

The Diary of
Anna Kropf Ropp

1953-1957

Thursday, January 1, 1953. Partly cloudy, rather windy. Ida had day off. She washed and I finished washing feathers. I baked rolls and the cherry pie. Made salad. Done all of cleaning and ironed. We went to church in evening. Girls quartet from Bluffton gave program. The driver, Carl Lockard, here all night. Pete and boys cleaned barn.

Friday, January 2, 1953. Snowed and melted some. Allen to town with Carl at 10:15. I fixed 4 sack lunches. Went to auxiliary at hospital at 11:15. The quartet sang at meeting and ate lunch with us. Allen and Carl ate there also. I fixed their lunch, also one for a girl. Ida along home. Got supper. Roy's, Minnie, CRs and Ray Hastings here for supper. Had ham and ice cream. Made ice cream in morning. Roads rather slick in places.

Saturday, January 3, 1953. 15° above, snowed in morning. Went to work at 7:00, had busy day. Pete, Allen and Paul to town in p.m. Paul took lesson. Allen to Dr. Holub. Shirley along home. We all went to Edds for supper. Edgars, Mother, Ida and Owen Kenagys there too. Had Turkey, very good. Ida along home.

Sunday, January 4, 1953. Cloudy, 18° above. We all went to church, home for dinner. Boys wrote thank you notes. I wrote some letters. Ida to town in evening with Allen. Earl Mishlers here in evening. Had nice visit. Had popcorn and root beer.

Monday, January 5, 1953. Mostly cloudy, colder during day. Pete took Allen to E. Scherick's at 8:00. They left for Bluffton at 9:00. Had some icy roads. Got to Bluffton at 5:30 EST. I done washing and ironing, had big one. Edgars and Ida here for supper. Had waffles and ice cream. Was 2° below at 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 6, 1953. Cloudy, snowed some. Not so cold in morning but colder in evening. Pete and I took Christmas tree and decorations down and put them away. I cleaned up house. Went to work at 3 to 11. Had a very busy evening. Some surgery -- appendectomy and abscess opened. I got home at 11:30. Was 2° above zero. Pete working in henhouse.

Wednesday, January 7, 1953. Gloomy, misting, freezing some in evening. Went to town at 10:30. Took Mother to Dr. for checkup. We shopped in p.m. Pete got new suit and had his eyes tested at Gaileys. Got glasses for reading. Choir practice called off. We all went to John Deere program at Bloomington High School, good crowd. Rained in night.

Thursday, January 8, 1953. Cloudy, everything covered with ice. Roads slick in morning, but broke up later in day. Home Bureau was to be at Presbyterian Church in Normal, but postponed. I done some baking. Cleaned upstairs and mended in p.m. Cleaned the oven good. Pete and I to NCHS in evening. He to Farm school and I to ladies meeting, hair styling. Paul at Fowler's. Ronnie to basketball game at Carlock.

Friday, January 9, 1953. Cloudy, windy, gloomy. Done cleaning and baked cookies in morning. Pete worked in henhouse. Pete took me to town in p.m., worked 3 to 11. Were busy, had surgery. Dr. Hoop's baby, strangulated hernia and had an appendectomy. Agee helped us. I stayed all night at Ida's. Ronnie to basketball game. Pete and Paul to Hudson. Earl Kaufman's company had show.

Saturday, January 10, 1953. Cloudy, melted some. Went to work at 7:00 to 3:00. Wasn't quite so busy. Paul to Mothers in morning with CRs. Ray there too. Pete and Ronnie to town in p.m. Paul took lesson. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom in evening. Pete dressed three rabbits.

Sunday, January 11, 1953. Fair, nice day, quite chilly. We all went to church in morning. Ronnie home with Jim Yoder. They went to youth meeting at Normal Methodist church in p.m. Paul at CRs. Pete and I to George's. They wanted 2 rabbits. I do and Ronnie along home. We went to Park ME Church. Jean Price, writer for "Unshackled" radio program was speaker. We used CRs car. Generator on ours went out.

Monday, January 12, 1953. Fair, quite windy, thawed some. Pete and Ronnie took our car to garage. Used CRs car. Ronnie brought our car home after school. I washed and ironed. Got things ready for supper. Ida and Edgars here. They left at 7:45. Edgar had meeting. Ronnie to F. F. A. meeting and to skating party. Dorothy fixed our hair.

Tuesday, January 13, 1953. Partly cloudy, warmer. We went to town at 10:30. I got new shoes and done some shopping. We went to armory at 12:30 to Farm Bureau meeting. Good crowd. Couldn't hear very well. I went to Good Will Circle at church. Pete and boys to basketball game at NCHS We won.

Wednesday, January 14, 1953. Cloudy, rained some in morning. I went to work at 7:00, were busy. Pete and CR butchered beef. We got half of it. Put quarter in locker. They went to Mothers. Settled with her and figured her income tax. Took her to dentist. Ida home with me. She washed. Pete and I to choir. Ida and boys home. Ronnie has cold.

Thursday, January 15, 1953. Cloudy, windy, 55° in morning. Rained shower in morning. Turned much colder in evening, 12° above. We got meat ready to can. Ida and I to Home Bureau at Normal Presbyterian Church. We canned 14 quarts and 6 pints beef in evening. I went to PTA at Special Ed. building, joint meeting. Pete to Farm School. Ida and boys home. Pete doing chores, etc. Went to Yuton [Elevator] to see about selling corn at Fagerburg's. I cleaned upstairs and bedrooms before supper.

Friday, January 16, 1953. Partly cloudy, 12° above. Few snow flurries. Ida and I to work, 7 to 3. Pete ground feed. Helped spread limestone. I made chili after got home. Pete and Ronnie helped me some. Canned 19 quarts. Merlin [Fowler] here for supper. Boys got out of school at noon. End of semester exams.

Saturday, January 17, 1953. Sleeted and rained, froze ice but broke off the roads so wasn't so slick. I done cleaning and cooked bones for soup. We went to town at 11:00. I helped serve dinner at Farm Bureau. Dry Grove [Township] served. Pete and boys at Mothers for lunch. Went uptown a while. Paul took lesson. Ronnie to sale barn awhile in p.m. He came home with CRs. Ida along home. Colder in evening. Canned 9 quarts soup in evening.

Sunday, January 18, 1953. Fair, nice day, most of ice melted. I went to work at 7:00. Pete took me. Pete, boys and Ida to church. Pete got me at 3:00. Ronnie to Youth Council of churches.

Jim Yoder with him. We waited at Walters until they were through. Paul at Fowlers. Ida here. We all went to church in evening. Took Ida home. Had busy day at hospital. Ruth Otto back again in hospital. Has such pain in her hip and back.

Monday, January 19, 1953. Cloudy, damp, chilly. Washed and done ironing. Pete choring and put eggs in cases. Paul home from school, has cold. Ronnie to play practice in evening.

Tuesday, January 20, 1953. Cloudy, rained little, slated some in evening. Pete to J. Bowen sale, brought wagon and brooder stove. I cleaned up house. Made salad, etc. Got ready for company. Earl Kaufmans, Al Mohrs here for supper. Invited Georges and Phils but couldn't come. Pete got Ida after work. Paul to school. He's better. Listened to inauguration of President Eisenhower. Ronnie to ballgame in evening.

Wednesday, January 21, 1953. Cloudy, real foggy. Defrosted icebox. Called people about PTA Magazine subscriptions. Went to club meeting at Will Alwes in Carlock with Pearl. Ronnie to play practice. We went to choir practice. Paul at Mothers. Dressed 2 chickens for Ida. Pete working in barn.

Thursday, January 22, 1953. Cloudy, misted some. Not quite so foggy. I baked rolls and cake. Done all of cleaning except kitchen and bath. Made salad. Ronnie to Peoria with chemistry class. Went to Keystone Steel and Wire. Pete working on feed bunk. We went to Earl Mishlers for supper. Pete and Earl went after Allen at El Paso. They got back from Bluffton at 9:00. Shirley with Pete. Glad to see Allen again.

Friday, January 23, 1953. Cloudy, rained most of today, colder in evening. Done Allen's washing. Got things ready for dinner. We went to annual hospital meeting, basket dinner. I helped with dinner. Good crowd. Stopped to see Ruth Otto. Still has lots of pain. Allen to Dr. Halub and to Mothers for dinner. Ronnie to basketball game. Pete to Earl Thomas to figure income tax. Don't have any to pay. Ida and I to Edgars. Had our hair fixed. Paul a long. Allen had date.

Saturday, January 24, 1953. Cloudy, much colder, 22° in p.m.. Had few snow flurries. Done ironing, baked cookies, apple crisp and pie crust. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Paul didn't take a lesson. I went to town awhile at 3:00. Pete and boys putting *celotex* (sp?, insulation?) on henhouse third floor. I made salad and ice cream in evening. Allen had date. Carl Woizeski in Milwaukee, Wisconsin passed away.

Sunday, January 25, 1953. Fair, nice day, warmer. We went to church. Got ready for company. Edds, Edgars and Shirley here for dinner and supper. Edds home before supper. Pete after Ida when she got off work. Allen and Shirley to U[nited] B[rethren] Church. They sang in quartet. We had nice day. I made 2 gallons of chili in p.m. for Allen to take back to school.

Monday, January 26, 1953. Fair, rather cold and windy. Pete took Allen to Schericks at 8:00. They left for Bluffton at 9:00. Was nice having him home. I washed and ironed. Pete worked in henhouse. Pete and I, Mother and Dorothy to Saybrook in evening to see Carl Woizeski. Lots of the relatives there. Paul at Ida's. Ronnie to 4-H Federation meeting at Farm Bureau.

Tuesday, January 27, 1953. Fair, nice day, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Were quite busy. Pete got load of cobs at Yuton. Worked in hen house. I finished putting clothes away and packed rest of Allen's clothes and got supper. We went to basketball game at ISNU. NCHS played U. High. We won, 54 to 41.

Wednesday, January 28, 1953. Partly cloudy, chilly, 13° in morning. We had some snow in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Pete getting hen house ready for baby chicks. We went to choir practice in evening. Ronnie to play practice. Paul at Fowlers all night.

Thursday, January 29, 1953. Cloudy, chilly and damp. Baked cake, made salad, dressed chicken. Cleaned upstairs in p.m. Lucy C[atherine Patton] here awhile in morning to use telephone. Pete working in hen house. We went to alumni family night supper. All church party was at Baptist Church in Normal. Ida went with Ina and Ruth. Boys with us. Ronnie to play practice after supper.

Friday, January 30, 1953. Cloudy, chilly. Done cleaning. Pete and I to town at 11:00. Done some shopping. Went to dentist. Ida along home. Edgars here for supper. Mother came out with them. Dorothy combed her hair. She went to CRs for supper. They had foreign students. We had ice cream and oyster soup. Ronnie to play practice. Ida here all night.

Saturday, January 31, 1953. Partly cloudy, much colder in evening, windy. Done Saturday work. Ida washed. I washed windows on outside. Ronnie and I washed car after dinner. Pete and Ronnie worked on hen house and brooder house, sprayed, etc. Ida and I to town awhile in p.m. Mother along. Paul had no lesson, Mrs. K[emp] sick. Made salad and dessert. We all went to George and Merle's after supper. We ate after George closed store (10:30). Had chopped suey. They got the rabbit dressed.

Sunday, February 1, 1953. Mostly fair, nice day, 7° above the morning. Warmed up some. We went to church. Harold [Patton]s, Lillie [Heck], Norman [Vercler]s and Carol Diller here for dinner. Normans stayed for lunch. We had nice time. Carol left at 3:00, she had studies. Ronnie went to youth meeting at Bloomington Presbyterian Church at 6:30. We went to church with Normans. I helped Pete milk as got late for him. R. L. Hartzler showed his pictures of Europe.

Monday, February 2, 1953. Mostly fair, warmer. I washed and ironed. Pete worked in barn. Boys to school. Ronnie to F. F. A. basketball game at Heyworth.

Tuesday, February 3, 1953. Fair, chilly, nice day. Pete and I went to Champaign, Farm and Home Week. CRs drove. Laura and May [Mohr] along. Also Gordon had load. Ronnie to ballgame. Pete to Men's Fellowship. Paul at Mothers. I went to nurses home to see Maxwell about the supper for Romeyn Oyer.

Wednesday, February 4, 1953. Fair, nice day. Made pudding, dressed three chickens. We went to town at 11:00. Mother and I to dentist. Pete helped Glenn Maxwell move tables from church to nurses home. I ate lunch at Mothers and took urns to nurses home. Pete and I unloaded cobs

in chicken barn. I cooked chicken in evening. Ronnie helped with cobs too. We all went to Ernie Fowlers in evening to reception for Bill and his wife.

Thursday, February 5, 1953. Cloudy, rained in evening and very windy. Baked cookies, coffee cake and cleaned upstairs. Pete shelled corn at Fagerburg's place. Ronnie home in morning to help. He went to school at noon. I went to nurses home to get supper for the benefit supper for Romeyn Oyer. Had creamed chicken, biscuits, peas, salad and relish for \$1.00. Pie, cake and ice cream extra. Served around 530, sure a crowd. Pete, Glenn [Maxwell] and Eldon [Rupp] helped some. Ronnie to play practice after supper. Paul to Mothers. Roy Bates died suddenly at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, February 6, 1953. Mostly cloudy, quite chilly. Done cleaning in morning. Mother and I to auxiliary meeting at nurses home in morning. Had good crowd. Pete getting ready for baby chicks. Ida along home. Edgars here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair.

Saturday, February 7, 1953. Fair, nice day. I went to work at 7:00. Pete and Ronnie getting ready for chicks and pigs. Ronnie took Paul to lesson in p.m. Paul to Mothers all night. Ray there too. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom in evening.

Sunday, February 8, 1953. Fair, nice day. I went to work at 7:00, still busy. Hospital full, room problems. Pete and boys to church. They were at Mothers for dinner. Ronnie to Youth Council meeting at our church. Pete and I to Stubblefield Funeral Home to see Roy Bates. Ida along home.

Monday, February 9, 1953. Fair, nice day. Chilli. Went to work at 7:00. Pete took us to work. He went to Roy Bates funeral in p.m. and got baby chicks. We got 1650. Ida along home. We washed. I helped Pete and boys put chicks out. Put 1300 in barn and 350 and brooder house. Ronnie to play practice. Was tired. Busy at hospital. No rooms and patients coming in.

Tuesday, February 10, 1953. Cloudy, showered some. We went to town in morning. Got patterns for dresses. Ida got electric sewing machine. Mother along home. We made kitchen curtains and cut out our dresses. Baked cookies in morning. Sent Dave and Allen boxes. We went to Good Will at church. Ronnie to play practice, took Ida home. Pete worked with chickens.

Wednesday, February 11, 1953. Cloudy, gloomy. Done my ironing and finished curtains. Hemmed some towels for hospital. Pete working around home. We went to choir practice. Paul at Mothers. We had popcorn and apples.

Thursday, February 12, 1953. Cloudy, much colder in p.m.. Cleaned upstairs. Went to Home Bureau with Mabel. Was at Western Avenue Church. Pete and boys helped Ernie [Fowler] butcher. Had no school. Mother and I to Idas from Home Bureau. We were all there for supper. Edgars there too. Dorothy fixed our hair. We had waffles and sausage.

Friday, February 13, 1953. Fair, nice day. Baked cake, done cleaning, made salad. Dressed three chickens in p.m. Went to town in morning. Mother and I to dentist. Pete worked in hen

house. We all went to ball game in evening, and NCHS and U High. NCHS. Marie home in evening.

Saturday, February 14, 1953. Fair, nice day, chilly. Went to work at 7:00. Ida, Mother and Marie along home. We got things ready for supper. All went to Garfield family night at town hall. Had nice time. Took Mother and Marie home. Ida here all night.

Sunday, February 15, 1953. Fair, chilly, 15°, nice day. We went to church. We were all at Clarences for dinner. Ate lunch before came home. Gordon home. Roberta there too. Marie back to Chicago in evening. We all went to church in evening. Ray along.

Monday, February 16, 1953. Snowed and blowed all morning. Looked like real blizzard. Cleared off in evening, much colder. I washed and ironed. Pete worked on hydrant, was leaking at the barn. Ronnie to play practice.

Tuesday, February 17, 1953. Fair, cold, 4° below. Cleaned up house, dressed 2 chickens, cleaned dresser drawer and mended in p.m. Got things ready for supper. We all went to 4-H family night at Farm Bureau. Had auction. We took live rabbit. Mother and Ida along.

Wednesday, February 18, 1953. Fair, nice day, much warmer. Baked cake in morning. Pete and I to town at 9:30. I went to dentist. Pete worked on Grandma's basement well. Got Beverly Cox and Mrs. Nord. We went to club meeting at Jean Ann Barclays. Beverly sang. Mrs. Nord told about trip to Sweden. Mother, Mabel and I on program committee. Ronnie's play cast had supper. He went. I took a freezer of [ice] cream. We went to choir with Jeanette. I made salad and cake.

Thursday, February 19, 1953. Mostly cloudy. Cleaned upstairs. Went to work at 7:00, rather busy. Glenn Rader in hospital, kidneys. Pete worked with chickens. I got things ready for supper. We went to PTA supper at Eugène Field. I helped serving. Third-grade mothers hostesses. Ronnie to play practice. Pete master of ceremonies for program.

Friday, February 20, 1953. Cloudy, rained real hard at times during day. Went to work at 7:00. Went uptown after work. Got silver dish for Jack Wellmerling's reception. Pete and I to reception for he and his bride. Was at Tilden Hall (sp?) Hotel. We went to Edgars at 9:00. Dorothy combed my hair. Had cold so didn't wash it. Mother and Ida there for supper. Had their hair done. Cleaned boys bedrooms and living room in evening.

Saturday, February 21, 1953. Mostly fair, much colder and windy. Then Saturday work. Baked pie and cake. Went to town in p.m. Paul took his lesson. Ronnie home. Ida along home. I helped chore. Pete had to butcher pig, cow had gored it. We all went to play at NCHS. Four one-act plays. Ronnie had leading part in one, "Feuding Mountain Boys."

Sunday, February 22, 1953. Fair, 8° above, warmed up some but windy. We went to church in morning, good crowd. Home in p.m. Pete and I to Baptist church in evening, union services. Reverend Durden, Baptist evangelist. Good crowd. Boys home.

Monday, February 23, 1953. Fair, fine day, warmer. I washed. Hung everything out except white starched clothes. Pete helped unload some phosphate on Fagerburg place. FFA boys here in morning to see chickens. Pete ground feed in p.m. I went to town at 3:00 to post office, but no mail from Allen. Went to hospital to see Reynolds. Ida along home. I ironed some before went to town. Finished when got home. Ronnie to 4-H Federation in evening. Elmer Sieg broke arm.

Tuesday, February 24, 1953. Mostly fair. Ida and I sewed on our dresses, got them mostly done. I baked rolls and pie. Went to Friendship Circle in evening. Paul at Mothers. Ronnie to F. F. A. meeting at high school. Made sandwiches for him to take. Mother not feeling so good.

Wednesday, February 25, 1953. Cloudy, sprinkled some, had shower in evening. I cleaned attics in west room in morning. Pete and I to town at 11:15. We went to Federal Land Bank advisory meeting and dinner at Quality Café. Went uptown awhile after meeting. Pete and I to church in evening. Reverend Keiser, missionary to South America, showed pictures. We had to choir practice afterwards. Boys home. Paul Ray Fowler here all night. Allen got [draft] notice for his physical exam.

Thursday, February 26, 1953. Mostly fair, windy. Showered little in evening. I went to work at 7:00, all in with Mrs. Rost. She had hysterectomy. Got along OK. Ida along home. She washed. I cleaned upstairs and got supper. Pete to service company dinner at Armory. He helped serve coffee. We went to NCHS PTA meeting in evening. Ida and Paul to Mothers. She feels bad about Allen and we all do. Ronnie home.

Friday, February 27, 1953. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00, on with Mrs. Rost. She's getting along fine. Pete took me to town. We took Paul to his lesson after school. Mrs. Kemp out of town Saturday. Ida and Mother along home. Pete took eggs to hatchery. Ronnie along home too. He practiced with brass quartet after school. Edgars here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Had ice cream and hamburgers. Ronnie to ballgame.

Saturday, February 28, 1953. Fair, cloudy in evening. Went to work at hospital at 7:00, Reynolds off. Pete and boys worked with hogs, etc. Busy with folks trying to rent Fagerburg house. Ida along home. Cleaned bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bathroom. Were home in evening.

Sunday, March 1, 1953. Cloudy, cold, very windy in p.m. and evening. We went to church. Pete and boys rode home with Phils. Ida and I stayed in to get things ready at nurses home for nurses capping reception. We ate lunch at Helen and Harold [Patton]'s. They wanted us to eat with them. We went to capping services at Wesley Methodist Church. Big crowd and big crowd at reception. We all went to U[nited] B[rethren] Church. Muriel Lester Speaker. Very good. I stayed at Ida's all night. Snowing and blowing and drifting some.

Monday, March 2, 1953. Cloudy, had about 4 inches snow last night. I worked 7 to 3. Boys had no school, Teachers Institute. Ronnie to Mothers. He washed her kitchen and bathroom and helped clean her cupboards. He practiced with brass quartet at 5:30. I done washing after we got home. Pete worked with chickens.

Tuesday, March 3, 1953. Cloudy, rained, sleeted and snowed some in evening. Pete helped that Glenn Raiders awhile in morning. Some of the neighbors cleaned out barns. I cleaned cupboards in kitchen and broom closet in morning. Pete helped me in p.m. We washed kitchen and bathroom. Pete and Ronnie to church in evening. Work night.

Wednesday, March 4, 1953. Mostly fair. Done ironing and cleaned cabinet and bathroom. Went to meeting at hospital in p.m. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul home with Dicky [Miller], stayed all night. Pete worked in barn, hung new door, etc.

Thursday, March 5, 1953. Fair, nice day. Cleaned up whole house. Waxed kitchen and bathroom floors and cabinet tops. Baked cookies and coffee cake. Pete chored and cleaned chicken feeders. Edgars, Ida and Mother here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair.

Friday, March 6, 1953. Partly cloudy, Chile, windy. Went to work at 7:00, real busy. Ronnie, Shirley and Diana to Fairbury. Met Allen and Bill Burkey. They came with Scherick. They all went to basketball tournament. NCHS won. Bill home with Allen. He's his roommate. Pete, Paul and I to Carlock with Reverend Metzger. Had get acquainted evening with Bluffton faculty. Had nice time. I baked cake and made salad in evening.

Saturday, March 7, 1953. Cloudy, snowed, roads real slick. Allen and Bill took me to work at 7:00. They left for Galena, Illinois to see Bill's uncle. Orlyn [Zehr] and Dave Tice with them. They got into ditch coming home, bent bumper. They were fortunate. Got back at 3:00, too late for Paul's lesson. Pete to town with boys. Took eggs. I went with Allen, got new shoes for him. We ate at Mothers on way home so didn't have to get supper. Boys were to go there for dinner. Boys to show in evening. All came here for lunch. Orlyn, Dave and girlfriends. Had sandwiches, cheese crackers, relish. Made ice cream. Late when got to bed.

Sunday, March 8, 1953. Cloudy, fair in p.m., melted quite a lot. We went to church. Ida home. She has cold. CRs, Edds, Shirley and Diana here for dinner. Boys had to leave right after dinner for Schericks. Ronnie and girls took them. Mabel took Mother to town at short time. Edds home at 5:30. Ronnie town, played basketball in evening.

Monday, March 9, 1953. Fair, cold in morning, 18°. Warmed up. Ida had today off again. Her cold better. We washed. I hung sheets, towels and overalls outside. Dried pretty good. Had big washing. Allen had 15 shirts with Tee shirts. We done ironing in p.m. Pete took wagon to Hudson in morning. We went to meeting at Kerrick elevator in p.m. Went with Roy. He went to Yuton elevator in evening to meeting. Ronnie to 4-H meeting. Mabel to hospital in evening for O.R. in 223, only private available.

Tuesday, March 10, 1953. Nice day, rained some in evening. I went to hospital at 7:00. Mabel had hysterectomy at 8:00. She got along fine. No nausea. I stayed until 3:00. Rested awhile after got home. Went to Good Will Circle at church. Went to hospital after meeting, stayed all night with Mabel. Had cot. She had pretty good night.

Wednesday, March 11, 1953. Shower little in morning. Rained in night. Fair. I took care of Mabel until 10:15. Got Mother, took her uptown. I went to dentist. Took Mother to Aunt Ida's for dinner. I came home, cleaned up dishes and house, fixed pie crusts and dressed chicken. Finished putting clothes away. Pete fixed cistern tops at Fagerburg place. Mr. Payne helped him. We went to choir in evening. Paul too. Ronnie has cold.

Thursday, March 12, 1953. Rained hard in morning. Cloudy, had over 1 inch rain. I baked 2 pies for sale. PTA of NCHS served. Cleaned upstairs. Went to Home Bureau at Western Avenue in p.m. We met at *Nieberg's* (sp?) Furniture store on Oakland Avenue. Ida along home. We got things ready for supper. Stopped to see Mabel, she's doing OK. We all went to community clubs supper at Field School. Laura [Mohr] and I on table committee. We went early. Pete and boys came with CR.

Friday, March 13, 1953. Beautiful day. Pete chored and cleaned brooder house in morning. Went to town in p.m. I cleaned bedroom in morning. Went to Mothers with CR. We papered her closet. She and I uptown at 11:30. She got new hat. We ate lunch uptown. I went to committee meeting at nurses home (auxiliary). Stopped to see Mabel. She feels pretty good but still has gas pains. She moved to 208. Paul took lesson after school. Pete to work night at church. I went to Mothers. Dorothy fixed hair. I cleaned up living room in evening.

Saturday, March 14, 1953. Rained in morning. Stormy in evening, real windy. Had tornadoes in places in South. Ronnie to music contest at Monticello. Brass quartet got second. Paul and I to town in p.m. Paul had his recital at Mrs. Kemp, got along OK. Ida along home. We waited at high school for Ronnie. He got back at 6:00. Mabel getting along OK. Ida here all night.

Sunday, March 15, 1953. Cloudy, windy, colder. We went to church. Ate dinner at Mothers. Took her a rabbit. CR and Ray there. Ida and I to Mrs. Barlow at 2:00. Home Bureau having open house for her 100th birthday. We went on to town. I went to work at 3:00 to 11:00. Pete took Mother to Barlow at 3:00. She poured from 3 to 4. Pete stopped at hospital when he took Mother home. Saw Mabel awhile.

Monday, March 16, 1953. Nice day. Went to work at 7:00 to 3:00. Was kinda tired. Pete choring. We went to Peoria in evening with high school band and chorus to see Fred Waring show at the Shrine. Was very good. We went on bus as chaperones. Ronnie went too. Paul to 4-H rally with CR's. We left school at 5:15. Got back at 10:30.

Tuesday, March 17, 1953. Fair, warmer, fine day. I washed. Washed blankets and quilts from upstairs. Done ironing in p.m. Didn't feel too good in p.m., stomach. Went to town at 5:00 with Jeanette [Colter] and Florence. Goodwill served dinner for Man of the Illinois churches. Had 86. Pete and Ronnie to dinner. Paul at mothers. We got along OK but was tired. Glenn Rader had sale, dairy cows. Pete sold four heifers. Ronnie at sale helping. I made pies for 4-H lunch stand.

Wednesday, March 18, 1953. Showered some in morning. Made two pies. Good Will served at sale at ISNU. Went to town at 10:00. Got a navy suit and went to sale barn. Helped over noon. Went to club meeting at Frida Blair's. Brought Mother along. She stayed at CRs after meeting. Mabel came home from hospital, doing OK. I went to Ida's at 4:30. Dorothy fixed our hair. I

went to open house for Marie Hill at Miss Diller, and went to choir practice. Pete and boys to choir with Jeanette.

Thursday, March 19, 1953. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete helped CR shell corn and had cobs ground. I went to hospital personnel dinner at Wesley Methodist Church. Went with Roy and Pearl. Pete and Paul to PTA at Field [School]. Paul's room on program. Ronnie didn't feel good. He was home.

Friday, March 20, 1953. Cloudy, showered in morning. I cleaned closet and boys room and cleaned up the upstairs. Cleaned the two closets in our bedroom. We went to town at 12:30. Had new tires put on car. I got navy hat. We went to Inksapes in evening. Pretty good. Ronnie played with swing band. I cleaned living room in evening.

Saturday, March 21, 1953. Mostly fair, very windy, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys moved honks. Ronnie took Paul to lesson in p.m. Ida along home with us. Pete working in hen house. I cleaned the kitchen and bathroom in evening. Edgars stopped a few minutes to get cream. They were at CRs. She fixed Mabel's hair.

Sunday, March 22, 1953. Fair in morning. Cloudy and windy in p.m. Ida and I to work at 7:00. Were busy, had 4 E.S.T.. Boys rode home from church with Phils. Pete stayed in town. We distributed cancer material for drive on our way home. Mrs. Ella Schertz passed away. We were going to call at funeral home but body wasn't ready. Pete took Ida home.

Monday, March 23, 1953. Mostly fair, nice day. Washed. Pete got his nose broken in morning feeding cattle. I took him to hospital. Had his nose x-rayed. Dr. Wellmerling saw him. His nose so swollen they couldn't keep ice packs on it. Finished washing and got home after 1:30, but got ironing done in p.m. Pete to Hudson yet before noon, got the disc. We went to Stamper funeral home in evening to see Ella Schertz. Boys home.

Tuesday, March 24, 1953. Cloudy, had snow flurries and colder. Went to work at 7:00. Had busy day. Dr. Wellmerling had clinic. 30 doctors done bone case in p.m. Pete to Mrs. Schertz's funeral in p.m.. Ida along home. We baked cake and made salad and dusted the house. Went to Friendship Circle at church. Boys home. Ronnie working on speech. Pete's nose still swollen, his eyes black.

Wednesday, March 25, 1953. Cloudy, Chile, few light flurries. Went to work at 7:00. I helped serve Dr. Wellmerling and his doctors at noon. Auxiliary served them. Pete and I to Dr. Watkins at 3:30. He set his nose and packed one side. I went to Dr. Eaton too. Edgars brought Mother and Ida out. They and Melvin Colters were here for supper. [David Colter's and Paul's birthdays both on March 25.] Dicky Miller here too, and all night. Dorothy fixed our hair before supper. Allen called at 2:00. He has to take his physical 1st or 2nd of April.

