Tuesday, August 20, 1974. Fair, in 80s. Gram had a fair night. Last night her pulse slowed down some. CR went to hospital in morning. I washed, had big one. Made 4 quarts dills. Ironed some. We went to hospital at 2:00. Gram doing as well as can be expected. Walker, Mary and we to Streid's for supper. Went back to hospital. Talked to Marj in morning. Paul at Ann Arbor. Man finished septic tank for Rons.

Wednesday, August 21, 1974. Fair, finished ironing. We went to town at 10:00. Talked to Dr. Wright. Move gram from ICU to room 260. Gave her another pint of blood. [She] slept a lot. Marie came at 4:30. She, CRs and we ate together. Marie back to Springfield at 7:00. Has meeting. We went to Galloways. Got newsletter out.

Thursday, August 22, 1974. Partly cloudy. We worked in garden, picked cucumbers. Made 3 quarts dills. Picked some beans. We went to town at 10:00. Stopped at Shamel Manor and talked to Jim Yeshe about Long Term [Care] for Gram. She was up in chair a short time. Vomited. They put Levine tube down. She was rather confused in evening. Wen Lang and his father from Taiwan were here for supper. Mary here.

Friday, August 23, 1974. Fair, cooler, nice day. I canned 6 quarts tomato juice. Baked Irish coffeecake. We went to hospital at 2:00. Gram is confused. Had her up in chair. Sleeps a lot. We did cleaning. Ron and Marty *Amboy* (sp?) to state hog sale. Took Marty's gilt. Jo here for supper. She and Pete chored. Jon with Waltners.

Saturday, August 24, 1974. Fair, pleasant. Picked cucumbers for Mary. We went to town at 9:30. Gram about same. She pulled the Levine [tube] out. I was sick again with gallbladder. Pete with Chet Roths to Galesburg to see Hans Regiers. Left at 12:30. Mary went along after I couldn't. They got home 8:10. Ron and Marty got home at 3:00 a.m. They got \$375 for the gilt. They bought a boar.

Sunday, August 25, 1974. Partly cloudy, nice day. We went to church. Pete had Sunday School class downstairs on God's World. I helped out. Went to Mary's for dinner. Went to see Gram awhile. Came home at 3:30 as I was sick again. Had such pain. I called Dr. Bertsche at 8:00. Went to hospital. Got hypo (unclear). Was nauseated when got home. Slept fairly well.

Monday, August 26, 1974. Fair, 89°. I felt some better. Washed, ironed in p.m. Gram not so good, lot of pain. Pete went in after lunch. Found her hip came out again and would have to operate. We and CRs went in at 6:00. Met Dr. Wright. Ron and Jo with us to. Took her to OR at 7:30. Took the prosthesis out that Dr. had put in. [She] will probably be a wheelchair patient. We came home at 9:30. Talked to Paul.

Tuesday, August 27, 1974. Cloudy, looked rainy, had shower in Normal. I made quart of dills and 6 pints bread-and-butter pickles. Canned 14 quarts tomato juice. Jo and boys came at 11:00. Were here for dinner. Pete and I to hospital in p.m. Gram quite uncomfortable at times. Pauls left from Berne to Montréal. Rons here awhile in evening. Rained in night.

Wednesday, August 28, 1974. Cloudy, rained most of morning. Had about 1 inch rain. Came so nice. I did some paperwork in morning. We went to town in p.m. to hospital. Gram still has lot of pain. We took Buick to town in morning. Had it worked on, new signal light, front and back, and tuneup, \$175. Walker, Mary and we to New Cafeteria for supper. We went to visitation for Nina Fowler.

Thursday, August 29, 1974. Fair, fine day. I baked rolls and canned 5 ½ quarts tomato juice. We went to town in p.m. Payed taxes and went to hospital. Gram quiet but not as coherent. Rons here for supper. Jo brought pork and Rice for Taiwanese Special. Ron working on place to set trailer. Talked to Allens. Marie at CRs.

Friday, August 30, 1974. Fair, nice day. Did all of cleaning. We went to town at 11:30. Met Marie and Mabel at hospital. Gram seems little more alert. Marie took us to Ponderosa for lunch. We took Gram's things out of Shamel Manor. Packed them in boxes. Took them to CRs. Pete and Ron got her chairs and TV in evening. Took them to CRs. Rons here in evening. Stored some things in attic. He worked outside. Allens all got here at 10:30. Good to see them.

Saturday, August 31, 1974. Hartley sunny, cool, had shower in evening. Allens, Deb and Pam left at 9:00. Went to hospital to see Gram and then to Bluffton. We, Steve and Jeff to Ropp Reunion at Pekin. Good attendance (75). Went on tour in p.m. of Ropp homesteads. Ron and boys there. He's secretary. Jo at church. Marie took Walker and CRs. Rons here for supper. He and boys worked getting ready for trailer.

Sunday, September 1, 1974. Cloudy, cool. Steve, Jeff and we to church and to Hubbard's for lunch. Mary along. We went to hospital a while. Gram about same. Came home at to: 30. Rons here. Men worked on trench for water to trailer. Allens back from Bluffton at 3:30. They stopped

at Pearls and Stutzmans and Mrs. Yeakels. We all, Rons, Allens, Mrs. Yeakel, Marie and see ours at Mary's for supper. Pam to Rons all night. Allens here.

Monday, September 2, 1974. Cloudy, cold, rained. Shirley and Mary pick beans, cucumbers and tomatoes for Shirley. [They] got some of Irene's too. Pete, Allen and boys to Ropp Cemetery. Cut up tree limb. Allens left for home at 10:30. We miss them. I washed and ironed. CRs, we and Mary with Walker to Streid's for supper. Marie to Godfrey in morning.

Tuesday, September 3, 1974. Fair, cool. I canned 5 quarts tomato juice and baked lemon apricot cake. We went to town at 11:30. Gram sleeping most of time. Came home at 3:00. Rons house trailer was delivered. Took some time to get it lined up. Ron worked late out here. I went to Good Will. Lucy C[atherine], Mrs. Cutter, Marie Heiser and I on committee. Picked a few strawberries.

Wednesday, September 4, 1974. Mostly fair, 42°, cool all day. I washed bedding upstairs. Baked coffeecake braid for bazaar. Cleaned boys room in PM. Got dinner. Ron here. He worked out here all day. Boys here for supper and evening. Rons to Farmer City. He gave talk. We went to see Gram in evening. [She's] about same. Ironed in evening.

Thursday, September 5, 1974. Fine day, little warmer. We went to Eastland at 9:00. Work at Mennonite [Hospital] Bazaar until 1:00. We were busy. Ate lunch at Walgreens. Went to hospital. Stayed with Gram until 4:30. Got Mary and Walker. He took us to Cambridge Inn for supper. Went to bazaar. Pete got more money. Made more than \$900.

Friday, September 6, 1974. Fair, nice day. Did cleaning. Canned 7 quarts tomato juice. Cleaned west room upstairs. Hoed some in garden. Pete mowed back yard. We went to bank 5:00 and to hospital. Gram seems more alert. We went to Eastland. Got money from Bazaar.

Saturday, September 7, 1974. Fair, warmer. Finished cleaning and washed my hair. Got dinner, Rons here. They moved some things out. Trailer was lined up and everything hooked up. Rons stayed out here all night. Mary and I washed cupboards for Jo. Pete to town to get money at Bazaar and to see Gram. Earls, Phils and we to Turn of Century and to Phils. Watched Miss America [pageant].

Sunday, September 8, 1974. Fair, near 80°. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Went to see Eds. They are about same. Ed has frequent chest pains. Went to see Gram. Fed her supper. She's uncomfortable. Jo's niece Kay and husband at Rons in p.m. and evening.

Monday, September 9, 1974. Mostly cloudy in p.m. Washed and ironed. We went to town in p.m. to bank and went to see Gram. She's having lot of pain when on her side. Stopped at Lumberland. Canned 6 quarts tomato juice when got home. Jo helped.

Tuesday, September 10, 1974. Cloudy in morning. Showered little, partly cloudy in p.m. I cleaned 3 closets and fruit room. Washed curtains in 2 bedrooms. Hoed roses and hoed some in

truck patch. Ron took hog to have butchered. We went to see Gram at 5:30. She was confused about time. Pete to Education committee at 7:00. I went to Mary's. Sorted some of Ida's things. Rons to picnic for chaplains committee.

Wednesday, September 11, 1974. Fair in morning, had shower in p.m. I washed bedding. Cleaned the 2 bedrooms. We went to town at 5:30. Walker, Mary and we to Cambridge Inn Cafeteria for supper. Went to hospital. Gram not so good. Had pain in stomach, weak. Rons got their telephone put in.

Thursday, September 12, 1974. Partly cloudy, rained in evening, warm. We went to hospital at 8:00. I volunteered until 10:00. Mary and I to Home Extension. Pete came home at noon. I canned 5 quarts tomato juice. Pete did some odd jobs.

Friday, September 13, 1974. Mostly cloudy, cooler. Did cleaning and made 8 pints chili sauce. Pete put some windows in garage. We went to hospital at 4:30. Gram having some chest pains. Blood pressure up, 200. We and Mary to Edgars for supper. Art [Sieg]s and Marguerite [Burwitz], Nina and Mildred there.

Saturday, September 14, 1974. Fair, cool, 30°, a beautiful day. Pete to men's breakfast. I washed my hair. We went with Earl Kaufmans to Champaign, Illinois-Indiana football game. Illinois won, 16 – 0. Got to town at 7:00. Went to hospital. Marie came in p.m. Gram had chest pains again. Stayed until 9:00 with her. Marie here all night. Rons went camping with church group at Carlock.

Sunday, September 15, 1974. Another fine day, cool. We went to church. Mary and we to Falcon for dinner. Pete and I to hospital. Gram resting better, slept. Rons back from camping. We were at Rons in evening. Popcorn and ice cream and strawberries that I picked.

Monday, September 16, 1974. Fair, fine day. I washed. We went to town at 10:00. Pete took Walker to depot to meet his friend. I was at hospital. Gram resting but had chest pains in p.m. Had 2 hypos and oxygen. Mary with us to new Eisner's. Had wiener roast for gardeners. Paul [Miller]s, J[im] Waltners, [Stan] Clemens, Irene D[unn] and children and [John] Gundys. Was nice evening. Did ironing.

Tuesday, September 17, 1974. Fair, nice day. Cleaned dining and living room. Cleaned rug. Pete did some odd jobs. We went to town at 4:30. I went to Christian Business and Professional Women's dinner at Wesleyan. Pete stayed with Gram. She had a lot of pain all afternoon and evening. Gave her hypos. We stayed until nearly 10:00.

Wednesday, September 18, 1974. Beautiful day, warm, 80°. I cleaned kitchen cupboards and broom closet. Went to club at Pearls. Pete at hospital with Gram. I stopped on way home. Gram little more comfortable but weak. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, September 19, 1974. Fair, warm, 87°. I volunteered at hospital in morning. Cleaned kitchen in PM. Pete hauled some boards for Ron from Mohr's. We picked nearly 2 quarts strawberries. We and Mary went with Walker to Ozark House. Stopped at hospital. Gram about same.

Friday, September 20, 1974. Partly cloudy, cool. Jo and I canned 5 quarts tomato juice. Did cleaning. We went to see gram in PM. She slept most of time. We went to visitation for Ed Burwitz. Arthurs got to Mary's in p.m. They, Mary, Ron and boys here for supper. Jo to Friedenswald to Women's Retreat in p.m.

Saturday, September 21, 1974. Fair, cool. Pete with Ron. They moved freezer in our garage. I washed my hair. We went to hospital at 1:00. Gram suffering a lot. Gave her 3 hypos. We went to Ed Burwitz's funeral at 2:00. CRs and we to their house after services. Saw Edna and Harold Burger. We stopped at hospital. Gram was asleep and quiet. We went to Mary's for supper. Ron and boys there too.

Sunday, September 22, 1974. Clear, real cool, 34° – 37°. We went to see Gram during Sunday school. She was resting. We went to church. Arthurs, Mary and we to Elms for dinner and to Eureka to see Eds. They are about same. Arthurs and Mary, Ron and boys here for supper. Jo got home after 8:00.

Monday, September 23, 1974. Fair, 29° in morning, had heavy Frost, broke records. I washed and ironed. We addressed newsletter and mailed them. We went to town in p.m. and to hospital. Gram suffering again and kinda confused. Hard to see her that way. We went to Merle's. She took Mary and us to Cambridge Inn for our anniversary. I was sick again in night.

Tuesday, September 24, 1974. Fair, warmer. Pete went on crop drive. I cleaned bathroom and baked bars for nurses on 2C. Didn't feel too good in morning. Went to hospital in p.m. Gram not good. Passed out when they got her up in chair. Had oxygen. Went to Mary's for supper and to Heritage at Larry Jantze's.

Wednesday, September 25, 1974. Fair, nice day. Ron took day off. Hauled lumber from Mohr place. Pete helped him. Ron ran nail in his arm. I cleaned hallway and Cedar closet. Was going to Meadows with Good Will but didn't feel too good. Gathered some flower seeds. We went to hospital. Gram quiet but weak. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, September 26, 1974. Fair, nice day. Went to hospital. Volunteered until noon. Pete to dentist and to board meeting. Move Gram to long-term care. Seems quiet until evening. Was restless and suffering. We came home a while and went to town to new Bi-Rite Grocery store. Mary, Walker and we to Grand Café. Walker took us. I went to alumni meeting. Pete to Crop meeting at nurses home. Gave Jon money for his birthday.

Friday, September 27, 1974. Mostly cloudy in morning and again in p.m., quite warm, cooler in evening. Did cleaning and baked cookies. We went to Mary's with Jo at 10:30. Took Mary's car. Took some things to Thrift Shop. Stopped at Merle's. She gave me a ring. Went to Eastland. Mary got shoes. Went to hospital. Gram about same. Came home with Jo. We picked 1 ½ quarts strawberries. Mary and we at Rons for wiener roast for Jon's birthday. Had 5 of his friends.

Saturday, September 28, 1974. Cloudy, showered some. Pete to men's breakfast at Home Sweet Home Mission. I washed my hair. Finished cleaning. Pete helped Ron awhile with lumber at Mohrs. Marie came on train this a.m. She's at CRs. Pete, Marie and I to hospital in evening to see Gram. She had pain earlier but was quiet this evening.

Sunday, September 29, 1974. Cloudy in morning, clear, fine day. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Jo and Luella there. Ron and boys to Waldo church. Ron preached. They stopped at Bressners. Got gift for John's 4-H. We went to open house at new County Nursing Home and open house at Home Sweet Home Mission. Went to hospital. Gram not so good. Went to church in evening, Song Festival. Talked to Orvie in morning.

Monday, September 30, 1974. Clear, windy and cold. Washed and ironed. I fell on steps at Rons trailer. Hurt my chest and leg. Pete [pulled] nails out of boards and helped Ron awhile in evening build a porch at north door. We went to hospital. Gram vomited and is weak. Got Merle. Took her to Cemetery. She was here for supper. Had rabbit. We took her home and [went] to hospital. Gram quiet but not good. We went to visitation for Wayne Birkelbaw.

Tuesday, October 1, 1974. Clear, real chilly. Cleaned the recreation room. Pete worked on auxiliary books. He helped Glenn Maxwell in p.m. I went to hospital in p.m. Grandma about same. Jo and I to Good Will with Jeanette. Ron and Pete took our air-conditioner out.

Wednesday, October 2, 1974. Fair, 27°. We went to town at 9:00. Went to hospital. Gram about same, quiet most of time. We had lunch at Coffee Shop. Pete to Glenn's in p.m. I cleaned furnace and laundry room. Jo here a while. Dried some clothes. I picked quart of strawberries. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, October 3, 1974. 27°, cloudy in evening, Wendy. Pete to Glens all day. I went to hospital, volunteered. Went with Mary to Eastland. She got pants suit. Walker took us and Mary to Cambridge Inn. Stopped to see Gram. Talked to Pauls in evening. They still haven't received any mail from us.

Friday, October 4, 1974. Fair, warmer, real windy. Pete to Glenn's all day. I did cleaning. Went to auxiliary at 9:30. Had program and luncheon at noon. I stayed with Gram in PM. She is so weak. Hard to understand her. Ron and Marty to Bluffton in morning. Ron has board meeting.

Saturday, October 5, 1974. Mostly cloudy, windy. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked coffeecake braid. Washed my hair. Finished cleaning. We put storm windows in in p.m. Pete with Gram

awhile in morning. I baked cake. We went to church in evening. David *Whiteamore* (sp?) talked. Jo with us. Jon to Mary's.

Sunday, October 6, 1974. Mostly cloudy, showered little in p.m., cooler. We went to church in morning. Jo and Jon with us. Had dinner at church. Choir sang. Pete and I to hospital in p.m. Gram very weak. Not so good. We went to visitation for Clara Ummel in evening and to hospital. Gram about same. CRs there too.

Monday, October 7, 1974. Clear, 32°, a beautiful day. Pete to Glenns quite early. Elevator full. I washed and ironed. Went to town in p.m. Grandma about same. Kinda confused at times. Ron and Marty got home at 6:30. They all went to 4-H wiener roast.

Tuesday, October 8, 1974. Fine day, 30°. Pete to Glenns. I washed some summer dresses. Went with Jo to church. I helped knot a quilt for a lady. Took lunch. 9 of us worked. Got done at 1:30. I went to hospital with Jo. Came home with Ron. Gram about same, week. Pete to education committee meeting. I went to Mary's.

Wednesday, October 9, 1974. Beautiful day. Little warmer. Pete to Glenn's. I polished silverware and waxed kitchen floor. I went to hospital in p.m. We got apples at Birkelbaws. Ron took day off. Worked on barn at Mohr's and worked on porch for trailer. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, October 10, 1974. Beautiful day, 60s. Pete to Glenn's. I went to hospital at 8:00, volunteered until 10:00. Went with Mary to Home Extension. I stayed with Grandma awhile in p.m. She's about same. Walker, Mary and we drove to Funks Grove. Beautiful trees. Went to McLean for supper. Talked to Allens. They are okay.

Friday, October 11, 1974. Fair, nice day, warmer. Pete to Glenn's. They finished combining beans. I went with Jo to church. Helped her until noon. I went to hospital awhile. Grandma had weak spell in p.m. but was resting after that. We were at Rons for Marty's birthday party. Had wiener roast. He had 5 of his friends. Pete and I to hospital in evening. Grandma about same.

Saturday, October 12, 1974. Cloudy. Showered little early morning. Pete to men's breakfast, then to Glenn's. I washed my hair. Baked up 2 pumpkin pies and 1 small one. Went to hospital in p.m. Grandma about same. Marie came in PM. We, Marie and Mary to Rons for supper, waffles and sausage. I took pie. Pete and Marie to hospital in evening. Marie here.

Sunday, October 13, 1974. Cloudy, rained most of day. We went to church. Marie to hospital. We all, Rons and Mary to Cambridge Inn for dinner. Marie and we to hospital in p.m. We came home at 3:30. Mary stayed until 5:00. Jo at church with core group in p.m. and evening. Ron and boys here for supper. Ron to hospital in evening. Mary with Galloways to Decatur to hear boys choir.

Monday, October 14, 1974. Mostly cloudy, colder in evening. I washed and ironed. Pete worked on books. Cleaned out eaves. We went to hospital in p.m. Gram had some chest pain. Walker, Mary and we to Barney's. We went to Eastland. Pete got overalls and I got a long dress, black with flowers. Marie to Godfrey in morning.

Tuesday, October 15, 1974. Clear, frost, nice day. I shortened my new dress. Put flower seeds away. Pete carried potatoes to basement. Went to Glenn's in p.m. I went to hospital. Gram about same. I went to Business and Professional Women's dinner at Wesleyan. Pete to hospital. We went to Gerald Galloways at 8:30, did newsletter.

Wednesday, October 16, 1974. Clear, nice day. I finished cleaning silverware. Made potato salad. Went to Maplewood Park to Garfield winner-loser potluck dinner. I took potato salad. Mabel with me. We went to hospital. Gram very weak. Pete at Glenns. We went to choir practice. Marty home all day, earache.

Thursday, October 17, 1974. Fair, fine day. I went to hospital at 8:00 to volunteer until 10:30. Harvella did my hair. Went back to hospital, stayed with Gram awhile. Pete helped Glenn. We went to hospital Employees Banquet at ISU. Cy and Ron went in with us. Ron program chair. He, Drs. Bob and John Stutzman and Dr. Bertsche put on musical skit. Mr. Madigan speaker. Minnie Williamson employee of year. Glad she got it. Marty and Jon home.

Friday, October 18, 1974. Cloudy, chilly, showered some during day. Did cleaning. We went to town in p.m. Went to Gerald's, addressed newsletters. Went to hospital. Gram seems more alert and stronger. Walker took Mary and we to Cambridge Inn. We went to play, "Come Blow Your Horn," at U high. Sherry done played in play.

Saturday, October 19, 1974. Foggy in morning, windy, colder in p.m. Pete helped Glenn. I baked rolls and cookies. Got some endive for Roberta. Picked a few strawberries. I went to hospital in p.m. Gram weaker again today. Wrote to Debbie. Sent her money for birthday. Ron worked on porch and barn in p.m. We were home in evening.

Sunday, October 20, 1974. Clear, chilly. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Went to hospital. Gram about same. We went to Eureka to see Eds. He has had some chest pain. We took Mary home on way to Home Builders at John Kings. Ron had college group for wiener roast. Ron not feeling good.

Monday, October 21, 1974. Clear, 27°, rather windy. Pete to Glenn's. I washed and ironed. Went to hospital awhile. Gram same. Mary and I uptown. I got gown for Merle's birthday. I made bread pudding and cornbread for supper. We were home in evening. Waxed dining table and corner cupboard.

Tuesday, October 22, 1974. Fair, fine day, warmer, 66°. Pete to Glenn's. I went with Jo to church. Sorted some papers for her. We ate lunch at hospital. Went to see Gram. Her stomach

was upset. We went to town, then back to church for awhile. Ron took day off. Worked on Mohr barn. We went to Heritage at Chet Roths. Mary along.

Wednesday, October 23, 1974. Partly cloudy, had trace of rain. Pete to Glenn's. I waxed rest of dining and living room furniture. Went to hospital at 11:00. Gram seems more alert. Went to Mary's at 3:00. I started on broomstick Afghan. Mary along home for supper. We went to choir practice, took Mary home. We brought boys home from Mary's. Put them to bed. Jo at meeting, Ron at work.

Thursday, October 24, 1974. Looked rainy in morning, fair in p.m., in 60s. I went to hospital at 8:00. Volunteered to 12:00. Stayed with Gram awhile in p.m. Pete to Glenn's. We went with Walker to Grand Hotel. Mary along. Showered some in night. Talked to Allens.

Friday, October 25, 1974. Cloudy in morning, beautiful in p.m. Pete to Glenn's. They finished combining corn. I did cleaning and got endive ready to take to Allens. Went to hospital in p.m. Took Jo to church. I helped Sharon Irons update alumni files. Saw Gram, she's about same. I brought boys home from school. Jo came with Ron. I shampooed my hair. Did some packing. Pete to hospital in evening to see Gram.

Saturday, October 26, 1974. Clear, beautiful day. We went to men's breakfast at hospital. Cheryl Rempel told about her trip to Zaire. Stopped to see Gram. She's about same. Marty and we left at 9:00 for Allens. Got here at 3:15. Had lunch at Little Amana. Good to see Allens. Allen and Jeff at Humeston. Got home at 7:00. We took Shirley to grocery store. Marie came home. Staying at CRs.

Sunday, October 27, 1974. Partly cloudy, mild. Boys and Pam to Sunday School. We all went to church. Were home for dinner. Allens and Pam to Halloween party at church in evening. Marie back to Godfrey.

Monday, October 28, 1974. Mostly cloudy, warm, 75°. Showered little in evening. Shirley washed. We cooked 2 squash to put in freezer. (We brought them from home.) Peeled apples. Made 7 [apple] pies to put in freezer. Mary and I baked coffee [cake] in evening. We took Allen and Shirley to Ames for dinner for their anniversary. Went to wholesale grocery store. Got sugar. Shirley, Mary and I uptown in Nevada a little while. Shirley to 4-H meeting in evening.

Tuesday, October 29, 1974. Mostly cloudy, in 60s, rained some. We left Allens at 8:30. Got to town at 3:15. Stopped at Little Amana awhile. Thankful for safe trip. Enjoyed being with Allens again. Jo here awhile after we got home. I did laundry. Gram about same.

Wednesday, October 30, 1974. Partly cloudy, warm. I made pie crusts. Did ironing. Pete worked outside awhile. We went to town at 11:30. Took Merle to Bob Johnson's for her birthday. Gave her a gown. Went to hospital to see Gram. She's about same. Went with Walker to Cambridge Inn for supper. Mary along. Went to choir.

Thursday, October 31, 1974. Fair, nice day. I went to hospital (volunteer). Went to Esther Cash, got permanent. Went back to hospital to alumni chili supper. Took 2 pies. Helped awhile. Came home, got Pete. He plowed for Glenn all day. We went to Dunns at 8:30 to stay with children. Bills went to Denver. Gram about same.

Friday, November 1, 1974. Fair, mild. We came out home. Pete to Glenn's. I helped Jo awhile. Rons are moving. Have sold the house. I had to get Mike at school at 10:00. He had upset stomach. I cleaned up the downstairs. We brought children out here. Had wiener roast. Rons here too. I baked apples and had pumpkin pie. Went back to Dunns.

Saturday, November 2, 1974. Fair, nice day. Pete sick, very dizzy and couldn't be up. Dr. Bertsche came at noon. Got some medicine. I took Mike and Frank to Ron's house. They helped Ron and Mick Davidoff move furniture out here. Ron brought them back. Sherry to work at noon. Cindy *boling* (sp?). Frank helped Ron all p.m. Pete little better in evening. Sherry and boys to practice for Sunday. Rons to Bluffton alumni banquet.

Sunday, November 3, 1974. Cloudy, rained early a.m. and most of morning. Had 1 ½ inches. Pete better. Children and I to church. Youth had service. Gave play. I got dinner at Bills. I went to see Gram in p.m. She's same. Bill and Irene got home at 8:45. We came home and glad to be here.

Monday, November 4, 1974. Rained most of day. I did laundry and ironing. Pete feeling much better for which we are grateful. We went to town in p.m. Mary along. She drew Ida's savings out of Federal Savings. Put it in bank. Getting ready to divide estate. Took Walker to hospital to see Gram and Alvin Ropp. He took us and Mary to Barneys.

Tuesday, November 5, 1974. Cloudy, chilly. I cooked pork and made liver sausage. Pickled tongue and heart and made head cheese. We went to vote. Pete was poll watcher, 2 – 5. I went to hospital. Gram quiet, seemed tired. I went to Good Will with Jeanette. Jo along too. John King elected Sheriff again.

Wednesday, November 6, 1974. Partly cloudy, cool. I baked coffeecake braid and cookies. Pete feeling better but still has some trouble with dizziness. I picked dish of strawberries. I got sick in p.m., gallbladder. We didn't go to choir practice.

Thursday, November 7, 1974. Fair, fine day, 29° in morning. We went to hospital at 8:00. I volunteered. Pete saw Dr. Bertsche. Thought his dizziness would clear up. I went to auxiliary at Goldie Rupp's. Did sewing. Left at noon. Pete and I had lunch in town. I went with Mary to Eastland. She had physical at Dr. Bertsche's. She got a long dress. Pete got me at Mary's. Took [dog] Skippy [to vet] for shot. Gram about same.

Friday, November 8, 1974. Nice day, cool. Did cleaning. I made 2 pie crusts. We went to Ron's house in town. Helped Jo with garage sale. Her neighbor ladies helped too. We got groceries and stopped to see gram. She was quiet, alert. Rons here for supper. Had hamburger casserole.

Saturday, November 9, 1974. Partly cloudy, frosty in morning. Pete to men's breakfast. I made 2 pumpkin pies. Shampooed my hair. Finished cleaning. We put ground on roses. Went to town at 2:30. Stopped at Rons' house. Helped Jo a little. Went to hospital. Marie came at 4:00. Gram same. Marie, Mary, Walker and we to Cambridge Inn. Ron and Marty took boar back to Rockford.

Sunday, November 10, 1974. Cloudy, rained most of day, 1 inch. We went to church. Marie to hospital to see Grandma. She and we to Mary's for dinner. Marie back to hospital. We went awhile. Marie and we to Rons for supper. Marie fell down coming home. What a mess!

Monday, November 11, 1974. Mostly cloudy. Sun shone a while in p.m. Chilly. Marie left at 8:15. I did washing and ironing. Virginia and Jack Porst here awhile in p.m. I mended some. Pete took nails out of boards. We went to hospital in evening. Grandma is uncomfortable, has pain.

Tuesday, November 12, 1974. Cloudy, cold, snow flurries in p.m. Jo and I to church at 8:30. Met Evelyn Bertsche. Went with her to women's meeting at Washington. Large crowd. Good meeting. Saw Dorothy Schwartz. They got home from Zaire. Sandra Liechty speaker. Pete to town. Saw Gram. I saw her in evening while Pete went to education committee meeting. Gram upset. They forced her to eat. She's nauseated.

Wednesday, November 13, 1974. Cloudy, snowed most of day, melted during day. Windy and colder in evening. Our drive drifted some. I got endive in. We went to town at 10:30. Went to Eastland and Colonial Plaza. Got Christmas cards at Provident [Bookstore]. Shopped for bookshelves. Went to hospital. Gram quiet. Went to Gerald's, did newsletter. We went to volunteer dinner at Wesleyan. Bad evening.

Thursday, November 14, 1974. Partly cloudy, cold, 21° in morning, snow melted some. Had some flurries in p.m. I baked pumpkin bread, chocolate bars. We went to town in p.m. Got newsletter out. I went to Mary's. We baked fruitcakes. Pete went to see Gram. She seemed more alert. We took Virginia and Jack Porst to Cambridge Inn for evening. Went to their room at Holiday Inn. Ron to Elkhart in evening, drove part way.

Friday, November 15, 1974. Fair, cold. I baked rolls. Washed my hair. Did cleaning. Didn't feel good in morning. Pete painted stools for Sunday School. I made vegetable soup for Pete. We went to church in evening. Mission Festival. Howard and Marlene Habegger. Howard spoke on India. Marlene sang.

Saturday, November 16, 1974. Showered most of day. Pete to men's breakfast. Howard Habegger met with them. I washed and ironed. We went to church at 10:30. Howard and

Marlene met with senior members. Spoke on Zaire. Had lunch there. Dr. and Dorothy Schwartz there too. We went to hospital in p.m. Gram same. Mary and I to Alta Litwillers at 3:00. Marlene met with women. Pete at Mary's. Walker and we to cafeteria for supper, then to church. Howard spoke on Japan and Taiwan. Leonard King died. Ron home from Elkhart in p.m.

Sunday, November 17, 1974. Cloudy, chilly. Rained a little in morning, rather foggy. We went to church. Mission Festival. Howard Habegger and Marlene shared with us. Had a very interesting week end. Had meal at noon with soup, bread and fruit. Went to hospital in p.m. Gram sleeping. Ron and Jo took us to Streid's for supper.

Monday, November 18, 1974. Cloudy, showered some. Went to hospital at 8:00. Admitted to room 254. Had blood work, EKG, chest x-ray and enemas in evening. Orvie came with Lynn Chappels from Michigan. He and Mary at hospital awhile in evening.

Tuesday, November 19, 1974. I went to surgery at 8:00 for Cholecystectomy [gall bladder removal]. Had small stones. They also did some repair work of ducts. Don't remember very much of the day's activity. Leonard King's funeral in p.m. Ron sang. Ron and Jo with Dad in morning. Cloudy.

Wednesday, November 20, 1974. Uncomfortable day. Muscle spasms. Throat is sore from Levine [tube]. They had me in chair few minutes. Pete, Ron and Orvie had lunch with Walker. Pete with me in p.m. and evening. Getting hypos every 3 hours.

Thursday, November 21, 1974. I'm about same. Took Levine [tube] out. Thankful for that. Had me up little. Orvie and Mary to Eureka to see Eds. Ron to Bluffton for board meeting.

Friday, November 22, 1974. I feel some better. Had enema. Walked in Hall. Stopped IV's, but hard to drink water. Jo to Elkhart. Orvie took boys out to chore. They stayed all night with Pete. At Mary's for supper.

Saturday, November 23, 1974. Cloudy. Very uncomfortable. Had gas all day. Got relief about 5 PM, enema. Had 7 bouquets of flowers. Had several before. Boys at Mary's for dinner. Went to Clemens in p.m. Ron and Jo home.

Sunday, November 24, 1974. Removed catheter. Have T tube left. No appetite. Pete to Sunday School. He, Mary and Orvie at Rons for supper. I was up some.

Monday, November 25, 1974. Feeling better. First solid food. Had baked potato. Harold and Helen [Patton], Paul and Ann M[iller], Bill Dunn, Lois Baker, Jeanette, Jo, CRs stop frequently. Had other company. 2 new flowers and candle centerpiece.

Tuesday, November 26, 1974. Doing pretty good. Still can't eat. Lots of company. Walker Ropp passed away in his sleep. No services. Body to Chicago for cremation.

Wednesday, November 27, 1974. Not feeling so good, lots of gas, no appetite. Pete got Orvie at Mary's. They covered roses. Ed came to eye Dr. with Oliver Yoder's. They stopped to see me. Marie came in evening.

Thursday, November 28, 1974. Cloudy, it came in morning and again in p.m. He, Rons, Orvie and Mary to CRs for [Thanksgiving] dinner. Orvie and Mary stayed for evening. I'm about same. Marie brought some dinner in for Gram.

Friday, November 29, 1974. Cloudy. Pete got Orvie in morning. Allens got here about noon. They had lunch at Rons, also supper. Allens came to hospital in p.m. Good to see them. Debbie stayed in Ohio for holiday. Dr. removed rest of drain. Still have T tube.

Saturday, November 30, 1974. Snowed 1 to 2 inches. Melted some. Marie left for home in morning. Allens, Rons and Pete and Orvie at Mary's for dinner. Allens and Pete to see me in morning. Ron, Pete and boys helped Ron on barn, and hauled lumber. Mary and Jo shopping. Mary got coat. Allens and Pam here in p.m. Allen and boys came in evening. Also Pete, Orvie and Mary. I had x-ray in morning, was okay. Thankful. I had some diarrhea.

Sunday, December 1, 1974. Snowing and blowing some. Roads drifted in places. Allens left for home at 9:30. Took Orvie to Eureka to go home with Harvey Roths. Pete to Sunday School, then came to hospital. Dr. took Mike T tube out. Glad to get rid of it. Went to see Gram. Allens got home at 7:00. I-74 was bad. Thankful they had safe trip.

Monday, December 2, 1974. Fair, nice day, cold. Dr. says I can go home. Have no drainage for which I'm grateful. Went to see Gram. She was in chair in lounge. Went to volunteer office. Got door piece for Elaine. We came home at 3:00. Ron with us. Good to be home. Pete and Rons to Bluffton dinner at hospital in evening (ready for [fund] drive). Boys here awhile before they went to 4-H with Gordon. Orvie and Harvey Roths went home. Orvie called Mary.

Tuesday, December 3, 1974. Clear, 15°, warmed up little. Pete scooped out drive and went to Yuton in evening. I feel rather weak. Fixed chicken Bodine and baked apples for dinner. Jo brought turkey Chop Suey for our supper. Am distended with gas, uncomfortable.

Wednesday, December 4, 1974. Mostly cloudy in morning. Pete to Illinois House at 9:30. Met with Walker's attorney. Less Walker there too. They sorted some of Walker's things. I was alone all day. Bothered with gas. Food doesn't seem to digest. Talked to Dr. McGinnis in evening. Rons here awhile at 4:00. They went to Mennonite Centennial drama. Mary and May [Mohr] to Chicago with HEA.

Thursday, December 5, 1974. Fair, 18° – 15°. Warmed up some. Ron to Chicago to meeting. Pete to town at 9:00, dental appointment and auxiliary board meeting. I'm uncomfortable again with gas. Not much appetite. Mabel brought pumpkin pie. Have sore throat.

Friday, December 6, 1974. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., rained in evening. We did cleaning. Wrote Allens and Pauls. Pete wrote to Virginia and Jack Porst. We made out Christmas card list. I feel some better. Throat better but have cold. Mary here awhile in p.m.

Saturday, December 7, 1974. Cloudy, rained and misted most of day. Foggy in morning, colder in evening. Pete to men's breakfast and took papers & glass to recycle. Cleaned up kitchen. We washed some. My cold seems worse. Had some temp in p.m. Didn't sleep too well. CRs to Marie's. Easter Seal had open house for her.

Sunday, December 8, 1974. Gloomy, snow flurries most of day, cold and windy. Pete to Sunday School and church. I got dinner. Mary here for dinner. Left at 1:30 for Messiah. Called Dr. McGinnis in morning. He ordered *Vibromycin* (sp?) for me. Feel rather miserable. Have temp. CRs stopped in evening on way home from Godfrey.

Monday, December 9, 1974. Fair, cold, 10°. Pete to town at 9:30. He and Les Walker and Mary and sorted Walker's things. I ironed a little. Wrote some Christmas cards and notes. Pete helped Ron get load of straw at Mohrs. Jon home, has cold. I feel little better but still have lots of cold.

Tuesday, December 10, 1974. Clear, warmer. We did washing. Wrote Christmas notes and cards. Pete to Christian Ed meeting in evening.

Wednesday, December 11, 1974. Cloudy, showered most of day. A little slick in morning. Pete worked on auxiliary books. I ironed. Baked ginger and Crescent cookies and date balls. Pete helped me. We addressed Christmas cards.

Thursday, December 12, 1974. Cloudy, foggy most of day. We baked carrot and walnut – chocolate and press cookies. Pete to town in p.m. Went to see Gram. She seems better.

Friday, December 13, 1974. Cloudy, misted some in p.m. We did cleaning. Baked sugar cookies and iced them. Luella here in p.m. Carol here, showed me about starting Afghan (broom stick). Washed my hair. Very uncomfortable in evening. Distended. Took enema. Didn't sleep much all night.

Saturday, December 14, 1974. Mostly fair. Rained in evening and night. I'm still very uncomfortable. Took another [enema?] at 6:00. Went to ER at 11:00. Saw Dr. McGinnis. Took x-rays of abdomen. Lot of gas and some stool. Had enema in ER. Relieved some. Came home. Rested most of p.m. Pete and Ron to get feeders, etc. at Gil Webb's sale. Set up Christmas tree in evening. Didn't sleep very well. Vomited twice.

Sunday, December 15, 1974. Mostly cloudy, windy. Still uncomfortable. Wanted to go to church and surprise luncheon, but had to cancel. Pete didn't go to church. Called Dr. in p.m. Said I would have to go to hospital again. Went to hospital at 4:00. How I dreaded to go back. Had flat plate [x-ray?] of abdomen.

Monday, December 16, 1974. I had enemas in morning. Had proctoscope and Barium enema in morning. Appear to have some obstructions. Doctors in several times and decided on surgery at 7:30 p.m. Just thought I couldn't go through it again. In OR 2 hours. Bowel obstruction. Went to ICU. Was turned every half-hour all night. Ron and Jo and Pete here. Rons called Allen.

Tuesday, December 17, 1974. I was in ICU all day. Don't remember too much. Pete in all day. Pete and Rons called Pauls and Marie in evening.

Wednesday, December 18, 1974. I was up in chair a few minutes. They moved me from ICU to 245. Having continuous IVs. Pete here most of day. Snowed in night. Debbie came in p.m. with Lonnie Kaufman. Pete went after Debbie. Brought her to hospital. Ate at coffee shop.

Thursday, December 19, 1974. Nice day. Debbie at Jo's in morning. Pete at hospital. Allen came in p.m. They came to hospital. Good to see him. Pete, Allen and Debbie to Mary's for supper. They discontinued IVs. Jeff in hospital. Has mono and some concern about his heart.

Friday, December 20, 1974. Partly cloudy. Allen and Debbie left at 7:30 for home. Got home at 2:00. Allen called. Jeff better. Specialist says his heart is better. I'm on liquid and just can't seem to take them. Pete here most of day.

Saturday, December 21, 1974. I was nauseated most of day. Unable to take anything by mouth. Pete came about noon. Having some callers. Sherry D[unn] here in evening.

Sunday, December 22, 1974. Snowed little. Pete to Sunday School. Then came to hospital. Started me on solid food. Able to take a little. Am little more comfortable than last several days.

Monday, December 23, 1974. Misted and rained some. Pete came in p.m. Marie came from Godfrey. My eating is little better. Am having some callers.

Tuesday, December 24, 1974. Snowed in p.m. I'm up quite a lot. Had callers. Pete here in p.m. Rons took Pete, Mary, Marie and CRs to Sambo's for supper. Rays here in evening. CRs and Marie stopped. Mary here. Rons and Mary to church service in evening. Jeff and Allen called me in evening. Jeff got home from hospital today. He's feeling better. Bernice Heiser passed away.

Wednesday, December 25, 1974. Clear, cold, 15°. Bill Dunn and Elaine here awhile. Pete and Mary came about noon. Pete at Rons for breakfast and they opened gifts. Ron making rounds. Jo and boys came at 12:30. Gram and I went to cafeteria in wheelchairs. Had dinner. Pete, Mary and Rons. Was nice. Jo brought cakes. Brought my gifts. Got mirror for dresser, locket with boys' pictures, cruel work and quilt book, bath set from Mary, gown from Frances, money from Allens. Ropps at Rays. Pete went in evening. Gordons here.

Thursday, December 26, 1974. Fair in morning, 10°, cloudy in p.m. I feel some better. Mary, Marie and Mabel here awhile. Irene Dunn here in evening. Pete here in evening. He helped Ron on Mohr barn in p.m. Ron had day off. Gordons left for Florida.

Friday, December 27, 1974. Cloudy. Roads icy in morning. Melted. Pete came home at noon. He went to Bernice Heiser's funeral at 1:30. Large crowd. Dr. took my stitches out. Came home at 4:00. Good to be home again.

Saturday, December 28, 1974. Cloudy, foggy most of day. Jo here a while in morning. Mabel stopped in morning. CR and Marie stopped in PM. Washed my hair. Jo pinned it up for me. I'm putting compresses on my incision. Have a suture that didn't come out. Jeanette brought our supper, roast beef, potatoes, carrots, peas, salad, tapioca pudding and cake. Paul called from Chicago. He can't come on Monday. Marjorie is ill with abdominal pain. Is in hospital. So sorry and disappointed.

Sunday, December 29, 1974. Cloudy, foggy all day. Pete to Sunday School and church. Rons and Mary here for dinner. Jo fixed most of dinner. I roasted the chickens. Marie here awhile in morning. She, CRs and Rays eat at hospital with Gram. Luella here awhile. Talked to Allen. Jeff is better.

Monday, December 30, 1974. Fair, nice day. Good to see sun. We did washing. Pete to town in p.m. Mary here awhile, did ironing. I'm having some problems with bowels, had results with suppository. Paul called. Marj had ectopic pregnancy. Did surgery at 9:00 this morning. She's doing quite well. Gave her some [blood] transfusions. So glad she's doing all right.

Tuesday, December 31, 1974. Cloudy, foggy, rained nearly ½ inch. I made chicken casserole and apple crisp for dinner. Pete worked on auxiliary books. Rons here awhile in evening before they went to Home Builders at Bill Dunns. We watched TV and New Year's Eve at New York City.

Wednesday, January 1, 1975. Beautiful day. Lloyd Singleys here awhile in morning. Brought me a book to read and some cookies. We went to Mary's for dinner. Was good to be out again. Rons and CRs there too. Pete to see Gram awhile in p.m. We watched to Rose parade and ball games.

Thursday, January 2, 1975. Mostly cloudy, sleeted and snowed some in evening. Pete helped Ron move lumber from Mohr barn all day. I read and got meals. Jo here awhile. We went to Rons for supper. They have beautiful tree.

Friday, January 3, 1975. Cloudy, misted and snowed little in morning, chilly. Pete helped Ron get load [of lumber] at Mohrs. He worked on our books and went to town in p.m. I cleaned up bedrooms and started Afghan for Shirley. Edgars, Mary and Marguerite [Burwitz] here in evening. Had ice cream, cookies and berries.

Saturday, January 4, 1975. Fair, fine day, 18°, warmed up some. Pete to men's breakfast. I fell at back door. Cut my eyebrow. Had to have 12 stitches. I was so disgusted. Gailey's were able to straighten my glasses. We took Christmas tree down. Cleaned up kitchen and living room. We, Mary and Marguerite at Edgars for supper. Talked to Paul. Marjorie to come home [from hospital] tomorrow.

Sunday, January 5, 1975. Fair, nice day. Pete to church. I got dinner and washed my hair. Mary home with Pete. Paul Millers here awhile & as they left Bill and Irene Dunn came. Brought us some smoked pork chops from Amana colonies. We and Jo went to Love Feast and communion. Was so good to be at church again.

Monday, January 6, 1975. Cloudy, had over 1 inch snow. Melted some. We did laundry. I ironed. Wrote to Allens. Pete to town in p.m. to see Gram. She didn't rest well last night. I worked on Afghan and rested awhile. My eye more discolored. Jo here awhile toward evening.

Tuesday, January 7, 1975. Fair, nice day. We went to town at 10:30. Got Merle. Took her to bank. She took us to lunch at Coachman. We went to hospital to see Gram. Marie came from McHenry. Was here for supper and all night. Had call from hospital at 11:20. Gram very noisy and couldn't quiet her. I called Alice Jiles. Said she would take care of it.

Wednesday, January 8, 1975. Foggy all morning, cloudy. I baked quick coffeecake and made dressing. Washed guest bed and some coats for Pete. We cleaned out some drawers. I worked on Afghan in evening.

Thursday, January 9, 1975. Mostly cloudy, windy in evening. I went to Home Extension with Mabel. Mary along too. Pete to church, helped Jo do some painting and went to see Gram. She's still upset because no one went to town Tuesday at midnight to see her. Rained most of night. Thundered and lightning.

Friday, January 10, 1975. Rained most of morning and rained hard in evening. I fixed things for dinner. We went to annual auxiliary meeting at our church. Pete reelected Treas. We went to see

Gram. She seems better today. Got groceries. We went to Rons for supper. Had Chop Suey. Was 59° at noon, broke records. Had over 2 inches rain.

Saturday, January 11, 1975. Snow flurries, windy, temp dropping all day. Clear in evening. Did cleaning. Washed my hair. Worked on Afghan. Made salad and baked brownies. Gram sick at her stomach. Maybe touch of the flu.

Sunday, January 12, 1975. Clear, cold, 3° above. We went to church. So good to be there again. Had carry-in dinner and annual meeting in p.m. Dr. John Bertsche elected chairman of board. We went to hospital to see Gram. She's some better today.

Monday, January 13, 1975. Fair, cold, zero. We washed and ironed. Went to town in p.m. Took some things to Thrift Shop. Went to see Gram. She's about same. I went to Dr.'s office. Dr. Shonat removed stitches from my eyebrow. Went to Eastland awhile. Got Mary and met Edgars at Cambridge Inn. Marguerite there too. Had nice visit.

Tuesday, January 14, 1975. Fair, 3° above, warmed up some. I didn't feel very good. Had diarrhea awhile in morning. Baked cinnamon rolls. Sent some to Meredith Kings. Jo fixed their supper. Mary Ann down with back trouble. Pete worked some on Ropp history. Boys here awhile in evening. Rons have meetings.

Wednesday, January 15, 1975. Cloudy, chilly, snowed in evening. Wrote some letters. Went to town at 10:30. Ate at Ponderosa and went to bank and Eastland. Looked for shoes. Pete got pair of rubbers. I went to club at Alta Litwillers. Came home with Mabel. Pete with Gram several hours. He helped Ron haul some beams and cement blocks from Mohrs after he got home. Had 2 inches snow in night.

Thursday, January 16, 1975. Clear, 10° above, nice day. We got Merle at 8:00. Took her to Dr. for blood sugar. Went to coachman for breakfast. Back to Dr. at 10:00, then to Merle's. Had sandwich, then to Peoria at 1:00. Tried to call Mary to take her along. She got permanent. Went to fish market. Got fish and oysters. Then to Glen Augsburg's. Had nice visit. Ate at Cliftwood. Stopped to see Gram. Julia Klooz was found dead at 9:30 a.m. She talked to Mary last evening. Harold *Burger* (sp?) passed away.

Friday, January 17, 1975. Cloudy, snowed in evening, had nearly 2 inches snow in night. Rather windy. We did cleaning. I baked cherry dessert. Rested awhile and cleaned out drawers. Rons here for supper. Had oyster stew and salad. Worked on Afghan. Talked to Frances in evening. She's okay.

Saturday, January 18, 1975. Fair, warmer, snow melted. Nice day. Pete and Ron to men's breakfast. I went in at 8:30. Ron and we to Finnegan's TV shop. We both bought portable TV sets. Sonys (colored). Pete and I to Eastland and got groceries. Pete put new indoor – outdoor thermometer up. I washed my hair. Snowed 2 – 3 inches.

Sunday, January 19, 1975. Cleared off in a.m. Drifted some in our drive. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner and had lunch in evening. We went to Becks [Funeral Home] to visitation for Julia. Visited with Vashti and Eleanor. Ron and CRs came. Very few there.

Monday, January 20, 1975. Near zero, fair, windy in evening. We, Mary and Joe to Julia Klooz's funeral at 10:00. 14 there. We went to Eureka for dinner at restaurant there to see Eds. I hadn't been there since early November. They are about same. Were home in evening.

Tuesday, January 21, 1975. Cloudy, windy, cold. Washed and ironed. Worked on Afghan in p.m. and evening. Jo here awhile in morning and again in evening.

Wednesday, January 22, 1975. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 19°. I went to Jo's prayer group while. We went to Lloyd Singley's for dinner. Dorothy and I made plans for chili for Home Extension. Went to town at 2:00. Had checkup with Dr. McGinnis. Everything seems okay for which I'm grateful. Mary and we to Cambridge Inn for supper and to church. Pete had Sunday School meeting with [Rev] Waltner.

Thursday, January 23, 1975. Fair, warmer, frosty in morning. We went to town at 10:30. Went to Provident Bookstore. Went to Bob Johnson's, had dinner with Edgars, Marguerite and Art Siegs. Took car to Wiley's. Had seat and heater fixed. Went to Merle's awhile and stopped to see Gram. She's about same except quite depressed and crying. Edgar got sick. Took him to hospital. Guess [it's] heart.

Friday, January 24, 1975. Cloudy, 40°, rained in p.m. and evening. Rons to Chicago. He had meeting. Jo and boys to Museum of Science. Wanted us to go but we (unclear). Men worked on pump (deep well). Did cleaning. Made doughnuts. Worked on Afghan. Washed my hair. Mary has bad cold.

Saturday, January 25, 1975. Cloudy, windy, much colder in p.m. and evening. Snowed some and blowing. We went to town at 10:30. Went to hospital to see Gram. She is about same. Took her some doughnuts. We went to annual hospital meeting at 3:00 at ISU. Am delegate. Good meeting. Ron there too. Got groceries. Were going to Ed Kings' 60th wedding anniversary reception at church, but weather not good so came home. Marie came on train. [She's] at CRs.

Sunday, January 26, 1975. Partly cloudy, 19°. We went to church. Marie, CRs and we to hospital at noon. Took Gram to Long-Term Lounge and had dinner with her. She got to feeling bad before she finished dinner. Took her back to room. We went to visitation for Bob Sutter (Joy Miller's husband) at 3:00, then to Paul Millers (unclear). Had lunch with them. Talked to Allens. They wanted us to come out this week but Pete says we can't go. Am disappointed.

Monday, January 27, 1975. Mostly cloudy, 27°. Washed and ironed. Got lunch. Jo ate with us. Had casserole and squash. Cooked mush and prunes in p.m. Mended some. Pete worked on hydrants and pipes some, seem to have a leak someplace. Merle and we to Barney's. Had special

on barbecued ribs. Were very good. Mary still not feeling good. Talked to Dr. Bertsche's office. Has appointment tomorrow.

Tuesday, January 28, 1975. Cloudy, rained some in late p.m. and evening. I went to June Jantze's. Pieced quilt for MCC sale. Pete to town. Stopped to see Gram. CRs to see Gram in evening. She was very upset with everything. Rons here for supper. Had catfish. Sent Marty his supper. He has cold. Pete took Mary to Dr. Bertsche. She has sinus infection.

Wednesday, January 29, 1975. Mostly cloudy, colder. Windy. We went to auxiliary board meeting at 9:15. Went to see Grandma. Got some fried mush from Coffee Shop for her. She enjoyed it. She seems more settled and quiet. We went to Gerald [Galloway]s in PM. Did newsletter. We went to Heritage Group at Bloomington Mennonite Church.

Thursday, January 30, 1975. Cloudy, snowed in p.m. and evening. Melted some early p.m. I baked bars. Took some to hospital, 2B. We went to town at 11:00. Took Merle to Ludtke and bank. She took us to Cambridge Inn for lunch. Took her to Sterns [Furniture]. She got a new bed sofa. We went to hospital awhile and went uptown. I got new coat on sale (Rust). I went to alumni. Allen called. Still wanting us to come this weekend. Sorry we can't go. Edgar home from hospital.

Friday, January 31, 1975. Partly sunny in morning. Rons left at 5:00 a.m. for Ohio. I sent blanket and cookies and pumpkin bread to Debbie. Did cleaning in morning. Pete with CR in p.m. to McLean County Nursing Home and Heathorne Lodge to see about moving Grandma. I worked on Afghan. We took Mary to McLean and met Dorothy Scogin there. Had supper together for Mary's birthday. Gave Mary some cologne.

Saturday, February 1, 1975. Cloudy, low 30s. Pete to men's breakfast. We went to church at 9:00. Gerald G[alloway]s and we cleaned church and education building. David Colter there. Cleaned basement floor. We got some drugs at Key pharmacy for Edgar and took them out but they were gone. Went to see Gram. Shampooed my hair, baked cake and made salad.

Sunday, February 2, 1975. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Pete taught Sunday School. I got things ready for dinner. Edith & Florence Miller, Dean & Kala *Gaddarn* (sp?) Here for dinner. Mary here too. Ron called in p.m. Jo's uncle in Michigan passed away. She is going to funeral tomorrow. Ron to Elkhart to speak at Seminar at Seminary.

Monday, February 3, 1975. Fair, nice day. Pete Jordan and worked on books. I washed and ironed. We went to town in p.m. Mary along. She got pants suit and I got coral colored dress with jacket. We went to hospital. Gram not feeling so good, crying and she didn't eat any dinner. Pete got a Coney dog for her. She ate it. I made salad. Jo and boys got home at 7:00. Went to 4-H achievement. Marty got award.

Tuesday, February 4, 1975. Cloudy, misted, foggy. I went to June Jantze at 9:30. Quilted all day. Alma [Galloway], Edith [Miller] & Bernadine Forbes there. I took salad for dinner. Pete worked on Ropp history. I went to Good Will with Jeanette and Lucy C[atherine]. Marty's gilt had 10 pigs. 8 living.

Wednesday, February 5, 1975. Cloudy, turned colder in evening, snow flurries. We went to hospital at 8:30. I volunteered again. Pete took some clothes from cleaners to Merle. Spent some time with Gram. She slept most of morning. I made granola and sweet pickles. Ron got home from Elkhart about 5:00. We went to choir rehearsal at Carlock. Combined choirs doing parts of Messiah.

Thursday, February 6, 1975. Partly cloudy, windy, colder all day. We went to auxiliary at 9:00, then to Service Company meeting at 11:30. Took Gram a box lunch. She's about same. We went to visitation for Mabel Mouser. Rons here for supper. Made Taiwanese special.

Friday, February 7, 1975. Clear, cold, 3° above. Did cleaning. Waxed kitchen floor. Made vegetable soup. Pete worked on books and cleaned out drawer. I worked on Afghan and washed my hair. Cindy Dunn came in evening for weekend.

Saturday, February 8, 1975. Cloudy, snowed most of day. Much colder. Pete met Marie at train at 10:15. Had lunch. Marie, Pete and I to town at 1:00. I went to church. Practiced with ladies ensemble. Went to hospital. Cindy stayed here. Marty and Jon here awhile, then went to Rons. Had supper here. Rons came after basketball game. Had ice cream, berries and cookies.

Sunday, February 9, 1975. Clear, cold, 12° below. Cold all day. We all went to church. Marie along. Ron had Sunday School and church service. I sang with ladies ensemble. We all, Rons, Mary and CRs to hospital. Had dinner with Gram in Long-Term Lounge. Pete and I to Carlock to practice for Easter program in p.m. Cindy to Rons a while. Got Marie on way home. Cindy home in evening. Jo and Jim Waltner left at 7:00 for Newton [Kansas].

Monday, February 10, 1975. Cloudy, zero. Warmed up, in 20s. Pete took Marie to hospital and to train at 10:15. I did washing and ironing. Baked sugar cookies and made brownies for Coffee Shop. Were home in evening.

Tuesday, February 11, 1975. Cloudy, started to snow in p.m. Was heavy for a while. We went to town at 9:00. I went to June Jantze's. Helped quilt. Pete to hospital. Came home at 3:30. Mary along. Ron and boys here for supper, had pizza. Ron took Mary home on way to Mental Health Board meeting. Boys here. Had over 3 inches snow.

Wednesday, February 12, 1975. Fair, 10° above. Went to hospital (volunteer). Pete to Pantagraph [to] select agriculturalist. We spent some time with Gram. I browned hamburger and onions for chili. We went to choir practice and to funeral home visitation for Raymond Runge. Roy Gilbert died early a.m.

Thursday, February 13, 1975. Cloudy, 7° above. Pete took me to Home Extension. On committee. Dorothy Singley and I made chili. Came home with Mabel. Pete to town in p.m. Ron and boys here for supper. They went to swine meeting at Farm Bureau. We went to visitation for Roy Gilbert. Mary along. Talked to Shirley. Packed suitcases.

Friday, February 14, 1975. Mostly cloudy. Mary and we left at 8:00 for Allens. Got here at 2:15. Shirley and children here. No school today. Steve to Humeston in p.m. Good to see Allens again. Jo got home from Newton. Ron had services for Roy Gilbert funeral. Snowed in night.

Saturday, February 15, 1975. Cloudy, snowed little in morning. Allens and we up town in morning. Wrote Frances few lines with card for her birthday. Allen and Dad moved Shirley's fruit shelf. Allen made workbench. Shirley washed some. I baked some pumpkin bars. We cooked a pumpkin, put in freezer. Steve back in evening. Went to ballgame.

Sunday, February 16, 1975. Cloudy, chilly wind. Boys and Pam to Sunday School. We all went to church. Home rest of day. Played some cards. Had 4 inches snow in evening and night.

Monday, February 17, 1975. Cloudy, snow melted some. Children to school. Allen and Shirley to work. We baked 2 batches of cookies. I washed and Mary ironed some. We and Mary took Allens to Ames for supper. Children home after supper and Allens and we to Mall. Shopped some. Shirley got some material.

Tuesday, February 18, 1975. Had one half inch snow early a.m. Allen to breakfast meeting at Ames at 7:30. Shirley to work. Children to school. We left at 9:45. Got to town at 4:30. Stopped at Little Amana for lunch and shopped a little. Roads rather sloppy for awhile. Had little sunshine. Roads slick here until late p.m. Thankful for safe trip. Ron still has trouble with pump, it quit Sunday. Have no well water. Gram has been rather restless. Ron to Peoria to speak.

Wednesday, February 19, 1975. Partly cloudy, 18°, warmed up some. Went to hospital (volunteer) at 8:00 until noon. Took Gram some mush. She was having some pain in leg. I went to club meeting at Marie Heiser's. Did ironing when got home. Jo here awhile. Pete helped Ron and man work on pump. Got it running late evening. We went to choir. Frank along.

Thursday, February 20, 1975. Clear, nice day, warmer. Pete with Jo at 8:00. Took some hogs to Gridley Sale Barn. I went to June Jantze's. Mary along. We finished quilt for MCC sale. Pete at June's for lunch too. He went to see Gram. Ron found leak in pipe to barn. Ron spent night with Don Nesters at Brokaw. Marj was giving Dwayne bath and he nearly drowned in bathtub. Allen called. Deb decided to stay in school.

Friday, February 21, 1975. Partly cloudy, windy, in 40s. I baked coffeecake braid. Did cleaning. Jo to Nesters in morning. They took baby to St. Francis [Hospital] at 7:00 a.m. Ron came home at 7:15 and back to work at 8:00. He came home at 3:30. Rested awhile. We went to agriculture banquet at Sinorak given by Pantagraph. Got free tickets. Pete was Judge.

Saturday, February 22, 1975. Rained all day, colder in evening. I baked cookies. Finished cleaning. Jo to Don [Nester]'s in p.m. Boys here for supper. Ron to work in morning. He went to Dons awhile in evening. Jo to Peoria to be with Marj. Pete to Men's Mennonite dinner at hospital. Bill D[unn] told about Haiti.

Sunday, February 23, 1975. Cloudy, windy, cold. Our roads icy awhile in morning. Rained and snowed some in p.m. Bill Dunns brought Frank and Mike out for the weekend. They took Sherry to (unclear) to visit school. Boys and Mary here for dinner. Mary home in PM. Jo came back from Peoria at 9:00. Specialist told them there's a lot of brain damage. Ron, we and Frank to Messiah practice. Ron to town at 5:30. Boys here for supper. Had pizza.

Monday, February 24, 1975. Snowed and blowed most of day. Pete took Frank and Mike home at 7:00 and to school. I washed and ironed. Worked on Afghan. Jo here awhile in p.m. Pete worked some on books. June and Mary set up quilt for Lenore [Waltner] at Mary's. I was going to help but weather too bad.

Tuesday, February 25, 1975. Fair, windy. We went to town at 9:15, auxiliary board meeting. Visited with Gram awhile. Went to Klemms. Got some sheets for Shirley, also got towels on sale. Went to Mary's, quilted. We went to Bonanza for supper. Pete at Mary's. I went to meeting at Bloomington [Mennonite] Church, on committee to study possibility of our church and Bloomington church going together.

Wednesday, February 26, 1975. Fair, nice day, quite windy. I went to hospital at 8:00 (volunteer). Pete to town with CR. They talked to gram about moving her to Hawthorne Lodge. Gram quite upset and had pain in her back. I stayed with her until 3:00. She was quiet and rested. I baked brownies when got home. Went to Mary's in evening, quilted. Chet and Beulah [Roth], June [Jantze] and Lenore [Waltner] there too.

Thursday, February 27, 1975. Fair, some warmer. Got things ready for dinner. We went to Meadows home annual meeting. Stopped at Earl and Marie [Kaufman]s. Took them coffeecake brownies. James Waltner home with us. Lenore came earlier. Washed my hair. Were home in evening.

Friday, February 28, 1975. Clear, cold wind. Did cleaning. Went to town at 10:00. Saw gGam. She was resting. Had car washed and got paint for living and dining rooms. Went to Martha Kaufman's funeral at church. We had dinner at church. Pete pall bearer. Went to Earls from Cemetery. Helped Marie with lunch. Jo, boys and Mary to hospital. Students chili supper. Pete and I to Mary's. Quilted. Chets and Lenore there. Marie came, at CRs.

Saturday, March 1, 1975. Fair, cold, 18°, rather windy. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked pecan rolls and finished cleaning. Irene and Mike came after straw for rabbits. I worked on Afghan.

Sunday, March 2, 1975. Fair, cold, 10° above. We went to church. CRs, Marie, Mary and we to hospital for dinner. Took Gram down to Long-Term Lounge but soon had to take her back. She ate very little dinner, got sick at her stomach. We went to Messiah rehearsal at our church, 3 – 5. Took Marie to CRs from hospital.

Monday, March 3, 1975. Fair, 11° above, cold all day. I did washing and ironing. Pete worked on Ropp History. We and Merle to Barney's for supper. Took her to Osco's. She got FM and AM radio.

Tuesday, March 4, 1975. Fair, 12° in morning, warmed up some. I baked chocolate chip cookies for MCC sale. We went to town at 10:00. Went to Hawthorne Lodge. Talked to M. Shultice about Gram moving. I went to Esther Cash, had permanent. Pete did some painting for Jo at church and went to see Gram. We went to Mary's for supper. Jean, Shirley and Carolyn there. I went to Good Will. Came home with Jo.

Wednesday, March 5, 1975. Mostly fair, warmer, 20°, up to 40 and windy. Dusted up house. Went to town at 10:00. I stayed with gram. Pete to finance committee meeting with Bill Dunn. We, Mary and girls to Cambridge Inn for lunch. Went to Eastland. Shopped some. We got groceries. We came home at 3:00. I got supper. Mary, Jean, Shirley and Carolyn here. Ron and boys came over a few minutes. Jo has cold so didn't come over.

Thursday, March 6, 1975. Mostly cloudy, showered in evening. We went to hospital at 9:30, auxiliary meeting. Made arrangements to move grandma to Hawthorne Lodge at 2:00. CRs came to hospital too. I went in ambulance with her. Stood the trip okay. We came home at 4:00. Went to Galloways at 6:00, did newsletter. Went to John Gundy's at 8:00 group meeting.

Friday, March 7, 1975. Cloudy, rained some and few flurries. Did some cleaning. We went to town at 9:00. Jo along. Got Datsun. Pete and I to Gibson City to Cornelius Ropp's awhile. Got some seeds. Went to Saybrook Locker Plant. Got pork that Ron had butchered. Ate lunch in town. Got groceries. I baked coffeecake braid for MCC sale. Got supper. Rons here. They brought clothes, etc. over for boys.

Saturday, March 8, 1975. Mostly fair, cold. Rons left at 6:34 New Orleans. Bill Dunns and Jackie Kinder went with them. Mary, boys and we to MCC sale at 7:30. I took cookies, coffeecake and pecan rolls. Large crowd. Left at 12:15. Stopped to see Eds. They are about same. Pete and I to see Gram. She's upset and doesn't like it at Hawthorne. Pete and boys choring. Boys staying here. Our quilt brought \$1160 at sale. 3 sold over \$1000. Proceeds, \$90,000.

Sunday, March 9, 1975. Fair, nice day, cloudy in evening. We went to church. Took Letha Gilbert along. We went to Mary's for dinner. Pete and I to combined choir practice at our church. Pete and boys choring. Marty's sow had 20 pigs last night. Pete up several times. Pete and I to see Gram in evening. [She] wasn't feeling too good. Snowed 2 inches in night. Ron called in evening.

Monday, March 10, 1975. Mostly cloudy, lots of snow melted. Washed and ironed. Boys to school. We took Merle bread and head cheese from MCC sale. Went to Gerald's, got newsletter out and took it to Post Office. Went to Mary's. Helped quilt awhile. Pete and boys choring. I went to Task Force committee meeting at Ina Sutters.

Tuesday, March 11, 1975. Cloudy, showered little in evening. I baked cookies. Sent some to Coffee Shop. Baked pumpkin bread. Pete took garden tractor to town. Stopped to see Gram. She was quiet. I cleaned cupboards in kitchen. We went to Mary's in evening. Helped quilt. June [Jantze], Beulah [Roth], Edith [Miller], Lenore [Waltner], Alma [Galloway], and Letha [Sutter] there.

Wednesday, March 12, 1975. Cloudy, chilly, colder in evening. I cleaned broom closet. Mary and I to district Home Extension at the Elms. Went with Dorothy Singley. We took boys to Junior Choir at 6:00. We ate at McDonald's, got hamburgers for boys and they went to Mary's. We went to church at 7:00. At 8:00, went to 2nd Presbyterian for Messiah rehearsal. Pete up 3 hours in night with more pigs.

Thursday, March 13, 1975. Fair, 15°, chilly all day. Pete up with hogs from 2 – 5 AM. We went to town at 7:50. Took Merle to Dr. in. Had breakfast at Coachman. Went to bank and back to Dr. at 4:00. She took us to Streid's for dinner. Got home at 1:30. Washed bedspread and boys clothes. Jo and Bills got home at 4:00. Glad to see them. She and boys here for supper. Pete to see Gram and to visitation for Loren Peacock.

Friday, March 14, 1975. Fair, 23°, nice day but chilly. Did cleaning. Made vegetable soup. Went to Loren Peacock's funeral at 2:00. Got groceries and seeds at Millers. Went to Eastland. Got shaving kit for Steve's birthday. Went to Mary's at 5:00. I quilted all evening. Had supper at Mary's. Ron flew to Peoria. Jo met him.

Saturday, March 15, 1975. Fair, nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. Pinned up my hair. Marie came at 11:15. We went to lunch with her at Cambridge Inn. We stopped to see Gram. Marie spent p.m. with her. Jeanette, David and I to church at 5:30 to get ready for reception for Sue Stutzman and Dan Gillin. Had 300 invited guests. Rons there. Pete and Marie took boys to Sambo's and went to Grams. Mary's sick, stomach. I got medicine for her.

Sunday, March 16, 1975. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. We went to church. Marie to Gram. She wasn't so good. Marie and we to Cambridge Inn for dinner. Stopped at Mary's. She felt little better. Went to see Gram and to choir rehearsal at 3:00. Marie and I back to Grams awhile in evening. Rons here after we got home. Jo brought strawberry pie.

Monday, March 17, 1975. Foggy in morning, partly cloudy, 45° – 48°. I did washing and ironing. Pete took me to Hodges Catering for farewell luncheon for Lillie and May King. Pete took Mary to Dr. Bertsche at 1:45. He wanted her to go to hospital. [She] has congestion, maybe pneumonia.

We took her to hospital at 3:00. She has temp, 103°. Marie to see Gram and went to [Dr.] Deneen for physical. We went to Rons for supper.

Tuesday, March 18, 1975. Fair, warmer. We painted the living room light green. Put rug down and shampooed it. We went to Mary's at 6:30. Lenore [Waltner], Bernadine F, Edith [Miller], Beulah [Roth], June [Jantze], Mrs. Bauman and I quilted until 10:00. Mary not feeling much better, [has] temp.

Wednesday, March 19, 1975. Fine day, in 50s. We painted the living room and cleaned rug. Pete painted hallway in p.m. I went to club at Elsie Millers. Mabel and I on committee. We made favors for hospital patients. We went to Mary's at 6:30. I quilted until 7:30. Went to choir practice and back to Mary's. We finished Lenore's quilt. Beulah, Bernadine, Mrs. Bauman and Alma helped.

Thursday, March 20, 1975. Beautiful day, 62°. We moved furniture into rooms. Went to Pekin to Milo Millers. They worked on Ropp History. Milos took us out for dinner. We stopped at hospital to see Mary. Still has some temp but felt some better. Went to see Gram. She's same. Pete to Sunday School meeting. I went to alumni. Took Mary her mail and some gowns.

Friday, March 21, 1975. Fine day, 72°. I baked coffeecake braid. Finished cleaning. Cleaned bathroom rug and hall rug. We went to town in p.m. Saw Gram. She was upset with bowels. Went to hospital. Mary not feeling so good, nauseated. Still doing tests. Jo and Jon raked some of Mary's yard. Pete helped some. I swept her rugs and dusted. We and Merle to Dixie Truck Stop for supper. She paid for it. Glenn Maxwell here in evening.

Saturday, March 22, 1975. Cloudy in morning, cleared off, colder. I baked sugar cookies and iced them. Cleaned up kitchen. Pete to Yuton. Got dog food. He and Ron to Carlock sale short time and got some bricks at Garfield school. Ron helped take picture window to clean it. He and we to Messiah practice at 2nd Presbyterian, 3 – 5. Stopped at hospital. Mary had kidney x-rays and Ba enema. I washed my hair.

Sunday, March 23, 1975. Mostly cloudy, chilly, windy, rained some late evening. Tornado watch out in evening. We went to church. Ate at hospital cafeteria. Visited with Mary awhile, then to see Gram. She was quiet but wanted us to stay. We went to 2nd Presbyterian church at 6:30 to get ready for the Messiah at 7:30. Ron had tenor solos. It all went well. Earl Kaufmans, Paul Millers and we to Sambo's. Had supper.

Monday, March 24, 1975. Partly cloudy, very high winds all day, 50 and 60 mph. Few snow flurries in p.m., colder. I washed and ironed. Pete painted stairway. I washed woodwork in kitchen and washed curtains. Cleaned drawers and some silverware. Were home in evening. Mary feeling some better.

Tuesday, March 25, 1975. Cloudy, cold, in 20s, snow flurries all day. I cleaned oven and cabinet in bathroom. Marty and Jon here for dinner. Jo in town. We went to town at 3:30 to hospital to see Mary. She had GB x-rays. Was worn out. Went to see Gram. Took her chrysanthemum. We ate lunch in town and to church. Burton Yost there for Bible study.

Wednesday, March 26, 1975. Fair, cold, 18°, chilly wind. I went to hospital, 8 – 11 (volunteer). Dusted up house. Washed gowns for Mary. Made salad. Pete helped Ron in p.m. haul bricks from Garfield school. Rons took us to Golden West for supper. We went to choir and got groceries. Mary feels some better.

Thursday, March 27, 1975. Snowed in morning, rainy, rather slick. Disagreeable day, windy. Trees covered with ice in p.m. Our electricity off several hours. We went to auxiliary board meeting at 9:15. Took Mary home from hospital at 12:30. I got things ready for supper. Pete got groceries and went to see Gram. Jo and Jon at Mary's. Jo washed her hair and pinned it up. Bill, Evelyn, James, Orvie and Frances got to Mary's at 5:30. Jo, Pete and I to church communion. Bills here all night.

Friday, March 28, 1975. Cloudy, foggy, rained in p.m. Pete and Bill to Wyoming Illinois to trace family tree. I took Frances, Orvie, Evelyn and James to Eds. Had dinner with them. Mary home. She felt better in PM. I got supper, had chicken. Sent some home with Frances for their supper. Marie came, staying at Pearls. Allen called. They are coming tomorrow.

Saturday, March 29, 1975. Mostly cloudy. I made chili for lunch and salad. Washed my hair. Evelyn pinned it up. Pete and Bill to men's breakfast. Allens got here at 12:30. Good to see them. Shirley and Debbie to town. Allen and boys with Ron to haul hay. Allens, Frances, Orvie and Bills here for supper. Had hamburger pie. Rons here in evening. Allens & Pam slept at Rons. Boys & Deb & Bills here. Mary at home. She felt some better.

Easter Sunday, March 30, 1975. Mostly cloudy, cold, snow flurries all day. We all went to church except Mary. Allens to Mrs. Yeakel for dinner. Rons, Bills, Mary, Orvie and Frances here for dinner. They all and Allens here for supper. Allen and Ron took Deb to El Paso at 2:00. She went to BC [Bluffton College] with Burton Yost. Ron and Pete to see Gram in PM. Allen went in evening. Allen and Shirley all night at Mrs. Yeakels. Pam at Rons. Bills here, also boys.

Monday, March 31, 1975. Fair, windy, warmer, 60°. Bills, Orvie and Frances left at 8:00 for home. Allens left at 9:00. We miss them all. We cleaned up house. I did big washing and ironing. Ron took Jo to Chillicothe at 7:00. She goes to Newton [Kansas] by train. We were home in evening. Real tired.

Tuesday, April 1, 1975. Cloudy, 42°, chilly wind. Pete to Glenn [Maxwell]s. Helped clean beans. Came home at 2:00. I washed sheets from upstairs, bedspread and blanket from guestroom. Cleaned the upstairs. Went to see Gram awhile in p.m. I ironed. Went to Good Will. Jeanette and Lucy C[atherine] along.

Wednesday, April 2, 1975. Cloudy, rained over 1 inch. Froze on trees at times. We went to town at 8:00. I (volunteer) at hospital until noon. Stopped at Mary's. I cleaned closets in our bedroom. Went to Task Force meeting at church at 8:00. Pete to Mary's. Started to snow. Had a blizzard, blowing so badly visibility nil at times. Had 1 inch snow. Chicago area had nearly foot [of] snow. Wind subsided in night.

Thursday, April 3, 1975. Clear, cold, 19°. I cleaned closet in west bedroom and baked loaf of bread and made mince pie. Went to see Gram at 12:00. She's about same. Went to Lenore Waltner's at 1:00 for luncheon for ladies who quilted her quilt. Mary there too. She feels some better. I got supper. Ron and boys here. Pete worked on Ropp History. Went to meeting at John Gundy's.

Friday, April 4, 1975. Fair, 18° in morning, broke records. Nice day. Did cleaning. Went to town at 9:00. Took cat animal shelter. It bit James Bearly when he was here. Have to watch it a few days. Will have it put to sleep. I went to auxiliary at our church at 10:30. Pete delivered Meals on Wheels. Lester Litwiller helped him. Pete took Mary to beauty shop at 1:30. We got groceries. Mary and we to Grand Café. Merle was going but not able. We went to see Gram.

Saturday, April 5, 1975. Fair, nice day, chilly. We went to church at 8:30. Helped clean the church. Got home at 3:00. Ron moved hog house from Parke Hastings. Gordon helped. Ron made rounds at house. I fixed sausage and pancakes for their supper. Earl Kaufmans took us to Barney's. Had good time.

Sunday, April 6, 1975. Fine day, little warmer. Jo got home from Newton at 3:30 a.m. We went to church. Mary and we to Cambridge Inn. Met Edgars there. They took us to Val Kampmeiers in p.m. Stayed for lunch. Dorothy took some things. Louise still has her cast on her arm. We stopped to see Gram. CRs there too. Took Mary home. Jo here awhile.

Monday, April 7, 1975. Fair, nice day. We sowed some lettuce, radishes, cabbage and tomato seeds in hot bed. Pete and I left at 9:10 for Godfrey. Got to Marie's at 12:00. Had lunch there. We visited in p.m. Went to Collinsville for dinner. Ate at the (blank).

Tuesday, April 8, 1975. Cloudy, showered little at Marie's. We had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Left Marie's at 12:20 for home. Got to town at 3:10. Stopped to see Gram. Took her some daffodils from Irene's garden. She's about same. Irene gave me 2 chrysanthemum plants. I did washing and ironing. Pete to Carlock Town Board meeting concerning cemeteries in White Oak Township. Rained little in night.

Wednesday, April 9, 1975. Cloudy, chilly. I went to hospital in morning. Pete chopped up tree in yard that blew down. Went to town. Got lawnmower. We raked yard in p.m. and cleaned off flower garden. Went to choir practice at Carlock in evening for Messiah practice.

Thursday, April 10, 1975. Cloudy, chilly, 31° in morning. I went to home extension. Mabel and Dorothy Singley along, also Mary. We met at Cambridge Inn. Had meeting at lunch. Met Jo and we all went to Funks Museum. An interesting p.m. We planted potatoes and peas. Went to discussion group at John Gundys.

Friday, April 11, 1975. Fair, nice day, chilly, 44° high. Did cleaning and washed woodwork in bathroom. We went to town at 11:00. Delivered Meals on Wheels and took Mary to Dr. Bertsche. Went to Eastland. Mary got dress. We planted onion plants in morning. We went to see Gram in evening, then to Bloomington Mennonite Church. High school chorus from Eastern Mennonite.

Saturday, April 12, 1975. Fine day. 54° during day. 30° in morning. Pete to men's breakfast and helped Ron in morning clean up and burn rest of lumber at Mohrs. I baked cookies and apple dessert. Cleaned up kitchen. Jo and we to church to Illinois historical Society at 1:00. Dr. Delbert Gratz from Bluffton speaker. Were home in evening. Marie at CRs. Talked to Pauls. He was in Memphis Tennessee Thursday for interview. They plan to go to China too.

Sunday, April 13, 1975. Fine day, in 50s. We went to church. Mary and we to Arby's for lunch. Ate with Earl and Marie [Kaufman]. Ron, Pete and I to Metamora [Mennonite] Church at 1:00. Gave the Messiah at 4:00. Practiced first. Jo and Mary went for program. Paul [Miller?]'s and we stayed for church. Rons and Mary stopped at Eureka to see Eds.

Monday, April 14, 1975. Cloudy, showered some in morning. Pete worked at Glenns all day. I washed and ironed. Went with Marie at 10:00 to look at apartments. Had lunch with her. She brought me home at 12:30. I got ready for doctors appointment at 2:15. Everything seems okay for which I am grateful. Stopped to see Gram. We planted onion sets.

Tuesday, April 15, 1975. Partly cloudy, cool. Pete at Glenns all day. I cleaned our bedroom and washed some bedding. Mary and I to Business and Professional Women's meeting at Wesleyan. Pete ate in town and went to see Gram. She had some pain. They irrigated her bladder. Marie to McHenry.

Wednesday, April 16, 1975. Cloudy in morning. Looked rainy. Pete to Glenn's until noon. I went to hospital at 8:00. Came home at 10:00. Took cookies to Coffee Shop. They celebrated their 20th anniversary. I went with Mabel to Garfield tour. Went to Green Food Services at ISU bakery department. Had lunch at Sambo's and to *Stoppinbeck* (sp?) Book Bindery. I cleaned off some flower beds. Went to choir practice.

Thursday, April 17, 1975. Fair, windy, high 70s. Pete to Glenn's. I cleaned west bedroom and spaded flower bed. Went to see Gram in PM. She's very upset over treatment (douches), has vaginitis and wanted me to come back in evening. So we went back at 7:00. Went to meeting at John Gundy's at 8:00. Jo to conference at 8:00 with Bill Dunns. Ron and boys to Ottumwa Iowa to conference after school. Pete choring.

Friday, April 18, 1975. Rained in morning. Had big rain in storm at 5:00 PM. Strong wind. Had tornado warnings out from 5 to 9:30. Tornado cited over Evergreen Lake and another one at Meadows. I did cleaning. We delivered Meals on Wheels. Went to Gerald Galloways. Did newsletter and took it to Kay's. We went to see Gram. She was resting fairly well. Stopped at Paul Millers awhile. Uncovered roses.

Saturday, April 19, 1975. Partly cloudy, windy, colder. Had few little showers. Pete doing chores. I finished cleaning. Washed my hair. We went to town in p.m. Got some peach trees at Custers. We went to town in evening. Merle took us and Mary to Streid's.

Sunday, April 20, 1975. Partly cloudy, chilly, 36° in morning. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Went to see Gram in PM. Edgar's and bowels there. Gram discouraged, crying. I read to her awhile. Rons got home at 4:00 p.m. Nurse from Hawthorne Lodge called at 7:00 saying Gram wanted us to come in. Talked to Mabel. She went in to see Gram. Still rather upset.

Monday, April 21, 1975. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. Showered some in evening. I stirred up icebox rolls. Made vegetable soup and cleaned fruit room in morning. Marie back from McHenry at noon. She and Jo here for lunch. We went to town in p.m. Helped Mary some with cleaning her bedroom. Pete had snow tires taken off. Marie to see Gram. I baked cake and got things ready for supper. Marie brought chicken out. She and Rons here for supper. Marie back to see Gram. Ron stopped to see her too.

Tuesday, April 22, 1975. Fair, nice day, warmer. Marie left at 8:30 for Godfrey. I washed and ironed. Hung some clothes outside. We went to Galloways in PM. Did newsletter and mailed them. We planted 3 little peach trees and trimmed raspberries. Set out dozen cabbage plants. Pete has bad cold.

Wednesday, April 23, 1975. Rained most of morning, fair in p.m. rained again in evening. I went to hospital, 8 – 1:00. Volunteered. Worked at Information desk a while. I baked refrigerator rolls and cleaned recreation room in PM. We went to see Gram in evening. Ron there too. He gave Gram communion. Think she appreciated it. Rained in night.

Thursday, April 24, 1975. Cloudy, misted some. Colder in p.m. We went to auxiliary board meeting at 9:15. Had fire drill while we were there. Edgar brought Mildred Burwitz Davidson to hospital. Had chest pain. We went to Cambridge Inn for lunch. Edgars, Marguerite [Burwitz] and Thietje girls there too. We stopped at Mary's. Ron to Bluffton in p.m. I went to Task Force meeting at Bloomington church. Pete to see Gram.

Friday, April 25, 1975. Cloudy, rather cool. I cleaned furnace and laundry room. Did cleaning. We delivered Meals on Wheels. Got groceries. Paul called in evening from Chicago on his way home from interview at Lincoln Nebraska. He's been accepted at Memphis but will await word from Lincoln. We went to see Gram. Very upset most of day. Has pain and is uncomfortable. Resting better when we left.

Saturday, April 26, 1975. Fair, nice day to men's breakfast I washed my hair. Finished cleaning. Pete and I went with Edgars to Jumers at Peoria at 10:00. Had lunch and went to Northwood and Ventura. Got a Crimson King Maple tree and planted it when we got home. We went to nurses alumni banquet at ISU. Men were invited to. John Stutzman master of ceremonies. Had nice evening. Ron home from Bluffton. Made salad for Mabel.

Sunday, April 27, 1975. Cloudy, rained in morning, strong wind from east. We went to church. Home for dinner. Mary here. I went to CRs a few minutes. Rays moved into their new home. Took salad for their supper. Ron helped move some appliances. We went to Congregational meeting at church at 4:00 to talk about to Mennonite churches merging. Good attendance. Pete and I ate supper at CRs. We went to see Gram. She was more quiet.

Monday, April 28, 1975. Cloudy in morning, fair, warm, near 80°. I washed and ironed and baked coffeecake braid. Mary and we to Eds in p.m. Took Ed to Cemetery. They have new tombstone up. Is nice stone. We transplanted rhubarb and spaded around peonies.

Tuesday, April 29, 1975. Fair, strong wind and blowing dust in p.m., 78°. Pete and CR worked at Ropp Cemetery in a.m. I cleaned Cedar closet and baked pumpkin bread and went to see Gram. We planted corn, beans, spinach, beats, carrots, lettuce and radishes & a row of glads Merle took us and Jimmy Grady and his wife to Streid's.

Wednesday, April 30, 1975. Cloudy. Had thunder storms in p.m. and had tornado warnings in p.m. Tornadoes sighted east of town, Hopedale, Stanford and other areas. Rained and had some hail. I went to hospital, volunteered until 12:15. Stopped to see Gram. Took her some rhubarb. Pete at Glenn [Maxwell]'s planting corn until it rained. I baked bars. We went to choir practice. Earl [Kaufman] took us to get donuts and hot chocolate.

Thursday, May 1, 1975. Fair, cooler, beautiful day. We went to hospital at 8:30. Got things ready for bake sale. Auxiliary met too. We did real well. Sold out by noon. Took in over \$100. We went to Mary's after lunch. Helped her clean living and dining room. Pete to Glenns at 3:00. I trimmed Rambler roses. We went to see Gram in evening. She had diarrhea all day.

Friday, May 2, 1975. Mostly fair, cloudy in p.m. Pete at Glenns all day. I did cleaning and waxed kitchen floor. Baked pecan rolls. Mowed lawn. Ron and boys helped some in evening. Pete finished it when he got home. I got supper. Ron and boys here. Jo at church all day and had meeting in evening. Project teach members had meeting with Sunday School teachers.

Saturday, May 3, 1975. Cloudy in morning, rained some. Pete to Glenn's. Worked 2 hours before it rained. Went back after dinner and worked. I washed my hair. Marie came at 11:15. We went to Sambo's for lunch. Mary and I to see Gram. She's about same. Stopped at hospital to see Mildred Burwitz. She was little better. Marie back to town in evening.

Sunday, May 4, 1975. Partly cloudy, cool. We went to church. Marie and we to Mary's for dinner. Marie to see Gram in PM. Mary home with us. She and Marie here for lunch. Pete, Marie and Mary to see Gram in evening. Jo and I outside quite awhile. Paul called. They plan to go to Memphis Tennessee next fall.

Monday, May 5, 1975. Fair, warm, 83°. Windy and dusty in p.m. I washed some knit dresses. Pete to Glenns. They finished planting corn. Mabel and I with Marie to look at apartments. She took one at Mrs. Lusher's (Ron's neighbor on School Street). Very nice. Marie took us to McDonald's. We stopped to see Gram. I waited outside a while. Mary and we to Cambridge Inn. Marie to Grams. I went to program committee meeting for mother-daughter banquet.

Tuesday, May 6, 1975. Fair, windy, looked rainy in evening. I washed and ironed. Put out Dahlia bulbs and planted cucumbers. Pete to Glenn's in p.m. Jo and I to mother-daughter salad luncheon at 4:30. Helped her make tossed salad. Jo Chairman of serving committee. I was on program committee. Erma Stutzman speaker and had candle lighting at end [of] service. Large group (126). Helped Jo with dishes and clean up.

Wednesday, May 7, 1975. Mostly cloudy. Showered some at noon. Pete at Glenns. I went to hospital. Volunteered until noon. I baked cookies and coffeecake in p.m. We went to K-Mart in evening. Got petunias and few tomato plants. Went to see Gram. She has room mate.

Thursday, May 8, 1975. Partly cloudy. Had over ½ inch rain early a.m. Warmer. I went to HEA. Mary along. Met Pete at hospital in p.m. He and Ron had coins appraised. Mary and I uptown. She got dress. I got pants suit (red blouse). We set out plants and I fixed porch box. Pete didn't feel good in morning, dizzy. Nurses from health department did test for diabetes at HEA.

Friday, May 9, 1975. Fair, fine day. Did cleaning. We cleaned Windows, put in screens. Pete to Glenns in p.m. I sowed flower seeds. A big day. Went to see Gram. She was upset and crying. Took her a Violet for Mother's Day. Ron to Chicago for meeting. Jo and boys to Friedenswald at noon.

Saturday, May 10, 1975. Beautiful day in 70s. Pete to men's breakfast. He and Ron to sale awhile. I washed off porches. We took Merle and Mary to Meadows. Merle talked to David about an apartment. We went to Elms for supper. Stopped here for Merle to see Rons pups. We went to Eastland. Got candle centerpiece for Cy [Colter]'s anniversary (35th). We got groceries. Jo and boys home from Friedenswald.

Sunday, May 11, 1975. Fair in morning, rained in p.m. We went to church and to Rons for dinner. He grilled steaks and Marty made salad. Had shrimp cocktails. Ron and we to see Gram in PM. Mary there too. She and May went out to eat. I baked rhubarb pie. Rons came over for pie. Ron to hospital in evening. Damon Outlaw passed away.

Monday, May 12, 1975. Cloudy in morning, fair and cool in p.m. I washed and ironed. Baked brownies. Jo and I to Medical Auxiliary rummage sale and went to grocery store. I got Pansy plants, delphiniums and chrysanthemum plants and set them out. Got supper. Edgars and Mary and Marty and Jon here. Had waffles and sausage. Rons to dinner at hospital. Pete at Glenns in p.m. planting beans.

Tuesday, May 13, 1975. Fair, nice day. Pete to Glenn's. I baked coffeecake braid. Trimmed roses. Went to see Gram in p.m. She's about same. Took some clothes to Stalters for garage sale for Mutual Aid. Got some begonias and daisies at nursery. We planted melons, corn & beans & lima beans. Set out tomato, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and brussel sprouts.

Wednesday, May 14, 1975. Partly cloudy. Looked rainy in morning. Pete to Glenn's. I went to hospital in morning (volunteer). I planted another row of glads. Hoed and fed roses. Hoed some potatoes and pulled weeds out of strawberries. Went to town at 7:20. Met Marjorie, Benjy and Amy at train. Got some hamburgers for them. Had ice cream and cookies. Jo and boys here a while in evening.

Thursday, May 15, 1975. Fair, cool, 64°. Pete to Glenn's. They finished planting beans. I baked 2 rhubarb pies. Marjorie, children and I to Eastland in p.m. Marj got tennis shoes for Benjy. We stopped to see Gram awhile. We went to Rons for supper. I took pies. Mary there too. Jo to church board meeting.

Friday, May 16, 1975. Nice day. We did cleaning. Marjorie did some laundry. Pete and I to town in p.m. We planted sweet potatoes, squash and pumpkins. Cindy Dunn came in evening. Here all night.

Saturday, May 17, 1975. Clear, beautiful day. Jo, Marj, Pete and I left at 7:00 for O'Hare Airport where we met Paul & Andy & group from Montréal. Arrived there at 9:30. Paul and Marj and group left for Tokyo Japan at 12:05. We left for home at 12:00. Got here at 3:00. Cindy stayed with children. Pete took her home. Went to see Gram. I did laundry and got supper. Packed some. Ron, CR, Marie and Pete divided coins. Gordon and Ray here awhile. Took Andy, Benjy and Amy to Rons all night.

Sunday, May 18, 1975. Fair, nice day, much warmer, 90°. Mary, Marie, Pete and I left at 8:00 in Marie's car for Allens. Got here at 2:20. Stopped at Little Amana for lunch. Allens and Steve at Baccalaureate services. Jeff and Pam home. Good to see everyone. We looked at pictures in evening. Paul's children at Rons.

Monday, May 19, 1975. Partly cloudy, warm, 93° already. We helped Shirley make sandwich fillings. She went to church, get ready for Steve's reception. Allen to work. Shirley and we to Ames. Did little shopping and got Kentucky Fried Chicken for supper. I made Jell-O salad and we had ham. We all went to Steve's graduation. Large crowd and hot. McAlexander's and *Sponslers* (sp?) there from southern Iowa. We went to Presbyterian Church for reception. Over

100 people. Served sandwiches, cheese balls, relishes and punch and coffee. Late when got home. Steve received many cards and money.

Tuesday, May 20, 1975. Partly cloudy, windy, warm. Allen to meeting at Newton. Shirley to work. Jeff and Pam to school. Steve packed and wrote thank you notes. I washed 3 loads. Mary polished some silver were. Allen and Pete took Steve to Sponslers at Humeston to get ready to leave for the wheat harvest in Southwest. Shirley had 4-H meeting there. Allen took us to Ames. Saw the campus.

Wednesday, May 21, 1975. Rained early a.m., cloudy. We left Allens at 8:30 for home. Got here at 4:10. Drove in rain or drizzle until we got to Peoria. Stopped at Amana Colonies. Ate lunch at Bill Zumer's. Very good. Jo took Amy to Dr. Stutzman. [She] has bronchitis. We replanted some corn, beans and carrots. I hoed onions. Pete plowed some. Enjoyed being with Allens. Thankful for safe trip.

Thursday, May 22, 1975. Fair, hot, 88°. Pete to town in morning. Had new muffler put on car. I did big washing. Baked dessert for dinner. Did ironing in p.m. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. He went to see Gram in evening. She was drowsy all day.

Friday, May 23, 1975. Partly cloudy, hot, 92°, humid. Did cleaning. Made rhubarb crisp and Rice Krispie dessert. Put in freezer. Worked some in garden in evening. Did some mending. Allens, Jeff and Pam got here at 9:10. Rons here awhile. Had dessert & tea. Steve left with Sponsler for wheat harvest.

Saturday, May 24, 1975. Mostly fair, hot. Allens and Jeff left at 5:30 for Bluffton. Pam here. Pete to men's breakfast, then he and Ron to Congerville to see about loader for tractor. I washed and ironed. Finished cleaning. Pete and I to see Gram. She's about same. Pam stayed with children.

Sunday, May 25, 1975. Rained in morning and about noon. We all went to church. Had lunch at McDonald's. Took Pam to Stutzman's. Harvella cut her hair. I got things ready for supper. Allens, Debbie and Jeff got here from Bluffton at 3:30. They went to town to see Gram. They, Rons, Mary and Mrs. Yeakel here for supper. Allens to Mrs. Yeakels all night. Pam to Mary's. Deb and Jeff here. Deb went with Mary Mouser awhile.

Monday, May 26, 1975. Mostly cloudy. Had thunderstorm at 2:30 a.m. Showered little at noon. Storm warnings out. Allens left at 9:00 for home. I washed. Had big one. Ironed. Pete helped Ron haul some stone. Ron on vacation. We went with Merle and Dudleys to Streid's in evening. Mary kept children. Ron and Allen helped put air conditioner in. I had pain in my back. Can't be up.

Tuesday, May 27, 1975. Clear, a beautiful day, cooler. I was in bed all day with my back. Apparently pulled muscle. Jo took urine specimen to Dr. Bertsche and got medicine (Parafon

Forte). Pete taking care of children. Jo's uncle and Ervin Koops came in PM. Pete and children at Rons for supper. Jo's uncle brought plans for Ron's house. Pete set out tomato plants.

Wednesday, May 28, 1975. Partly cloudy. I still can't be up – disappointed. Ervin Koops stopped in. They left for Indiana. Pete taking care of children and me. Lenore [Waltner] and Paul Miller stopped in. Mary here in p.m., got supper. They picked 2 quarts strawberries. Had shortcake for supper. Jo washed some for children. She and Pete transplanted some head lettuce.

Thursday, May 29, 1975. Had a shower early morning. Partly cloudy. My back no better. Pete and Ron brought me to hospital at 9:00. Admitted to room 259. Dr. Haus admitted me. Dr. Wright to see me. Dr. Birch she left for Russia. I'm on bed rest. Jo keeping children. Mary out home all day. Kept the children. Pete here awhile. Stopped to see Gram.

Friday, May 30, 1975. Mostly cloudy. Had rain in p.m., some severe thunderstorms in places. Tornado watch out. Dr. Wright to see me. Have strained muscle. Can't go to bathroom and had wet packs on my back. Mary here in p.m. Pete came in evening. He picked 6 boxes berries and mowed lawn. Ron hauling rocks. Had tornado near Carlock.

Saturday, May 31, 1975. Mostly cloudy, cooler, 51°, up to 60s. Dr. Wright in early (6 AM). Can get up some. Sat up in chair to eat dinner and supper. Went fairly well. Ron here few minutes in morning. Pete came in evening. Mary out home in PM. Helped Pete picked 6 boxes berries. Cleaned them and gave Jo big dish. Mary took some. Jo took children to circus. Mabel and Clarence here in evening.

Sunday, June 1, 1975. Mostly cloudy, had thunder shower in p.m. Pete to church. Junior choir gave Cantata (100% Chance of Rain). Sorry to have missed it. Pete and children stayed for potluck dinner at church. Pete and Mary here in p.m. Rons to Clemens in evening. Pete took children home and kept them all night. Had some callers in p.m. Bill and Irene here too. Mary to see Gram awhile.

Monday, June 2, 1975. Partly cloudy, had shower in p.m. I feel some better. Goes better to be up. Took x-rays of my back in p.m. Mary out home in morning. She and Pete washed and picked 7 boxes berries. She took 2 [boxes] home. Pete has the children. Had callers, Hazel *Roeder* (sp?) From California here awhile. Pete and children to CRs for supper.

Tuesday, June 3, 1975. Fair, nice day. I feel some better. Mary brought me home from the hospital at 2:00. Rested awhile and walked to garden. Mary got supper. She went to Good Will Circle. Carol and children here awhile. It's good to be home again. Ron here awhile in evening.

Wednesday, June 4, 1975. Had some rain in morning. Warm and windy. Pete worked on auxiliary books. I rested some. Pete picked most of berries. Mary came at 2:00. Helped finish. Got 13 boxes. Put 4 quarts in freezer. Made 3 ½ pints preserves. Gave Mary 2 boxes, Rons 2 boxes and Carol 1 box. Children at Carol's for supper. Pete to see Gram.

Thursday, June 5, 1975. Had one half inch rain at 3:00 a.m. Fine day, cooler. Did usual work. I rested quite a lot. Pete outside in p.m. He hoed some in evening. Irene [Dunn] here, worked in garden. James [Waltner] and Clemenses here in evening, [they] worked [on gardens]. Children playing. We washed 2 loads. Roberta and boys here in evening. She brought me bouquet of peonies and ½ gallon ice cream.

Friday, June 6, 1975. Clear, cooler, fine day. Pete picked 7 quarts strawberries in morning. We went to airport at 10:30. Met Allen & his friend & Pam. They flew from Nevada [Iowa]. We had lunch with them and took them back to airport. Allen and John left for home. Pam with us. We took children to Carol's to play with Kenny. We went to town. I had hair done at Esther's. Pete got groceries. Picked 5 more boxes of berries.

Saturday, June 7, 1975. Fair, cool, beautiful day. We did cleaning. Pam dusted and scrubbed kitchen for me. Pete plowed truck patch. Ron plowed garden. We planted 4 rows sweetcorn. Marie stopped. She's staying at CRs. Henrietta [Thietje] came up with her for reunion. Pete with Marie and evening to see Gram. Rons here awhile before supper. Pam and Benjy picked 3 ½ boxes berries. Gave Jo one.

Sunday, June 8, 1975. Fair, nice day, rather cool. We all went to church and Sunday School. Pam to Clemens. Andy to Waltners. Mary, we, Benjy and Amy to Cambridge Inn for dinner. Then went to Woizeski Reunion at Nob Hill. Small crowd. Pete and I to visitation for Aaron Leischner in evening. Boys and Amy at Rons. Pam home at 8:30.

Monday, June 9, 1975. Fair, nice day, in 70s. Did big washing. Ironed. Pete picked peas for dinner. Picked 9 boxes berries. Mary here in morning. Helped. She took 2 boxes berries. We and Jo to Aaron Leischner's funeral at 1:30. Ron sang. Jo home with him. We went to town. Took car to Buick to see about radiator heating up. Jo and we stemmed berries. We each put 2 containers in freezer and had [some] for supper.

Tuesday, June 10, 1975. Mostly cloudy, quite warm in p.m., had light shower at 5:00. We took Buick to town at 7:30. Had another radiator put in. Pete to Glenn's. Children to Bible School with Jo. I baked coffeecake braid. Children picked 2 quarts berries and hoed some in flowers. We went after car at 4:30. Went to Rons for supper. Took berries and ice cream and cookies.

Wednesday, June 11, 1975. Mostly cloudy, misted some in morning, much cooler and windy in late p.m. Pete picked 5 boxes berries and some peas. I put quart of berries in freezer. Gave Jo 2 boxes. Podded peas and gave her some. I went to see Gram in PM. Washed 2 loads. Paul called from Seattle at noon. They got to Bloomington on 8:35 PM train. They are very tired. So good to have them back. Children excited.

Thursday, June 12, 1975. Fair, cool, windy. Children to Bible school. Pete to Glenn's. I baked cookies. Marj slept late. We went to bank and got the children at Bible School. I got lunch and

things ready for supper. We all went to Rays for open house and their 10th anniversary. Rons and we gave them crewel work pillow.

Friday, June 13, 1975. Partly cloudy, warmer. Paul and Marj picked 6 ½ boxes berries. I put 1 ½ quarts in freezer and made 2 pints preserves. Gave Jo some. Paul picked peas for supper. Children to Bible School. Pauls and I to see Gram. They went to program at Bible School. I got groceries. Jo and Marj took children to Peoria Zoo in p.m. Pete at Glenns all day. Mary here for supper. Rons here awhile in evening. Jo picked the peas.

Saturday, June 14, 1975. Had thunderstorm in nearly an inch of rain at 2:00 AM. Mostly cloudy, warm and humid. Storm warnings out in late p.m. and evening. We did cleaning and washed some. I washed my hair. Pete and Paul to town in morning. Pete transplant some flowers and pulled weeds. Pam scrubbed kitchen and helped Pete picked 2 boxes berries. We went to Mary's for supper. Rons there too. Jo took salad.

Sunday, June 15, 1975. Cloudy, windy and chilly, 66°. Had showers in evening. We all went to church in morning. Paul and Marj left after church for Memphis Tennessee to look for house. We stayed for Sunday School. Rons and we and Mary to Lum's for dinner, then to Eastland to see antique cars. Pete, Pam and Andy went to see Gram in evening. She's about same. Allen called in evening.

Monday, June 16, 1975. Mostly fair, cool. I washed and ironed. Pete and Jo picked peas. I put 2 1½ pints in freezer. Pete and children picked berries. Got 3 quarts. Gave Jo some. We dug up flags and reset them. Transplanted some asters and snapdragons.

Tuesday, June 17, 1975. Rained in morning, fair in p.m. Pete and I to town in p.m. I got permanent at Esther Cash's. Pete to see Gram. Pam stayed with children. We were home in evening.

Wednesday, June 18, 1975. Partly cloudy, in 80s, humid. Pete picked peas. I put 3 pints in freezer. Picked nearly 2 quarts berries. Cooked chicken. Went to club at Katherine Mishler's with Mabel. Worked some in garden. Pauls got here from Memphis at 8:00. Rons here awhile.

Thursday, June 19, 1975. Fair, hot, near 90°, humid. Pete and Paul to town. Had car greased and went to see Gram. Pauls left at 11:00 in our car for Montréal. I did big washing. Cleaned up house. Worked in garden. Pete plowed truck patch. I ironed. Mary, Pam and we to see Eds at 5:30. Stopped at Goodfield on way home. Had supper.

Friday, June 20, 1975. Fair, hot and humid. Storm warnings out in evening. Had rain in town. Pete picked peas. I put 2 quarts in freezer and had to eat. Picked over a quart of berries. We went to see Gram in PM & went to bank. Washed out some things & washed my hair. Jo got 16 boxes berries. Helped her stem them. Pete mowed lawn. Pam and I packed suitcases.

Saturday, June 21, 1975. Fair, quite warm. Pete and Ron to men's breakfast. I finished packing. Rons, Pam and we left at 9:15 for O'Hare. Got there at 11:45. Had lunch. Pete and I boarded Air Canada plane at 1:10. Left at 1:30 for Montréal. Got here at 3:30. Paul met us. Rons drove to Davenport to meet Allens. Pam home with Allens. Pauls have nice place.

Sunday, June 22, 1975. Clear, fine day. Got up late. Late breakfast. Pauls and we went by bus and subway to Mount Royal where they celebrated St. John Days. A crowd of people. Montréal is quite a city.

Monday, June 23, 1975. Fair, hot, humid, near 90°. Everyone slept late. Pete and I with Paul to McGill University. Went to bank. Got Olympic coins for Ron. Were home in p.m. and evening. Pete and I mailed cards in evening. Went for walk.

Tuesday, June 24, 1975. Fair, cooler, nice day. Pauls and we went to Man's [Man & His] World Expo up drove around and went to old Montréal. Visited the Notre Dame church. Very impressive, beautiful. Did little shopping. Met Martin Singers at Chinese restaurant. Had dinner together. Then to Martin's apartment. Paul and children went swimming in pool. We went to top of apartment [building], 16 stories, to overlook the city. Had nice drink at Marty's. Drove to Lookout point. Paul showed pictures in evening.

Wednesday, June 25, 1975. Fair, fine day. We packed. Left Pauls at 1:00 PM. Drove to Kitchener. Got motel at Evergreen Motel. We stopped at Prescott nearly an hour to have signal tightened. Nice scenery on 401. Could see St. Lawrence River, also Lake Ontario around Toronto. Got to Kitchener at 9:00 and still not dark. Stayed at Evergreen Motel.

Thursday, June 26, 1975. Fine day. We done some shopping in Kitchener. Went to Provident Bookstore and found Lorraine Roth's telephone and talked to her. Drove to Pioneer Village and on to Baden. Drove out to country to Mrs. Hunsberger's (Erma Stutzman's mother). Had nice visit. Drove back to Baden where we met Lorraine. She took us to where my grandfather Kropf lived. Came home with Lorraine for supper & all night. Met Larry Jantze's cousin.

Friday, June 27, 1975. Mostly cloudy, very hazy. We left Lorraine Roth's at 8:00. Drove to Zürich. Shopped a while and drove to Blake Mennonite Church. My great-grandfather John Oesch lived nearby. Church is on his land. We found his and Grandma's graves in Cemetery by the church. We left there and took Highway 21 to Expressway 401. Crossed into USA via (unclear). Took bridge to 94. Drove to Albion Michigan. Got nice Western motel. CRs to Godfrey to help Marie pack.

Saturday, June 28, 1975. Very foggy early morning. We left Albion at 7:30 our time. Got to Normal at 1:30. Stopped at grocery [store]. We had a good trip for which we are grateful. Stopped at fruit stand on 94. Got 8 boxes beautiful strawberries and 3 boxes Bing cherries. Gave Marie, Mabel and Pearl 1 box [each] and Mary and Jo 2. Marie moved to Normal. CRs helped her. Ron, boys and we helped unload U-Haul. Pearl got supper for us and Marie and CRs.

Sunday, June 29, 1975. Fair, quite warm and humid. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Went to see Grandma. She had a lot of pain in her foot. We went to Fellowship evening at Leon Schmucker's. Gerald G[alloway]s, Rachel Zehr and Alice *Ribber* (sp? there. Had nice evening. I had short devotions. Rons were hosts to a group.

Monday, June 30, 1975. Fair, 89°, rather humid. I did washing and ironing. Pete pulled up peas. Plowed garden. We picked rest of peas & a few of Irene's. Put 3 pints in freezer. We went to town at 3:00. Some of Task Force met with Stan Bohn. Pete to hospital. He mowed lawn in evening and I worked in garden.

Tuesday, July 1, 1975. Fair, hot, near 90°. Worked in garden. Pete picked beans. I canned 8 ½ quarts. Picked quart of raspberries. I scraped and painted picnic tables. Pete worked on auxiliary books, counted money from barbecue. I went to task force meeting at church. Jack Stalter met with us.

Wednesday, July 2, 1975. Fair, hot. I went to hospital in morning (volunteer). Pete walked beans at Glenns awhile in morning. We went to town in p.m., to bank. Did little shopping. Got groceries. Went to Marie's at 5:30. She went with us to Cambridge Inn. We went to see Gram. Ron there too. Boys and Jo picked nearly 2 quarts raspberries. I put 1 pint in freezer.

Thursday, July 3, 1975. Fair, 89°, lot of haze and smog. We went to auxiliary meeting at church at 10:00. Had salad luncheon at noon. Pete and I with Marie in p.m. to Wayside Furniture store at Clinton. She bought sofa. We got bookshelves. We sowed lettuce, more endive and radishes. I picked 4 cucumbers.

Friday, July 4, 1975. Partly cloudy, 87°, little cooler in evening. We canned 14 quarts beans and did all of cleaning. Got ready for picnic. Picked raspberries. Rons, CRs, Mary, Marie, Pearl, Gordons, Rays and May Mohr here for picnic supper. Watched fireworks and had some here. Ate outside. Nice evening. Mike Embertson, Diana's fiancé here too.

Saturday, July 5, 1975. Cloudy, had thunderstorm about noon. Nearly 1 inch rain. Pete and Ron to men's breakfast. John Bertsche told about trip to Russia. Jo and we picked Jo Clemens's beans for Mary. Picked over a quart of raspberries. Wayside [Furniture] delivered our bookcases. Rons helped us put them along south wall. Mary came at noon. We canned 2 quarts and 14 pints beans. We went to see Gram at 5:30. Met Jo at Eastland at 6:30. Got gift for Diana. We ate at Denny's.

Sunday, July 6, 1975. Partly cloudy, rained in forenoon and again at 6:00 p.m. We went to church. Mary here for dinner. Jo and I to Rays at 2:00 to shower for Diana Ropp. Gave her teakettle, dish, towel & cloths & knife. She got some nice gifts. We were home in evening. Looked at our pictures from Canada. Mary home at 4:30.

Monday, July 7, 1975. Fair. Had shower in town in evening. I washed. Picked cucumbers. Made 8 quarts dills. Pete and Jo picked beans. Canned 7 quarts. We canned 3 quarts beet pickles.

Marty picked few raspberries. Pete and I finished. Had nearly 2 quarts. Put 1 ½ pints in freezer. Gave Jo some. I ironed. Pete took nails out of boards awhile. Warren Meyers stopped here awhile. Merle, Mary and we to Lobster House for supper. Merle took us to see "Benji." Good show.

Tuesday, July 8, 1975. Fair, 89°, had thunder shower at 5:00 p.m. I made 4 quarts applesauce in morning. Went to annual HEA meeting at ISU with Dorothy Singley. Mabel and Mary along. Pete to auxiliary board meeting in morning. We defrosted deep freezer and I made 4 quarts dills. Pete to see Gram. I went to Task Force meeting and joint board meeting. Came home with Jo.

Wednesday, July 9, 1975. Fair, 81°, nice day. CRs gave us sweet corn they couldn't sell. Put 14 pints in freezer. Canned 7 quarts beans in p.m. Jo helped with some of them. Picked quart of raspberries. Baked apple pie. We went to see Gram in evening, then stopped at Pearls. Got 2 chairs for us and to form Marie. Were Aunt Rosa's chairs. Stopped at Marie's. She got her new hide-a-bed.

Thursday, July 10, 1975. In had shower in morning. Clear, cool, fine day. I went to hospital in morning (volunteer). Pete helped CRs gather sweetcorn. I picked cucumbers. Made 4 quarts dills. Put 11 pints corn in freezer. Mary got some corn and Jo got some. Got things ready for supper. Gerald Galloways here. Did newsletter. Big day.

Friday, July 11, 1975. Fair, nice day. Had shower at 5:00 p.m. We canned 14 quarts beans. I picked a few strawberries and quart of raspberries. Gave Jo some. Did cleaning. Pete mowed yard. We went to church at 2:30. Got newsletter out. Gerald couldn't help. We went to Eastland. Did little shopping. I made 2 pie crusts.

Saturday, July 12, 1975. Partly cloudy, quite cool. Had rain in town at 4:00 PM. I baked rolls and pie. Waxed the kitchen floor. Made 6 quarts dills. We picked quart of raspberries. Washed my hair. Pete helped Gordon gather sweet corn and mowed some weeds. We, Marie and Mary to Cambridge Inn, then to see Gram. Took she and girls some rolls and gave Rons some. We went to Marie's awhile.