Thursday, March 26, 1953. Fair, nice. Got word Marvin Yoder passed away at 12:30 p.m. Had a hernia operation that morning. Such a shock. Leota Greer called. I called Edd. They came over in evening to make plans what to do. Ida decided to go to Ohio on bus. Train and bus connections so poor. We cleaned two bedrooms downstairs and done big washing, curtains etc..

Done ironing & put curtains up. Ronnie took Ida home in evening. Boys sewing oats. Got our one field done. Pete had packing taken out of nose.

Friday, March 27, 1953. Fair, nice day, rather chilly. I went to town at 8:30. Took Ida to bus depot. She left at 10:15. Was to get to Springfield, Ohio at 10:25 [PM] ET. I cleaned upstairs and living room in p.m. Washed windows on outside and raked some yard. Pete disking at CRs. His nose some better. I went to *Gus* (sp?) Lutz's shower at Pauline Roth's. Ronnie to all school party. Pete and Paul put roosts in hen house.

Saturday, March 28, 1953. Fair, rather windy from north. They had funeral services at West liberty Ohio for Marvin at 10:00 a.m. and were leaving for Missouri afterwards. Dan Yoder went with body. Ernest and Ida with Mary. I baked cake and peach crisp. Done Saturday work and washed car and raked some yard. Paul and I to town in p.m. Went to Meadows in evening. Bluffton choir gave program. Allen along home. He decided to go with us to Missouri to Marvin's funeral. Shirley with us.

Sunday, March 29, 1953. Fair, cloudy in p.m., showered some. Bluffton choir sang at our church. Mother staying with boys. Pete, Allen and I to Missouri with Edd and Nettie. Left home at 6:30. Got to Creighton, Missouri at 3:00. We overtook Ernest, Mary and Ida East of *Booneville* (sp?). We ate dinner with them. Ernest has new car, can't drive fast. We stopped at Creighton but Marvins at Garden City. Dan and Clara H. got to P. Hill with the body at 6:00 a.m. We were all at Ervies for supper. Feel so sorry for Mary. Just doesn't seem possible. We went to Marvins all night. Allen at Orvies. Bluffton choir sang at our church.

Monday, March 30, 1953. Rained most of day here (Illinois) and rained early in Missouri. Quite warm and windy. Rained and stormy at Garden City at 8:30. We went to Garden City at 9:30. Ate lunch at Orvies. Church served lunch. Funeral was at 2:00 at Sycamore [Grove]. Another hard day for Mary. Frieda, Lucy and Ernest at funeral. Pete and Allen with Arthur to Kansas City. Allen left on El Capitan at 11:30 for Chicago. Then to Lima [Ohio]. Orvie to city to meeting. Pete home with him. We and Ida at Orvies all night. Willis home for funeral. He and Edith separated.

Tuesday, March 31, 1953. Cloudy, foggy. We left Garden City at 6:45. Drove in fog nearly all day. Ernest, Ida and Mary left at 8:30 and they were in rain all day. Dave came with us. We got home at 4:00. Mother here with boys. They were busy doing chores. Ernest got here at 7:45. They had a long day. Had supper ready for them. Pete and Ernest took Ida and mother home. Edds went home at 4:30.

Wednesday, April 1, 1953. Cloudy, showered some. Mary and Ernest left at 7:30 for Ohio. Sure feel sorry for Mary. I washed. Had a big one. Allen, Orlyn Zehr and Reldon Scherick had their physicals at Toledo, Ohio. They started for home at 7:30 p.m. Pete, Ronnie, Paul and I went with Mr. Custer and Mr. Allen to Bellflower FFA speech contest. Ronnie got 3rd, 7 contestants. I ironed some.

Thursday, April 2, 1953. Cloudy. Pete to Schericks at 1:00 a.m. to get Allen and Orlyn. I done ironing in morning and got dinner. Orlyn here. He, Allen and I to town in p.m. I had meeting at

hospital with Mrs. Hoover and Carol [Diller] about dinner for Bluffton choir. Orlyn went home from town. Ida home with Allen and I. We all went to church in evening. Had communion. Good crowd. Boys got out of school. Cleaned bedrooms in evening.

Friday, April 3, 1953. Reigned in morning. Fair in p.m. I cleaned up all the house. Dressed 5 chickens for choir dinner Sunday. Pete and boys cleaning out barn. Ronnie took Allen to Danvers church at 5:00. I went after Ida at 6:00. We all went to Danvers to hear Bluffton choir. Was very good. Edds there. Roys too. We came home with Roys. Allen brought 2 boys home all night. He took Ida home. Marie home in her car.

Saturday, April 4, 1953. Fair, nice day. I went to work at 7:00. Curtiss and Gary Sprunger here until 1:30. Allen and Pete got dinner for them. Allen and boys took Paul to lesson and met me at hospital. Allen and boys to Gibson City at 4:00. Ida along home. Edgars, Mother and Marie here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. I cooked chicken and we picked it off bones. Pete and boys de-horned steers and cleaned barn.

Sunday, April 5, 1953. Fair, nice day. I went to town at 8:00. E. Hoover, Carol [Diller] and I fixed things for dinner at nurses home. Had chicken with potato chips, fruit salad, relishes, hot rolls, ice cream and cookies. We went to church. Bluffton choir sang at sunrise service at Gibson City and our church at 11:00. We served 44 for dinner. Pete and Noble [Hoover] helped. Ronnie and Paul at Mothers for dinner. Ronnie to Passion Play in p.m. Shirley had ticket. Choir all went to passion play. We went to Washington in evening. Choir sang. Allen along home.

Monday, April 6, 1953. Mostly fair, nice day. Washed, had a big one. Dried nice. Ronnie and Paul took Allen to El Paso at 8:30. Met bus. They left for Goshen Indiana. Miss Allen again. We worked in garden in p.m. Sewed lettuce, radishes, spinach, carrots, beets, all of peas and few beans. Raked the iris too. Boys helped. Ironed some before supper and finished afterwards. Ronnie to 4-H meeting at Creamery.

Tuesday, April 7, 1953. Partly cloudy, chilly. Allen back to Bluffton this morning. Set onion plants out and Paul and I cleaned yard in morning. Aired bedding from boys room. Pete and I to vote after dinner. I cleaned boys room after got home. Pete and Ronnie hauled some manure and cleaned out shed at Fagerburg's. Pete to men's meeting. Had work night. He was on committee. Made sandwiches for him. They had orange and chocolate milk to drink. Lulu Sommers died.

Wednesday, April 8, 1953. Cloudy, rained in morning, fair in p.m. I finished cleaning upstairs (west room) in morning. Baked cookies, coffee cake and bread pudding in p.m. We set out onion sets in morning before rain. Pete worked around barn. We went to choir practice. Paul at Mothers. Ida along home.

Thursday, April 9, 1953. Foggy, fair in morning. Rained at 4:30, hailed some in town, had tornadoes at Lincoln. We washed in morning. Ida and I to Home Bureau at Mrs. Russell Yoder's in Danvers. CR took us. Jud Hastings went after us. Ronnie took our car to town. Had some work done. Pete to town at 2:30 with Roy. He went to blood bank again and brought car

home. We cleaned silverware after got home. Pete and boys to show, "Peter Pan." Ida and I to Dorothy's.

Friday, April 10, 1953. Mostly cloudy, cooler. Done cleaning in morning. Went to auxiliary meeting this a.m. Pete cleaned out barn. Ronnie to Monticello with the band. Left at 9:15, music contest. Ray here in evening. CRs to Champaign. Gordon got his ankle fractured. Band got 2nd at contest.

Saturday, April 11, 1953. Cloudy, chilly. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to town in p.m. Paul took lesson. Ida along home. We went to Edds for supper and went to Roanoke church. Heard high school chorus from Iowa. Ida stayed at Edds.

Sunday, April 12 1953. Rained in morning, showered little in p.m., chilly. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to church. Ronnie with Yoders. Pete and Paul ate in town. They went to cheese house awhile and got me at 3:30. We went to Bernadine Lutz and Norman *Menken* (sp?) wedding at Lutheran Church and reception at the school. Paul at Yoder's while we were at wedding. Ronnie and Jim to youth Council in p.m. Edds brought Ida home. Stopped here before we got home.

Monday, April 13, 1953. Fair, nice day, chilly, 32°. I got up at 4:00. Done washing and went to work at 7:00. Hung overalls outside, the rest in basement. Done ironing in evening. Pete started to plow in p.m. Paul at Fowlers all night. Andy *Lanz* (sp?) died early in morning. Marvin and Frances got to Mary's in evening.

Tuesday, April 14, 1953. Mostly cloudy, showered in evening, chilly. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to Dr. Watkins at 4:15. His nose getting along OK, still little swollen. Mother, Pete and I to funeral home to see the Lanz family. Ida along home. She and I to Good Will Circle in evening. Pete and boys home. We had a very busy day at hospital.

Wednesday, April 15, 1953. Cloudy, rained and hailed some in morning, snowed in evening, cold, very disagreeable. Went to work at 7:00. Busy day. I went to Pearls after got off work. She had club meeting. Mother home with me. We took her home when we went to choir practice. Ronnie at school to practice.

Thursday, April 16, 1953. Fair, windy, chilly, 28°. Baked cookies, coffee cake and pie. Pete helped me wash walls in hall and back stairway. I aired bedding and cleaned cedar closet and cleaned china cabinet and cleaned upstairs and bedrooms in p.m. Ronnie to high school in evening, working on science project. Dressed chicken in evening.

Friday, April 17, 1953. Cloudy, snowed, had three to 4 inches in evening, looks like winter. I cleaned living and dining room, waxed floors and furniture, aired drapes and rug before began to snow. Edgars, Ida and Mother here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Furnace quit on us in evening. Fuel pump quit working. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom after done with living room.

Saturday, April 18, 1953. Fair, chilly. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to town in p.m. Paul had recital, Mother with him. I do a long home. Marvin, Frances and Mary came. Got here about 4:45. Glad to see them. Edgars came out awhile. Ida along the town with them. We made salad and dessert for Sunday dinner.

Sunday, April 19, 1953. Partly cloudy, some snow flurries in p.m.. Ronnie to Chicago with FFA to ballgame. Then game called on account of cold weather. Pete and Paul to Sunday school. Marvins, Mary and I to church. Edds, Mother and Ida here for dinner too. We all went to Billys for supper. Pete to church after supper. Choir gave little program.

Monday, April 20, 1953. Fair, cold, 25° in morning. I done little hand washing in morning. We went to town at 10:30. Shopped around little. Went to see Wesley Methodist church and to Mothers for dinner. Went to cheese house a while. Ida along home. We all went to Edds for supper. Marvins and Mary stayed at Edds. We took Ida home.

Tuesday, April 21, 1953. Fair, fine day, warmer in p.m. I washed, had big one. Clothes dried nice. Pete ground feed in morning, disc truck patch and plowed rest of day. I took boys to dentist and 4:00. We planted potatoes after we got home. I finished ironing before supper.

Wednesday, April 22, 1953. Mostly fair, warm. Cleaned up house. Washed some windows on outside. Missionary society here in p.m., 14 here. Pete plowing. Ronnie to school in evening, play practice. Ida and I to church. Miss Suter (Sitler?) talked on relief work. Had no choir practice. Pete and Paul home.

Thursday, April 23, 1953. Partly cloudy, real warm, 80s in p.m. I cleaned recreation room in morning, baked rolls and cake in p.m. Dressed 2 friers in morning. Cleaned upstairs. Went to town at 4:00. Got Ida and cabbage plants. We set out plants in evening. Pete finished, plowed east field and plowed west one. Disc awhile. Edds and Mary here for supper. Mary stayed also. Ronnie to Lexington in evening. They gave play.

Friday, April 24, 1953. Showered most of the morning. Windy, partly cloudy in p.m. Ida and I went to work 7:00. Mary home. She cleaned up house, mended some and worked on some pillowcases. Pete put manure loader on tractor and they finished disking east field in evening. Edgars and Mother here for supper. Pete worked on tractor at CRs after supper. E. A. and boys with him. Dorothy fixed our hair.

Saturday, April 25, 1953. Partly cloudy. Windy, colder in p.m., real chilly in evening. Ida had day off. She and Mary washed, cleaned kitchen and bath, baked pies, got dinner for men. Bob Schwoerer and Ray Ropp helped Pete and Ronnie hauled manure. Had 65 loads. Ida and Mary took Paul to lesson in p.m. Mary drove car. They done ironing in evening. Ronnie to relays in evening. Had date. I worked 7 to 3. Busy day.

Sunday, April 26, 1953. Cloudy, cold, showered little in few snow flurries at 11:00. I went to work at 7:00. Not quite so busy. Ida, Mary, Pete and boys to church. They were home for dinner. Ida went to nurse's aide wedding at Baptist church. She helped at reception. Pete and Mary drove around town awhile. Pete and I to funeral home to see Mrs. Turley. Ronnie to party

at Joan Cutter's. We went to 2nd Christian Church. Heard All American quartet. Went to Gurtner's awhile afterwards.

Monday, April 27, 1953. Cloudy morning, cool, cleared off, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Mary along. She worked in surgery, helped Ida. Pete helped CR haul manure in morning and disc [corn]stalks in p.m. He plowed after supper. Ronnie to [4-H] Federation meeting.

Tuesday, April 28, 1953. Partly cloudy. Showered in p.m. We washed in morning. Clothes got dry before it rained. Mary done most of the ironing. I baked cookies, coffee cake and cherry torte. We all went to PTA at NCHS in evening. Saw science exhibits. Ronnie and another boy made glass, got first. Pete hauled several loads manure in p.m.

Wednesday, April 29, 1953. Cloudy, damp, rained in evening. We washed for Allen, shirts. He sent them home with Carol D[iller]. We done morning work. I wrote Allen letter. He got his notice, he passed his physical. Sure makes one feel bad. Mary mended some. We went to Hobby show (Home Bureau) in p.m. I stayed at Dry Grove [Township] booth. Mother won angel food cake and ice cream. Ida along. We went to choir practice. Girls & Paul to Mothers. Pete plowed, but rather damp.

Thursday, April 30, 1953. Showered off and on all day, warmer. We ironed Allen's shirts. I cleaned upstairs. We went to town at 10:00. Shopped around little. We went with Frank Bond to look at some properties for sale. Saw several nice ones. Stopped at hospital awhile and at mothers, also at Glenn Raders. Pete ordered seed corn. Glenn some better. Didn't go to alumni. Got done cleaning in evening. Too late.

Friday, May 1, 1953. Partly cloudy, windy. Showered about 3:30 to 4:00. Mary and I to work at 7:00. She worked in surgery. Had busy day, tonsils. Ida and Dorothy along home. Dorothy fixed our hair. Ronnie took she and Ida home. Edgar had party. Pete harrowed in morning. Plowed few rounds before it rained.

Saturday, May 2, 1953. Mostly fair, cooler in p.m. Pete and Ronnie plowed. I went to work at 7:00. Mary done Saturday work and got dinner. Pete took she and Paul to town. Edds, Ida and Mary left town at 2:00 for Ohio. Sure wished I could have gone along, but felt I should help Pete. I washed car in evening and fixed seat covers. Made Jell-O dessert and rhubarb. Pete and Ronnie finished plowing here at home. Worked at Fagerburg's after supper. Paul disc awhile until dark.

Sunday, May 3, 1953. Fair, beautiful day. I went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to Sunday school and church. They were home for dinner. Ronnie to Ehrlich's to play ball. Paul to CRs. Pete got me after work. We stopped to see Ruth Otto. She's still in bed. Ronnie had date in evening. We went to church.

Monday, May 4, 1953. Mostly cloudy, cool, showered in evening. Pete plowing. Ronnie plowed before he went to school and when he got home. Paul disc awhile after school. Pete got calf at Orns. I went to work at 7:00. Another tonsil day.

Tuesday, May 5, 1953. Cloudy, misted and showered little. I washed and ironed. Dried clothes in basement. Pete plowed. Had to quit a while before dinner, kinda sticky. But went out after dinner. Ronnie out after school. They worked late. I stirred up cookies. Have cold, feel kinda tough.

Wednesday, May 6, 1953. Fair in morning. Clouded up in p.m. Had big rain in town in evening, sprinkled here. I was going to clean basement but Grandma wanted to clean living room, so Mabel and I helped her. Baked cookies in evening, also apple crisp and pie crust and cornbread. Pete plowing, worked until 9:00. I have laryngitis, can't talk. FFA dairy team won 1st. Ronnie got 2nd for individual.

Thursday, May 7, 1953. Mostly cloudy to partly cloudy. Pete finished plowing except the pasture across the road. Ronnie disking afterschool. I feel tough. Took cough syrup with codeine. Made me sick at stomach. Cleaned the front room before noon. Went to hospital. Got S.R.D. Finished basement after got home. Didn't go very good.

Friday, May 8, 1953. Partly cloudy, much warmer, 80s. Done cleaning and went to hospital. Got penicillin. Can talk a little better. Pete disking and harrowing. Got Allen's notice for induction May 26. Makes us heartsick. Pete to see draft board about deferment until school out. Has to write them a letter. We dressed 4 chickens and I washed windows in p.m. Pete mowed lawn. Edgars here for supper. She combed my hair and a pleasant surprise, Allen came home with Al Bauman. Got here at 7:30. So glad to see him. Done Allen's washing after supper. Dorothy and Pete dressed 3 chickens for her and 1 for Grandma.

Saturday, May 9, 1953. Partly cloudy, rather windy. I went to work at 7:00. Allen disking and harrowed. Pete worked around here. Ronnie took Paul to lesson and we got him a sports suit after work. I cleaned bathroom and kitchen, baked cake and done Allen's ironing. Sure tired. Feel some better. Allen and Ronnie had dates and went to play at NCHS.

Sunday, May 10, 1953. Fair, but very windy and p.m.. Got things ready for company. We all went to church. Had company for dinner. Mother, Marie and her friend *Fawn* (sp?) and Clarences here for dinner. Allen left at 2:30 for Bluffton. Gordon took him to town. Marie left for Chicago at 4:00. Pete went to Hudson to get plantar blades. Mother and I rode along. We went to church in evening. Young folks gave Mother's Day program. We took Mother home. Miss Allen again.

Monday, May 11, 1953. Fair, fine day. The orchard is beautiful, trees loaded with blossoms. Boys started planting corn at CRs. I washed, had big one. Done ironing in p.m. Ronnie to field after school. Pete and I put out more sweet corn and green beans, lettuce and radishes and some glad bulbs. Ronnie to 4-H meeting at Ehrlichs.

Tuesday, May 12, 1953. Mostly cloudy, looked rainy, much colder in evening. Allen got his deferment until June 15 or later. Glad he got it. I worked in garden in morning. Spaded flower beds. Went to town in p.m. to bank. Mother along home. We dressed 5 hens and 4 friers. Boys finished planting CRs field and started on ours. I went to Lena Maxwells for supper. E. Hill and A. Kaufman there, were 18 in all. Nice meal and time. Went with CR. We all went to NCHS

spring concert. Mother, Mabel and Ray along too. Nice program. Good Will had Mother's Day program.

Wednesday, May 13, 1953. Cloudy, cold, 36°. Showered some in p.m. I cleaned stove drawers and morning. Went to town after Mother at 11:00. Also took Glenn Rader and Ruth Otto each a chicken (frier). We canned 5 quarts chicken and 4 pints soup for Mother. Ronnie to dramatic club picnic at school. Boys planting corn. Quit at 5:00 on account of shower. Paul Fowler here all night.

Thursday, May 14, 1953. Cloudy, partly cloudy in p.m. Baked pie and coffee cake in morning. Went to B\Home Bureau at West Twin Grove Church. Boys planting corn. Ronnie to S. N. A. picnic at Lake Bloomington after school. I cleaned up upstairs. Paul and I done all of chores and except feed calves. Ronnie home at 9:00. He ground cow feed and Pete and I took Ossie [dog] to Dr. Krueger. He thinks he has rabies. Left him there. Dicky Miller here all night.

Friday, May 15, 1953. Partly cloudy. I went to work at 7:00. Boys finished planting corn at CRs and started on Fagerburg's. Ronnie to field after school. Pete and Paul helped me some. I sewed all flower seeds after got home. Sure was tired. Cleaned up bedroom and dressed chicken for Marie Y[oder]. Paul to grade school concert with CR's. Glad to get my flowers in.

Saturday, May 16, 1953. Showered most of day about 6:00 p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Ronnie worked in field until rained. He and Paul to town. Paul at Mothers. Ronnie helped decorate for junior – senior prom. Took Paul to his lesson. Edgars and Mother here for supper. E.A.s brought hamburgers and buns. Made ice cream and I baked angel food cake for Dorothy. She and Mother dressed 3 chickens for Dorothy and she fixed Mother's hair and combed mine. Ronnie to prom. Took Carol *Cauer* (sp?).

Sunday, May 17, 1953. Gloomy and cloudy in morning. Sun out awhile in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Worked in control at switchboard for 1 & 1/2 hours, Stuckey alone. Pete and boys to church. Were at Mothers for dinner. Went to church in evening. 4-H program. Ronnie gave talk and played cornet solo. Had nice program and a good crowd.

Monday, May 18, 1953. Partly cloudy. Had a shower at 6:00. I washed and ironed and made press cookies. Pete harrowed corn, also some of the corn ground and harrowed little of CRs. He and Mabel are in DeKalb. We set out sweet potato plants and tomato plants. Ronnie stayed in after school, band picnic. I went to alumni style show and tea. Took Grandma and cookies.

Tuesday, May 19, 1953. Fair, fine day. Washed off porch in morning. Went to town at 10:30. Had permanent. Took Mother uptown in p.m. She got house dress. Boys planting corn. Pete mowed yard in morning. Paul and I raked it in evening.

Wednesday, May 20, 1953. Real windy in p.m. Boys planting corn. I defrosted icebox and worked in garden. Planted lima beans and cucumbers. Went to club meeting at Jeanette Colter's. Boys worked late.

Thursday, May 21, 1953. fair, rather windy. Cleaned upstairs. Baked rolls, cookies and pie. Dressed chicken. Got things ready for supper. Pete, Paul and I to Field PTA supper. All school program. Paul played tonette. Boys finished planting corn except pasture across road. Pete plowing and disking it. Ronnie plowed in evening. Waxed kitchen and bathroom floors and p.m.

Friday, May 22, 1953. Rained early in morning and most of forenoon. Dark and gloomy. Had storms in northern Illinois. Went to work at 7:00. Busy. Cleaned bedrooms and living room after work. Pete worked with chickens and done odd jobs.

Saturday, May 23, 1953. Partly cloudy. Reigning in night. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys vaccinated hogs, made fence. Ronnie finished plowing pasture in p.m. and disc. Pete took Paul to lesson and we got Paul a suit and shirt. Edgars and Mother here in evening after supper, but Edgars ate some with us. Dot fixed Mother's hair & combed mine. Ronnie to thespian initiation at Phil Kron [drive-in theater].

Sunday, May 24, 1953. Cloudy, Sun came out of while in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to church and to Edgars for dinner. Boys came home after dinner. People here to rent Fagerburg house. Pete got me. Mother at Edgars two. Eds here and got home from work. We went to baccalaureate at NCHS. Eds left at 6:00. Sure had busy day at hospital. Had accidents in p.m. They were held a while on suspicion of narcotics.

Monday, May 25, 1953. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., hot, 90°, humid. Went to work at 7:00. Big day 9 T & A's. I helped in surgery until noon. Helped Dr. Watkins with his T & A's. Carried book rest of day. Washed when got home. Clothes dried good except overalls didn't get quite dry. Pete mowed yard. Plowed truck patch and hoed.

Tuesday, May 26, 1953. Find day. Not so hot and humid. Done ironing in morning. Worked outside awhile in p.m. Cut grass along fence etc. Went to Fagerburg place, got rhubarb. Pete harrowed corn and disk bean ground. We went to Friendship Circle at church. Paul at Mothers. Ronnie to 4-H speaking contest and Federation meeting. He got 1st and a trophy.

Wednesday, May 27, 1953. Mostly fair, real cool. Pete and CR planted our beans. I baked cookies, pie and coffee cake and dressed 3 chickens for Dorothy. Went to missionary meeting at Mabel's. Worked in garden awhile. Edgars brought Mother and Dorothy out. He went back to town. Dorothy fixed our hair. We took them to town and went to choir practice.

Thursday, May 28, 1953. Fair, cool. Worked in garden awhile in morning and cleaned upstairs. Done rest of cleaning in p.m. and dressed 5 chickens, 4 for Marie Yoder and one for us. Pete hoed corn and they moved brooder houses. Boys school out. Got home at 3:00.

Friday, May 29, 1953. Fair, hot in p.m. I washed. We went to town at 10:30. Paul at Mothers, motor lawn. He took his lesson at 2:00. Pete and I to dentist. Mabel, Mother and I took flowers to cemeteries. I done ironing after got home. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Packed suitcases. Pete and Ronnie washed car. Ronnie to NCHS commencement. Band played.

Saturday, May 30, 1953. Fair, hot and humid. Pete and I and Shirley left at 4:30 for Bluffton, got there at 11:10. Got along fine. Grandma stayed with Paul and Ronnie. We attended May Day activities in p.m. Watched TV in the lounge at Founders Hall in evening and heard chorus rehearse the Messiah. Stayed at Beachys all night. They are in their new house. Grandma and boys to CRs for picnic.

Sunday, May 31 1953. Fair, not quite so hot and humid. We all went to church and were at Beachys for dinner. Allen and John Rogers there too. Went to baccalaureate in p.m. and to Messiah in evening, very good. Ida and Mary there too, went with Stuckeys. We left for West Liberty after program. Allen had to take bleachers down and finish packing. Got to Mary's at 2:30 a.m.. Boys to church with CRs. They came home with Pattons. CRs in Mother to Ferd Bastings 50th anniversary.

Monday, June 1, 1953. Rather cloudy and mourning, real cool. We all went to Paul Yoder's for dinner. Mary too. We left Paul's at 2:45. Got to Bloomington at 9:30. Got along OK. Sure had a load. Ida came back with us and all of Allen's things. Boys and Grandma got along all right. Pete took Mother home. We sure were tired. Up late nights. Sure hated to leave Mary alone. We missed Marvin so much.

Tuesday, June 2, 1953. Fair, little warmer. I washed, sure had a big one. Allen had about 20 shirts. Also washed his bedding. Ironed 11 shirts in p.m. & (unintelligible) things. Pete to town in morning and he finished planting corn (pasture across the road). Boys made fence. Allen had date in evening.

Wednesday, June 3, 1953. Fair, rather windy and real warm. I finished ironing in morning. Got things ready for dinner. Baked pie. Went to town in p.m. Paul took his lesson. Got a gift for Allen for Al Bauman. Pete and boys made hay at CRs and plowed field of our corn. Bill Birckey came from Bluffton. Was here all night. He and boys to ballgame. We went to choir practice. Shirley there too.

Thursday, June 4, 1953. Fair, hot. Pete and boys vaccinated pullets in barn. Allen and Bill helped CR with hay in morning. They went to Al Bauman's and Katherine Kaufman's wedding at North Danver's church. Allen was usher. Bill went on to his Uncle at Galva. I baked cake, peach crisp. Got dinner. Cleaned upstairs. Orlyn [Zehr] here awhile in evening. He and Allen had dates. I went to alumni meeting in evening.

Friday, June 5, 1953. Partly cloudy. Had thundershower at 5:00. Rained hard town. They finished bailing hay at CRs in morning. Pete and boys finished vaccinating chickens. I done cleaning and work in garden awhile. Went to annual Home Bureau meeting at Wesley Church at 11:15. Went with Mabel. Mother home with me. Edgars and Ida here too for supper. Dressed 2 chickens in morning for supper. Boys to Covell for ballgame but didn't play, too wet. They brought their girls out here awhile. Had ice cream.

Saturday, June 6, 1953. Had good rain early in morning. Mostly cloudy until toward evening. Went to work at 7:00. Allen took me in. They made fence. Put some machinery away. Done odd jobs. Pete and Paul to town in p.m. Paul had Children's Day practice. Ida along home.

Ronnie to Thespian picnic at Lake Bloomington. Allen to town, had date. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom.

Sunday, June 7, 1953. Fair, nice day, cool. We all went to church. Allen to Shirley's brother for dinner. He and Shirley to Marilyn Augspurger and *McCloy* (sp?) wedding at Danvers. We were home for dinner. Ida, Pete and I went with Roy to Baptist Church to dedication of new educational building. Pete, Ida, Allen, Shirley and I went to Eds awhile in evening. Nettie has been sick since Friday but is better. Ronnie and Paul CRs playing ball.

Monday, June 8, 1953. Had wind, hail and big rain at 5:00 a.m.. Electricity off until 10:30. Done hand washing and picked some strawberries. Started washing at 10:45. Clothes dried nice, windy. Done most of ironing in p.m. and finished picking beans. Got nearly 3 pints. Finished ironing after supper. Pete and boys ground feed. Done odd jobs etc.

Tuesday, June 9, 1953. Looked rainy early in morning and sprinkled little. Fair, quite warm and humid. I baked rolls and pie. Defrosted icebox. Ronnie to Champaign judging contest. He was on poultry team. Pete, Allen putting machinery away in morning. We shelled corn in p.m.

Wednesday, June 10, 1953. Partly cloudy, quite warm and humid. I took children to May M[oher's] for Bible school. Took Ronnie to town at 11:30 and got children at church. Picked peas for dinner and picked four boxes of berries. Took Grandma one. Ronnie at Mothers for lunch and he mowed her lawn. He went to Champaign to FFA convention. Took Paul to his lesson in p.m. Ida along home. We washed. To choir in evening. They had surprise for Allen after practice. Served (unintelligible) and gave him a shaving kit.

Thursday, June 11, 1953. Cloudy, cooler, had little shower here at noon. They finished mowing hay and plowed corn in p.m. Mabel and I went with Home Bureau to Pontiac penitentiary. Very interesting but depressing. Ate our lunch at park and had our meeting. I worked in garden in evening. Pete plowed corn after supper. I also cleaned upstairs. Allen and Shirley with Harold [Patton]'s to Lake Bloomington for steak supper.

Friday, June 12, 1953. Fair, hot, humid. Went to work at 7:00. Ida along home. We picked 8 boxes of berries & baked cake. Fixed some berries for preserves. Boys bailed 3 loads of hay. They plowed corn and part of beans. Ronnie back from Champaign. Edgars stopped here awhile. Dorothy dressed chicken for me. We all went to CRs for supper. Mother helped furnish supper. Marie home.