Sunday, July 13, 1975. Fair, had shower south of us at 12:30. Got things ready for dinner. We went to church. Bluffton group gave program. Rons and Gerald Emerick (Jo's uncle), Mary and Marie here for dinner. Had ham and sweet potatoes and corn. Jo's uncle left for home at 4:00. Jo and I took Diana's wedding gift to Gordons. Took Mary's too. Quite cool all day. Orvie got to Mary's at 10:00. Came with Harvey Roths.

Monday, July 14, 1975. Fair, warmer, nice day. I washed and ironed. We canned 7 quarts beans and (blank) quarts dills. Pete got apples at Birkelbaws. He walked beans awhile in morning and in PM. Mary, Orvie and I to Eureka in p.m. to see Eds. They are same. Picked nearly a quart of raspberries and hoed and fed roses. Pete and I to Mary's for supper. We all went to Eastland.

Tuesday, July 15, 1975. Fair, much warmer, 87°. Pete to Glenn's. Walked beans. Came home in PM. I went to town, got Orvie. I worked in garden. Picked a few strawberries and raspberries. Canned 4 quarts dills. Cooked applesauce. Orvie pulled nails out of boards. Got things ready for supper. Ron and boys, Orvie and Mary here. Jo at church all day and evening. Pete and I to see Gram in evening. She has cold.

Wednesday, July 16, 1975. Fair, warmer, but good breeze. Pete and Jo helped CR's get corn. Pete to Glenn's until noon. I went after Orvie. He and I helped Jo clean corn. She went to work at 11:30 until 3:30. I dusted up house. Got things ready for supper. Garfield School Club had picnic here. Orvie & Mary & Marie here. Rons here too. I helped Jo with corn until 5:30. Big day.

Thursday, July 17, 1975. Fair, in 80s, cooler in evening. We picked beans. Canned 14 quarts. Pete picked quart of raspberries. Put 1 ½ pints in freezer. Picked cucumbers. Made nearly 8 quarts dills. We went to town at 3:00. Went to Farm Bureau and Service Company barbecue. Mary and Orvie met us at 5:30. Large crowd. Pete and I to see Gram. She seemed upset, crying. They gave her hypo at bedtime.

Friday, July 18, 1975. Fair, 90°, good breeze. I did cleaning and picked quart of strawberries. Pete to Glens, walked beans until noon. I cooked applesauce to freeze. Jo and Mary left for Ohio about 8:00. Took Mary's car. Orvie to Peoria to Hilda's? In PM. I talked to Shirley at noon. Debbie had car accident this past week. Wasn't hurt. Phil [Patton]s, Earl [Kaufman]s and we to Eureka for supper.

Saturday, July 19, 1975. Mostly cloudy, near 90°. Had rain, ½ inch and thunderstorm at 4:00 p.m. Pete to men's breakfast. I picked nearly quart of raspberries. Put pint in freezer. Washed my hair & finished cleaning. We went to Diana Ropp & Mike Emberton wedding at Baptist Church. Large crowd. Had reception. Was hot. Ron and Marty there too. We went to Gordons to buffet supper. We went to town, got Orvie. [He was] here all night.

Sunday, July 20, 1975. Fair, hot. We went to church. Had Congregational meeting. Voted to go together with Bloomington church for 4 month period. Marie, Orvie and we to hospital for dinner. Ron preached at Heyworth. Marty with him. We and Marie to Bill Cutler's open house, his 80th birthday. Marie to Gram. Orvie at Mary's. I helped serve at Cutler's. We and Orvie to see Gram. He and Marie here for lunch. Showed our pictures.

Monday, July 21, 1975. Nice day, in 80s, not so humid. I washed and ironed. We picked beans and canned 14 quarts. I picked over 2 buckets cucumbers. Jeanette stopped and got them. We picked nearly a quart of raspberries and 2 quarts strawberries. Lucy C[atherine] here awhile. Gave me slip for birthday. I gave her Cologne (After Five). Gave her some strawberries and corn. Marty and Ron here for supper. Jo and Mary got home at 10:00.

Tuesday, July 22, 1975. Fair, hot, in 80s. I worked in garden in morning. Pete plowed it. Orvie taking nails out of boards. We went to town in p.m. Orvie to Mary's. We got electric skillet & a roaster for Marie from the Ropps. Mary, Orvie and we to Grand Café for supper.

Wednesday, July 23, 1974. Rained most of morning. Had tornado warnings out in evening. One touched down at Canton, 2 killed. Had thunderstorm in evening. I went to hospital in morning (volunteer). Went to June Jantze's in p.m. Helped quilt for bazaar. We picked 2 ½ quarts strawberries. Gave Jo some. Put 1 ½ pints in freezer. Picked few raspberries. Helped Jo cleaned broccoli for freezer. Had 1 inch rain in evening.

Thursday, July 24, 1975. Fair, nice day. Merle called at 7:00. She had fall in. We took her to hospital at 8:00. X-rayed her arm and admitted her. I went to Pearls at 9:15 for surprise breakfast for Marie's birthday. Jo, Mabel, Roberta, Mary, May [Mohr] and Clara [Brodbeck] there. Orvie, Mary and we to Eds in PM. Nettie having back trouble. CRs and we took Marie and Pearl to Red Lobster for supper. Went to Marie's awhile.

Friday, July 25, 1975. Fair, cool. Did cleaning. Picked 3 quarts strawberries. Pete got Orvie. He was here all day. Pete and I to town in p.m. to see Gram. She was unhappy with us. Hadn't been in for a few days. Went to Merle's. Got her mail and gown. She seems little better. Shoulder still painful. Ramona Augsburg got some beans and cucumbers. We, Orvie and Mary at Rons for supper. Took strawberries.

Saturday, July 26, 1975. Nice day, little warmer. Pete not feeling very good, [has] temp. I washed 3 loads, bedspread and sheets, guest room. Got Orvie. Finished cleaning. Washed my hair. Picked pint of raspberries and quart of strawberries. Got supper. Edgars, Mary, Orvie and Marie here. Marie to Grams after supper.

Sunday, July 27, 1975. Fair, much warmer in p.m. We went to church. Jo worship leader and in charge of service and adult Sunday School. Jim [Waltner] on vacation. Al Mohr, Earl Kaufman and Pete spoke on retirement. They all did well. We went to Mary's for dinner. Orvie, Rons and Marie there. We stopped to see Gram. She was in better spirits. Wrote to Mick [Mishler]s in evening.

Monday, July 28, 1975. Fair, 84°, washed and ironed. Pete dug onions. We picked 3 quarts strawberries. Gave Jo a box. I made 1 ½ pints preserves. Picked cucumbers. Made 5 quarts dills. We went to town at 3:30. Stopped at Grams. Took her some berries. Went to hospital. Took Merle home. She wanted to go to Ozark House for supper. Ron took boys' and Gordon's boys' hogs to fair.

Tuesday, July 29, 1975. Fair, hot, in 80s. I put 4 quarts peaches in freezer and made 4 pints preserves. We helped Ron separate some pigs and Jo took boys to fair. She worked at church. Ron here for lunch. We made 2 gallons sauerkraut. We went to town at 3:30. Pete to dentist. We went to fair awhile. Home in evening. Ron at fair all night with boys.

Wednesday, July 30, 1975. Fair, hot and humid. I went to hospital at 8:00 to 9:00. Went to fair. Pete went with Jo at 9:00. Marty got grand champion on barrel and 7th on pen. John got 7th on barrel and 6th on pen. Jo took lunch. I took tea and cherries. We came home at to: 30. Picked 4 quarts strawberries and a few raspberries. Gave Jo 2 boxes, Mary and Marie each a pint. Picked 2 buckets cucumbers. Mary got some and (unclear). Mary, Marie, Jo took us to Streid's for my birthday.

Thursday, July 31, 1975. Fair, hot, 90°. We went to Fair at 8:00. Boys showed. They placed in all classes. We ate lunch there. Went to see Gram. She was upset, crying. Ron and Jon came home in PM. Jo and Marty stayed to feed [livestock] in evening. We did 11 pints corn for freezer after supper.

Friday, August 1, 1975. Mostly cloudy, in 80s. Showered in p.m. and evening. Did cleaning. Picked 3 quarts strawberries. Gave Rons a quart. Worked in garden awhile. Alma Galloway here, got green beans and cucumbers. Gave her nearly 2 buckets full. We got groceries in p.m. and went with Mary to see apartment at Chestnut and Prairie. [She had] hospital appointment. Ron had taken her earlier.

Saturday, August 2, 1975. Cloudy, showered some in morning and p.m. Pete to men's breakfast. I defrosted icebox. Baked coffeecake braid. Washed and ironed and washed my hair. We picked nearly 2 quarts strawberries. Paul Millers here in p.m. [They] just got back from Vermont. I helped Jo awhile after supper with corn. We went to see Gram in evening.

Sunday, August 3, 1975. Fair, nice day, cooler. Not so humid. We went to church. RL Hartzler preached on aging. Senior citizens took part. Pete chorister. We ate lunch at Mary's. Then came home. Mary with us. I got things ready for supper. Marie and Betty Nielsen and Mary here. Boys came for dessert. Strawberry shortcake.

Monday, August 4, 1975. Fair, 85°. I washed some and ironed. Pete mowed lawn. I hoed roses and worked some in garden. Picked 2 quarts strawberries. Pulled some weeds in melons. Allen, Shirley and Pam got here at 5:45. They had been at Clifford Wicks in Missouri over the weekend. They went to see Mrs. Yeakel after supper. Rons to Gail Bressner's in p.m. His hog barn burned last night. Lost some hogs.

Tuesday, August 5, 1975. Fair, rained at 5:30 p.m. We done 15 pints corn for Shirley. Allen and Pete to see Gram in PM. Shirley to her mothers. Pam with Rachel. We put 4 quarts peaches in freezer and made 1 ½ pints preserves. I made applesauce and potato salad. We were going to Lake for picnic for Allens but on account of rain went to Dunns' cabin. Stutzmans, Bob Kaufmans, D Augsburgers and Rons there. Rachel here all night.

Wednesday, August 6, 1975. Fair, cooler, 58°. Allens to see Marie and made some calls. I washed 3 loads. Pete got feed for Ron. Marty to Springfield with Gail Bressner. Took barrows. We went to town in p.m. Got material for dining chairs. Went to Dr. Bertsche for physicals.

Have to have blood work and proto-scope. Ron to workshop at Eureka. Mennonite conference. Allens and Rons took us to Red Lobster for our anniversary. Paul called. They're at Berne.

Thursday, August 7, 1975. Fair, cool, 58°. I put 7 pints peaches in freezer and made 5 pints marmalade. We went to auxiliary at 10:30 for business meeting. We and Allens at Mary's for dinner. They went to see Gram and to Eds and to Metamora to see Shirley's sister. Pam and Rachel swimming. Pam home with us. We went to see Gram. I ironed some. Jo to Springfield. Boys got 6th and 8th on barrows. Had ice cream sundaes. Rons here. Ron to Eureka again.

Friday, August 8, 1975. Fine day, little warmer. Pete and I picked 5 gallon bucket of beans for Shirley. Allens left at 8:10 for home. So nice to have them and we miss them. Pete to Saybrook. Got meat for Rons. I washed and ironed and did cleaning. Pete finished digging potatoes. We and CRS to Val Kampmeier's for supper. Edgar, Arts and Elmer Siegs, Marguerite and Mildred [Burwitz] there. Had nice evening. Ron to Eureka conference in p.m.

Saturday, August 9, 1975. Fair, warmer, in 80s. I finished cleaning. We picked over a quart of strawberries. Gave Jo some. Pete to Glenn Maxwell. Got 2 wheel trailer. I cooked 2 quarts applesauce. Mary, Pete and I with Ron to Eureka. He went to conference. We went to Eds. They are about same. Met Ron at conference. Saw Ruth Albrecht and others. Ron to Springfield in evening. Stayed all night.

Sunday, August 10, 1975. Fair, nice day. We went to church. Marie and we to Cambridge Inn. Then to see Gram. She was about same. [Franzie] Loepps and John Gundys here in evening. Franzies got 2 big buckets cucumbers. We helped Jo give pigs shots. Ron in Springfield.

Monday, August 11, 1975. Fair, had thunder shower at 3:00. We, Jo and John left at 7:15 for State Fair. Ron got 3rd on boar. John got 8th on gilt and Marty got 18th and 24th. Was large crowd and lots of competition. We came home with Ron. Got here at 6:50. He chored. I got supper. Ron ate with us. Jo and Jon stayed to see some of fair. Mary to Dr. in a.m. [Her] BP still rather high. Marie home from McHenry.

Tuesday, August 12, 1975. Fair, hot, 91°. Pete took Buick to town at 8:00 to have bearing put in wheel. Didn't get home until after 2:00. I washed and ironed. Picked quart of strawberries. Gave Jo some, also cookies. Baked cookies and cooked applesauce. Put 2 apple pies in freezer. We went to see Gram in evening and to John Reimers. Kay is going to type Ropp History for Pete.

Wednesday, August 13, 1975. Had shower in morning and several in evening. I went to hospital in morning (volunteer). We went to El Paso in p.m. to look for car. Didn't find anything. I canned 5 quarts sauerkraut. Ron to Springfield in p.m. to help bring hogs home. They got home at 2:30 Thursday morning.

Thursday, August 14, 1975. Rained at noon and again in p.m. Had 1 ¼ inches rain. Pete and I to Dr. Bertsche's. Had fasting blood work. Ate breakfast and went to Brokaw for an

exeromammogram. We went to bank and to Mary's awhile. We recovered our dining [room] chairs. Rons here for supper. Jo and I made Chinese dishes.

Friday, August 15, 1975. Fair, cloudy. Did cleaning. Canned 4 quarts tomato juice. Picked nearly a quart of strawberries. Went to Merle's at 3:30. Pete helped her with some insurance papers. Went to see Gram, then to Marie's for supper. CRs there too. Had nice evening.

Saturday, August 16, 1975. Fair, warmer. Pete and I dug up Iris beds and reset some bulbs. A big job. Glad it's done. Pete mowed back yard. Rons gave him 2 wheel cart for his birthday. Ron plowed up where potatoes were dug. Found a bucket full [of potatoes]. Jo and I pulled weeds in truck patch. Washed my hair.

Sunday, August 17, 1975. Fair, nice day. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Harold Hershbergers and Charles Greasers at Mary's in p.m. They came here on their way back to Eureka. May Mohr was at Mary's too. We went to see Gram in evening.

Monday, August 18, 1975. Fair in morning, had thunder showers in evening, had 6/10 of an inch. I washed and ironed. We went to town at 10:45. Jo and boys along to hospital. Got their car there. We went to Eastland and to Thortons. Looked at cars. Got 1/2 bushel peaches at Produce. Worked in garden awhile before the rain. Don *Fregins* (sp?) At Rons. Got tie for Ron and gave him money [for his birthday].

Tuesday, August 19, 1975. Fair, nice day. I canned 2 1/2 quarts beets. Made peach cobbler. Pete worked outside awhile. CR here, brought family reunion pictures and mush melons. We went with Marie for drive to Lake Evergreen and Lake Bloomington. Went to Cambridge Inn, then to see Gram. Jon and 2 Friesen children here. Don and Rons out to eat.

Wednesday, August 20, 1975. Mostly fair, hazy, humid, high 80s. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered. Pete looked at cars. Went with Mary to look at apartments. Not suitable. I put 6 pints peaches in freezer and made 4 pints marmalade. Pete put tar on garage roof. Jo and boys to Salem with Don Friesens. Dons on to Kansas. Ron to meeting in Chicago.

Thursday, August 21, 1975. Fair, hot, 93°, humid. I canned 7 quarts tomato juice. We went to hospital at 10:30. Pete had meeting. I fixed coffee in ICU. We met Merle and Esther at Dr. Livingston's. Merle took us all to Streid's for lunch. Jo here awhile in p.m. Dunns here, [worked] in garden. Sherry with them. We went to see Gram. She had uncomfortable day.

Friday, August 22, 1975. Mostly fair, hot, 92°. Had little shower at 4:00. Did cleaning. Baked coffeecake braid, sugar cookies and bars. Gathered some flower seeds. Altered some dresses in PM. Pete mowed lawn. Ron and Marty to [Chester White] State Sale at Amboy. Sale at 7:30 p.m. Late getting home. Datsun broke down. Got ride home. Jo went with Ron, pulled it home.

Saturday, August 23, 1975. Fair, 92° but good breeze. Finished cleaning. I picked lima beans. Put 2 pints in freezer. Canned 7 quarts tomato juice. Washed my hair. We went with Marie to Cambridge Inn. Mary along. Pete and I to see Gram, then to Marie's for ice cream.

Sunday, August 24, 1975. Fair, rather windy, nice day. We went to church. Mary, Marie and Wen Lang here for dinner. Jo here awhile in p.m. Wen Lang and his friend from Hong Kong moved to Mary's basement. Talked to Allens. They plan to come Friday evening. Taking Steve to Bluffton. Debbie got diamond from Jeff Pilgrim.

Monday, August 25, 1975. Mostly cloudy. Had shower in p.m. I washed and ironed. Got things ready for company. Bill Dunns here. Rons couldn't come, busy with hogs. Pete to see Gram in PM. She was upset.

Tuesday, August 26, 1975. Cleared off in morning, pleasant. I canned 10 ½ quarts tomato juice. Pete and I took enemas. Went to town at 11:30. Took picture of our home to Marie Cutter to paint picture for Jo. Church board having it done. We both had proctoscopes at Dr. Bertsche's. Had good reports from our physicals. We are grateful. Took Mary and Marie tomatoes and mush melons. We took Rons to Red Lobster for their anniversary.

Wednesday, August 27, 1975. Mostly fair, in 80s. We went to town at 8:00. Went to hospital (volunteer). We went to Merle's at 11:30. We went to Streid's for lunch. Took Merle to bank. Got home at 3:00. We went to CRs for supper. Marie there too. We went through grams things. Divided some & some to garage sale. We went to see Gram and to visitation for Charles Addams.

Thursday, August 28, 1975. Partly cloudy. We went to auxiliary board meeting at 9:00. Took Florence and Virginia cantaloupe. Got home at 11:00. Made 12 pints chili sauce. We took Merle and Mary to El Paso for supper. Mary paid the bill. Our anniversary gift. We stopped here on way back.

Friday, August 29, 1975. Had rain at 4:00 a.m. and again in p.m. 1 8/10 inches. Baked icebox rolls and brownies. Did all of cleaning and washed 2 loads. We went to Galloways at 1:00. Did newsletter. Got groceries. Pete went after Cindy Dunn after school. She here all night. We went to see Gram in evening. Washed my hair. Allens, Steve and Pam got here after 11:30 p.m. Glad to see them.

Saturday, August 30, 1975. Cloudy, rained and misted. Had over ½ inch rain. Pete, Allen and I to Ropp reunion at Morton. Was to be at Park, but wet. Was at Masonic Lodge. 45 – 50 there. Shirley and Steve to Mrs. Yeakel and Mary's. Pam at Rons. Allens to see Gram and to Mrs. Yeakels for supper. Shirley's brother Don there. Marie didn't go to reunion. Back trouble. Ron busy with hospital, etc. Allens here all night.

Sunday, August 31, 1975. Mostly cloudy, cool. Allens, Steve and Pam left for Bluffton at 6:40. Steve going to Bluffton. We miss them. We went to church. Had lunch at Steak 'n Shake. Went

to Belvedere Reunion awhile and then to see Gram. Stopped at Mary's awhile. Paul Miller here getting vegetables from garden. They stayed for lunch. Had pizza and melon. Cindy here all night.

Monday, September 1, 1975. Fair, nice day, warmer. I washed and ironed in morning. Pete picked tomatoes for Jo. She canned 10 ½ quarts juice. I washed bedding from upstairs & guestroom downstairs in p.m. I mowed some backyard. Cindy helped me. Bills got home at 6:30. Got Cindy at 7:00. We and Rons to Wiener roast. Mabel, Mary, May, Cutters and Mick, Diana, Rays and Gordons at CRs. Ron to work at 8:30.

Tuesday, September 2, 1975. Fair, in high 80s. I cleaned the upstairs. Washed windows and floor. Baked lemon – apricot cake. We went to town in p.m. Took some of Gram's things to Thrift Shop. Went to church. Mailed newsletters. Gerald's gone. Went to Mary's. Pete fixed light for her. We went to Golden West. Mary and I to Good Will. I was on committee. Pete to see gram. Jo took pigs to Champaign.

Wednesday, September 3, 1975. Fair, quite warm, little cooler in evening. I went to hospital (volunteer). Pete mowed lawn. Dug glad bulbs in PM. I worked in garden. Jo, Pete and I to Rachel Mitchell's. Got over a bushel of tomatoes and apples. Were home in evening.

Thursday, September 4, 1975. Cloudy, cooler in evening. We went to Thrift Shop in morning. Had bag sale. We got groceries. I gathered flower seeds in PM. We went to see Gram in evening. She was uncomfortable & crying.

Friday, September 5, 1975. We had 1 ¾ inches rain at 3:00 a.m. Electrical storm. Cloudy and chilly all day. Did cleaning. Took Merle to Dr. at 11:00. She took us to Cambridge Inn for lunch. Esther along. Pete and I looked at cars. I washed some dresses. We went to town in evening. Looked at some cars, Oldsmobile Cutlass. Rons to Marie's for supper.

Saturday, September 6, 1975. Fair, cool, 50° in morning. Finished cleaning and washed my hair. We went to church at 10:30 to Peace Workshop (Harold Regier). We & Mary & Marie to Grand Café for supper. Pete and I to see Gram, then to Marie's awhile. Had ice cream. Watched Miss America. New York winner.

Sunday, September 7, 1975. Fine day, cool. We went to church. The Bloomington Mennonite Church met with us. Are to be one congregation. Interesting day. Rons to Fisher. He preached. We went to Elmer Siegs picnic at their park. Came home at 2:00. Rons and Mary here. We had pizza and watermelon.

Monday, September 8, 1975. Showered in morning. Fair in p.m., cool, 69°. I washed and ironed. We met Ron at 1:30 at hospital. We went to Clinton to look at cars. Came back to Wiley's. Saw a Buick 2 door. We went to see Gram in evening. She was quiet.

Tuesday, September 9, 1975. Fine day, in 70s. I cleaned closet in West bedroom. We went to town at 9:00. I went to prayer group at June Jantze's. Pete to Wiley's. Had decided to take Buick 2 door, but decided on Pontiac Bonneville four-door, dark red. I washed bedding and curtains from bedrooms. Cleaned our bedroom. Rev. Waltner's mother passed away unexpectedly.

Wednesday, September 10, 1975. Fair, warmer, in 80s. We went to town at 8:00. I worked at hospital (volunteer) until noon. We went to Wiley's. Got 1975 Pontiac Bonneville. Had 1450 miles on it. His maroon. I cleaned west bedroom and baked pumpkin bread. Pete mowed lawn. I hoed roses. We went to see Gram. Very upset over her bowels.

Thursday, September 11, 1975. Cloudy, showered in morning, cooler in evening. We went to Eastland at 9:00. I worked at bazaar until 1:00. Pete with Mary to Ludtke. We went to Farm and Fleet, got plastic cover for car. I picked over pint of strawberries. Rons here for supper. Had sausage and pancakes. Rons took some hogs to Gridley in morning. Ron to Fairbury to help Gail Bressner get ready for sale. Stayed all night.

Friday, September 12, 1975. Beautiful day, chilly, in 60s. I baked coffeecake braid for bazaar and did cleaning. Gathered flower seeds. Canned 6 quarts tomato juice. Marie, Mary and we to Bob Johnson's for supper. We went to see Gram. Got money at Eastland from bazaar. Rons to Bressner's sale.

Saturday, September 13, 1975. Fine day, 40° in morning. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Washed my hair. Scrubbed walks and cleaned windows. Ron helped take air-conditioner out. Jo worked at bazaar in PM. We went to Eastland at 4:00. Pete got money. I got pair of brown shoes and robe for Pam's birthday. Washed car in evening.

Sunday, September 14, 1975. Fair, cool. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Marie there too. We went to see Gram. She was upset. Got home at 3:00. Fixed things for supper. The Under Shepherd group met here for picnic supper. Small group, 14 of us. Rons to Brookfield Zoo.

Monday, September 15, 1975. Cloudy, had little shower early morning. I washed and ironed and cleaned fruit room. Pete helped me move things. I went with Irene Dunn to Meadows home in PM. Good Will had birthday party. Mary there too. She took cake. Pete to Yuton and Lumberland. [He] fixed latch on back door.

Tuesday, September 16, 1975. Cloudy, cool, 67°. We went to town at 9:00. Ron along to work. Datsun in garage. I went to Prayer Group at Mary Ann Kings. Pete to hospital. Got more bazaar money. Did some errands. I cleaned living and dining room in p.m. We went to see Gram in evening. Went to Marie's little while.

Wednesday, September 17, 1975. Mostly cloudy, showered some. We went to town at 8:15. I volunteered at hospital. Pete to bank. Went to Bill Cutler's awhile. Got some grapes. I went to

club at Mabel's. Marie and Mary there. I picked quart of strawberries. Gave Rons some. I went to program committee meeting for Good Will. Pete to Mary's. Visited with Wen Lang and his father. F[arm] S[upply] men and Rons vet, Ron Nord, here in p.m. to talk about Rons's sick pigs.

Thursday, September 18, 1975. Partly cloudy, warm, in 70s. Rained in evening. I made 16 glasses grape jelly. Jo down with her shoulder again. Couldn't help. I washed up her dishes after lunch. Mary, Pete and I to Eds at 3:00. He hasn't been feeling good. I got supper for Ron and boys. Took Jo her supper. Had roast & apple pie. Ron spoke at PTA. We went to see Gram.

Friday, September 19, 1975. Had inch of rain early a.m. and showered in p.m. Cleared off in evening. Did cleaning and cleaned the recreation room. Made apple crisp. Took Jo's lunch to her. She is still having lot of pain. Lenore [Waltner] and Dorothy [Loepp] sent their supper out. We went to Mary's at 4:00 to see about new car. She took us to Bob Johnson's for supper. Got groceries.

Saturday, September 20, 1975. Cloudy, cool, 64°. Finished cleaning. Washed my hair. Made applesauce and vegetable soup for Rons. Washed up some dishes for them. Ron to work in morning. Jon to Clemens. Jo may have little less pain. Pete and I with Earl Kaufmans to Champaign to see Illinois play Missouri. We won, 30 – 20. We ate at Barney's when we got back. Mary and Marie to Cambridge Inn for supper and went to Grams.

Sunday, September 21, 1975. Cloudy, chilly. We went to church. Boys along. Jo no better. Ron took her to hospital at 11:00. Dr. Bertsche admitted her to 203. Boys with Clemens to eat. Ron got them after dinner. We and Mary to Marie's for dinner. We stopped to see Jo & Gram. Home in evening. Talked to Paul. They're okay. Marj is working. Boys in school. Amy in nursery school.

Monday, September 22, 1975. Fair, nice day, cool. Pete to Glens to haul corn. I washed and ironed and picked over a quart of strawberries. Mary and I to town in p.m. Mailed Pam's housecoat. We looked for dresses. Mary got one for work. I got supper for Ron and boys. Had casserole and strawberry shortcake. Jon to town with Ron in evening. Marty here.

Tuesday, September 23, 1975. Nice day. Pete to Glenn's. Was home in p.m., elevator closed down. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn's. Stopped to see Jo. Still has lot of pain. Dr. *McMesirinium* (sp?) Saw her, put her in traction. I cleaned cupboards and broom closet. We went to see Gram in evening then to Heritage [Group] at John Bertsche's. Dr. Oyars showed pictures of their European trip.

Wednesday, September 24, 1975. Fair, very windy, chilly, 64°. I worked at hospital in morning (volunteer). Pete at Glens. Jo seems some better. Ron to Hinsdale with Bill Dunn, John Bertsche and John Stutzman. I went to Rons in morning awhile. I cleaned kitchen in PM. Marie, Mary, Pete and I to Chicago Symphony. Ron had tickets.

Thursday, September 25, 1975. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 58°. Pete to Glenns all day. I cleaned bathroom, Cedar closet and hallway. Went to town at 12:30. Stopped to see Jo. She was very uncomfortable. Went to Eastland. Got pair of pajamas for Jon's birthday. Went to Senior Citizen meeting at our church. Had nice program. We went to Mary's for supper. Ron and boys there. Pete to see Gram. I went to alumni meeting. Karen and John Bertsche on program.

Friday, September 26, 1975. Clear, a beautiful day. 64°. Pete to work at Glenn's. Came home twice as electricity went off. Switch at poll [malfunctioned]. I did cleaning. Made salad and applesauce. Baked cake for Jon's birthday. Had Wiener roast here for Rons and John had 3 of his friends. I cleaned silverware. Ron and boys to hospital in evening. Jo about same.

Saturday, September 27, 1975. Another beautiful day, warmer. Pete to Glenn's. I washed my bedspread and sheets for Rons. Shampooed my hair. Finished cleaning. Washed the car. Picked 1 ½ quarts strawberries. Went to town at 3:00 to see Jo. She's still having pain. Got groceries. Lost key that unlocks car. Mary brought me home. Got Pete's keys. Mary, Marie and Irene Hopkins and we to Illinois House for supper. Went to see Gram. Pete to men's breakfast.

Sunday, September 28, 1975. Fair, cool. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Went to see Jo. She seemed more coherent. Had hypo. Ron and boys to church. They ate at hospital. They were home in PM. We went to church at 6:00. Had sandwiches and fruit. Had discussion of coming together of 2 congregations.

Monday, September 29, 1975. Rained some in morning, fair in p.m. Pete to Glenn's until 11:00. Got rained out. He gathered pumpkins. I washed and ironed. Went to town at 11:30, to bank and to Cambridge Inn. Had lunch with Rural Missionary Society ladies. Had birthday cake for Edith Miller. Mary and I stopped to see Jo. She's about same. I got supper for Ron and boys. Had pizza, salad, ice cream and strawberries. Ron to work. Pete and I to see Gram.

Tuesday, September 30, 1975. Fair, warmer, 74°. Pete to Glenn's. I had prayer group here. Harvella, June and Shirley here. Others couldn't come. I washed some summer dresses and polished shoes. Cooked applesauce for Ron. Jo had a rough day. Neurologist to see her, did nothing but upset her. Ron back to hospital in evening. We went to Merle's awhile. She had supper sent in. Went to Rons. Washed up their dishes.

Wednesday, October 1, 1975. Fair, much cooler. Pete to Glenn's. I went to hospital (volunteer). Put some flower seeds away and baked coffeecake. Jo getting hypos. Seems little more relaxed. Ron and boys to Gordons for supper. Boys there while Ron went to work in evening. We went to see Gram. [She] cried most of time. Having trouble with catheter.

Thursday, October 2, 1975. Clear, 35°, little frost, nice day. Pete to Glenn's. They finished combining beans, started on corn. I went to auxiliary meeting at church. Had board meeting at 9:00 and had luncheon at noon. I went to see Jo. She seems some better. Did some tests. I picked

nearly 2 quarts strawberries. Had shortcake and barbecued ribs. Ron and boys here. Ron and Marty to hospital. We got newsletter ready to mail.

Friday, October 3, 1975. Clear, fine day, some Frost. Pete to Glenn's. I did cleaning. Took newsletter to post office. Put flower seeds away. Mary and I left at 3:30 with Hazel Yoder, Lenore W[altner], Mary Kaufman and Louise Newswanger for LaSalle to Mennonite Women's Retreat. Stayed at Holladay Inn. Meetings there too. Alma Galloway, May Mohr, Edith and Rachel Zehr and Arlene Litwiller there too. Ella Mae Miller the speaker. The Spirit-filled Woman. Pete and Ron to see Gram. Jo better.

Saturday, October 4, 1975. Fine day. Pete at Glens. We all went to meeting. Was over at 3:00. Got home at 4:30. Had a good meeting. Pete went fishing with Ron and boys awhile in morning, at Fairview. Marie, Mary, Irene Ellsworth, Pete and I to Cambridge Inn for supper. Went to Marie's awhile. Allens called in evening. Jo some better.

Sunday, October 5, 1975. Nice day, rather windy and warmer. We went to church. Had communion. To Mary's for dinner. Luella [Mishler] there too. We went to see E's in p.m. They are about same. Mary here for lunch. Took her home. Went to see Jo. She seems better which we are grateful for. Ron and boys went to hospital awhile in p.m. He worked in evening.

Monday, October 6, 1975. Clear, warmer, 74°. Pete to Glenn's. Some of corn making 200 bushels an acre. I washed and cleaned the furnace and laundry room. Ironed. Picked 1 ½ quarts berries. Lengthened my red and white dress. Ron was called to hospital at 1:00 a.m. Jo got home at 5:00. Didn't go in until this p.m. Jo better. Ron and boys to 4-H Wiener roast.

Tuesday, October 7, 1975. Lovely day, warm. Pete to Glenn's. I took Merle to Dr. at 8:00 for blood sugar. We had breakfast at Streids. Took her home. She took her medicine and insulin. Back to Dr. at 1:00. Went to Bob Johnson's for dinner. I stopped to see Jo. She felt pretty good. Got groceries. Made strawberry pie for supper. I went to Good Will. Pete to see Gram. Edith Miller passed out. Took her to hospital.

Wednesday, October 8, 1975. Rained most of morning. Had 1 1/3 inches rain. I went to hospital at 8:00 (volunteer). Pete to town. We visited with Jo awhile. She's better. I washed out some gowns for her. Cooked applesauce. Made angel food cake in evening for Marty's birthday. Ron and boys to Marie's for supper.

Thursday, October 9, 1975. Foggy in morning, cloudy most of day, sun shone late p.m. Made salad and iced cake. To Rons awhile. Washed up dishes. Went to home extension at 10:00. Mabel and Mary along. Went to Danvers library as part of our lesson. Mabel home with Dorothy S[ingley]. Mary and I stopped to see Gram. Picked 2 quarts berries. Got things ready for wiener roast for Marty's birthday. He had 4 friends. Gave Marty money, cologne and nail file kit. Jo better.

Friday, October 10, 1975. Fine day. Pete to Glenn's. I did cleaning. Went to town in p.m., to bank and to hospital to see Jo. She's about same. Went to Brokaw [Hospital]. Saw Edith Miller. She's better. Ron and boys to NCHS homecoming ball game. Mary, Marie, Irene and we to Cambridge Inn for supper. Went to Marie's awhile.

Saturday, October 11, 1975. Fair, warmer. Pete to men's breakfast, then to Glenn's. I washed my hair. Cleaned up kitchen. Picked 2 quarts strawberries. Got dinner for Ron and boys. They had Rainbow Trout. I fixed them. Had strawberry shortcake. I went to Rons in p.m. Washed woodwork in kitchen and washed curtains and ironed them. Boys here for supper. Ron to Bluffton alumni dinner at El Paso. We went to see Gram in evening.

Sunday, October 12, 1975. Beautiful day. We went to church. Marie, Mary, Irene Ellsworth and we to Funks Grove. Gordons and Rays there too. CRs at Salem. Had picnic dinner. Trees were beautiful. We stopped to see Jo. Ron took her out for little ride. We went to Hobby Night at church in evening.

Monday, October 13, 1975. Fair, warm, 87°, windy. Washed and ironed. Pete to Glenn's. I picked strawberries. Gave Rons some and took Gram some. We put storm windows on kitchen windows when Pete got home. We went to see Gram, then to ISU to hear Guy Lombardo. We did enjoy it. Mary and Marie along.

Tuesday, October 14, 1975. Fair, windy, warm. Rained in evening. I went to prayer group at Marj Nesters. Stopped to see Jo. Pete to Glenn's. I baked 2 pumpkin pies and got things ready for supper. Virginia and Jack Porst and Marie, Ron and boys here for supper. Jo came home at 4:30. Is some better. Took her supper to her. Ron to Mental Health in evening.

Wednesday, October 15, 1975. Cleared off in p.m., much cooler. I went to Jo's little in morning. She's doing fairly well. Went to hospital at 9:00 (volunteer). Worked in Health Services. Mary and I to Garfield winner – loser dinner. Was to be at Maplewood Park but wet and chilly. We went to Alta Litwillers. Marie, Mary and Freida Blair joined. Pete at home. Moved potatoes into basement. We finished putting in storm windows. Went to see Gram. I took eggs and relishes to picnic.

Thursday, October 16, 1975. Fair, cool, fine day. Pete to Glenn's. I went to Jo awhile in morning. Put ice on her back and shoulder. Baked bars. Went to town at 10:30. Got permanent at Esther Cash. Went to Jo again. Put ice on and scrubbed kitchen floor. Mary there in p.m. Irene and Sherry [Dunn] came. Sherry home from Newton. Picked over a quart of berries. Gave Rons some.

Friday, October 17, 1975. Cloudy, very windy, cold. Pete to Glenn's until 10:00. Disc some. Elevators shut down so can't shuck corn. I did cleaning. Was at Jo's awhile. Helped her. Fixed some jeans for Marty. Baked some apple crunch for supper. Went to see Gram. She was up in chair today.

Saturday, October 18, 1975. Fair, cold, windy, 50s. Pete to Glenn's. I finished cleaning. Baked rolls and picked nearly quart of strawberries. Went to town in p.m. Got groceries. Jo about same. Gave them some rolls. Marie, Mary and we to Cambridge Inn for supper. Went to Marie's awhile.

Sunday, October 19, 1975. Mostly cloudy, cool. We went to church. Mary and Rons here for dinner. Jo was able to come, but didn't stay long. Ron had invocation at Adlai Stevenson grave for U[nited] N[ations] day. We went to see Gram. She was very unhappy. We went to Home Builders at Bill Dunns. Mayor Carol Reitan spoke.

Monday, October 20, 1975. Fair, nice day, warmer, 74°. Pete to Glenn's. I washed and ironed. Was at Jo's awhile. Went with Mary to Dr. at 1:15. Went to Eastland and to town. She got shoes and dress for work. I looked for one but found nothing. Home in evening.

Tuesday, October 21, 1975. Fine day, warm. Pete to Glenn's. I cleaned oven. Went to Prayer Group at June Jantze's. Went to hospital a while. Ate lunch there. Went to Dr. McGinnis at 2:15 for checkup. Everything okay for which I'm grateful. Jo not feeling quite so good. We went to see Gram. Took some slides to show her. [She] seemed to enjoy them. Went to Marie's awhile.

Wednesday, October 22, 1975. Fair, windy, warm, 78°. Pete to work. I went to hospital in morning (volunteer). Went to Jo's awhile in p.m. Think she feels some better than yesterday. I got endive in and had nice head of cauliflower. Took Jo some for her supper. Ron took calves to town. Had one butchered. Talked to Allen in evening.

Thursday, October 23, 1975. Fair, windy, warm. Pete to Glenn's. I waxed kitchen floor. Went to town at 9:00 to bank. Went to District Hospital Auxiliary meeting at ISU. Dr. Baller showed eye surgery procedure on closed [circuit] TV. I went to Jo's in p.m. Put turkey and ham in oven and fixed potatoes for their supper. Frances and Lynns got to Mary's at 3:00. Lynns left at 4:00 for Michigan. We went to Mary's for supper, then to Grams. Packed suitcases.

Friday, October 24, 1975. Fair early morning. Mary, Frances and we left for Allens at 7:00. Showered off and on all day. Got to Allens at 2:20. Stopped at West branch. Drove to president Hoover's grave. Ate lunch at Amana. Good to see Allens. We all went to football game. Saw Jeff play. Nevada 146 – 6. We nearly froze, strong cold wind blowing. Mary, Frances and we home at half time. Met Jeff Pilgrim, Deb's fiancé.

Saturday, October 25, 1975. Clear, chilly, 32°. We all got up late. We all, Shirley, Allen and Jeff to town a while. Frances got material for dress. Jeff got new suit. We all went to Ames in p.m. to shopping center. We took Allens out to eat at the Mall. Were home in evening.

Sunday, October 26, 1975. Fair, windy, warmer. We all went to church. Pete sang in choir with Allens. "Oh Divine Redeemer." Were home for dinner. Played cards awhile in p.m. Jeff Pilgrim

came in evening. Deb to work at midnight. Ron preached at Danvers Presbyterian Church. Roberta sent their dinner.

Monday, October 27, 1975. Fine day, warmer, quite windy. We left Allens at 8:30. Got home at 3:00. Thankful for a good trip and good to be with Allens. I washed and ironed. Went to see Jo. Harvella, Dorothy Loepp and Jo Clemens did some cleaning for her. Washed all windows. We went to visitation for Clarence Meyer. Went to see Gram.

Tuesday, October 28, 1975. Hartley cloudy. Had shower in evening. Pete to auxiliary board meeting. I went to Prayer Group at Mary Ann Kings. Went to hospital. Brought Jo home. She saw Dr. *McMinniwen* (sp?). She has an appointment to go to Peoria November 25. We picked nearly 2 quarts berries. I washed car. I hurt my foot, sprained it. Mary & Frances & Rons here for supper. Mary finished supper. Put ice on my foot.

Wednesday, October 29, 1975. Clear, cooler, beautiful day. My foot is some better. Can walk on it. I baked bars and cookies to send to Steve. Pete dug dahlias and cleaned out eaves. Mary, Frances and we to see Eds. Ate dinner with them. Ed wasn't feeling good. We went to Mary's for supper. Pete, Mary and Frances to see Gram. I stayed at Mary's. John came there after choir.

Thursday, October 30, 1975. Fair, nice day. Pete to Glens, plowed. I baked cake for chili supper. Went to Jo's. Did dishes. Went to town at noon. Mary, Frances and I to Eastland for lunch. I got pants suit. Frances got jacket. I went to hospital at 3:00. Helped get ready for alumni chili supper. Came home at 5:00 [to] get Pete. Ron and boys to Bluffton. Ron has board meeting. We, Mary and Frances to Marie's awhile.

Friday, October 31, 1975. Fair, very windy. Pete to Glens, plowed until noon. I did cleaning. Washed Afghan and a chair cover for Jo. Washed her dishes. I went after Frances at 10:30. She was here rest of day. Pete and I to town at 3:00 to see Gram a little while. Mary, Jo and Frances here for supper. Showed Mary and Frances our Canadian pictures. Jo had company in p.m. Pete doing chores.

Saturday, November 1, 1975. Cloudy, rained in morning. Pete chored and worked on auxiliary books. I went to Jo's. Cleaned bathroom and curtain (shower). We went to town at 11:00 to bank. Got Jo's x-rays at hospital. Took Merle her birthday gift (Mennonite Cookbook). We left at 3:15 for Peoria. Took Mary and Frances. We ate at Bishops. Then took them to Chillicothe. They took 6:45 train to Kansas City. Ron and boys home at 7:30.

Sunday, November 2, 1975. Cloudy, showered little in p.m. Ron took Jo to St. Francis hospital in Peoria at 7:20. Dr. Elwood to see her at 9:00. Ron got home at 4:30. Boys here for breakfast. They and Pete chore. They went to church with us. They went with Clemens to Burger Chef for dinner. We went to brunch at Crestwood Country Club. Edgars, Val [Kampmeier]s, Art [Sieg]s, Marie, CRs, Elmer Siegs and Thietje girls there. Had nice time. We brought boys [home] at 2:30. Went to see Gram in evening.

Monday, November 3, 1975. Cloudy, rained some in p.m. Pete to Glenn's. Plowed until rain at 2:30. I went to Rons in morning until boys went to school. Ron to work. He went to Peoria in p.m. Jo had *milagram* (sp?) in p.m. and is scheduled for surgery Wednesday at 8:00. I washed and ironed. Picked 1 ½ quarts strawberries. Had broccoli from truck patch. Boys to Gordons for supper and to 4-H meeting. We stayed with them until Ron got home.

Tuesday, November 4, 1975. Mostly cloudy, foggy in evening. Pete to Glenns, plowed. I went to Prayer Group at Harvella's. Went to hospital at noon. Worked in Health Services until 3:00. Stopped to see Gram. Got supper. Marty and Jon here. Rons to Peoria at 4:30. Got back at 10:30. Real foggy coming home. I went to Good Will Circle.

Wednesday, November 5, 1975. Very foggy in morning, fair in p.m. Ron to Peoria at 5:30. We got boys up. Had breakfast here. Pete chored. We went to St. Francis Hospital. Left at 8:00. Jo to surgery at 8:00. Dr. Elwood did surgery. Piece of disc had broken off and was pressing on nerve. So grateful they didn't have to fusion. Rosalie got to hospital at 1:30. She came home with us at 4:00. John to Loepps and to choir. We went to Sambo's for supper. Got Jon at church. Ron all night at hospital.

Thursday, November 6, 1975. Cloudy, foggy in morning. Had few showers during day. Warm. Pete to Glenns, plowed. Rosalie and I to Peoria. Stayed with Jo. She is doing very well. Ron to work. He went to Peoria at 4:30. Jim and Lenore [Waltner] to see Jo in p.m. Jim and I came home at 3:00. Lenore stayed until evening. Rosalie went home at 5:00 p.m. We went to employee banquet as Earl Kaufman's guests. Ron got there for reception after program. Boys to Marie's.

Friday, November 7, 1975. Cloudy in morning, then partly cloudy. Pete to auxiliary meeting. Had open house for new place in A & P building. I went to Peoria at 9:00. Stayed with Jo. She's better, doing very well. We are grateful. Ron to Peoria in evening. I baked brownies. Picked over a quart of berries. Pete washed car. Boys here for supper. Kay and her husband got to Ron's late evening.

Saturday, November 8, 1975. Fair, fine day. Pete to men's breakfast. Levi Keidel spoke. I washed my hair. Baked apples and fixed eggs. We went to church at 10:00. Keidels spoke. Had lunch there. Got groceries. Went to Mary's. Watered her flowers. Pete stayed there while I went to women's meeting at Alta Litwillers. Eudene Keidel spoke. Kay to see Jo. Her husband on to Iowa. Ron to Peoria at 5:00. He made hospital rounds in morning. We went to see Gram. Stopped at Marie's. Boys here for supper.

Sunday, November 9, 1975. Fair, warm, very windy in evening. Tornado watch out for some counties. We went to church. Mission Sunday. Had carry in dinner. Large crowd. Had program in p.m. Got home at 3:00. Ron and boys to church. Ron left after church for Peoria. Boys with us. Junior choir sang in p.m. Kay and husband to see Jo late p.m. I wrote some letters. We, Marie and Irene to Cambridge Inn in evening. EE Schertz passed away.

Monday, November 10, 1975. Clear, fine day, much cooler, in 50s. Pete, Marie and I left at 9:30 for Chillicothe. Met Mary at train at 11:25. We went to Bishops in Peoria for dinner. Then to hospital to see Jo. She's getting along fairly well. Kay and husband left this morning for home. Ron didn't get home until 8. Dr. Granger Westberg in town all day. Boys here for supper. We went to see Gram.

Tuesday, November 11, 1975. Fair, windy, chilly. Pete to finance [committee] meeting at hospital. Mary and I to EE Schertz's funeral at Roanoke church which was at 10:30. We stayed for lunch. Got to see relatives and old friends. Stopped to see Eds. I got supper. Ron and Marty here. Jon at Clemens. Ron and Marty to Peoria in p.m. Ron to health (mental) meeting. Larry and Joe Jantze's father died. I picked quart of strawberries.

Wednesday, November 12, 1975. Mostly cloudy, windy and colder, in 30s. Had snow flurries mixed with rain in evening. Pete and I to hospital in morning (volunteer). Baked coffeecake braid in p.m. Jo's Uncle Gerald came in PM. Ron, he and Marty to Peoria in evening. Jon to Loepps. Went to Junior choir, then to Mary's. We went to see Gram. Brought Jon home. Arthur had (unclear).

Thursday, November 13, 1975. Cloudy, cold, windy. Pete did some odd jobs. I went to HEA with Mary. We took Merle to Barney's for belated birthday. Marie and Mary along. Ron sick in evening. Went to Rons. Washed up dishes and fixed some tea and toast for Ron. Jo called from Peoria. She's doing all right.

Friday, November 14, 1975. Fair, cold, 20° in morning. Pete chored for Ron. He is feeling better. I baked rolls and did cleaning. We went to town in p.m. Got groceries. Went to see Gram. Shampooed my hair. We went to volunteer dinner at ISU. Talked to Jo in morning. She's better.

Saturday, November 15, 1975. Clear, fine day, little warmer. We went to Rons in morning. Cleaned up house. Ron and Marty to Peoria. Brought Jo home at noon. Good to have her home and doing well. I made vegetable soup. Took Rons some for lunch. Baked bars and pumpkin bread and apple cake. Cleaned some windows.

Sunday, November 16, 1975. Beautiful day, in 60s. We went to church. Rons, Mary and Marie here for dinner. Good to have Jo again. We went to see Gram before 6:00. She's very upset as we went to Chinese party and dinner with Wen Lang and his friend. Was at Grand Café. Nice evening and good meal. Mr. Emerick sleeping here upstairs.

Monday, November 17, 1975. Fine day, warm. Pete washed car and Simonized it. I washed and ironed. We took Mary to Ludtke at 2:00 to see about estate. We shopped. She and I got Jo a blouse for her birthday. Went to courthouse. Read Julia's will. Everything goes to her sisters. Were home in evening. Rons to see about getting loan for house.

Tuesday, November 18, 1975. Beautiful day, 65°. We went to hospital at 8:00 to get ready for Christmas gift and bake sale. I had charge of bake sale. Made \$375 and had a wonderful response for baked things. I took cinnamon rolls, magic bars and pumpkin bread. Had everything sold by 3:00. Lois Baker, Lucille, Clara S and Dorothy Imhoff helped. Pete was cashier. We went to see Gram in evening. She didn't feel good. Nauseated, vomited in evening.

Wednesday, November 19, 1975. Beautiful day, 65°. I went to hospital in morning (volunteer). Pete got tractor from Glenn. Worked up truck patch. I went to club meeting at Evelyn Schworer with Marie. Mary & Pearl & Mabel along. We helped Jo get their freezer ready for beef. Got ours ready too. Ron brought meat home. We got ½ beef. Mary gets some. We were home in evening.

Thursday, November 20, 1975. Cloudy. Showered some. Windy and much colder in p.m. and evening. Snow flurries in evening. Had blizzard in West. I made rhubarb crisp. Gave Rons some. Defrosted icebox. Pete and I went with Edgar's, Merle and Marguerite to Zumer's in Peoria. Merle paid for our dinner. We stopped at Raders Hardware on way home. Went to see Gram in evening. She was quiet. Snowed some in night.

Friday, November 21, 1975. Cloudy, cold, windy and drizzled some. Did cleaning in morning. We went to town in p.m. to bank and to hospital. Went to Provident [Bookstore], got Christmas cards. Rons, Mr. Emerick, Mary, Marie and we to Red Lobster for supper for Jo's birthday. Mary and I gave her a black blouse. Debbie flew to Bluffton for weekend.

Saturday, November 22, 1975. Clear, cold, 20° in morning. A nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked cookies. Shampooed my hair. Finished cleaning, cooked cranberries. We covered roses with dirt. Pete worked up garden. We went to Homebuilders progressive dinner. Went first to Jon Bertsche's, then Paul Watkins for main meal, then to Bob Kaufmans for dessert.

Sunday, November 23, 1975. Another nice day, 24°. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Marie there too. Jo went to church for first time. Ron preached at Waldo in evening. We were home in evening. Played pool awhile.

Monday, November 24, 1975. Cloudy, up to 39° during day. Snowed in late p.m. and evening. Melted some. Pete covered roses. I washed and ironed. We went to town in p.m. Took Mary to Dr. Bertsche for checkup. We went to Eastland, then to Bloomington. I got aqua dress at Livingston's. We had supper at Mary's. Then to see Gram. Took Pete back to Mary's. I went to Long-Range Planning Committee meeting at church.

Tuesday, November 25, 1975. Cleared off in morning. Nearly all snow melted. I got ready for Prayer Group. June [Jantze], Shirley Krahn, Mary Ann and Mary here. Jo to Jo Clemens in morning. She was here awhile in p.m. I made chili. We went to Clinton at 5:00. Got Deb and Steve. They came with Steve Baum. We ate lunch in Clinton. Good to have them.

Wednesday, November 26, 1975. Cloudy, started to snow at noon. Had 5 inches. Very windy, snow blowing. Driving very bad. I baked ham and cooked cranberries. We all went to town in p.m. Went to see Gram. Allens got here at 10:30. Left home at 1:00. Had a bad trip. Traffic stalled in places. We were so thankful they got here safely.

Thursday, November 27, 1975. Fair, cold, 20°. Snow drifted some in places. Ron scooped snow away from garage and drive with tractor. Rons, Allens and we to Sambo's for breakfast. I got things ready for dinner. We had goose and chicken. Jo made salad. Mary pies, Marie relishes. Allens, Rons, Marie, Mary, Pearl & Mrs. Yeakel here for the day. Allens and Marie to see Gram in PM. Sent her some food. Pauls called in evening. We had a nice Thanksgiving. Allen and Shirley to Mrs. Yeakels all night.

Friday, November 28, 1975. Fair, warmer, 38°. Windy in evening. I washed in morning. Did cleaning. Allen came in morning. Shirley with her mother. Gave her a permanent. We all went to Eastland in p.m. and to Colonial Plaza. We got material for a quilt for Debbie. We all went to Sambo's for supper. Mrs. Yeakel to tired to go along. Allens to see Gram. Pete and I to church. Ben Sprunger from Bluffton talked about his trip to China. Allens here all night.

Saturday, November 29, 1975. Rained most of day. Storm warnings out in evening. High winds and rained hard at 10:00. Allens to Marie's for breakfast. I cleaned up kitchen. Got lunch. Allens here. Washed my hair. Shirley pinned it up. Allens to Mrs. Yeakels awhile in p.m. We all and Marie to Mary's for supper. Ron, Marty and Steve to international Livestock [Show, in Chicago]. Got back at 5:30.

Sunday, November 30, 1975. Cloudy, windy, turned much colder. Allens left for home at 8:30. We miss them. Was good to have them again. Steve and we to church and stopped at Arby's for lunch. Were home in PM. Steve helped Marty chore. Ron to hospital. I went to Congregational meeting at church. Pete to see Gram. Steve at Rons. Talked to Allens. They got home at 2:00. Had some snow flurries.

Monday, December 1, 1975. Mostly cloudy, cold, 14° above. I washed and ironed. Got things ready for dinner. Jo here too. Pete and I took Steve to Baums at Clinton. They left there at 2:00. We stopped to see Gram just a minute on way home. We went to Mary's. Made our fruitcakes. Ate supper there. I washed sheets, etc. from guest beds in evening.

Tuesday, December 2, 1975. I went to prayer group at Marj Nesters. We went shopping. I went to Good Will Christmas program. Pete to see Gram.

Wednesday, December 3. Partly cloudy, warmer. I went to hospital at 8 – 2 (volunteer). Pete worked on auxiliary books. He went to lawyer about Ropp Cemetery at 3:00. Signed paper for Township to take over. I baked ginger cookies. We finished newsletter. Were home in evening.

Thursday, December 4, 1975. Clear, fine day, 58 – 60°. Pete took newsletter to Kay and took Skippy for her rabies shot. I cooked snickerdoodle cookies & cooked squash & made pumpkin bread. Went to town at 1:30. Mary along. Went shopping at Eastland. Ate supper at Steak 'n Shake and went to see Gram. Said she had a bad day.

Friday, December 5, 1975. Mostly fair, warm, 60°. Showered some in evening. Did cleaning. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:00. Went shopping in p.m. Got lamps for Jo, stapler for Ron. Got cheeses for Orvie, tea and dishcloths for Frances and stationary for Evelyn. Wrapped packages and wrote cards in evening.

Saturday, December 6, 1975. Partly cloudy, windy, colder. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked Crescent and Yummy cookies. Washed my hair and finished cleaning. We went to see Gram in PM. Then to hospital at 4:00. We volunteered in gift shop & information desk until 8:30.

Sunday, December 7, 1975. Partly cloudy, chilly. We went to church. Had lunch at Arby's. Were home in p.m. and evening. Wrote Christmas notes and cards. Mary and May to Messiah. Marie in bed most of day with her back.

Monday, December 8, 1975. Cloudy, started to snow at noon. Kept it up all evening. Gordon here in morning. He ran over Skippy as he left. Broke her back. Pete took her to vet. Thought it best to put her to sleep. Sure feel bad about it. We miss her. I washed and ironed. Baked carrot and sugar cookies and iced them. We went to see Gram in evening. Marie still having back trouble.

Tuesday, December 9, 1975. Cloudy, chilly, some snow melted. We went to town. I went to Prayer Group at June's. Pete and I to Eastland. Got shirt for Jeff's birthday and billfold for Mary. We went to hospital annex. Pete to auxiliary committee meeting to make out committees. I quilted awhile. I baked bars and wrapped Christmas gifts in evening. Mr. Emerick, Jo's uncle, came in evening.

Wednesday, December 10, 1975. Fair, 17°, warmed up some. I went to hospital at 8:00 (volunteer) until 1:00. Mary and we to Eureka to see Eds. They are about same. Pete did odd jobs. We went to see Gram in evening.

Thursday, December 11, 1975. Cloudy, chilly. I went to Home Extension with Mabel. Mary along. Pete to Birkelbaws, got apples. We put up our Christmas tree in PM. I went to task force meeting at church. Pete to Mary's. Put lights on her tree.

Friday, December 12, 1975. Cloudy, gloomy, misted all evening. We did cleaning. Put up Christmas decorations. Baked press cookies, date-nut balls. Wrapped some gifts. Went to town at 5:00. Did a little shopping. We went to see Gram, then went to Marie's a while. She still has back trouble and taking treatment. Ron and Jo to Peoria. Jo had doctors appointment at 5:15.

Saturday, December 13, 1975. Mostly fair, windy, up to 60° in PM. Finished cleaning. Wrapped gifts. Fixed [pine] cones and door piece for backdoor. Made filling for sandwiches. We went to town at 3:00. Took some lights to Mary for her tree. Went to hospital at 4:00. Worked in gift shop & information desk until 8:30.

Sunday, December 14, 1975. Cloudy, very windy, rained in evening nearly an inch. We went to church. Ron and I to Gram at 11:00. Ron gave Gram communion. Bob Stutzman family and Gary & [his] girlfriend and Mary here for surprise luncheon. Ron to meeting in Chicago at 2:00. We went to church at 3:30. Pete helped set up chairs for dessert. We sang carols at 4:00. Had cookies and drink at 4:30. Christmas program at 5:30. Pete on program. We went to Merle's at 7:00. Helped her serve carolers refreshments. I took cookies.

Monday, December 15, 1975. Cloudy, colder. I washed and ironed. We went to town at 3:00. Got groceries and went to Marie's. Helped her with cards. Stamped and sealed [them]. We, Mary and Marie to Edgars for supper. CRs there too. Rev. Harold Zehr passed away at 4:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 16, 1975. Fair, 18°. We went to town at 9:00. Jo, Mary and I fixed tray of meats and cheese for Zehr family. Pete to auxiliary committee meeting. I went to prayer group at Mary Ann Kings. We went to Eastland. Got gloves for Shirley and shirt and hose for Eds. I washed for Marie in morning. We went to visitation for Rev. Zehr and to Grams. They started digging for Ron's new house.

Wednesday, December 17, 1975. Fair, cold, around 10° most of day, rather windy. I baked coffeecake braid and made penuchi candy. Pete worked on hog waterers for Ron. Couldn't keep them lit. I went to club meeting with Marie to Dorothy Singley's. Ruth Ann Schertz gave book review. I wrapped some gifts and cut quilt blocks in evening. They poured gravel in Ron's new drive to garage.

Thursday, December 18, 1975. Partly cloudy, warmed up some during the day. Zero in morning. I baked rolls and waxed the kitchen floor. We went to town at 4:00 to see Gram. Then Mary and we to Dorothy Scogins for supper. Had nice evening. Stopped at grocery store on way home.

Friday, December 19, 1975. Fair, nice day. Made salad. Got things ready for supper. We went to visitation for George Curtiss in p.m. Edgars, Art and Elmer Siegs, Marie and Mary here for supper. Had nice evening. CRs here too. CR to see Gram after supper. Frances called in morning. Mabel Miller passed away.

Saturday, December 20, 1975. Cloudy, cold, windy. Few snow flurries. I washed and ironed. Pete to men's breakfast. I shampooed my hair. Wrapped some gifts. We went to town at 5:00. Mary, Marie and we to Cambridge Inn. We went to see Gram, then to Marie's. Had our gift exchange and dessert. Gave Marie sewing basket. I got gloves, and Pete [got] books & money.

Sunday, December 21, 1975. Clear, fine day. We went to church. Mary and we to Eureka. Had lunch at Bob Troyers restaurant. Went to see Eds. Took Ed a shirt and Nettie 3 pair of hose. Rons, Mary and Mr. Emerick here for supper. Had oyster soup and salad, ice cream, cake, cookies & berries. Jon didn't feel so good, stomach.

Monday, December 22, 1975. Fair, nice day, in 30s. Mary and we left at 9:40 for Allens. Nice day to travel. Got here at 4:00. Children home. Allens working. Good to be with them all again. They have pretty tree. Men working at Rons. Poured footings. Debbie worked in night.

Tuesday, December 23, 1975. Cloudy, chilly, 20°. Allen and Shirley to work. Jeff and Pam to school. Steve to Pilgrims to work. Deb sleeping. I cooked pumpkin and made pumpkin bread. We cut out quilt blocks for Deb's quilt. Allen and Pete to Des Moines in p.m. to home office.

Wednesday, December 24, 1975. Cloudy, light mist, streets little slick. Allens to work. Shirley home after lunch. We fixed things for Christmas dinner. Had Christmas music all day. Had gift exchange in evening. Pete got binoculars. I got 2 pictures. We all went to Christmas Eve service at Presbyterian Church at 11:00. Very nice service. Jeff Pilgrim here too for supper. We had chili and vegetable soup and salad.

Thursday, December 25, 1975. Cloudy, 34°. We all slept late. Allens had their gift exchange. We had turkey and all the trimmings for 1:30. Talked to Rons in morning. They had snow at home. They were going to CRs for dinner. Ron making rounds at hospital. We had little snow in night.

Friday, December 26, 1975. Cloudy, in 20s. Allen to work. Steve to Pilgrims to work. We helped Shirley with cleaning and help getting things ready for supper. Dick Pilgrims here for supper. Had nice visit with them. Debbie's Jeff was sworn in as a deputy. Ron called in evening. Nettie fell this p.m. Fractured her hip. Sure sorry to hear it.

Saturday, December 27, 1975. Cloudy, 26° high. We left Allens at 8:00 a.m. Got home at 2:45. Stopped at St. Francis Hospital [in Peoria] to see Nettie. She has quite a lot of pain. Feel sorry for her. Ron there in p.m. 2. I washed & ironed & cleaned up the upstairs & pinned up my hair. Pete to see Gram in evening. Jo and Marty not feeling well, flu. Paul called. They plan to come Monday.

Sunday, December 28, 1975. Ground covered with snow. Cloudy. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Went to see Gram a while. Val [Kampmeier]s and Marie came to see her. I made chili. Called hospital. Nettie was to have surgery tomorrow, but canceled. She has pulmonary problem. Ron preached. Jo still not feeling good.

Monday, December 29, 1975. Cloudy, misting and raining, freezing. Roads slick in morning. Broke up some by noon. Ice hanging on trees some in p.m. I dusted up house. We went to see Gram at noon. CRs and Marie there too. We all had Kentucky Fried Chicken with her. Ropps gave her a bouquet for her 90th birthday. Pauls got here at 5:45. Good to see them and thankful

they had good trip. Rained all the way. Foggy in evening. Ron and Jon here for supper. Jo and Marty came after supper. Had our gift exchange.

Tuesday, December 30, 1975. Cloudy, warmer, ice melted. Mary, Pete and I left at 10:30 for Peoria. Stopped at Eureka to get Ed. Nettie to have surgery. They took her to OR at 2:30. Soon brought her back to room. Didn't have enough blood ready. Canceled OR until tomorrow. Ed back to Eureka at 2:30 with an orderly from the home. We got home at 4:40. Pauls with Marie to Sambo's for lunch, then to her house and to see Gram. We all, Mary, Marie, Edgars and Marguerite [Burwitz] at CRs for supper.

Wednesday, December 31, 1975. Cloudy, foggy. Pete and I went to St. Francis Hospital at 9:30. Nettie went to surgery at 11:00 for repair of her hip. Dr. *Alemeds* (sp?) put plate and pin in. She came through surgery as well as could be expected. She's in ICU. We came home at 4:30. Marj to town, got groceries for supper. She made Chinese food. Very delicious. We ate at Rons. Played pinochle. Watched the New Year in.

Thursday, January 1, 1976. Mostly fair, cloudy in evening. Rained some. We got up late. Went to Mary's for dinner. Rons, Pauls and CRs there. Marj, Paul and Amy and we to see Gram in PM. She had pain in her legs. Nettie moved out of ICU. Talked to Allen in evening. Andy and Benjy at Rons all night.

Friday, January 2, 1976. Partly cloudy, windy, colder. Pauls left at 9:30 for home. Nice to have them. We miss them. I did some of cleaning. Washed bedding from upstairs. Ironed some. Jo and we to town a while in p.m. Looked around at Coens. Went to Eastland. I got wedding gift for Jim Litwiller (salad plates). We went to Merle's awhile in evening. Pauls got home at 6:15. Andy not feeling well – flu?

Saturday, January 3, 1976. Partly cloudy, windy, cold, 15°. Colder in p.m. Pete to men's breakfast. I did rest of cleaning and shampooed my hair. We took tree down and put decorations away. Mary and we to Peoria to see Nettie. She is quite uncomfortable but doing quite well. Stopped at Eureka funeral home for visitation for Julius Miller. Stopped to see Ed. Went to see Gram when we got home.

Sunday, January 4, 1976. Clear, cold, zero. We went to church. May Mohr and Mary along. May didn't have car. They took us to Cambridge Inn for dinner. We were home in PM. We went to Love Feast and communion in evening. Took Clara B[rodbeck], May M[ohr], and Mary.

Monday, January 5, 1976. Fair, 12° above, warmed up some, windy. Pete worked on auxiliary books. I washed and ironed. Pieced some quilt in p.m. Dusted upstairs. We went to town at 4:30 to see Gram. Went to Mary's for supper. Edgars and Marie there too. Marie got back from McHenry early p.m. Jon has temp, didn't go to school.

Tuesday, January 6, 1976. Cloudy, windy, 35°, colder in p.m. I went to player group at Jo Clemens. All groups met, reorganized. I went to Novak's [Flower Shop], got flowers for Marie Yoder. She had mastectomy. Went to Mary's, committee meeting for Home Extension. Pete home. Jon still has temp. I went to Good Will with Jeanette. Lucy C[atherine] along too. Started to snow in evening.

Wednesday, January 7, 1976. Cloudy, windy. Had 2 inches snow and snowed more during day. Much colder during day. East and west roads drifted some. We went to town at 8:00. Mary along. We volunteered [at hospital]. Pete to bank, etc. Left at 1:00. We went to see Gram. Home at 3:00. Made chili for Home Extension. Rons took Jon to Dr. in. His throat and ears are affected. Think it's a virus.

Thursday, January 8, 1976. 9° below zero, high 2° above. Clear. Mary and I to Home Extension. Dorothy S[ingley], Rachel McBrayer on committee. Had chili. Had 23. We came home after dinner as Jo and I had planned to go to Peoria. She was going to Dr. Elwood and was to see Nettie. Jon's temp over 104° so Jo didn't want to leave him. Pete was going to stay. I made salad and pieced quilt blocks. Went to Jo's. Took ice over for Jon.

Friday, January 9, 1976. 2° below zero. Warmed up some, 13°. We went to annual auxiliary meeting at hospital annex. I had devotions. We went to see Gram on way home. Did cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Worked on quilt blocks. Rons took Jon to hospital in evening. Had blood test but found nothing. Dr. says it's a virus. Temp got up to over 103 in p.m.

Saturday, January 10, 1976. Cloudy, misted in p.m. and evening. Froze, Roads icy. Rons and we to Peoria at 10:00. Jo to see Dr. Elwood. Has stitched worked out of incision. Says she's doing okay. We went to see Nettie. She was in chair but very uncomfortable and discouraged. I worked on quilt in p.m. We went with Lloyd Singleys to Jim Litwiller-Leahan Keen wedding at Calvary Baptist at 7:30. Large crowd. Roads slick.

Sunday, January 11, 1976. Partly cloudy. Most of ice melted. We went to church and to Rons for dinner. Ron preached at Normal Presbyterian Church. They had dinner at church. He got home at 2:00. Jon feeling much better. We went to see Gram in evening. Sheryl Rempel at Rons all night. She has bad cold.

Monday, January 12, 1976. Fair, warmer. I washed and ironed. We went to Seminary Without Walls. Marlin Miller from Goshen Seminary [spoke]. I worked on quilt awhile. We went to church in evening. Sheryl Rempel, Jon and Ron came over for ice cream, strawberries and cookies. Sheryl to town with Ron in morning. Jo to church.

Tuesday, January 13, 1976. Cloudy. Started to snow at 10:00. Had 4 inches of heavy wet snow. Visibility poor. We went to church at 9:00. Mary along. She, Alma G[alloway], Linda Ramieris (sp?) got dinner for pastors and wives. Had barbecue. Pete attended Marlin Miller's session. Had 26 for dinner. Sheryl was flying to California but flights canceled. We took Mary and Alma home. Stopped to see Gram. We got stuck in yard when we got home. Pete hits side of car by tree. Sheryl at Rons.

Wednesday, January 14, 1976. Clear, cold, 9° above. We went to town at 8:00. Took Mary along. We (vol) at hospital. Pete to session at church in morning. We went to June Jantze's in p.m. She helped with Deb's quilt. Got some blocks put together. Worked on quilt in evening.

Thursday, January 15, 1976. Cloudy, 18°, warmer during day. Windy & snowed some at noon & blowing. Drifted some early p.m. We went to town at 11:00. Got groceries. Went to Eastland. Got stamped quilt on sale. Looked for snow boots. Got more material for quilt blocks and material for skirt. Worked some on quilt. We went to see gram in evening and went to church. Marlin Miller spoke on civil religion.

Friday, January 16, 1976. Clear, cold, 22° in morning. Colder during day. Did cleaning. Worked on quilt. Jo here a while late p.m. She went to church in morning. Marlin Miller's sessions closed. Jo helped put up new pictures we got for Christmas. We went to Merle's in evening.

Saturday, January 17, 1976. Clear, cold, 2° below zero. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked cake. Made salad. Finished cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Made 2 quilt blocks. We went to Mary's at 3:00. Put 2 rows on the quilt. Marie, Mary and we to Golden West Steak House for supper. Pete and I to see Gram. Then to Marie's. Had ice cream.

Sunday, January 18, 1976. Clear, zero, little warmer during day, windy in evening. We went to church. Had basket dinner. I'm on committee [to] get set up. Had Congregational meeting in p.m. Voted on Pastor Waltner for 3 years. Bloomington church voted on Carl *Newswanger* (sp?). Long meeting. We made ice cream when got home. Paul Millers came in evening.

Monday, January 19, 1976. Cloudy, cold, some snow, windy. Washed and ironed. Worked on quilt. Went to see Gram in evening. Clarence and Mabel left for Florida.

Tuesday, January 20, 1976. Fair, cold, near zero, 9° above at noon, windy. I went to prayer group at Marj Nesters. Went to Klemms, got batting for quilt. Worked on quilt in p.m. Pete and Ron to hospital in evening. Rehearsal for hospital annual meeting. I went to June Jantze. Helped her finish marking quilt for MCC sale. We finished putting Debbie's quilt together.

Wednesday, January 21, 1976. Mostly cloudy, windy, snow blowing in morning. We went to town. I volunteered at hospital in Health Services. Came home at noon. Went to club meeting with Marie and Maxine Alwes. Went to see Gram in evening and to grocery store.

Thursday, January 22, 1976. Fine day, warmer. Mary and we to Eureka at 11:30. Ate dinner with Ed, then on to Peoria to see Nettie. She seemed about the same. Hoping she maybe can go to Eureka this weekend. We went to Eastland and to Mary's for supper. June [Jantze] came over a few minutes. We started to mark Deb's quilt.

Friday, January 23, 1976. Clear, beautiful day, 45°, lot of snow melted. I did cleaning. Jo here awhile in morning. We went to town at noon. Had lunch with Mary. Pete and I to Eastland. Got sheet for quilt back. Mary got her hair done. We worked on marking quilt in p.m. Went to see Gram. She had a lot of pain in her leg. Willis and Orvie called in evening.

Saturday, January 24, 1976. Fair, nice day. Shampooed my hair. Made blueberry dessert and salad. We went to annual hospital meeting at hospital annex at 2:00. I'm delegate. We worked at Gift Shop and Information Desk, 4 – 8:30. Fixed part of meat dish to put in icebox.

Sunday, January 25, 1976. Snowed until afternoon, windy. We went to church and to Marie's for dinner. Mary there too. Stopped to see Gram. She wanted us to stay. Came home at 4:00. Got supper. Rons and Jim Waltners here. Had beef dressing casserole. Gram very upset in evening. Wanted us to come in. Talked to nurse. Called Allens. They are okay, have no snow.

Monday, January 26, 1976. Clear, in 20s. Washed and ironed. Finished marking Debbie's quilt. Were home in evening.

Tuesday, January 27, 1976. Fair, zero. I went to prayer group at June Jantze's. I took her 2 (unclear) for helping me with Deb's quilt. Had lunch with her, then went to Farm Bureau. Took lesson on Dental Care. I washed sheet for backing for quilt. We went to see Gram in evening. She was very unhappy with us for not coming Sunday evening.

Wednesday, January 28, 1976. Fair, warmer, in 30s. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered. Pete to Helen Pattons to get information for Ropp history. We went to June's in p.m. I quilted on MCC quilt. Merle took Mary and we to Red Lobster for supper, then to show, "The Hiding Place." [About] Corrie ten Boom. Sad and depressing to see what things human beings do.

Thursday, January 29, 1976. Fair, nice day. I went to June Jantze's to quilt. Stayed until we went to Esther Cash. Had a permanent. Got home at 6:00. I went to alumni meeting, was on committee. Dr. Schwartz showed pictures of Zaire. Pete to see Gram. She was having pain. CRs there too. They got home from Florida this p.m.

Friday, January 30, 1976. Cloudy in morning, cleared off. We did cleaning. I baked 2 pumpkin pies. Gave Jo one. Baked quick coffeecake. Cut out my skirt in p.m. We went to town at 5:00. Got Marie. She, Edgars, Mary and we to Grand Hotel for Mary's birthday. Went back to Mary's, had dessert. Marie fell on Mary's steps as we were leaving, but no injuries. Marty's gilt had 12 pigs.

Saturday, January 31, 1976. Fair, cloudy in p.m., windy and chilly. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Jo here awhile in morning. Ron and boys to hog sale at Sullivan. Bought to gilts. Edgars took Mary to Jumers for lunch. Pete and I to Eureka. Took Ed to hospital to see Nettie. She's just fair, frail. Went to see Gram. Took her some vegetable soup and dill pickles. She enjoyed them. Had quiet evening. Had some snow in night.

Sunday, February 1, 1976. Cloudy, 33° in morning, snow flurries. Strong wind from northwest, falling temp all day. Snow blowing. We went to church with Ron. He preached. Had good sermon. He went to see Gram during Sunday school. We and Mary and Paul Millers to Rons for dinner. Paul drove Mary's car home. Roads okay. Wrote to Frances.

Monday, February 2, 1976. Fair, 9° below. Washed and ironed. We went to town at 1:00. I stayed with Florence Cromley from 1 – 5. Pete did some errands. We went to Mary's for supper. June J[antze] came. We put Debbie's quilt in frame. Pete and I to see Gram. She was very upset, having pain and wants to leave the place.

Tuesday, February 3, 1976. Fair, near zero, warmer during day. I went to prayer group at Mary Ann Kings. Ate lunch with Mary. She took Edith Miller and *Leithe* (sp?) Gilbert to June Jantze's to quilt on MCC quilt. Pete home. He worked on Ropp history. I went to Good Will with Jeanette. Dorothy [Gurtner] fell on ice. Cracked her hip bone.

Wednesday, February 4, 1976. Mostly fair, chilly wind. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered until noon. Sat with Florence Cromley 1 – 5 [p.m.]. Pete to Marie's. They worked on Ropp history. We ate at McDonald's and went to Mary's awhile. Beulah R[oth] came to help. We went to see Gram. She was up. Set & crying.

Thursday, February 5, 1976. Snowed most of day, blowing. Quit in evening. Had around 4 inches. We went to town at 9:30. Got Brown jacket, \$1 day at Livingston's. Got electric knife for Shirley's birthday. We went to Service Company meeting. Good meeting. Rons here for supper. Had waffles and sausage. Larry [Mohr] here in evening. Talked about rent for this year. Gram restless. [I] gave her hypo in morning.

Friday, February 6, 1976. Fair, 10° above. Did cleaning. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:00. Had board meeting. I helped put baby quilt in frame. Ate at hospital. We went to Mary's. I quilted. We were there for supper. Went to see Gram. She seems rather weak, crying at times.

Saturday, February 7, 1976. Fair, very windy in p.m. Snow blowing and drifting. We went to Normal in morning. Mailed Shirley's package. Washed my hair. Worked on my skirt in p.m. We worked to work at Info Desk and Gift Shop at 4:00 but on account of weather we didn't go.

Sunday, February 8, 1976. Clear, nice day, near 40°. A nice change. We went to church. Mary with us. We went to Arby's for lunch, then to Mary's. She and I quilted awhile. Pete to see Gram. She had other company and was quiet. We stopped to see Diana, Mike and baby Shana. Gave her a little dress. Went back to town in evening to see Gram.

Monday, February 9, 1976. Fair, warmer, 46°. Nice to see some snow and ice melting. I washed, ironed. Went to hospital at 10:00 to class with students. Mrs. Mary Jo (unclear) talked about Reach for Recovery program. Set up by Cancer Society. Went to Mary's few minutes to help roll quilt. Lucy C[atherine] fell at courthouse, had fracture of her wrist. I fed her supper. Stayed with Florence, 1 – 5 [PM].

Tuesday, February 10, 1976. Fair, warmer, 65°. Nice day. Most of snow left. Baked sugar cookies. Went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn. Went to Mary's for lunch. Quilted a little. Took she and Edith to June's. We quilted. Beulah [Roth], Harvella [Stutzman] and Alma [Galloway] there too. I came home. Got Pete. We went to Mary's for supper. I quilted until time to go see Gram. Iced cookies when got home. Pete outside a while. Cleaned stall in hog barn.

Wednesday, February 11, 1976. Fair, cooler, 40°. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered. Pete to *Pantagraph* to select agriculturalist. We went to Novak at noon. Got planter for Lucy C[atherine]. She went home in PM. I stayed with Florence [Cromley] in p.m. Pete worked at Information Desk awhile in p.m. We were home in evening.

Thursday, February 12, 1976. Fair, nice day, near 50°. I made salad. We went to town at 9:00 to Ulbricks. Pete got 2 pairs slacks, \$1 day. I went to June's to quilt. Took salad, peaches and

cookies. Mary, Edith [Miller], Leatha [Gilbert] there. Mary sat with Florence in p.m. Leath left at noon. Pete at Marie's. Worked on Ropp history. We went to see gram at 5:00. She was very quiet. Seemed tired.

Friday, February 13, 1976. Clear, nice day, in 40s. Did cleaning. We went to Merle's at 10:30. Mary along. Watched Pat Robertson on TV. Religious program. Merl took us to Streid's for lunch. She got groceries. Went to Mary's. She got her hair done. I quilted. Were home in evening.

Saturday, February 14, 1976. Fair, quite windy in evening, in 40s. I finished cleaning. Shampoed my hair. Finished my skirt. We went to Mary's at 4:00. I quilted a short time. Mary, Marie, Katherine Boyer and we to Denny's for supper. Girls to Marie's. We went to see Gram. She was upset & crying. Went to Marie's awhile. Took girls home. Rained little in night.

Sunday, February 15, 1976. Cloudy in morning, fair, warm, in 60s. We went to church. Were greeters. Mary and we to Merle's. Dudleys there. Merl took us all to *Crestwick* (sp?) Country Club for brunch. Drove to normal. Had ice cream sundaes we didn't need, ha. Went back to Merle's awhile. Fixed pie. Took it to Phil [Patton]s. Rained in night.

Monday, February 16, 1976. Cloudy, rained most of morning and again in p.m. Had very hard rain in town in p.m. Some streets all flooded. I washed and ironed. Went to town in p.m. I went to Florence's but only there ½ hour. Had call from Hawthorne Lodge. Gram passed out, they thought [she had] a stroke. Marie, CRs and we there. Ron went out. Gram started responding again. Dr. Deneen came at 8:00. He thought she could have had an aneurysm. Has pain in stomach. We and Marie left at 8:30. Had sandwich. See ours there in evening.

Tuesday, February 17, 1976. Cloudy, rained little in night. I had prayer group here at 9:00. Pete to finance committee at hospital. We went to Hawthorne Lodge at 1:00. Stayed with Gram until 7:30. She slept some. Restless in evening. Taking a little water. CRs, Marie with her in morning. CRs back in evening awhile. We had sandwich and went to Mary's awhile. Helped roll quilt. I talked to Allens and Pauls in evening. Pauls having the flu. Have an epidemic in south.

Wednesday, February 18, 1976. Cloudy, chilly. I baked coffeecake braid and brownies in morning. We went to nursing home in p.m. Stayed with Gram. Her pulse rapid and weak. Giving hypos about every 3 hours. Marie and we ate supper together. She went home. We stayed until CRs came at 7:30. Went to Mary's, quilted awhile. Hawthorne called us at 10:00 p.m. Gram worse. Ron and we, CRs and Marie went in. We stayed all night. Rest went home after midnight. We came home at 6:00.

Thursday, February 19, 1976. Cloudy in morning, clear. Grandma passed away about 11:00 a.m. Mabel and Marie with her. Ron there just as she passed away. We went in right away. So thankful she is relieved of her suffering which was so long. We all went to Marie's. Jo came & fixed coffee & lunch for us. Ron back to hospital at 1:30. Called Allens at noon. We went to funeral home at 2:30 [to] make arrangements.

Friday, February 20, 1976. Fair, nice day. Did cleaning. I went to Harvella's at 8:30. Had hair done. Jo there too. Pete to bank and had car washed. Got groceries. Allens got here at 3:00. Good to see them. Paul came by bus. Got here at 5:25 PM. We all went to funeral home visitation 5 – 9. Quite large number of people. Steve came at 8:30. His friend (name unclear) brought him. CRs family and Marie and all our family to Sambo's for supper after visitation.

Saturday, February 21, 1976. Cloudy, rained hard in evening, much colder and little snow. We all went to church at 11:30. The family had dinner there. Then to funeral home for Gram's funeral at 1:30. Ron had message. Allen and Shirley sang. Paul read obituary, Gordon prayer and Ray Scripture. Grandsons and Steve pallbearers. Nice service. We all went to CRs for lunch. Dorothy Singley, Mary and May Mohr helped. Most of cousins there. Around 50 there. Shirley to her mothers a while. Pam at Clemens for lunch. Got to bed at 1:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 22, 1976. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., cold. Allens and Steve and his friend left at 9:15. Allen and Pete took Paul to bus at 6:45. We miss them all. So glad they could all come. We went to church and to CRs for dinner. Marie there too. We went over thank you list to be sent. Came home early. Jo and boys here in evening. Had lunch. Ron to work, came later.

Monday, February 23, 1976. Fair, nice day. Washed and ironed. Washed sheets and bread spreads in p.m. Wrote thank you notes. We went to Mary's at 4:30. I quilted. Mary to prayer group in evening. Jo teaching school at Fairview.

Tuesday, February 24, 1976. Fair, warmer, near 70°. I ironed sheets in morning. Pete home. He fed little pigs for Rons. Jo teaching. I went to prayer group at Harvella's. Went to Mary's at noon. Quilted in PM. Pete and I to Heritage group in evening. RL Hartzler told of Mennonite hospital beginning.

Wednesday, February 25 1976. Fair, nice day. I went to hospital (volunteer). Stayed with Florence, 1 – 3:30. Pete with Marie to Hawthorne Lodge. Took some gowns and went to Cemetery. We all ate lunch at hospital. CR, Pete and Marie to lawyer about Gram's estate in p.m. I went to Mary's at 3:30, quilted. CRs, Pete and I to Marie's for supper. Ron and boys took to gilts to Columbia Missouri to show and sale. Jo taught school.

Thursday, February 26, 1976. Fine day, near 60°. I fixed things for dinner. We went to Meadows Home annual meeting. Had groundbreaking for new addition. We stopped to see Fanny Weavers home. Very nice. Pete helping Jo with chores. I went to Mary's at 4:30. Quilted all evening. Pete and Jo there for supper to. Marty called from Columbia. He won the barrow show.

Friday, February 27, 1976. Fine day, 70°, broke records. I baked pecan rolls and cookies. Did cleaning. I went to Mary's in p.m. quilted. She was at Mrs. Fuller's. Pete helped Jo with chores. They and Marie came to Mary's at 6:00. We stopped at funeral home visitation for Alma Prentzler. We went to Cambridge Inn for supper. Back to Mary's. Quilted awhile.

Saturday, February 28 1976. Another nice day, little cooler. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Marie here awhile in morning to see the Sacred Lily. We went to Mary's in p.m. I quilted. We went to hospital at 4:00. Worked in Gift Shop and Information Desk.

Sunday, February 29, 1976. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., showered some and cooler. We went to church. Mary and we to Eureka. Had lunch in Eureka. Went to see Eds. Nettie is just fair. Little confused at times. Harvey Roths and Wilma there awhile, also Owen Kanegy. He wanted us to stop at his house which we did. Marie here for lunch, Mary also. Edgars, Mildred and Marguerite [Burwitz] here in evening. Played tape of Gram's service. Ron and boys got home from Columbia Missouri after 2:00 a.m.

Monday, March 1, 1976. Cloudy, had shower in morning and at noon. I washed and ironed. Went to hospital at noon. Took Memorial money to Leon Schmucker. I stayed with Florence [Cromley] in p.m. Pete to bank. We went to Mary's at 4:30. I quilted all evening. Jo and Edith [Miller] there awhile in p.m. Jo came again in evening.

Tuesday, March 2, 1976. Had nearly an inch rain at 5:00 a.m. Mostly cloudy, warm, 74°, record again. Showered in evening. I went to prayer group at Marj Nesters. Went to Mary's at 12:00. Quilted all afternoon. Jo there awhile too. Mary at Mrs. Fuller's. Pete to service station to see about getting muffler on Rambler. Went to Good Will with Jeanette. Cy here with Pete. Jo to Good Will too.

Wednesday, March 3, 1976. Cloudy, rained at noon and again in evening, cooler. We went to town at 8:00. I went to Mary's. Quilted all morning. She went to Coffee Shop. Pete took car to Wiley for 7500 mile checkup. Marie and we to Coffee Shop for lunch. I stayed with Florence [Cromley], 1 - 4. Went to Mary's. Quilted all evening. June [Jantze] came in evening, helped. Jo taught school in p.m.

Thursday, March 4, 1976. Cloudy, rained in morning, had 1 ½ inches rain since yesterday. Very windy in PM. Storm watch and warnings out in evening & rain. In 60s. Snow north. I went to Mary's in morning. Quilted all day. Pete to town in p.m. Took garden tractor in. Boys here. Rons left at 5:00 a.m. for Ohio. Ron to Hospital and Homes meeting in Cincinnati. Jo on to Bluffton, has meeting their Saturday.

Friday, March 5, 1976. Partly cloudy, much cooler, in 20s, windy. Pete to auxiliary meeting at 9:00. I went to Mary's. Quilted all day. Finished Debbie's quilt. Mary at Mrs. Fuller's. Pete home at noon to feed pigs. Came after me at 4:30. I finished cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Boys here. I packed some canned vegetables for Pauls. Packed suitcases.

Saturday, March 6, 1976. Clear, 20°, a beautiful day. Pete helped Marty with chores. They [Marty & Jon] went home after breakfast. Pete and I left at 8:15 for Memphis. Got to Pauls about

5:00. Had a good trip for which we are grateful. Good to see Pauls. Marie got Marty and Jon. They stayed with her until Jo got home from Bluffton. Jo called us in morning from there.

Sunday, March 7, 1976. Fair, nice day, rather cool. We all went to church at Presbyterian Church Pauls have been attending. We went to playground while in p.m. Tried to fly boys' kites but not enough wind. Pete and Paul took Andy to church for music lesson.

Monday, March 8, 1976. Cloudy, rained all day, had 1 ¼ inch rain. Chilly. Marj to work. Children to school. Paul and we drove around some. Went to shopping center and to bookstore. Ate lunch at shopping center. I worked some on cruel work. Wrote cards and mailed them.

Tuesday, March 9, 1976. Cloudy in morning, cool, in 40s. Partly cloudy in p.m. We and Paul took Andy to school. Paul left his car to have work done on it. We picked him up at service station. We drove through residential district, lovely and large homes. Amy with us. Marj to work. We went to art museum. Home for lunch. Met Marj at hospital where she works. [She] showed us the lab. Drove past Methodist and Baptist hospitals which are huge. Pete and Paul went after car. I baked cookies. Marj made dessert and sewed a jacket for Amy.

Wednesday, March 10, 1976. Nice day, 68°. Marjorie to work. Benjy home from school, didn't feel good. Paul studying. I washed out some things and Pete and I mailed cards. Walked to shopping area. Paul to college in p.m. We and Benjy to shopping center. Got shirt for Paul's birthday. Marj took Amy to dentist. Had Chinese dinner in evening, delicious. Pauls and we to see "Sunshine Boys" in evening. Babysitter with children.

Thursday, March 11, 1976. Fair nice day, cloudy in evening, rained some. Children to school. Marj to work in morning. Pete and I raked yard, dusted up house. Jim Brodman, friend of Paul's from Conway Arkansas, came at noon. Here for lunch. Marj had dental appointment in p.m. Paul, Jim and we to see The Mallory Home, built in 1852. Beautiful furnishings, stained-glass windows, etc. Very interesting. Pauls took us all out to eat at Overton Square. Jenny Basting's funeral was today.

Friday, March 12, 1976. Cloudy, damp, fair in p.m., cooler. Paul and Jim to University in morning. Children to school. Marj got groceries and took Benjy to Dr. in. Pete and I drove downtown Memphis. It's along the river. Paul, Jim and we to bookstore in p.m. Went to Zoo with children at 4:00. Andy to friend's house all night. Marj fixed Chinese dinner in evening. Bob Frankels, neighbors, here. Had minced pigeon, sweet-and-sour chicken, soup, very good.

Saturday, March 13, 1976. Mostly fair. Jim Brodman left in a.m. Marj to laundry. I shampooed my hair and baked chocolate chip cookies. Paul grading papers. Marjorie, children and we to Chucalissa Indian Village in p.m. Brought Andy home from his friend's.

Sunday, March 14, 1976. Fair, nice day, 62°. We had late breakfast. Went with Marjorie to look at piano. She bought it. We all went to cafeteria at 3:00 for dinner. Marjorie, children and we to

see Holiday on Ice. Very good. Paul home, graded papers. Talked to Rons in evening, they're okay.

Monday, March 15, 1976. We left Pauls at 8:30. Drove in rain all morning. Stopped at Vicksburg Mississippi. Saw the battlefield. Drove on to Natchez. Got room in lovely private home, \$20 with breakfast. Ate supper at Kings Tavern. Building is 150 years old. We went to see the Confederate Pageant which was beautiful. Dresses were gorgeous. I have sinus & cold.

Tuesday, March 16, 1976. Cleared off, windy, colder. We left matches at 9:00. Drove to New Orleans. Got motel (de Ville). Got there at 12:30. We went on bus to work at 1:30. Got back to motel at 5:30. Very interesting trip. Many beautiful homes. Went to French Quarter. We went to Felix Restaurant for seafood. Took bus part way. Driver directed us the wrong way. Took cab. Good food & such a crowd.

Wednesday, March 17, 1968. Clear, fine day, warmer. We drove to the docks. Boarded the Commodore for a two-hour downriver cruise. Saw many many foreign ships in harbor. Very enjoyable. We then drove to the market. Bought case of strawberries, tomatoes, then to beach of Lake. Had seafood dinner there. Left and oh at 3:00. Stopped at fruit stand at Hammond and got case of strawberries. Stopped at Brookhaven Mississippi at Holiday Inn for the night. Merle to hospital with bad toe.

Thursday, March 18, 1976. Fair, nice day, high 60s. We left Brookhaven Mississippi at 9:00. Got to Pauls at 2:15. A nice drive through Mississippi. Pine trees line interstate, lots of Dogwood in Bloom. Paul flew to Toronto Canada in p.m. to Asian history conference. Marjorie and I to shopping center. I got candles for Jo, Mary and Marie. We brought some tomatoes, fruit and strawberries for Paul's. We miss Paul this evening.

Friday, March 19, 1976. Fair, warmer, about 70°. Marjorie to work. The children to school. We left Pauls at 8:20. Got to town at 4:50. Drove 2015 miles. So grateful for safe trip and good to be home. We unpacked. Rons came over. They took us to Sambo's for supper. Came back here. Had ice cream and strawberries. Gave them berries.

Saturday, March 20, 1976. Cloudy, rained at noon. Some hail in places. Tornado south of here, Champaign. We were under a tornado watch. Fair in evening, cooler. I washed some. Did some cleaning and shampooed my hair. Ironed. We went to town at 3:00 and to hospital. Volunteered, Gift Shop and Information Desk. Went to Marie's a little. Took her pictures Paul sent. I saw Merle in hospital. Gave her pair of bedroom slippers. Still have lot of cold.

Sunday, March 21, 1976. Fair, colder, 33°. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Marie there too. We came home at 3:00. Read the papers. Went to Congregational meeting in evening. Talked about new constitution for the church and new name.

Monday, March 22, 1976. Mostly fair, 20° in morning. I washed and ironed. Baked coffeecake and made strawberry pie. I cleaned kitchen cupboards in p.m. Pete worked on auxiliary books and cracked pecans that we brought home. Rons here for supper. Had pizza and salad and strawberry pie.

Tuesday, March 23, 1976. Fair, warmer, in 60s, rather windy. We went to town in morning. Got garden seeds. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn's. Pete to bank. He went to Glenn [Maxwell]s in p.m. Helped him plant potatoes. Pete and boys planted 2 rows here. I cleaned the upstairs. Were home in evening.

Wednesday, March 24, 1976. Mostly cloudy, windy, little shower here in morning. Had more in town. I went to hospital in morning, volunteer. Went to June Jantze's in p.m. She helped me put the binding on Deb's quilt. I cleaned broom closet and back of stove and icebox after got home. Pete planted 3 more rows of potatoes. He went to Rotary with CR. Marie, Mary and we to Barney's for supper. Had ribs.

Thursday, March 25, 1976. Fair, nice day. I baked bars and washed woodwork in kitchen. Washed curtains. Pete, Jo and I planted peas, onions, set out 6 cabbage plants, sowed lettuce, radishes, spinach, cabbage seed and dill in garden. Jo here for lunch. I went to blood bank at ISU, 1 - 4. We and Marie to students' spaghetti supper. I took bars for them. Went to see Merle. She's some better. I went to alumni. Earl K[aufman] home with Pete. Marie [Kaufman] brought me home. They listened to tape of Gram's service.

Friday, March 26, 1976. Fair, very windy, 74°. Storm watches out. Did cleaning and waxed kitchen floor in evening. Baked cookies. Mary here a little in p.m. She brought new dress out to see if it fit her OK. Pete worked outside some. Washed car. We worked some in garden. Cleaned off the flower beds & spaded them. Ron brought 50 chickens home for the boys. Jo taught school. Lorene *Scheiber* (sp?) passed away. Had tornadoes at Morton and Eureka.

Saturday, March 27, 1976. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. Pete to men's breakfast. I shampooed my hair. We went to Clinton in p.m. to Harvey Woizeski's 50th wedding anniversary. Marie and CRs with us. Ron, Pete and I to Danvers for visitation for Lorene but such a crowd. Didn't stop as Ron and Pete had to be at hospital for Mennonite Men's dinner. Ron on program with panel. Jo, boys and I to Golden West for supper.

Sunday, March 28, 1976. Fair, nice day. We went to church. RL Hartzler preached. 60 years in the ministry. A nice service. We took Mary, Marie and Pearl to Eureka. Ate dinner at Hen House at Carlock. Pearl got our dinner. She visited Charles Decker at the Home. Ed' are about same. Ed didn't look good. Nettie confused at times.

Monday, March 29, 1976. Cloudy, rained some. I washed and ironed. Pete worked on auxiliary books and Ropp history. I cleaned 2 closets in our bedroom. Went to town at 4:30. Went to bank

and Eastland. Mary along. I got dress (striped). We ate at Mary's. Pete and I to Wanda Lehman's to help her and Ruth Zehr do the newsletter. Galloways gone to California.

Tuesday, March 30, 1976. Cloudy, very windy [from] southwest, colder. I got ready for prayer group. Harvella [Stutzman], June [Jantze], Shirley [Krahn], & Mary Ann [King] here. Marge [Nester] absent. Children have chickenpox. I went to Judy Hershberger's in p.m. to plan meal for Heritage group Saturday. I finished binding Debbie's quilt. Pete worked on Ropp history.

Wednesday, March 31, 1976. Fair in morning, cloudy, had shower in p.m. in town. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. Pete had car greased and did some errands. We went to Eastland. I got kitchen curtains and ordered floss for quilt. Cleaned closet and west bedroom. Went to church after supper. Got the newsletter ready to mail. Mr. Emerick came in evening.

Thursday, April 1, 1976. Cloudy, fair in p.m., chilly, low 40s. Pete took newsletters to post office. I washed curtains and bedding. Cleaned the 2 bedrooms. Put up new kitchen curtains. Jo here awhile. She taught school. Were home in evening. Tired.

Friday, April 2, 1976. Fine day. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:00. Had potluck dinner. We came home after lunch. We aired the bedding. Shampooed my hair. Finished cleaning. Marie, Rons and we to Steak House. Mr. Emerick along. Had dessert at Marie's. Mrs. Ellsworth passed away.

Saturday, April 3, 1976. Another nice day, cooler in evening. We went to church at 8:30 a.m. I helped get dinner for Illinois Mennonite Heritage group. Had 80. Had barbecue, chips, relishes, salad and cake. Pete to meeting. Got home at 2:30. Rested awhile. Went to hospital at 4:00. Volunteered at Info Desk and Gift Shop. Rons got some of footings poured today. I baked apricot cake.

Sunday, April 4, 1976. Cloudy, chilly in morning. Clear and warmer. Fine day. We went to church. Pete on panel about Anabaptist Mennonite history. Class in charge of service. Ron to Chicago after church (meeting). Mary, Marie, Jo, boys and Mr. Emerick here for dinner. Had barbecued ribs. Marie, Mary and I for drive to Lake. Pete and I to Home Builders at church. Meredith Kings and we on committee. Had near 50. Served apricot cake. Dick Baums and his brother-in-law told of their trip to South America. Had slides.

Monday, April 5, 1976. Chilly in morning, fine day. I washed and ironed. Pete worked on Rambler. He helped Mr. Emerick awhile in p.m. with forms [for Ron's house footings]. We delivered Meals on Wheels at 11:00. Hans Regiers and Elliott here a while in p.m. I cleaned furniture and drapes and cleaned silverware. Ron back from Chicago at 6:30.

Tuesday, April 6, 1976. Fine day, warmer. Moved furniture out of living room. Went to prayer group at Harvella [Stutzman]'s. I cleaned living room and dining rooms in p.m. and shampooed

rugs. Washed car. Pete helped Gerald Emerick put in forms for footings at Rons. Jeanette and I to Good Will. Pete and CR to men's breakfast at Illinois Wesleyan. Rons got 12 goslings.

Wednesday, April 7, 1976. Fair, colder, chilly Northeast wind. I went to hospital at 8:00 [to] volunteer. Got groceries on way home. Pete helping at Rons. I cleaned some yard in p.m. and made dessert. We went to Rons for supper. Had steak. Ron to choir practice and made rounds at hospital. He took some time off during day. We planted some onions for Waltners.

Thursday, April 8, 1976. Fair, quite cool. I went to Home Extension at ISU with Dorothy Singley. Mabel and Mary along. Went to Turner Hall in p.m. to see collection of dresses. Pete helping at Rons all day. Irene Wey had a Stanley demonstration here. Jo, Mary, Marie, Pearl, May Mohr, Evelyn Maxwell, Mabel, Carol, Roberta, Lucy C[atherin]e, Dorothy Singley. I got rooster and candles for gifts. I served lemon dessert, nuts, coffee and tea. Ron to Bluffton. They poured concrete.

Friday, April 9, 1976. Fine day, little warmer. I baked pecan rolls. Cleaned bathroom and washed curtains. Cleaned Cedar closet and aired coats. Spaded Iris flower bed. Pete helping at Rons. They got load of concrete in evening. We went to church in evening. Larry Hart (Indian) and his family there. He told of their history. Interesting.

Saturday, April 10, 1976. Fair, warmer, rather windy. Pete to men's breakfast. Mr. Hart spoke. I finished cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Baked brownies. Pete at Rons. They finished pouring footings. Stan Clemens helped some in morning. We took Merle home from hospital at 1:00. I went to tea at Irene Dunn's for Mrs. Hart. Jo helped her. I came home with Jo. We, Marie and Mary to Cambridge Inn for supper. Went to Marie's awhile. Ron home from Bluffton.

Sunday, April 11, 1976. Clear, cold, windy, in 40s. We went to church. Larry Hart spoke. Choir did part of Seven Last Words. Ron sang solo parts. Had carry in dinner, large crowd. Stopped at Larry Jantze's. Got our chair that June refinished. Very pretty. Allen called in evening. He's coming Wednesday evening. Mr. Emerick [went] home.

Monday, April 12, 1976. Clear, 24° early a.m., warmer during day, 60s. I washed and ironed. We delivered Meals on Wheels. Merle taking meals now. We stopped at Mary's on way home. She's cleaning bedroom. Evelyn in hospital again with leg problems. I baked sugar cookies and iced them. Pete took some forms off footings and got mower in town. Boys home, vacation.

Tuesday, April 13, 1976. Fine day, 73°. I baked coffee cakes and cleaned hallway, dusted up stairs and made up beds. Cleaned in yard, picked up sticks, etc. Pete taking forms off footings at Rons. Paul and Ann M[iller] here planting garden, also Irene and Cindy Dunn. We were home in evening.

Wednesday, April 14, 1976. Fair in morning, cloudy, warm, 77°. I went to hospital [to] volunteer until noon. Irene Ellsworth Lowry, Laura Otto *Stamback* (sp?) and I had lunch at Golden West.

Enjoyed it. I baked 2 rhubarb pies when got home. Got supper. Allen and Pam got here at 6:30. Good to see them. Rons, Mary and Marie here too. Ron to choir and work. Pete did odd jobs.

Thursday, April 15, 1976. Fair, windy, warm, 82°. Pete to work at Glenn's. I wrote some letters. Allen left for Bluffton at 6:00. He, Steve and Jean Yoder got back at 9:00 PM. Made good time. Pam and I to Mary's awhile in morning. Helped her with living room and putting up curtains. Rachel Clemens here in p.m. I sowed some beets. We went to church in evening. Had communion. Took Rachel home. Pam with her until after church.

Friday, April 16, 1976. Partly cloudy, very windy, 79°. Pete to Glenn's. Allens left at 8:00 for home. Was good to have them. I washed bedding and towels. Ironed, did cleaning. We went to visitation for Carl Giermann, then to Paul Millers. Emersons there. Rons, [Bill] Dunns, Bob Kaufmans, [John] Gundys, Bob Stutzmans, [Gerlof] Homans and *Nachtigalls* (sp?). Had nice time.

Saturday, April 17, 1976. Fair, very windy, warm, 80°. Pete to Glenn's in morning. I washed my hair and made carrot pineapple salad. We and Marie to Carl Giermann's funeral. I went to church to help get supper for Bluffton choir. Pete to hospital (volunteer). John Suter & Monte Davis here all night. Don Nester, Pete Little & Russ Miller helped Ron in p.m.

Sunday, April 18, 1976. Mostly cloudy, windy. Looked rainy but no rain. Cooler in p.m. We went to church. Bluffton choir gave program. Very good, large attendance. Jo, Evelyn Bertsche, Bess Desch, Eddie Stalter and Carl *Neuswanger* (sp?) to Bluffton after church. Project teach & Central District conference. Jo teaching. She drove. Ron, boys and we to CRs for dinner and supper. Mary, Marie, Pearl, May and Rays there. Gordons at Joan's. I took salad.

Monday, April 19, 1976. Fair in morning. Cloudy in p.m. and showered some. Pete mowed lawn. Delivered Meals on Wheels. Ruth Zehr helped him. He went to Glenn's in p.m. They started planting corn. I washed and ironed. Went to Garfield club 60th anniversary. Had lunch at Brittany. Went with Mabel and Dorothy Singley. Marie, Mary and Pearl there too. Went home by 2:00. I baked rhubarb pies. Gave Ron little one. He and boys here for supper. He took day off. Boys home.

Tuesday, April 20, 1976. Had rain in morning, ½ inch. Tornado warnings out in p. m. 3 – 8. Rained some toward evening. Glad for the rain. I went to prayer group at June [Jantze]'s. Pete worked on Ropp history. I cleaned recreation room in PM. Boys here awhile after school until Ron got home. Mary has bad cold. Worked on my wall hanging in evening.

Wednesday, April 21, 1976. Cloudy, cooler. Had several showers. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. Pete to bank, etc. Came home at 1:00. I went to Dr. McGinnis at 3:00 for checkup. Everything okay for which I'm grateful. Pete to meeting with Earl Kaufman at Unitarian church. Ron and boys to Marie's for supper. I got medicine at hospital for Mary. Did cruel work in evening.

Thursday, April 22, 1976. Fair, nice day. I washed sheet from upstairs and did Ron and boys washing. Helped Shirley Krahn deliver Meals on Wheels. Cleaned fruit room and ironed in p.m. Pete working outside. Worked on trailer. We took Chop Suey to Merle's. Had supper with her and Irene Davis.

Friday, April 23, 1976. Cloudy, had thunderstorm and rain in p.m. Rained again in evening. Did cleaning and cleaned furnace and laundry room in morning. We planted sweetcorn and took ground from around roses. Marie, Kathryn Boyer and we to Streid's in evening. Mary some better.

Saturday, April 24, 1976. Rained some in morning. Had hard rain at 5:00 PM. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to Harvella's, had hair done. Got groceries. I went with Ron to Parkside School to see Fairview Bicentennial Parade. Pete with Marty. He has earache. I washed some dresses and trousers in p.m. I went to alumni homecoming at Wesleyan Methodist Church. Pete to Marie's. Had large crowd at homecoming.

Sunday, April 25, 1976. Rained all morning and snowed. Very windy and cold. We went to church. Electricity off when we came home at 1:30. Had late dinner. Ron and Jon here. Sent Marty's dinner to him. He is better. Mary not feeling too good. She was home. Jo got back from Bluffton at 7:20 p.m.

Monday, April 26, 1976. Clear, cold, 32°. Warmed up some. I washed and ironed. We delivered Mobile Meals. Mary and we to Eureka at 1:30. Nettie quite confused. Ed doesn't feel well, can't sleep. We stopped to see Mildred Dickenson about Ropp history. We were home in evening. Marty's ear still bothering him.

Tuesday, April 27, 1976. Mostly cloudy, cool, 34°. I went to prayer group at Marge Nesters. Pete to town. We took some things to Thrift Shop. Went to Eastland and Kmart. We got some grape roots and Redbud tree. I went to Alma Galloway's, helped her quilt. We planted grapes and tree in evening. Marty still home with ear problem.

Wednesday, April 28, 1976. Mostly fair, warmer, nice day. I went to hospital [to] volunteer in morning. Stayed with Florence Cromley, 1 – 4:30. Pete mowed lawn. Hoed some potatoes. Did odd jobs. We took Irene Ellsworth Lowery to Barney's. Marie and Mary along.

Thursday, April 29, 1976. Fair, nice day, low 60s. Pete to Glenn's planting corn. I baked rhubarb custard pies & washed out some things. Mary and I to Eastland and Colonial Plaza. Mary did some shopping. I went to bank and got groceries. Marty's sow, Missy, had pigs & had trouble. That here in p.m. I was out with Jo awhile after I got home. Rons here for supper. Had chicken. They took Jon to dentist after supper. Had tooth pulled.

Friday, April 30, 1976. Partly cloudy. Pete to Glenn's. I did cleaning. Washed some windows outside. Trimmed roses. Jo and I planted beans & carrots, also planted some for Waltner's. Pete

plowed truck patch in garden when he got home. I hoed peas & onions. We worked late. Tired. Mr. Emerick got here in evening.

Saturday, May 1, 1976. Fair, cooler, had shower in town at 8:00 PM. Pete to Glenn's. Came home at 3:00. I went to church at 8:00. Helped clean. Worked in kitchen. Jo at church too. I came home about 1:00. Shampooed my hair. Pete and I to hospital at 4:00 until 8:30 [to] volunteer. Stopped at Marie's on way home.

Sunday, May 2, 1976. Mostly cloudy, windy and cold, in 40s. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Marie and May Mohr there also. Had a panel report of conference. Jo on panel. We were home in evening.

Monday, May 3, 1976. Fair, cold, 30° in morning. Pete to Glenn's. They finished planting corn in morning. Pete covered strawberries and other things. The potatoes froze last night. I washed and ironed in morning. Went to hospital in p.m. Stayed with Florence [Cromley]. She seems more irritable lately. Irene Dunn had *herniorrhaphy* (sp?) this morning. Isabel Basting gave Mable some chrysanthemums.

Tuesday, May 4, 1976. Fair, 38°. Warmed up some, windy, 64°. I went to prayer group at Mary Ann Kings. Pete to town. Got a pink Dogwood tree. We put a row of glad bulbs and Dahlia bulbs out. Planted the chrysanthemums and the Dogwood tree. Made rhubarb crisp for supper. Did some embroidery work in evening. Making a block for June Jantze's Friendship quilt.

Wednesday, May 5, 1976. Fair, very windy, warmer, 78°. I went to hospital in morning, volunteered. Pete hoed potatoes. Did odd jobs. I went with Mary to Candlelight Apartments. Talked to Elsie Stahly. Mary got an application form to fill out. No vacancies. Ron off in p.m. working on house. Got load of blocks. Wrote to Pauls. Rained in night.

Thursday, May 6 1976. Rained nearly all day. Had over 2 inches. Cold, windy. Cleared off late evening. I baked coffeecake braid and wrote to Allens. Pete and I to Gridley at 10:00. Got cured meat for Rons. We went to town at 1:00. I stayed with Florence C[romley] until 4:00. Pete to bank and worked in Gift Shop while. We were home in evening. I embroidered.

Friday, May 7, 1976. Fair, 34° – 35°. Nice day, cool. We went to town at 8:00. Had bake sale at hospital lobby. We had a lot to sell. Made \$240. Sophia (unclear) made so many things. I went to Harvella's at 1:00. Had hair done. Did cleaning when got home. Marie took Mary, Irene and we to Elms at El Paso. Irene paid for our supper. Jo and others from church to Camp Friedenswald.

Saturday, May 8, 1976. Clear, fine day, warmer, 64°. Pete to men's breakfast. I went to mother-daughter brunch at 10:00. Took Shelley Nester. Marge [Nester] to Friedenswald with Jo. I got an African Violet for Irene Dunn. She came home from hospital. Pete mowed lawn. I did the trimming. We, Marie and Mary to Cambridge Inn for supper. Drove to Cemetery. Marie put geranium on Gram's grave. Jo home at 5:30.

Sunday, May 9, 1976. A beautiful day. 70s. We went to church. Rons and we and Mary to Evergreen Lake for picnic. Rons took dinner. He grilled pork chops. Mr. Emerick to the Passion Play. Boys and Ron fished some. Rons gave me a Tiffany Rose. Allens money. Allens called in evening. Wanted to know when we were coming out. Pam wanted to come for B[ible] S[chool].

Monday, May 10, 1976. Beautiful day. 76°. I did washing and ironing. Pete worked some in truck patch in garden. I made path in garden. We planted cucumbers & some beets & sweet corn. Mary and we to see Eds at 5:30. Nettie isn't good, difficult breathing, very weak. Ed is quite worried. We stopped at Goodfield for lunch.

Tuesday, May 11, 1976. Another fine day, cooler, in 60s. Pete to Glenn's until after dinner. Fixing bolts for Ron's house. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn's. Went to Kmart. Got to roses with Allens Mothers Day gift. Went to Harvella's. Helped her mother quilt. Went to Casey's, got petunias. Set them out. Fixed porch box. They started laying blocks for Ron's house. Nettie little better. I washed porches.

Wednesday, May 12, 1976. Fine day, 74°. Pete to Glens all day. They started planting beans. I went to hospital, volunteered. Mary and I uptown awhile. She looked for dress. I got pair of bone color shoes. I hoed and fed roses. We planted 3 roses and planted squash and pumpkin seed. Ed called in evening. Nettie about same. They found Frank Harnish dead in bed.