Saturday, June 13, 1953. Cloudy, had rain and storm in morning. Rained in evening too. Looked awfully stormy and was bad in places. Went to work at 7:00. Ida along home. Pete picked peas. Allen and he podded some. We canned 12 pints peas, iced cake and I picked five boxes strawberries. Paul to Children's Day practice with May [Mohr]. He stayed at Mothers. I brought him home. We all, Mother, Marie, Shirley and CRs at Roy's for supper. Aunt Martha there too.

Sunday, June 14, 1953. Nice day, cooler. We all went to church and to Lutheran School to Woizeski family reunion. Was to be at Miller Park but was afraid weather would be bad.

Shirley and Ida along too. Allen and Shirley left after dinner. We all went to children's Day program in evening. Was very good.

Monday, June 15, 1953. Fair, cloudy in evening. Showered little. I washed. Picked peas. Put 2 quarts in freezer. Picked berries. Made 4 pints preserves. Men baled hay a little while. Bailer wheel broke down. About time they got it fixed, it began to rain. I went to town at 6:00, got Ida and Shirley. We all went to Phil [Patton]'s for supper. Was tired.

Tuesday, June 16 19 three. Fair, hot. Men finished bailing hay. I washed windows outside. We took storm windows off picture window and cleaned up house. Baked 2 cakes, one for Good Will ice cream social and one for us. Dressed 2 chickens. Went to town in p.m. and got Ida and groceries. Picked 2 boxes of berries and peas for supper. Paul Yoder and Mary came at 5:00. Edds here for supper too. Allen, Shirley, Ronnie and Caroline to show.

Wednesday, June 17, 1953. Fair, warm. Baked cake in morning. Paul Yoders left at 5:15 for Jackson, Minn (or Miss?) to Joan Garber's wedding. Mary done the ironing. I picked berries. Men plowing corn. Mary and I to club meeting at Mrs. Denzers. Went with Perl. I worked in garden little while. We set out tomato plants in evening. Boys to ball game. We all went to CRs at 9:00. Jürgen Rufus, student from Germany, showed pictures of Colorado, Mexico, Oregon and Washington. Boys came after game. Fowlers there too. We had ice cream and cake. We all furnished ice cream.

Thursday, June 18, 1953. Fair, quite warm. Allen picked cherries for pies. Made 2 pies. Dressed chicken, got things ready for supper. Men bailing at Roy's in p.m. Pete to town in morning. Got Mother and children from Bible school. Edgars here in p.m. Dorothy fixed our hair. We all feel so badly about Allen having to leave for service. We went to community club supper at Richard Raiders. Allen to Shirley's for supper. He took Mother home. Ernie [Fowler]s took us home.

Friday, June 19, 1953. Fair, hot, 100°. Allen left at 4:30 for Chicago for his induction into the Army. Feel so sorry for him and surely hate to see him go. He called at 1:30 p.m. they were leaving Chicago at 5:30 for Camp Crowder, Missouri. Pete and Ronnie crossing corn, finished in evening. Mary and I picked cherries in p.m. Canned 6 quarts and made 4 pints cherry and strawberry preserves and 2 pints cherry preserves. Done big wash in morning. Mary ironed some. Picked 4 boxes berries. We went to town in evening. Helped pack Christmas bundles at church.

Saturday, June 20, 1953. Fair, hot, 100° to 102°. Rather windy. I went to work at 7:00. Mary done ironing and cleaning. Pete and boys moved rabbit hutches outside. Pete, Mary and Paul to town. Paul had recital. Ida along home. Ronnie plowed corn (sod) across road. We all went to Edds for supper. Ida and Mary stayed all night. We miss Allen so much. He called Shirley this evening.

Sunday, June 21, 1953. Fair, much cooler, fine day. I went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to church. They were home for dinner. We had company for supper. Edds, Ida, Mary and Billy [Klooz]s. Paul D. Yoders got here from Minnesota at 7:30. That ate supper here too. We had

made ice cream. Ronnie took Paul to Bible school program. Pauls and Mary here all night. Mrs. Ernest Straub passed away.

Monday, June 22, 1953. Nice day, warmer, real cool at night. Pauls and Mary left at 7:30 for Ohio. Wish Mary could stay. I washed and ironed, picked peas for dinner and picked the last berries. Pete picked few raspberries. Men working on hydrants. Pete took them to town to have [them] fixed. Ronnie to Jeanette's to practice for 4-H amateur contest. Pete and I to E. Straub's in evening.

Tuesday, June 23, 1953. Fair, nice day. Pete took some roosters and culls to town in morning. I dressed 2 chickens and baked cake, made salad. Picked beans for dinner. Pete and boys cleaned brooder house in p.m. We went to Friendship Circle picnic at Alpha Baughman's. Ronnie to 4-H amateur contest at NCHS Jeannette played for him. He placed in upper 15. Had new beans.

Wednesday, June 24, 1953. Fare quite warm, looked real (unintelligible) and stormy in evening. Had dust storm. Just sprinkled little here. Cleaned up house. Worked in garden some. Rested awhile. Pete to town in p.m. Took Paul to lesson. He brought Mother, Ida and Dorothy along home. Dot fixed our hair. I took them home and went to work at hospital 11 to 7 with Marie Yoder. Had cholecystectomy.

Thursday, June 25, 1953. Fair, rained in evening and again in night, had inch. I got home at 8:00, sure tired. Marie didn't sleep too good. I went to bed in morning. Went to Home Bureau meeting at 1:30. Were entertained by losing side. Was at Federal Land [Bank] building. Mother along. Had Paul's picture taken at *Hamilton* (sp?) Hotel. Had coupon. I went to alumni meeting in evening. Worked 11 to 7. Marie had poor night. Ronnie to band practice. Home with CR.

Friday, June 26, 1953. Partly cloudy, little cooler. Went to bed until noon. About all in. Boys cleaned upstairs. I done rest of cleaning in p.m. Worked in garden in evening. Transplanted flowers. Put out some cabbage plants. Pete and boys working at fence and odd jobs. We are wondering if Allen is still at Camp Crowder.

Saturday, June 27, 1953. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00, very busy morning, accidents and emergency. Ida along home. Done her washing. Pete and boys cleaned out part of second-floor henhouse and plowed corn in p.m. We all went to Farm Bureau picnic and play night. Had thunderstorm in night, also tornado warnings.

Sunday, June 28, 1953. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00 until 10:00. Then went to Sunday school and church and back to work at noon. Had Sunday school election. Herman B[uller] superintendent again. Shirley sang solo at church. Pete and Ida got me at work. We girls and Ruth to Rev. Hartzler's. Got back for Good Will Circle for Marie Yoder. Then we & Herman [Buller]'s to George's [Cheesr House] awhile. Pete didn't feel good in evening. Allen called at noon. He still at Camp Crowder.

Monday, June 29, 1953. Fair, hot, 95°. Pete took Ida to town early and took eggs. I washed and done ironing. Picked about 3 boxes raspberries. Pete and Paul picked. Men plowed corn in morning awhile. CR finished plowing his corn. They finished hauling manure from second-

floor henhouse. Karl Roby and his wife came at 6:45. They stayed all night. We went to Roy's awhile. Ronnie to 4-H keeping fit program.

Tuesday, June 30, 1953. Fair, hot, 94°, little more breeze. Karl Robys here for breakfast. They left at 9:30. Paul and I finished picking raspberries in morning. Got nearly 2 boxes. Put a quart in freezer. Pete and Ronnie plowing corn. I mended some in p.m.. Went to Mrs. Gilbert's in eve. Made out programs for Good Will. Jeanette with me. Marie K[aufman] there too. Allen left Camp Crowder Missouri for Fort Ord, near Monterey California. Went by plane.

Wednesday, July 1, 1953. Had shower in morning. They had bad wind around Miller Park. We had big rain in p.m. and windy, blew awfully hard. Allen arrived in California. I defrosted icebox and worked in garden awhile before it rained. Went to town in p.m. Paul took his lesson. I got dressed. Paul stayed at Mothers. He mowed lawn. Ida along home with me. I picked some raspberries in morning. We went to choir practice in evening. Pete and Ronnie baled at CRs until it rained.

Thursday, July 2 1953. Had big rain Thursday morning. Looked stormy. I went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys working on hen house. Ida and Mother along home. Edgars here for supper too. Dorothy fixed our hair. Ronnie went to band practice and had date. Quite a lot cooler in evening. Ida cleaned the upstairs in evening.

Friday, July 3, 1953. Nice day, cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Ida along home. She cleaned bedrooms. I baked cake. Pete and boys finished baling at CRs. We all went to State Farm Park in evening. Dorothy had picnic. Marie home. She, Mother, CRs and Shirley there. Had nice time. I took cabbage slaw (new cabbage). We took CRs home. Gordon had car.

Saturday, July 4, 1953. Fair, nice day. We washed, done the cleaning, dressed chicken, iced cake and picked 5 boxes red raspberries. Edds, Edgars, Mother and Marie here for dinner. Ronnie Simonized Marie's car in p.m. Shirley had letter from Allen. He's in California. So glad to hear from him, but sorry he's so far away. We miss him so much. We all went to CRs for picnic supper. Put 4 quarts berries in locker.

Sunday, July 5, 1953. Had big rain at 2 a.m. and electrical storm. Wind blew. Had shower at 7:00. Fair rest of day but humid. Went to work at 7:00. Wasn't so busy. Lot of rooms. Pete, Ida and boys to church. They were home for dinner. Had bad storm at 9:00 p.m. and again at 12:00 [midnight]. Had 2 1/2 inches rain. Blew, terrible electrical storm. We just got home from church when it started to storm.

Monday, July 6, 1953. Cloudy in morning, misted some, cleared off in p.m. Beautiful evening, cool. Cleaned up the house. Picked 4 and 1/2 boxes raspberries. Worked in yard some, trimmed grass. Ronnie mowed yard. Pete and boys moved pullets on second floor. Had letter from Allen. Doesn't like California real well. Real cool, foggy until noon. 4-H picnic was here. Were nearly 100 here. We missed Allen.

Tuesday, July 7, 1953. Fair, cool, such a relief after the hot humid weather. I washed. Picked beans for dinner. Done ironing in p.m. Pete and Ronnie to Kerrick. Got a corn dump. They

went to ball game in evening. Jeanette & Marie Kaufman here in evening. We made programs for Good Will Circle.

Wednesday, July 8, 1953. Fair, fine day, real cool at night. I picked bucket of beans and picked 4 boxes of berries. Wrote Allen and Mary in morning. Took Paul to his lesson in p.m. Grandma along home. Weekend 7 quarts means. Pete finished laying by corn, except field across road. Plowing beans. We all went to choir practice. Ronnie helped CR bale in p.m. and mowed hay in morning.

Thursday July 9, 1953. Fair, fine day, cool. I picked beans and canned 4 quarts. Made two cakes, angel food and yellow cake. Worked in garden in p.m. Pete finished plowing beans. Ronnie and Gordon finished mowing our hay in morning. They raked hay at noon. Helped CR bale in p.m. Baled little here but too tough. Edgars, Mother and Ida here for supper. Had hair fixed. We dressed 3 chickens in evening, to 2 Dot and 1 for us.

Friday July 10, 1953. Fair, fine day, little warmer in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Mother and Ida along home. I washed car. They done cleaning. We got things ready for picnic supper. Farm and Home [Bureau] picnic at Edgar Kinsinger's. Ronnie to 4-H judging contest after supper. Mabel went with us to supper. Edds were in town. They stopped here. Pete finished plowing corn in morning. They baled hay here in p.m.

Saturday, July 11, 1953. Fair, little warmer. I washed. Picked 3 boxes raspberries in morning. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Went to town in p.m. Took Allen's trombone to town to have it packed. He wants it sent to him. Got paint for the house. Ida along home. Pete and boys finished baling alfalfa. Glad to have it done. Is real nice. They baled little oats patch by the barn. Picked cucumbers in evening.

Sunday, July 12, 1953. Fair, nice day. I went to work at 7:00. Pete, Ida and boys to church. They were home for dinner. Pete got me after work. Ronnie to ball game. Paul at Fowlers. Ronnie took Ida home in evening.

Monday, July 13, 1953. Nice day. Edds came in morning. Ed started painting the house. Nettie brought her washing along. We both washed. Done ironing in p.m. Nettie painted some storm windows. Pete started combining our oats (standing). CR cut his with the binder. Pete worked late. Ronnie to ball game. Put 2 quarts berries in locker.

Tuesday, July 14, 1953. Fair, little warmer. Nettie and I to Eureka. Picked 7 boxes of raspberries. Were home by 11:00. We went to town in p.m. Ida along home. I dressed chicken and baked cake. Got things ready for Good Will Circle picnic. Was at Sy Colter's. Jeanette, Marie K[aufman] and I were hostesses. Pete combining. Ed painting. They went along to picnic. Picked cucumbers.

Wednesday, July 15, 1953. Fair, warmer. Dressed chicken, baked cake and brownies. Nettie made 4 glasses jelly for me. She painted some. I took Paul to his lesson. Mother and Ida along home. We all went to Garfield picnic at Karl Ernst. Edds didn't go. They were tired. Pete

finished combining oats at home. Started on Fagerburg's. Sam Sommers died in Kansas. Were on way home from Mexico.

Thursday, July 16, 1953. Partly cloudy, had big rain in evening. Boys combining. Edd painting and we had barns painted. They sprayed them. I picked 2 ½ boxes raspberries and canned 11 quarts beans. Jeanette here in morning. Gave her some beets. Edgars, Mother, Ida and Ray here for supper. CRs in town. Dorothy fixed our hair. Edgars to *town* (not clear) at 8:00. Pete took folks in later. Ronnie to band practice.

Friday, July 17, 1953. Had shower in morning. Fair in p.m., quite warm and humid. I went to work at 7:00. Edds to town in morning. They finished painting house in evening. Pete helped some. Ida along home. We washed. Picked bucket of cucumbers. Gave most of them to Nettie. Edds home after supper. We went to choir practice and to funeral home to see Sam Sommers.

Saturday, July 18, 1953. Fair, hot and humid. Went to work at 7:00. Got off at 1:15. Went to Sam Sommers funeral act 2:00. Pete came home with CR after funeral and combined. Got done with ours except for two rounds. Paul mowed Mother's lawn. Ida along home. We done cleaning, baked cake and cookies, picked 3 boxes raspberries and cooked applesauce. Ronnie mowed lawn.

Sunday, July 19, 1953. Fair, quite hot and humid. Went to church. Had basket dinner at noon and annual church meeting. Paul home with CR. Mother there too. Ronnie to ball game in p.m. Ida, Pete, Paul and I to see Ruth Otto awhile. She's still in a cast. We took Ida to town. Ronnie at Fowlers.

Monday, July 20, 1953. Fair, hot and humid. Had shower about 4:30. Pete finished combining our oats and started at CRs. Gordon helped him some. CR gone. I washed and ironed and picked bucket full of cucumbers. Finished the screens on the house and washed the windows.

Tuesday, July 21, 1953. Cloudy, had big rain in evening (nearly 3 inches). I canned 11 quarts beans in morning. Made 3 quarts bread and butter pickles. Made brine for sweet pickles and fixed some for dills. Made 3 gallons sauerkraut. Picked box of raspberries. Pete and Ronnie cleaned out garage in p.m. Done odd jobs in morning.

Wednesday, July 22, 1953. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., little cooler. I baked cake for auxiliary, cookies and coffee cake. Made applesauce. Went to town in p.m. Mother along. Pete fixed her drain and he had some work done on car. I went to nurses home. Helped auxiliary serve ice cream supper. Had barbecue and ham sandwiches. Pete and boys cut some weeds in morning. They went to ice cream supper before choir practice.

Thursday, July 23, 1953. Fair, little warmer. Washed some in morning. Picked cucumbers. He gave them to Mother. Cleaned upstairs. Went to Mothers at noon. Mrs. Edna & Irene Bates, Mrs. Lanz & Margret Mcguire & Mabel there for dinner. Had nice time. I went to Ida's at 4:00. Washed my hair. Dorothy there. She fixed our hair. Pete combined at CRs in p.m. Ronnie to band practice in evening. We're having sweet corn.

Friday, July 24, 1953. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Ida along home. We done cleaning, cooked applesauce. Pete finished combining oats at CRs. Glad they're done. Ronnie to band concert at Hudson. He went to Mothers afterwards. Marie home in p.m. We all, CRs, Roy's, Uncle Henry's and Dorothy there too. Had ice cream and cake. Had letter from Allen.

Saturday, July 25, 1953. Fair, little warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Boys made fence and moved cattle and dug onions. Helped Ernie [Fowler] bale hay in p.m. Mother and Marie here awhile after got home. Edds also here awhile. I picked cucumbers and gave them to Mother and dressed chicken. Ida cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Pete and I, Earl [Kaurman]s and Phil [Patton]s went to Peoria for supper. Ate at the Jefferson Hotel. Went to Earl's, watched TV.

Sunday, July 26, 1953. Fair, quite warm and humid. Went to church. Mother, Marie, boys, CRs and we went to Gridley Park to celebrate Aunt Martha's 85th birthday. We took our dinner. Boys took Ida home. The Korean armistice was signed at 8:00 PM. We're so thankful. Hope we can have peace again.

Monday, July 27, 1953. Fair, hot. Fighting has been stopped in Korea. Wonderful news. I washed and ironed. Lucy C[atherine Patton] here in morning. Picked beans. Robert stayed all day to play with Paul. Lucy C got him in evening. They finished bailing straw at Ernie's and bailed CRs in p.m. Paul Ray [Fowler] here all night. Picked cucumbers. Fixed 6 quarts for dills and put sweet ones in brine.

Tuesday, July 28, 1953. Fair, hot. Went to town, got Mother. She helped can applesauce. Got 23 quarts. We bailed our straw in p.m. We all went to Shrine Circus in evening. Was good. Large crowd. Dressed hen for 4-H fair.

Wednesday, July 29, 1953. Mostly fair, hot. Pete to Wisconsin with George [Frances] at 4:00 a.m. They got back at 4:30 [p.m.]. I worked in garden in morning. Pulled weeds and sewed lettuce. Defrosted icebox. Went to Merle [Frances]s at noon. Spent p.m. with her. Ronnie getting ready for FFA fair. Edgars, Ida and Mother here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Boys to ball game. Played in tournament.

Thursday, July 30, 1953. Fair, hot, humid, 90s. Harry Roths here an hour in morning, on way back to Missouri. I washed after they left. Baked cookies, apple pie and coffee cake in p.m. Made applesauce. Fixed syrup for pickles. Cleaned upstairs. Men helped Ernie bale hay and straw. Ronnie to band practice. I went to alumni.

Friday, July 31, 1953. Fair, little cooler in morning but hot and humid in p.m. Mother here. We canned 26 pints corn and fixed 9 boxes for locker. Pete took them in and took Mother home. I picked beans and canned 6 pints for Mother. Picked pickles in evening for Dorothy. Cleaned up bedrooms and living room. Ronnie to Champaign with Bruce Barber to concert festival. They cleaned henhouse in p.m.

Saturday, August 1, 1953. Fair, hot and humid. Went to work at 7:00. Ida along home. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Canned 6 quarts sweet pickles. Ida made 6 glasses blackberry jelly. Georgia *Marrimer* (sp?) gave her some berries. Pete and boys at Ernie's in p.m. bailing

hay. We all went to 4-H ballgame in evening. Silverleaf [Let's Go 4-H Club] playing tournament. Took Edgars corn and cucumbers in morning.

Sunday, August 2, 1953. Hot, in high 90s. Went to work at 7:00. Pete, boys and Ida to church. They were home for dinner. Ronnie went swimming with Fowlers. Paul at Rays. Pete got me after work. Allen called Shirley at 11:00 p.m.

Monday, August 3, 1953. Fair, hot, little more breeze, near 100°. Washed and done ironing. Men mowed lawn and worked in henhouse. Sold rest of the old hens. Raked back yard in evening. Marie Yoder here after dinner, got sweet corn.

Tuesday, August 4, 1953. Showered a little early in morning. Mostly cloudy, cooler, good breeze. Finished raking yard. Worked ground around roses. Made 4 quarts dill pickles and 4 quarts bread-and-butter. Picked lima beans in p.m. Put 4 1/2 quarts in freezer. Pete and boys finished hen house. They cut weeds in corn in p.m. Pete cut his finger, bled awfully bad. Took him to hospital. Dr. H[oward] Sloan saw it. Put splint on it.

Wednesday, August 5, 1953. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. Quite a lot cooler, 52° in morning. Work in garden and yard. Canned 3 pints beets. Washed in p.m. Stirred up cookies and made syrup for sweet pickles. Pete and boys sprayed henhouse and cut weeds in corn. Pete and I to Springfield with George and Merle. Ate at Dixie Barbecue. Had nice time. Boys home.

Thursday, August 6, 1953. Nice day, cool. Put Allen's shirts away. Cleaned up whole house. Washed kitchen and bathroom floors in p.m. Baked cookies and angel food cake. Pete & Paul to town. Paul mowed Mother's lawn. Pete got boys overalls, \$ day (not clear). Ronnie put cobs in henhouse. Cut weeds in p.m. Mother home with Pete. She finished ironing and dressed 2 chickens for me and 1 for her. Edgars and Ida here too. Ronnie to band practice. Paul to Dicky [Miller]s.

Friday, August 7, 1953. Partly cloudy, cooler. Had terrible hail storm at 4:00 p.m. and hailed and rained again at 5:00. Corn, beans and garden hard hit. Afraid the corn crop is ruined. Had windows broken in barn. Neighbors had some broken in houses. Blew terribly hard. Was worse at Lexington. Makes me sick. I worked 7 to 3. Ida along home. Ronnie to Farm Bureau to amateur contest practice. Ida along home. Ronnie cleaned church in morning and had physical exam.

Saturday, August 8, 1953. Cloudy, showered several times during day. Went to work at 7-3. Pete and boys worked around here. Cleaned up brush from storm. [Rev. Alvin & Vera] Beachys didn't get here until 10:00 p.m. We were all to go to Herald [Patton]s. Waited until 8:00, then we went on. Had fine dinner. Sorry Alvin's didn't get here in time. Ida here all night too. Alvins are fine.

Sunday, August 9, 1953. Fair, cool. We all went to church. Alvins were here for dinner and we went to evening services. Alvin preached. They stayed here all night. Edds and Owen [Kenagy]s here awhile in p.m. to see storm damage. Edgars and Val [Kampmeier]s here too a

few minutes. Have lots of sight seers. Had terrible pain in my foot in evening. Don't know what it could have been. Called Dr. at 12:00. He said put heat on.

Monday, August 10, 1953. Nice day. My foot is better. Vera [Beachy] helped me with the washing so got along fine. They went to Mildred *Panagoo* (sp?) for dinner and Sharps for supper and here all night. Ronnie left for 4-H fair at 7:00. Has hogs and geese. Got 2 1st on his geese. We went to fair in evening. Amateur contest in evening. Ronnie didn't do so well. He felt bad about it. Paul at fair during day. I ironed in p.m. Pete helped men put in windows [broken in hail storm] at Fagerburg's and here.

Tuesday, August 11, 1953. Partly cloudy, little warmer. Baked cake in morning. Got ready to go to town. We took Paul and Dicky [Miller] to fair. We went uptown awhile. Left car at garage to have brakes worked on. Were at fair in p.m. Dicky along home. We were home in evening. Beachys visiting all day, here at night. Dave [Yoder] left Washington, DC for Singapore. So sorry for him.

Wednesday, August 12, 1953. Showered early in morning, fair at noon, pleasant. We went to town at 8:00. Ronnie showed, done real well, 2nd on guilt, 1st on boar. 1st and grand champion on litter, and 2nd on barrow. I helped in cookhouse awhile in p.m. Ronnie along home to chore. He was thrilled over his trophy. We went to show in evening. Ida along. Took Dicky home after show. Beachys visiting Mrs. Troyer and Hoovers. They stopped at fair short time in morning.

Thursday, August 13, 1953. Fair, little warmer. Beachys left for Indiana at 10:45. I washed. Had rather big one. I ironed. Got Ronnie's clothes ready to go to Springfield. Paul dusted upstairs for me. Paul and I took Ronnie's clothes to town at 5:00. He was leaving as soon as they loaded his hogs. I cleaned the bedrooms in evening and got them in order again. Pete ground feed. Were home in evening.

Friday, August 14, 1953. Rather warm in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Went uptown awhile after work to hatchery and got overalls for Ronnie. Ida & Mother along home. Edgars here too for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Pete and Paul mowed weeds.

Saturday, August 15, 1953. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Ida & Mother along home. We cleaned living room, kitchen and bath. Pete moved brooder houses out of field. Took heifer to JD Schertz (he bought her). We all went to Edds for supper. Ida stayed all night.

Sunday, August 16, 1953. Mostly cloudy, cool. Showered some in p.m. I went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and to Mothers for dinner. They came home after dinner to gather eggs. Paul at Ray [Ropp]s awhile. Pete got me at hospital. Stopped at Mothers awhile. We went to Shirley's folks awhile in evening. Edds, Ida and Owen Kenagys to Kropf reunion at Kankakee.

Monday, August 17, 1953. Cool, fine day. Went to work 7:00. Ida along home. We washed clothes, got dry. Done ironing after supper. Pete mowed stubble field and went to meeting in evening for hail insurance men.

Tuesday, August 18, 1953. Fair, cool, 48° in morning. Went to work 7:00. Pete finished mowing field. Put eggs in case. Ida along home. I baked cake. We fixed things for supper and dinner tomorrow.

Wednesday, August 19, 1953. Fair, fine day. We left at 7:00 for Springfield fair. Ida along. We took our dinner and a birthday cake for Ronnie. Ronnie didn't eat dinner with us, didn't want to leave his hogs. But we had ice cream and cake before we came home. Eddie [Fowler] ate with us. Ronnie got 3rd on litter, 6th on both gilt and boar. Thought he done pretty well. Had lots of competition. We got home at 12 (not clear). Were tired.

Thursday, August 20, 1953. Fair, nice day, cool. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Broke my watch. Caught it on elevator & laundry tore uniform for me. Went to town awhile. Took watch and got uniform. Went to Ida's. Dorothy fixed our hair. Ate supper there. Took Dorothy to Mothers. Came home, got supper for Pete and Paul and cleaned upstairs. Pete worked in hen house.

Friday, August 21, 1953. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete mowed hay. Ronnie home from fair at 6:00. Pete got him with Kuntz's truck. Nice to have him home again. Ida along home. We washed most of clothes. Got dry. Done cleaning too. Made dumplings for supper and canned 1 ½ quarts tomato juice. Had letter from Allen. He's OK and real busy.

Saturday, August 22, 1953. Fair, some warmer. Went to work at 7:00. We & CR shelled corn. They ate dinner at CR's & baled hay for him in p.m. Ida along home. Baked cookies and coffee cake. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom and picked a few lima beans (all there'll be). I done ironing. We were all tired. Rev. Hohenstein at hospital. Very sick, cerebral hemorrhage.

Sunday, August 23, 1953. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Pete, boys and Ida to church. Ronnie got me at work. Boys at neighbors in p.m. We were home in evening.

Monday, August 24, 1953. Fair, quite warm. Went to work 7:00. Pete took eggs to Chet [Roth]s. We were awfully busy, 2 bad accidents. Mr. Wehmeier badly burned. Mr. Shaffer hit a train, legs fractured & shoulder. Ida along home. We washed. Most of things got dry. Pete and boys baled our hay and Ernie [Fowler]s. We all went to Phil-Kron [Drive-in Theater] in evening, saw "Pa and Ma Kettle Go to the Fair."

Tuesday August 25, 1953. Fair, real war, in 90s. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Lots of criticals. Reverend Hohenstein improved. Pete and boys hauled manure. Rufus Ropp here in morning, visiting. Sorry didn't get to see. I done ironing after got home. Pete and boys to see about boar in evening.

Wednesday, August 26, 1953. Fair, hot in 90s. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to town at 10:00. Boys to dentist. We got Paul shoes after got off work. Ronnie took cobs to Yuton in p.m. Had them ground. I canned 7 quarts sauerkraut and cooked applesauce in evening.

Thursday, August 27, 1953. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to *Pantagraph* soil day. Hot and dusty. Edgars, Ida and Mother here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair.

Friday, August 28, 1953. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys dug potatoes, got around 12 bushels. Ida along home. We done all of cleaning except kitchen and bathroom. Were hot and tired. Mary called from town at 12:30 a.m. She came from Ohio with Carl Stuckey. Jim brought her out. Sure was surprised and glad to see her. Had a short night.

Saturday, August 29, 1953. Fair, hot. Went to work 7:00. Had busy day. Mary canned 3 quarts tomato juice and done Saturday work for me. She went to town with Edds in p.m. Edds here for supper. Mary home with them. We washed after got home from work. Had Ida's things.

Sunday, August 30, 1953. Fair, hot. Pete and boys to Belvidere reunion at [Miller] Park. Ida & I to nurses home at 7:15. She helped Good Will serve Hospital Staff Senior breakfast. I went to breakfast. We went to Sunday School and church and went to [nurses] commencement at Wesley Church. I went in uniform. Ida helped auxiliary serve at reception. I helped some and took things back to hospital. Was 6:15 when got home. We went to Edds for lunch. Got Mary. Ronnie home.

Monday, August 31, 1953. Fair, hot, near 100°. We washed and canned 9 quarts tomato juice. Ida taking today off. Pete took eggs to town early. We went at 10:00. Girls to Ida's apartment and I went to hospital to meeting. Dr. Shelley carried book from noon to 3:00. [Elaine] Reynolds ill. Put her to bed at noon. Went to meeting in p.m. too. Girls uptown awhile. Mary left for Ohio. Boys started to school, home at noon.

Tuesday, September 1, 1953. Fair, hot, 100°, 104° in town, more breeze. Dressed two chickens and done ironing in a.m. Baked apple pie and coffee cake and canned 7 quarts tomato juice. Made potato salad and got things ready for supper. Went to men's fellowship picnic at Ed Sharps. Pete mowed oats stubble on Fagerburg's place. Paul started to school. Home at noon.

Wednesday, September 2, 1953. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00. [Elaine] Reynolds still in bed. Pete took some beans to Yuton and worked on dump. Ida along home. We washed out some things and canned 7 quarts tomato juice. Ronnie to executive board meeting of Bloomington-Normal Youth Council.

Thursday, September 3, 1953. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00, were busy. Ida along home. Edgars and Mother here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Pete worked on dump in morning. Put Windows in garage and barn in p.m. Turned much cooler about 9:30. Had rain in night.

Friday, September 4, 1953. Rained in morning, had over 1 inch. Fair in p.m., much cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Done cleaning after got home. Paul cleaned upstairs. Baked cupcakes in evening. Pete and boys to CRs to meeting about black topping our road. Marie home in evening.