Thursday, May 13, 1976. Cloudy, rained in forenoon, 3/10 inch. Showered little in evening. Pete to Glenn's until it rained. I went to Home Extension with Mary. Mabel along. Pete fixed and cut more bolts for Ron. I worked some on June J[antze] quilt block. We, Marie and Mary to Long John Silver fish place for supper. Was good. Went to Mary's. Esther Harnish passed away.

Friday, May 14, 1976. Cloudy, cool. Did cleaning. I went to hospital at 10:00. Volunteered in Health Services and had dinner at free Buffet for employees. Pete worked on Ropp history in morning. We cleaned Windows and put screens in. We went to nurses graduation. Ron sang. Dr. Bertsche speaker. Ron went with us. Jo and boys to Fairview ice cream social and Jo to church. We brought boys home. Rons stayed for reception.

Saturday, May 15, 1976. Rained in morning, partly cloudy, warmer, 76°. Finished cleaning. Washed my hair. Mary and we left at 9:50 for Eureka to Frank and Esther Harnish's funeral at Roanoke church. Went to Maple Lawn [Home]. Had dinner with Ed. Nettie seemed about same. Maybe not as uncomfortable as on Monday evening when we were there. We worked at hospital [as volunteers], 4 – 8:30. Got groceries. Stan Clemens and Pete Little helped Rons some on house.

Sunday, May 16, 1976. Fair, mild, nice day. We went to church & to Mary's for dinner. Mary & Marie to the Bicentennial The Sound of America at ISU. Was very good. We went to Marie's for lunch and to Home Builders at church. Harvella [Stutzman] and Dr. Ella Bauman showed pictures and told of their trip to India. Ron preached at morning service.

Monday, May 17, 1976. Cloudy, showered little early a.m., partly cloudy late p.m. Washed and ironed. We went to the Gift Shop meeting at 9:30 at hospital Annex. Ate lunch in town. Pete to Glenns at 2:00, planting beans. I mowed most of the lawn. Pete finished when he got home.

Tuesday, May 18, 1976. Clear, cool, fine day. Pete to Glenns all day. I had prayer group here. Went to stay with Florence [Cromley], 1 – 4:30. We worked in truck patch until 8:00. Jo and Marty helped. Planted sweetcorn, more onions, mush melons and watermelons. Set out 28 cabbage plants. They laid blocks at Rons. Pete and I to Sambo's for supper.

Wednesday, May 19, 1976. Fine day, warmer, in 70s. Pete to Glenn's. I went to hospital until 11:00. Marie took Mary, Pearl and me to McLean. Had lunch there. Then to Garfield club at Gail *Gerike* (sp?). Mary and I on program committee. Had picture contest of mother-daughter baby pictures & read Mother's Day poems 7 [had] flower contest. We planted flower seeds and glad bulbs when I got home.

Thursday, May 20, 1976. Nice day, warm, 85°. Pete to Glenn's. I baked coffeecake and cake. Picked over a quart of strawberries. Gave Jo some. I hoed the potatoes and washed the car. Got things ready for supper. Made potato salad and fixed eggs. We went to Bob Stutzman's for picnic supper. Prayer group had it for Don Nesters before they leave for the summer.

Friday, May 21, 1976. Mostly fair, much cooler in evening. Pete to Glenn's. They finished planting beans at noon. I did cleaning. Hoed the beans. Pete planted sunflower seed and plowed some in truck patch. We set out some Aster plants. I went to Esther Cash, got permanent in p.m.

Saturday, May 22, 1976. Fair, nice day, cool. Pete to men's breakfast. Jo and I to Marie's at 9:00 for brunch for Betty Nielson. Mabel, Pearl, Roberta, Carol & her mother & Mrs. Leshner there. Had nice time. We got groceries. Jo to Paxton in p.m. to funeral for neice of *Gathel* (sp?) Emericks. We planted corn and lima beans for Waltner's. Set out sweet potatoes and some lima beans for us. I picked over 2 quarts strawberries. Men finished laying blocks at Rons. We went to Merle's. She ordered fish dinners for us.

Sunday, May 23, 1976. Cloudy, real chilly. We went to church & to CRs for dinner. Marie & Betty Nielson there too. Mary & Rons here in evening. We had strawberry shortcake. Looked at pictures in evening.

Monday, May 24, 1976. Fair, rather windy, chilly. I washed and ironed. Pete worked in truck patch awhile. We picked nearly 2 quarts berries. Put 1 ½ pints in freezer. We went to Pekin in p.m. to see Milo Miller. He is up in chair but hasn't put any weight on his leg. We stopped at Danvers to see Edwin Millers. They insisted we have sandwich with them. Had good visit.

Tuesday, May 25, 1976. Fair, nice day, warmer. I dusted up stairs. Went to prayer group at Harvella's. Pete uptown. We went to Eastland. Got thread for wedding ring quilt. Pete got shirt, coveralls and pants. We went to June Jantze's. Helped her work on our chair refinishing it. We

helped Rons paint the blocks and mix concrete. Worked late. Marie took Betty [Nielson] to McHenry.

Wednesday, May 26, 1976. Fair, warmer, high 70s. I went to hospital at 8:00 [to] volunteer. Pete set out more cauliflower, broccoli and peppers. We picked 1 ½ quarts berries. We helped Rons finished putting on Perma seal. After 8:00 when we finished. Ron to work. Ron took we and boys to Sambo's for supper.

Thursday, May 27, 1976. Cloudy in p.m., warmer, 78°. I helped Jo put on Perma seal awhile. Pete mowed lawn. Got dinner. We planted 2 rows sweetcorn. Mary here for dinner. We went to Eureka in p.m. to see Eds. Nettie seemed more alert today. Were home in evening. Washed some trousers for Pete.

Friday, May 28, 1976. Had slow rain all morning. Had good shower in PM. Did cleaning. Baked rolls and bars. Pete set out some tomato plants. Picked 3 quarts berries. Gave Jo, Mary and Marie some. Washed some dresses and worked on chair. Put Tang oil on it. Marie, Mary and we to 5th Wheel for supper. Home early.

Saturday, May 29, 1976. Cloudy, warm. Rained about 5:30. Washed my hair. Made salad. Pete trimmed some shrubbery & went to Normal. Got a puppy, Brown, part Collie. We, Marie & Mabel to cemeteries. I took peonies. Have lot of them. Pete & I worked at hospital, Gift Shop and Information Desk. Don Nesters left for Pennsylvania. Don will be taking some training at hospital at Allentown for 3 months.

Sunday, May 30, 1976. Had thunderstorm and heavy rain, 1 ¼ inch at 2:00 a.m. We went to church and to Crestwood Country Club for lunch. Val [Kampmeier]s and Jack [Kampmeier] and his family from London England, also Nancy [Kampmeier], EAs, Rons, CRs and their family, Art and Elmer Siegs, Marguerite and Mildred Burwitz and Karl Nierstheimer. Had a nice time. Marie went with us. We went to church picnic at Fairview. A welcome back for Waltner's. Talked to Allens. We plan to go out Thursday.

Monday, May 31, 1976. Cloudy, foggy in morning. Little cooler in evening. I washed and ironed. Pete worked on auxiliary books. Cleaned out eaves. Set out some tomato plants. I picked 5 boxes berries. Put 2 quarts in freezer. Made 2 ½ pints jam. We had some for supper. Rons and Mary here. Grilled steaks. Jo brought tossed salad and shortcake. Ron to hospital in morning. Work at home in PM.

Tuesday, June 1, 1976. Cloudy in morning, partly cloudy in p.m., cool. I went to prayer group at Mary Ann Kings. Went to hospital. Had lunch and stayed with Florence C[romley] in p.m. Pete trimmed around walks and made fence for the puppy. Hoed some in south truck patch. I went to Good Will Circle with Jeanette. Jo to Peoria late p.m. Had appointment with Dr. Elwood.

Wednesday, June 2, 1976. Fair, fine day, 72°, rather windy from northeast. We went to town at 8:00. Took June [Jantze] some lettuce. I volunteered at hospital. Pete to bank. He mowed lawn and plowed garden and truck patch. I hoed garden and picked 3 quarts strawberries. Dusted up house and packed suitcases.

Thursday, June 3, 1976. Beautiful day, clear. Mary, Marie and we left at 8:20 for Allens. Got here at 2:45. Had lunch at Little Amana. Allen & Shirley at work. Jeff helping a farmer take out fence. Pam here. Good to see them all again & thankful for safe trip.

Friday, June 4, 1976. Another nice day, windy, warmer, 80s. Allens and Jeff to work. I baked cookies. Allen home for lunch. Pam swimming in p.m. We all went uptown. Mary got 2 new dresses. I got blouse. Went to see Allens office, very nice. I fixed Swiss steak for supper. Allen, Shirley, Pete and I to Dick Pilgrims where Allens have garden. Set out tomato plants and planted melons.

Saturday, June 5, 1976. Fair, warm, 80s. We got up late. Visited. Men mowed lawn. We all went to Ames. Shopped awhile. Then to ledges state Park. Saw animals. Back to Ames. Had car washed. We all except Jeff ate at Tony's Italian Restaurant. I washed my hair. Shirley washed some. Helped Jeff & Pam pack.

Sunday, June 6, 1976. Fair, fine day, high 80s. We all left Allens at 7:00 Pulaski Church. Got there at 10:00. Jeff was baptized. Was a nice service & [we're] happy for Jeff. We all ate at Bloomfield. We left there for home. Jeff and Pam with us. Allens left for their home. We got here at 6:15. Thankful for good trip. Pete to church meeting about the new Constitution.

Monday, June 7, 1976. Fair, hot, near 90°. I washed & ironed. Picked 3 quarts strawberries. Put quart and ½ in freezer. Pete took boys and Pam to Bible school. Jeff worked at Rons. He had nosebleed at noon. Rested awhile. Pete worked in truck patch.

Tuesday, June 8, 1976. Fair, hot, 88°. I baked cookies for Bible School and baked coffeecake braid. Pam to Bible School and to Clemens. Jo brought her home in evening. Jeff at Rons. Had several nosebleeds again. We defrosted freezer in p.m. Pete mowed some weeds. I cut some along garage. Sprayed roses. I waxed kitchen floor.

Wednesday, June 9, 1976. Fair, hot, around 90° but good breeze. I went to hospital at 8:00 to 11:00. Pam to Bible School with Jo. Pete sprayed poison ivy at Ropp Cemetery. Jeff and Pete put air conditioner in. I cleaned Windows. We picked 3 quarts berries. I baked ham and cooked potatoes for salad. Got lettuce in. We, Jeff and Pam to town. Marie and Mary took us all to Cambridge Inn for supper. Went to Marie's, played cards. Pam stayed.

Thursday, June 10, 1976. Partly cloudy, windy, 87°. Got ready for company. Val Kampmeier's, Jack [Kampmeier]s, EAs, Mary, Marie and CRs here for dinner. Jo and boys left at 9:00 for Bluffton. Had a call from them at 7:30 p.m. Jo had an accident near Van Wert, Ohio. Upset the

truck. She had a laceration on her head. So thankful they were hurt worse. Feel so sorry for her & Ron. Jeff & Dennis worked all day on house. Others helped in evening.

Friday, June 11, 1976. Fair, hot, 90s. Jeff to Mohrs. He and Dennis worked there all day. Ron left at 6:30 for meeting at Elkhart Indiana. Pete took Pam to Bible School & went after her. This was last day. I picked peas. Put 3 pints in freezer and had [some] for supper. We picked over 2 quarts berries. Did cleaning. I called Jo in evening. She is doing quite well. Has some bruises. Boys are okay. Was glad to talk to her.

Saturday, June 12, 1976. Fair, quite warm. Pete and Jeff to men's breakfast. I washed my hair. Finished cleaning. Pete and I to town at 2:00. I went to Alta Litwillers awhile. David *Whitermore* (sp?) spoke to women. We went to hospital at 4:00 until 8:30 [to volunteer]. Mary came after Jeff and Pam after chores. We brought them home. Ron to Bluffton after his meeting at Elkhart.

Sunday, June 13, 1976. Fair, hot, 94°, windy. We went to church. Pete, Jeff and I to Woizeski reunion at Nob Hill. Pam to Mary's for dinner, then to Clemens. She stayed all night. Jeff doing Ron's chores. We went to Marie's for lunch. CRs there too. Divided some jewelry. Rons got home at 6:30. Jo and boys seem pretty good. So thankful they wasn't hurt more. We went over awhile.

Monday, June 14, 1976. Fair, windy, hot, 92°. I washed and ironed. We picked peas. Put pint in freezer. Gave Jo some and we had [some] for supper. Picked 2 quarts berries. Gave Rons some. Baked coffeecake and shortcake for supper. Pete and Jeff fixed spouting on garage. Pam came home in evening. I hoed some. Mr. Emerick got here at 2:00 a.m. Rick Miller helped today.

Tuesday, June 15, 1976. Mostly cloudy, very windy, looked rainy but no rain. I worked in garden in morning. Wrote to Frances. Got dinner and baked pie. I took Jo to Harvella's in p.m. She shampooed her hair. Then went to hospital to see Dr. *McNeuman* (sp?). Jo's shoulder bothering her. Jeff to 4-H ballgame with Dennis King. We went to church. *Adabonthis* (sp?) Group from Bluffton gave program. Rachel Clemens here all night.

Wednesday, June 16, 1976. Fair, cool, nice day. We picked over 2 buckets of peas. Jo and I each got 6 pints and had [some] to eat. Rachel Clemens here all day. Stan helping Ron in p.m. I went to club meeting at Marie Heiser's. Went with Mabel. Mary, Marie and we took Jeff, Pam, Marty & Jon to Sambo's for supper and to Marie's. Played cards. Jo to hospital in p.m. Had x-rays of shoulder and head.

Thursday, June 17, 1976. Fair, warmer, 86°. Pete and CR to Ropp Cemetery in morning. Did some mowing. I baked cherry pie. Pam & I dusted upstairs. Got dinner. Mary, Pam & we to Eureka to see Eds. Nettie seemed better. Home had a farewell for Earl Greasers. Jeff working on house. Jeff and Pam to Mrs. Yeakel's in evening while we went to meeting at Bob Kaufmans for panel on Sunday (Sunday School).

Friday, June 18, 1976. Cloudy, had $\frac{3}{4}$ inch rain in p.m. Came nice. So glad for the rain. Pete and I picked over 2 buckets peas. Pam helped some. She, boys and Jo helped pod them. Jo had 6 pints and I had a little over. We each kept out [some] to eat. I washed and we did cleaning. Pete took Jo to town at noon. She had treatment. Pete to bank. Rons and Mr. Emerick here for supper. Jo fixed supper. Muddy at their house so [we] ate here.

Saturday, June 19, 1976. Fine day, cool. Pete to men's breakfast. Jeff, Pam and we left at 9:00 for Davenport, Le Claire to meet Allens. Got there at 12:00. Allen and Shirley got there at 12:45. Saw Buffalo Bill Museum and Steamboat. Drove to Bettendorf for dinner. Left there at 4:40. Allens, Jeff and Pam left for home. We got here at 7:15. Allen called at 7:30. Steve had accident at Pratt Kansas. Part of combine fell on his left leg, broke it in several places. Injured his knee so they took him to St. Francis hospital at Wichita. He's in traction. Allens left for Wichita. Orlyn Zehr went to see Steve.

Sunday, June 20, 1976. Another fine day. Ron called hospital in morning. Talked to nurse. Steve had a fairly good night. Ron called again in p.m. Talked to Steve. Allens had gone to eat. Steve's left leg is fractured in several places. Said they put a pin in. His leg is in traction. Injured both knees some. We went to church. Were on panel for Sunday School. Jo had cookout for us in evening. Ate in our yard. Debbie called in evening. Talked to Pauls. Roy Barclay passed away.

Monday, June 21, 1976. Cloudy, cool. Washed, did ironing in evening. We picked 2 buckets of peas. Jo helped pod them. We divided them. Worked outside in p.m. Pulled up pea vines. Sowed lettuce, radishes and endive. I replanted some snapdragons. We planted corn. Pete cultivated truck patch in garden. Allen called at 1:00. Steve is having surgery on his left knee tomorrow p.m. His knee is fractured. Talked to Steve too. Marie and we [went out] to eat and [to] visitation for Roy Barclay.

Tuesday, June 22, 1976. Mostly cloudy. Had shower in p.m. I washed guest bedding and ironed. Washed rugs. Picked pint of strawberries. Hoed and fed roses. Pete mowed lawn and hoed some. Allen called at 5:00. Steve had surgery this p.m. They didn't put pins in. Irrigated it. Will put it in traction. Hopefully they can prevent infection. Drs. think he will have stiff knee. Steve is getting IVs. Had 2 pints blood yesterday. [Had] reaction from last one.

Wednesday, June 23, 1976. Partly cloudy, had rain in evening. We went to town in morning. I volunteered at hospital. Pete to bank. Stopped at Edgars awhile. We went uptown. Pete got pair [of summer trousers. Got groceries. We worked outside awhile. Merle took us and Esther cash to Ozark House. Went to Merle's awhile. Steve running a high temp. Took chest x-rays. Think may be some lung congestion.

Thursday, June 24, 1976. Cloudy in morning, rained, $\frac{1}{3}$ inch. Partly cloudy in p.m. We picked peas in morning. Had a meal for Jo and us. Picked nearly quart [of] raspberries. We went to town in p.m. Pete had eyes checked at Gailey's. Didn't need to change his glasses. Went to Eastland,

did little shopping. Went to RadioShack to see about a CB radio for Steve. Talked to Allen. He got home at 6:00. Steve's temp down some in p.m. but he's uncomfortable.

Friday, June 25, 1976. Fair, beautiful day. Did cleaning. Also did upstairs. Did some mending and fixed blouse that was too large. Pete made us stand for fuel tank in power house. Jo & we to auxiliary barbecue at Franklin Park. Served around 1400 people. We visited awhile.

Saturday, June 26, 1976. Fair, fine day, warmer, 80s. Finished cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Pete took papers, etc. to recycle. I picked over pint of raspberries and a few strawberries. We helped Marty and Jo dress 3 of Marty's chickens. We kept one. We went to hospital at 4:00. Worked until 8:30. Ron and men busy working on house. Allen, Deb, Jeff and Pam to Wichita to see Steve & Shirley.

Sunday, June 27, 1976. Fair, 90s. Had thunderstorm at 8:00 PM. Little hail, ½ inch rain. We went to church & Marie & we to Mary's for dinner. We stopped at Mohrs on way home. Open house for dairy barn. We went to Gordons in evening for cake and ice cream for Pearl's birthday. Rons, Mary, May [Mohr], Clara [Brodbeck], Marie, CRs & Rays there. Allens to see Orlyn Zehrs.

Monday, June 28, 1976. Had several thunderstorms, 3 – 4 AM. Over 2 inches rain. Cleared off in p.m. Allen called at 8:30. Steve is improving. His temp is down to around 100°. Swelling has gone down some in his leg. Allen and children going home today. I washed and ironed. We picked peas to eat and picked over a quart of raspberries. Put 1 ½ pints in freezer. We dressed 10 chickens for Marty. Jo helped.

Tuesday, June 29, 1976. Partly cloudy. Had tornado warnings out in PM. About a dozen tornadoes sighted in the area. One touched down near Lexington and Colfax. Some hail in places. Pete and I to see Eds in morning. They're about same. We picked some pea pods and beans. Put 2 containers pods in freezer. Canned 3 pints beans. Gave Jo some for supper. Allen called in evening. Steve is improving some. Called Frances in evening. We plan to stop there Friday night.

Wednesday, June 30, 1976. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., cool. We went to town in morning. I volunteered at hospital. Pete to bank and done errands. We dressed 7 chickens for Marty. We picked nearly 4 boxes raspberries. Jo helped. Gave her some for supper. I put rest in freezer. Mary, Marie and we to Cambridge Inn for supper.

Thursday, July 1, 1976. Fair, nice day. I baked pecan rolls. Jo and I canned 3 quarts beets. Jo put 5 packages in freezer. She and I met Irene Dunn and her 2 sisters at Beef Stockade. Had lunch together. Joyce Baller there too. Had nice time. I dusted up house in morning. Rons and we had pizza. Ate in our yard. I picked some raspberries for supper. I worked in garden awhile. Washed my hair. Packed suitcases. Pete mowed yard and plowed garden and worked in truck patch.

Friday, July 2, 1976. Fair at home in morning. We left at 6:40 for Missouri. Got to Harrisonville at 3:20. Drove in some rain near Wentzville. Had some showers at Harrisonville. We are staying with Frances. Orvie, Arthurs and Blanche here for supper.

Saturday, July 3, 1976. Cloudy, showered little, sun shone awhile in evening. We left Frances at 8:30 for Wichita. Got here at 1:15. Went to St. Francis to see Steve & Shirley. Steve is doing quite well but gets tired and restless. Is getting antibiotics every 4 hours. 2 young people from Mennonite Church in Wichita here to see Steve. Dick Pilgrims to see him too. We went to Shirley's room (in private home) awhile. We have room at Holiday Inn.

Sunday, July 4, 1976. Partly cloudy, warm and humid. Dick Pilgrims came to hospital in morning. They and Shirley left at 11:30 for home. We moved our things to room where Shirley stayed 1 ½ blocks from hospital. Jo Sponslers and some folks from southern Iowa came at noon. Enjoyed visiting with Joe's. Alvin and Vera Beachy came at 5:00. We had supper together. Steve was tired. Had a lot of company. Talked to Rons in evening. Everyone [at home] went to May Mohr's for picnic.

Monday, July 5, 1976. Fair, nice day. We ate breakfast at McDonald's. Went to hospital. Steve didn't sleep well last night. Slept some this morning. I did needlework. Pete worked some on Ropp history. Looked at Steve's cards. He has nearly 100 cards and letters. They took x-rays of his leg. Steve has a roommate, back problems, a Mr. Moore.

Tuesday, July 6, 1976. Clear, near 90°. We went to hospital about 10:00. Steve rather sleepy. He didn't sleep too well. Dr. had been in to remove sutures from his leg. Said x-rays showed about same. Phyllis, Mark, Cinda, Rob Gartin came at 1:30. Brought Steve a beautiful guitar, the combine. Southern Iowa friends and Nevada friends gave it to him. He was surprised and delighted. Allens called in evening. We were out to supper. Steve got 17 cards. Jake Ropp passed away. Also Dr. Chesley.

Wednesday, July 7, 1976. Fair, nice day, 90°. Went to hospital at 10:00. Steve about same. Didn't sleep first part of night. Dr. was in. Ron called in p.m. Things okay at home. Ron has Jake Ropp's funeral tomorrow. Dr. Chesley passed away in his sleep. Vera Beachy called called, wants us to come Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bartel from Mennonite Church to see Steve. Brought him a book. He teaches at Wichita State.

Thursday, July 8, 1976. Fair, hot, 90°. Nice breeze. We went to laundry mat before breakfast. Dr. in to see Steve. Removed all the dead tissue from his leg. Looks bad. They plan to graft skin. Had no company today. Had number of cards again. I done needlework and finished reading a book. Washed my hair in evening. Dried it outside. Marie went to McHenry.

Friday, July 9, 1976. Hot, 92°. Allens got here to hospital at 1:00. Glad to see them. Jeff, Pam and Steve's friend along. We ate lunch together. Allens and we to Pennys. But Steve a CB radio. Relatives and friends want in on it. He was surprised. Pete and I left hospital for Newton at 5:45.

Got to Beachys at 6:30. They took us out to eat, then drove to Hesston *Showalter* (sp?) Villa. Saw Nancy Zook, Alice Bowman and Clara Hershberger. Had nice visit. Had nice evening with Alvins. Was hard to leave Steve and Allen.

Saturday, July 10, 1976. Fair, hot, 90°. We left Alvin's at 9:00. Went to Hans Regiers. Visited them. Left there at 10:30. Drove to Harrisonville. Got here at 2:15. Orvie at Frances's for supper. We drove to Clearfork Cemetery, past the home place and on to Garden City Cemetery. Saw Marvin's tombstone. Went to see Carrie awhile.

Sunday, July 11, 1976. Fair, 90°. Helped Frances get dinner. Orvie, Arthurs, Emil, Sadie and Colleen (Sadie's cousin) here. Had nice visit. Emils are living in Kansas City. Frances, Orvie and we went for drive in evening.

Monday, July 12, 1976. Fair, hot. We left Frances at 8:00 a.m. Got home at 5:30. Fan belt broke at noon. Had it fixed at gas station. Thankful for a safe trip. Everything okay at home. Went to Rons for supper. Allen called at 10:15. They got home at 9:00. Steve went to OR. They gave him an anesthetic to clear out the open place on his leg. Took out more dead tissue. Feel so sorry for him. Shirley stayed with him.

Tuesday, July 13, 1976. Fair, 89°. I washed and ironed. Pete and Jo picked beans. I canned 4 quarts. Picked cucumbers. Made 4 quarts dills. Picked pint of strawberries. Hoed and fed roses and sprayed them. Hoed some in garden. Pete mowed lawn. Talked to Jeff in evening. Steve about same. Doctors thinking of having a plastic surgeon see Steve.

Wednesday, July 14, 1976. Fair, 95°. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. We did some shopping and got groceries. Pete worked on auxiliary books. I picked over pint of raspberries. Marie home from McHenry.

Thursday, July 15, 1976. Fair, had thunder shower at noon and again at 5:00 p.m. Had 2/10 inch rain. Had more in town. I baked cookies and bars. Made salad dressing. Pete trimmed shrubbery. Jo, Mary and we to Birkelbaws. Got transparent apples & a few peaches. Pete took Ron to Chatsworth to get his truck. I cooked applesauce and made 2 quarts dill pickles. Marie, Mary and we to Barney's. Put 4 quarts applesauce in freezer.

Friday, July 16, 1976. Beautiful day, cool. Did cleaning. Picked beans. Canned 6 quarts and 3 ½ quarts beets. Cooked some applesauce. Picked pint of raspberries. We sowed more endive and lettuce. Allen called in evening. Steve's leg still not good. He's been sedated quite a lot since last Monday. When they removed the dead tissue [they] took some of the muscle. Feel so sorry for him.

Saturday, July 17, 1976. Clear, nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked 4 apple pies. Put 2 in freezer, gave Jo one and we had one. Finished cleaning. Hoed iris bed and cleaned out strawberries. Picked pint of strawberries. We planted some green beans. Washed my hair. Talked

to Steve in evening. Said he feels little better and is playing his guitar some. We helped Ron sort pigs.

Sunday, July 18, 1976. Fine day, warmer. We went to church. Mary and we ate at Arby's. Home in PM. Rons took Gerald Emerick to Chicago in p.m. He takes a plane to West to meet his family. We went to Marie's for supper. CRs there too. We finished Garfield school history booklets. Paul called. They plan to come Wednesday.

Monday, July 19, 1976. Mostly fair, 86°. I washed and ironed. Washed bedding from Gerald's bed. Cleaned upstairs. Picked cucumbers. Made 4 quarts Dills. Picked pint of raspberries. Gave them to Jo. Cooked applesauce. We went to Eastland in evening. Got pair of salt-and-pepper shakers for Marie and got candle for Lucy C[atherine].

Tuesday, July 20, 1976. Fair, hot, 94°. I picked Pam of peas and picked beans. Canned 6 quarts and gave Jo some to eat. Picked over pint of strawberries. Baked ham. Cooked rest of apples for sauce. Pete worked outside. Took nails out of boards. Allen called in evening. He and Pam went to Wichita. Steve to OR again. Debrided more of his leg [surgically removed dead tissue]. Talked to Steve again. Feel so sorry for him.

Wednesday, July 21, 1976. Cloudy, few little showers, humid, 86°. Went to hospital in morning. Volunteered. Pete had car checked at Wiley's. Came home at noon. Got things ready for supper. Jo and Marty made peach cobbler for supper. Pauls got here at 5:00. Good to see them. Rons here for supper to. Called St. Francis hospital. Talked to Allen. They plan to take Steve to Wesley Hospital at Des Moines Friday. Will put his leg in cast to move him.

Thursday, July 22, 1976. Had 1 ¼ inches rain early a.m. Partly cloudy, hot and humid. Shampooed my hair. Mary pinned it up. We washed some. Got lunch. Packed. Jo took children to Service Company barbecue. Pete & Marjorie took Paul & I to Chillicothe. Left at 4:10. We ate lunch there and boarded the lone Star at 6:50 for Wichita. Slept some.

Friday, July 23, 1976. Fair, hot. Allen met us at 5:00. Went to their room. Ate breakfast and went to hospital. Allen and Paul went after station wagon. Was 9:50 we got Steve loaded and left for Des Moines. I rode with Allen and Steve to north of Kansas City. Paul drove Allen's car until we stopped for sandwich. He wrote with Allen. Shirley drove. Got to Des Moines at 5:30. Steve stood the trip real well. He's in 2-bed [room]. We left hospital at 8:00 for Allens. Pete, Marj and children got to Allens at 4:30. They had good trip. The long day. Thankful everyone had safe trip. Jo called at 10 PM.

Saturday, July 24, 1976. Clear, nice day, 86°. Everyone got up late. Allen, Paul and Marj to Des Moines to see Steve. Dr. in to see him. He feels encouraged. Hopefully they can graft in a week or so. They plan to leave cast on. Shirley, Debbie and children to Pilgrims to garden. Picked beans. Got sweet corn and potatoes. Canned 14 quarts beans and had some left. Shirley, Pete and I to see Steve in evening. Had late supper.

Sunday, July 25, 1976. Fine day, quite warm. Allens Pauls and we to Des Moines Methodist Hospital to see Steve. Left there at noon. We all went to Denny's Restaurant for dinner. Left Allens after dinner for home. Was 1:10. [We] got home at 6:00. Pam with us. Allens back to hospital. Steve was feeling pretty good. We all went to Rays. They had supper for all July & August birthdays. Jo & Mary fixed extra dishes for us. We were all rather tired. Thankful for safe trip. Pauls to Rons awhile.

Monday, July 26, 1976. Fair, hot, humid. Thunderstorm and wind at 5:30. Had one half inch rain. We did big washing. Made 10 quarts dill pickles for Marj. Picked 5 quarts strawberries. Gave Jo quart and put quart in freezer. Marj canned 2 quarts beets. Paul, Mary, Pete and I to see Eds. Nettie more confused again. They didn't look as well as last time we were there. Pete, Marj and children to Fairgrounds. Rons there, Barrow carcass judging. I did ironing. A big day. Pam to camp.

Tuesday, July 27, 1976. Rained 3 AM, 2/3 inch. Cloudy in morning. Rained some. Fair late p.m. I baked coffeecake. We picked Irene Dunn's beans. Canned 28 quarts and had [some] for lunch. Jo had [some] for supper. Children to Kenny's birthday party. Pauls and we to Mary's for supper. Marie there too. Jo in town in p.m.

Wednesday, July 28, 1976. Mostly cloudy, humid, high 80s. Had thunderstorm in p.m. Several tornadoes sighted around Towanda and Chenoa. Pauls and we to Marie's for brunch at 9:00. Pete and I uptown awhile. We picked 3 quarts strawberries and I baked 2 pies. Jo fixed supper. I had dessert, pie. We ate here. Irene Dunn got pickles I made, 1/2 gallon Dills. We talked to Allen.

Thursday, July 29, 1976. Mostly fair, 86°, humid. Pauls left for Memphis at 9:30. Gave Marj 14 quarts beans, several quarts tomatoes & cucumbers, some cabbage & potatoes. I washed all bedding & towels, bedspread & some rugs. Pete mowed lawn. I did ironing. Earl & Marie K[aufman] took us to Goodfield to see Conklin Players and had dinner. Enjoyed it. Allen called in evening. Steve had skin graft on his leg. They took cast off and put new one on. Will leave it on 10 days.

Friday, July 30, 1976. Fair, hot, humid. We picked some beans. Gave Jo some. We picked 3 quarts strawberries. Gave Jo most of them. I cleaned upstairs. Sowed some lettuce & did some mending. Marie, Mary, CRs, Jo & we to Val Kampmeier's sale at 6:00. Jo & Pete went in truck. We bought floor lamp. Jo got 2 chairs & a table. We all ate at restaurant in my near. Mary & Marie paid for our meal.

Saturday, July 31, 1976. Partly cloudy, much cooler in p.m. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked cake and iced it. Baked bars. Took them to Jo for men working on house. They laid subfloors on first floor. I picked 2 quarts strawberries. Finished cleaning and washed my hair. We went to town in p.m. Went with Mary to Wiley's. She traded her car for maroon 1974 Chevy. Pete and I went with CRs, Marie and May to Mike and Diana Pemberton's at Cooksville. Had potluck supper. Went to see Mike's hog set up.

Sunday, August 1, 1976. A beautiful day, cool. We went to church. To Mary's for dinner. Paul Millers here awhile. Rons and boys getting hogs, chickens and geese ready for 4-H fair. Pam home from camp at 7:00. We talked to Allens in evening. They dressed Steve's right leg. [It] is draining. He's rather uncomfortable. Had a lot of company.

Monday, August 2, 1976. A beautiful day. I washed. Pam had a lot of clothes. I picked 2 quarts strawberries. Gave Mary a quart. We picked rest of Irene's beans. Some were too big. Canned 5 quarts and had [some] for supper. Pam to Clemens in morning, Rachel's birthday. We went to town at 3:00. Got records for Pam to give Rachel. Went with Mary. She got Chevy Nova – '74, maroon. She drove it out here. Marty and Jon took livestock to 4-H fair. I ironed.

Tuesday, August 3, 1976. Fine day, warmer. I baked coffeecake braid. We hoed in garden. Pam helped me. Pete plowed some of truck patch in garden. Jo had dinner with us. I made some Swedish coleslaw in p.m. Pam to Rachel's in p.m., when swimming. I went after her at 5:00. Picked cucumbers and took them to Ann Miller. Ron to fair. Stayed all night. Slept in truck. Paul to Mexico to give paper [at International Congress of Orientalists].

Wednesday, August 4, 1976. Mostly fair, 82°, nice day. Pam and I to hospital. Volunteered until 10:30. Pete to Marie's awhile. We went to fair at 11:00. Jon got grand champion to Barrow. Marty got 2nd on pen of Barrows & 3rd & 7th. We picked over 2 quarts berries. I made salad. Martha Mishler passed away early a.m. Allen called. Steve is up on crutches and they walk him some. So glad for him.

Thursday, August 5, 1976. We had rain in morning and again in p.m., had 1/3 inch rain. We went to fair at 7:45. Jo, Mary and Marie along. Boys showed pigs. Jon got grand champion litter. Marty got 3rd. Jon got reserve champion on gilt. We came home at 2:00. I put 3 quarts Swedish coleslaw in freezer. Marie and Mary came after Pam. They took her to eat. We went to visitation for Martha Mishler at Danvers, then to Marie's. Got Pam. Gerald Emerick and his family got to Rons at 5:00.

Friday, August 6, 1976. Cloudy, rained some in morning, real chilly. We did cleaning and I washed 3 loads. Baked bars. Pete and I to Martha Mishler's funeral at Danvers at 2:00. Allen, Shirley, Deb and Jeff got here in time for funeral. We all went to Cemetery. Was good to see Allens. Pam stayed here. Rons to wedding rehearsal for Connie King in evening. Allens, we, Mary and Marie to Red Lobster for supper. Allens to see Mrs. Yeakel. Pete and I to Earl Mishler's awhile to see Mick. Then we all went to Marie's. Had dessert. Paul home from Mexico.

Saturday, August 7, 1976. Clear, cool, 47° in morning. We had late breakfast. Men mowed lawn. I picked 1 ½ quarts strawberries. Pete and Jeff took mower to town. Mowed Mary's lawn. Allen and Shirley to see Mrs. Yeakel. I baked cake. Debbie not feeling so good (stomach). I went to grocery store. Rons to Connie King's wedding. Ron had wedding. Jo hostess. I got things ready for supper. Allens & Rons & Gerald Emericks here. Grilled steaks [& had] sweetcorn. Jo brought salad, Allens watermelon. Good to be together.

Sunday, August 8, 1976. A beautiful day, warmer. Allens and we to Mary's for breakfast. We all went to church. Allens left for home just before Sunday School. Pam with them. We miss them. Was so good to have them. We went to Mary's for lunch. Helped her wash dishes. Came home at 2:00. Talked to Steve last night. He's up on crutches & walks some. We went to Phils. Took Lucy [Catherine] her gift (candle). She gave me plant.

Monday, August 9, 1976. Nice day, warmer, 86°. I washed, had big one. We had 2 kettles of (unclear, *broech*?) for freezer. Jo and we had for lunch too. Pete and Marty burning brush piles. I put 20 pints corn in freezer. Jo helped some too. I did ironing. Sprayed roses. Paul moved to their house they bought in Memphis, 3281 Spotswood.

Tuesday, August 10, 1976. Fair, nice day. Marie, CRs went with us to Munster Indiana to Edna Berger's funeral. Left here at 6:30, got to funeral home at 9:30. Funeral at 10:00. We stopped for coffee on way up. They had nice service. Edgars, Mildred, Marguerite and Nina there. We all went to Sally and Dick Kristoff home for lunch. They have lovely home. We got home at 4:00. Paul called. They got moved. He had a good trip to Mexico City. They like their new home.

Wednesday, August 11, 1976. Had showers in morning, fair in p.m. Went to hospital in morning, volunteered. Mary came in p.m. Got beets and sweet corn to freeze. Pete dug some potatoes. We drove up to Ropp Cemetery to look things over. Pete and I to bill Dunns at Lake Bloomington for supper.

Thursday, August 12, 1976. Cloudy, had few showers. Pete and Jo took trash to dump. I wrote Steve and picked quart of strawberries. I went to town at 1:00. Mary along. I got sweater with birthday money. Pete to town with CR & Marie. They got marker for Gram's grave. I met Pete in town. Phil [Patton]s, Earl [Kaufman]s and we were going out to eat but Phil got sick so Earls and we went to Cliftwood at Morton. Met Harry Wiermans. They run motel there. Had an enjoyable evening with them.

Friday, August 13, 1976. Fair, hot and humid. Did cleaning. Put 17 pints corn in freezer. Pete worked on auxiliary books. Pete and I helped Jo and Richard Miller cover the plywood [at Ron's house] with plastic and Pete helped chore. Marty to State Fair in morning. Gail Bressner took Barrows. Ron and Jo went after chores. Had shower in night. Called Allen. Talked to Debbie. Allens camping. Don't know if Steve got his cast changed.

Saturday, August 14, 1976. Mostly fair, quite warm, in 80s. Pete was going to mow yard but mower broke. I baked pecan rolls. Washed hair and worked some in garden. Pete did Ron's chores in morning. Jo to State Fair with Gail Bressner. Jon got 1st on barrow and 1st in Land of Lincoln. He also got 7th. Marty got 11th and 12th. Rons and Jon home at 9:15. We worked at hospital, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, August 15, 1976. Had shower early a.m. Cleared off in morning, cooler. We went to church. Rons, Mary and Marie here for dinner. Mary, Pete and I to Eureka to see Eds. They are about same. Nettie confused at times. Makes it hard for Ed. Owen Kanegy there too.

Monday, August 16, 1976. A beautiful day, 51° in morning. I did washing & ironing. Pete to town to get part for riding mower. Worked on it most of day. Mowed the lawn. Ron home at noon. He & Jon to Springfield in p.m. Will stay all night. I mended some & did odd jobs.

Tuesday, August 17, 1976. Fair, nice day. Jo and we left for state fair at 7:10. Boys showed gilts and boar. Jon got 3rd on gilt. Gail Bressner showed her. Ron got (blank) on boar. We got home at 6:45. Pete chored. Called Steve in evening. He's getting along good. Can go home tomorrow. So glad for him. Rons brought hogs home tonight.

Wednesday, August 18, 1976. Clear, warmer in p.m. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. Pete took Mary's car to garage. Had carburetor adjusted. We got ½ bushel of peaches. Got shirt & tie for Ron's birthday. Rons got home from fair with hogs at 12:30 a.m. Gail Bressner brought them. Phils, Earls and we to Landmark at Metamora for our birthdays. Phil drove. Steve went home from Des Moines hospital. So glad for him and Allens.

Thursday, August 19, 1976. Fair, hot, 80s. We went to hospital at 8:00. I had several small cysts removed from my forehead and one [in] back of ear. I baked angel food cake and iced it. Baked ham. Rons here for supper. Jo brought ham and helped with supper. Mary herea while, got tomatoes, potatoes & some peaches.

Friday, August 20, 1976. Fair, 86°, humid. We did cleaning. Jo & I picked Irene's green beans. Canned 5 quarts. I picked nearly a pint of berries. Went to Esther Cash. Was to get permanent but on account of my incision on my neck, thought it best to wait. She shampooed and set it. I put 4 jars peaches in freezer & made about 4 pints marmalade. Pete and Marty finished digging potatoes. Have around 10 bushels. We went to visitation for Raymond Bohrer.

Saturday, August 21, 1976. Fair, hot, 92°. Finished cleaning. We went to town at 10:30 to Fairchild's household sale. Jo there too. We bought recliner chair & picnic table & benches. Jo got a cabinet for boys' room. She brought things home in truck. Merle, Mary, Mabel & we to Firehouse Restaurant. Merle took us for our birthdays and anniversary. Don Nester helping Ron lay stones in evening.

Sunday, August 22, 1976. Fair, hot, 91° – 92°. We went to church. To Mary's for dinner. Marie and May Mohr were there. Went out to Cemetery with Marie. Came home at 3:30.

Monday, August 23, 1976. Very hazy, hot, high 80s, no breeze. Jo and I canned 12 quarts tomato juice in morning. I washed and ironed. Pete and I to Lumber Land. Got stain for picnic table and put it on. Pete scraped paint off garage. Cleaned upholstery on new chair. Did some mending. Stirred up cookies.

Tuesday, August 24, 1976. Fair, not quite so hot. Baked cookies. Went to hospital at 9:00, committee meeting for bake sale. Worked outside awhile. Pete scraped paint from garage. I had permanent at Esther Cash. We took Rons to Red Lobster for their anniversary. Had nice evening.

Wednesday, August 25, 1976. Partly cloudy, hazy, had thunder shower in p.m. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. Pete did some shopping and got Mary and my train tickets. We painted picnic table again & picked lima beans. Put 3 pints in freezer. Jo, Marty & we dressed 4 roosters for Marty. We had creamed chicken and biscuits for supper. Rons here. Sherry Dunn here. Brought me a needlepoint pillow top.

Thursday, August 26, 1976. Cloudy in morning, had rain in town early morning. Fair in p.m. We picked Irene's beans. Canned 14 quarts and canned 15 quarts tomato juice. Jo here for lunch. Mary, Marie and we to Cambridge Inn for supper. Went to Marie's awhile. Gave Rons money for their anniversary.

Friday, August 27, 1976. Fair, hot, 93°, good breeze. I washed and did cleaning. Went to hospital at 10:00. Had stitches removed from my forehead. Did ironing and packed suitcases. Pete & Jo took Mary & I to Chillicothe at 4:30. Left there at 6:50 for Kansas City. Got there at 12:15. Arthurs met us. Had little lunch on way home. Got to bed late.

Saturday, August 28, 1976. Fair, cooler. We got up late. Had breakfast at Arthur's and we came to Frances's at noon. Orvie here for dinner too. We all went to Frances's apartment. Took some things along. She has a nice apartment. Blanche & Mary Lee here a while. We went to groceries & to *Copat* (sp?) where Frances works.

Sunday, August 29, 1976. Clear, warmer, near 90°. We went to Methodist Church. Blanche along & here for dinner. She went home after dinner. Orvie took us to Kansas City to see Evelyn & David at Lakeside Hospital. Evelyn had rectal surgery. David has some colon problems. Were home in evening.

Monday, August 30, 1976. Mostly fair, 89°. We packed dishes and took them to apartment. Baked cookies. Orvie put another shelf in Frances's China cabinet. We made several trips to apartment with dishes & unpacked them. We went to see Orvie awhile in evening.

Tuesday, August 31, 1976. Mostly cloudy, pleasant. Frances to bank in morning. We moved cooking utensils and some lamps and clothes. Lucille Ledbetter here awhile in evening.

Wednesday, September 1, 1976. Mostly fair, in 80s. We washed and did some more packing and moving. Put up some glass curtains. Orvie here awhile in morning. We went to hotel for supper. Then drove to Yoder's fruit stand and on to Garden City to see Carrie. Pete, Marie & CR to lawyer about Gram's estate.

Thursday, September 2, 1976. Fair, hot, 92°. Movers came at 9:15 to move Frances. Arthur & Orvie helped. Mary Lee ad friend Ruth here awhile. Orvie and Arthur ate lunch with us. Georgia

sent cake. She didn't feel well enough to come. We went back to house in p.m. Swept rugs and cleaned up basement. I went after Blanche. Brought her to see apartment. We were at Blanche's for supper. Pete to Edgars for supper.

Friday, September 3, 1976. Cloudy in morning, fair, high 80s. I talked to Pete in morning. He's OK. Painting garage. Frances, Mary and I to beauty shop at 9:00. Did some shopping & got groceries. Frances had callers in p.m. Mary & I over to house. Did some washing & hung it out. I put up towel rack. We went up town with Frances. She paid some bills, etc.

Saturday, September 4, 1976. Fair, hot, 94°. We went to house at 8:00 to get ready for Frances's sale. Orvie, Garnett, Lucille, Arthur & Georgia, Steve & Cathy there. Lucille fixed lunch. I bought chest, picture frames, cot, blankets & picture frames [sic] & glass apothecaries for Rons. Frances had a good sale, \$2170. Was a big day. Pete and Rons to Ropp Reunion. They went on tour. Ron called in evening.

Sunday, September 5, 1976. Looked rainy in morning. Had shower. Fair and hot, 94°. We went to church and to Harvey Roths for dinner. Orvie there too. We drove to Garden City Cemetery. Also to Clearfork [Cemetery]. We went to Butler in evening to see Lila. Garnett & Lucille there. Garnetts stopped here on way home. Was glad to see Lila. She seemed pretty good. Jack and Virginia Poist & Pete to church, then to Thresherman's Reunion in Pontiac.

Monday, September 6, 1976. Had thunder shower again in morning. Looked dark. Had over an inch of rain at Arthurs. Fair in p.m. 92°. We washed a load in morning. We went to Arthurs at 10:00. I drove. Arthurs took us to dinner at one of the malls. Frances got bedspread there. Then went to Independence Mall. Frances got bathroom curtain. Went back to Arthurs awhile. Got home at 6:30. Had nice day. We went to Orvie's awhile in evening.

Tuesday, September 7, 1976. Little cooler, 90°. We washed & ironed. Frances to bank. Mary & I did cleaning. We went to Garden City awhile & stopped at Nickerson's for lunch. Got groceries. Pete & Marie got here at 4:30. Glad to see them. They had a good trip. Frances took us all out to Irene's Restaurant. Orvie along. Pete & I stayed at Orvies all night.

Wednesday, September 8, 1976. Partly cloudy. We left Harrisonville for Allens at 10:00. Got to Allens at 4:20. Had good trip. Had shower in evening. Windy & turned much cooler. Good to see Steve & everyone. But we miss Allen. He's fishing in Minnesota & Canada. Shirley working at hospital this week.

Thursday, September 9, 1976. Clear, much cooler, 50°. Shirley to work. Jeff and Pam to school. Mary & I baked Irish coffeecake & cookies. Mary, Marie & we took Shirley and children to Ames for supper. Steve gets around on crutches very well. Can bend his leg very little.

Friday, September 10, 1976. Clear, cool, 40° in morning. Shirley to work. Debbie washed & set Mary's, Marie's and my hair. Pete & I picked lima beans and podded them. Shirley put them in

freezer. I made salad for supper. We all went to ballgame. Jeff played. Did real well. Steve walked to game on his crutches. Was a beautiful evening. Allen called from Canada. They are starting for home in morning.

Saturday, September 11, 1976. Fine day, warmer. We left Allens at 9:30 for home. Had lunch at Amana. Stopped there 1 ½ hours. Got home at 5:30. Took Marie & Mary home. Shirley sent some corn for her mother. Left it there. Unpacked. Went to Rons for supper. Jo here after supper.

Sunday, September 12, 1976. Fair, nice day. We went to 2nd church and Sunday School. Ate at Arby's. Home in PM. Wrote to Arthurs, Frances and Allens. Gathered some flower seeds. We went to Congregational meeting at church in evening.

Monday, September 13, 1976. Fair, fine day. Washed & ironed. Pete worked on garage. I put 2 ½ quarts peaches in freezer and made 5 pints preserves. Picked over a quart of strawberries. We went to Rons for supper. They had wiener roast for those who helped on house & their families. About 40 there. I made the coffee & iced tea & tray of onions, tomatoes & pickles.

Tuesday, September 14, 1976. Fair, warm, 85°. Pete to Glenn's [to] combine beans. I cleaned up house. Went to prayer group at June Jantze's. Got things ready for supper. Rons, Virginia and Jack Porst here. Had chicken, potato salad. I peeled rest of peaches. Jo made peach cobbler for me. Ron home, worked on house.

Wednesday, September 15, 1976. Had shower early a.m. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. Cooler in evening. I went to hospital in morning to volunteer. Pete to Glenn's in p.m. I went to club with Marie to Elsie Millers. Canned 5 quarts tomatoes and got tomatoes, celery & onions ready for chili sauce. Baked magic bars for bake sale.

Thursday, September 16, 1976. Fair, cool. Pete to Glenn's. I made 9 pints chili sauce. Baked coffeecake braids. Washed car & washed my hair. Mary and I to Eastland to put poster up & [put] cloths on tables for auxiliary bake sale tomorrow. Ron took hogs to Gail Bressner for his sale tomorrow.

Friday, September 17, 1976. Fair, nice day. I went to Eastland at 8:00 to auxiliary bake sale. Lots of food. Worked until noon. Came home. Cleaned up kitchen & packed. Pete at Glenns. Jo took me to Bob Kaufmans. Mary Kaufman, Kay Reimer, Bess Desch, Kay Ann Fransen and I went to Women's Retreat at Camp Friedenswald. Left town at 4:30. Got there at 9:00 in time for snacks. We all stayed in the same cabin. Bake sale brought nearly \$400. Pete cut his hand working on combine.

Saturday, September 18, 1976. Fine day. Went to breakfast at 8:30. Herta Funk main speaker for retreat. Had a film on "We All Have Gift." Went to discussion group, then to crafts. Ruth Miller and I each made a strong breeze. Had drama and "A Look at Our Foremother." Saw many people

& friends. Some 160 women there. Had barbecued chicken in evening. Beautiful grounds. Jo to Bluffton with Gerald [Emerick].

Sunday, September 19, 1976. Fair. We all had communion down by the lake before breakfast. A nice experience. Had worship service at 10:00. "A Look at Christ's Affirmation of Women's Gifts." Herta Funk. Had dinner at 11:30. We packed car, left for home at 1:00. Got to Bob's at 5:30. Pete got me. Was a very nice weekend. We helped Ron cover floor. Pete, Ron & boys & Mary & May Mohr to Arby's for dinner. Talked to Pauls in evening. They are busy.

Monday, September 20, 1976. Cloudy, drizzled some. Fair in evening. Pete to Glenn's but came home at 10:00. I did washing. Picked nearly 2 quarts strawberries. Canned 9 quarts tomato juice. Cleaned the boys' room upstairs. Did ironing. Got supper. Ron and boys here.

Tuesday, September 21, 1976. Fair, cool, in 60s. I washed bedding and curtains from our bedroom. Went to prayer group with June [Jantze] to Esther Brown's in Downs. Cleaned the east bedroom in p.m. Pete to Dr. Bertsche's office on way to Glenn's. Got Tet Toxoid shot. His hand better. We went to town in evening. I went to quilt show at ISU. Pete got groceries & went to Marie's awhile.

Wednesday, September 22, 1976. Clear, 35° in morning, frosty in places. Warmed up some. Windy. Pete to Glenn's. I went to hospital in morning (volunteer). Cleaned west bedroom and Cedar closet. Used vacuum sweeper on furniture & drapes in living room. Gathered some flower seeds. Had letter from Allens. Deb working at soil lab. Glenn finished combining beans.

Thursday, September 23, 1976. Partly cloudy, cooler. I cleaned living & dining rooms & cleaned rug. Pete painting garage. I helped him in p.m. Got things ready for supper. Ron & boys here.

Friday, September 24, 1976. Fair, nice day, 60s. I cleaned west room upstairs, bathroom and hallway. Ron working at home. He and Pete took air-conditioner out. I cleaned windows. Pete painting garage. I helped awhile. We, Mary & Marie to Merle's for supper. She had ribs from Ozark House. We took tomatoes & endive. Girls took fruit.

Saturday, September 25, 1976. Cloudy, drizzled all morning. Rain increased as day went on. Rained hard late evening. I baked angel food cake for Jon's birthday. Baked bars. Canned 5 quarts tomatoes. Ron had 7 men helping put sheeting on garage roof. I gave them bars & cookies for coffee break. Also gave chili for their lunch. Pete and I to hospital [to] volunteer, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, September 26, 1976. Cloudy, misted and rained some. We went to church. I helped usher. Had carry in dinner fixed for Ron and boys to. Had Congregational meeting. Normal and Bloomington churches merged. An interesting day. Mary and we to Eureka at 2:30 to see Eds. Nettie still confused. We went to Milton Springer's in Washington. Got Pete's camera. Jo home from Ohio with Gail Bressner. Had Wiener roast for Jon's birthday in our basement. He had 3 friends.

Monday, September 27, 1976. Cloudy in morning. Cleared off during day. I washed and cleaned fruit room. Did ironing. Jo and I to Meadows [Home] with Evelyn Bertsche to birthday party for residents. Served cake and punch. We met Evelyn at Hudson. Got Jon at school on way home. Jo took boys to dentist at 4:45. I went to Livingston's, got rust colored dress. Pete painted windows on garage.

Tuesday, September 28, 1976. Mostly cloudy, in 60s. I went to prayer group at Marj nesters. Cleaned recreation room & broom closet. Pete finished painting garage. I picked over a quart of strawberries. Gave Jo some. Jo's uncle came back early a.m. Ron home working on garage. Don Miller helping. Marie, Mary & we to Red Lobster for supper. Mary & we to Heritage Group at Grant Zehr's. Ron Schertz showed slides of Roanoke church.

Wednesday, September 29, 1976. Mostly cloudy, cool. I worked at hospital in morning. Cleaned cupboards in kitchen. Baked coffeecake & cookies in p.m. Pete to Glenn's in p.m. Chisel plowed. Jo made catsup. Ron to meeting in morning. Home rest of day. Jo & I to Carol's in evening to Toy and Gift party.

Thursday, September 30, 1976. Foggy in morning, clear, fine day, warmer. I cleaned kitchen and waxed floor. Pete worked on garage. Rons got load of siding for their house. We went to Mary's at 6:00. Pete put her storm windows in for her. I went to alumni meeting. Pete to Edgars. Took them tomatoes.

Friday, October 1, 1976. Clear, beautiful day, 83°. Did cleaning. We went to auxiliary meeting. Stayed for lunch. Bill Dunn there, spoke about Community Health Center. Went shopping in p.m. Got pair [of] black shoes. We went to Rons for supper. Jo & I fixed Chinese dishes.

Saturday, October 2, 1976. Beautiful day, 86°. Pete, Jo and boys to Ash St., Park fishing. Boys caught 10 rain[bow?] trout. I baked 2 pumpkin pies. Washed my hair. Dusted upstairs. Made 3 pints tomato preserves. Pete & I to Kate Fagerburg Herberger [Hershberger?] funeral in p.m. Ron & men worked on house. Rons here for supper. Had fish.

Sunday, October 3, 1976. Beautiful day, 80s. We went to church and to Larry Lautzes for dinner. June was prepared for guests at church & no guests [came] so she insisted we go along. Edith and Rachel Zehr there too. We got to Merle's at 3:30. Drove to Funks Grove and to McLean for supper. Mary along. Merle enjoyed being out. We had communion at church. Jo's brother, Carlton, came early a.m. Left in forenoon.

Monday, October 4, 1976. Mostly fair, 80s. I washed and ironed. Picked pint [of] strawberries. Pete put onions and potatoes in basement. Dug sweet potatoes & Dahlia bulbs. I went to Dr. McGinnis for 6 month checkup. Everything okay. I'm grateful. Jo and boys to 4-H wiener roast. I got supper for Gerald & Ron. Ate at 10:00. They worked late. Put tar paper on garage roof. Philip Patton died suddenly at 10 PM. Such a shock.