Saturday, September 5, 1953. Fair, real cool. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Washed windows and Ronnie mowed lawn. We raked front lawn and got things ready for reunion. We all went to Ropp reunion at Pekin. Boys went with Marie. We with CRs. Mabel and I home with Marie & Mother, came through Peoria. Saw Uncle Martins. We all went CRs for fish fry. Marie and I after Ida. Laura and May [Mohr] there too.

Sunday, September 6, 1953. Fair in morning, had shower here in p.m. Had no church at our church, so went to Meadows. Dr. J. E. Hartzler there. Went to Chenoa, ate dinner. Walter Yoder's there, he bought our dinner. We went to Pontiac to Threshermen's Picnic. Quite interesting. Ida and I to town, got our Sunday paper. Stopped at Mothers and Herman Bowlers, saw the baby.

Monday, September 7, 1953. Fair, cool, fine day. Ida has day off. We washed in morning and cleaned closet in boys room. Ida done ironing in p.m. I cleaned boys room. Pete and Ronnie cleared brush and trees from fence rows. I took Ida to town in evening and Paul and I mowed Mother's lawn. Pete picked two 5-gallon buckets tomatoes. Marie back to Chicago in p.m.

Tuesday, September 8, 1953. Fair, real cool. Went to work 7 to 11. Reynolds working half day. I canned 12 quarts tomato juice in p.m. Pete doing odd jobs. I went to Good Will Circle at church. Ronnie to Bloomington-Normal Youth Council. Pete and Paul home.

Wednesday, September 9, 1953. Partly cloudy. Showered little in p.m. I wrote to Allen and Mary in morning and cleaned south attic. Went to work 11 to 3. Pete town with me. He done some odd jobs at Mothers ate lunch there. We got bushel of peaches at Casey's for \$.50. Mother along home. We made 8 pints marmalade and 8 pints preserves and Mother took 2 pints along home. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, September 10, 1953. Fair, much warmer. I made 4 pints peach preserves and canned 2 quarts [peaches]. Saved some peaches to eat. Went to work at 11 to 3. Pete to Zimmerman's sale at Congerville. Ida along home. We cleaned north attic and washed bookcases. We all went to community club wiener roast at Colters.

Friday, September 11, 1953. Fair, quite warm. Went to work at 7:00 to 11:00. Finished cleaning upstairs and cleaned up bedroom and living room. Pete to Springfield with Paul Scheets to poultry meeting. Edgars, Mother and Ida here for supper. Ronnie to all school party. Turned cooler in evening. Looked rather stormy.

Saturday, September 12, 1953. Partly cloudy, much cooler. I canned 6 quarts tomato juice, cleaned up kitchen and bath. Paul and I washed car. Went to work at 11:00 to 3:00. Pete and boys busy. I went to alumni homecoming banquet at 5:00. Took Marie H[astings] and Winifred [Maxwel]l. Ray [Hastings] took Pete with Glenn [Maxwell] [out to dinner]. We had nice time and good crowd. Ida helped auxiliary serve dinner.

Sunday, September 13, 1953. Fair, cold, 35° in morning. Went to work at 7:00 to 3:00. Were busy in morning. Pete and boys to church. Ida home with them. Boys to neighbors in p.m. Shirley Yeakel's picture in paper, of engagement [to Allen]. Reverend Metzger handed in his resignation. We went to church in evening. Reverend Metzger gave report of general conference in Oregon. Took Ida home. Showered in night.

Monday, September 14, 1953. Fair, real chilly, rather windy. Washed and done ironing. Pete took eggs to town in morning. Pete helped Ernie [Fowler] put picker on tractor. Ronnie to church skating party. Pete, Paul and I to see George and Merle.

Tuesday, September 15, 1953. Fair, little warmer. Cleaned closet in west bedroom. Done telephoning for PTA penny supper. Went to town at 11:00. Took Mother to Dr. for checkup. She got hat. I went to PTA meeting at 2:00. Pete and CR to Roanoke to implement sale. They bought 2-row John Deere corn picker. Harry *Wieman* (sp?) brought it in evening.

Wednesday, September 16, 1953. Fair, warmer. Baked cake, cookies and coffee cake. Made salad and cleaned closet in our bedroom. Went to club meeting at Mrs. Fagerburg's. Pete and I to Gridley in evening to nurses picnic. Meadows church was hostess. We were going to take some girls but all had a way. Boys home.

Thursday, September 17, 1953. Partly cloudy, rather warm. Dressed chicken in morning and done all of cleaning in morning. Cleaned recreation room in p.m. and canned 2 quarts tomato juice. Got things ready for supper. We all went to PTA potluck supper at Field school. Ronnie to church, young folks entertained I. S. N. U. freshmen. Pete and CR opened some of corn fields.

Friday, September 18, 1953. Fair, hot, rained and had thunderstorm in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Pete unloaded some corn and worked around home. I took Mother to Dr. after work. She's feeling better. Look at some dresses. We went to Ida's for supper. Dorothy, Pete and boys there too. Had our hair fixed. We went to choir practice. Took Dot home afterwards.

Saturday September 19, 1953. Mostly cloudy, fair in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Ida and I up town awhile. We each got new dress. Ida to Edds. She went to Goodfield on bus. I cleaned up bathroom and kitchen in evening. Late when got home. Pete and boys shucked some corn.

Sunday, September 20, 1953. Mostly fair, cooler in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Were quite busy. Pete and boys to church, home for dinner. Ronnie to Bloomington-Normal Youth Council in p.m.. Pete got me at work. Edds here awhile, brought Ida home. We took her to town. Drove by some houses for sale.

Monday, September 21, 1953. Fine day, washed, had big one. Washed bedding from 2 bedrooms. Done ironing in p.m. Boys shucking corn at CRs. We went to town in evening. Looked at house for Mary. Ida along (just fair on inside, like outside).

Tuesday, September 22, 1953. Fair, nice day. Cleaned the two bedrooms. Dressed chicken for PTA penny supper. Went to Field school at 5:00 to help with supper. Had big day. Pete and boys to Friendship Circle wiener roast at Laura [Mohr]'s. I went there after the supper at school. Pete worked around home. CR gone.

Wednesday, September 23, 1953. Fair, nice day, warmer in p.m. I cleaned the linen closet and cedar closet and hall in morning. Went to town in p.m. Took Mother to Dr. She's better. Choir had wiener roast here in evening. Was nice evening and had nice time. Boys shucking corn.

Thursday, September 24, 1953. Fine day. Went to fair. Ida along home. We washed clothes, dried nice. Mother and Edgars here for supper. Dot fixed our hair. Boys started shucking corn at Fagerburg's. Pete to Bloomington Rotary for chicken dinner as Mr. Hoover's guest. CR went too.

Friday, September 25, 1953. Fair, went to work at 7:00. Had busy day. Hardly enough rooms. Pete helping J. D. Schertz combine our beans. CR gone. I dusted house and got things ready for Thespian wiener roast. Made cocoa. Were 14 here. They had nice time. Miss Hoose with them. Had letter from Allen. He has orders to go to Austria. So sorry to hear it.

Saturday, September 26, 1953. Cloudy in morning. Cleared off and quite warm in p.m. Had shower in evening. I cleaned the bathroom and canned 4 ½ quarts tomatoes. Cleaned kitchen floor. J. D. Schertz here for dinner. He finished combining our beans. They made 12 bushels. Boys shucking corn. Ronnie to Eureka Pumpkin Festival with the band. Edd had accident, met a float on way home from Roanoke. It came unhooked and ran into them. Nettie had cut on head and Edd had leg hurt.

Sunday, September 27, 1953. Beautiful day. Boys to Sunday School, then went with CRs to Chicago to see Cards and Cubs play. We went to church and to Mothers for dinner. Then we all went to Edds a while in p.m. They pretty sore but very fortunate. In evening we went to chicken barbecue at Lucius (sp?) Forest put on by AB Hatchery. Stopped at funeral home, called on Linnemann family. Took Mother and Ida home. Wrote some letters. Boys home at 7:30.

Monday, September 28, 1953. Fair, real warm, in 90s. Washed clothes, dried fast. Went to work at hospital at 12:00 until 5:00. Baked pie in morning for 4-H sale. Done ironing in evening. Pete shucking corn at CRs. Took eggs to town in morning. Ronnie to 4-H Federation wiener roast at Sieberts.

Tuesday, September 29, 1953. Fair, hot, 96°, windy and dry. I cleaned the living and dining room and waxed furniture. Cleaned broom closet in kitchen and picked tomatoes in garden. Pete shucked corn at CRs in morning. Didn't work good, so dry. He went to town in p.m. Dicky Miller here all night. I wrote letters.

Wednesday, September 30, 1953. Fair, much cooler. Went to work at 7:00, were busy. Patients in halls. Ida along home. We cleaned most of cupboards and kitchen. Pete finished opening corn fields here with Ernie's picker. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Mothers. Ida along to church. Helped mend and pack clothes for relief.

Thursday, October 1, 1953. Fair, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Pete shucking corn here. Helped Ernie with his picker in p.m. He and CR to town to get some repairs. Ida along home. We finished cleaning cupboards and washed woodwork in kitchen. Baked cookies, coffee cake and macaroons after supper. Colter's here. Sy [Colter] having pain in abdomen, called Dr. Ronnie to play practice.

Friday, October 2, 1953. Went to work at 7:00. Sent Allen box of cookies. Pete shucking corn, but awfully dry. I cleaned upstairs and bedrooms downstairs after got home. Boys to football

game with CRs at Clinton. Pete and I worked on eggs. Fair and warmer. Marie home in evening.

Saturday, October 3, 1953. Fair and quite warm, cloudy in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Ida along home. I picked tomatoes and we canned 4 quarts. Pete and Ronnie shucked corn. CR gone. Ray here for dinner. Marie came after Paul at 11:45. She took him to his lesson at 2:00. We all went to Mothers for supper. CRs, Mr. and Mrs. Yeakel and Shirley there too. Had nice time. Rained some in night.

Sunday, October 4, 1953. Cloudy, rained and showered nearly all morning. Pete took Ida and I to work at 7:00. I went to church at 11:00, was back shortly after 12:00. We had communion. Pete and boys home. Marie back to Chicago in p.m. Ronnie after Ida & I in p.m. Uncle Paul Woizeski had stroke at St. Joe.

Monday, October 5, 1953. Fair, chilly, fine day. Ida and I washed before went to work. Got up at 4:00. Hung most everything out. Also took eggs to town on way to work. Pete and CR husking corn here. Ronnie to 4-H wiener roast at Shipperts. I ironed some after supper.

Tuesday, October 6, 1953. Mostly cloudy, windy, cold. I finished ironing in morning. Pete and CR shucking corn. Mabel and I to Mothers. Cleaned her living room and washed windows on outside. Went up town at 4:00. I went to dentist. Addressed some wedding invitations in evening.

Wednesday, October 7, 1953. Fair, real cool. Cleaned fruit room and laundry. Went to town at 3:30. Mother and I had hair fixed. Took eggs to town. Mother along home for supper. Went to choir practice in evening. Pete finished husking corn here. Cold in house, no fire yet. Having fuel pump fixed.

Thursday, October 8, 1953. Fair, little warmer. Uncle Paul Woizeski passed away at 2 a.m. I washed some and went to Home Bureau at Wayne Bastings. Went up town in p.m. to bank and paid bill. Mother, Mabel and I got flowers for Uncle Paul and stopped to see Aunt Minnie. We all went to funeral home in evening. Packed suitcases and cased eggs after got home. Ronnie to stunt night. Pete husking corn at CRs.

Friday, October 9, 1953. Find any. Ida, Pete and I left at 6:30 for Ohio. Got to Mary's at 1:30. Had some detours. Ronnie has home coming at school. Paul to town with CRs and to game. Ronnie has date. Mary pretty well packed up. Boys doing chores.

Saturday, October 10, 1953. Fine day. Mary had her sale, good crowd and good sale. Sure had big day. Uncle Paul's funeral at 2 p.m. at church. Ronnie pall bearer. Took Pete's place. We went to Paul [Yoder]'s for supper and all night. We were very tired.

Sunday, October 11, 1953. Fair, fine day. Mary and Ida to Sunday School in morning. Pete and I loaded our car. He and Ida started at home at 11:30 (Ohio time). They got home at 5:30. Mary and I to Urie Hostetlers for dinner. Had nice time. Went to Dan and Belles for supper and to

Brunk (sp?) tent meeting in evening. Were at Dan's all night. Herman Buller done our chores in evening. Ronnie left at 6 a.m. for FFA convention in Kansas City. [Mr.] Custer drove.

Monday, October 12, 1953. Kind of cloudy and morning. Fair. We washed machine full. Were busy all day packing etc. Made few calls in morning and ate at Maple Drive. Truck was to load at 5:00, didn't come until nearly 7:30. Had plenty of help to load. *Harry* (sp?) Kaufman and Vernon Kaufman left at 9:00 for Bloomington. Drove all night. Pete shucked corn at Fagerburg's. He took eggs to town in morning. Mother to town in evening.

Tuesday, October 13, 1953. Fair, fine day. Truck got here at 6:00 AM, got along fine. Pete and CR helped unload. Orvie and Edna came out here. Got here at 9:30 a.m. Mary and I left West Liberty at 8:20. Got home at 3:00. Got along fine. Sure surprised to see Orvies. We were glad to get home. Ida here for supper. Orvies and Pete to town in p.m.

Wednesday, October 14, 1953. Fair, fine day. We washed, had big one. Pete finished shucking corn in p.m. We all went to town in p.m., looking for houses. Ida along home. Pete and I to choir practice. Rest of folks to Billys. Paul with them.

Thursday, October 15, 1953. Quite warm. Mary done ironing. I dressed 4 chickens, 1 for Mother, 1 for Good Will Circle and 2 for us. Canned 3 quarts tomatoes. We went to town in p.m. I had hair fixed. Pete and Mary were up town. Orvies to John Miller's and to Edds in p.m. Ida, Mary and I to Edds in evening. Paul to PTA with Mohrs. Pete to Otto Laesch to farm meeting. Orvies all night at Edds.

Friday, October 16, 1953. Fair, warm. I went to work at 7:00. Mary baked cake and cleaned up house. She and Pete to town in p.m. She had hair fixed and looked at houses. Mother home with me. Edgars, Ida and Shirley here too for supper. Also Orvies. Dorothy fixed Ida's hair in town. Ronnie back from Kansas City at 4:00. He had fine time, was at Art [Yoder]'s one evening. He and Paul to ball game.

Saturday, October 17, 1953. Fair, warm. Went to work at 7:00. Orvies and Mary left for Missouri at 8:00. Ronnie and Paul to town in morning. Wesleyan Parade. Ronnie played [in band]. Paul took lesson. Boys at Mothers for dinner, also Mabel and Ray. Ida home with Ronnie. I stayed at church, helped Good Will serve YMCA and YWCA young folks (42). I came home with Jeanette. Have cold.

Sunday, October 18, 1953. Fair, warm. Went to church. Reverend Metzgers here for dinner. Paul to Ray's all night. CRs gone to Charleston. Mother with them [Ray and Paul]. Pete took Ida to town in evening. We done eggs. Ronnie with Eddie [Fowler] in p.m. Played ball. I have cold.

Monday, October 19, 1953. Fair, warm. Pete took eggs to town. I went along to hospital. Got *auxiliary house lounge* (not intelligible?). Washed when got home, had big one. Washed my bedroom curtains. Pete doing odd jobs. I ironed some in p.m. We went to Symphony in evening, "Showboat." Ida and Shirley along. Ronnie stayed in town after school, play practice. We brought him home. Paul at Mothers awhile.

Tuesday, October 20, 1953. Fair, warm. Finished the ironing and made eight bottles catsup. Pete painted storm windows. I went to town at 3:00. Got Ronnie at school. Got him new suit (dark blue), shoes and shirt. He stayed at Mothers for supper and went to play practice at 6:30. We went to Shirley's folks. Saw some of her gifts.

Wednesday, October 21, 1953. Fair, warm. Cleaned storm windows and puts them up in morning. Also defrosted icebox. Big morning. Went to Garfield Club winner-loser dinner at Fell Park. I was winner. Had good dinner. Went with Pearl. Ida along home. We washed. Went to choir practice. I still have some cold. Ida and Paul at Mothers.

Thursday, October 22, 1953. Partly cloudy, warm. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to town in morning. We both went to dentist at 4:30. I went to Mothers in evening. Edgars and Ida there for supper. Dot fixed our hair. Ronnie to dress rehearsal for play. Pete and Paul home. Corn Harvest Parade in p.m. Ronnie marched with band.

Friday, October 23, 1953. Mostly fair, rather windy, much colder. Done all of cleaning. Waxed kitchen and bathroom floors. Went to town at 3:15. Took Paul to his lesson. Ida along to town and home with us. I got pair of shoes and purse. Pete worked on powerhouse roof. Ronnie at Corn Harvest Day with FFA boys. Drove tractor for corn. We all went to ball game, NCHS versus Trinity. We got beat.

Saturday, October 24, 1953. Cloudy, Chile. Pete, Paul, Shirley and I left at 8:00 for Chicago. Got to Marie's at 11:30. Leota took us to lunch. Were downtown awhile and went to see Rufus and Minnie [Ropp]. Went to see "Oklahoma" in evening, enjoyed it. Shirley stayed all night with Marie. We had an apartment near by. Ida here in evening and all night. Ronnie in thespian play, "What a Life." He took Ida and CRs to play.

Sunday, October 25, 1953. Cloudy until noon. We went to airport at 9:15. Allen was due in at 9:30 but didn't get in until the 11:30. We were so glad to see him and he looks good. We ate at airport. Left airport at 12:15. Marie back to her apartment. We got to Edgars at 3:00. Ate dinner. Clarence's, Mother, Ida and Ronnie there too. Allen and Shirley here later in evening. Ida back to town with them. Ronnie and Ida to church in Mary's car. Also went to Edgars in it.

Monday, October 26, 1953. Partly cloudy in morning, showered at noon and most of p.m. Washed. Most of clothes got dry except overalls and rugs. I cleaned china closet and done the ironing. Finished ironing after supper. Allen to town in p.m. Shirley and Allen along home. Ronnie to 4-H Federation. He's elected vice president. Ida to town with Ronnie. Allen took Shirley after Ronnie got home.

Tuesday, October 27, 1953. Rained & showered all day, much cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Allen home. Mother, Ida and Shirley home with me. Edgars here too. Dorothy fixed our hair. Had hamburgers. Ronnie to Le Roy with FFA officers for dinner. We cleaned silverware after we got home.

Wednesday, October 28, 1953. Fair, much cooler. Cleaned up the house, dressed 2 chickens, and baked cake and cookies in morning. Went to town at 2:00. Shirley along. Got gloves and Drip-o-lator for Ronnie and Paul gift to Allen and Shirley. We all went to the rehearsal dinner at United Brethren Church. Two boys from Chicago here, Richter and Bosco. Bill [Birky], Orlyn [Zehr] and Dave [Tice] got here from Bluffton at 8:00. Marvins and Mary got here at 8:30. We ladies all went to CRs to shower for Shirley. Pearl helped Mabel. Boys all here awhile, but none stayed all night.

Thursday, October 29, 1953. A beautiful day of Marvins of the time and period I hoped he names he went to town and the 11:00. Allen went with Marvins. I got dinner. Chicago boys here for dinner. Bluffton voice here for lunch in evening. We all went to waiting. Allen and Shirley looked so nice. It was a very nice way. Ronnie best man. Gordon and Orlyn and Bill and Dave ushers. Reception was at church. We all went to Yeakels awhile. Pete and Marvin helped kids get away. They went to Ohio. Bluffton boys stopped awhile, then on to Orlyn's. Chicago boys home. Marvins & Mary here.

Friday, October 30, 1953. Fair, rather windy. I washed some. We went to town at 11:00. Marvins done some shopping. Got home at 4:00. Marvins to Edds in evening. Pete to you and to get oats and corn. Married and ironing. I got supper and stirred up cookies. Paul went with Larry Mohr while to "trick or treat."

Saturday, October 31, 1953. Very fair, nice day. Marvins, Mary, Paul and I to town at 9:30. Ronnie with Mohrs at 8:30. We went to I. S. N. U. homecoming parade. Pete to town at 11:00. He, Marvins & Ida to Champaign to [foot]ball game. Ronnie Simonized Marie's car in p.m. Mary and I to town. Paul took his lesson. We all went to Billys for supper. Edds there too. Had good supper. Allen and Shirley at Bluffton.

Sunday, November 1, 1953. Cloudy, damp. Marvins left for home at 9:15. We all went to church. Were home for dinner. Boys played football. Marie to Chicago in p.m. Ronnie took Ida home and he had date. Used Mary's car.

Monday, November 2, 1953. Foggy in morning, fair. We washed, had a big one. Pete took eggs to town in morning. We went to town in p.m. Homer Park took us around to see houses. Mary and I done ironing in evening.

Tuesday, November 3, 1953. Mostly cloudy, windy. We cleaned up house, baked cookies and to pumpkin pies, dressed three chickens. Mary and I after Ida at 4:00. Got supper. Allen and Shirley got here at 6:30. Glad to see them. Had planned chicken dinner. Mr. Yeakels and Edgars here for supper too. 40 *chaviared* (sp?) Allen and Shirley. Served ice cream packs and cookies. They took the kids for ride. They were here all night.

Wednesday, November 4, 1953. Fair, Chile. We cleaned up house. Pete to town in morning. Got things for supper. Shirley and Allen to town in morning. We baked cake, made salad and ice cream. Got things ready for supper. Mother, CRs, Roy's & Minnie, Edds, Ida, Mary, Shirley and Allen here for supper. Harold and Helen [Patton] came after supper, brought the recording of the wedding. We enjoyed it. Shirley and Allen here all night.

Thursday, November 5, 1953. Mostly fair, cold. Mary and I washed. Allen and Shirley went hunting awhile. We all went to Mothers for lunch. Pete, Mary and I went house hunting in p.m. Allen and Shirley at Yeakels all night. Ronnie to 4-H achievement banquet, he was State Outstanding, also County. Mary, Ida and Pete and I to the program. Was at Wesley Church. Paul all night at Dicky [Miller]s. We done ironing before supper.

Friday, November 6, 1953. Fair, cold. I went to work at 7:00, also Mary, was her 1st day. She got along OK. She and I do along home. Allen and Shirley here for lunch and supper. They were in town in p.m. They, Ronnie and Paul football game. We had lunch when they got back. Mother, Marie and Edgars came awhile. Allen, Shirley, Ronnie, Pete and I left at 11:00 for Chicago. Got there at 1:40 at airport. Ida and Mary stayed all night with Paul.

Saturday, November 7, 1953. Fair. Allen's plane left for San Francisco at 4:30 a.m. Was to leave at 3:10, but late. Our hearts are heavy. We surely dreaded to see him leave and he hated to go. We got to Normal at 7:00. Took Shirley home. Done Saturday work and rested hour before noon. Slept awhile after dinner. Took Paul to his lesson. Mary and Ida worked. We all went to CRs for supper. Marie and Leota and Mother there too. We're so tired and sleepy.

Sunday, November 8, 1953. Beautiful day, cold. We all went to church. Mary, Ida, Pete and I to Eds for dinner. Eds sick with stomach upset. We called on Schertz family. Dave Schertz passed away. Ronnie and Paul home. We miss Allen so much. We took Mary and Ida to town in evening.

Monday, November 9, 1953. Fair, cold, nice day. I washed clothes, dried good. Done ironing in p.m. Ronnie took car to school, went to play after school. He brought Ida and Mary along home. Ronnie to church skating party. We looked at houses in town.

Tuesday, November 10, 1953. Fair, nice day. Pete and I to town at 8:30. He took Mary's car, had greased, etc. He looked at houses. I went to NCHS to visit school there for first hour. Went to Field at 10:15. Mother along. We ate lunch there and took Mother home. I got permanent. Brought Dorothy, Ida and Mary home. Girls had hair fixed. We went to Good Will Circle at church. Took Dorothy home. Ronnie to Sadie Hawkins date. Swing band played. Allen called Shirley at 3:45. He was back in Chicago on his way to New Jersey. Feel sorry for him.

Wednesday, November 11, 1953. Partly cloudy, cold. Boys home, no school. We and CRs butchered hog. I went to town, got Mother. Got things ready for dinner and raked yard. We finished it in p.m. Pete and boys helped. I cooked head meat. We made liver sausage and baked cookies in evening. Pete took Mother home. We dug carrots too & washed eggs. Gave Mother and CRs some liver sausage.

Thursday, November 12, 1953. Cloudy in morning, gloomy, fair in p.m. Cleaned upstairs in morning. Went to Home Bureau with Mabel. Was at West Twin Grove Church. We baked two batches of cookies in evening and packed boxes of cookies for Allen and Dave. Put them in tin boxes. Allen called Shirley from New Jersey. He was all right, had some cold yet. Girls here.

Friday, November 13, 1953. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Took Mary's car. We done cleaning after we got home. We all went to Shirley's folks in evening. Saw the gifts again. Mother along too. Allen called Shirley. They're getting ready to get on ship. Pete plowed truck patches.

Saturday, November 14, 1953. Fair, much warmer, fine day. Girls and I to work at 7:00. We went to look at some houses after 5:30, so was late when we got home. Ronnie took Paul to his lesson. Pete cleaned eggs. They put dump away. Allen got on ship at 8:30 a.m. starting for Austria and makes our hearts heavy and lonely.

Sunday, November 15, 1953. Fine day, warm, high 60s. We all went to church. Edds here for dinner. We went to town in p.m., drove around to see houses. Ronnie to Bloomington-Normal Youth Council in p.m. Paul to CRs, played football.

Monday, November 16, 1953. Fine day, rather windy. Washed, had big one. Ironed in p.m. Mary helped finish when she got home. Ironed her things. Ida stayed in town. Pete to town in morning. Ronnie to meeting in evening.

Tuesday, November 17, 1953. Fair, nice day, warm, 70°. We went to work at 7:00. Met with real estate man awhile. Drove by a house on Florence Avenue. I went with Mabel to Mothers, had Home Bureau hostess committee meeting. Pete to Gordon Smith's sale.

Wednesday, November 18, 1953. Mostly cloudy, fair in evening. Pete and I to town at 9:30. Stopped to see Mr. Cable about house. Went uptown. I got new coat (beige). Pete took me to club meeting at Mrs. Flanders. Came home with Mabel. We went to choir practice. Girls and Paul home. Dressed 2 chickens in evening and made salad.

Thursday, November 19, 1953. Fair, warm. Cleaned up house. Baked date pudding. Got things ready for dinner. Uncle Henrys, and Minnie [Woizeski] and Grandma here for dinner, also CR and Mabel. Mabel to town after dinner. Pete to town in morning. Took eggs and met with Mr. Cable. He went back at 3:30, met with real estate man. We went to Field PTA. Ronnie home. Girls stayed in town all night. We stopped at Cables on way home.

Friday, November 20, 1953. Showered some in morning, fair in evening. Done cleaning. Repotted my violets. Mended some in p.m. Got things ready for supper. Edgars, Mother here. Dorothy fixed our hair. Dressed chicken for her and also one for us. Pete worked on eggs.

Saturday, November 21, 1953. Fair, nice day, colder, rather windy. Pete and Ronnie to town in morning. Pete met Mr. Cable and real estate [man]. Mary decided to buy Cable's house, 307 Hovey [Avenue]. I done Saturday work and baked cake. Paul and I to town at 12:00. CR along. Paul took lesson at 12:30. Practiced at church at 1:30 and had recital at 3:00. We fixed salad and iced cake in evening. We all went to show in evening "Martin Luther." Very good. Rained in night.

Sunday, November 22, 1953. Reigned in morning. Partly cloudy in p.m. We all went to church, had basket dinner at noon. Children gave Thanksgiving program in p.m. Shirley there for dinner

and program. We went to church evening. Archie Graber there from Congo. Showed pictures. Mr. Lau from Indonesia talked in morning. Ronnie took him to Danvers after dinner. Wonder so much where Allen is.

Monday, November 23, 1953. Mostly cloudy, windy, sprinkled some in p.m. Washed, clothes dried pretty good outside. Ironed some in p.m. We went to town at 3:30. I took Paul to dentist. Ronnie had picture retaken. Pete to Walter Yoder with girls about house. Finished ironing when got home. We went to Symphony in evening. Ronnie to 4-H Federation. Paul at CRs.

Tuesday, November 24, 1953. Mostly cloudy, colder. We dressed 8 geese in morning. I went to hospital in p.m., nurses meeting. Dorothy combed my hair little at Ida's. She done Mary's and Ida's. Boys home at 12:30. Dicky [Miller] along home, stayed for supper. We went to Friendship Circle in evening. Took Dicky home. Ronnie to go FFA basketball game. Took Mother to train at 2:30, [she] went to Chicago.

Wednesday, November 25, 1953. Mostly cloudy, snow flurries most of day, colder. We went to town at 9:30, delivered geese. Done little shopping. Looked at truck. I was about sick all day, stomach and weak. Got things ready for fruit cakes. Made them when girls got home from work. They all went to the Union Thanksgiving services at our church. I didn't feel good enough to go. Mother and Marie home.

Thursday, November 26, 1953. Thanksgiving Day. Cloudy, snow flurries most of day, ground covered in evening. I cleaned up bedrooms and upstairs in morning. Pete and boys cased eggs. I feel better. We all went to Roys for dinner and supper. Had turkey. CRs, Mother, Marie there for dinner. Ida, Mary, Lucille, Marilyn and Danny there for supper. Shirley sick with cold and couldn't be there. We miss Allen so much. Mary worked and Ida worked until noon.

Friday, November 27, 1953. Cloudy, few flurries. Paul and I to town at 8:30. He had eyes tested at Gaileys, needs to wear glasses for school and reading. I packed box of fruitcake and candy for Allen and mailed it. Marie at Gaileys to. We went up town a while. We went to Edgars for dinner. Pete and Ronnie there too. Paul Thietje's there. Tommy [Thietje] home with us for supper. He and Ronnie to show. Ida and I to committee meeting to plan for Christmas party.

Saturday, November 28, 1953. Fair in p.m., chilly. Went to work at 7:00, busy. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom in evening and made salad. Ronnie and Paul to town in morning, delivered goose. Men ground feed and cased eggs.

Sunday, November 29, 1930. Snowed in morning. Misted in some in p.m. Gloomy. I went to work at 7:00. Roads were icy but melted off in morning. Pete, boys and girls to church. They were home for dinner. Pete helped Gordon work on milker. CR in Chicago. We went to Cables in evening to see about curtains, etc. Ronnie and Paul to Yeakels. We took Ida and Mary to Ida's and we stopped at Yeakels.

Monday, November 30, 1953. Cloudy, damp, fair in p.m. I washed, dried clothes inside. Ironed some. Went to town at 2:15, had meeting at hospital. Pete took eggs to town in morning and

went in p.m. Girls and I shopped some after meeting. Girls finished ironing while I got supper. Had a letter from Allen, he was on Atlantic Ocean. Were stopping at Casablanca for several hours. Glad to hear from him.

Tuesday, December 1, 1953. Frosty and cloudy in morning. Cleared off in p.m. Ronnie to International Livestock Show in Chicago with FFA boys. I went to Springfield with Pearl to State Hospital auxiliary meeting. Clara [Brodbeck], Laura and May Mohr, Esther S. along. Pete to town. Had some work done on car fender and went to Production Credit meeting. Edgars, Mother and girls here for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Ronnie got home at 11:15.

Wednesday, December 2, 1953. Rained about all day. I went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Pete worked around home. Girls, Pete and I to Phil [Patton]s in evening to see TV program, "I've Got a Secret". Are working up program for Christmas party. Boys home.

Thursday, December 3, 1953. Cloudy, rained and showered most of today. I took Ronnie to hospital in morning to see Gaileys about his eye, some infection. I cleaned upstairs and bedrooms, put clean papers in drawers, also stove door. Waxed stove and icebox. Mended little. Pete had chickens culled and tested. I went to alumni in evening. Pete and Ronnie to Farm school. Paul at Mothers. Girls stayed in town all night.

Friday, December 4, 1953. Mostly cloudy, very windy, Chile. I baked pie. Pete and I to town in morning. I went to auxiliary meeting. Pete got a Ford truck, three-quarter ton. He brought it home and left car in town for Ronnie. He and Reverend Warren to Springfield to Christian Youth Council. Stayed for evening. Left here at 1:00. I came home with girls. Got Paul at school. We got his glasses at Gaileys. We all went to Farm and Home Bureau chili and oyster supper. Took pie.

Saturday, December 5, 1953. Partly cloudy. Rained in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Ronnie along to town. He helped thespians with rummage sale. Pete and Paul to Federal Land Bank dinner. Ronnie took Paul to lesson. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. We made salad and I dressed chicken. We cased eggs.

Sunday, December 6, 1953. Showered some in morning. Windy, colder, cleared off in evening. Mary to work at 7:00. We all went to church. Shirley and Diana there too. They came along home. Ronnie took them home at 6:00. He went to Youth Council. They had a sack lunch. We finished casing eggs and went to George's. I got some cheese. Girls got boxes for gifts.

Monday, December 7, 1953. Fair, windy, chilly. Washed, had big one. Washed bed spreads and rugs. Hung them outside, also towels and overalls. Ironed some in p.m. Went to town at 3:30. Pete took me. Came home with girls. We went shopping. Ida got bedroom suite and living room suite. We finished ironing in evening. Pete to poultry meeting in evening. Letter from Allen, he's in Salzburg, Austria.

Tuesday, December 8, 1953. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to Dwight [Illinois] in truck. Got x-ray machine for hospital. Mr. Hoover went up in his car. I went to Baby Fold after

work. Practiced for Home Bureau Christmas program. I stirred up cookies in evening. Pete washed eggs. Ronnie to basketball game.

Wednesday, December 9, 1953. Rained most of morning. We went to town to dentist and shopped some. Got new bookcase. I dressed chicken, baked cookies and apple crisp in morning. Cooked chicken in evening. We went to choir practice. Ida to meeting to make decorations for Christmas party. Mary and Paul home. Made two recipes of inexpensive fruitcake.

Thursday, December 10, 1953. Partly cloudy. Mary and Pete to town to bank. Mary to Home Bureau then. Pete to JD Schertz sale. I went to Home Bureau at the Baby Fold. Mabel, Mother, Mrs. Hastings, even the, Mr. and Mrs. Laesch all in with me. Had chicken à la King, Chinese noodles, cranberry Jell-O salad, pudding, relishes. Had Christmas meeting, about 50 there. I sang with Jenine and Dorothy *Tringle* (sp?) for program. We all went to NCHS Christmas to program.

Friday, December 11, 1953. Fair. Done cleaning. We dressed goose and two chickens. Cased eggs. Went to town at 3:30. Girls and I shopped little. Pete and girls met with Walter Yoder and Cables. Settled for house. Edgars here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair.

Saturday, December 12, 1953. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00, were busy. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom in evening. We cased eggs and addressed Christmas cards. Pete and Paul to creamery meeting. Paul to lesson and practice at NCHS for program. Ronnie got new cornet.

Sunday, December 13, 1953. Mostly cloudy. Mary and I to work at 7:00. Were busy. Ida, Pete and boys to church. Edds here for dinner. They went to Paul's Christmas program. Mary and I got off at 2:30. Went to program. We wrapped Christmas gifts in evening and addressed cards. Shirley sang for "Christmas Carol."

Monday, December 14, 1953. Snowed some, colder. Washed, dried clothes inside. Done ironing in p.m.. Finished writing some Christmas notes. Pete to poultry school. Ida and I to committee meeting at church for church Christmas party. Ronnie up town to shop. Mary and Paul were home.

Tuesday, December 15, 1953. Mostly cloudy, few flurries. Mary and Ida moved to 307 Hovey [Avenue]. Wayne Mohr helped with his truck. CR helped awhile. Owen Kenagys and Nettie came at 10:30. We all ate lunch at Mothers. Got most of dishes put away. Girls came here all night. Ronnie to 4-H leaders banquet.

Wednesday, December 16, 1953. Fair, much colder. I cleaned recreation room and baked cookies and coffee cake and got case of eggs ready for hospital. Went to club meeting at Fowlers in p.m. Pete to Perry Yoder's sale awhile in morning and to committee meeting at hospital in p.m. Nomination committee for annual meeting. We went to Good Will and Friendship Circle dinner at Rogers Hotel. Ronnie to chili supper at school. Paul at CRs.

Thursday, December 17, 1953. Baked orange cookies. Pete cased some eggs. I went to hospital in p.m. Helped serve at personnel party. Took cookies. Mary and Ida came out all night. We made 2 batches of Swede cookies and made sugar cookies. Ronnie to Thespian party at NCHS.

Friday, December 18, 1953. Fair, cold, 3° below zero. Went to work at 7:00. Pete ground feed and got load of oats. We dressed goose for Dorothy in evening and chicken for us. I cleaned living room. We went to choir practice in evening. Shirley helped us. Ronnie stopped at NCHS basketball tournament. Paul at Fowlers all night. Pete cut blue spruce tree down. Too close to house. Use it for Christmas tree.

Saturday, December 19, 1953. Fair, much warmer, nice day. Went to work 7:00. Went uptown after work. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom when got home. Mary and Ida came at 6:00, brought Shirley along. She stayed all night. Girls went home at 10:00. We made crescents after supper and put up Christmas tree. It's beautiful.

Sunday, December 20, 1953. Fair, nice day. We all went to church, Shirley with us. She sang in choir. We had dinner at church. Reverend Metzger's last Sunday. He's going to Hutchinson, Kansas. Shirley to sing at wedding in p.m. Ronnie got her at 3:00. We stopped at Mothers and at the girls. Mary worked. Ida at church. We stopped at Herman Bullers. Shirley talked to Ruth about going to Austria. Made centerpieces and nut cups in evening.

Monday, December 21, 1953. Cloudy, rained some, foggy in evening. Washed, dried clothes inside. Ironed some. Went to hospital at 2:30. We had Christmas party on two AA and gift exchange. Pete to town in morning with eggs and helped Reverend Metzger load truck. Went back in p.m. with me and helped. Jeanette, Paul and I to Mary's. She helped us make fudge. Ida to Pauline R. to party.

Tuesday, December 22, 1953. Several inches of snow on the ground and icy underneath. Snowed until noon. I finished ironing. Made marshmallows and penuchi. Washed windows etc. Waxed kitchen and bathroom floors. We were at Mary and Ida's for supper. Edgars & Mother there too. Dorothy fixed our hair. Much colder in evening. Boys school out.

Wednesday, December 23, 1953. Partly cloudy, cold, 4° below. I wrapped Christmas gifts in morning. We dressed 10 geese and 3 chickens in p.m. I worked in basement. We went to choir practice in evening and some of us went caroling. Was cold, but fun. We had popcorn, apple's, fudge and nuts. Paul along too. Jeanette and I took fudge.

Thursday, December 24, 1953. Fair, cold, around zero. Cleaned up whole house. Finished putting up wreaths etc., Paul and Ray to Normal Theater. Pete, Ronnie and I to town awhile. Got sweater for Ronnie and shirt and doctor's kit for Paul. Delivered geese. Made salad when got home. We all went to Grandmas for supper. Shirley, Edgars & CRs there too. CRs left after supper. We sent Allen a cablegram. We miss him. Ida and Mary along home.

Friday, December 25, 1953. A nice day, not too cold. Mother, Marie, Edds, CRs and girls all here for dinner and supper. Shirley here for supper. Edds went home about 5:30. We had Kropf gift exchange in p.m. Had nice Christmas, but surely miss Allen. Girls and Shirley back to town with Marie and Mother. Some of snow melted.

Saturday, December 26, 1953.. Went to work at 7:00, was busy. Ronnie took Paul to lessen. I cleaned the kitchen and bathroom after got home. Pete worked on eggs in p.m. He was in town in morning. Had car heater worked on. We all went to Edgars for supper. Edds, Ida, Mary, Mother Ann Marie there too. Shirley had some pictures from Allen.

Sunday, December 27, 1953. Fair, nice day to read we all went to church. Went to Ida and Mary's for dinner. Pete and boys home after dinner. We girls to church at 2:30. Helped Good Will serve Marianne Lehman's reception. We were at Mothers for supper. Roy's, CRs, Shirley and Roberta there too. Billys were at the girls in evening.

Monday, December 28, 1953. Cloudy, fair in evening. Washed and ironed. Pete to town in morning. We all went to Val Kampmeiers in evening. Mother, Marie, Ida, Mary, Edgars, Uncle Charlie & CRs there too. Had nice time.

Tuesday, December 29, 1953. Mostly fair. I packed box of candy and cookies for Allen and wrote him letter. Pete and boys working on feed bunk. We went to CR's for dinner. Marie back to Chicago in p.m. Roys and Aunt Martha at CR's too. We went to Edds for supper. Had Turkey. Edgars, Mother, Ida, Mary, Shirley there too. Also Owen Kenagys. Shirley took pictures of our tree.

Wednesday, December 30, 1953. Fair, nice day. Done unusual work. Mended little. Went to missionary meeting at Pearl Anderson's with Pearl. Mabel and I and Sarah U. took cookies and had coffee. Pete and boys made feed bunk. Pete and I with Roys to Ray Hastings for supper. CRs and Park [Hasting]s there too. Had Turkey and ham. Had a nice time. Ronnie, Paul and Ray to church. Girls Gospel Team from Bluffton there. The driver, Jeff Allinger, here all night, also Ray.

Thursday, December 31, 1953. Fair, nice day. Cleaned up bedroom and living room and main salad. Pete to town in morning. We ate lunch here. Ronnie, Paul and I went after lunch. Jeff met his load at 1:00. Ronnie went with him. Boys cleaned upstairs after we got home. I cleaned west bedroom and made ice cream. Phils and Harold [Patton]s here in evening. Had cheese tray, salad, cookies and fruitcake. Earl [Kaufman]s couldn't come. Ronnie to show. Paul at Mothers. Friday, January 1, 1954. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00 to 4:00. Beason carried book. We all went to Roys, watched TV, Rose Bowl parade and ball game. CRs, Mother, Clara [Brodbeck] and Mrs. Otto their too. Pearl had lunch for us. Roy's, Minnie, CRs, Mother, Shirley, Ida, Mary and Edds here for supper. Edds stayed all night at girls. Had oyster stew, salad, cheeses, ice cream and cake and cookies. Mother and Shirley to town with Edds and girls.

Saturday, January 2, 1954. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys helped CR shell corn in mourning. Ronnie took Paul to lesson. Girls came out after work. Done their washing and washed our car and Mary's too. I cleaned the kitchen and bathroom. Girls to town after supper.

Sunday, January 3, 1954. Cloudy, rather chilly. We all went to church in morning. Student from seminary preached. We were home for dinner. Mary working. Wrote thank you letters in p.m. We all went to see "The Robe" at Irvin [Theater]. Was very good show.

Monday, January 4, 1954. Fair, chilly, rather damp, cloudy in p.m. Washed. Also washed feathers. Done ironing in p.m. Hung overalls outside but didn't dry. Pete chored and worked on power house roof. Edgars and girls here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Ronnie to 4-H Federation.

Tuesday, January 5, 1954. Cloudy. Pete and I to dentist at 8:00. Put clothes away. We took tree and Christmas decorations down in p.m. Put Mary's rug down in living room. Cleaned up house. I went to Good Will Circle and evening. Ronnie to F. F. A. basketball game.

Wednesday, January 6, 1954. Mostly cloudy, chilly. Defrosted icebox. We went to town at 10:00. Mary and I uptown. She ordered car and driver license. We shopped for shoes. I got a pair of white shoes. Pete to a sale and to Willis Hilton's funeral. He was pall bearer. I do and marry a long home. We went to choir practice. Took girls.

Thursday, January 7, 1954. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Took care of Frances Mosimann. Had her H. B. out. She got along quite well. Pete worked around the garage. We went to Walter Yoder's to committee meeting for the all church party. Harold [Patton]s there too. Ronnie to try out for play. Cleaned up stairs after got home.

Friday January 8, 1954. Fair, nice day. Done cleaning and went to auxiliary meeting at hospital at 10:30. Pete doing odd jobs. Girls came out for supper and dressed 2 chickens for them and 2 for Duncan [Miller]s. Pete and I done eggs. Ronnie to ballgame. Paul Ray [Fowler] here all night.

Saturday, January 9, 1954. Mostly fair, much colder in p.m. and evening. Went to work at 7:00 to 3:00. Pete and boys dehorned calves. They went to town in p.m. Paul took lesson. I cleaned the kitchen and bathroom and evening. Reverend Hohenstein died in St. Louis.

Sunday, January 10, 1954. Fair, cold. We went to church. Home for dinner. Pete and I to church in p.m., had committee meeting to plan for all church party. Ronnie to Youth Council. Paul at Mary and Ida's. I went there after meeting. Boys home to chore. We all were at the girls for supper. CR's, Billys and Shirley there too. Ronnie took Shirley to church and evening. She sang.

Monday, January 11, 1954. Partly cloudy, few flurries, much colder. Washed. Went to Home Bureau at Baby Fold. Ironed some when got home. Finished after supper. Pete to poultry meeting. Ronnie played with pep band for County Teachers Meeting and went to 4-H Federation. Pete worked income tax. Had letter from Allen.

Tuesday, January 12, 1954. Fair, cold, 5° below, cold all day. Done usual work. Put clothes away. Wrote Allen letter. Baked rolls and cherry torte and mended. Pete worked on income tax. Having avalanches in Europe, Austria hard hit. Pete and I to church. Men's Fellowship had work night. Mrs. Hoover, Marie Y[oder] and I cleaned at church.

Wednesday, January 13, 1954. Mostly cloudy, 5° above, windy and real chilly in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to Mothers. Settled with her and figured income tax. We went to choir practice in evening. Shirley along. Paul at Mothers. Made salad for Farm Bureau dinner.

Thursday, January 14, 1954. Cloudy, snowed early in morning. Roads little slick in places. Some warmer. Cleaned up stairs in morning. Went to church with Jeanette. Good Will served dinner for Farm Bureau directors and township representatives. 61. Pete and I to annual meeting at Wesleyan Gym in p.m. I went to Sixth District [Mennonite General Conference] meeting at nurses home. Ronnie to Bloomington-Normal Youth Council. Girls here for supper.

Friday, January 15, 1954. Partly cloudy. Done cleaning, also kitchen and bathroom. Baked cookies and 2 cherry pies for supper. Took them to Mary's for supper. Edgars and Grandma there. Dorothy fixed our hair. I fixed a box of cookies for Allen. Pete working around home. Ronnie to basketball game in evening. I mended some in p.m.

Saturday, January 16, 1954. Cloudy, few flurries, much colder in p.m. and evening. Went to work at 7:00. Ronnie to FFA judging contest at ISNU and took Paul to his lesson. Paul at Mothers awhile. Pete to sale at Carlock. Shirley along home. Here all night.

Sunday, January 17, 1954. Clear, cold, 7° below. Went to work at 7:00. Went to church at 11:00, back to work after church. Shirley along to church, sang with choir. Reverend Ewert here on try out. Boys and Shirley at Ida's for lunch. Mary working too. I went home with her. Then went to church at 5:00. We had fellowship and lunch for Reverend Ewert. Had good crowd. Had services at 7:00. Choir sang. Shirley home after dinner.

Monday, January 18, 1954. Cloudy, misted and froze some in evening, rather slick. I washed and done ironing in p.m. Pete to Roy's at 11:00, helped get ready for sale. He went to poultry meeting in evening. Boys to 4-H meeting at CRs. Paul joined 4-H. Ronnie elected president. Jeanette here. We made tray covers for all church party.

Tuesday, January 19, 1954. Cloudy, foggy, damp. Cleaned up house. Wrote Allen and worked on tray covers awhile. Baked coffee cake and desert for supper and made 2 pie crusts. Went to Normal at 3:30. Got Phyllis [Patton] gift (wool scarf) and took uniforms to girls to take to hospital. Ronnie to ballgame in evening. We were home.

Wednesday, January 20, 1954. Had big rain in morning. Thundered. Sun came out about 9:00. Clouded up again before noon. Turned much colder in p.m. Misted. We were at Roy's sale. Helped auxiliary serve lunch. Made pie. Pete helping at sale. Mother, Mabel and I to club meeting at Mrs. Hadden. Sewed for Cancer Society. Went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, January 21, 1954. Mostly fair, cold. Baked cookies and cake. Cleaned up stairs and cleaned fruit shelves in basement. Dressed 2 chickens. We went to town at 1:00. Mary had day off. She went along uptown. Took her driver's test but didn't answer all of questions, so has to go back. Pete gave blood at blood bank. Didn't get home until 6:00. I changed clothes. Ronnie to Youth Council and banquet. I to PTA joint meeting. Was chairman of room mothers. Furnished cookies. Paul at Mothers in p.m.

Friday, January 22, 1954. Fair, cold. Cleaned bedrooms. Iced cake and made salad. Got things ready for dinner. We went to annual hospital meeting at 10:00. Helped with dinner. Good crowd. Went with Mary to Dr. McGinnis for physical exam. Pete home to chore. We were at the girls for supper at all went to ballgame at NCHS. We won. Pep band played for dance after game. Ronnie home with Merlin [Fowler].

Saturday, January 23, 1954. Fair in p.m., warmer in evening. Cleaned living room, kitchen and bath. Pete, Paul and I to town in p.m. Paul took lesson. Got him new coat, cap, & shoes. Edgars, Mother and girls here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Ida and Mary stayed all night.

Sunday, January 24, 1954. Cloudy, misted some. We all went to church and went to Edds for dinner. Girls to town soon as we got back from Edds. We went to Shirley's folks awhile. Watched TV.

Monday, January 25, 1954. Cloudy, misted and foggy. Done washing and ironing and finished place mats for church party. Pete ground feed and cleaned out brooder house. We went to Mrs. Troyer awhile. She wanted to talk about program for young people. We went to Earl Thomas at 9:15. Had income tax figured. Didn't have any to pay. Mary along too. Boys home.

Tuesday, January 26, 1954. Cloudy, misted, rained, froze ice. Packed clothes for Allen and wrote him. Helped Pete with cattle, move them across road. Cleaned up house. Made dessert. We went to church in evening. Cleaned basement. Boys to ballgame at NCHS. Ida and Mary helped at church too. Rained in evening. Roads not quite so icy.

Wednesday, January 27, 1954. Partly cloudy, cold. Pete took me to work at 7:00. Some of streets icy. Trees etc. hanging full of ice. Ronnie took car to school and went to Gailey Clinic after school. His eyes are better. I went with Mary to Dr. McGinnis. She has to have minor surgery. We were home in evening. Didn't have choir practice. Pete has cold. Ronnie played basketball.

Thursday, January 28, 1954. Fair, some of ice melted, chilly. Baked cake and pie crust. Dressed 2 chickens and made salad. Went to town after dinner. Went with Mary to take drivers test, but she has to go back. Feel sorry for her. Pete chored. We all went to alumni family night supper at nurses home. Ronnie went in truck. Took tables to church after supper. We stopped there. Helped finish decorate.

Friday, January 29, 1954. Mostly fair. Pete shelled corn at Fagerburg's. Had 6 men for dinner. Didn't know it until 12:00. Had chili, salad and peach crisp. I done all of cleaning. Made pie. Fixed things for supper & went to church. Had the all church party at our church. Around 110 there. Dr. J. E. Hartzler spoke. Very good. Harold [Patton] sang solo. Paul Ray [Fowler] here with Paul. Took Ronnie to train at 3:30 a.m. Went to Chicago with Thespians for 2 days.

Saturday, January 30, 1954. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to town before noon. Paul home with me. Pete to men's meeting at Gridley. Went with Walter [Yoder] at 5:30. J. E. Hartzler talked. I baked cake in evening. Washed some things. Busy all evening.

Sunday, January 31, 1954. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to church. They and Ida at Mothers for dinner. Selma there too. Mary working too. We went to girls in evening. Surprised Mary. Edgars, Billys, Mother and Shirley there too. Had ice cream and cake. I made cake.

Monday, February 1, 1954. Fair, nice day. I washed. Went to town at 9:15. Was on grand jury. An interesting day, but makes one feel badly. Pete working on henhouse. Has man helping him. I ironed colored shirts and got things ready for supper. We went to 4-H family night supper at Farm Bureau. Mother fried chicken for me.

Tuesday, February 2, 1954. Cloudy, showered some in p.m. Went to grand jury at 9:30. Visited jail in p.m. Got done at 3:00. Went to Phil [Patton]'s. Gave Robert hypo-(penicillin), has been running temperature. Went to Good Will Circle in evening with Jeanette. Pete worked on henhouse. Had help. Ironed little. Rained in night and snowed some.

Wednesday, February 3, 1954. Cloudy, snow melted, chilly. Mary here awhile in morning. We ironed little. Went town in morning. I went to dentist. Mother along. Pete went with Mary but she didn't get her license. We came home at 3:00. I went to Phils and ironed some. Girls came out at 4:00. I went back with them to dentist, got inlay put in. Pete & Paul & I at Mary's for supper. Ronnie to ballgame. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, February 4, 1954. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m. Went to town and 8:00. Took Ronnie to school. Brought Mother out. We dressed 5 chickens for her, 2 for us, and 1 goose. We canned 7 quarts chicken and 7 pints soup for Mother. I cleaned upstairs and bedrooms. Went to Phils, gave Robert hypo. Dorothy and girls here for supper. E. A. had a meeting. Mary took Mother and Dot home. Dorothy fixed our hair. Ronnie to 4-H Federation.

Friday, February 5, 1954. Cloudy, chilly. Cleaned living room. Went to auxiliary with Pearl at 9:15. Sent Allen box of fudge. Pete working on hen house. He went to town at 3:00. Went with Mary to take her test and she passed her test. So glad for her. We were home in evening. I cleaned up recreation room. Ronnie to ballgame.

Saturday, February 6, 1954. Mostly cloudy, colder, few flurries. Done Saturday work and cleaned windows. Baked cake and coffee cake. Took Paul to lesson and took eggs to hatchery. Girls and Shirley here for supper and all night. Made salad and marshmallow dessert. Lucy C[atherine], Phyllis and Robert [Patton] here awhile. Gave Robert is hypo. Pete and Ronnie busy getting ready for chicks and pigs. Ronnie having baby pigs. Marie came home.

Sunday, February 7, 1954. Beautiful day. We all went to church. Girls and Mother came home after Sunday School. Got things started for dinner. Roys, CRs, Marie, Mother, girls and Shirley here for dinner and supper. Edds came at 4:00, here for supper. Ronnie to Bloomington-Hormal Youth Council at Second Presbyterian at 5:30. Marie back to Chicago at 7:20 on train. Had nice day.

Monday, February 8, 1954. Fine day. Washed, dried overalls outside. Pete to town in p.m. Got 1200 baby chicks. I helped Pete get things ready for them and put them out. Baked angel food cake. Paul at Dicky [Miller]s for supper. I was at girls. Surgery girls had shower for Scheiber. Pete at poultry meeting. Ronnie at play practice and 4-H meeting. Having little pigs.

Tuesday, February 9, 1954. Beautiful day, warmer. Done ironing in morning. Dusted, mended some. Pete working with chicks and pigs. Ronnie to school early. Men putting new roof on barn. Men here taking windmill tower down. Pete to men's meeting work night. He's on committee. Made sandwiches and cocoa for him. Boys to dentist at 4:30. Ronnie to play practice at 6:15.

Wednesday, February 10, 1954. Fair, rather windy. Done usual work. Wrote Allen. Cased eggs. Went to town while in p.m. Got Ronnie at school. Had play practice. Pete ground feed in p.m. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Mothers.

Thursday, February 11, 1954. Partly cloudy, colder. Cleaned upstairs in morning and bedrooms in evening. Went to Home Bureau at Baby Fold. Pete working around home. We went to Mary and Ida's for supper. Edgars and Mother there too. Dorothy fixed our hair. Ronnie to dress rehearsal at 6:00. He ate at home.

Friday, February 12, 1954. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Cleaned up living room when got home. Pete and I, Shirley, Grandma, Mary and Ida to Eds for supper. Ronnie to 4-H meeting at Farm Bureau. Shirley getting ready to go to Austria. We went to Christian Church at Eureka to see about kitchen etc. for Miss Scheiber's reception.

Saturday, February 13, 1954. Fair, warmer, nice day. Went to work at 7:00, were busy. Aunt Martha [Claudon] was brought to hospital at 8:00. Had slight stroke, fell, hurt her hip. She's in 1122. Was late when got home. Pete and Paul to town in p.m. Paul had recital. We all went to plays at NCHS. Had 6 1-act plays. Ronnie in 2 of them. Was good. Girls along too.

Sunday, February 14, 1954. Fair, warm, in 60s. Went to church. Ate lunch at Ida's. Mary worked until 12:00. Pete, girls and I to Irene Scheiber and Don Weys (sp?) wedding at Eureka. Girls and I in charge of reception. Got along pretty good. D. Smith and Miss Urhardt rode along over. Pete to Eds after wedding. Nettie sick at her stomach. Boys home. Girls home at 6:00. Pete and I to hospital in evening to see Aunt Martha. Haven't had x-rays yet.

Monday, February 15, 1954. Mostly fair, real windy, warmer. Washed. Hung towels, underwear and overalls out. They dried. Done ironing in p.m. Ronnie to 4-H Federation. Pete to poultry school. Paul and I to see Aunt Martha. She's doing pretty good. Rained real hard in evening and night. Very windy. Electricity off at 1:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 16, 1954. Cloudy, rained in morning, colder. Electricity off until 11:40. Got rather chilly in house and no water for stool. I dusted up house, baked cookies, rolls and cherry pie for supper. Girls here for supper. We all went to play at Carlock. Community club put it on. Jeanette in it. Was real good.

Wednesday, February 17, 1954. Fair, fine day. We went to town in morning. Pete had car greased and went to John Deere day. Mary and I uptown awhile. Ate lunch at her house. She, Mother and I to club meeting at Marie Hastings. Mary and I left early. Had meeting at hospital at 3:30. Mary got Ida. Pete met me at hospital. We got Shirley at work. She came along out. We all went to Roys for supper. Mother and CRs there too. Ronnie took Mother and Shirley home.

Thursday, February 18, 1954. Fine day. Pete and I to town. \$1 day. Got overcoat for Ronnie, \$10, also underwear, etc. Shirley has sore throat, tonsillitis. She went home from work. Went to Dr. Had penicillin, sulfa, etc.. Had more temperature in p.m., but better in evening. I cleaned upstairs in morning and cleaned bedrooms in evening. Ronnie to high school in evening. Paul to PTA meeting with Mohrs. Pete and I and Mr. and Mrs. Yeakel took Shirley to Chicago. Left town little after 9:00. Got to Midway Airport at 12:00.

Friday, February 19, 1954. Fair, nice day. Shirley left Chicago at 2:30 a.m. for Europe. She got to New York at 6:30 a.m., left there at 1:30. We hated to see her leave but are glad for she and Allen. We got home at 5:20. Slept until 7:00. Done cleaning. Baked cookies and coffee cake. Dressed 3 chickens, also goose for Marie Kaufman. Mary came after me at 4:30. We were at her house for supper. Edgars and Mother there too. Had hair fixed. We went to choir practice. Ronnie to game.

Saturday, February 20, 1954. Cloudy, showered little. Dust in air, windy. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys working outside. Pete cut some trees in orchard. Ronnie took Paul to lesson and helped decorate at school for a Thespian formal dance. I got things ready for supper. Went to Garfield family night supper at Field School. I went early, on committee to make coffee. Pete and boys went with CRs. Ronnie had car after supper. We came home with [Lloyd and Dorothy] Singleys.

Sunday, February 21, 1954. Fair, nice day. We went to church. J. E. Hartzler preached. Large crowd. We ate dinner at the girls. Ronnie to Bloomington-Normal Youth Council. We went to Edds awhile. Nettie feeling some better. Billys there too. They stopped here for supper. Girls here too. Paul at neighbors in p.m. Had cablegram from Allen. Shirley arrived, all OK.

Monday, February 22, 1954. Fair, nice day, rather chilly in morning. I washed. Dried clothes outside. Washed boys quilt. Done ironing in p.m. Pete cleaned up brush in orchard. Got oats at Yuton. He went to poultry school in evening. Ronnie to 4-H Federation. Paul and I home.

Tuesday, February 23, 1954. Cloudy, rained early in morning, rather chilly. Baked cake, coffee cake, pie crust and made salad. Cased some eggs. Mabel and I to Mothers at 11:30. Mrs. Hastings, Mrs. Bastings, *Minnie* (sp?), Laura and May [Mohr] there too. Pete fixed tractor brakes and cased eggs. We went to Friendship Circle supper for J.D. Schertzs at church. Ronnie to ball game after supper.