Tuesday, October 5, 1976. Cloudy, rained most of day, windy and much colder in evening. We went to Phillips at 8:30. We were there until 5:00. Lucy C[atherine], Jims and Harold to town at 10:00. Helen and we dusted up house. Had callers and lots of food brought in. Helen to town in p.m. so we stayed until she came back. Such a shock. Feel so sorry for Lucy C[atherine]. John Mailer and Christine, Roberta and Leo were on way to Phils. John had heart attack at Lincoln at 10:00 p.m. He's in ICU there.

Wednesday, October 6, 1976. Fair, colder. I cleaned laundry and furnace room. Pete and I to Phils at 10:30. They all went to funeral home. I got things ready for dinner. Jo came at noon to help. McClures went after Leo and Roberta at Lincoln. They got to Phils at 1:00. Roberts there too, also Janet and Larry. We came home at 3:00. We took Mary and Merle to visitation. Stopped at steak 'n shake. Merle got our lunch. We went to hospital at 9:00. Pete had finance meeting. Paul left for China.

Thursday, October 7, 1976. Mostly cloudy, quite chilly. I canned 6 quarts tomato juice. We went to Birkelbaws, got apples. We went to church at 11:30. Had dinner there with the Patton family. Ron and Jo there too. We all went to Phillip's funeral at Metzler's [Funeral Home]. Ron and Jim W[altner] had the service. A very nice service. Marie K[aufman] with us. Earl pall bearer. We went to Lucy C[atherine]'s. Helped with lunch for family & friends. Jo & I took salad. Mary stayed at the house during the service. A sad day. John Mailer died in evening.

Friday, October 8, 1976. Fair, cool, little Frost. Got word at 6:30 a.m., Jon Mailer died at Lincoln Hospital. I went to Lucy C[atherine]'s at 7:30. They are very upset. Pete stopped there, then on to Glenn's. Ron to Lucy C[atherine]'s awhile. Leo's brother came from Chicago at noon. Roberta and Leo left with them for home. Robert took Lucy C[atherine] to Dr. at 12:45. She's doing quite well. Helen at Lucy [Catherine]'s too. She and I took care of food, etc. Lucy C[atherine], Roberts and Phyllis left at 4:00 for Arkansas. I did cleaning.

Saturday, October 9, 1976. Mostly cloudy, few sprinkles in morning. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked pecan rolls & angel food cake for Marty's birthday. Cooked squash. Finished cleaning. We went to Farm & Fleet, got pair of coveralls for Marty. Went to town. Got groceries. Washed my hair in morning. Made 2 pie crusts. Rons had Wiener roast for Marty. He had 3 friends. We ate with them.

Sunday, October 10, 1976. Fair, fine day, warmer. We went to early service, 8:30. Home for lunch. I got things ready for supper. Had Wiener roast for CRs, Gordons, Rays, Marie, Mary, Pearl, May Mohr and Rons. Had baked apples, baked beans, potato salad & chips, pumpkin pie. Jo made potato salad & Mary baked 2 pies for me. Mike & Dianna here too.

Monday, October 11, 1976. Fair, warmer, 74°, nice day. I washed & ironed. Mary, Jo & we left at 11:30 for Morton. Had lunch there. Looked for dress, found none. Went to *Roches* (sp?), got sausage. Drove to Hudson. Mary found nothing there. We cleaned Windows & put in storm Windows.

Tuesday, October 12, 1976. Fair, windy, 81°, nice day. Prayer group met here in morning. Pete did odd jobs in morning. We cleaned Windows upstairs. Put in storm Windows. I dusted up stairs. We took picture storm window off & cleaned it. Pete painted around it. We went to Merle's in evening. Glenn & Dorothy Augspurger there.

Wednesday, October 13, 1976. Fine day, quite windy, cooler. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. Pete to bank & to Library in Normal. We came home at noon. I baked coffeecake braid and cleaned silverware. Pete painted around picture window. CRs & we to Marie's for supper. Talked to Marjorie in evening.

Thursday, October 14, 1976. Fair, very windy, Frost in morning. I went with Dorothy Singley to HEA. Mary & Mabel along. Pete mowed some lawn. I put flower seeds away. Packed some vegetables to take to Pauls. We went to see Lucy C[atherine] in evening. She's doing quite well.

Friday, October 15, 1976. Fair, colder. Pete to Glenn's until noon. I washed 3 loads. Did all cleaning. Shampooed my hair. We went to town at 12:30. I worked at bazaar. Had it at Long Term [Care] dining room. Pete took money to bank. We took Rons to Sambo's for supper. Rons here awhile after supper. Packed suitcases. Called Allens. Talked to Steve. He had his cast off. Said he is doing pretty good. Can put weight on leg but uses crutches.

Saturday, October 16, 1976. Clear, 34°. Had Frost. We left at 8:00 for Memphis. Got to Pauls at 5:15. Had good trip. Trees were gorgeous. Marj & children fine. We miss Paul. They have nice house & yard. Lots of trees & plants.

Sunday, October 17, 1976. Nice day, cool, in 50s. We all went to church and Sunday School except Andy. He didn't feel very good in morning. Marjorie studied in p.m. I wrote Allens and Frances. Sent Debbie check for her birthday.

Monday, October 18, 1976. Fair, nice day. Marjorie and Andy to school at 8:00. Benjy didn't feel very well. I baked cookies. Benjy, Amy and we went for walk in p.m. I did needlework in evening. Marjorie studied. Benjy had temp in evening.

Tuesday, October 19, 1976. Partly cloudy, cooler in evening. I did load of laundry and cleaned all the silverware. Pete raked some leaves. Benjy stayed home again, had little temp in p.m. Pete went for walk. I made Jell-O salad. Got supper early as Marj had class from 6 – 9 PM. Rained in evening and night.

Wednesday, October 20, 1976. Mostly cloudy, cool. Marjorie & boys to school. We took boys. Got some groceries. I made Apple crisp & got supper. We went after boys at 3:15. Drove around, looked for shopping area. I did needlework.

Thursday, October 21, 1976. Beautiful day, warmer. Marj & boys to school. Amy & we to shopping center. Got cards. Mailed some. Went to women's exchange, interesting place. Got

some patterns for auxiliary. Stopped at McDonald's for lunch. Pete & I painted picnic table and chairs in p.m. We took Marjorie and children to Red Lobster for supper.

Friday, October 22, 1976. Fair, nice day. Marj & children to school. Marjorie home at noon. I did laundry. Dried some outside. Pete put another coat of paint on top of picnic table. Marj & we to Botanical Gardens in p.m., nice place. Marj and children to open house at school. Had 3 cards and letters from Paul. He was at Sean high. Saw demonstrations.

Saturday, October 23, 1976. Cloudy, rainy. We did cleaning in morning. Andy to friend's house. Marjorie to library in p.m. to study. I shampooed my hair. Called Rons in evening. Talked to Marty. Rons at Bluffton alumni dinner.

Sunday, October 24, 1976. Cloudy, very, rained off and on. Marj & boys to Sunday School, then home. Pete and I went to church. Home rest of day. Marj studied. Andy to friend's house. We went for walk.

Monday, October 25, 1976. Cloudy, rained most of morning. Sent Allens anniversary card with check. Also wrote some cards. I baked pecan rolls. We went after boys at 3:00. Marjorie studying in evening. I finished my cruel work. Got supper. Made meatloaf.

Tuesday, October 26, 1976. Mostly cloudy. Marjorie & boys to school. Amy & we to Germantown mall. Nice drive. Trees colorful. Had lunch at McDonald's. Went to lumber yard & hardware store. Got boards to put on boys beds under mattresses. Got boys at YM at 5:00 after swimming lesson. Marj had late class, 6 – 9. I got supper.

Wednesday, October 27, 1976. Marj & boys to school. I baked oatmeal cookies. Pete put supports on boys beds. We went to grocery store and got boys at school. We made jack-o'-lantern in evening.

Thursday, October 28, 1976. Fair, little warmer, 37° in morning. Marj took boys to school & done some errands. She was home for lunch, then back to school. I baked chocolate chip cookies and cooked squash. Washed 3 loads. We took varnish off stand that was Aunt Martha's. Marjorie took all of us to Peking Restaurant. Food delicious. I baked cupcakes for Benjy's school.

Friday, October 29, 1976. Cloudy, rained in evening. Marj took boys to school & went to library to study. Washed 4 loads. We met Marj at Health Center at 11:00. Went downtown to mall. Ate dinner on top of tall building, 38 stories. Nice view of River and city. Did some cleaning. Children to Halloween party at Community Center. Marj and we to airport at 7:00. Met Paul. So good to have him back home. He had wonderful trip to China. He was very tired.

Saturday, October 30, 1976. Cloudy, chilly. We visited with Paul. He had 2 interviews with newspaper reporters. He gave us beautiful tablecloth and napkins, also paper cutouts. I baked 2 pumpkin pies. We did some laundry. Children went trick-or-treating a little while. We listened to some tapes of Pauls. Jo called in evening. Allens to Bluffton for football game.

Sunday, October 31, 1976. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. We left Pauls at 8:00 home. Got here at 5:30. Had good trip for which we are grateful. Trees were beautiful part of trip. We were at Rons for supper. Good to be home.

Monday, November 1, 1976. Fair, 23° in morning, high 50s. I washed & ironed. Pete to town, got auxiliary money. We & Mary to Eds in p.m. They are about same, not good. Nettie confused at times. Ed has chest pain frequently.

Tuesday, November 2, 1976. Fair, nice day. I went to prayer group at June Jantze's. Pete to bank. Had lunch up town. Pete cleaned out eaves in p.m. I worked outside a while. Pressed tablecloth Paul gave me. Blocked my cruel bell pull. We went to vote. I went to Good Will with Jeanette. We went to Rons awhile. Watched election returns. President Ford lost to Jimmy Carter. Close race. Carol Reitan lost.

Wednesday, November 3, 1976. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m., windy. Much colder in p.m. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. Pete to Dr. Bertsche for physical. I went at 1:30 for physical. We had pretty good report. Have to have FBS – EKG and I chest x-ray. I fixed things for supper. Rons & Gerald here. Jo fixed stake & dessert.

Thursday, November 4, 1976. Partly cloudy, windy, cold. Pete working on auxiliary books. Went to Glenn's at noon. Got his check. I put summer clothes away & washed some dresses. Jo & I to town at noon. Got groceries & went to Eisenberger's to look at living room suite. Bought pillow. Earl Mishlers and Mick here awhile. We and Lucy C[atherine] to hospital employee banquet. Marie K[aufman] gave us tickets.

Friday, November 5, 1976. Mostly fair, 25° in north. Ron and Jo left at 7:30 for meeting at Wichita Kansas. Boys here for breakfast. Pete took Marty to school early, choir practice. I did cleaning. Pete chored. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:00. Had lunch at hospital. Went to estate planning meeting. Got supper. Mary, Marie, Gerald Emerick & boys here. While full and sausage. Boys here all night.

Saturday, November 6, 1976. Nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. I made chili. Washed my hair. Took coffee and doughnuts to men. Gerald has 8 men working. Some putting shingles on garage. [They] put some beams up. Gerald & boys here for dinner. We went to hospital at 4:00. Worked at Gift Shop & Information Desk. Ron called in evening. Boys here all night.

Sunday, November 7, 1976. Clear, windy and colder in p.m. Boys & we to church. Lucy C[atherine] went with us. We all, Marie & Gerald at Mary's for dinner. We were home in evening. Boys & Gerald here. Allens called in evening. Wanting us to come out Wednesday. Jeff's football team won all their games and are playing off 1st game Wednesday. Steve has been driving tractor for Dick Pilgrim plowing and discing. He uses a cane.

Monday, November 8, 1976. Fair, 12° in morning, in 30s during day. I washed & ironed. Took Pete to get Glenn's tractor. He plowed truck patches. Took tractor home. I went after him. Pete put dirt on roses. I went to Rons. Washed up dishes. I made meatloaf and peach cobbler. Pete & I to Edith Miller's for supper. Mary & Gerald Galloways there too. Boys & Gerald here for supper & all night. Rons to Harrisonville. Supper at Frances's. [They] got wardrobe at Orvie's.

Tuesday, November 9, 1976. Fair, nice day, warmer. Rons got home at 3:00 a.m. Thankful they had good trip. Pete & I to Dr. Bertsche's office. Had blood test. Had breakfast at Coachman. Met Jo at hospital at 10:30. Went to Wayside [Furniture] at Clinton. We got new sofa and chair. Jo to ISU for interview at 1:30. I went to Ms. Quinn to talk about Reach for Recovery. Home in evening.

Wednesday, November 10, 1976. Fair, chilly, 27°. I went to hospital to volunteer. Baked quick coffeecake and made tapioca. Pete worked outside some. Wayside brought sofa. Disappointed, is too long. Jo here awhile. I stopped to see Pearl at hospital. She was admitted Monday. Having tests & x-rays.

Thursday, November 11, 1976. Fair, cold, in 30s. I made dried beef casserole. Went to Home Extension with Mary. She, Mabel, Clara Bernau, Lois Schertz, Mrs. Holman on committee. Mary & I home after dinner. Pete & I to town at 2:30. Met Jo. Looked at sofa again. Called Wayside to take one back we got. We went to Eastland and Provident [Bookstore]. Got Christmas cards. Ate at Ponderosa.

Friday, November 12, 1976. Clear, cold, 13° in morning. Did cleaning. Jo and I to town at 10:00. Went with Marie uptown. She and Jo picked out towels for Jo's birthday. Marie took us to Brittany for lunch. Jo and I to Leaths [Furniture]. I ordered sofa & chair. I lengthen to dress. Gerald Emerick here for supper. Had pizza & salad. Rons to chili supper at Jon's school.

Saturday, November 13, 1976. Clear, 12° in morning, in 30s during day. I washed my hair. We went to town at 10:30. Stopped at hospital to see Pearl. Talked to Dr. Livingston. He says Pearl can't go home alone. We talked to Clara [Brodbeck]. Pete cleaned off garden in p.m. I baked bars. Gave Jo some. Ron had crew of men working on house. Marie, Mary & we to Cambridge Inn.

Sunday, November 14, 1976. Clear, not quite so cold. We went to church. Ron worship leader. Mary & we ate at Hen House and went to Eds. Nettie seems little stronger. Ed had chest pain yesterday & vomited. We were home in evening. I have cold & sinus. Wrote Pauls.

Monday, November 15, 1976. Nice day, 19°, up to 44°. We went to attorney Dunns office at 9:30 to settle Gram's estate. Gordon and Ray bought the land. We got check, \$55,789 payment after all expenses. Marie, Mabel and we to Illinois House for lunch. Irene Lowry ate with us. We went shopping. Bought a humidifier. I washed and ironed when got home.

Tuesday, November 16, 1976. Clear, fine day, warmer. I went to prayer group at Marge Nesters. Home in PM. Did some mending. Worked on cross stitch quilt. We went to volunteer dinner at ISU. Mabel, Marie & Irene Lowry went with us. Mary with Laura Kirkton and Marg Wey.

Wednesday, November 17, 1976. Mostly cloudy, windy. I went to hospital, volunteered. Went to club meeting with Marie at Fern Miller's. Pete covered roses. Wayside came for sofa and chair. Too large. I went to Task Force meeting at church at 8:30.

Thursday, November 18, 1976. Clear, fine day, warmer, 66°, windy. I made vegetable soup. Leaths brought sofa and Lazy-Boy chair out. Jo here awhile. Ron home at noon. Rons and Gerald here for dinner. Rons and boys left at 3:15 for Bluffton. He has board meeting. Dorothy called. Wanted us to go out to eat. Went to their house and then to Grand Café. Mary along. We went to Produce, got apples.

Friday, November 19, 1976. Nice day, cooler. Did cleaning. We & Jo to town. Took Marie to train at 10:00. She went to Chicago to visit with Bob & Roger Woizeski. We did some shopping. Ate lunch at Falcon. I cooked squash & made pumpkin bread & baked cookies. Gave Jo some. Pete washed car.

Saturday, November 20, 1976. Fair, nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked coffeecake braid & made 2 pumpkin pies. Gave Jo some. Washed my hair. We went to town at 3:00 & to hospital at 4:00. Worked at Information Desk and Gift Shop. Ron and boys got home at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 21, 1976. Cloudy, cold, snow flurries in p.m. We went to early service. Mary and we met Marie at train at 10:40. She took us to Cambridge Inn for dinner. We worked on Christmas card list. Wrote letters to Dr. Schwartz and Cheryl Rempel and Hazel Fujii. Gave Jo check for birthday. We went to Home Builders at John Bertsche's. Bill [Dunn] and John spoke on Health Center.

Monday, November 22, 1976. Partly cloudy, cold. We went to gift shop meeting at 9:30. Went to Leaths. Ordered a different chair. One we had wasn't comfortable. Went to Ulbrich & Krafts. Pete got pair of slacks & leisure suit. He helped Floyd Mohr in p.m. Hauled corn for silo. I washed & ironed.

Tuesday, November 23, 1976. Fair, 17° in morning, 34°. Pete helped Mohrs all day. Hauled corn. I got ready for prayer group here. Irene [Dunn], Marge [Nester], Shirley [Krahn], June [Jantze], & Esther Brown here. I baked pumpkin pie. Got things ready for supper. Had roast chicken & dressing. Rons here. I worked some on bedspreads.

Wednesday, November 24, 1976. Fair, warmer, 40s. I went to hospital. Volunteered until noon. Pete put new faucets in kitchen sink. Leaths brought another chair out. [We] like it. Other one wasn't comfortable. I made salad & cleaned up the upstairs. Mopped the floor. Orvie got to

Mary's at 3:00. Came with Roths. We were at Mary's for supper. I went to committee meeting at church. Allens left for Memphis.

Thursday, November 25, 1976. Fair, nice day, 60°. Had shower at 8:00. We, Rons, Mary, Orvie, Marie, May & Gordons at CRs for dinner. I took salad. We came home at 3:30. I got supper. Had oyster stew, chili, salad, cheese. Jo brought potato chips & dip, deviled eggs. Mary & Orvie here too. A nice Thanksgiving.

Friday, November 26, 1976. Cloudy, rained and misted most of day and evening. Colder in evening. Did all of cleaning and made salad. Orvie, Mary & we to Eureka at 11:00 to see Ed's. Had dinner with them at the Home. Came home at 3:00. I worked on the wall hanging. Rons & we & Marie at Mary's for supper. Orvie staying with Mary. I took salad for supper.

Saturday, November 27, 1976. Cloudy, cold. Had few snow flurries. Pete to men's breakfast. Fremont Regier spoke. He brought him along home. We went to church at 10:00. Fremont spoke to Senior Citizens. We took him to Dr. Bertsche at noon. We went to Eastland, shopped. I got green pants suit. I baked pumpkin pie & apples in morning. We went to supper at church. Orvie & Mary along. Orvie with us in morning. Fremont spoke & showed pictures in evening.

Sunday, November 28, 1976. Fair, cold, 4 – 7° above zero. We went to early church. Mary & we took Orvie to Elms for dinner, then to see Eds awhile. Then took him to John Stalter. Met Harvey Roths. They left for home at 2:30. We were home in evening. Wrote to Bullers. Allens got home from Pauls at 2:00 a.m. Left Pauls at 12:30 Saturday noon.

Monday, November 29, 1976. Fair, around zero, didn't warm-up very much. I washed and ironed. We went to town in p.m. Got vacuum cleaner for Ron & hairdryer for Jo. Got oven broiler-toaster for Mary. We went to Mary's at 3:30. Made fruitcakes. Pete fixed faucet for her. Had supper there.

Tuesday, November 30, 1976. Partly cloudy, snowed in evening. Had nearly an inch. We went to hospital at 8:00 to Christmas Sale and Bake Sale. We made \$345 at big sale. Got home at 5:00. I took coffeecake, pumpkin bread & cookies. We went to Heritage group at bill Dunns in evening. Jo along. Paul Miller told about Amish in Arthur [Illinois].

Wednesday, December 1, 1976. Cloudy in morning, cleared off at noon, colder. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. Pete went shopping. I made ginger cookies in p.m. & stirred up snickerdoodles. Jo taught school. I went to committee meeting (task force) at church at 6:30. Met with Carl Newswanger [Neueswanger?] & Jim Waltner. Got home at 11:00.

Thursday, December 2, 1976. Snowed a while in morning. Cleared off. 13° in morning. I baked cookies. We went to town at 10:00. Mary along. Shopped at Eastland. Got to pair of hose for Nettie, tie for Ed. Got shirt for Jeff & gown for Pam. Rons here for supper. I made pizza, Jell-O salad and ice cream and berries. Jo taught school again.

Friday, December 3, 1976. Mostly fair, 15° in morning, chilly wind. Did cleaning. We went to auxiliary at 9:00. Left at noon. Shopped some. Got shirt for Steve. We went to Merle's at 1:30. I cleaned her cupboards & linen closet. She ordered Chinese food for supper. Had box from Allens. Crockpot filled with cheeses.

Saturday, December 4, 1976. Fair, nice day. Gerald Emerick got here about 3:00 a.m. Ron had 5 men helping today on house. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Pinned up my hair. Jo here awhile in morning. I baked Crescent cookies. We went to town at 3:00. Stopped to see Cinda Roth's picture of Campus Religious Center. Went to hospital. Volunteered, Info Desk and Gift Shop. Elsie Necessary really ill, hepatitis? Harvey Woizeski passed away.

Sunday, December 5, 1976. Mostly fair, not quite as cold. We went to church. Mary, Marie & we to Golden West for dinner. Took Mary home. Marie and we to Clinton to visitation for Harvey Woizeski. Stopped at Pearls on way home. Pete helped her with insurance papers. She's doing pretty good. Still has a lady with her. I wrote some Christmas notes. We went to church in evening Mary and Gail along.

Monday, December 6, 1976. Snowed all day, had 3 inches. I washed & ironed. Pete worked on auxiliary books most of day. Murray and Rachel Mitchell came after our old living room suite and electric stove we had in basement. Took it to Thrift Shop. I baked carrot cookies & wrote Christmas cards & notes. Jo went to work at Court House in small claims department. Paul called. They're coming the 29th.

Tuesday, December 7, 1976. Mostly fair, zero to 4° below. I went to prayer group at Irene Dunn's. Then to Esther Cash at 12:00. She gave me a permanent. Pete home. Wrote some notes. Millers here, fixed pump in basement. Wrote notes & addressed cards in evening.

Wednesday, December 8, 1976. Fair, 3° above, warmed some. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. Pete had car checked. Went to Merle's. Took some of her shoes, etc. to Thrift Shop. We went shopping at Eastland. I got print dress. Got blouse for Marjorie, track [or truck] with cars for Andy and Benjy, dishes for Amy, jeans for Jeff's birthday. Addressed cards in evening.

Thursday, December 9, 1976. Fair, warmer, melting. Made brownies. Took some to HEA for silent auction. Mabel along to HEA. I baked cashew cookies when got home. I wrapped Christmas gifts in evening.

Friday, December 10, 1976. Cloudy, turned much colder at noon. Did cleaning. Pete to Yuton & to town. Had car washed. We dressed 3 geese for the boys. I baked sugar cookies in p.m. & iced them. We went to CRs for supper. Elmer, Art and Clarence Siegs, Edgars & Val K[ampmeier]s & Marie were there. Had nice time.

Saturday, December 11, 1976. Fair, nice day, 6° above in morning. I went to town at 10:30. Marie, Irene Lowry and I to Laura Otto Stauback home awhile. (She has a beautiful home.) We went to lunch at Streids. Got home at 2:30. Jo & Marty helped us dress 2 more geese. I made fruit balls.

Sunday, December 12, 1976. Cloudy in morning, some ice on trees & road but soon melted. Cleared off, colder in p.m. We went to church & to Mary's for dinner. Then to Eureka to see Eds. They're about same. Ed had sick spell again last Thursday night. Vomited & chest pain. We went to Roy Kings awhile. Ron got a tree for us at Congerville.

Monday, December 13, 1976. Clear, 5° above in morning. I washed & ironed. Made press cookies. We put up Christmas tree in p.m. Men working on Ron's house. Rader boys helping. Mary, Marie & we to Madrigal dinner concert. Very lovely. We enjoyed it.

Tuesday, December 14, 1976. Fair, nice day, 45°. We went to town at 9:00. I went to prayer group at Harvella's. Pete to Pearls to help her with medical bills, etc. Took some things to Thrift Shop. Went to Mary's. Took her to look for carpeting for her steps. Is too late to put it down. She helped me make peanut butter balls. I fixed drapes I got at auxiliary for upstairs.

Wednesday, December 15, 1976. Fair, fine day, 46°. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered until noon. Pete did some errands. We came home at 12:00. I went to club meeting at K. Mishler's. Mabel along. I made penuchi candy and wrapped rest of gifts. Gave Deb candle and little centerpiece. Marty & Jon PJs.

Thursday, December 16, 1976. Cloudy in morning, partly cloudy in p.m., 39°. I baked rolls. Got dinner. Gerald here. Man here cleaned out 2 cisterns. They're empty. I waxed kitchen floor in p.m. Cy Colter here in p.m. Visited.

Friday, December 17, 1976. Fair, nice day. Did cleaning. Baked coffeecake braid. Washed my hair. Fixed boxes of cookies. We went to town at 4:00. Got grocery and candy for Cys. We went to Edgars for supper. CRs, Mary, Marie & Marguerite [Burwitz] there. Had big dinner. We took girls home. Rons took Dons and Petes to Peoria.

Saturday, December 18, 1976. Fine day, 50°. Pete to men's breakfast. I made ham salad sandwiches. Made cheese ball. Pete put up hanger for plant over TV. Fixed table leaves. We raked up some leaves around porch & shrubbery. I cleaned Windows. Made scalloped oysters for Marie. We, Rons & Mary to Marie's for supper. I took cookies. Had gift exchange with her.

Sunday, December 19, 1976. Cloudy, showered some in evening. Much colder in night. We went to church. Had surprise luncheon. Karl Newswangers and Mike Companys here. We went to church at 4:30 for dessert and program. Went to Bill Dunns after for buffet. Very nice. She had around 30 their. My foot start hurting when we got there. Worsened as evening went on. Dr. Bertsche was there. He thought could be blood vessel. Very painful. Put on ice.

Monday, December 20, 1976. Cold, windy, snow flurries. Ron to Indianapolis. My foot better. I rested some. Made chili. Mary, Marie & CRs here for supper. Ron back from Indianapolis in evening. Called Allens in evening. They are fine.

Tuesday, December 21, 1976. Clear, cold, zero. I did washing and ironing. Gerald here for lunch. Irene and Mike Dunn here a while in p.m. We went to town at 4:00 to bank. We, Rons and Gerald to Mary's for supper. Had our gift exchange. Gave Mary toaster oven. I got gown, bath oil. Pete, Rons here. Gave him vac. shop (?), Jo hair dryer.

Wednesday, December 22, 1976. Fair in morning. We and Mary left home at 8:20 for Allens. Had few snow flurries just before we got here. Windy, cold. Got to Allens at 3:00. Stopped at Amana for lunch. Did some shopping. Had good trip and good to see Allens. Steve doing real well. Allens to choir practice & went caroling.

Thursday, December 23, 1976. Clear, nice day, 6° above. Allen and Shirley to work. Shirley home at 1:00. Debbie here in morning. She's living in country with w girls. We made cranberry salad. Cooked chicken. Went uptown at 11:30. Took Pam to church to practice. Mary & we took Allens to Ames for supper & went to mall. I got coffee cups for Shirley. Allens got 4 folding chairs.

Friday, December 24, 1976. Fair, fine day, warmer. Helped get things ready for supper. I washed my hair. Pete uptown with Allen. Shirley home. Rons got here at 4:30. So nice to all be together. Had gift exchange. Got bathroom scales from Rons. Had gotten crockpot from Allens. I got candle from Allens children. We all went to Christmas Eve service at Presbyterian Church. Deb and boyfriend Joel Morris there too. Allens & boys sang in choir. Pam sang with quartet. Debbie here all night. Gave children & grandchildren some of Gram's estate.

Saturday, December 25, 1976. Clear, beautiful day. Got up late. Children had gift exchange & we had dinner at 2:00. Turkey at all trimmings. Talked to Pauls. We had wonderful day together. Joe Sponslers came at 5:30. Good to see them. Sang Christmas carols. Deb back to her house in evening.

Sunday, December 26, 1976. Fair, nice day. Rons left for home at 9:30. We went to church and to Dick Pilgrims for dinner. Had nice time. Allens, Pam and we to Deb's awhile in evening. She lives with 2 other girls out in country. Jeff and Melanie Pilgrim to show in evening. Rons got home around 4:00.

Monday, December 27, 1976. Mostly cloudy, in 40s. We left Allens at 8:50 for home. Got here at 3:15. Nice day to travel. Grateful for safe trip. Had a wonderful Christmas. I washed & washed bedding from upstairs. Gerald went home for holidays. Dusted upstairs & ironed. Shirley & Allen to work.

Tuesday, December 28, 1976. Fair, colder. I went to church at 8:00. Helped Irene Dunn with dinner for youth conference. Made chili. Served around 175. Got home at 3:00. Boys here with Pete. Rons had furnace trouble again. Lucy C[atherine] and Rons here for supper. Had fried chicken. Pete took Lucy home. Rons here all night.

Wednesday, December 29, 1976. Partly cloudy, few flurries. We went to town at 8:00. Helped at church until 10:30. Mary and we to Eureka. Had dinner with Eds. Charles Greasers, Oliver Yoders and Owen Kanegy ate with us. We took decorated cake over. Had a nice time with everyone. Rons here for supper. Men worked on furnace. Ron to hospital in evening. They were here all night.

Thursday, December 30, 1976. Partly cloudy, cold, windy. Temp dropped during day, near zero. Did cleaning. Made apple crisp. We went to town at 12:30. Went to Federal Savings & Loan. Put \$20,000 in savings. Took Mary to get new TV. Pauls got here before 3:00. Glad to see them. Jo fixed pizza and salad for supper. We ate here. Had our gift exchange. We got box Hickory Farms meat, cheese. We gave Pauls & children some of Gram's estate.

Friday, December 31, 1976. Clear, cold, 8 – 10° below. We visited with Pauls. I made salad. Got things ready for evening. Had goose, chicken. Pauls, Rons, Mary & Marie here. Paul showed some of his pictures of China. Very interesting. Andy had sick headache but felt much better in evening. We watched the New Year in.

Saturday, January 1, 1977. Clear, cold, 3° below zero. Pauls left at 9:20 for home. Was good to have them. I washed 2 loads and cleaned up house. We went to Mary's for dinner. Rons, Marie & CRs there too. I finished cleaning kitchen and ironed. Went to Rons for lunch & to see their tree. Shampooed my hair in evening. Pauls had a good trip home.

Sunday, January 2, 1977. Cloudy, 2° in morning. We went to church. Home for dinner. Wrote Allens. We went to see Pearl awhile. She is staying alone now. Went to church at 6:00. Had Love Feast Communion. Nice service. Mary along.

Monday, January 3, 1977. Cloudy, warmer. Did laundry and ironed. Got things ready for supper. Bill, Irene and Sherry [Dunn] here. Cindy [Dunn] sick and Mike [Dunn] working.

Tuesday, January 4, 1977. Cloudy, 30°, some snow in evening. We went to town at 9:00. Went to prayer group at June [Jantze]'s. Took Irene [Dunn]. Pete to town. We went to Merle's at noon. Took her to Streid's for lunch. She gave us books for Christmas. Took Mary to Normal. She got material for dress at Greta's. Lenore is making it. Men started putting sheeting on Ron's house. I went to Good Will with Jeanette. Rather snowy.

Wednesday, January 5, 1977. Cloudy in morning, fair. We took Pontiac to town at 8:00. Had Fender fixed (dent). Pete went in Rambler. I went to hospital, volunteered. We came home after lunch. I got things ready for supper. Edgars, Mary, Jo & boys here. Ron to Chicago to meeting. Marie having back trouble & couldn't come. Had steak. Pete bought a pickup truck. Has camper on it.

Thursday, January 6, 1977. Cloudy, snowed in p.m. and evening. Pete to town with Jo at 8:00. Got car. I baked rolls & washed table cloths & tea towels & washed feathers. We went to town in p.m. Got groceries. Went to Eastland. Exchanged my gown Mary gave me (too large). Ironed. Ron home from Chicago at 5:30.

Friday, January 7, 1977. Clear, nice day, cold. Did cleaning. Washed my hair. Made chili and salad. Went to town at 1:30. Took Marie to Dr. (her back), then to hospital for therapy. Allens and Steve got here at 5:30. [They] stopped to see Eds and Mrs. Yeakel. Jo here for supper. Rons & boys to Chester White dinner. Allens here all night.

Saturday, January 8, 1977. Cloudy, cold, 5° low. We visited with Allens. Went to town at 12:00. Went with Allens to Larry Jantze's to see their family room. Allens want to build one. Went to Sambo's for lunch. Took Marie & Mary. They paid it. Allens to Mrs. Yeakels & Pearls and CRs. Rons had Chester White sale at ISU. Allen and Steve there awhile. Ron called to hospital. I got supper. Made salad, pumpkin pies. Allens and Rons here. Good to have them. Allens here all night.

Sunday, January 9, 1977. Cloudy, 1° above. Started to snow at 2:00 p.m., blowing. Allens and we to Mary's for breakfast. They left for Bluffton at 9:00. We miss them. We went to church. Had dinner at church & Congregational meeting. Home at 4:00. Snowy, had 2 – 3 inches snow.

Monday, January 10, 1977. Fair, 2 – 3 below zero. About 5° above during day. I washed, had big one. We took tree & decorations down. We went to town at 12:00. Took Marie to hospital for therapy, her back still bothers. Did ironing. Made mush. School closed. Some roads drifted over. [Our] drive drifted. Allens got home at 10:00 p.m. Strenuous trip, snow & blowing. Snow through Indiana. So thankful they got home okay. No snow at Allens.

Tuesday, January 11, 1977. Clear, 15° below, got 21° above during day. Cloudy late p.m., little snow. We went to town at 9:00. I went with June Jantze to Esther Brown's. Pete took Merle's glasses to Gailey's. Merle fell and bent her glasses. We took Marie to hospital at noon. Had lunch there. She had treatment. Pearl back in hospital in p.m. Pete with Jo to meeting at church. New committee meeting.

Wednesday, January 12, 1977. Clear, cold, 10° below. Up to 3° above. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. Pete took Marie to Dr. Deneen for physical. She took Jo & we to Grand Café for lunch. Marie had treatment at hospital at 1:00. We were home in evening.

Thursday, January 13, 1977. Snowing and blowing. Zero in morning. Got to 25° during day. Visibility poor. Schools dismissed early. Ron & Jo got boys at school. Home at 3:00. Misted in evening, freezing. I fixed pillow top Sherry [Dunn] gave me. Baked date pudding. Pete worked on Ropp History. I was going to June's to work on quilt. Marguerite was taking us to Streid's in evening. Called it off. Too snowy.

Friday, January 14, 1977. Cloudy in morning, 23°, clear and colder during day. Did cleaning. Pieced top for pillow and worked on cross stitch quilt. Pete scooped out drive way and worked on Ropp History. I got supper. Rons here. We all went to winter concert at Parkside. Marty saying in boys' chorus.

Saturday, January 15, 1977. Cloudy, snowed some in morning, turned colder during day, near zero by evening. Pete to men's breakfast. I shampooed my hair & finished cleaning. Worked on quilt. Ron had seminar for area churches. We volunteered at Gift Shop and Information Desk, 4 – 8:30. Louise Kampmeier came to hospital in evening. [She] fell, broke her arm.

Sunday, January 16, 1977. Clear, cold, 24° below. High today 9° below. We went to church. Took Mary. We were there for dinner. Stayed until evening. We went to Home Builders at Larry J[antze]'s. Myrna Park showed slides of Mennonite dress.

Monday, January 17, 1977. Clear, cold, 22° below. Got to 2° below during day. I washed and ironed. Made vegetable soup. Worked on quilt. Rons sewer pipes frozen. They went to work. Pete worked on [Ropp] History and Scrapbooks.

Tuesday, January 18, 1977. 15° below. Snow flurries & windy in morning. 12° above during day & cleared off. I didn't go to prayer group. I baked bread & made doughnuts. Gave Rons some, also Mary, Merle, Marguerite & Mildred [Burwitz]. Marguerite took us, Mary & Mildred to Streid's in evening. Went to their apartment. Had nice evening. Gerald Emerick came in late evening.

Wednesday, January 19, 1977. Fair in morning, 8° below, cloudy in p.m. Started to snow about 4 PM. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. Pete did some errands. I went to club meeting at Jean Ann Barclay's. She had meeting for Debbie Pauline. I took Mabel and Dorothy S[ingley]. Men working some on Ron's house. We were home in evening. Had 2 – 3 inches snow.

Thursday, January 20, 1977. Fair, 9° above, windy. Snow blowing in morning. Some drifting again. We watched Jimmy Carter's inauguration as 39th president of US. Pres. & Mrs. Ford left immediately for California. We went to Meadows Church in p.m. Meadows Home auxiliary presented slides of needs for new addition. Ron scooped out drive way. I went to alumni meeting. Dr. Franzen on program. Pete to Marie's.

Friday, January 21, 1977. Clear, 8° above, 22° during day. Did cleaning. Went to church at 10:00. Seminary without Walls. Orlando Schmidt spoke on Mennonite worship history and current situation. Went to Mary's for lunch. She went with us to Eastland. Got groceries at Eagles.

Saturday, January 22, 1977. Fair, nice day, 9° below early a.m. Warmer during day, 20°. Finished cleaning. Washed my hair. We went to town at noon. Got Clara Brodbeck. Went to hospital to take Pearl home but Dr. haven't discharged her. Jane [Brodbeck] took her home later as we went to hospital annual meeting. Were delegates. Had lunch there. Jo came home with us. We got groceries & got Jon at Clemens. Men working on Ron's house.

Sunday, January 23, 1977. Cloudy, snowed some in morning, near 20s. We went to church. Took Mary. Luella [Mishler], May Mohr & Mary & we to Sambo's for dinner. Luella took Mary for her birthday. We went to church at to: 30. Orlando Schmidt had a sing. Joint choirs, Meadows and Normal, sang and had Congregational sing. We stopped to see Alpha Baughmn's on way home.

Monday, January 24, 1977. Cloudy, rather slick in morning, 27°. I washed and ironed. Got dinner. Gerald E[merick] and Jon here. Jon didn't go to school. Didn't feel good in morning, but okay later. Men working on house. We took Wen Lang [Lin] to Barney's in evening. Had nice time. He went home [to Taiwan] over the holidays and was married. Family arrangement. He showed us pictures. His wife will come later to US.

Tuesday, January 25, 1977. Partly cloudy, snow flurries in 20s. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn's. We went to town at 3:00. I met Mrs. Quinn at Brokaw. Saw a lady there for Reach for

Recovery. We done some shopping up town, then went to Eastland a while. Then to Heritage Group at Gerald Galloways.

Wednesday, January 26, 1977. Snowed in morning, very strong wind. Much colder in p.m. Zero in evening. Blizzard conditions by noon. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. We came home at 1:00. Visibility very poor. Schools closed at 1:30. Buses got through. Interstates slick. Some roads closed. I baked blueberry cobbler. Rons here for supper and all night. [Their] furnace not working again. Men put furnace in new house. Marty's (*Mittsy*, sp?) farrowing – 7 live pigs.

Thursday, January 27, 1977. Mostly fair, zero. Schools called off. Rons to work. Boys & Gerald here for dinner. Made vegetable soup. Worked some on quilt. Got supper. Rons here. Furnace man out, got furnace going again in p.m. Gerald and raider boys working on house. Ron to hospital in evening. Jo to education meeting at church.

Friday, January 28, 1977. Started to snow and blow around 12:30. 40 – 50 mile winds. Temp dropped 11° in 6 minutes at 1:00 a.m. 12° below in morning. Got to 8 below during day. All schools closed, also many businesses. Roads out of town closed. People stranded. Windchill reached 60 – 70° below zero. Rons home all day. No traffic all day. Wind died down some at dark. Did cleaning and did cross stitch. Gerald 8 all meals here. We have big drifts in yard.

Saturday, January 29, 1977. Clear, 10° below. Snow plows went by at 7:00 and during day. Became windy again in more drifting. I-74 open but I-55 north of town still closed. I washed my hair. Finished cleaning. Gerald ate breakfast & dinner here. Pete scooped some snow. He went to town with Ron's in p.m. Got groceries. Snowplows open roads again in p.m. I worked some on quilt.

Sunday, January 30, 1977. Clear, 5° below. Pete scooped more snow to get car out. We went to church. Marie, Ron, boys & we took Mary to Grand Café for her birthday. Jo didn't feel good so was home. Wrote to Pauls. Played pool while. Many area churches were canceled on account of roads.

Monday, January 31, 1977. Clear, 3° below, 10 – 12° above. I washed & ironed. We went to Mary's at 3:00. Helped June [Jantze] put quilt for MCC sale in frame. Quilted awhile.

Tuesday, February 1, 1977. Fair, zero, up to 20° during day. I went to prayer group at June Jantze's. Then to Mary's. Quilted awhile. Lucy C[atherine] Patton here for supper. She & I went to Good Will with Jeanette. I took cookies to. We baked 90 dozen cookies for Coffee Shop.

Wednesday, February 2, 1977. Cloudy, 5° below. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. Pete had income tax figured. Snowed in p.m. Warmer. Cy [Colter] came with tractor, opened up drive more & around garages. I got supper. Rons & Gerald here. Had 3 inches snow.

Thursday, February 3, 1977. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. Snow plows went again. We went to town at 9:30. Did some shopping, \$1 day. Got rust slacks & blue jacket. Went to Service Company annual meeting at 11:00. Good crowd and good meeting. Mary along. Were home in evening.

Friday, February 4, 1977. Cloudy, 32°. Snowed. Real windy and much colder in late p.m. Drifting again. We went to annual auxiliary meeting. Had potluck lunch. We went to *Esta* (sp?) Schaeffer's funeral at Metzler's. Pete was pall bearer. We were to go to Paul Millers for supper but called it off, again. Had trouble getting into garage. May Rader passed away.

Saturday, February 5, 1977. Clear, zero. Finished cleaning and dusted upstairs. Baked bars for the Raders. Washed my hair. We went to town in p.m. Went to Normal. I got blouse. Went to Mary's. Quilted. Pete got apples at Birkelbaws. Shortened my slacks. Home in evening. Ron & boys to Springfield with barrow. Jon got Champion in Chester Whites, also got 8th in judging.

Sunday, February 6, 1977. Clear, 10° below. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. We, Mary and Jo to Eureka to see Eds. Ron and boys left at 2:00 for Louisville, Kentucky to Barrow show. Gail Bressner went too. We went to visitation at Carlock for May Rader. Pete and I to church in evening. *Headings* (sp?) from Mennonite Mutual Aid there. Called Allens in evening. They are okay. Steve home. Closed Bluffton on account of fuel shortage.

Monday, February 7, 1977. Clear, 21° below at ISU. Coldest on record and coldest in nation. Got to 14° above during day. I washed and ironed. Got lunch. Gerald ate here. We went to May Rader's funeral at 1:30. Pete looking after hogs. Sow had 12 pigs. He & Jo doing chores. I baked pumpkin pie & got supper. Jo & Gerald here.

Tuesday, February 8, 1977. Fair, zero, up to 27°. I went to prayer group at Harvella [Stutzman]'s. Then to Mary's. Quilted. I took baked apples. Edith [Miller], Leatha [Gilbert], Beulah [Roth] & Alma [Galloway] there. Ruth Zehr there awhile in p.m. Got a lot done. Pete home. Helped Jo chore. Home in evening.

Wednesday, February 9, 1977. Fair, 42°. Good to have it warmer. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. Pete had car checked. We went to Eastland awhile. I made custard pie. Got supper. Jo & Gerald here. Pete helping chore. Ron & boys home at 10:20 p.m. Marty got Reserve Champion on gilt. Jon Reserve Champion on barrow.

Thursday, February 10, 1977. Fine day. Lot of snow melted. I went to Home Extension with Mabel. Mary didn't go, had dental appointment. We went to town at 4:00. Harvella did my hair at hospital beauty shop. We went to church at 5:30. Had pictures taken for church directory. Mary, Marie & we to Sambo's for supper. Then to Norman Luboff Choir at ISU. Very good. Men started putting shingles on Ron's house.

Friday, February 11, 1977. Fair, near 50°, snow melting. Did cleaning & cleaned China cabinet. We went to town at 3:00. Went to Mary's, quilted until 6:00. Went to Paul Millers. Had cheese fondue. Very good. Men working on house.

Saturday, February 12, 1977. Misting, some [places] rather foggy. Partly cloudy in p.m. Windy & colder in evening. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked quick coffeecake & did rest of cleaning. Went to town at 1:30. I quilted at Mary's & Pete had car washed. We went to hospital. Volunteered, 4 – 8:30. Men working on Ron's house.

Sunday, February 13, 1977. Cleared off in morning, nice day, 38°. We went to church. Jo worship leader. Mary and we met Edgar's and Marie at Cambridge, then to EAs. They all went with us to Val Kampmeier's. Vals have nice apartment. Louise still has cast on her arm. We all went to Marie's. Had cheese & crackers. Watched TV. Then Marie took us to Sambo's for lunch. Had a full day.

Monday, February 14, 1977. Mostly cloudy. Had inch of snow. Had snow showers during day. Colder. Washed & ironed. Baked sugar cookies. Gave Rons some for Valentines. Boys gave us candy. I cleaned out drawer in washstand. Worked on quilt.

Tuesday, February 15, 1977. Clear, 15°, up in 20s. I made date pudding. I went to prayer group at Irene Dunn's. Pete to Pearls. She wanted him to take care of bills, etc. We went to Mary's at 11:30. Helped quilt. Beulah [Roth], Alma [Galloway] and Evelyn Bertsche there. We finished quilt at 4:00. We went uptown a few minutes. I made cherry dessert in evening.

Wednesday, February 16, 1977. Fair, few flurries in p.m. 10° above in morning. I dusted up house. Got things ready for club. 12 were here. Pete to Yuton in p.m. He went to pastoral care committee meeting at church.

Thursday, February 17, 1977. Fair, in 30s. Snow flurries in evening. We went to Merle's at 10:00. Helped her clean out [storage] bin downstairs. Brought all receipts, etc. from Cheese House to burn. She took us to new Chinese restaurant for lunch. We stopped at bank. We went to Marie's for supper. See ours there.

Friday, February 18, 1977. Fair, nice day, near 50°. Did cleaning. Pete burned receipts, etc. of Merle's. Looked after gilt that farrowed. Vet here. We went to Dr. Bertsche's at 11:30. Pete has sore toe, black under nail. Men putting roof on house. Gerald went home late PM. We went to International House. Met Wen Lang. He took us to Chinese New Year dinner and program. Large crowd. Good program.

Saturday, February 19, 1977. Cloudy, some snow flurries. Floyd Mohr died in his sleep. They called us to come at 7:30 a.m. Ron with us. We stayed until Coroner and Otto Argo [Ambulance?] came. Sure a shock. I washed 5 loads bedding, etc. from upstairs. Baked angel food cake and brownies and iced them. Took coffeecake and brownies to Mohrs. Made salad and baked ham.

Sunday, February 20, 1977. Mostly fair, colder. We went to church. Rons, Mary & Marie here for dinner. Took tour of Ron's house. Jo, boys, Mary & we to new County Jail. Had open house. Took Mary home & went on to Carlock visitation for Floyd. Such a crowd. Ron stopped on his way to Eureka & Roanoke Church. He spoke at church in evening. Talked to Paul. They are very busy, for schedule. Some have had flu & colds, but better now.

Monday, February 21, 1977. Fair, chilly, wind, 13° in morning, near 40°. We went with Merle & Dudleys to Streid's for breakfast. Came home at 10:30. Started the washing. Jo & we to Floyd Mohr's funeral. Ron there too. We all went to Cemetery. Large funeral. I cleaned boys' room upstairs & did ironing. Big day.

Tuesday, February 22, 1977. Fair, in 60s. Lot of snow melted. I got things ready for prayer group. We went to town at 8:00. Got Marie. Had breakfast at hospital. Pete brought me home while Marie had hair done. He took her to train for St. Louis. On her way to California. Mary came for prayer group. Irene, Harvey, Marge & Esther here. I cleaned west room upstairs. We went to Heritage Group at Waltner's. I was on panel on baptism. Mary along.

Wednesday, February 23, 1977. Cloudy, windy, rained. Storm watch out in forenoon. We went to town in morning. Volunteered at hospital. I baked cookies & apple crunch in p.m. Home in evening. Mrs. Willard Yoder passed away.

Thursday, February 24, 1977. Cloudy, very windy, colder. Rained and snow showers. We went to Meadows Home annual meeting. Pete delegate. Got Jon at Hudson on way home. Jo, Lucy C[atherine] & we to visitation at 5:30 for Clara Yoder. I baked ham in evening. Mary & I are to help Yoder family at Willard's home tomorrow noon. Ron got ham for me when he went to work.

Friday, February 25, 1977. Fair, nice day but windy. Did cleaning. Baked ham for Yoder funeral. We & Mary to Willard's at Danvers. Got things ready for family when they returned from funeral. Ate at 12:00. Got home at 2:00. Stirred up coffeecake braid. Went to visitation for Mrs. Maxwell. Took bars to house. Washed my hair in evening. Jo not feeling well. Rosalie, Raymond & family came at 7:30. Ron in Chicago all day.

Saturday, February 26, 1977. Cloudy, snowed. Ground covered. Colder and windy in evening. Pete to men's breakfast. We went with June J[antze] to Peoria at 9:30. She demonstrated Formsby products at Pennys at Northwood [Shopping Mall]. We shopped around at mall. Got home at 4:20. Went to hospital. Volunteered at Gift Shop and Info Desk.

Sunday, February 27, 1977. Cloudy, snowed in p.m. 1 inch. We went to Rons few minutes before church to see Rosalie & Raymonds & baby. They left at 12:00 for home. We took Lucy C[atherine] to church. She went to Heralds. We ate at Arby's. Home in p.m. & evening. I have cold.

Monday, February 28, 1977. Fair, nice day, 40°. We went to church at 8:00. Got dinner for Pat *Patient* (sp?) family funeral at 10:00. Had 40. Served casserole. Alma [Galloway], Mary, Beulah [Rot]h, Ruth Zehr, and Grace Nachtegall. I went to Dr. Knight's at 2:45. Had wax removed from years. [He] gave me prescription for my cold. Feel rather miserable. Home in evening. Cy [Colter]s called at 10:00 PM. Wanted us to come over right away. Jeanette's mother not very good. Had a weak spell. [We] stayed an hour.

Tuesday, March 1, 1977. Fair, fine day, near 40°. I washed & ironed. Didn't feel like going to prayer group. Still don't feel good. I rested most of afternoon. Jo here awhile after work. Men finally finished putting roof on Ron's house. I didn't go to Good Will.

Wednesday, March 2, 1977. Mostly fair, chilly wind. We went to hospital at 8:00. Volunteered. Pete at cash register in Coffee Shop. I got supper. Rons here. Had pizza. I feel better.

Thursday, March 3, 1977. Cloudy, rained early a.m. Showered some during day. I baked bars for student nurses spaghetti supper. Cleaned top cupboards in kitchen. We went to town at 4:00. Ron along. Met Jo. She took him to airport. He left at 5:20 for Philadelphia. [Mennonite] Hospital & Homes meeting. We went to hospital. Student spaghetti supper. Took Mary.

Friday, March 4, 1977. Cloudy, rained some early a.m., colder & windy in p.m. We went to auxiliary at 9:00. Did cleaning. Stopped at Marie's. Got her checks & deposited them in bank. Jo left in p.m. for meeting at South Bend Indiana. Others with her. I made pie & got supper. Boys here for supper & all night. Pete helped chore.

Saturday, March 5, 1977. If you flurries in morning, clear in p.m. Finished cleaning. Boys here for lunch. Helped put Ropp History together. CR & Mabel helped in p.m. Have 100 copies. We took Pete to Mennonite Men's Dinner at hospital at 6:30. Boys, Mary & I to Sambo's for supper. Boys paid my supper. Pete home with Cys. Jo got home at 10:30.

Sunday, March 6, 1977. Clear, nice day. Went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Luella there awhile in p.m. We were home in evening. Jo here awhile.

Monday, March 7, 1977. Clear, beautiful day, warmer, in 40s. I washed and ironed. Pete outside doing odd jobs. I cleaned some cupboards in p.m. We & Mary took Irene Lowry to Red Lobster for supper. Went to Irene's apartment awhile. Jo to education committee meeting. Boys to 4-H.

Tuesday, March 8, 1977. Clear, fine day, 68°. Pete took Ron's car to Pennys for some work. I went to prayer group at Marge Nesters. Brought Pete home at 11:30. I went to Alma Galloway's. Helped quilt. Mary & others there. Pete took lawnmower & garden tractor to town for checkup. Men putting siding on house. Ron got home in evening from Philadelphia.

Wednesday, March 9, 1977. Fair, fine day, 68° – 70°. We went to hospital at 8:00 to volunteer. Pete worked in Coffee Shop awhile. Came home after lunch. Pete worked outside awhile. I

worked some on quilt. Rons got windows for their house. We went to Jantze's in evening. Mary and I helped June quilt. Furnace not working.

Thursday, March 10, 1977. Mostly fair, rather windy, 64°. I baked bars in morning. We met the train at 10:00. Marie got home from California. She had a fine time. She took us and Mary to Cambridge Inn for lunch. Came home at 1:00. Furnace man came, put in new motor. I baked cookies & made 2 pie crusts for MCC sale. Fixed box of cookies & bars for Steve. Gave Rons some. Pete worked outside awhile. We spread manure on garden.

Friday, March 11, 1977. Cloudy, showered in p.m. and evening, windy. Having blizzards in Colorado. I went to church at 8:00. Helped bake 100 Shoo-Fly pies. Irene [Dunn], June [Jantze], Lenore [Waltner] & Evelyn [Bertsche]. Got home at 1:00. Did cleaning. Marie here awhile on way to CRs. Ron & Jon left at 3:00 for Bluffton. Had 1.03 inches rain in night.

Saturday, March 12, 1977. Partly cloudy, chilly wind. Rained in evening. We left at 7:00 for MCC sale at Peoria. Got some meat for Mary, Marie & us. Came home at 1:45. Took girls their meat & went to volunteer at hospital Info Desk and Gift Shop. Rained in night.

Sunday, March 13, 1977. Cloudy, chilly. We went to church. Mary & we ate at Pizza Hut. Went to Eureka. Nettie very confused. Ed not feeling very good. Feel sorry for them. Stopped to see Owen Kanegy at hospital. He had heart attack 4 weeks ago. Went with Cys to travelogue at BHS. San Francisco.

Monday, March 14, 1977. Fair, fine day, near 70. I washed & ironed. Went to town at 10:30. I went to Galloways. Helped quilt. Pete did some shopping. Mary, Golda [Rupp], Alta L[itwiller], & Edith [Miller] at Alma's. We went to Eastland and got some garden seeds and Amryliss for Florence Cromley's birthday.

Tuesday, March 15, 1977. Partly cloudy, much cooler in p.m. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn's. Stopped in Normal. Got blue skirt to go with blue jacket for \$5. Made shoofly pie and got things ready for supper. Rons here. They went to Gail Bressner's after supper. Took a gilt.

Wednesday, March 16, 1977. Clear, cooler. We went to town at 7:30. Went to hospital. Worked until 8:30. Went to Harvella's. Got a permanent. Pete had wheels aligned. Ate lunch in town. I went to club meeting at Mabel's. We went to Mary's at 4:30. Dorothy Scogin there. We all went to Bob Johnson's for supper. Dorothy at Mary's all night. I went to usher committee meeting at church at 7:00. Took Florence Amryliss for her birthday.

Thursday, March 17, 1977. Cloudy, rained in p.m. and evening. Pete spaded some garden. I cleaned broom closet & 2 closets in our bedroom. Worked on the cross stitch quilt. Baked bars for Steve. Frances called in evening. She plans to come in April. Lynn Chappels are in Missouri. Had 2/3 inch rain.

Friday, March 18, 1977. Cloudy, windy, colder, high 30s. Did cleaning and cleaned closet in west bedroom. Went to town in p.m. [To] bank & got groceries. Packed suitcases. Jo, Marty, Pete & I left at 5:15 for Bluffton. Got to Emerson [Miller]s at 12:30. Jo and Marty on to Rosalie's. Good to see Emersons.

Saturday, March 19, 1977. Fair, windy and cold. Got up late. Talked to Steve. Met Delbert Gratz at library at 11:00. Talked about trip to Europe. Met Steve at 11:40. We took him to lunch up town. (We had Emersons car.) Saw Jo and her committee at lunch. Went with Steve to computer room where he was working. Went to Ruth Linden's awhile and Emersons for supper. Steve and Susie Kaufman there too. Emersons and we to Founders Hall awhile to community concert rehearsal. Steve playing in orchestra.