Wednesday, February 24, 1954. Fair, nice day. Helped Pete some with chickens. We helped Ernest Fowlers move east of Normal. Mabel there too. We came home after dinner. Had everything unloaded. Mabel and I to missionary meeting at Pearls. Choir practice called off.

Mary to hospital at 6:00 for D & C. We went to town in evening. Saw Aunt Martha awhile and Mary. I took Mary's car home for her. Mother along to hospital. Ronnie playing basketball.

Thursday, February 25, 1954. Cloudy, rained and snowed some in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Mary went to surgery at 11:30. Had cervical. *Paulpul* (?). She got along pretty good, didn't vomit. Dr. Denny gave anesthetic. Pete to Service Company meeting. Helped serve coffee. Was elected Board of Directors. Pete and I to NCHS PTA in evening. Went to hospital, got Ida and took her along home. Boys home.

Friday, February 26, 1954. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Mary getting along pretty good. Pete to Champaign to Service Company meeting. Ronnie finished picnic tables and brought them home in truck. Ida and I home with him. Edgars here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Mother not home. Ida stayed all night. Cleaned bedrooms, living and dining room in evening.

Saturday, February 27, 1954. Cloudy, snowed in p.m. and evening. Very disagreeable. Went to work at 7:00. Mary up some. I worked until 5:20. Reynolds late getting back from her folks. Took Ida home. Ronnie played basketball with church team in morning at Congerville. They won so played championship game in evening and won. 4-H leaders here in evening. Made out programs.

Sunday, February 28, 1954. Fair, nice day. Most of snow left. Went to church and to Ida's for dinner. We took Mary home from hospital after church. She's feeling pretty good. I went to capping services at First U[nited] B[rethren] Church at 2:15. Went in uniform. Helped auxiliary serve reception. Pete and boys to George and Merle's awhile. Edgars and Billys at girls awhile.

Monday, March 1, 1954. Fair, nice day. Chilly in morning. Washed, hung most of clothes outside. Went to town at 11:00. Went to Mary's. She's feeling pretty good. Got lunch for her. Mother and I to Dr. *Dammon's* (sp?) funeral at 2:00. Got Ida at work. Ironed some after got home and some in evening. Ronnie to tractor school. Pete and Paul cleaned barn and ground feed. Teachers Institute. Boys to 4-H at Glenn Maxwell's.

Tuesday, March 2, 1954. Cloudy, started to snow in p.m. and kept it up all evening, blowing. Ronnie to school early. I went with him. Brought Mother and Mary out in Mary's car. Finished ironing. Mended, baked cookies and apple crisp. Ida came out with Ronnie. Pete cleaning barn. Pete and Ronnie took folks to town. Roads drifting. They just got through coming home. Road drifted at Mohrs. Didn't go to Good Will.

Wednesday, March 3, 1954. Fair, cold, windy. Buses didn't run. Ronnie drove to school. It took Nancy [Mohr] and Lynn [Rader?]. Had Wayne pull him part of way. Snowplow went by at 10:30. Roads drifted again in p.m. Boys left school early on account of roads. Wayne helped them home from hard road. Pete cleaned barn. I cleaned out dresser drawers and china cabinet drawers. Had letter from Shirley and Allen. Glad to hear.

Thursday, March 4, 1954. Fair, cold, 5° above. Cleaned upstairs and cleaned 2 attics. Cleaned cupboard in afternoon. Got dinner. Buses didn't run so boys didn't go to school. Pete and

Ronnie cleaned barn at Fagerburg's. Roads open north but south road still closed. We went to girls for supper. Went north to church then to [Highway] 51. Dorothy fixed our hair. Ronnie to 4-H meeting. Mother not feeling so good.

Friday, March 5, 1954. Fair, zero, warmed up some. Done cleaning. Pete and I to town. I went to Hobby Show at Wesley Church. Helped at our Home Bureau booth. Had baked goods. Went west to Route 150. They opened up our road at noon. Pete home and went back after me. Boys to school. CR took them. Came home on bus. I cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Ronnie to Ensemble practice and to 4-H leaders meeting. Mary went to work as ward clerk.

Saturday, March 6, 1954. Fair, little warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Pete took me. Ronnie to music contest at Bloomington High School at 9:00. Brass Quintet got 1st and State, Boys ensemble got 2nd. Mixed Ensemble 1st and State. Pete and Paul to town at 11:00. Paul at Mothers till time for lesson. Pete to Hedgecock dinner at Quality Café. We went to Herman Bullers for supper.

Sunday, March 7, 1954. Nice day, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to church and to girls for dinner. Ida to church too. Mary home. Boys home in p.m. Pete to hospital to see Aunt Martha. We were home in evening.

Monday, March 8, 1954. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Washed before I went. Were busy. Went with Mary to Dr. McGinnis for checkup. Everything seems okay. Pete to Kerrick meeting at noon. Ronnie to town in evening. Practice for TV program.

Tuesday, March 9, 1954. Fair, Don ironing in morning. Mended in p.m. Made fudge and penuchi. Boys home at 2:30. Pete and Ronnie finished cleaning out barn. Pete to Men's Fellowship. Ronnie, Paul and I to TV station. 4-H Federation put on program. We stopped at George and Merle's awhile.

Wednesday, March 10, 1954. Mostly cloudy. Dressed 2 chickens. Dusted house. Edd called in morning. Nettie isn't good. Going to bring her to hospital. They came at 2:00. I went in our car. I stayed in. Ronnie brought car home. Pete and boys came in after chores. We all ate supper at girls. Edd stayed all night with them. We went to choir practice. I sent Allen's baseball glove and Shirley's music. Also sent candy. Paul at Dickie [Miller]'s all night.

Thursday, March 11, 1954. Cloudy, windy, chilly. Baked pie, nut bread and made salad. Went to Home Bureau with Mabel at Delbert Rengel. Stopped at hospital. Nettie feeling better, not so dizzy. Dr. Watkins treated her ears. We went to community club supper at Eugene Field. Edna and Albert *Newberry* (sp?) spoke and showed pictures of Liberia. Ronnie to TV station. 4-H Federation gave program. Ronnie M.C.

Friday, March 12, 1954. Cloudy, windy. Rained and hailed some in evening. Cleaned upstairs and bedrooms. Went to town at 9:30. Mabel and I cleaned Mother's kitchen and bathroom, washed walls. I went to meeting at hospital at 1:00 to 3:00. Stopped to see Nettie. Went to Edgars at 4:30. Dorothy fixed my hair.

Saturday, March 13, 1954. Cloudy, colder, misted some, gloomy. Baked cake, cookies and apple crisp. Cleaned up living room, kitchen and bathroom. Ronnie, Paul and I to town. Mother and I to Mrs. Barlow funeral. Paul to lesson. Stopped at hospital to see Nettie and Aunt Martha. Nettie had x-ray of stomach. Pete to Sunday School meeting in evening. Mother and we all went to housewarming for Fowlers. Had good time. Pete came awhile. Then we got preacher (Bergen) at N[orman] Vercler's. He was here all night.

Sunday, March 14, 1954. Partly cloudy, cold, 18°, few snow flurries. We went to church. Preacher, Edd, Ida and Mary here for dinner. Pete took Reverend Bergen to train at 3:50. Edd to hospital after dinner. Pete stopped at hospital awhile. Boys to CRs in p.m. Girls home at 5:30.

Monday, March 15, 1954. Fair, cold. Washed. Hung towels, underwear and overalls outside. Dried good. We started painting living and dining room and hall. Got ceiling done and some of wall in hall. Ceiling wheat color and walls surf green. Pete to planter meeting at John Deere. Ronnie to ballgame. I done ironing in evening.

Tuesday, March 16, 1954. Fair, beautiful day. I went to town at 8:00. Got white paint to put with green. We finished painting. I washed woodwork and waxed floors. Girls came out after work and helped straighten up. They washed wood work in hall. Sure glad it's done. Looks nice. Pete had nominating committee meeting here in evening. Mrs. Davidson, Winifred [Maxwell] and Mrs. Bedell. Ron to ballgame.

Wednesday, March 17, 1954. Fair, nice day, warmer. Helped Pete with chickens. Wrote Allen and Shirley. Cased eggs awhile. Pete shelled Mother's and our corn in p.m. I went to club meeting with Pearl. Was at Marie Heiser's. We went to hospital awhile. Saw Nettie and Aunt Martha. Nettie better, up and around. We went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, March 18, 1954. Fair, warmer, windy. Cleaned upstairs and bedrooms and living room. Baked rolls and pudding. Pete cleaned up husks and cobs. Had some [cobs] ground at Yuton. Helped CR with well platform. I raked back yard and cleared off iris [bed] and washed car. Pete and I to Field PTA. Rained in evening and night.

Friday, March 19, 1954. Cloudy, rained, looked stormy and dust in the air. Went to work at 7:00. Nettie some better. Julia [Klooz] had slight heart attack. Is in hospital. Girls and I went uptown after work. Got new coat. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom in evening. Ronnie to Inkscapades. Swing band played. Marie home in p.m. Aunt Martha walking pretty good.

Saturday, March 20 1954. Mostly cloudy, fair in evening, colder. Went to work at 7:00. Very busy day, 10 admits. Nettie didn't feel so good. Edd came over in p.m.. Pete and Paul to town at noon. They ground feed after got home. Mother and Marie here awhile. We all went to CRs for supper. Roys there too. Men to Roys awhile to watch ball game on TV.

Sunday, March 21, 1954. Fair, 20°, beautiful day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to church and to girls for dinner. Ed and Billy there too. Ronnie to Carlock in p.m., practice for Rally. Paul at Rays. Pete to hospital in p.m. Nettie and Julia feeling better. Girls here awhile in evening.

Monday, March 22, 1954. Cloudy, misted little and few flurries in p.m. Washed and done ironing p.m.. Pete had buyers here for heifers. Got oats at Yuton in morning. We went to Symphony in evening. Girls along. Jan Pierce, tenor, very good. Boys to 4-H Rally. Ronnie made the awards. Nettie didn't feel so good, had diarrhea.

Tuesday, March 23, 1954. Fair, nice day. I went to Peoria with B. Linneman. Pearl, Clara, Bernadine and Golda visited hospitals and gift shops and lunch counters. Came home through Pekin and stopped at St. Joe [hospital]. Saw Nettie in morning. She's feeling better. Pete made hog fence. We went to Friendship Circle in evening. Boys home.

Wednesday, March 24, 1954. Cloudy, rained in p.m. and evening. I went to town in morning. Took mother to Dr. with her knee. It's better. We stopped at hospital. I bought elastic hose for Aunt Martha. Got home at 2:00. I cleaned the kitchen yet. Pete helped me move stove and icebox. He cased eggs. We went to choir practice with Jeanette. Ronnie to Augustana choir. Paul at Mothers.

Thursday, March 25, 1954. Partly cloudy, very strong wind from southwest. Pete to Service Company board meeting. I made candy. Cleaned upstairs, bedrooms and living room. Baked cake and cookies. Cleaned cupboards and broom closet in kitchen. Went to school at 2:30. Paul's birthday. Took candy and cookies. Went to hospital. Nettie to girls. Edd got here after work. She's better. Mother along home. We all went to Colters for supper. Had nice time.

Friday, March 26, 1954. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete, Mabel and Pearl took Aunt Martha home. Pete to sale at Weston to see egg washer. I brought truck home from town. Mother, Ida and Mary here for supper. Ida sick at stomach. Ronnie to Farm Bureau and to school. Packed box cookies and candy for Allen and Shirley. Clara Schad died.

Saturday, March 27 1954. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Mary to Ohio with Alice Gerber Jiles. Pete and boys moved hog houses to pasture. Ronnie took Paul to his lesson. He had recital. I had hair fixed at Mrs. Thomson's at 5:00. Ida along home, here all night. Ronnie to school party, had date. Doris *Kerne* (sp?).

Sunday, March 28, 1954. Had shower in morning, fair, colder in evening. We went to church. Were at Mothers for dinner. I made pie and took roast. *Ann* (sp?) Newhauser there too. We went to funeral home in p.m. to see Clara Schad. Ronnie to Washington in p.m. with Norman and Mary Lou [Vercler] to Youth Rally. He played solo and sang in quartet in evening. Came home with K[enneth] Dovel. We went to Roys in evening, watched TV.

Monday, March 29, 1954. Cloudy, rained, sleeted, froze ice. Washed. Pete and I to Clara Schad's funeral. Mother and Mrs. Troyer along. I ironed after got home. Finished after supper. Pete chored in morning. Dressed chicken in evening.

Tuesday, March 30, 1954. Cloudy, fair in p.m. cleaned up house, baked pies. Cleaned bathroom and waxed kitchen and bathroom floors. Got ready for company. George and Merle, Ida and Mary here for supper. Had nice time. Ronnie to Thespian party.

Wednesday, March 31, 1954. Partly cloudy. Cleaned closets in our bedroom and wrote letter to Allen and Shirley. Went to missionary meeting at Clara Brodbeck with Mabel. Cleaned closet in west bedroom after got home. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Mothers.

Thursday, April 1, 1954. Fair, nice day, colder in evening. I went to Peoria with Laura and May [Mohr]. Mother and Mabel along too. I got print dress and hat. CR discing. Pete took Ronnie to Gridley at 11:00. He went to Bluffton with Marvin Zehr and L. Scherick. He brought Aunt Martha's Victrola home. We sowed lettuce, radishes and 2 rows of peas in the garden. We went to the girls for supper. E.A.s and Mother there. Had hair fixed.

Friday, April 2, 1954. Mostly fair. Windy and colder in p.m. and evening. Done cleaning in morning. Went to auxiliary at hospital with Pearl. Mother along. Potluck dinner, guest day, big crowd. Took care of food. Pete & CR sowing oats. Got CRs done. Pete started discing here. I cased eggs before supper. We finished afterwards. Was tired. Paul disc awhile after school.

Saturday, April 3, 1954. Fair, cold, 20°. Went to work at 7:00, quite busy. Girls and I up town after work. They came out for supper and all night. I baked cake. Made custard and salad dressing. We defrosted deep freezer in evening. Pete took eggs to town in morning. Disc in p.m. Frozen in morning. Paul to town with Mabel. Took his lesson.

Sunday, April 4, 1954. Fair, cold, 24°. Warmer in p.m. We went to church. Paul to Fowlers after church. We were home for dinner. Girls, Pete and I to Edds in p.m. They went home at 5:00. I helped Pete chore. Paul home at 7:00. Pete and Paul to Gridley to get Ronnie. Got home at 9:00. They had a nice weekend.

Monday, April 5, 1954. Reigned in morning, much warmer, 70°. I washed. Dried clothes in basement. Done ironing in p.m. Pete got oats and corn at Yuton and tore old shed down at Fagerburg's place. Ronnie and Paul to 4-H meeting at Leaschs. Ronnie gave his FFA speech. Paul played solo.

Tuesday, April 6, 1954. Rained 2 inches early a.m.. Fair, hot, 80°. Pete to town, got meat at locker. Brot Mother out. Canned 7 pints beef for her. Made 17 1/2 quarts chili. Cooked bones and canned 8 1/2 quarts soup. Pete to town hall with Roy to meeting. I went to Good Will Circle in evening with Jeanette. Took Mother home. Pete and boys home. Have new egg washer.

Wednesday, April 7, 1954. Mostly cloudy, windy, had shower in p.m. I cleaned east attic, boys closet and desk. Baked cookies and pie. Cleaned china closet. Pete worked on grinder, ground fee until it rained. We all went with Mr. Custer and Mr. Allen to El Paso to FFA speaking contest. Ronnie done real well didn't get anything. Judges balled things up.

Thursday, April 8, 1954. Mostly fair. Went to work 7:00. Pete ground feed and made fence. Girls along home, stayed all night. I packed Allen's suit & overalls, got them ready to mail.

Friday, April 9, 1954. Fair, warmer. Went to work 7:00. Had committee meeting at 2:00. Coffeeshop committee. Done cleaning after got home. We put out onion plants, spinach, carrots & beets & a few beans. Pete to town in morning. Too wet yet to disc. Ronnie to play at Danvers.

Saturday, April 10, 1954. Cloudy, rained early in morning and again in p.m. and evening. Had over 2 inches. Done Saturday work. Baked rolls. Went to town at 12:00. Ronnie played with band in contest. They got 1st and state. We got evergreens to set out. Paul took lesson. We went to Carlock to vote (school election). Made salad and baked cake in evening.

Sunday, April 11, 1954. Mostly fair, nice day. Got ready for company. Went to church. Norman [Vercler]s, Herman Buller and girls here for dinner and lunch. (Ruth [Buller] in Indiana.) We all went to Carlock in p.m. to organ dedication. Had nice day.

Monday, April 12, 1954. Beautiful day. Washed, had big one, bedding and drapes from upstairs. Done ironing in p.m. Pete set out 4 evergreens in morning and helped CR make fence in p.m. Ronnie to Rural Youth in evening.

Tuesday, April 13, 1954. Beautiful day. Washed bedding and rugs from two bedrooms and cleaned the upstairs. Girls came out after work. Helped clean the west bedroom and waxed floor. Had big day. Pete worked around barn. Went to town in p.m. to dentist. Dr. Deneen passed away, early a.m. Quite a shock, heart attack.

Wednesday, April 14, 1954. Fair, cloudy in p.m. Cleaned my bedroom in morning. Mother and I to Dr. Deneen's funeral at Holy Trinity Church. Finished bedroom in p.m. Ironed doilees, scarfs and curtains. Edgars, Mother, Ida and Mary here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. We went to choir practice. Edgars here when we got back. Ronnie stayed at Bruce Barber's all night. Rained in evening.

Thursday, April 15, 1954. Cloudy, rained hard in evening. Had 1 1/2 inches rain. I baked cookies and rolls in morning. We went to town in p.m. Ronnie to Chicago with Science Club. Got back at 8:30. We all went to church in evening. Peace Club of Bluffton here. Boys, John Bauman and Arden Slotter, here all night. Enjoyed having them. Orlyn [Zehr] with club but went home. We miss Allen so much.

Friday, April 16, 1954. Cleared off, cooler. Boys left at 9:00. I cleaned fruit room in basement and done cleaning. Boys had no school. They got house ready for gooslings and worked on tractor. Larry Mohr and Lynn Rader here in p.m. We all went to CRs for supper.

Saturday, April 17, 1954. Fair, windy. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys vaccinated pigs. Pete and Paul to town in p.m. I had flat tire when was ready to come home. Vans filling station changed it. Ronnie washed car. He had date with Donna Spencer. Paul and I colored eggs in evening.

Sunday, April 18, 1954. Partly cloudy. We all went to church, had communion. R. L. Hartzler officiated. We went to the girls for lunch. Mother, Marie, CRs and Edds there too. Marie back to Chicago in p.m. CR to Macomb. We miss Allen and Shirley so much.

Monday, April 19, 1954. Mostly cloudy, chilly in p.m.. Washed and ironed. Pete and boys disc and sowed oats at Fagerburg's and 5 acres here at home. Gordon disc awhile in morning. Ronnie and Paul disc in p.m. Pete run drill. Girls came out after work. We planted peas, onion sets and some sweet corn.

Tuesday, April 20, 1954. Partly cloudy. Looked rainy in morning, showered early. Men went to field at 9:30. Finished sowing oats. So glad to be done. We planted potatoes. Paul and I raked yard in morning. I cut potatoes and helped plant them. Sowed tomato seed and set out two dozen cabbage plants and cleaned the recreation room. Another big day. Pete to Sunday school meeting in evening. Ray here in evening.

Wednesday, April 21, 1954. Partly cloudy, real windy, warm. Had bigger rain in evening. I finished cleaning basement in morning. Pete harrowed oats and started to plow. Ronnie got 175 goslings. I went to club meeting at Lena Hilton's. Ronnie plowed until began to rain at 7:00. We went to choir practice. Paul at Mothers. Rained most of night.

Thursday, April 22, 1954. Cloudy, had 1 1/2 inches rain last night. I baked cookies. Sent some to school with Paul for PTA in evening. Baked rhubarb pie. Cleaned upstairs and cleaned silverware. Pete to Yuton, got oats and chored. We went to town in p.m. I got a permanent. We went to PTA at NCHS. Also saw science exhibit. Boys along.

Friday, April 23, 1954. Cloudy in morning, fair, nice in p.m. and evening. I washed and ironed. Done all of cleaning and cased eggs. Pete to Service Company board meeting. Girls here for supper. We all went to Carlock to Central and Middle District [Mennonite] Conference. Our choir sang 2 special numbers. Good crowd. Saw Alvin and Vera Beachy.

Saturday, April 24, 1954. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00. Ronnie to town with me. Took exhibit to ISNU. Pete to Washington with Mrs. Hoover to conference. He's a delegate. Boys to town in p.m. Paul took lesson. We went to conference at Washington in evening. Mary and Ida along. Took Mary's car. Ronnie had date with Donna Spencer. Set clocks up an hour.

Sunday, April 25, 1954. Fair, had thundershower at 5:15, hot. Went to work at 7:00. Pete, Paul and girls to Baptist church. Ronnie to conference with Carol [Diller]. Came back with [Walter] Yoders at noon and was there in p.m. We went to Washington in evening with Walter Y[oder]s. Girls along too. Boys home. Alvin and Vera [Beachy] came about midnight. Visited awhile. 1:30 when got to bed.

Monday, April 26, 1954. Fair, windy, hot. Went to work at 7:00. Big day. Beachys left for home at 10:00. Pete disc in p.m. Ronnie to 4-H Federation. Girls here in evening. Helped me wash clothes. Dried real nice outside. We planted green beans and more onions. Girls home before supper. Had company, Shirley *Givinner Serber* (sp?) and husband there.

Tuesday, April 27, 1954. Mostly cloudy, cooler. Went to work 7:00. Stopped at Mothers in evening. She's having trouble with her back. I taped her. Done most of the ironing before supper. Pete plowed some at Fagerburg's. We went to Friendship Circle in evening. Ronnie to NCHS Unit 5 band concert. Barbara Ropp passed away.

Wednesday, April 28, 1954. Partly cloudy, real chilly. Went to work at 7:00. Stopped at Mothers. She's about same. Finished ironing in evening. Pete plowing. We all went to choir practice. Paul at Mothers.

Thursday, April 29, 1954. Fair, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Pete spread fertilizer at Fagerburg's and disc. Sheared sheep in p.m. Boys disc after school. Ronnie out until dark. I went to alumni meeting. Cleaned upstairs after work. Washed and cased eggs. Mother some better.

Friday, April 30, 1954. Partly cloudy, warmer, windy in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Pete hauled manure. Ronnie to state music contest. Brass quintet got 1st, ensemble got 2nd. Girls here in evening. We set out 3 dozen cabbage plants. Planted more green beans and beets. Ronnie to Danvers senior class prom. Took Donna Spencer.

Saturday, May 1, 1954. Partly cloudy, warm. Went to work at 7:00, busy day. Had fellow leave hospital. Cut his throat. He's completely off the beam. Sent him to Bartonville. Pete and Paul to town in morning. They ate dinner at Mothers. Pete home. Paula mowed Mothers lawn and came home with me. Girls here awhile in evening. Ronnie to Peoria. Music contest. Band got 2nd.

Sunday, May 2, 1954. Rained in morning, rather windy and partly cloudy in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to church. Ate dinner at the girls. Ronnie to 4-H meeting at Laura [Mohr]s. Paul at Rays awhile in p.m.

Monday, May 3, 1954. Partly cloudy, cold, 35°, windy. Had a few snow flurries in p.m. Washed, clothes dried outside. Done ironing in p.m. We covered strawberries, tomatoes and roses. Pete hauled manure. Boys to 4-H meeting at Marilyn *Sruths* (sp?)

Tuesday, May 4, 1954. Mostly fair, cold, 27°. Mabel and I to Mothers. Cleaned her living room and washed windows on the outside. Pete hauled manure in morning. Plowed in p.m. Pete and boys to Bloomington normal Symphony. I went to Good Will. Had Mother's Day program and guest night. Good crowd. Mother there.

Wednesday, May 5, 1954. Fair, frosty, windy, cold, 30°. I worked in garden all day. Spaded flower beds and sowed flower seeds in p.m. Sure was tired. Pete plowing. We went to choir practice. Paul at Mothers. Ronnie plowed after school.

Thursday, May 6, 1954. Cloudy in morning, fair, 32°. Warmer. I planted glads and sowed more lettuce and radishes. Cleaned upstairs and bedrooms. Aired coats and cleaned cedar closet. Fixed porch box. We planted more sweet corn. Pete plowing. Ronnie out after school and worked late. I washed eggs and cased them. Stirred up cookies.

Friday, May 7, 1954. Partly cloudy, chilly. Baked cookies, 2 rhubarb pies. Cleaned living room. Went to auxiliary meeting at 11:00. Went up town for Pete. Got tire for car and manure spreader. Mother along home. Girls and Dorothy there for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Pete discing ground. We dressed 3 chickens for Dorothy, 4 for Grandma, 1 for girls and 1 for us.

Saturday, May 8, 1954. Fair, little warmer, rained in p.m. Woke up with severe chest pain. Went to work at 7:00, but had to go to bed at noon. Dr. McGinnis saw me. Had chest x-ray. Had congestion, temperature 101. Sure was miserable. Pete and boys hauled manure. Wayne M[ohr] helped them. Paul didn't take lesson. He and Pete came to see me in evening. Ronnie to NCHS. Senior play. Swing band played. He took car home. I'm in 209. Mother and Marie here in evening.

Sunday, May 9, 1954. Fair. I still have some pain in my chest, but not as severe. Having backache. Pete here awhile in morning and again in p.m. They were all at Mothers for dinner. Girls there too. Was rather a long day for me. Boys came awhile and evening. Brought me Mother's Day gift, money for rose bushes. Girls here in evening too. Got rose bowl - *Krull, Ruff, Lipate & Smith* (sp?). Got hose from Mother and girls and hydrangea from Marie.

Monday, May 10, 1954. Fair, chilly. I'm better. No pain in chest. Pete plowing. Girls out home in evening. Done washing and got supper. Ronnie to church skating party. Edgars and Mabel here awhile in evening. Got vine from [Elaine] Reynolds and Rost. Bed jacket from Mrs. Nussbaum, Pauline and Dr. Agee.

Tuesday, May 11, 1954. Fair, chilly. I feel better. Pete helped CR some. They're planting corn at CR's. Pete to town, got fertilizer. He and boys here in evening. Got candy from CRs. Am up in chair for short time. Took another EKG. So thankful it's OK.

Wednesday, May 12, 1954. Fair, warmer. I'm better. They stopped SR and am up ad lib. Pete spread fertilizer and discing. CR finished planting his field of corn and planted little for us. Roy here, brought box of candy. Mother here too. She and girls home together and went out home. Got supper for Pete and boys and cleaned up house.

Thursday, May 13, 1954. Fair, much warmer. I'm better. Came home when girls got off work. Thankful to be home. Edgars and Mother here to. Dorothy fixed girls hair and combed mind. Pete plowing. Ronnie to ANS picnic at Lake Bloomington.

Friday, May 14, 1954. Fair, real warm. I feel some stronger. Done the cooking and rested quite a lot. Boys planting at Fagerburg's. We all went to spring concert at NCHS. Very good. Ronnie played with quintet and was narrator for "Ol' McDonald Farmer." Hospital personnel dinner was at Illinois Hotel but didn't feel able to go. Girls went, took Mother & Dorothy as guests.

Saturday, May 15, 1954. Fair, fine day. Boys planting corn. Ronnie and Paul to town at noon, took eggs. Ronnie got new shoes. Paul took lesson. Pete and Paul discing and harrowing. Ronnie washed car. I feel stronger. Cased eggs and dusted house. Ronnie to Senior Prom at

Illinois Hotel. Took Donna Spencer. We went to CRs. Frida and Carl Woizeski, Edgars, Uncle Charlie, Uncle Henrys, Martha and Bill [Woizeski] and Mother there. Had hamburgers. I furnished cupcakes.

Sunday, May 16, 1954. Cloudy, cool, drizzled off and on all day. We went to church and to girls for dinner. I fixed salad and chicken. Edds at girls too. Boys home after dinner. Ronnie working on speech for evening program. Went to church in evening. 4-H'ers put on program. Ronnie gave talk, done very well.

Monday, May 17, 1954. Fair, nice day. Done hand washing in morning and rested awhile. Went to supervisors meeting at hospital at 2:00. Girls came out after work, helped me do washing. Clothes got dry. We set out a flat [of] tomatoes and planted few small lima beans. Pete finished plowing east field. Ronnie got De Kalb plaque and was poultry and swine king in FFA.

Tuesday, May 18, 1954. Fair, cloudy in evening, cooler. Done ironing in morning. Went to town a \while and to bank. Got rose bushes (boys gave me \$4 for Mother's Day). Also got rug at Bloomington Rug and had it cut into small one and strips. Boys planting corn. Ronnie to Thespian meeting at Virginia Otto's. Pete and I sowed cucumbers and set out pepper and eggplant plants.

Wednesday, May 19, 1954. Fair, real cool. Baked angel food cake, pie and coffee cake. Rested awhile in p.m. and mended some. We planted lima beans in evening. Pete and CR planting corn. They finished ours. Glad to be done. Dressed chicken in evening.

Thursday, May 20, 1954. Fair. Went to work at 7:00. Got along pretty good, only kind tired. Got things ready for supper. Pete, Paul and I to Field PTA supper and all school program. Paul and Dicky [Miller] played piano duet. Ronnie to FFA picnic. We all went to choir practice after meeting. There was church. Rev. Harder from Idaho here on trial. Pete discing for CR. Ground rough.

Friday, May 21, 1954. The cloudy, nice day. Done all of cleaning. Washed some windows on outside. Put rug in dining room and hall runner down. Had it made from our living room rug. Edgars here for supper, also girls and Mother. Dorothy fixed hair. Boys finished planting corn at CRs. Ronnie to band and chorus picnic.

Saturday, May 22, 1954. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Paul Yoders and Arch Planks got to Mary's at 1:30 p.m. They were here for picnic supper. Had hamburgers. Had nice time. Ronnie to Thespian banquet at YWCA and the Danvers to *alumni* (sp?) dance. Pete and Paul mowed and raked yard. Ronnie [unintelligible]. Ron took Paul to lesson.

Sunday, May 23, 1954. Cloudy in morning. Had little shower. Went to work at 7:00 to 10:30. Agee carried book. We went to church. Reverend Harder from Idaho there, good speaker. Ronnie sang solo with choir. We all went to girls for dinner and supper. Went for ride a while. Boys chored. Edds there for dinner. We went to baccalaureate at NCHS. Was real nice. Mother and *Zehna* (sp?) along. We went to Mary's afterwards.