Sunday, March 20, 1977. Cloudy, rained little early, cold, in 30s. Emersons, Steve & we to church, then to Ada [Ohio] for dinner where Rosalie works. Met Jo & Marty there. Also saw Lloyd Ramseyers. Left there for home at 12:50. Got home at 7:00. (I was sick on way home.) We had a nice weekend. Good to be with Steve and Emersons. Paul called in evening. Want us to come down soon.

Monday, March 21, 1977. Cloudy, chilly wind, in 40s. Rained late p.m. and evening. I washed & ironed. Still didn't feel good. Were home in evening. Done some reading. Had 1 ½ inches snow, high wind. Electricity out several hours at night.

Tuesday, March 22, 1977. Clear, 24° in morning. Had snow drift in front of garage. Got things ready for prayer group. All were here. Also Dr. Ella Bauman. Cleaned kitchen in PM. Pete helped me wash walls.

Wednesday, March 23, 1977. Clear, 32°, chilly wind. I went to hospital. Volunteered in morning. Pete done some shopping. I took them to ISU at noon. He was CRs guest at Rotary. I went to Dr. Bertsche's office at 1:30. Nurse to see me. Gave me Erythromycin (antibiotic) and sinus tabs. Have sinus infection, have headaches. Pete to pastoral committee meeting. Mary and I to June [Jantze]'s, quilted.

Thursday, March 24, 1977. Clear, fine day, 38° in morning. Mary, Marie & we to Peoria at 9:30. Went to see Jane Bell (Ropp reunion Sec.). Pete took copy of Ropp History. Talked about reunion. We ate lunch at Bishops. Went to Morton. Shopped awhile. Marie got dress. Were home at 2:30. I got supper, baked cake. Rons, Marie & Mary here. Had roast pork. Gerald Emerick came at 10:00 PM. I feel better.

Friday, March 25, 1977. Fair, warmer, in 60s. I baked coffeecake braid, loaf of bread, shoofly pie. Made chili. Did cleaning. Ron took day off. He and Pete and boys tearing siding off old barn at Lucy C[atherine] Pattons. Boys had no school, Teachers Institute. I washed my hair. Ron, boys & Gerald here for dinner.

Saturday, March 26, 1977. Fair, fine day, 71°. Pete to men's breakfast. I baked pecan rolls. Washed curtains & bedding from our bedroom and cleaning room. Went to town at 3:00. Worked at hospital, Info Desk and Gift Shop. Full day.

Sunday, March 27, 1977. Cloudy, rainy day. We went to church & to Mary's for dinner. Looked at our family Bible and many clippings. We went to Bloomington High School. Heritage Group showed movie of Amish. We took Lucy C[atherine] and Mrs. Cutler. Enjoyed the picture. Jo, boys & Mr. Emerick there too. Ron there after rounds at hospital. Ed King passed away.

Monday, March 28, 1977. Rained and very windy. Had gusts at 80 mph. Tornado watch out from 9 AM to 2:00 p.m. I washed and ironed. Cleaned west bedroom. Gerald E[merick] here for dinner. Went to town at 4:30. Got Merle's income tax papers at lawyers. We and Merle to Steak 'n Shake for supper. Then had banana splits. Went to Merle's awhile.

Tuesday, March 29, 1977. Clear, nice day, rather windy in morning. Pete to Lenten breakfast. I went to church at 8:00 to help get dinner for Ed King family. We served 80. Burial was in morning. Memorial service at 1:00. We attended the service. Went to Eastland. I waxed kitchen floor. Pete uncovered roses. I raked some, Iris [bed], etc. We helped Rons move little pigs to outside.

Wednesday, March 30, 1977. Fair, 60s, very windy in p.m. & evening. Gusts over 50 mph. Colder in evening. We went to town at 8:00, volunteered [at hospital]. Cleaned medicine cabinet & packed some beans and tomatoes for Paul. Washed my hair. Packed suitcases.

Thursday, March 31, 1977. Clear, fine day, 38°. We, Mary and Marie left at 7:00 for Memphis. Got to Pauls around 5:00 p.m. Had good trip. Good to see Pauls & children. Marjorie had car trouble. Paul took our [car], went after her. Dogwood and Azalea are beautiful.

Friday, April 1, 1977. Cloudy, showered and misted some. Pauls and children to school. Paul home at 11:00. Took us to University & his office. Shopped some. Marjorie home at noon. Played some cards & I worked on quilt. We took Paul's to Germantown, Magic Pan, for evening meal. Had crêpes. Very good. Nice place.

Saturday, April 2, 1977. Cloudy, rained hard at noon, rained most of p.m. Had late breakfast. Paul took us for tour of Memphis. Dogwood and azaleas gorgeous. We did some shopping. Got baseball for Andy, book for Benjy & bucket & shovel for Amy. Marjorie made Chinese dinner for us in evening. Delicious. Paul showed some China pictures, also Japan.

Sunday, April 3, 1977. Cloudy, rained again. Paul and Pete to Presbyterian Church in morning. Paul took place for someone else on panel for World Hunger. Children to Sunday School. We took Pauls to Pancake House for dinner. We ladies went to Sears store awhile. Were going to Botanical Gardens but too rainy. Saw some beautiful azaleas again. Rained hard in evening.

Monday, April 4, 1977. Cloudy. We left Pauls at 8:00 for home. Got to town at 5:00. Had good trip. Had few showers & some sunshine. Quite windy, colder in p.m. Thankful for safe trip. They had rain here this morning. Gerald Emerick left for home at 4:00. I cleaned up the upstairs & unpacked suitcases. Steve called in evening. He's coming Thursday evening.

Tuesday, April 5, 1977. Partly cloudy, cold, 29°, windy, snow flurries. I washed. Went to prayer group at Harvella's. Pete to bank. We delivered Meals on Wheels. Got groceries, went to Eastland and to Dr. McGinnis at 2:00. Had good report for which I'm grateful. Did ironing. Went to Good Will with Jeanette & Lucy C[atherine]. Jo came home before noon. Not feeling good.

Wednesday, April 6, 1977. 2 ½ inches snow on ground. 27°. Sun shone. Snow all melted. I baked oatmeal & sugar cookies & iced them. We went to town at 2:30. I had chest x-ray at hospital. Pete had glasses fixed. He had haircut, got groceries for us & Jo. Had car washed. Jo feeling better but didn't go to work. Ron home taking some vacation. Boys home, vacation.

Thursday, April 7, 1977. Clear, nice day, 60°. Did all of cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Polished silverware. Washed some windows on outside. We went to church in evening. Had communion. I ushered. Pete helped with communion. We went to Chenoa after service. Met Steve. He came with Gundy girl. They got to Chenoa at 9:15. Rons here awhile after we got home.

Friday, April 8, 1977. Fair, fine day. Visited with Steve. We went to Good Friday services at St. John's Lutheran [Church]. Ron sang solo. Jim W[altner] had meditation. Jo, boys & Marie along. Pete & I put out some garden, lettuce, radishes, spinach and peas. I got things ready for supper. Allen, Shirley, Jeff & Pam got here at 6:30. Good to see them. Rons here too.

Saturday, April 9, 1977. Fair, rather windy, warmer, 70°. Pete to men's breakfast. Everyone got up late. Allen, Shirley & Pam to town. Pam to Rachel's. Allens to Mrs. Yeakel. Pete & boys planted potatoes. Pete put out onions & more peas. Boys planted 2 rows sweetcorn. Got things ready for supper. Had goose & chicken. Allens, Rons, Mary, Marie & Mrs. Yeakel here. Jo made salad. Pam to Clemens all night. Allens and Jeff to CRs awhile in evening.

Sunday, April 10, 1977. Fine day, warm. We all went to early Easter church service. Allens and we to Mary's for dinner. Allens left for home at noon. We came home at 3:30. Did some laundry for Steve. Rons to CRs for dinner. Mary, Steve & we to CRs for supper. Rays, Marie, May, Mike & Diana there. We enjoyed having Allens.

Monday, April 11, 1977. Fair, windy, 81°. I did laundry and ironing. Pete to work at Glenn's. I took Steve to Chenoa at 1:00. We miss he & Allens. Bluffton College classes start tomorrow. I spaded Iris beds and other flowerbeds. Lynn Chappells brought Frances to Mary's at 3:30. We went to visitation at Carlock for Mrs. Oscar Anderson [former neighbor from across the road]. We went to Mary's for supper.

Tuesday, April 12, 1977. Fair, windy in p.m., 80°. Pete to Glenn's. I went to prayer group at Marge Nesters. Delivered Meals on Wheels. Mary & Frances along. We ate lunch at Steak 'n Shake. I cleaned off peonies and trimmed raspberries in p.m. Got supper. Had chicken casserole. Mary & Frances here. Ron & Jo here few minutes to see Frances. Ron to dinner. Jo to church board meeting. I planted rest of peas in morning. Helped Mary put out some seeds in truck patch.

Wednesday, April 13, 1977. Fair, near 80°. Pete to Glenn's. I went to hospital, volunteered. Mary & Frances there too. Frances ran cash register in Coffee Shop. I took girls up town and to Eastland. Mary got pair of shoes. Frances got shoes & dress. I worked outside, spaded more flowerbeds and took ground off roses. Ron took hog to Peoria and went to Washington to rehearsal for [Haydn's] Creation.

Thursday, April 14, 1977. Partly cloudy, 82°. Had showers in places. We took Merle to bank at 9:00. Went to hospital. She had lunch. Brought Marty home. He had throat culture, has had sore throat. Mary, Frances & I to Eds at 11:00. Had dinner with them. Ed not feeling good. Pete was to go to Glens but truck broke down. Mary & Frances here for supper. We all went to conference at Washington. Choirs gave Creation. Ron had tenor solos. Very good.

Friday, April 15, 1977. Mostly cloudy, 80s. Did all of cleaning. Mr. and Mrs. Hillard from Fulton Missouri here in morning. She was a Ropp. I baked coffeecake braid & washed my hair. Ironed sheets. Went to town at 3:40. Got Jo and Lucy C[atherine] at work. Pete to Glens awhile in p.m. We cleaned bathroom. We, Jo, Mary & Frances to conference at 4:30. We went to women's dinner. Pete to men's dinner. Jo with Sunday School material exhibit.

Saturday, April 16, 1977. Fair, in 80s. Pete to Glenn's. Came home at 1:30. I went to seminar on Current Concept of Eye Care at Farm Bureau building. Gailey clinic & hospital staff in care. Started at 8:00. Over at 4:30. Long day. Pete mowed lawn. Merle took us, Mary, Frances and Marie to Barney's.

Sunday, April 17, 1977. Partly cloudy, in 80s. Pete home, has cold. I went to church with Jo. Ron left at noon for Chicago. Flying to Wichita to meeting. Jo & boys, Mary & Frances here for dinner. Frances stayed all night.

Monday, April 18, 1977. Partly cloudy, hot, 86°. I washed and ironed. Mary came for dinner. She, Frances & I to Eureka to see Eds in p.m. Pete to Glenn's at 7:00. Disc until 10:30. He was home in PM. Still has cold. Ron home at 9:15 from Wichita, KS. Frances here all night.

Tuesday, April 19, 1977. Cloudy, had shower early a.m. and again in p.m. We went to town at 10:00 to bank. Got ticket at [Train] Depot for Frances. We delivered Meals on Wheels. Got hamburgers. Went to Gerald Galloways. Made plans for meal Saturday for genealogy meeting. Pete to Glenn's at 1:30. Disc. I made fruit cobbler. Got supper. Rons, Frances & Mary here. Frances back to town with Mary. Pete's cold some better. Ron has bad cold & cough.

Wednesday, April 20, 1977. Partly cloudy. Had shower in p.m. I went to hospital at 8:00. Volunteered. Mary & Frances at hospital too. We went to club meeting at ISU. Marie hostess. Had pie à la mode & coffee. Toured new library. Then to Marie's for punch & cookies. Mary & Frances with me. Pete set out dozen cabbage & tomato plants. We sowed beans, carrots & planted some sweet corn. We, Frances, Mary & Marie & Edgars to Cambridge Inn for supper.

Thursday, April 21, 1977. Cloudy, rained, cooler. I made Thousand Island dressing. Stirred up sugar cookies. Went to Home Extension district meeting at Wesleyan Memorial. Took Dorothy Singley, Mary & Frances. Pete to town in morning. I baked cookies in p.m. Ron left at 3:30 for Bluffton board meeting. Frances to Masonbrinks.

Friday, April 22, 1977. Cloudy, showered some, colder, in 40s. I cleaned hallway. We did cleaning. I cleaned chairs & drapes. Cleaned the fruit room in PM. Shampooed my hair. Were home in evening.

Saturday, April 23, 1977. Cloudy, showered some early a.m. Pete to men's breakfast. We went to church at 8:30. Got dinner for Historical Society. Alma [Galloway], Mary & Grace Nachtigal served 110. Had sandwiches, tossed salad, fruit cups & cookies. We went to hospital at 4:00. Worked in Gift Shop and Info Desk. Ron home from Bluffton.

Sunday, April 24, 1977. Fair, windy, chilly. We went to church. Marie & we to new restaurant at airport. Went to 2nd Presbyterian Church at 3:00. Combined choirs of area Mennonite churches gave The Creation. Ron did tenor solos. We were so grateful he did well as [he] has had such a cold and cough for a week. Frances back to Mary's in evening. We were home.

Monday, April 25, 1977. Partly cloudy, 38°, windy, cold. Pete to Glenss, planting corn. I washed & ironed. Pulled weeds in strawberry patch. Marty mowed most of yard after school. Pete finished. Jon & I did trimming. We all went to Mary's for supper. Frances there.

Tuesday, April 26, 1977. Fair, fine day, in 60s. Was 35° in morning & some frost. Pete at Glenss. I went to prayer group at June's. Delivered Meals on Wheels. Myrna Park helped me. I spaded around shrubbery and cleaned Cedar closet. We took Frances to Eureka & to Chillicothe. She left at 6:45 for Kansas City. Mary with us. We ate at Washington on way.

Wednesday, April 27, 1977. Fair, windy, warmer, 80°. Pete helped Glenn awhile in morning & again in p.m. They finished planting corn in morning. I went to hospital in morning (volunteer). I dried 2 loads of clothes for Jo. Cleaned and waxed dining and living room furniture. Pete to pastoral committee meeting at church. I went to Mary's. Helped her put things back in her bedroom. She washed bedding & cleaned her room.

Thursday, April 28, 1977. Cloudy, windy, cold. Rained some in morning. Was in 50s most of day. Pete to Glenn's until noon. Cleaned beans. I baked rhubarb pie & coffecake. We went to

town in p.m. to bank & Thrift Shop. Pete to Gailey's, got new earpiece for glasses. We went to Parkside [School] spring program. Marty sang with choir.

Friday, April 29, 1977. Fair, 29° in morning. Potatoes & corn, also some strawberries, froze. Warmed up during day. Pete to Glenn's. I cleaned living & dining room. Ron helped turn rug & put furniture back. My back bothers me again. Jo went to Camp Friedenswald at 1:00 with Bob Kaufman. We went to MYF chili supper at church.

Saturday, April 30, 1977. Partly cloudy, warmer. I went to Harvella's at 8:30. Got hair done. Pete to Glenn's until noon. We worked outside awhile. Went to town at 4:00 to alumni homecoming. Went on tour of new Health Center. Had business meeting at nurses home. Pete uptown awhile. Met me at Wesleyan for the dinner at 7:00. Had large crowd, 189 reservations. Jo home from Friedenswald.

Sunday, May 1, 1977. Had some rain early morning & again shower in p.m. Cloudy. Went to early church. Met Merle and Glenn Augspurgers at Streids at 11:15. Had brunch with them. Glens left for Clinton. We took Merle home. Got Mary and went to open house at Law and Justice Building. Jo there, helped direct people. Went to Congregational meeting in evening. Jo along, also Mary. Rained in night.

Monday, May 2, 1977. Rained most of morning, also some in p.m. I washed and ironed. We went to hospital at 1:00. Pete and Rachel M. met with Bill Dunn to decide on projects for auxiliary. Went to Hawkins [Photo]. Pete got new camera. I got pansy plants. We were home in evening. I worked on cross stitch quilt. Had nearly 2 inches rain.

Tuesday, May 3, 1977. Partly cloudy, warm. I went to prayer group at Shirley Krahn's. Went to work at Dr. Bertsche and *Haerr* (sp?) Office, 12 to 4:30. Took patients to rooms. Helped Drs. some with Pap tests. Was tired. Lot of walking at new Health Center. I made salad & went to mother-daughter salad supper. Nancy Augsburg from Lombard speaker. Jeanette went with me. Pete put weed killer on yard & mowed yard.

Wednesday, May 4, 1977. Partly cloudy warm & humid. Had tornado warnings out in evening. Had heavy rain & wind storm at 6:30 & 7:00. Winds 70 mph. I went to hospital at 8:00, volunteered. I baked rhubarb pie and made Jell-O salad. Rons and Gerald Emerick here for supper. Had pizza. Ron to work after supper. I set out pansy plants. Had tornado at Pleasant Hill, Missouri. Destroyed high school & some homes. 3 people killed.

Thursday, May 5, 1977. Mostly fair, warm, 80s. Talked to Allens in morning. Talked about going out but decided to wait until Pam gets out of school as she wants to come out. I cleaned recreation room. Pete helped some. We went to Mary's at 4:00. Helped her put up living room curtains. We, Mary & Gail Olson to Ponderosa. Gail took Mary. We were at Rons awhile. Men worked late. Tornado warnings out again in evening. Had tornadoes at Atlanta – McLean areas. Had heavy rains and severe thunderstorms. Had 1.6 inches rain.

Friday, May 6, 1977. Rained in morning. Mostly cloudy in p.m. Did cleaning. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:00. Got Merle at 11:15. Went to Red Lobster for lunch. Took Merle to Gailey's at 1:00. Was there until after 3:00. Rons had concrete poured in garage & fruit room. Gerald & we to CRs in evening. Gerald wanted to see Relic Room. Rained in night.

Saturday, May 7, 1977. Clear, cool, nice day. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Parke Hastings & his girlfriend came to see Ron's house. Lucy C[atherine] here awhile. Showed us plans for her new apartment at Brandywine. She also wanted to see Ron's house. We went to hospital at 4:00. Worked Gift Shop and Info Desk, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, May 8, 1977. Clear, beautiful day, cool. We went to early service. Ron, Marty and Jon sang. Mary and we to McLean for dinner. Drove past Scogins. She was home. Had a good visit with her. Saw some of the destruction from the tornadoes where fields and roads were flooded. Went to Rons for cookout. Had some of boys' friends. Rons gave me a rose bush. Allens sent check [for Mother's Day].

Monday, May 9, 1977. Clear, 36° in morning. Cool all day. I went to work at 9:00 until 4:00 at Dr. Bertsche's office. Were busy. Pete mowed lawn and plowed truck patch. Rons got steps down to ground floor poured. I washed and ironed when got home.

Tuesday, May 10, 1977. Clear, 35° in morning, fine day. Some Frost in morning. I had prayer group here in morning. Went to work at Dr. Bertsche's, 1 – 3:45. Pete hoed some in truck patch. We planted beans, sweet corn. Set out rosebush Rons gave me. Marie took Irene L, Mary and we to Elms for supper. Irene paid bill. Drove to Evergreen Lake. Gerald Emerick home in PM.

Wednesday, May 11, 1977. Clear, beautiful day. I went to hospital, volunteered until noon. Went to birthday party at Meadows with June [Jantze]. Pete and I set out petunias and geraniums, broccoli & peppers. Pete worked outside all day. We went to church in evening. We & Franzie Loepp's are head of small groups. [We are to] choose people. Have 18 or 19 [per group]. I got peace rose bush with money from Allens for Mother's Day. We put in glad bulbs.

Thursday, May 12, 1977. Another fine day, warmer. Pete to Glenn's. Started planting beans. I cleaned furnace and laundry room. Went to Home Extension. Mary and Mabel along. I hoed and fed roses. We put out Dahlia bulbs and planted peace rose and planted more green beans. Also set out chrysanthemum plant.

Friday, May 13, 1977. Another fine day, 80 – 82°. Pete at Glenns all day. I washed bedding from upstairs. Also bedspreads. Cleaned upstairs and did cleaning downstairs. Ironed. Painted picnic table & benches. We planted cucumbers & lima beans. Put out few sweet potatoes. Put out tuberous begonias.

Saturday, May 14, 1977. Fair, in 80s, nice day. I finished cleaning. Baked brownies. We went to town at 10:00 to bank & got combination door for west door. I washed my hair. Pete washed car.

Ron worked all day moving dirt around the house. Jo, Marty & Pete & I dressed 12 chickens. We kept 4 of them. Mary & Marie & Rons here for picnic supper. Girls brought Kentucky Fried Chicken. Jo brought tossed salad.

Sunday, May 15, 1977. Fair, in 80s, rather humid. We went to church and to Mary's for dinner. Went to Eureka to see Eds. Nettie very confused. Ed still has chest pain. We stopped at Roy Kings on way home. We took Mary home & went to Home Builders at hospital cafeteria. Mary Busey, occupational therapist, spoke & had tour of PT [Physical Therapy].

Monday, May 16, 1977. Fair, in 80s. Pete to Glenn's. Finished discing for beans. I worked at Dr. Bertsche's office 9 – 5. A busy day. I did washing in evening. Pete set out some tomatoes and cauliflower plants.

Tuesday, May 17, 1977. Partly cloudy, 86°, windy. Had shower at 4:00 & again in evening. I went to prayer group at Irene Dunn's. Pete worked up flower garden. We sowed flower seeds and Pete put out melons. We put screens in p.m. I cleaned windows. Pete and I with Jo to Pekin at 5:00. Ate at Bergners Mall. She went to church with Sunday School material. We went to Milo Millers.

Wednesday, May 18, 1977. Fair, quite warm, 87°. We went to town at 8:00. Volunteered at hospital. I went to club at Evelyn Schwoerer with Marie. Was on program [to] tell about my life. Pete mowed lawn in p.m. Ron home, helped Pete Alwes get started on wiring house. I have sinus & cold.

Thursday, May 19, 1977. Fair, hot, 90°. I baked pecan rolls & cookies. Picked 2 quarts strawberries. Gave Rons some, also rolls. Pete plowed truck patch & hoed some. I painted some cupboards for Jo. She was home in PM. Ron working on plumbing. We took Earl and Marie [Kaufman] to Grand Café and then to Consistory [to] see pictures of Scandinavia.

Friday, May 20, 1977. Mostly fair, windy, in 80s. Cooler in p.m. Did part of cleaning & went to work, 9 – 11, at Dr. Bertsche's office. [I] have laryngitis, can't talk. Got Erythromycin (antibiotic). Ron here for lunch. Pete put new storm door on west door. I rested. Jo's uncle, Gerald Emerick, came late night.

Saturday, May 21, 1977. Mostly fair, windy, 88°. Had few showers. Pete to men's breakfast. I cleaned some windows. We finished cleaning & picked 2 quarts strawberries. Gave Rons some. I washed my hair. We went to hospital at 4:00, volunteered. Gave Elaine R[eynolds] a planter. She had OR a week ago. Rons working on house. I am still horse.

Sunday, May 22, 1977. Fair, hot, near 90°. Went to church. Mary & we to hospital Café for dinner & to dedication for Health Center. Large crowd. Came home at 4:00. Got ready for small group meeting from church. Franzie Loepps, Earl Kaufmans and Lucy C[atherine] here for

supper. Everyone brought salad & sandwiches. Alice Reber & Seth Swift came after supper. Allen called in evening about going after Steve.

Monday, May 23, 1977. Fair, in 80s. I went to work at Dr. Bertsche's office, 9 – 4:15. Pete took Merle to Dr. Gailey's at 2:00. They got me at work. We went to Streid's for supper. We picked 2 quarts strawberries in morning. I baked bars & hoed some in garden in evening.

Tuesday, May 24, 1977. Partly cloudy, hot, humid, near 90°. Had shower in p.m. I washed & ironed. Got dinner. Gerald E[merick] ate with us. I didn't feel good, nauseated. We had Heritage Group here in evening. 18 here. Served iced tea, cookies & bars. Talked to Allen in morning. They are stopping here tomorrow evening on way to Bluffton to get Steve.

Wednesday, May 25, 1977. Mostly fair, hot. We picked 2 ½ quarts berries. Put quart in freezer. Went to hospital. Volunteered until 11:00. Had car greased. Shopped. Got pair of white shoes & wedding gift for Jerry Singley. I was nauseated again, think it's from Erythromycin. Pete to pastoral committee meeting in evening. Allen, Shirley & Debbie got here at 10:00 p.m. Rons here awhile. Had ice cream & strawberries. Got to bed late.

Thursday, May 26, 1977. Fair, 90°, more breeze. Allens & Deb left at 6:20 for Bluffton to get Steve. Pete to town. Got new tires on car. I washed 3 loads, ironed. Rested awhile. I feel better. We went to town at 5:00. Mary & Marie along to Sambo's. Took girls spinach & lettuce. Went to Cemetery. Took some peonies. Pete worked some in truck patch. Scogin & her daughter & family here in evening to see Ron's house. Done packing.

Friday, May 27, 1977. Fair, hot, around 90°. We finished packing. Pete got raspberry plants & tomatoes & cabbage plants for Allens. We left home at 7:30. Got to Allens at 3:15. Stopped at Herbert Hoover Library at West Branch. Ate lunch at Amana. Allens have nice home in wooded area. Steve just ready to leave for southern Iowa when we got here. Allen, Shirley & we to Ames for supper (Steak House). Allen set out raspberry plants. Rained late evening.

Saturday, May 28, 1977. Partly cloudy, low 80s. Shirley washed. Pam & I cleaned up house. Allen & Pete worked in garage all day. Made room for car. Shirley & I uptown a while in p.m. She, Pete & I took some tomato and cabbage plants (that we brought) out to Pilgrims. Shirley's garden looks nice. Pam went swimming. Jeff & friends to Des Moines to track meet.

Sunday, May 29, 1977. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. We all went to church. Dick Pilgrims here for dinner. Allen grilled steaks. Very good. Shirley Pilgrim brought cake & we had homemade ice cream. We went for walk in evening to see neighbor's new house being built in woods in a ravine. Some home. Jeff & Gary Guthrie played golf in p.m. Pam's friend here all night.

Monday, May 30, 1977. Mostly cloudy, 82°. Got up late. Shirley washed some. We all worked in yard. Raked & seeded front yard. And raked back yard. Helped Shirley plant some Marigolds

and Dahlia bulbs. She sowed some flower seeds. We went to Pilgrims after supper. Watered tomato plants. Talked to Jo in evening. Everything okay at home. Debbie & Joel got back from Bluffton around 8:30. Drove all night.

Tuesday, May 31, 1977. Mostly fair, cooler, windy from Northwest. Allen & Shirley to work. Pete watered lawn. I washed 3 loads and ironed. Surely took Pam to piano lesson. Then they, Pete & I to Ames. Shopped some. Got white top. Allens, Jeff & we to Ames for supper. Pam to 4-H skating party.

Wednesday, June 1, 1977. Fair, 80, nice day, but dry. We need rain badly. We, Jeff & Pam left Allens at 8:30 for home. Got here at 2:50. Thankful for a good trip. Was good to be with Allens. They have a nice home. Everything dry here. I picked peas for supper and picked nearly a quart of strawberries. Jeff took Marty & Jon to 4-H ball game at 5:30.

Thursday, June 2, 1977. Fair, cool. Jeff working at Rons. Pam and Jon to Clemens until noon. I washed 3 loads. Pete and I to town at 10:30. Got money at hospital and went to Casey's. Got some Aster plants. I ironed. Made peach cobbler for supper. We planted Aster plants, also Marigolds that we brought from Shirley's. We re-sowed phlox and snapdragons. [They] didn't come up first time. Pete hoed in truck patch. I hoed some in garden.

Friday, June 3, 1977. Clear, cool, 58° in morning, 80° during day. I went to work at 9:00 at Dr. Bertsche's office. Pete to auxiliary meeting. Came home at noon. Pam at home. Jeff working. I came home with Jo. We had busy day. Pete set out tomato & cabbage & broccoli plants. I helped Jo awhile in evening. Worked on cabinet. Jeff worked awhile after supper. Finished the brick patio.

Saturday, June 4, 1977. Fair, hot, high 80s. Pete to men's breakfast. I washed 3 loads. Did cleaning. Picked peas. Put 1 ½ pints in freezer. Pam & I helped Jo clean windows in basement. Men moved freezer & buffet & cupboard to basement. I washed my hair. We & Pam to hospital at 4:00. Volunteered at Gift Shop and Info Desk. I baked cake when got home.

Sunday, June 5, 1977. Partly cloudy, 93°, looked rainy in p.m. and evening but no rain. We went to church. Pam to Clemens. We, Jeff & Mary ate at McDonald's. We went to see Eds. We all went to John Kings to church picnic at 4:30. Marty & Jon along. Ron to work, came later. Jo to Meadows to meeting. Had good attendance & good time at John's.

Monday, June 6, 1977. Mostly fair, windy, much cooler, 76°. Pete took Pam, Marty & Jon to Bible School. I washed, ironed some. We went after children at 11:30. I went to hospital, had lunch. Went to Dr. Vessel, have sore place on gum. Went to work at HG (?) at 12:30. Came home with Jo. Jeff worked on the barn. Pete worked on Windows.

Tuesday, June 7, 1977. Fair, cool, 70s. Rained some in evening. Children to Bible School with Ron on his way to work. Pete went after them. I baked cookies & bars & coffecake. Picked peas

in PM. Pam & Marty helped pod them. Gave Rons some for supper & we had some. Put pint in freezer. Jeanette with me to Good Will. Met at Auxiliary Annex. I was on committee. Mary Kaufman, Edith Miller and Ruth Zehr [also on com.] [we] served cookies & coffee.

Wednesday, June 8, 1977. Partly cloudy. Had good shower in p.m., cool. We took children to Bible school. I volunteered at hospital. Pete uptown. Came home at noon. Jo took day off. Pam & I helped her clean stove and refrigerator (they got used ones). Mary not feeling good. I made appointment for her in p.m. Blood pressure up and is to have stomach x-ray. Marie, Mary, Jeff, Pam & we all went to show, "Sting." Didn't like it. Pam at Marie's all night.

Thursday, June 9, 1977. Fair, chilly, 44° in morning. Jo took boys to Bible school. Ron got them. He took day off. Worked on plumbing. I washed 2 loads. Dusted upstairs. Went to Home Extension tea at 1:00. Mabel drove. I worked in garden when got home. Pete set out some tomato plants & worked on Windows in barn. Jeff started painting the barn. Pam at Clemens in p.m. We all & Marie at Mary's for supper.

Friday, June 10, 1977. Cloudy in morning, rained in morning, fair in p.m. Pete took children to Bible school & got them. I did cleaning & picked peas for dinner. Helped Jo awhile when she got home. Got supper for Rons. We had pizza. Jeff and Pam to Mrs. Yeakel awhile after supper. I helped Jo clean floor in boys' room, getting ready to put rug down. Georgia called Mary in morning. Frances had C. A. {E. A. ?} sure sorry to hear it.

Saturday, June 11, 1977. Cloudy in morning. Rained. Had one half inch. Glad for it. I went to Personality. Had hair done at 9:00. Pam left for home with Bob Stutzmans. They're on way to Estes Park. Allens met them at Des Moines. We miss her. We went to visitation for Clifford Stark. Then went to Jerry Singley and Linda Beaman's wedding at Eastview Christian Church. Had buffet after wedding. Helped Rons in evening. Moved more furniture. Got boys' room straightened up. Jeff ate lunch & supper at Rons.

Sunday, June 12, 1977. Cloudy and cool. We went to church. Woizeski reunion was to be at Ash St., Park but too windy and cold. All went to CRs. 33 present. Ron, Jo & Jon there too. Marty to Chester White picnic. We went to group meeting at Franzie Loepp's. Took Merle along. Earl Kaufman and Franzie made ice cream. Had nice time. Frances not feeling very well, has some bladder & kidney problem.

Monday, June 13, 1977. Cloudy in morning, cool. I washed and ironed. We picked peas. Put 1 pint in freezer. Gave Jo some & we had some for meal. Pete picked over a quart of raspberries. Gave Jo a pint. Pete to town in p.m. Got Vac-Rug Cleaner at Raiders. We cleaned our rugs. Helped Jo clean rugs in trailer. She brought chicken home from work. We all ate outside here. We worked late in trailer. Everyone tired. Mary had stomach x-rays.

Tuesday, June 14, 1977. Mostly fair, warmer. I baked Irish coffeecake and made custard, raspberry pie. Got dinner. Had steak. We went to town in p.m. Took boys to show to see "Benjy."

They came home with Jo. We had pictures taken for passports. I helped Jo clean the windows in trailer. Pete helped Ron tear the porch off. Jo to church board. Trailer is ready to sell.

Wednesday, June 15, 1977. Fair, quite warm. I went to hospital in morning, volunteered. Went to club meeting at Mary's in p.m. 20 there. Pete & Jeff took Rons our cans, etc. to dump. Jeff painting. I hoed & fed roses & sprayed them. Talked to Ed in evening to tell him about Frances. Pete picked nearly 2 quarts raspberries. Put quart & 1 ½ [pints] in freezer.

Thursday, June 16, 1977. Fair, hot, 90°. Had shower in p.m. We picked peas. Put quart in freezer & had some for supper. Washed some dresses. We put air conditioner in. Cleaned Windows. Picked nearly quart of raspberries. Ron & boys here for supper. Jo at dinner for Jean Ann Barclay. Georgia called in morning. Frances little better but still not good. Has temp. Mary here in morning. Picked her peas. Started cobalt on Frances.

Friday, June 17, 1977. Fair, 90°. Pete got new generator for truck and put it on. Did cleaning. Washed 2 loads & baked cookies. We went to town in p.m. Applied for our passports. Pete got pair of slacks at Ulbrecht's. Went to Eastland, looked for dress. Pete, Jo pair of house slippers [?]. Jeff sorting boards, etc. Jim Mohr and Elizabeth Hostettler from Bluffton here all night. Came for education committee meeting. Jo at meeting. They went to Sambo's for breakfast. Had shower in evening. Frances home from hospital.

Saturday, June 18, 1977. Partly cloudy, cooler. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Picked bucket full of peas. Put quart in freezer. Kept out [some] to eat and for Rons. Picked 2 quarts raspberries. Put quart in freezer. Washed sheets & rugs & ironed. Washed my hair. Pete & I volunteered at hospital. Jeff ate supper at Rons.

Sunday, June 19, 1977. Fair, nice day, 80°. We went to church and to Rons for dinner. Had steak. I took potatoes, peas, Jell-O salad, raspberries & cookies. Mary to Clara Brodbeck's. We went to church in evening. Bluffton group gave program. Very good. Called Frances. She goes back to Arthurs for the week, taking cobalt. Blanche with her for the weekend.

Monday, June 20, 1977. Clear, cooler, 80°, rather windy. Pete took Jon to Carlock. [He] went to Camp Friedenswald. I washed, ironed in p.m. We picked 3 boxes raspberries. Mary here in morning. Picked her peas. Gave her raspberries. Gave Jo a box. I put a quart & pint in freezer. Pete plowed garden. He plowed beans for Glenn in PM. Glenn has flu. I worked some in garden.

Tuesday, June 21, 1977. Cloudy in morning, 84°. Pete to Glens all day. I baked rolls and picked nearly 2 buckets of peas. Marty helped pod some. He and Jeff here for lunch. I put 1 quart, 2 1½ pints peas in freezer. Gave Jo a pan full and had some for supper. We picked 2 quarts raspberries in evening. Gave Jo a box. Put a few in freezer. Talked to Allens in evening.

Wednesday, June 22, 1977. Cloudy, rained, had ¼ inch here. Pete to Glenn's 1 ½ hours before it rained. I went to hospital, volunteered. Baked bars in p.m. We & Jeff, Mary, Marie & Roger

Woizeski to Cambridge Inn. Roger left from there for home. Pete to pastor's meeting. We went to Marie's. Played Canasta.

Thursday, June 23, 1977. Partly cloudy, warmer. Picked nearly 3 quarts raspberries. Put quart in freezer. Gave Jo a box. Sowed lettuce and radishes. Fixed dinner. We went to Meadows Home picnic, was at church. Large attendance. Honored David and *Wilda* (sp?) Schrag for their 16 years at Meadows Home. I dusted up stairs. We, Jeff and Jo to NCHS to "Sound of Music." Dawn Yoder had leading part. All very good.

Friday, June 24, 1977. Fair, hot and humid. Did cleaning. Picked 2 buckets peas. Gave Jo some. Put 5 pints in freezer. Pete to Glenn's at noon. I washed 2 loads. We podded some plants. Baked 2 cherry pies for barbecue. Pete and I to auxiliary barbecue at Franklin Park. Stood in line long time. Machine broke down awhile. Jeff painted. We brought his supper home. Jo & Ron worked at barbecue.

Saturday, June 25, 1977. Fair, high 90s. Pete to Glenns all day. I canned 3 quarts and 1 pint beets. Jo and I picked 4 boxes raspberries. Gave her 2 boxes. I put quart & 1½ pint in freezer. I made refrigerator muffins, fixed pickles & made salad dressing. Ron & Jo to Jean Ann Barclay & Paul Bates wedding. Ron performed ceremony. Jo, Pete & I dressed for roosters before supper. Marty & Jon went fishing awhile. Jeff painted on barn all day. Had word Lloyd Ramseyer passed away.

Sunday, June 26, 1977. Fair, in 80s. We went to church & to Mary's for dinner. Mary & we to Eureka in p.m. Eds about same. Jeff took Mary's car, went to Mrs. Yeakels awhile. Jeff to Tom Yoder's in evening to pizza party. We went to see Lucy C[atherine] awhile in evening.

Monday, June 27, 1977. Cloudy in morning, had rain in places but just sprinkled here. Pete and I picked over a bucket of peas before he went to Glenns to walk beans. Came home at 11:00. Mary here, picked her peas & helped me pod some. Gave her beets and beans. Also canned beans, 4 quarts & [put up] some frozen corn. We picked little over quart of raspberries. Put pint in freezer. Gave Jo some, also peas. Put 3 pints in freezer. I washed off porch and ironed in p.m. Pete plowed & hoed in truck patch.

Tuesday, June 28, 1977. Cloudy, rained about noon, 1/3 inch. Fair in evening and cooler. Pete to Glenn's in morning. Walked beans. I went to Mary's at 9:00. She had brunch for Pearl's birthday. Clara [Brodbeck], Mary, May [Mpohr], Mabel, Roberta, Diana, Carol, Mrs. Lusher. Jo invited but had to work. We made 3 gallons sauerkraut and I made chocolate ice cream dessert & put in freezer. Merle, Mary & we to Red Bud Restaurant at Morton. Very good meal. Senior citizen night. Merle paid for meals.

Wednesday, June 29, 1977. Clear, nice day, cooler. Pete to Glenn's in morning. I went to hospital, volunteered. Scrubbed & waxed kitchen floor. Baked cookies, picked 3 quarts raspberries. Put 1 ½ pints in freezer. Picked beans for Jo & our supper. Jon helped. Pete worked on auxiliary books & counted money from barbecue. I trimmed around yard with hand mower.

Thursday, June 30, 1977. Rained some in morning. Had rain and wind storm in p.m., over ½ inch rain. More in places. Much cooler in evening. Did cleaning. We went to town in morning. Baked coffeecake braid, picked peas. Had [some] for supper & put 1½ pints in freezer. Cooked applesauce. Washed 2 loads. Got supper. Marjorie & children got here around 8:00. Rons here for supper to. Good to see Marj and children again.

Friday, July 1, 1977. Clear, cool, rather windy. Pete to hospital auxiliary meeting in morning. Marjorie & I picked 2 quarts raspberries. We sowed endive & planted more sweet corn. Children & Jeff ate supper at Rons. I sent some applesauce & raspberries [to Rons]. Marjorie, Pete & I left at 5:15 for O'Hare. Met Pauls' friend Ken Wang at 9:00 & met Paul at 10:00. He came from LA. O'Hare very crowded. We got home at 1:00. Jeff took care of children in evening.

Saturday, July 2, 1977. Fair, warmer, in 80s. Pete to men's breakfast. I picked beans. We got 2 buckets. I canned 2 quarts & had [some] to eat. Made chicken casserole for dinner. I baked ham. Allens and Pam got here at 1:00. Good to see them. I made potato salad & Jell-O salad & homemade ice cream. Allens, Rons, Pauls, Mary & Marie here for supper. Ate outside but bugs bad. Shirley & I picked quart of raspberries. Allens & Pam to Mrs. Yeakels all night.

Sunday, July 3, 1977. Clear, 90°, humid and windy. Rons, Allens, Pauls, Mary and can to Sambo's for breakfast. We all went to early church service. Allens to Yeakel family reunion. Mary & Marie took Pauls & Ken to Cambridge Inn. We and CRs went too. Stopped at Marie's awhile. Came home at 2:00. Allens came at 3:00. Left at 4:00 home. Miss them & Jeff. Pauls & we to CRs awhile to see Relic Room. We all went to Rons for supper.

Monday, July 4, 1977. Clear, hot, 98°. Did washing and ironing. Pete picked peas for lunch. We picked nearly quart of raspberries. Pete helped Jo picked nearly 5 gallon bucket of beans. Pauls to grocery store in PM. Got hamburger. Paul grilled them for supper. Made 2 Apple pies. Rons here too for supper. We went over to their deck to watch fireworks. Mary not feeling good. Ropps all to May Mohr's for picnic.

Tuesday, July 5, 1977. Fair, hot, near 100°. Pauls, Ken Wong and we left at 5:20 for Chicago. Went to Field Museum. Got tickets for King Tut exhibit. Had lunch there. Then at 1:00 went to [Museum of] Science & Industry building until 3:30. Left for O'Hare airport. Paul left at 5:00 for Ann Arbor. Ken left at 6:00 for Minneapolis. We got home at 8:45 after a big day. Jo took Mary to Dr. at 11:15. He gave her shot for nausea and other antibiotic. Allens left for Minnesota & Canada on Canada trip with young people from church.

Wednesday, July 6, 1977. Fair, hot, 98° – 100°. Marjorie and children left for home at 9:45. Hope they have a good trip. I washed 5 loads & straightened up part of house. We went to town at 1:30. Harvella gave me a permanent. Pete and I to Eastland. Got a Teflon skillet for Alice Reber and Seth Scott. I cooked applesauce & ironed. Mary not feeling any better. Put 2 quarts applesauce in freezer.

Thursday, July 7, 1977. Fair, hot, high 90s. We picked beans. Canned 7 quarts & 3 pints. I washed bedding, 5 loads. We went to town at 12:30. Took Mary to Dr. Bertsche. Admitted her to hospital for tests. Pete & I had EKG's. I ironed in evening. We picked over a quart of raspberries. Talked to Mary in evening. [She] is coughing a lot.

Friday, July 8, 1977. Mostly cloudy, hot, humid. Showered in town. Cooler in evening. Did cleaning. Pete trimmed shrubbery. We went to church at 1:30. Helped set up for wedding reception for Alice Reber and Seth Swift. Got Mary's mail & went to bank & hospital. Mary little better than she was this morning. I baked apple pie. Cooked rest of transparent apples. Gave Jo some pie & berries. Ron & boys fishing.

Saturday, July 9, 1977. Clear, cooler, nice day. They moved Rons' trailer out. Everyone glad to see it go. Pete mowed yard. I cleaned upstairs & made one half gallon dill pickles & picked nearly quart of raspberries. Jo picked beans in p.m. Pete & I to Alice Reber and Seth Swift's wedding at our church at 2:00. I was on committee to help with reception. Went to hospital to see Mary. She's little better. Went to Red Lobster. Met Rons there. They took us to dinner.

Sunday, July 10, 1977. Mostly fair, warmer in p.m., high 90s. We went to early service. Went to Marie's. Took she and Kathryn Boyer to Golden West for dinner. Took them to Marie's. We went to hospital to see Mary. Think she may be little better. Jo sick in night, gallbladder?

Monday, July 11, 1977. Mostly cloudy in morning. Looked rainy but no rain. Fair in p.m. I did washing & ironing. Pete, CR & Marie to Mr. Dunn's office. Close Grandma's estate. Worked some in garden. Picked nearly quart of raspberries. Put pint in freezer. Went to Birkelbaws, got bushel of peaches. Put 2 quarts in freezer & made 2 pints preserves. Mary feeling some better.

Tuesday, July 12, 1977. Had a shower early morning, 5:00 a.m. Had some lightning. Electricity off until 10:30. We picked beans. Canned 13 quarts. Went to see Mary awhile in p.m. I put 5 containers of peaches in freezer and made 4 pints peach marmalade. Orvie called in evening to ask about Mary. Talked to Ed. He wasn't feeling very well. Jo some better.

Wednesday, July 13, 1977. Fair, hot, high 90s. We went to town at 7:30. Took Merle to Dr. for blood sugar & EKG. We went to Sambo's for breakfast. Done some shopping. Got ice bucket for Marie's birthday. Ron & boys left at 11:00 for Lakeside Ohio to Mennonite Medical meeting. I put peaches in freezer & [msde] 2 pints preserves. We helped Jo with chores. Had sow farrow. We were up until midnight. Jo up until 2:00.

Thursday, July 14, 1977. Fair, hot, near 100°. Pete helping Jo with chores & looked after hogs all day watering, etc. Picked beans. Canned 7 quarts. Gave Mary and Marie few. I went to town at 1:00. Took Mary home from hospital. She seems better, kinda weak. I fixed 3 jars peaches for Jo. Made 1 ½ pints peach preserves. We & Mary to Marie's for supper. CRs and Pearl there. She had birthday cake for us & gave me a travel journal & Pete a book. Rosalie K got to Jo's about 6:30.

Friday, July 15, 1977. Fair, hot, near 100°, cloudy in evening. Did cleaning. Pete helped Jo with chores. Took care of hogs during day. So hot for them. I washed 2 loads. Gave Jo 2 quarts peaches & put 2 pints in freezer. Cooked applesauce. Painted picnic table & benches another coat. Fixed 2 quarts dill pickles. Had thunder storms & rain during night. Had 1 7/10 inches. So grateful for the rain. Mary's knee bothering her. [She] can't hardly get around.

Saturday, July 16, 1977. Mostly cloudy, rained again, had 3 tents inch. Cooler in p.m. Pete to men's breakfast. I shampooed my hair. Jo pinned it up. Jo and Rosalie to town. I fixed 2 Apple pies for freezer. Had company in p.m. Jay Hallet & (unclear), daughter and her husband here. Looked at Ron's house. Marie here awhile to see Jays. We all went to church. Halsay-Taylor Peace Band – Peace Drama gave program. Ron & boys home in evening. Mary about same.

Sunday, July 17, 1977. Mostly fair, hot, 91°. We went to church. Mary & Marie here for dinner. Mary not feeling well, week, vomited in morning & again in evening. Wanted her to stay here. Her leg seems some better. We went to group meeting at Earl Kaufman's. I took salad & sandwiches. We took Merle. Had nice time.

Monday, July 18, 1977. Harley cloudy, hot, humid. Had tornado warnings out at noon. Several touched down at Towanda & Colfax. We had 3 tents inch rain. Rosalee left for home at noon. Couldn't get truck started in morning. I washed. Canned 3 pints beans. Gave Jo some to use. Made 3 quarts Dills & 6 pints bread-and-butter pickles. We went to bank in p.m. Got medicine for Mary. Jo home from work. Didn't feel good. Carltons came for lunch. I ironed and transplanted snapdragons.

Tuesday, July 19, 1977. Fair, hot, 98°, humid. We went to town at 9:30. Took our drivers test. We passed. Glad it's over. Went to Eastland. Got next scarf for Lucy Catherine's birthday. Got some groceries for Mary. Stopped there. Think she feels some better. I canned 7 quarts sauerkraut & had some to use. Baked brownies.

Wednesday, July 20, 1977. Fair, had thunderstorm and heavy rain at 4:00 p.m. Under tornado warning. Several sighted near Evergreen Lake & Hudson. Had 1 ½ inches rain in about one hour. Went to hospital, volunteered. Pete took Mary to beauty shop. She had permanent. I made salad, got things ready for supper. Made quart of dills. We went to Garfield picnic at Lloyd Singley's. Ate inside.

Thursday, July 21, 1977. Mostly cloudy, about 90°. Had a new air conditioner installed in morning. Pulled weeds in strawberries. We took Mary to Dr. Bertsche at 1:30. Her right leg hurting her now. Other one better. Maybe arthritic condition. Took her to town. Got pair of support hose she's to wear. We worked outside all evening. Pulled weeds in truck patch.

Friday, July 22, 1977. Clear, fine day, cool. Did cleaning. Canned 2 quarts dill pickles. Picked beans. Gave them to Jo. Pete pulled some weeds. Dug onions and plowed garden. Earrl

[Laufman]s, Lucy Catherine, Merle and we to Red Bud Inn at Morton for our birthdays. [We] miss Phil. Earl drove.

Saturday, July 23, 1977. Fair, warmer, in 80s. I baked angel food cake. Shampooed my hair. Worked in garden. We went to Paul Millers sale at Tri-Lakes at 11:00. Had a lot to sell. Went slow. We came home at 3:00. Went to Merle's for supper. Took her some vegetables and sherbet. Jimmy Grady, his wife Corine & baby there.

Sunday, July 24, 1977. Mostly cloudy, warm, humid. We went to Baptist Church. Took Pearl & Marie. Ron preached. Gordon worship leader. Jo & boys there too. Pearl took Marie, CRs and us to Cambridge Inn for dinner. Went to Pearl's home. Nice day. We went to CRs in evening. Had ice cream. I took cake & brownies. Marie, Pearl, Mary, May, Gordons, Rays & Diana there. Rons had company. Dunns there.

Monday, July 25, 1977. Cloudy and humid in morning. Fair in p.m. and cooler. Pete plowed truck patch and mowed yard. I did washing and ironed. Put 5 1 ½ pints corn in freezer. Made 4 quarts dill pickles. I still don't feel good. Some diarrhea. Got some Lomotil. Pete to town awhile. Got medicine & went to bank. Lucy Catherine here awhile. Gave me a gown for my birthday. I gave her a scarf. Hoed and fed roses. Rons to 4-H Barrow show in evening.

Tuesday, July 26, 1977. Beautiful day, 76°. We wrote letters to trainees in Europe. I baked angel food cake for Jo. Rested. Don't feel good, nauseated & vomited in p.m. I think it's the Lomotil. Rons here for supper. Jo got most of supper. Don Friesens at Rons all night. Paul back to Memphis from Ann Arbor.

Wednesday, July 27, 1977. Nice day. I still have diarrhea, nausea better. Ron talked to Dr. Bertsche. Wants me to go to hospital. We went in at noon. Admitted to 348. Gave me Imodium after each stool. Sorry this has to be. Pete home in PM. Ron in several times. Dr. Bertsche stopped in evening.

Thursday, July 28, 1977. Nice day. Pete dug some potatoes in morning. I'm about same. Pete at hospital in morning. Ron in. Jo stopped on way home. Brought me some flowers. Rons left for conference at Bluffton about 6:30. I had castor oil in evening. I'm to have proctoscope and barium enema in morning. Don't look forward to that. Allen called in evening. Steve bringing Pam Saturday. Pete sowed lettuce & endive.

Friday, July 29, 1977. Had shower in town, warmer. I went to OR at 7:30 for Procto, then to x-ray. A rough 2 hours. Glad it's over. Pete to hospital at noon. He took Merle to Dr. at 1:30. Had lunch with her first. Came back to hospital at 4:00. Having trouble with car dying. Dr. Bertsche in at 6:00. Gave report from exams. Found nothing. Sure relieved. Guess virus or something. Allen and Paul called.

Saturday, July 30, 1977. Fair, warmer, 90s, more humid. Pete to men's breakfast. I came home at 10:00. Good to be home again. We did some dusting. I washed out some things. Pete took car to garage couldn't fix it. Have to wait until Monday. Steve & Pam got here at 12:30. Pam to Rachel Clemens birthday party at 1:30. Allens gave us a travel o'clock.

Sunday, July 31, 1977. Had thunderstorm at 1:30 a.m. 2/3 inches rain. Fair and cooler. Nice day. Everyone to early church except me. I went to Mary's. We all, Marty & Jon & Marie at Mary's for dinner. Steve and Pam to Mrs. Yeakels awhile. Pete & Mary to see Eds. They're about same. Nettie real confused. We done some packing in evening. Rons home from Bluffton at 7:00. They gave us \$50 for birthdays, anniversaries & going away.

Monday, August 1, 1977. Clear, fine day. Steve left for home at 6:30. Pam left for Camp Friedenswald at 8:30. I washed and ironed. Pete mowed lawn. Picked cucumbers for Mary. We went to town in p.m. Got car, hope it's fixed. Went to bank. Got travelers checks. Merle sent us \$25. Went to Eastland. I got purse with Mary's birthday [money]. Ron took boys & livestock to 4-H fair. Jo and Lucy Catherine took us to Sambo's for supper. Mary & Merle met us there.

Tuesday, August 2, 1977. Partly cloudy. Finished packing. Rons came over before going to work. Willard and we left at 8:00 for Bluffton. Our car got to missing and stopping so got to Lexington and had to go back to Danvers and get Willard's car. Sure frustrating. Took our car home and left again at 9:20. Got to Emersons at 5:20 Bluffton time. Had supper with them. Willard on to Dayton to his daughter. Irene Dunn came from conference. Howard Baumgartner came later to visit. Got to bed at 12:00.

Wednesday, August 3, 1977. Fair, nice day. Went to conference for opening singing. Was inspiring. Back to Emersons. Got ready to leave. Went to college where we met part of our group. Left there by college vans at 11:15 for our trip to Europe. Got to Cleveland airport at 2:15. Had lunch. Boarded a TWA 700 at 4:15. Got to Kennedy Airport at 6:20. Delayed 30 minutes on account of rain clouds. Went through customs. Boarded the Icelandic DC 8 at 9:30. Left airport at 10:10. Had dinner at 12:00 midnight. Not much sleep. Everyone talking. Set watches ahead 4 hours.

Thursday, August 4, 1977. Fair skies as we arrived at Iceland at 7:00. Everyone got off plain. Went to terminal. Saw a beautiful woolen sweaters, etc. At 7:30 we were off to Luxembourg. Arrived 12:00 where we first set foot on Europe. Were met by Peter Jager our bus driver. We boarded a new bus. Drove through some of interesting city of Luxembourg. Passed through the French border into Thionville where we exchange dollars into French francs. Then on to Boulay to Willy Hege home. Onto the church for light refreshments and to our homes. We stayed at Willy Hege home.

Friday, August 5, 1977. Partly cloudy. After a good nights rest, had breakfast. Our hosts took us back to the church where we had singing. They told of their work. Left they are about 11:00. Stopped at the Lorraine American Cemetery. A very impressive site but saddening. Drove on

into Saverne. Had lunch in French restaurant. Driving through mountains most of day into Alsace. Drove to Les Quellas where we visited an old cemetery. Then to Selma. Visited the old Augsburgers home & another cemetery on the hill. We met a Mrs. Ropp. Had dinner at the Inn & [stayed there] all night.

Saturday, August 6, 1977. Fair, nice day. Had breakfast at the end. Left there at 9:00. Drove through Mennonite area and on to Steinthal. Saw the Oberlin Museum, who was a Protestant minister from here. Went to Struthof Concentration Camp where the Germans executed many French. Was depressing. Drove through some good farmland in p.m. We had lunch at Barr. So many acres of grapes, wheat and corn. Drove to Colmar and 2 little town of Meunzenheim where we & Delbert Gratz stayed at Willy Peterschmidts. Had good meal. Had rain at home.

Sunday, August 7, 1977. Partly cloudy, colder in evening. We went to church with our hosts. Had German, French & English service. Came back to Peterschmidts for dinner, soup, potatoes, pork, cabbage, salad, ice cream & cookies. Went to Koenigsberg Castle. Large crowd. Drove along many hills & fields with grapes. Arrived back at Peterschmidts for supper. Mariam had flowers around our plates and tie for Pete. Beautiful napkin for me. Had birthday cake and candles for Peter. Had delicious meal again. Lovely people.

Monday, August 8, 1977. Partly cloudy, sprinkled little. Boarded bus at 9:00. Went to Colmar. Visited very old Museum. Drove on to Belfort where we met Ernest Hege. We all went to Restaurant. Had dinner. From here we went to Montbeliard to Mennonite church. Rev. Witmer told of the work. Had a book dating back to 1700 – 1800. Found a Kropf name in early 1800s. Visited some farms where Mennonites had lived. Back to Belfort church. We stayed at Pierce home. [They] don't speak English. Had 6 inches rain at home on Saturday night.