Monday, May 24, 1954. Fair, warm. 80s. I washed and done ironing. Pete plowed pond in bean field and disc it. Ronnie to Starved Rock with senior class. He got back at 6:15. Went to 4-H Federation in evening. Fowlers were here to spend evening.

Tuesday, May 25, 1954. Partly cloudy, cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy in morning, T & As [transfers and admissions?]. Ronnie harrowed corn. Pete worked with men getting ready to put tile in north field. We went to Friendship Circle in evening. Paul at Mothers. Ronnie to ISNU and Wesleyan ball game.

Wednesday, May 26, 1954. Cloudy, showered in morning. Pete and Ronnie set few fence posts. Ronnie took his boar to sale barn. They unloaded tile in field in p.m.. I washed off porch in morning. Cleaned stove drawers and oven in p.m. We set out rose bushes in evening and I put out tuberous begonia bulbs. Paul to Springfield with his class. Went on bus. Came home on train. We went to choir practice with Colters. Paul mowed Mother's lawn. Ron to Danvers.

Thursday, May 27, 1954. Cloudy in morning. Rained some. Went to work at 7:00. Went to girls at 4:30. Dorothy combed my hair. Stirred up cookies in evening. Pete and Ronnie unloaded more tile. Pete harrowed corn. Paul's school out. Colters got chickens in evening. Look stormy in evening.

Friday, May 28, 1954. Partly cloudy, rained some in p.m. Done all of cleaning. Washed windows. Baked cake and cookies. Got things ready for supper. Marvin and Frances got to girls 6:00. Had a big rain at 7:00. Had tornadoes northwest of Eureka. We all went to Ronnie's graduation. Was very nice, big crowd. Edds didn't come on account of storm. We all went to Mothers afterwards for ice cream and cake. Marie home. Aunt Martha came too. Pete, Marie and Mother took her home. Marvins here all night.

Saturday, May 29, 1954. Fair, much cooler. Marvins, Pete, Paul and I to town at 11:00. Ida got off at 11:00. I took Mary's car to garage. Had lights fixed. We ate uptown. Went to cemetery at 2:30. Mother, Marie and Mabel there too. I dressed 2 chickens and baked 2 cakes in morning. We all went to Roys in evening to picnic supper. Had nice time. Girls and Marvins there too. Marvins to girls all night.

Sunday, May 30, 1954. Fair, rather windy. Went to church. Marvins, Mary, Ida, Mother, Marie, Edds, CRs and Roy's and Minnie here for dinner. Marie left for McHenry at 2:00. Rest went home before supper. Marvins, girls and Mother here for lunch. We went to Billys awhile in evening. Marvins here all night.

Monday, May 31, 1954. Fair, windy in morning. Rained after dinner and again in night. Had near tornado in town about midnight. Done lots of damage. I done hand washing in morning, baked cake and got things ready for dinner. Pete and Ronnie made fence. Marvins to town, got girls at 11:00. Were all here for lunch. We all went to Edds after noon. Ronnie home, done chores. Marvins to girls all night.

Tuesday, June 1, 1954. Cloudy, showered, cool. Marvins left for home at 4:00. Enjoyed their visit. I done washing, dried it in basement. Done ironing in p.m. Went to Good Will in evening. Pete to town in morning. Ronnie left at 6:00 a.m. with Mr. Custer and Senior FFA boys for Wisconsin. Went on school bus. Went to Milwaukee.

Wednesday, June 2, 1954. Cloudy, rained in evening. Went to work at 8:00. Was on with Mrs. Otto. Had radium insertion and diagnostic D. & C. Pete cut [Bur]dock in morning. Took Paul to his lesson in p.m. We went to choir practice in evening with Cy [Colter]s. Paul, David and Mary [Colter] at Mothers.

Thursday, June 3, 1954. Cloudy, showered off and on all day. Went to work at 7:00. On with Mrs. Otto. She's better. Pete and Paul made fence. Pete had meeting at Farm Bureau. He went with Colters. Paul and I to girls. I helped quilt. Jeanette to Gilbert's to make out Good Will programs. Cleaned upstairs and finished putting clothes away.

Friday, June 4, 1954. Fair, nice day. Done cleaning. Went to work, 11:00 to 3:00. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom when got home. We set out tomatoes and sweet potato plants. Pete and Paul made fence. We went to girls for supper. Edgars and Mother there. Dorothy fixed our hair.

Saturday, June 5, 1954. Fair, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Real busy. Pete and Paul vaccinated chickens and moved them on second floor. They bailed CRs hay in p.m. Ronnie back from trip at 2:00. He brought car home. Mary brought me home. CRs left at noon for Seattle, Washington to Rotary Convention. Ray here for supper and all night. Ronnie had to date. Julius Ropp died at Mennonite.

Sunday, June 6, 1954. Fair, nice day, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to church. Boys home after church. Pete stayed for basket dinner at church. They had Congregational meeting and gave Reverend Harder a call to be our pastor. Mother along home with us. She went to CRs, staying with Ray. Ida and Mary here awhile in evening. We dressed 6 chickens. Put them in freezer. Girls want 2 of them.

Monday, June 7, 1954. Fair in morning, rained at noon. Washed, clothes got dry, except overalls, didn't get quilts dry. Done ironing in p.m. Ronnie mowed hay until it rained. Pete helped tilers. Paul to Bible school with May [Mohr]. Colters going too. Boys to 4-H meeting in evening. Had big rain in evening.

Tuesday, June 8, 1954. Cloudy in morning, rained at noon, fair in evening, humid in p.m. Cleaned up house and picked 2 quarts berries. Took children to Mohrs. Pete, Grandma and I to Julius Ropp's funeral at Gibson city. Stopped at Raymond's on way home for lunch. Boys to ballgame at Minier. We and Mother to Yeakels in evening. Tilers worked until it rained. Ronnie doing odd jobs.

Wednesday, June 9, 1954. Partly cloudy, hot, humid, 90s. Done baking in morning. Went to town at 11:00. Got children at Bible school. May [Mohr] to Starved Rock. Took Paul to his lesson in p.m. Mother along to town. Paul mowed her lawn. Girls along home. Edgars here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Boys to ball game in evening. Pete helped tilers.

Thursday, June 10, 1954. Fair, hot, 90s. Cleaned upstairs. Took children to Mohrs. Picked several boxes berries. Went to Home Bureau meeting at Baby Fold. Mother along home. Got things ready for supper. We went to Community Club supper at Kuntzs. Boys to ballgame. Girls and Mother along. They bailed hay at Roy's and raked ours.

Friday, June 11, 1954. Fair, hot, near 100°. Done cleaning. Got children at Mohrs. Picked peas for dinner. Worked in garden in p.m. We bailed our hay in p.m. I baked cake. We left for Springfield at 5:40. Ronnie got his FFA State Farmer Award, very nice. But it was so hot. Was at the Armory. We ate at Lincoln on way home. Got home at 11:00. Tilers finished.

Saturday, June 12, 1954. Fair, hot, in high 90s. Went to work at 7:00. Busy day. Pete and boys planted beans. Paul to Children's Day practice with Jeanette. Girls here in evening. We picked 7 boxes berries, put 2 1/2 quarts in freezer. I cleaned kitchen and bathroom and iced cake. CR's home from Washington. Marie brought them from Chicago. Mother home in morning.

Sunday, June 13, 1954. Fair, hot. We went to Sunday school and to Minier to Woizeski reunion at Park. Had little shower there in p.m. Had good crowd, some 60. Marie back in p.m. CR with her to meeting. Boys came home early. We came with Mabel, got home before 6:00. Ronnie had date with Donna S. in evening. Girls to Edds. They stopped on way home.

Monday, June 14, 1954. Fair, hot, 96°. Done washing. Took eggs to town at 8:15. Took children to Mohrs. Went to annual Home Bureau luncheon and meeting at Lutheran school. Mabel put in for president of County [Home Bureau]. I picked 5 boxes berries after got home. Ronnie mowed rest of hay. Pete plowed truck patch and garden. They hoed too. We had 1/3" of rain in evening, electricity off. Boys to softball game.

Tuesday, June 15, 1954. Fair in morning, hot, had rain in p.m. and evening. We put up screens and I washed windows in morning. Got things ready for dinner. Ironed awhile. Took Paul to his lesson at 1:00. Stopped at Mothers. Gave her box of berries and spinach. I ironed awhile. Electricity off an hour. We went to girls for supper. Ida shortened my pink dress. Quilted awhile.

Wednesday, June 16, 1954. Fair, not quite so hot, more breeze. Pete and I picked peas. I podded most of them in morning. Went to club meeting at Elsie Miller's. Finished peas when got home. Put 5 boxes in freezer. Picked 3 quarts strawberries. Pete and boys raked hay and starting plowing corn at 4:30. Ronnie stayed out late. We went to choir practice. Mr. Lehman from Bluffton there.

Thursday, June 17, 1954. Fair, hot, 98°, humid. Men plowing corn. We bailed our hay in p.m., glad to get it done. I done all of cleaning. Washed kitchen and bathroom. Made 2 pints strawberry preserves. Edgars, Mother and girls here for supper. Dot fixed our hair. Ronnie to amateur contest in evening. Paul to ball game. Ronnie won first in master of ceremonies.

Friday, June 18, 1954. Fair, hot, 100°. Went to work at 7:00, busy day. Men plowing corn. Finished plowing 1st time. Picked 3 boxes berries when got home. I went to surprise for

Dorothy Agee. Surgery girls, Pauline, Ida and Mary there. Went in with Ronnie. Brought Mary's car home. Ronnie helped at amateur contest. He had date. Pete plowed truck patch.

Saturday, June 19, 1954. Fair, hot, 100 to 102°. Went to work at 7:00. Pete mowed lawn. Ronnie helped CR some with corn plowing. Paul to practice for children's program with Lucy C[atherine] and he mowed Mother's lawn. Girls brought he and I home. We picked peas and canned 16 pints. Pete picked few cherries and I made 3 pints cherry and strawberry preserves.

Sunday, June 20, 1954. Fair, hot and humid. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to church. They were home for dinner. Ronnie to town with Wayne [Mohr]. I helped Good Will Circle serve Jerry Rupp's wedding reception at U[nited] B[rethren] Church. Blew and rained a shower in p.m. We went to church in evening to Children's Day and Bible school program. Was good. Paul played piano solo. Girls and Mother along.

Monday, June 21, 1954. Fair, hot. Rained in night. Washed and done ironing in p.m. Work in garden after supper. Men bailed hay at Roy's. Pete plowed corn after supper. Boys to 4-H Keeping Fit program.

Tuesday, June 22, 1954. Fair and cooler. Cleaned up house. Worked outside some in yard, getting things ready for picnic. Pete and Roy's man plowing corn. Ronnie mowed hay for them (Roy). Friendship [Circle] and Men's Fellowship had picnic here. 50 or more. Nice evening. Mother here too.

Wednesday, June 23, 1954. Fair, cool, lovely day. Baked cake. Boys picked cherries at CRs. I put 7 quarts in freezer and made 7 pints preserves. Got ready for picnic. Senior nurses class and head nurses here for picnic. Had fried chicken. Agee, Ida and Mary helped me fry chickens, had 10. I furnished 2. We had nice time. Or 54 of us. Pete and boys bailed at Roy's.

Thursday, June 24, 1954. Fair, warmer. Picked peas. Put 9 quarts and 1 pint in freezer. Ronnie and Paul picked cherries. Pete to service company meeting. They bailed at Roy's in p.m.. I took Paul to lesson at 1:00. I canned 3 quarts cherries, 6 1/2 pints preserves. Ronnie to band practice. I went to alumni meeting at Orval Yordy in Flanagan. Went with Stuckey. Marie Hastings went too.

Friday, June 25, 1954. Hot, near 100°. Picked beans. Put 2 quarts in freezer. Washed and ironed. Done cleaning. We went to girls for supper. Ronnie to ball game. Dorothy fixed my hair. We went to choir practice, Mr. Lehman there. I rode home with Jeanette. Men plowing corn. Ronnie helped bail hay at Colters.

Saturday, June 26, 1954. Fair, hot, 100°. Little cooler in evening, wind in north. I worked in garden awhile in morning. Baked rhubarb pie and angel food cake. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Mended in p.m. and iced cake. Pete and Paul to town in morning. Ronnie finished plowing corn 2nd time. Pete plowed beans in p.m. Ron and Paul helped bail some at Roy's. Ronnie had date in evening.

Sunday, June 27, 1954. Fair, much cooler, rather windy in evening, cool. We went to church. Boys to Mothers for dinner. Girls, Pete and I to Flanagan to missionary reunion. Had nice time. We went to Walter Harms awhile. Willie Helmuth there awhile too. Stopped to see Aunt Martha. She's OK.

Monday, June 28, 1954. Fair, warmer. Washed and done ironing. Picked pint raspberries. Men may fence. Pete took eggs to town. Ronnie to town at noon. Helped at milk bar and practiced for TV show. He went to 4-H Federation meeting in evening. We went to town. Carol D[iller] and Marie K[aufman] and I bought Christmas bundles for relief. Got 2 for Pete's Sunday school class, 1 for us and Ida, (not intelligible).

Tuesday, June 29, 1954. Fair, hot, near 100°. Looked rainy at 4:30, has shower, had dust storm before it rained. I work in garden in morning, pulled old peas and spinach. Canned 4 quarts beans in p.m. Pete plowed corn in morning. CR used cultivator in p.m. Ronnie helped Lloyd Singley and his father make hay at Stanford. Pete worked on fence in p.m.

Wednesday, June 30, 1954. Fair, hot. Canned 4 quarts beans. Pete and Ronnie took storm window off picture window. I cleaned it. Moved cattle from across road. Paul and I picked nearly quart raspberries. Ronnie plowed corn in p.m. Pete mowed road and plowed some beans in north truck patch. I took Paul to his lesson in p.m. Got new uniform. We all went to ball game at Danvers. Came home with Mabel. Ronnie took Donna home.

Thursday, July 1, 1954. Fair, near 100°. I washed and aired bedding in linen closet and cleaned. Done cleaning. Washed up floor around rug in dining room and living room. Busy day. Men finished laying by corn. They hoed sweet corn. Pete to CRs in p.m. Vernard took pictures. Edgars, Mother and girls here for supper. Dot fixed hair. Ronnie M. C. on TV 4-H program. We went to Roys, saw him on TV.

Friday, July 2, 1954. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00. Men put machinery away in morning. They had to Mrs. Ozias (sp?) Ropp's funeral. Mother with him. He also took Al Ropp and May Gundy. I got 8 boxes raspberries from Mabel's. Girls here, put 8 quarts in freezer. Cooked some for jelly and had some for supper. Ronnie to town in evening, practice for Springfield. We went to choir practice. I baked cake in evening.

Saturday, July 3, 1954. Had shower in morning. Looked rainy in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Had some accidents. Got off duty at 4:30. We all went to State Farm Park. Edgars had picnic. I took cake Marie, CRs, girls, Mother, and Uncle Charlie there. Pete and boys went swimming before supper. We went to Mothers awhile after we left Park.

Sunday, July 4, 1954. Fair, hot, humid. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to church. They were home for dinner. Committee here in p.m. for Ropp reunion. Alvina and Cecelia Ropp at Mothers for dinner. They were here in p.m. Mother and Marie here too. We went to Roys for supper. CRs, Mother and Marie there too. Gordon didn't get home from Fort Knox, car trouble.

Monday, July 5, 1954. Fair, cool, nice day. Cleanup house. Picked beans, new cabbage. Got things ready for dinner. Edds, Mother, girls and Edgars here for dinner and supper. Girls

worked until 4:00. Marie back to Chicago at noon. We went to [Miller] Park in evening to see fireworks. Mother and Nettie stayed at Edgars. Ronnie to district contest at Springfield, got 1st, but doesn't go to State. Paul to ball game. Edds here all night.

Tuesday, July 6, 1954. Fair, good breeze. Washed, had big one. Edds home at 8:00. I done ironing in p.m. Ronnie helped Roy Barclay bale hay in p.m. Pete to town in morning. Had some work done on truck. Boys to 4-H judging in evening. We and Mother to Cheese House awhile.

Wednesday, July 7, 1954. We had good rain early in morning and rained in forenoon. Had 1 inch. I made [blank] glasses raspberry jelly. Picked few raspberries. Transplanted some flowers in morning. Worked in garden in evening, transplanting. Took Paul to his lesson. Got a pair of green shoes. Men vaccinated chickens. Ronnie to town in evening. Practice for 4-H program.

Thursday, July 8, 1954. Fair, cool, fine day. Cleaned upstairs. Baked rolls, cookies, made custard, defrosted icebox. Worked in garden. Sowed endive and hoed ground roses. Men mowed our alfalfa and they bailed at CRs in p.m. Pete and I to girls for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Mother there too. Paul to ball game at Minier. Ronnie to band practice and meeting at Farm Bureau.

Friday, July 9, 1954. Fair, warmer. I washed and ironed. Picked berries for dinner. Edds here for dinner. Done all of cleaning and packed suitcase. Pete took truck to town in morning. Had work done on it. I went after him. We bailed our alfalfa in p.m. We all went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Mothers. I got things ready to go to Missouri.

Saturday, July 10, 1954. Cloudy, cool, pleasant day. Ida, Mary and I to Eureka at 3:20 a.m. Went with Edd to Missouri. Nettie not able to go. We got two Creighton [Missouri] at 1:30. Ate dinner at Chilton. Got along fine. We were at Ervies for supper and Orvies all night. Went to cemetery awhile. Pete working on combine.

Sunday, July 11, 1954. Fair, hot, 108° in Missouri. We went to church and to Marvins for dinner. Ervins, Arthurs and we were there. Marvins and we went to Uncle Ludwig's in evening. Orvies at Marvins a few minutes in p.m. They went to Kansas City. Hilda and Frank at Orvies. We were at Ervins all night. Pete and boys to church and to Mothers for dinner. Boys home after dinner. Pete to annual church meeting in p.m.

Monday, July 12, 1954. Fair, hot, 108° to 110° in Missouri. 102° here. We made some calls in a.m., were at Ervins for dinner. They and we went to Arthurs in p.m. There for supper. Was terrifically hot. Went to Marvins all night. Ronnie to town Monday morning. They started combining at CRs in p.m. Mother here. They all went to 4-H picnic at Dr. Krueger's.

Tuesday, July 13, 1954. Fair, not quite so hot, upper 90s. Mary, Edds and I started for home at 2:50 a.m. Got to Edds at 11:00. I drove quite a lot. We got along fine. So glad to be home. I washed in p.m. and picked beans. Mary home. Done her washing. She came here all night. Boys to ball game. Men combining at CRs. Boys to ballgame at Covell.

Wednesday, July 14, 1954. Fair, hot, turned cooler in evening. I canned 5 quarts beans and done ironing in morning. Took Paul to his lesson in p.m. Mary came out after work. Wrote letters in evening. Pete finished combining at CRs and started on our field. Road men putting in new culbert south [of our house].

Thursday, July 15, 1954. Fair, much cooler, fine day. We went to work at 7:00. Pete combined oats on Fagerburg place. Got done. Mary and I done cleaning in evening. Baked cake, pie and custard. Mary done her ironing. Ronnie to football practice for amateur program.

Friday, July 16, 1954. Fair, fine day, 56°. Went to work at 7:00. Pete combining our oats. Got things ready for company. Edgars, Paul Thietjes, Marylyn and Vernon [Thietje], CRs, Mother, Mary and Edds were here for picnic supper. Edds were in town shopping, so came out in p.m.

Saturday, July 17, 1954. Fair, much warmer. We went to work at 7:00. Pete combining, didn't get quite done. Mother along home after work. Mary and I washed and we picked beans. Put 3 quarts beans in freezer. Gave Mother and Dorothy some. Edgars here for supper. [Dorothy] fixed our hair. She fixed Mabel's too. Pete worked until dark.

Sunday, July 18, 1954. Fair, hot, 102°. I worked seven to 11. Went to church. Mary, Paul, Pete and I to [McLean County] Service Company chicken dinner at Le Roy Sportsman Club near Ellsworth. Ronnie ate at Mothers, then came home. We stopped at Billys. Read letter from Freda and Aunt Lucy.

Monday, July 19, 1954. Partly cloudy, hot, 90°. Went to work at 7:00. Stayed with Mrs. Otto again. She had radium ingestion. Mary and I washed after we got home. Ronnie to 4-H camp. Went as counselor. Left Farm Bureau at 10:00. Pete finished combine oats. Ray here for dinner. CRs gone to the DeKalb. Pete and Paul bailed straw at Roys [not very clear] in p.m. Broke bailer so quit early.

Tuesday, July 20, 1954. Had shower in the morning, fair in p.m. Hot, near 100°. Had big rain at 9:30 nearly an inch. Electrical storm. Done ironing in morning and defrosted icebox. Cleaned up house. We picked beans in evening. Pete and Paul ground feed and work in hen house.

Wednesday, July 21, 1954. Cloudy, showered and misted. I baked cake for auxiliary ice cream supper. Baked coffee cake and pie crust. Canned 8 1/2 quarts beans. Took Paul to his lesson in p.m. Pete had feed ground and worked in hen house. Pete, Mary, Paul and I to Streator at 6:00. Met Ida at 7:15. She left Kansas City at noon. We [not clear] in Streator. Was nice drive.

Thursday, July 22, 1954. Partly cloudy, cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to service Company meeting. Paul and Mother uptown. He ate dinner there. I brought Mother out to CRs for Farm and Home Bureau picnic. We went for supper. Then we and Jeanette went to Danvers to choir rehearsal.

Friday, July 23, 1954. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul raked some straw. They picked some beans for Mother. I baked 2 cakes when got home. Girls here. They brought

Ronnie home from town. He got back from 4-H camp. Girls cleaned upstairs and bedroom. We all went to Danvers. The combined choirs gave program. Mr. Lehman directed. Marie home.

Saturday, July 24, 1954. Fair, little warmer. Washed and cleaned living room. Pete and boys cut some weeds and moved cattle. We all went to Roy's and Uncle Henrys there. I baked cake for them. We went to Garfield picnic at Ed Miller's. I was on table committee. Boys bailed straw at Roy's in p.m. Ronnie to show after supper. Girls and Mother came out to *surprise them* (not clear?)

Sunday, July 25, 1954. Fair, fine day. Ronnie to Sunday school and church. Ate dinner at Mothers and took Marie to train at 12:30. Girls and we went to Roanoke church and to Edds for dinner. We came home to chore. Girls stayed at Edds and went to Gridley with them in evening. We all went to Gridley to combined choirs. Gave program there, had good crowd. Packed Paul's clothes for (not clear).

Monday, July 26, 1954. Fair, little warmer. Pete took Paul to Walter Yoder's at 4:30. Marie [Yoder] took children to camp Friedenswald in Michigan. I washed and ironed. Pete and Ronnie sorted hogs and raked straw. We bailed in p.m. Ronnie to [4-H] federation in evening. I baked brownies and cake for balers.

Tuesday, July 27, 1954. Fair, warmer. I worked in garden in morning. Canned 4 quarts beets. Done some mending. Pete and Ronnie finished bailing our straw and bailed that at Fagerburg's. CR gone. We all went to hear "Wings Over Jordan" at Baptist Church.

Wednesday, July 28, 1954. Fair in morning, showered little in p.m., rained at 10 p.m. I baked cookies and pie. Pete and I to town awhile in morning. They bailed at CRs until it rained. Got about half done. I went to work at 3 to 7 for [Myrna] Parks. Ronnie gone in evening, selling fair tickets. Rained most of night. Had nearly 1 inch, a fine rain.

Thursday, July 29, 1954. Mostly cloudy. Rather humid. Done all of cleaning. Washed windows on the outside. Dressed chicken for fair and took it to locker. Went to work, 3 to 7. Went to girls for supper. They had surprise for me. Edgars, Mother, CRs and Billys there. Ate outside. Had nice time. Paul got back from camp at 10:30. Mr. Engles from Congerville brought him back.

Friday, July 30, 1954. Mostly cloudy, rather warm. Went to work at 7:00. Washed after got home. Clothes got dry. We went to ball game at Farm Bureau field. Our team won. Girls along. Mother about down with her back. Men worked on bailer in morning and finished CRs bailing in p.m. 4-H ball tournament. Taped Mother's back.

Saturday, July 31, 1954. Fair, little cooler. Went to work at 7:00, busy day. Pete to town in morning. Boys on 4-H tour in p.m. Phil [Patton]s, Earl [Kaufman]s and we went to *Maroa* (sp?). Had chicken and steak dinners. Very good. Went to Decatur. Saw "Magnificent Obsession," was good. Boys to ball game. Lost to [Bloomington] Busy Bees. Mother about same.

Sunday, August 1, 1954. Cloudy, pleasant. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to church. Ate dinner at girls. They were home in p.m. I stopped to see Mother. She's about same. Girls here in evening. We went to truck patch and garden. Ronnie got things ready for FFA fair.

Monday, August 2, 1954. Cloudy, fair in p.m., had shower in evening. Washed and done ironing. Pete took eggs to town and worked on fence. Ronnie left at 5:00 for FFA fair at the Pontiac. He done real well. Girls here in evening. They canned beets for themselves. Ronnie to town to work on 4-H federation float.

Tuesday, August 3, 1954. Fair, had over 1 inch rain, rained and stormed nearly all night. Electrical storm. Baked cake, cookies, coffee cake and made custard. Shortened black and white dress and mended little. Help raked yard. Ronnie mowed lawn. Men worked some on fence. I went to church at 5:00. Help serve ice cream supper. Girls helped too. Pete and boys there for supper. We done real well. Mother about same.

Wednesday, August 4, 1954. Mostly cloudy. Boys to dentist at 10:00. I went to Mothers. She's still down in her back. Had Dr. Deneen see her. He gave her hypo. Paul mowed her lawn. We came home at noon. I put 3 dozen ears sweet corn in freezer and 7 boxes. Mary came out, helped awhile. Ida stayed with Mother awhile. We all went to Shrine Circus at Wesleyan Stadium. Real good. Girls along too. Rained in night.

Thursday, August 5, 1954. Cloudy, fair in evening, cooler. I went to town in morning. \$1 day. Stopped at Mothers. She's about same. The helped blood test chickens. Boys worked on fence. I canned 34 pints corn. Put 5 pints and 1 quart and two dozen ears in freezer. Girls here after work. Helped me. Gave them 10 pints of corn. We picked beans. Canned 3 pints for them. Pete to Yuton elevator meeting. Ronnie to band practice.

Friday, August 6, 1954. Fair, cool, fine day. Washed and cleaned up stairs and bedrooms. The frosted icebox. Stirred up cookies. Went to auxiliary at 11:30. Cleaned up Mother's house before came home. Men made fence. Bailed hay at Roy's in p.m. We got 400-day anniversary clock from Allen and Shirley from Austria. It's beautiful. Edgars and girls here for supper. Had our hair fixed. Ronnie worked on float for 4-H.

Saturday, August 7, 1954. Partly cloudy. Went to work at 7:00. Men made fence and bailed rest of hay at Roy's. I cleaned living room, kitchen and bath. Baked cookies and ironed. Ronnie to town in p.m., practice for amateur program. He played ball with [4-H team, Bloomington] Busy Bees in evening. They won.

Sunday, August 8, 1954. Rained most of the day, cool, gloomy. We went to church and to girls for dinner. Edds and Owen Kenagys there too. Boys home in p.m. [to] get things ready for fair. Mother feeling better. Girls sent her dinner to her.

Monday, August 9, 1954. Fair, pleasant, rained and blue at 11 p.m.. Boys to 4-H fair. Left with first load at 6:30. They took Ray's calves too. I washed and ironed. Pete mowed lawn. Putcamps and Bullers got sweet corn. We went to amateur show in evening. Girls along.

Ronnie M. C. He done real well. Fair board gave him metal [sic, medal?]. Ronnie stayed in Paul home.

Tuesday, August 10, 1954. Fair, cool. Cleaned up house. Went to town at 10:00. Took Mother to Dr. Her back is better. I went to fair at 1:30, helped in recreation tent. Pete home, made fence. We went to town in evening, girls along. Paul along home. Ronnie worked in 4-H Federation tent in p.m.

Wednesday, August 11, 1954. Rained in morning, real chilly, fair in p.m. We went to town at 8:00. Ronnie showed hogs. Got 4th on boar, 3rd on litter, 1st on barrow, 1st on pen [of] barrows, reserve grand champion pen [of] barrows. Mother there too. Paul along home to chore. Went back in evening. Paul in parade, Ronnie too. Girls along. Paul stayed all night.

Thursday, August 12, 1954. Fair, cool. Washed some in morning. We went to fair. Mother along. Paul showed, got 4th on his calf. Done fairly well. Were 7 in class. Pete and I home in p.m. I went to Carlock, got Ropp reunion invitations. Ironed and got Ronnie's clothes ready. Ronnie and Paul brought stock home. Ronnie back at 5:30 to load stock for Springfield. They left at 6:30. We went to fair in evening. Girls along. [Chicago radio station] WLS there.

Friday, August 13, 1954. Fair, sprinkled in evening. Done cleaning. Picked beans. Canned 7 quarts. Picked over bucket pickles. Gave girls most of them, also Mother and Dorothy got some. They were here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Edgar busy. Pete and Paul worked on fence. We all helped with eggs in evening. Marie called. She has promotion to go to Philadelphia.

Saturday, August 14, 1954. Partly cloudy, much warmer in p.m. I washed everything and got done ironing. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Pete and Paul got corn at Carlock. Pulled [fence] posts in p.m. I went to alumni banquet at nurses home. Went with Marie H[astings] and Winifred [Maxwell]. Boys out to eat. Paul at Mothers. He mowed her lawn.

Sunday, August 15, 1954. Fair, hot, humid. Went to work at 7:00. Quite busy. Pete and Paul to church and to Mothers for dinner. Home in p.m. Done eggs. I fixed brine for sweet pickles. Took Ronnie's horn and white shirt to Colters. They [will] take it to Springfield.

Monday, August 16, 1954. Fair, rained in evening. Went to work at 7:00, busy day. Pete and Paul to town in morning and done odd jobs in p.m.

Tuesday, August 17, 1954. Cloudy, showered in morning. I fixed pickles, canned 13 1/2 quarts bread-and-butter pickles and 2 quarts bills. Cleaned up all of house. Waxed kitchen and bathroom floors. We went to Hedgecock in p.m., signed papers for loan. Paul to State Fair with CR. Girls took us to dinner in evening for our anniversary. Went to Green Mill. Real nice.