Tuesday, August 9, 1977. Mostly cloudy in p.m., had some rain. We visited the Children's & Old People's Home. Drove to Gutendorf to the Ropp home. Exciting to see it. Entered Switzerland at 12:30. Beautiful scenery. Arrived at Basel at 1:00. Everyone went to lunch and did some shopping. Had our first look at the Rhine. Rained some in mountains. Left Basel at 3:30 after we found Willard Yoder (he got lost). Went to Bienenberg for evening and all night. Beautiful place. Saw Heiti & her family & Elizabeth Martin [former trainees at Mennonite hospital]. Elizabeth visited until 11:00 p.m. She made a tape for us & gave us another.

Wednesday, August 10, 1977. Mostly cloudy, showered little, cool. Saw Elizabeth again at breakfast as she works in kitchen. Boarded the bus and at 9:30 were on our way again to various homes where early Anabaptists lived. But some lunch. Willard and we ate at Park. Went to top of Jura Mountain where Studer families lived. Beautiful sight of town. Munster below. Were to stay at Mennonite Youth Retreat but they had not made plans for us so we ate at hotel. We, Beylers & Hoovers here for night. Others elsewhere.

Thursday, August 11, 1977. A fine day, cool. After breakfast at hotel we headed for the mountains again. Went to Geiss Kirche high on the mountain to a cave where the Anabaptists

came to worship. Took us nearly an hour to climb to the cave. Had some singing & prayer at the cave. Very impressive. Then back to hotel for dinner. To watch factory in p.m. Then to Bellelay near cheese factory. Most everyone bought cheese. 60 people live in this village & all Mennonites. Back to Tamelan Hotel. I didn't feel very good in morning.

Friday, August 12, 1977. Partly cloudy, hazy in mountains. Left hotel at 9:50 and on our way. Drove along Sonnenberg mountains. Habeggars lived in this area. Stopped short time at (unclear) and on the way up mountains again in another beautiful Valley. Traveled through many orchards & vegetable farms, also sugar beets. Saw women & men pitching hay on wagons. Also saw hay drying in field to put on wooden rack. Arrived at village of Zaziwil where we had a dinner. Some stayed at this hotel while 15 of us went to *Oberdiassbock* (sp?). Hotel Lowen. Had nice room.

Saturday, August 13, 1977. Fair, pleasant day. Had breakfast & went to Zaziwil. Got rest of group & went to Bern for the day, sightseeing & shopping. Heard the big town clock strike at 12:00 noon. Rhonda, Willard & we climbed to lookout point on the Munster Cathedral. Back to Zaziwil for big dinner. Everyone tired. Came back to our hotel. We enjoy Peter Jager our driver, a good sport. Saw an electric shop. Samuel Kropf name on shop.

Sunday, August 14, 1977. Nice day. We all went to church at Kehr Mennonite Church at Langnau. Visited the cemetery there. Every grave covered with beautiful flowers. A most unusual sight. Had lunch at restaurant. We had little lunch with us so ate at table outside. From there we visited many different places where Mennonites from Midwest and Eastern states came from. Saw a sign in Langnau that said Kropf Sport. The scenery is unbelievable. We drove to a prison where early Anabaptists were imprisoned but it was closed. We all had a big day. Back to Zaziwil for a big meal.

Monday, August 15, 1977. A beautiful day. Left for Lauterbrunnen at 9:40. First Pete and I stopped to see Samuel Kropfs at Zaziwil. We got off bus at Lauterbrunnen & took train to Wengen, then the cog railway to top of Jungfrau. The most grandeur of beauty. Mountains covered with snow & glaciers. The beautiful valleys below. Came back to Wengen. We stayed at Alpenaue Hotel, up side of mountain. Most beautiful view. Had letters from Mary & Marie. Had 6 inches rain at home.

Tuesday, August 16, 1977. Partly cloudy, rained late evening and thundered and lightning. We left Wengen at 9:30. Many waterfalls on mountainside. Drove on to Grindelwald and on to Breentz, town famous for wood carving. Passed over the Brunig Pass. Here we leave Canton Bern and on to Canton Unterwald, Catholic settlement. Stopped at beautiful city of Luzern for dinner. Had cheese fondue, delicious. Walked across the wooden bridge. Drove to (unclear) Castle built in 1500s. Very interesting. Arrived at Baptist Theological Seminary at 6:15. Found our rooms. We are in dorm. Ladies did some laundry after supper. Letter from (blank). Still raining.

Wednesday, August 17, 1977. Partly cloudy, rained some in morning & evening. We left for Zürich at 9:00. Went shopping. Bought clocks for families. Visited the old church where Zwingli preached in 1600s. Ate lunch at Kropf Restaurant. Very good. Came back to Seminary for supper and overnight. Went to chapel. Ronda played and we sang.

Thursday, August 18, 1977. Cloudy, rained in morning and again in p.m. We left seminary at 9:00. Went to Zollikon. Visited church where George Blaurock tried to take over the pulpit. Conrad Grable and Felix Manz lived in this area short time. Stopped at Grüningen Castle where Jacob [Grable], Conrad's father, lived. Church has been restored, beautiful. Had lunch in tea room at Wetzikon and on to Taeuferhoele, Anabaptist cave up in Mountain. Started to rain when we left there. On to seminary for supper & all night.

Friday, August 19, 1977. Rained some in morning and rained hard in p.m. We left seminary at 8:00 for another day of traveling. Drove through some beautiful country. Had a look at beautiful old city of Schaffhausen. Here we crossed the Rhine River. Grapes growing on the hillside. Everyone bought chocolate before we left Switzerland. Crossed into Germany at 10:00. Drove through Black Forest, beautiful scenery. Stopped at Schwarzwald Clock Shop. Many many clocks. Got to French border at 4:00. Passed some hop fields. Got to Wissembourg at 7:00. All went to Geisburg. Ate supper at Agnes Huschler & overnight at Lois Huschler. Jo had *cholest...* (unclear).

Saturday, August 20, 1977. Cloudy, showered all morning. Went to children's home at 9:00. Had tour of the home for retarded children. Left there at 11:00. Drove to Betschdorf blue pottery. Bought some. Turned our clocks back as we crossed into Germany. Ate lunch at Speyer. Here Mr. Mellinger built clock in Cathedral. He lived in Grunstadt. In Worms [we] saw a large Cathedral where Martin Luther was. Saw many acres of grapes as we drove to Weierhof where we were met by our host Robert Wohlgemuth at Albisheim. Gunther Burky & wife came to see us.

Sunday, August 21, 1977. Cloudy, quite cool, rained in evening. We went to church at Weierhof Church. We all boarded the bus after services for another tour of the area. Mr. Hertzler went with us. Took us to Kempf Hotel at *Dermaterm* (sp?) for dinner. Nice place and good food. Saw many acres of grapes again. Drove along Rhine planes. Drove to Ibersheim, very old village. First settlers came in 1659. Many persecuted here. Fritz Kerr told of early Mennonite history. From here we stopped at Gronau where the Russians and others come to stay until they find a home. Back to our hosts all night. Gunther here in evening.

Monday, August 22, 1977. Cloudy in morning, fair p.m., cool. Mr. Wohlgemuth took us to Weierhof. Met our group and went to Meimschule. Mennonites operated school at wire half. Met Gary Waltner. He told about curling Mennonite history. Drove to Gruenstadt to see plates of Martyrs Mirror. Then on to Kaiserslautern to see the Heimatstill Play. Here they have files of immigrants. On to Trier for lunch. Saw the Roman ruins (Black Wall). Crossed the Sauer River

into Luxembourg and on to Lauterborn. Some stayed at Pension aux Vieux Moulin & rest of us up the hill to another place. Accommodations fair.

Tuesday, August 23, 1977. Mostly cloudy. Rained some. Went to breakfast at 8:00. Started again at 9:30. Went to children's home. Met Margaret Martin who told of work here. Have Bible school and children's camp in summer. Took group picture here. Cameras clicking everywhere. Drove on to area called Little Switzerland of Luxembourg. Visited another Cathedral. Back to our place to eat dinner. Good food. Then to Luxembourg, a beautiful old city. Stopped at Eglise Church. All had supper together. Silas Smucker presented [bus driver] Pete Jager with money and Roy Wenger presented Delbert & Mrs. Gratz with picture of Bern clock. Was nice evening.

Wednesday, August 24, 1977. Cloudy, cold, everyone packed for trip home. Went to American and German cemeteries, then to airport and checked our luggage. Left part of our group here. Boarded Icelandic at 2:30. Were airborne at 3:00. Landed at Iceland at 6:45. Got off plain 30 minutes. Arrived at Kennedy Airport at 8:00 EDT, one hour late. Such a crowd & only 2 lines to check. Missed our plane to Cleveland so Icelandic put us up at Riviera Inn. [Icelandic] payed for our supper. Turned our watches back 5 hours when we left Iceland. So was a long day & rainy in New York.

Thursday, August 25, 1977. Nice day. We left New York at 7:30 from LaGuardia Airport. Got to Cleveland at 9:00. Gilbert's son and daughter to meet us. Left more of our group. Got to Bluffton at 1:30. Went to Emersons. Willard's Joan there to get us. Had lunch and got to Kettering, suburb of Dayton at about 4:30. Called home in evening. Jo had surgery last Friday.

Friday, August 26, 1977. Partly cloudy, warm and humid. We left for home at 9:00. Got here at 3:00. Good to be home after a wonderful trip. One we shall always remember. Weeds Ron door latch for his birthday. Grass grew as had plenty of rain. We unpacked & did some handwashing. Called Jo. She is doing real well for which we are grateful. Ron, boys & we & Marie to Mary's for supper. Ron & we to hospital to see to see Jo. Gave them door bells & Jo spoon. Gave Rons money for anniversary.

Saturday, August 27, 1977. Fair, hot & humid but good breeze. I did big washing and ironing. Washed guest bed as Allen stayed here when they came for Pam. Picked over 2 quarts strawberries. Pulled weeds. Washed my hair. Got supper for Ron & boys. Washed gowns for Jo.

Sunday, August 28, 1977. Partly cloudy, rained here in p.m. and again in evening. Had 2 inches. Jo came home from hospital after church. We went to church with Ron at 8:30. Marie, Mary & we to Crestwicke at 11:30. Edgars, Val [Kampmeier]s, Henrietta [Thietje] and Art [Sieg]s there. Went to Mary's at 3:00. Billy Bryan took us to see an apartment for Mary. She rented it. Nice place. Number 2 James Pl., Bloomington. Marie brought us home. Our car still not working. Went to see Jo. Glad she's home. Mary's house sold. Paul called. Talked to Allens. All are fine. Good to talk to them. Charles Greaser passed away.

Monday, August 29, 1977. Clear, fine day. I washed & ironed. Made fruit salad. We went to town in p.m. Took Ron's car. I went to June [Jantze]'s, quilted. Got supper for Rons. Rosalie came by bus at 8:30. She and Ron ate late. Glad Joe is able to be up some.

Tuesday, August 30, 1977. Fair, little warmer. We went to town at 8:00. I took car to garage. Still cuts out. Pete went in Rons truck. Went to Mary's. We left at 8:45 for Eureka. Went to Charles Greaser's funeral at 10:00. Ed went with us. We had dinner at church. Saw a lot of relatives, folks from Missouri there. Stopped to see Nettie. I pulled weeds in garden in evening. They sure grew while we were gone. Picked over a quart of strawberries. Gave Rons some.

Wednesday, August 31, 1977. Fair, hot, humid. I baked coffeecake braid. We dressed 4 roosters. I kept 2 & Jo 2. Ron & Rosalie to Bluffton at 10:30. We went to town at 2:30. Went in Ron's truck, got car. Module controls all electrical parts. That was the trouble. Glad to have it fixed. Mary & we to her apartment. Measured rooms. Mary, Marie & Irene Lowery here for supper. Dennis Rempel & wife from California at Jo's all night.

Thursday, September 1, 1977. Partly cloudy and humid. Had 8/10 inches rain in p.m. Jo and Dennis Rempels here for breakfast. I picked 1 ½ quarts berries & pulled weeds in garden. We went to Mary's in PM. Helped her sort some things. I went to Jo's awhile in evening. Change her bed and helped with some laundry. Washed up dishes. Ron home about 8:30.

Friday, September 2, 1977. Fair, in high 80s. Did all of cleaning. We went to auxiliary meeting at 9:00. Took Jo to church. She met with some of teachers. We came home after lunch. Pete mowed lawn. I baked brownies & angel food cake. Worked outside awhile. Shampooed my hair. Baked ham.

Saturday, September 3, 1977. Fair, nice day. Got things ready for dinner. We went to Ropp Reunion at Ash St. Park. Fair crowd. Most people away from this area. Ron and boys there. Group went to CRs awhile. Allen & Steve got to Mrs. Yeakels at 3:00. They, Rons, Mary & Marie here for supper. Had ham. Jo made potato salad. Allens, Mary & we went to Mary's apartment after supper. She gave Shirley a comforter. Got to bed late. Rons came over again after we got back from town.

Sunday, September 4, 1977. Mostly cloudy, rained hard in town about 1:00. We went to early service. Went to Elmer Siegs' picnic at their Park. Rained hard when we were there. Allens left at 6:45 to take Steve to Bluffton. Was good to have them. Wen-lang Lin & his wife Cathy came at 3:30. [They were] here for supper. Had rain in evening. Talked to Frances in evening.

Monday, September 5, 1977. Partly cloudy. Had heavy shower at noon. I washed & ironed. We picked quart of strawberries. Went to Mary's in p.m. Jo along. We packed dishes. Took some to her apartment. I got supper. Rons here. Had T-bone steak and strawberry shortcake. Pete sorted some slides. Ron took 2 boars to Gale Bressner's. Sold them. Marty with Gale to hog sale.

Tuesday, September 6, 1977. Clear, fine day, cool in morning. We trimmed grass from walks. Picked lima beans. Gave Jo some. Pete mowed weeds in truck patch. I went to town. Took Mary shopping. She bought sofa daybed. Looked for drapes. I went to Good Will with Lucy Catherine & Jeanette.

Wednesday, September 7, 1977. Fair, warmer, rained in evening. We went to hospital at 8:00, volunteered. Helped Mary do more packing awhile in p.m. Got Jon and more children at Hudson school at 3:15. I picked a few strawberries. We went to visitation for Howard Palmer at Danvers at 5:30. Went to McDonald's and to Mary's. Ron helped move her China cabinet. Jo to teachers meeting. We unpacked dishes & put in China cabinet.

Thursday, September 8, 1977. Fair. I went to auxiliary in morning. Had workshop. Quilted. Went to Mary's at 3:00. Helped her pack more dishes, etc. Pete mowed weeds in truck patch. We went to Rons for supper. Looked at our slides from Europe.

Friday, September 9, 1977. Fair, cooler in p.m., cloudy in morning. Did all cleaning. We went to Mary's at 10:30. Took things to the apartment and unpacked them. Sorted slides in evening.

Saturday, September 10, 1977. A beautiful day, cool, 50° in morning. Pete to men's breakfast and then to Mary's. I went to Mary's at 8:00. Helped defrost freezer. Rons, Bill Bryan and Russ Miller helped Mary move to No. 2 James Place, Bloomington. Got pretty well straightened up. Did some work when got home. Shampooed my hair. Another big day.

Sunday, September 11, 1977. Another fine day. We went to 2nd service. Got Merle after church. She took us to Red Lobster for dinner. She came home with us. I got things ready for small group meeting. Fixed sandwiches, salad, chips and tomatoes. Alice & Seth Swift, Francine & Merle [here]. Lucy C[atherine] came after supper. Earl K[aufmans] busy, couldn't come. We showed some pictures after our meeting.

Monday, September 12, 1977. Rained all morning until 2:00. I washed and ironed. Pete finished digging potatoes. We went to Mary's at 10:30. Helped sort & pack more things in basement. Brought some things home to store. Another busy day. Talked to Allens in evening. Had hard rain in evening. Had nearly 3 ½ inches.

Tuesday, September 13, 1977. Rained off and on most of day. Had 12 inches rain in K[ansas] C[ity] last night, flooding. I went to June[Jantze]'s at 9:00 to talk about prayer groups. We sorted things. Jo met us at noon. Had lunch. She & June helped Mark things. Myrna came awhile about 5:00 [to] give some prices on antiques. She bought some things. Pete & Ron brought load of junk out to burn. Ron back in evening. Got dishes & washstand that was in Mary's basement. Brought some of Ida's dishes home to give to children.

Wednesday, September 14, 1977. Mostly fair, cloudy in evening, rained in night, one half inch. I went to hospital in morning until 11:00. Pete to Mary's a while. We and Jo at Mary's for dinner

in her new apartment. Went to house in p.m. Marked some more [prices on items to sell]. We ate supper at Rons. Jo and I back to Mary's house. Did more marking while Ron went to hospital. I picked nearly quart of strawberries. Pete picked tomatoes.

Thursday, September 15, 1977. Rained in morning, partly cloudy in p.m. Canned 8 quarts tomatoes in morning. Jo helped awhile. We went to hospital at 11:30. I visited Mrs. Verla Elliott for Reach for Recovery. Took her a kit. We went to Mary's in p.m. Finished getting ready for her sale. Church people & friends came from 5 to 8:30. Did real well. Over \$400 sold. Jo there too. Ron there awhile after work.

Friday, September 16, 1977. Cloudy in morning, partly cloudy in p.m. Did cleaning. Went to Mary's house at 8:30 for the sale. Jo & Marie there too. Sold quite a lot. Jo left in p.m. Ron and Marty to Gail Bressner's in morning to help with his sale. Jo & Ron went in evening. Marie & we out to eat. Pete and I back to house as Mike Company came for bedroom suite. Freida Blair got living room suite. Another big day & [we] are tired.

Saturday, September 17, 1977. Cloudy, showered during day. We went to Mary's house at 8:30. Pete took some of the money to the bank for Mary. Jo & Marie there too. Didn't have many buyers, but got rid of a lot past 2 days. Ron had part in Doctor *Lainwell's* (sp?) funeral at Minier. Got back to Mary's about 3:00. We got home at 6:00. Shampooed my hair. Jo pinned it up for me.

Sunday, September 18, 1977. Cloudy, rained all morning until 1:00. Fair in p.m. Water running in waterway. We went to early service. I helped usher for 2nd service. Went to Mary's apartment. She, Rons and we to Steak House. Were home in PM. Worked on diary of our trip. Gave Rons their clock which arrived from Switzerland.

Monday, September 19, 1977. Cloudy, cooler. I washed. Went to Mary's house at 10:00. Met Ringenberger [to] see about [his] buying what she had left. But he wasn't interested. Myrna P[arks] came, took some more things. We brought few things home. Took rest to Thrift Shop. Advertised corner cabinet. Got home at 3:00. Canned 10 quarts tomato juice & finished ironing. Another big day. Jo went to work one half day.

Tuesday, September 20, 1977. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. I went to prayer group at June's awhile. We worked in attic in morning. Pete & I met Maurice Troyers at hospital at noon. Had lunch with them & good visit. I cleaned 3 closets after got home. Pete mowed lawn. We picked lima beans. Put 2 pints in freezer. We went to Basting girls at 7:00. Took Merle & Mary. Marie, Pearl & Clara [Brodbeck] there too. Saw pictures from Northwest. Nice evening.

Wednesday, September 21, 1977. Partly cloudy, 48° in morning. I washed bedding & cleaned our bedroom. Pete to Lumber Land. Got shingles for garage roof. I went to club meeting at Maxine Alwes. Marie drove. Straightened up bedroom. Jo & we dressed 3 roosters before supper.

Thursday, September 22, 1977. Partly cloudy, warmer. I cleaned West bedroom. Made salad. Got things ready for supper. Arthur & Georgia got to town at 4:30. Staying at Holiday Inn. They, Marie and Rons here for supper. Had roast chicken. Mary brought 2 apple pies. Pete to Mary's house at 4:00. Lady bought corner cabinet. Earl Stutzman passed away.

Friday, September 23, 1977. Cloudy, showered little at noon. Arthurs, Mary and we to Morton, Red Bud Restaurant for lunch. Shopped some at mall. Went to Eureka to see Eds. Then on to Eastland awhile. They were here for supper. Looked at some pictures. Had thunderstorm in evening. Tornado watch until 2 AM. Had 1 inch rain.

Saturday, September 24, 1977. Cleared off in morning, rather windy, nice sunny day. Pete to men's breakfast. I canned 7 ½ quarts tomato juice. Jo & I to town at 12:00. I got PJs for Jon and Marty's birthday. Met Mary at Eisenberger's. She picked her drapes for living & bedroom. Mick Mishler here most of afternoon. Stayed for supper. Ron, Pete & boys shingled garage roof. Didn't quite finish it. I shampooed my hair. Arthurs left for home.

Sunday, September 25, 1977. Fair, foggy in morning. We went to first church service. Lucy Catherine, Mick Mishler, Mary & we to Golden West for dinner. Mary & we to Earl Stutzman's funeral at Carlock church at 2:00. I worked on diary of our trip. Wrote Allens. I baked angel food cake for Jon's birthday.

Monday, September 26, 1977. A beautiful day, 80°. I washed & ironed. Pete worked some on garage roof. We went to Merle's at 11:30. Took her to Streid's for lunch, then to Gailey's. Pete stayed with her. I took Mary up town. She got stepstool and I got print dress at Livingston's. We dug up 2 of Mary's roses and transplanted them here. Gathered few flower seeds. We went to Rons for Jon's birthday. Mary & Marie there too.

Tuesday, September 27, 1977. Clear, nice day. Pete to Glenn's, combining corn. I worked upstairs awhile in morning. Went to prayer group at June's. I took cheese, crackers & fruit. Finished cleaning upstairs in p.m. We went to town at 3:00. Took Mary to First Federal. She had closing of the house. Went to Bloomington Federal at Eastland. She put money in savings. We had lunch at Bergners. Pete and I to Heritage at Larry Jantze's. Showed pictures of our European trip.

Wednesday, September 28, 1977. Another fine day, 71°. Pete delivered load of corn for Glenn. Came home as Glenn in bed with bad cold. I went to hospital, volunteered. Cleaned linen closet & bathroom & made apple crisp. Pete finished garage roof & put some new shingles on house where they were loose. I got things ready for supper. Rons here. Had eggplant.

Thursday, September 29, 1977. Fair, nice day. Pete to Glenn's. I made 9 pints chili sauce. Cleaned living & dining room. I went to alumni meeting in evening. Pete to Mary's, hung her pictures.

Friday, September 30, 1977. Cloudy, rained early evening. Pete to Glenn's. I cleaned bathroom & hallway. Went to town in p.m. To bank. Went to Harvella [Stutzman]'s. Helped her mother quilt. Harvey did my hair. We had 1 ½ inches rain. Jo to Markham to meeting.

Saturday, October 1, 1977. Cloudy, windy, cold. Ron and we to Eureka at 9:20. Ron to inauguration of the president of Eureka College. We went to Maple Lawn. Visited with Ed. We took Ed out to eat. Ron to see Eds awhile. Got home at 2:30. I baked quick coffeecake & bars. Jo got home from Markham at 5:15. Dennis Rempels at Rons all night. We and see ours to Marie's for supper. Pearl fell down basement stairs at May Schad's. Laceration on her head. Admitted to hospital.

Sunday, October 2, 1977. Mostly fair, chilly. We went to early service. Helped get ready for communion. Pete helped serve. We went to Mary's for dinner. Came home at 2:00. Got things ready for supper. Went to hospital to see Pearl. She is better but sore. Went to church picnic at Ash St. Park but too cold so went to church. East Bend Church guests. Large crowd.

Monday, October 3, 1977. Clear, beautiful day, cool, 39° in morning. I washed & ironed. Canned 6 quarts tomato juice. We went to town at 1:00. Took Mary to bank. She put more money into savings. I went to Dr. McGinnis at 2:30, checkup. Thankful for good report. We went to Eastland. Mary got curtain for bedroom and table for her kitchen. We ate at Cambridge [Inn]. EAs there. They went to Mary's. Pete put her table together.

Tuesday, October 4, 1977. Fair, nice day. Pete to Glenn's. I cleaned broom closet. Went to prayer group at June [Jantze]'s. Went to hospital at 11:30. Met *Wilhelmina* (sp?) Granstrum. She took Esther Brown, Lena Maxwell and Stuckey to Elms at El Paso. Met 8 other Mennonite grads. Had a nice time. Got home at 4:00. I peeled some pears. Canned 2 quarts.

Wednesday, October 5, 1977. Mostly cloudy, showered some in evening. Pete to Glenn's. I went to hospital at 8:00, volunteered. Cleaned kitchen cupboards in p.m. Picked lima beans. Put 1 ½ pints in freezer. We went to town in evening. Mary & I helped quilt at Harvella's.

Thursday, October 6, 1977. Clear, nice day. I cleaned kitchen. Pete dug sweet potatoes & picked tomatoes. He went to Glenn's at 2:30, combining beans. I cleaned some of silverware. Baked bars. Got things ready for supper. Rons, Mary & Marie here. Showed pictures. I got endive ready to send to Allens & Rons.

Friday, October 7, 1977. Rained most of day. Real windy in evening. We went to town at 8:30 to auxiliary and board meeting. Took Pearl a chrysanthemum. She is better. We ate at Coffee Shop. Willy *Quaustion* (sp?) with us. She signed up for volunteer work. Rons left at noon for Allens. I canned quarts of pears and made 3 ½ pints pear jam.

Saturday, October 8, 1977. Mostly cloudy, windy, cold. Pete to men's breakfast. I canned 4 ½ quarts tomatoes. Made blueberry dessert. Baked picnic ham and made salad. Shampooed my hair.

Cleaned fruit room in PM. Pete doing chores. Mabel here in p.m., got endive. We went to hospital in evening. Volunteered, Gift Shop and Info Desk

Sunday, October 9, 1977. Cloudy in morning. Cleared off at noon. We went to early service. I had fixed dinner for visitors at church, but had none so invited Earl Kaufmans. Erich with them & Paul Millers & Mary. Had a nice time. Pete doing chores. Rons got home at 7:30. They had rain nearly all way to Allens on Friday. They had flat tire. Jeff's team won the ball game Friday night..

Monday, October 10, 1977. Partly cloudy, showered little in p.m., windy, chilly. I washed and ironed. Baked angel food cake for Marty. We took car to Wiley's for 30,000 mile checkup. Pete moved potatoes to basement. Mowed yard. To Glenns awhile in p.m. Shucked 4 loads of corn. Got stuck. I went to town with Ron. Got car and had picture taken for Bazaar.

Tuesday, October 11, 1977. Cloudy, windy, cold, in 40s. Cleaned recreation room. Went to prayer group at June [Jantze]'s. Pete to town. I brought him home at noon. He went to Glenns in p.m. I went to Harvella's, had permanent. Finished recreation room & canned 3 quarts tomatoes. We went to Mary's for supper. Jean & Frank Nelson from Columbus Ohio there.

Wednesday, October 12, 1977. Clear, 38° in morning, in 50s. Pete to Glenn's. I went to hospital until 11:30. Went to Morton to Red Bud with Mary, Jean & Frank Nelson. Stopped some in mini mall. Came here awhile on way to town. I cooked squash and gathered flower seeds. We, Mary & Franks to Cambridge Inn for supper. Pete to Pastoral Care Committee meeting.

Thursday, October 13, 1977. Clear, 27° in morning, heavy Frost, 62° during day. Pete to Glenn's. I cleaned laundry & furnace room. Took car to tire shop. Got new tire. Mary & I to Home Extension. Came home at 2:00. Went to Lucy C[atherine]. Took some boxes. Went to her new apartment in town. Helen [Patton] there too. We cleaned. Got home at 6:00. Baked pumpkin bread. Lucy C. has new place.

Friday, October 14, 1977. Clear, nice day, little warmer. Pete to Glenn's. They combined beans in p.m. I went to Lucy C[atherine] in town. They moved her furniture. Helen there too. Went to Sambo's for lunch. I did cleaning in morning. A Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rauck from Paradise Ri (?) Came with a camper. They saw our name in Mennonite, a host to other traveling Mennonites. They slept in their camper & had their breakfast there. Enjoyed meeting them.

Saturday, October 15, 1977. Mostly cloudy, showered some in morning and again in p.m. Pete helped Glenn fix pump in morning. Our visitors left at 8:30. I baked coffeecake braid, chocolate chip cookies, 3 pumpkin pies. Gave Rons one & baked oatmeal cake. I canned 4 ½ quarts tomato juice. We put storm windows [on] and cleaned them. Finished cleaning. A big day.

Sunday, October 16, 1977. Clear, beautiful day, quite cool, in 30s. We went to early service. We took Mary & Merle to McLean for dinner. Went to Funks Grove, some beautiful trees. We went

to our group meeting at 5:00. Stopped and took Lucy C[atherine] along. Went to Keith Nafziger. [They] live just a few blocks from Lucy C. Lynn Chappel, Frances' cousin, died.

Monday, October 17, 1977. Fair, windy, warmer, in 60s. Pete to Glenns, combining beans. I washed & ironed. Cleaned Cedar closet. Doug tuberous begonias & Dahlia bulbs. Mary, Marie & I left at 3:30 for Chillicothe. We ate at Bishops in Peoria & on to Chillicothe. Mary left on train at 6:45 for K[ansas] C[ity]. Arthurs to meet her.

Tuesday, October 18, 1977. Partly cloudy, chilly, in 50s. I stirred up icebox rolls. Pete to Glenn's combining beans. I went to prayer group at June's. Went to Marjorie Nesters at 12:00. Helped to pattern Dwaine. Then to Auxiliary Annex and quilted. Edith [Miller] & Leatha [Gilbert] there. I took them home & got some groceries.

Wednesday, October 19, 1977. Fair, nice day, cool. Pete to Glenn's. I went to hospital, volunteered. Went to winner loser dinner at Alta Litwillers. I was winner. Had good dinner. Baked pecan rolls when got home. Willard Yoder came in evening. We looked at pictures.

Thursday, October 20, 1977. Another nice day, cool, damp in morning. Pete took load of beans to elevator at noon. I baked cake for alumni chili supper & shampooed my hair. We went to Senior Citizens meeting at church at 2:00. Willard & we told of our tour and showed pictures. I went to hospital at 4:30. Helped serve chili. Pete to Glenn's. Went back to hospital at 6:00. Had supper.

Friday, October 21, 1977. Fair, warmer, 75°. Pete at Glenns. They finished combining beans. I went to auxiliary at 8:00. Worked at bazaar. Had a lot of baked goods. Came home at 2:30. Pete and I went back at 6:00. Closed at 7:00. Got money. Marie, Marguerite [Burwitz] & we ate at Grand Café. Counted money when got home.

Saturday, October 22, 1977. Fair, rather windy, cooler. Showered some in evening. Pete to men's breakfast & to Glenn's. I finished cleaning. Went with Rons to Florence Kinsinger's sale. I got 2 wastepaper baskets. Ron got few things. We went to hospital, worked, 4 – 8:30.

Sunday, October 23, 1977. Cloudy, chilly, rained most of morning. Were without electricity from 6:42 9:00. We went to early service. Ate breakfast at Sambo's. Were home for lunch. Went to Eureka. Nettie seems to have failed. Ed has had ulcer in his good eye but is better. We went to Rons for wiener roast. They had their group meeting. Schrags only ones there. I took baked apples. We all went to Congregational meeting at 7:00.

Monday, October 24, 1977. Cloudy, rained most of p.m. Pete to Glenn's awhile. Shucked one load before it started to rain. I washed and ironed. We went to town at 12:00. I helped Marj Nester pattern Dwaine until 1:30. We went to Eastland. Looked for pantsuit. Went to Bloomington. Took CRs & May Mohr to visitation for [former neighbor] Oscar Anderson at 5:30.

Tuesday, October 25, 1977. Cloudy, showered some in morning. I went to prayer group at June [Jantze]'s. Went to Klemms. Got pants suit, 3-piece. Pete took truck to test for safety. Put new muffler on. I baked cookies & shortened my slacks. We went to heritage meeting at Bill Dunns. Ron & Jo along.

Wednesday, October 26, 1977. Cloudy in morning. Cleared in p.m. Pete, Marie & I left at 9:30 for Chillicothe. Met Mary at train at 10:50. Ate lunch at Bishops. Marie, Mary and I to Bill's Pottery at Towanda. Marie got me a lampshade for floor lamp for Christmas. We took Merle to Red Lobster for her birthday. Mary along. Gave Merle a music box piano. Pete to Pastoral Care Committee meeting. Mary & I to June's, helped quilt.

Thursday, October 27, 1977. Very foggy in morning, fair, nice day, in 60s. Pete to Glenn's. Ron went to Kidron Ohio. Flew to Chicago in morning, then to Cleveland. I went with Marie Heiser to Illinois Women's Meeting at Carlock. Mary and Alta [Litwiller] along. Had good meeting. I baked brownies. Were home in evening.

Friday, October 28, 1977. Foggy in morning, cloudy most of day. Pete to Glenn's. I went to Merle's at 7:30. Took her to Dr. at 8:00 for blood sugar. Went to Sambo's. Had coffee. Then back to Dr. Livingston. We had lunch at Central Station. I got groceries & had car washed. Did cleaning & shampooed my hair. Packed suitcases.

Saturday, October 29, 1977. Fair, nice day. Pete and I left at 8:30 for Bluffton. Arrived at to: 30. Went to Marbeck Center. Saw Steve at science bldg. working. Harold Bixle's came after us. Went to their home. Had good supper. They have nice time. We all went to Library. Met to look at each one's pictures. Were to take 50 or less. So good to see all of them. Folks from Pennsylvania and (unclear) not there. We went to Delbert [Gratz]'s after pictures. Had reception for us. They have lovely home in woods. Nettie admitted to Eureka hospital.

Sunday, October 30, 1977. A beautiful day. We all went to church. Met Steve there. We all ate lunch at Marbeck Center. Steve with us. He's enjoying school. We parted again for our home. Left Bluffton at 1:00 our time. Got to town at 7:00. We went to Larry J[antze]'s, Homebuilders progressive dinner. Had main meal at June [Jantze]'s, then to Waltners for dessert. A full day. Ron had YPU wiener roast and hay rack ride.

Monday, October 31, 1977. Cloudy, rained and showered some most of day. I washed & ironed. We sorted some slides. I went to Marge Nesters at 12:30. Helped pattern Dwaine. I got supper. Rons here, had waffles and sausage. They went to town after supper, trick & treating. I wrote thank you notes to Ohio. Allen called in evening.

Tuesday, November 1, 1977. Cloudy, rained most of day. I went to June's to prayer group. Pete to Pearls [to] help her with insurance paper. Mary & we to Eureka in p.m. Took Ed to hospital to see Nettie. She isn't very good. They say she's anemic, is very confused. Ed not feeling good, chest pain this morning. I went to Good Will in evening. Jeanette along.

Wednesday, November 2, 1977. Fair, 71°, nice day. Cloudy in evening. We took Jon and more children to school. We went to town. I volunteered at hospital. Pete to bank & helped in Coffee Shop awhile. Home in PM. Pete dug some carrots. I got endive for Allens. Mary to Gailey's, [she] has infection in her eyes. I packed suitcases. Diana and Mike Emberton had twin boys 6 lbs. 14 oz. and 6 lbs. 11 oz., Jeff & Troy.

Thursday, November 3, 1977. Fair in morning. Pete and I left for Allens at 8:15. Ate lunch at Amana. Arrived at Allens at 3:00. Had good trip. Cloudy in p.m. awhile & light shower. Clear later on. Good to see everyone again. We looked at our slides in evening.

Friday, November 4, 1977. Clear, cooler. Allen, Shirley & Deb to work. Jeff & Pam to school. I made vegetable soup. Allen & Shirley took us to Ames for lunch. Shirley took Pam to piano lesson. Fixed little supper for Jeff's early as he went with football team to Webster City. Allens & we went to Webster City to see ballgame. Nevada got beat. Jeff & 3 of his buddies here after game. Had sandwiches before they left for Ames. We got to bed late.

Saturday, November 5, 1977. Cloudy, chilly, misted little in morning. Allen & Pete planted some trees. Shirley, Pam and I uptown at 11:30. Shopped some. Jeff to Pilgrims awhile in morning. Then he & his friends to Ames ballgame. Allen & Pete to ballgame also. Shirley & I cooked squash & she made 2 pies. Washed my hair. We took Allens, Deb & Pam to Ames (Perkins) for supper. We shopped. I got shirts for Steve and Jeff. Got slippers for Pam. Jeff had date.

Sunday, November 6, 1977. Cloudy, rather foggy, misted. We went to Sunday school and church. Home for dinner. Allen grilled steaks. We looked at Allen's canoe [trip] pictures. Showed Deb our pictures of Europe. We went to Dick Pilgrims in evening. They have nice new home. Deb had date.

Monday, November 7, 1977. Cloudy, rained some, foggy. We left Allens at 8:40 for home. Got here before 3:00. Had some rain and fog. Thankful for safe trip. I washed & ironed. 4-H meeting at Rons. Ron & Jo here awhile.

Tuesday, November 8, 1977. Cloudy, foggy in morning. I took Jon and Mohr children to Hudson school. I went to prayer group at June [Jantze]'s. I took refreshments. Baked coffeecake braid & put flower seeds away & cooked squash. Pete wrote letter to Robert Kreider. Talked to Pauls. We were going to see them this weekend but Paul at Nashville Friday and Saturday.

Wednesday, November 9, 1977. Mostly fair, cloudy in p.m., turned much colder in evening & windy. Having blizzards in West and Northwestern states. We took children to school and went to hospital, volunteered. I made salad and 2 pie crusts & cooked 2 quarts cranberries. We put storm windows in upstairs. Home in evening.

Thursday, November 10, 1977. Cloudy, few snow flurries, windy, cold, in 30s. I went to Home Extension. Mary and Mabel along. We were on committee. I took pineapple salad & pumpkin

pie. Had barbecue. We got some endive in & found few tomatoes yet. Pete worked on auxiliary books. Were home in evening.

Friday, November 11, 1977. Clear, 26°, nice day, in 40s. Did cleaning. We went to Gift Shop meeting at auxiliary building at 10:00. Went to bank and to Econ-O-Wash. Did my bedroom rugs & had car washed with wax. Went to Eastland and to grocery store. Marie, Mary & we to Cambridge Inn. Saw Edgars & Marguerite [Burwitz], also Art Siegs. Went to Mary's apartment.

Saturday, November 12, 1977. Clear, nice day, chilly. Pete put dirt around some of roses. I baked rolls. Finished cleaning, shampooed my hair. Mary & we to Eureka in p.m. Nettie still in hospital, doesn't look good. They say she has ulcers. We went to Rons for supper. CRs there too.

Sunday, November 13, 1977. Mostly cloudy in p.m., chilly. We went to early service. Ron worship leader. Mary & we to Elms for dinner, then to Meadows Home Open House. Very nice place. Large crowds. We went to small group meeting at Franzie Loepp's new home. We took Merle. Had nice evening. Rained in evening.

Monday, November 14, 1977. Fair, warmer, near 60°. Pete took Jon & Mohr children to school. I washed and ironed. We went to town at 1:00. I saw Mrs. Tom Marquardt who had mastectomy. Took her a kit from Cancer Society. Went to Auxiliary Annex for meeting about starting a gift shop in Annex. We took Marie & Mary to Hudson. Mary bought dress, pants suit & red blouse. Marie got dress. I got brown knit blouse. We went to Cambridge Inn. Marie got our supper. Packed suitcases.

Tuesday, November 15, 1977. Partly cloudy, warmer. We left home at 7:40 for Memphis. Got to Pauls at 4:30. Glad for good trip. Had little shower in p.m. Pauls are okay. Paul had class in evening. Gave them their gifts from our trip.

Wednesday, November 16, 1977. Had thunderstorm and rain early a.m. Cloudy, rained most of day. Everyone to school. Pete and I to Women's Exchange to talk to them about it. [It] is set up as [our] auxiliary wants to start something similar. Paul home for lunch. I worked on quilt. Paul & we to see Andy do gymnastics at YM and then went to Shopping Center to get some clothes for Andy. Pete & Paul to Barbershoppers work shop.

Thursday, November 17, 1977. Clear nice day, in 60s. Marjorie home in morning, studied. Worked on report. She has class in evening. Paul at school all day. We got children at school. I got supper. Paul to meeting in evening. Marjorie went for awhile after her class. I worked on quilt. Jeff had surgery. Ron & Jo & Jon to Bluffton in p.m. Marty at Marie's all night.

Friday, November 18, 1977. Fair, nice day. Everyone to school. Pete raked yard in morning. I helped when I finished the laundry. Paul home for lunch, then to meeting. I got Amy at school. We raked the backyard in p.m. Marjorie & children helped when they got home. We took Paul's to barbecue place in evening. Looked at our pictures in evening.

Saturday, November 19, 1977. Partly cloudy, mild. Pete and Paul fixed window in garage. Marjorie went shopping. I baked cookies. We baked cupcakes and other cake for Benjy's birthday. Pete got some shrimp. Had some for supper & Marj made some Chinese food. Boys to birthday party in p.m. Talked to Allen. Jeff doing all right. May get home tomorrow.

Sunday, November 20, 1977. Rained at Paul's just before we left there at 8:00. Had little rain until past West Memphis. Then partly cloudy & sunshine. Had rain from Springfield home. Got here at 5:00. Thankful for safe trip.

Monday, November 21, 1977. Clear, cold, 35° high. I washed 3 loads. Baked cookies & bars. Did ironing. Got endive in & cleaned it. Pete worked on books & cracked pecans we got in Tennessee.

Tuesday, November 22, 1977. Mostly fair, chilly. We went to town. I went to prayer group at June [Jantze]'s. Went shopping. Got Allen shirt, Paul billfold and Marie picture arranger. I made chili in p.m. We went to Eureka at 5:00. Mary along. Got Orvie at Jon Stalter's. Stopped to see Ed. Nettie still in hospital. Went to Sambo's for supper. Took Mary home. Orvie here.

Wednesday, November 23, 1977. Very foggy in morning, mostly cloudy. I did some cleaning. Baked ham. Got things ready for Thanksgiving dinner. Talked to Allen in morning. They aren't coming. Had 3 inches snow. Decided to come Christmas [instead]. Pete cracked rest of pecans. We went to Chenoa at 4:45. Met Steve there at 5:40. Judy S along. Took her home. We ate at Arby's.

Thursday, November 24, 1977. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 35°. We, Orvie & Steve to Rons for breakfast. I got things ready for dinner. Rons, Mary, Orvie, Ed, Marie, may Mohr, see ours and Steve here for dinner. Had goose and chicken. Jo brought oyster dressing, Mabel salad, Mary pies & rolls. Pete & Orvie got Ed. Ron, Steve & Orvie took him home. We ladies to Gordons awhile to see [the] twins. Gordons here for supper. Allen called in evening. Willis called in morning. Snowed some in night.

Friday, November 25, 1977. Cloudy, snow flurries, windy, temp dropping steadily all day. I washed table cloths, towels and some laundry for Steve. Jo & boys here for lunch. Had leftovers. Ron worked. We all, Marie & Mary to Red Lobster for supper. Went to Marie's awhile afterwards.

Saturday, November 26, 1977. Zero, fair, warmed up some during day. I finished cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Baked pumpkin pie. Steve helping Ron put insulation in attic of house. Orvie, Steve & we and Marie to Mary's for supper. I took pie. Orvie stayed at Mary's all night. I washed Steve's work clothes. Snowed in night.

Sunday, November 27, 1977. Snowing, 4 inches. We went to early service. We had lunch at Sambo's. Came home. Got Steve's things. We took him to Chenoa [to] meet Greg Gundy. Was

near 2:00 when they left there. Roads not good. We were home in evening. We miss Steve. Orvie at Mary's. Steve called at 9:30. Got along okay for which we are thankful.

Monday, November 28, 1977. Fair in morning, 4° above. Cloudy it up in p.m. I washed and ironed. Made salad. We went to town at noon, to bank. Got groceries. We took Orvie & Mary to Eureka. Nettie at Home again. Seems little better. I got supper. Orvie, Mary, Ron & boys here for supper. Had chicken & apple pie. Jo to Menno Haven Camp to meeting. Ron took Mary home. Orvie here all night.

Tuesday, November 29, 1977. Fair, nice day, 15° in morning. I went to prayer group at June's. Then to Marge Nesters to help pattern Dwaine. I stirred up ginger cookies in morning. Baked them in p.m. We went to town at 5:00. Mary, Orvie and we met Edgars at Cambridge Inn. Had nice visit. Pete and I to heritage at Gerald G[alloway]s. Steve Estes told about Flanagan Church. Very interesting. Orvie here all night.

Wednesday, November 30, 1977. Cloudy, foggy all day, had some freezing drizzle in evening. We took Orvie to Stalter's at Eureka. Got there at 8:20. We went to town. I volunteered at hospital and saw a Mrs. Agnes Burroughs for Reach for Recovery. Got little Christmas tree for Mary. I made fruitcakes in PM. Mary here a little while. I cooked squash to freeze. Orvie called, got home at 5:30. Glad they had safe trip. Rained late evening, froze. Washed sheets in PM.

Thursday, December 1, 1977. Cloudy in morning. Had inch of snow. Everything icy. Sun came out, melted, 36°, cloudy again in evening. Windy, cooler. I baked snickerdoodle cookies & ironed. I went to town at noon. Took Mary to Eastland. We got sweater and bed jacket for Ed and Nettie. Orvie gave money too. Mary got Pete shirt. I got Mary housecoat. Pete worked on Ropp history.

Friday, December 2, 1977. Nice day, started to snow about dark & had over 3 inches. Did cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Made apple dessert and salad. Made ham loaf. Harold Bixels and Franklin Basingers from Bluffton came at 4:00 PM. Here for supper & all night. We slept upstairs. Ron & Jo came awhile in evening. We looked at European slides.

Saturday, December 3, 1977. Everything covered with snow. A beautiful site. Partly cloudy. Men to men's breakfast. We visited. Went to The Elms at 11:30 & then on to Meadows Home. Folks wanted to see it. Drove to Eastland. Such a crowd. We didn't get out of the car. Stopped at hospital. Ladies bought some things in Gift Shop. I got supper, hamburger casserole. Folks saw Ron's house. We stopped at Mary's in p.m.

Sunday, December 4, 1977. Fair in morning, 17°, cloudy in p.m. Folks left for Bluffton at 9:15. We enjoyed their visit. We went to 2nd service. Home for lunch. Wrote few notes. We went to Congregational meeting at 4:00. Jo came home with us. Earl K[aufman]s & we to Sambo's for supper. Went to Rons awhile when got home. Congregation discussed building at Assembly of God Church & church budget.

Monday, December 5, 1977. Snowed all day, blowing, much colder in p.m. and evening. Jo home at noon. Schools closed 1 hour early. I washed & ironed. Washed guest beds & towels in p.m. I baked carrot cookies in p.m. & iced them. We addressed Christmas cards & wrote notes in evening.

Tuesday, December 6, 1977. Clear, 3 below zero, very windy, didn't warm-up. Near zero all day. Much drifting. All schools closed. Most all roads drifted. Ron and Jo didn't get to work. All meetings & activities canceled. I baked Crescent & sugar cookies & iced them. Ironed. We went to Rons. Had chili. We baked sugar & Crescent cookies. Ron made caramels. Snowplow went by about 9:00 PM.

Wednesday, December 7, 1977. Fair, 8° below in morning, warmed up some. Ron & Jo to work. Unit 5 had no school. Finished addressing cards. Wrote Allens & Pauls. Pete scooped some snow. Ron opened up so we can get car out. Jo, Jon & I & Mary to Eastland. I got shirt for Jon, slippers for Marty. Pete to town with Ron. Had pastoral care meeting at church.

Thursday, December 8, 1977. Cloudy, 18° in morning. Started to snow at 9:00. Snowed rest of day. We went to town at 9:00. Did shopping. Got flower stand for Marj, record player for Paul's children, shirt for Ron. Went to Eastland. Got groceries. Met Jo. She came home when we did at 1:00. Schools dismissed early. I baked cashew cookies & made sugarplum balls. Larry Mohr scooped out our drive. Rons to Madrigal singers, guests of Dunns, administrative staff. 3 ½ inches snow, drifting and blowing. Rons just made it home.

Friday, December 9, 1977. 5° below, clear, zero all day, strong winds, snow blowing. Everything drifted shut. Roads closed. No schools. Did cleaning, baked coffeecake braid & quick coffeecake & press cookies. Wrapped gifts in p.m. Pete going through some of his dad's files.

Saturday, December 10, 1977. Clear, 9° below. Got to 5° above during day. I cleaned oven and defrosted icebox. Shampooed my hair. Cleaned up kitchen. Made penuchi. Baked custard pie. Rons to town in morning. Ron to hospital. They took Mary to get groceries. Pete cleaned out some snow from garage. Ron used tractor in p.m. to clear out more snow. Snowplow went by at 4 AM.

Sunday, December 11, 1977. Fair, zero in morning, little warmer during day. We went to early service. Ron & boys sang at 2nd service. Stayed to hear them. We were at Mary's for dinner. Came home at 3:00. Were going to Al Giermanns' 60th wedding anniversary but decided to stay home. Jo here awhile in evening.

Monday, December 12, 1977. Cloudy, windy, 30° in morning, up to 40°. Some drifting again early a.m. School buses didn't get through. Marty & Jon home. Our road open. Ron & Jo to work. I washed & ironed. We went to town at 1:00. Mary along. Look for rug & towels for Jo. Met her at 4:30 but didn't decide on anything. Took Mary to Health Center. She had urinalysis.

Tuesday, December 13, 1977. Cloudy, 37°. Very foggy late p.m. & evening. I went to prayer group at June [Jantze]'s. Finished wrapping gifts. We were going to Volunteer Recognition Tea in evening but too foggy.

Wednesday, December 14, 1977. Cloudy, foggy, little mist at times, 32°. We went to town at 8:00. I volunteered at hospital. Pete to bank & done errands. We went uptown in p.m. I got bath towels for Jo. Will give her money too. I made pecan clusters. Jo here awhile.

Thursday, December 15, 1977. Cloudy in morning, rather slick & some ice on trees. Sun shone in p.m. Warmer, in high 30s to 40. I made caramels & baked apple dessert & made chicken Bodine. Baked carrot cookies for Jo. We put pictures in our scrapbook.

Friday, December 16, 1977. Fair, mild, 50°, windy. Did cleaning. Finished wrapping gifts. We went to town at 1:00. Got Mary & Merle. Went to Eureka *Roche-Merte* (sp?). Got cheese & meat. Went to Maple Lawn to see Eds. Took their gifts, sweater for Ed, bed jacket for Nettie. Nettie seemed more alert but physically the same. Went to Morton, Red Bud [Restaurant]. Merle took us. Was nice evening. Shopped a little. Everything beautifully decorated.

Saturday, December 17, 1977. Cloudy in morning, partly cloudy, 54°, rather windy. Pete to men's breakfast. I finished cleaning. Shampooed my hair. Made salad & cheese balls. Made sugar cookies for Jo. Marty & Jon helped decorate them. We put cones on roses. Jo sick, vomiting. Ron helped Tom McIntyres move in morning. He & boys cut their Christmas tree. Brought us one. We volunteered at hospital, 4 – 8:30. Busy, nearly \$100 in Gift Shop.

Sunday, December 18, 1977. Cloudy, 40s. We went to 2nd service. Had surprise luncheon. We were guests at Dr. Bob Stutzman's. Tom Yoders and Don Augsburgers there too. Went to church at 4:30. Had cookies, breads, punch & coffee. Had program at 6:00. Good crowd & program. Jo home but feeling better. Ron & boys to church. Ron at evening program. Paul called. They are coming [the] 30th.

Monday, December 19, 1977. Fair, cloudy in evening. I washed & ironed. We put up Christmas tree & decorations in p.m. Allen called in evening. They are coming the 26th. Rained in evening. Snowed in night.

Tuesday, December 20, 1977. Snowing some & windy, blowing snow. Much colder, in 20s. Schools out early. I made salad. Edgars, Mary & Marie were coming for supper, but canceled it. I cleaned drawers in China cabinet & worked on quilt. Jo home. Still not feeling very good.

Wednesday, December 21, 1977. Cloudy, snowed some in morning, but not so windy. We went to town. I volunteered at hospital. We took Marty to school. Bus late. Ron & Jo to work. We took Mary to hospital, volunteered. Hospital had buffet for employees. Pete helped at Coffee Shop awhile. Edgars, Mary, Marie & CRs here for supper. Showed our pictures.

Thursday, December 22, 1977. Partly cloudy, windy in p.m. East-west roads drifting. Roads slick in places. Cooked 2 quarts cranberries. Washed some sweaters & Pete's trousers. Worked on quilt. Rons, Mary & we to Marie's in evening. Had gift exchange. I got stationery & lamp shade. Pete, book & tie. Marie had snacks, ice cream & cookies. Mary & I took cookies.

Friday, December 23, 1977. Clear, warmer, in 30s, nice day. Did cleaning. Went to town in p.m. Did some shopping. Went to Ernie Fowler's funeral at Calvary Baptist Church. Went to Dixons. Got oysters and fish. Went to Merle's for supper. Had spaghetti. Irene Davis there too. Took Merle some oysters & clam chowder.

Saturday, December 24, 1977. Cloudy, 30s, foggy awhile in p.m. Turned much colder late p.m. Strong wind from northwest. I washed and ironed. Cleaned up kitchen. Shampooed my hair. Made chili. Worked on quilt awhile. Pete to see Glenn Maxwell in morning. We went to Marie's. Had oyster stew. I took chili. CRs, Mary, Pearl & May M[ohr] there. Rons to service at church at 6:30. Had gift exchange with Marie. I got lampshade. Pete, book & tie.

Sunday, December 25, 1977. Partly cloudy, 4° above, windy, few flurries. We went to 2nd service. Rons and Mary here for lunch. Had our gift exchange. [I got] necklace, scarf, stationery & robe from Rons. Plastic tablecloth & keychain from Mary. We went to Rons at 4:00. Helped Jo. Jim Waltners, Dr. Bertsches and Paul Millers and Mary & we there. Had ham. I took cranberries, eggnog, cookies. Lenore brought salad, Mary, rolls. Ann, relish plate. Evelyn, fruitcake. Had a very nice day. CRs had all in-laws & May. Ron gave Pete Collie dog (Shep) for Christmas.

Monday, December 26, 1977. Fair, cold, zero. Made chili. Got things ready for lunch. Allens, Jeff & Pam got here at 12:30. Good to see them. We and Allens at Rons for supper. I made waffles & apple salad. Took cookies. Came here after supper. Had gift exchange. Gave me dress material. Rons gave Allens & us tape we made while Ro's were in California. Told about Pete's dad. Shirley & Jo divided some of Ida's & Mary's dishes, etc. Children each took a piece.

Tuesday, December 27, 1977. Clear, cold, zero. CRs & Marie took Allens, Ron & boys (Jo working), Mary & we to Holiday Inn for breakfast. Allens made some calls. Shirley stayed with her mother awhile in p.m. I got things ready for supper. Had duck & chicken, oyster dressing. Rons, Allens, Mary, Marie & Mrs. Yeakel here. Got meat & cheese box from Allens & 3 pound baby Swiss from Merle. Ron taking week off.

Wednesday, December 28, 1977. Fair, nice day, warmer. Allens left for home at 9:50. So good to have them. Glad for nice day. I washed & ironed some. Did some cleaning. CRs, Marie, Mary & we to Edgars for supper. Had Chinese food brought in.

Thursday, December 29, 1977. Fair, nice day, 41°. I ironed sheets & made up beds. We went to town at 10:30. Got planter for Eds. Got groceries. Mary & we to see Eds in p.m. They're about

same. Bill Dunns, Sherry & Cindy here in evening. Had dessert. Girls left at 9:00 for show. Showed Bills our European pictures. Rons here awhile.

Friday, December 30, 1977. Foggy in morning and again in evening. Sun shone awhile in p.m. Did cleaning. Went to town at 10:30 to Gailey's. Had glasses adjusted. Went to bank & hospital. We went to show, "Oh God," at 1:00. Shampooed my hair.

Saturday, December 31, 1977. Pauls got here at 1:00 a.m. Cloudy. Started to snow about 8:00 PM. Pauls got up late. I got things ready for lunch & dinner. Pete, Paul & Jo to town in morning. I sent cookies for RL Hartzler's dinner. Rons & Mary here for supper, had ham. Jo brought salad & eggnog. Had gift exchange. Had lunch at midnight. Ron & Paul took Mary home at 9:00. Allen called at 11:00. They had 6 – 8 inches snow. We had nice evening. Watched the New Year in.