Wednesday, August 18, 1954. Fair, rained in evening, stormed at Springfield. I washed and ironed. Got ready for company. Pete took Paul to town in p.m., register for school. Ida, Mary and I to Streator at 5:50 to meet Arthur [Yoder]s at 7:15. I drove all the way. Got into bad rainstorm coming home. We ate supper here when we got home. Arthurs home with girls, stayed all night. Baked cake for Ronnie.

Thursday, August 19, 1954. Fair, rather warm. We and Arthur and Mary left at 7:30 for State Fair. We took our dinner, also cake for Ronnie's birthday. Ronnie got 3rd on pen [of] barrows, 6th on one barrow, 12th on another. We got home at 6:00. Tired, such a crowd. President Eisenhower there. We went to girls for supper. Arthurs stayed there all night.

Friday, August 20, 1954. Fair, cooler in evening. I picked beans. Canned 7 quarts and 2 pints. Arthurs came out at 10:30. Georgia helped with beans. Arthur to town at 3:00, got girls, Mother and Dorothy. Dot fixed our hair. E. A. busy. Ronnie home from Springfield. We all went to CRs awhile in evening to see picture of Vernards. Pete and CR in it.

Saturday, August 21, 1954. Fair, cooler, fine day. We washed. All went to Mothers for dinner. I took flowers to nurses home. Helped arrange them. Got home at 5:30. We all went to State Farm Park with Gurtners for picnic supper. I took tomatoes. Had nice time. Arthurs here all night. Edds in town in p.m. Boys helped CR bale hay in p.m.

Sunday, August 22, 1954. Fair, hot. I went to senior breakfast at 7:30. Helped some. Had smorgasbord. Was very nice. Went to church. Pete, boys and Arthur to Sunday School and church. Georgia and Cathy home. We all went to Edds for dinner except Ronnie and Paul. Mother along to. We all took some things. I made ice cream. Arthurs to girls all night. I went to nurses commencement. Big crowd. Very nice.

Monday, August 23, 1954. Fair, hot. I washed and dressed to chickens. Cleaned up house. Got things ready for supper. Arthurs here for dinner. Phil [Patton]s, Harold [Patton]s, Earl [Kaufman]s, Ida and Mary also Mrs. Mailer and Lilly [Heck] here for picnic supper. Had nice time.

Tuesday, August 24, 1954. Mostly fair, hot and humid. Pete and I took Arthurs to Streator. Left at 10:45. Train left at 12:35 DST. We ate lunch in Streator. I went to work, 3 to 11. Worked for [Myrna] Parks. Pete and boys set fence posts. They went to ballgame in evening.

Wednesday, August 25, 1954. Fair, hot and humid. Had rain at 5:30. I washed, had big one. Done all of ironing from Saturday and Monday washing too. Picked cucumbers. Pete and boys pulled weeds in beans. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Mothers.

Thursday, August 26, 1954. Had 1 inch rained in morning. I canned 6 quarts dill pickles and 3 quarts bread-and-butter pickles. Canned 10 quarts tomato juice. Mother here. Went to town after her. She worked on eggs in p.m. I cleaned upstairs and picked lima beans. Girls came in evening, helped fix beans. Put 4 quarts and 5 pints in freezer. Ronnie to Champaign with Busy Bees. They won first game. Pete and Paul debeaked chickens.

Friday, August 27, 1954. Cloudy in morning, fair. Went to work at 7:00. Rained at noon. Pete and boys hauled manure. I done all of cleaning after got home. Cut pickles and put alum on them and pickles cucumbers. We all went to girls for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair.

Saturday, August 28, 1954. Partly cloudy, hot. Edgars, Pete and I left for St. Louis at 7:00. Ronnie took us to town. Got to Paul [Thietje]'s at 11:25. Went downtown in p.m. to opera, "Oklahoma" in evening. Very good. Record crowd. Got to bed late, hot and tired. Boys cut hay in morning and helped CR bale hay. Girls here in evening and all night. They and boys to see "Magnificent Obsession."

Sunday, August 29, 1954. Fair, hot, near 100°, humid. We ate dinner at Paul's. Went to Marylyn's after dinner. Started home at 3:00. Was hot trip but we had nice time. Got home at 7:00. Boys to Belvedere Reunion. Ronnie on table committee. Paul to Sunday school. Girls went home in morning. They were home all day. Ronnie to Zehrs in p.m. but no one home.

Monday, August 30, 1954. Partly cloudy, cool, 72°, quite a change. Washed and done ironing. Fixed syrup for sweet pickles and stirred up cookies. Picked cucumbers in morning. Gave them to mother. Pete took eggs to town in morning. Paul along, mowed Mothers yard. They baled hay that was mowed Saturday. 4 loads. Finished mowing rest of hay.

Tuesday, August 31, 1954. Fair, real cool. Baked cookies, coffee cake and custard. Paul and I to town at 9:30. Paul had physical at Dr. Bailen and got shoes and tennis shoes. Paul Ray [Fowler] here for dinner in p.m. I worked in garden and went to cemetery with Mabel and Mother. We were at CRs for potato pancakes and sausage. Mothers both (?) wedding anniversary. We all gave her an orchid. Gurtners, girls, Laura and May [Mohr] there.

Wednesday, September 1, 1954. Fair, fine day, little warmer at noon. Canned 8 quarts tomato juice. Picked little lima beans and cucumbers and green beans. Canned 3 pints green beans for Mother. Canned 6 quarts sweet pickles. Pete and boys raked hay and morning and bailed in p.m. Phil got 2 loads. We went to choir practice in evening. Reverend Harder there, also his son.

Thursday, September 2, 1954. Fair, quite warm in p.m. I picked lima beans. Put 3 quarts and 2 pints in freezer. Worked in garden. Hoed endive and pulled weeds. Hoed around roses and cleaned upstairs and worked on eggs. We finished bailing our hay. We went to Mothers for supper. Edgars and girls there. Dot fixed hair. Paul to ball game.

Friday, September 3, 1954. Fair, warm. Washed and ironed. Baked cake and cookies. Cleaned bedrooms and living and dining room. Dressed 2 chickens. Another busy day. Pete and Ronnie helped Dale bale hay. Paul in school. We and girls to Edds for supper.

Saturday, September 4, 1954. Fair, hot. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Made salad. Got things ready for dinner and supper. We went to Ropp's 50th Reunion at Miller Park. Boys home in p.m. Helped Dale bale. Got things ready for supper. Reverend and Mrs. Harder and Verlin and Alpha Baughman and girls here for supper. Enjoyed having them. But busy day.

Sunday, September 5, 1954. Fair, hot. Aunt Martha fell and broke her hip. We were all to go there for dinner. We were taking our dinner. CR went up to see about her. Ambulance brought her to hospital. We all went to church. They all came here for dinner. CRs, Roy's, Minnie, Mother and Marie and Ida. Mary worked. They all stayed for supper. We ladies went to town in p.m. Some went to see Aunt Martha.

Monday, September 6, 1954. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00. Washed before going to work. Girls came out in evening. I made 2 pints peach preserves and 4 pints marmalade and we canned 7 quarts peaches for girls. Mary done my ironing. 4-H meeting here in evening. Had pop and cookies. Mother and Marie stopped. Men baled hay at Roy's. Paul had no school.

Tuesday, September 7, 1954. Partly cloudy, much cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Ronnie had physical. Dr. McGinnis saw him at hospital. I went uptown awhile. Got 2 new dresses. Pete and Ronnie cleaning hen house. I baked cake in evening. Men had ice cream at CRs. I went to Good Will Circle.

Wednesday, September 8, 1954. Fair, cool, 52°. I washed and ironed. Cleaned up house. Pete and Ron finished henhouse. Picked 2 buckets cucumbers for Dorothy. Canned 12 quarts tomato juice. We went to girls for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Pete to choir practice. Ronnie and I went later. Choir and his Sunday School class had little farewell for him, punch and cookies. He got stationary.

Thursday, September 9, 1954. Mostly cloudy, cool. Packed Ronnie's trunk and suitcase and got my clothes packed. Mary, Ronnie and I left home at 10:40 for Bluffton. Got there at 5:45. Got along fine. We stayed at Beachys all night. Pete put cobs in henhouse second floor.

Friday, September 10, 1954. Fair, real cool. We took Ronnie to Ron Paul. Helped him unpack. Mary and I uptown. Got drapes and closet curtain for Ronnie's room. His roommate is Arthur Charles from Pennsylvania. We girls ate uptown at noon and stopped at Mrs. Vercler's. Went to West liberty at in p.m. Got to Paul's at 5:00. Went to Ira *Thubs* (sp?) for supper. They had about 30 friends in for her.

Saturday, September 11, 1954. Fair, real cool. Mary and I to Belfontaine with Anna and Carolyn. We went to Ernest Greer's for dinner. Went to Daisy and Atha's (sp?) awhile and to Harry Kaufman's for supper. Went to Floyd Yoder's all night. Mother here. Pete helped CR bail some hay. Paul helped Grandma.

Sunday, September 12, 1954. Fair, cool. We went to church and to Dan Yoder's for dinner. Went to Paul's at 5:00. Then we all went to Arch Planks for supper. Was at Paul's all night. Pete and Paul to church and to Mothers for dinner. Ida there too. They went to Shirley in p.m. Looked at calves.

Monday, September 13, 1954. Fair, nice day, warmer. We left Paul's at 6:00. Got to Bloomington at 1:00. Glad to be home. Had nice trip. I washed in p.m. and got things ready for supper. Went to nurses picnic at Lake Bloomington. Ida along. Mary had company. Della and Eddie *Hers* (sp?) there. Pete took eggs to town and morning and mowed weeds.

Tuesday, September 14, 1954. Partly cloudy in morning. Fair in p.m. I done ironing and pressed clothes. Cleaned up house. Picked lima beans. Froze 1 quart and had some for supper. Pete to Men's Fellowship. Paul and I to the girls. Shortened my red dress.

Wednesday, September 15, 1954. Fair, some warmer. Cool in evening. We went to town, got Mother. We made 10 pints grape conserve. Gave Mother 2 pints and girls 1 pint. We went to club meeting at Clara Millers. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Mothers. We took her home. Pete fixed lock on girls' back door. He covered the tile ditch in p.m.

Thursday, September 16, 1954. Fair, warmer. I canned 10 quarts tomato juice and made 7 bottles catsup. Baked pie and coffee cake. Cleaned upstairs, bedrooms and living room. Gathered some flower seeds. Pete helped CR in morning with hay shed and got feed in p.m.. We went to community club wiener roast in evening at Glen Raders. We miss Ronnie.

Friday, September 17, 1954. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00. He hauled manure and was with road men in morning. They straightened ditch and are grading road. Edgars, Mother and girls here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair.

Saturday, September 18, 1954. Fair, hot, rather windy. I baked cake and brownies. Dressed chicken. Canned 5 quarts tomato juice. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Pete to Shirley in morning. Bought 2 calves. Pete cased some eggs and hauled load manure. Paul and I to town. He took lesson. Mother along. We stopped to see Aunt Martha. We went to Dean Kehls in evening. Junior baseball had wiener roast for Otto Laesch.

Sunday, September 19, 1954. Partly cloudy, sprinkled some in town. We went to church. Had basket dinner and installation services for Rev. Harder. Was very nice and impressive service. Reverend J. N. Smucker from Chicago, Harry Yoder, Reverend Troyer and R. L. Hartzler took part. Choir gave two numbers. We went to hospital to see Aunt Martha. Went to Hudson in evening to see Mr. Siegworth about some papers for Ronnie's hogs.

Monday, September 20, 1954. Fair, cool, looked rainy in evening. Washed and ironed. Picked 4 big buckets tomatoes. Pete took eggs to town. He took Shep to Dr. Krueger in p.m. She has a broken leg (right front). We went after her in evening. Has a frame on it. Pete hauled manure in p.m. They are working on road.

Tuesday, September 21, 1954. Partly cloudy, real chilly, 45°. Windy from northwest. I made 9 pints chili sauce and canned 16 quarts tomatoes. Cleaned boys closet upstairs and their desk. Pete helped road men. They straightened ditch on east side of road. He hauled manure.

Wednesday, September 22, 1954. Fair, cool, fine day. I cleaned boys room upstairs. Went to town at 3:30. Ordered my drivers license. Fixed mixed pickles after got home. Went to Central School meeting with principal about school lunch. Went with Margret Rader. Went to choir practice afterwards. Pete and Paul went with Jeanette. I came home with them. Mother to Chicago for (unintelligible).

Thursday, September 23, 1954. Fair, cool. Cleaned the West room upstairs. Canned 6 quarts tomatoes. Cleaned up living and bedrooms. Baked cookies and pie. Pete to Service Company meeting. Mary had day off. She came out at noon. Went back at 3:15 to get Ida. We went to Otto Laesch's in evening to Farm Bureau meeting talking over problems.

Friday, September 24, 1954. Fair, nice day. Pete and I left at 8:00 for Chicago to get Grandma. Got there at 11:30. We had nice visit with Marie. She's packed and nearly ready to leave. We stopped to see Rufus and Minnie [Ropp] on way home. Minnie looks bad. We got home at 8:30. Stopped to eat at Chenoa. Girls helped Paul with chores. He went to ballgame with CRs. NCHS and U. High. We won.

Saturday, September 25, 1954. Fair, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul worked with pigs in morning. They went to town in p.m. Paul took lesson. Pete stopped to see Aunt Martha. She's doing pretty good. I cleaned kitchen and bathroom in evening. We went to girls for supper. E.A.s there too. Had hair fixed. Marie left for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in morning.

Sunday, September 26, 1954. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and ate dinner at Mothers. They were home in p.m. Paul played ball at Leaschs. I got home late. Had accident patients come in, 7 of them, so stayed until nearly 5:00 to help. Girls to Eureka in morning. Stopped on way home.

Monday, September 27, 1954. Fair, warm. Washed clothes, dried fast. Washed curtains and bedding from two bedrooms. Done ironing in p.m. Pete to town in morning. He and CR to meeting at Farm Bureau in evening. Paul and I to girls. Helped them quilt. Marie got to Philadelphia.

Tuesday, September 28, 1954. Mostly cloudy. Sprinkled some in morning. Pete helped Dale shell corn near Hudson where he used to live. Ate dinner in Hudson. I cleaned 2 bedrooms and washed leaves on violets, also cleaned closets. We went to Chester Millers in evening. Friendship Circle wiener roast.

Wednesday, September 29, 1954. Had rain in morning. Made fudge penuchi. Fixed tomato juice to use. Went to church at 11:00 to help Rural Wociety with Canning Day and we knotted quilt. Stopped in Normal. Shopped and packed box of candy for Allen and Shirley. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Mothers.

Thursday, September 30, 1954. Partly cloudy, warm, humid, damp. Went to work at 7:00. Pete working on combine. I went to alumni meeting in evening. Was chairman of committee. Marie Hastings along. Had workshop. We served doughnuts, cider and coffee and nuts.

Friday, October 1, 1954. Partly cloudy, humid. Went to work at 7:00. Pete got feed". Worked around home. Got Paul at school. Paul Ray [Fowler] along home. Girls along too. We cleaned up bedrooms, living and dining room. Made dumplings for supper. We all went to ball game in evening. NCHS won homecoming. Took girls home. Paul Ray here all night.

Saturday, October 2, 1954. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00. Went up town a while after work. Pete took Paul to lessen and took Paul Ray home. Paul home with me. Pete helping Dale open our cornfields. Opened CRs. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. We all went to Mothers for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. I have cold. Mother's cactus blooming.

Sunday, October 3, 1954. Fair, hot, high 80s, windy. Went to work at 7:00. Sure feel tough, have such a cold. Can't talk. Pete and Paul to church. Had communion. I was going for church but felt too bad. Pete and Paul ate lunch at ideas. Mary working. Had big rain in night.

Monday, October 4, 1954. Cloudy, showered some. I feel some better but still don't feel like doing much. Cleaned bathroom, china closet in dining room and top cupboards in kitchen. Pete took eggs to town in morning, fixed some fence in p.m. Had letter from Ronnie. He's in Vesper Choir.

Tuesday, October 5, 1954. Cloudy, rained some, chilly. I washed. Dried clothes in basement. Done ironing in p.m. I feel better. Pete worked some on [corn] picker. I went to Good Will Circle in evening. Took Jeanette, Lucy C[atherine] and Marie K[aufman]. Can't get through south of us, road is muddy.

Wednesday, October 6, 1954. Fair, nice day, real chilly, rather windy. I cleaned hall, living and dining room and waxed furniture. Marie came at noon, was here until 3:00. She helped me some. Pete worked on picker. I went with Mabel to town at 5:30. Helped Home Bureau serve dinner at Lutheran Church. Lucy C[atherine] along too. She, Jeanette and I to choir practice. I came home with Pete and Paul. Choir had little party for Jean Cox.

Thursday, October 7, 1954. Fair, windy, cold, 35°. I cleaned linen closet and aired bedding and cleaned cedar closet. Cleaned the kitchen, waxed stove and icebox and furniture. Another big day. Pete and CR started shucking corn. Started on Fagerburg place.

Friday, October 8, 1954. Mostly cloudy. Sprinkled little in morning. Pete and CR husking corn. Have crib full on Fagerburg so started at CRs. I cleaned upstairs and bedroom. Fixed some things for pizza lunch. I went to district meeting of (unintelligible) society at Illinois Hotel at 9:30. Went to hospital in p.m. Helped can tomato juice, about 60 quarts. *Beenon* (sp?), Stuckey and I done most of the. Florence Kinsinger done some too. I took her.

Saturday, October 9, 1954. Fair, windy, warmer. I baked rolls, cookies and pie and made applesauce. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Went to town in p.m. Got Paul new corduroy coat. He took lesson. I went to Mothers. Dorothy fixed our hair. Pete husk corn at CRs in a.m. Started combining our beans in p.m. Girls and I to shower for Dorothy Agee at Pauline Roths.

Sunday, October 10, 1954. Fair, warm and real windy. Had big rain at 7:00 p.m., blew hard. We went to church and to CRs, their 25th wedding anniversary celebration. Was very nice and big day. Girls helped serve. Sure miss the boys, Shirley and Marie. We all gave them silver tea service. We went to church in evening. Dr. and Mrs. Schwartz showed pictures. Paul to church early with Colters. Youth meeting.

Monday, October 11, 1954. Cloudy, rained some. I washed, dried clothes in basement. Done ironing. Got Shirley and Allen's wedding cake ready to send them. Pete and Paul took eggs to town and took boar to Lowell Messer (traded). They picked about three bushels pears and we cleaned the garage. Paul had no school. [Teachers] Institute.

Tuesday, October 12, 1954. Cloudy, fair in p.m.. Cleaned the fruit room in morning. Went to town at 10:30. Had permanent. Went to meeting at hospital at 1:30 to 3:00. 4-H leaders. Pete and Paul at Mothers for supper. Pete to men's meeting.

Wednesday, October 13, 1954. Fair. We shelled corn at Fagerburgs in morning. They shucked corn at CRs in p.m. I cleaned recreation room and furnace and laundry room. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at girls.

Thursday, October 14, 1954. Cloudy, rained. Pete husk three loads of corn before it rained. He cased eggs in p.m. I went to Mothers before 8:00. Mabel and I cleaned her living room. Mabel left at 11:00 for Home Bureau meeting at Hudson. I went to bank. Deposited \$100 for Allen and Shirley. Baked coffee cake, cookies and apple crisp when got home. We went to PTA at Central School.

Friday, October 15, 1954. Mostly cloudy. Showered off and on. Pete husk corn in morning and went out again at 4:00 p.m. I went to work at 7:00 to read done cleaning after got home. Girls here awhile in evening.

Saturday, October 16, 1954. Partly cloudy. Went to work at 7:00. Pete shucking corn at CRs. Paul didn't take lesson. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. We went to girls for supper. Edgars and Mother there. Dorothy fixed their hair. I washed Ronnie's shirts in evening.

Sunday, October 17, 1954. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church. Paul took lesson after church. They went to Mothers for dinner. Ida and Edds there too. Marry working. Edds, girls and Mother here for lunch. Mary ironed Ronnie's shirts.

Monday, October 18, 1954. Fair, nice day. I washed before went to work. Took eggs to Chet Roth's. Went to work at 7:00. Ladies from Good Will Circle came at 4:30. We dressed 50 chickens for chicken supper. Pete helped. He shucked corn alone. CR gone. We went to 4-H wiener roast at followers. Ladies finished at 7:00. Cold.

Tuesday, October 19, 1954. Fair, real chilly. Went to work at 7:00. Pete finished shucking field at CRs and started here. Paul to Dicky Miller's at 2:00. School out early. He stayed all night. I stayed in town. Helped serve supper at church. Pete went in for supper. We cleared \$250. Had good crowd. Girls helped too.

Wednesday, October 20, 1954. Fair, frosty, fine day. Had day off. Cleaned up house and done the ironing. Went to club meeting at Maxine Alwes. Winner-loser. I was winner. Had nice dinner. Pete combining beans in p.m. Shucked corn in morning. We went to choir wiener roast at Colters. Then went to choir practice at church.

Thursday, October 21, 1954. Fair, real frosty, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete finished shucking corn in our east field. Made better than 75 bushels. He combined beans in p.m. Combine broke at 4:30. I went uptown awhile after work. Girls along. Mary had day off. Cleaned upstairs in evening.

Friday, October 22 1954. Fair, warmer, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete finished combining and shucked little corn. Beans made 25 bushels. Mother and girls home with me. Dorothy and Edgar here too. Were all here for supper. Dot fixed our hair.

Saturday, October 23, 1954. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete shucking some corn. CR gone so Pete shucked some alone. Done cleaning in evening. We were real busy. CR gone. Walter Risser passed away.

Sunday, October 24, 1954. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to Sunday School and to girls for dinner. Hilda Helmuth and her husband here, brought us some fish. We went to see Alvin Otto at hospital. He's fine he says. We went to church in evening. Nurses gave program.

Monday, October 25, 1954. Cloudy, showered in morning. I washed in morning and took eggs to town. Went to work at 7:00. Done ironing in evening. We went to Danvers to call on Walter Risser family. Went with CRs. Paul and Ray here. Pete shucking corn here until they broke dump. Then moved to CRs.

Tuesday, October 26, 1954. Fair. Went to work at 7:00. Pete shucking corn at CRs. They broke dump. Delayed them awhile. Girls and Mother here in evening. We canned 21 quarts pears and made 10 pints pear marmalade. Made about that amount for the girls. Was tired.

Wednesday, October 27, 1954. Showered some in morning. Chilly. Went to work at 7:00, busy. Bes all full. Pete fixed our dump. Shucked corn at CRs. He went with CR to Rotary dinner at NCHS, guest night. Jeanette and I to choir at 7:30 and then to friendship Circle. Sy [Colete] went later. Pete to church after his meeting. Paul, David and Mary [Colter] at Mothers. Rev. Loidolt reported on World Council of Churches. They finished husking [corn] at CRs.

Thursday, October 28, 1954. Fair in morning. Showered in p.m. Had day off. Baked cookies and pie. Went to women's meeting at Carlock with Laura and May [Mohr]. Very good meeting. Pete took 2 loads corn to Yuton for CR. He's gone. Pete helped Dale shell corn out of field. I cleaned upstairs and packed Paul's clothes. Went to alumni meeting in evening.

Friday, October 29, 1954. Cloudy, cold and windy, few snow flurries. Went to work at 7:00, busy. Hall full of patients. Pete finished shucking corn here. Has Fagerburg's yet. I got bulbs and flowers in. Pete picked tomatoes. Girls here awhile. I cleaned the bedrooms. Paul left at 2:30 a.m. with Lowell Rissers and Lester Yoders for Bluffton homecoming. Sure would like to have gone. Went to *Irving's* (sp?) in evening to shower for Ms. *Feffin* (sp?).

Saturday, October 30, 1954. Cloudy, cold. Went to work at 7:00. Pete worked around home, fixed fence etc. Carried potatoes in basement. I cleaned up living room, kitchen and bathroom. Pete worked some on eggs. Had letter from Allen and Shirley. Allen is Sergeant.

Sunday, October 31, 1954. Mostly fair, cold, 25°. Went to work at 7:00. Real busy, got off after 4:00. Pete to church. He and Ida at Mothers for dinner. Mary worked too. We all went to

Rev. Harder's after work. They had open house. Good Will helped with serving punch and cookies. Paul got home for Bluffton at 11:15. He had a good time. Ronnie is fine.

Monday, November 1, 1954. Cold, windy. Had 2 to 3 inches snow on ground in morning. Melted some. Had snow flurries all day. I washed and ironed in p.m., had some shirts for Ronnie. Pete took eggs to town and worked around home. Moved rabbits in. Paul to school. We went to 4-H meeting at CRs.

Tuesday, November 2, 1954. Cloudy. Some of snow melted. Put clothes away. Cleaned up house. Mailed Ronnie's shirts. Pete, Mabel and I to town in p.m. Mother along. We got gift for Edgars' 25th anniversary (covered vegetable dish). Paul at Mothers for supper. Ray there, so Mother [invited] Paul too. I went to Good Will Circle at church. Laura and May along.

Wednesday, November 3, 1954. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m. Girls, Mother and I left for Peoria at 10:00. Mary had day off. Ida worked several hours. Mary got new coat. Pete took 2 of Ronnie's boars to sale barn and shucked load of corn. We went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, November 4, 1954. Cloudy, looked rainy. We shelled corn out of field at Fagerburg's in morning. Got done before 11:00. Sure nice to be done shucking corn. Pete went to Service Company meeting at 11:00. I put clean paper in kitchen drawers and baked 2 pies and coffee cake in morning. Cleaned silverware in p.m. We went to girls for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair.

Friday, November 5, 1954. Fair, nice day, Chile. Cleaned up bedrooms and living room. Went to auxiliary meeting at 10:00. Also went to bank. Went up town with girls at 3:30. Ida looked for coat, but found nothing. Pete and CR put machinery away. We went to NCHS-Bloomington football game at Bloomington. Cold. We got beat.

Saturday, November 6, 1954. Fair, beautiful day. We put up storm windows. I cleaned all windows outside. Also cleaned the kitchen and bathroom. Dressed 2 chickens for girls. Pete got feed at Yuton, etc. and plowed north truck patch. I took Paul to his lesson. Stopped to see Aunt Martha. We Ropps got her a wash dress.

Sunday, November 7, 1954. Beautiful day, warmer. We went to church and to girls for dinner. Edds were to come but Nettie not able. We went to Swiss male chorus (from Bluffton) concert at our church at 2:30. Earl Lehman director. Very good. Mother and Selma there.

Monday, November 8, 1954. Beautiful day, warm. Washed. Dried nice outside. Washed bedspread and rugs. Done ironing in p.m.. Pete took eggs to town and started plowing north of house. Also plowed truck patch. He went to dinner at church. Finance committee getting ready for drive. I had pain in hip and leg. Could hardly walk in evening.

Tuesday, November 9, 1954. Mostly cloudy, Chile. I cleaned up house and mended. I can walk better, but back hurts me. Pete plowing. We went to PTA in evening. Open house. Visited Paul's room.

Wednesday, November 10, 1954. Fair, fine day. Went to town in morning. Laura [Mohr] with me. We bought some clothing for Peace bundle. Mother home with me at noon. We put dirt around roses and washed car in p.m. Gathered few walnuts. Pete plowing. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, November 11, 1954. Fair, nice day. I baked pudding and coffee cake and cleaned upstairs in morning. Went to Home Bureau at Roy Bastings. Cleaned bedrooms and living room and raked leaves in evening. Pete and Paul made fence in a.m. No school. Pete plowed in p.m. Paul went hunting with some men in p.m. They gave him pheasant. We and Mother to see "White Christmas."

Friday, November 12, 1954. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Had hair fixed at Mrs. Thomson after work. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Pete and Alpha Baughman soliciting for building fund in a.m.. He plowed a while in p.m. Reverend Yoder got some geese. Paul elected president of his class.

Saturday, November 13, 1954. Fair, fine day, warm. Went to work at 7:00. Busy. Pete moved hogs and plowed. Paul to church to practice for Thanksgiving program with Jeanette [Colter]. Marie Yoder took him to lesson & I got him. I washed when got home. We all went to Edgars 25th wedding anniversary at Lutheran school. Lovely dinner. Everything real nice. Had organ music. Girls there too.

Sunday, November 14, 1954. Fair, fine day, cooler in evening. I went to work at 7:00. Mary worked too. Pete and Paul to church. Ate dinner at Ida's. Girls here in evening. We got package ready for Allen and Shirley, Christmas. Sent Allen shirt and Shirley sweater. We went to Edds in evening. Nettie still not feeling good. Paul to church with Colters.

Monday, November 15, 1954. Fair, fine day. Done ironing. Got clothes ready. Pete and I left at 11:00, train for Chicago to AA convention. Took car to Chevy garage. Had some work done on it. Mother came out in evening. Stayed with Paul. Girls here in evening. Helped Paul with chores. We stayed at Hamilton Hotel. Scott Necessarys and Norman Sutters there too. We all and Warren Dobsons to show in evening, "A Star Was Born."

Tuesday, November 16, 1954. Fair, warm, lovely day. Men went to meeting at Sherman Hotel. We 4 ladies went shopping. Sure was tired. We went to hotel at 2:30. I wrote to the boys and Shirley and Marie. We all went to the show put on by the I.A.A. [Illinois Agricultural Association] at the Sherman. Very good. Wayne helped Paul with chores as girls helped serve doctors dinner at nurses home.

Wednesday, November 17, 1954. Clouded up about noon. CR and I came home at 10:30, also Sutters and Necessarys. CR and I at depot. I got car. She [Mabel] and I came home. CR to Rotary. We went to club meeting at Katherine Mishler's. Pearl and Mother along. Girls came along home. Mary helped with chores. She went along to club. We went to choir practice. Met Pete at church.

Thursday, November 18, 1954. Cloudy, misted little. Cleaned upstairs. Waxed kitchen and bathroom floors. Got things ready for fruit cakes. Girls came in evening. We baked our fruit cakes. Pete plowed some.

Friday, November 19, 1954. Cloudy, Chile. Baked cake for club sale and cherry torte. Done cleaning. We went to town at 11:00. Pete to dentist. Stopped to see Aunt Martha. I iced cake and made fudge after got home. We went to girls for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Mother there too. E.A. in Springfield. Dressed 3 chickens.

Saturday, November 20, 1954. Cloudy, chilly. Roy's barn burned down. Was 4 a.m. when they found it and was burning then. 10 cows, 4 calves and 3 horses burned. Sure makes one feel bad. I was there until 8:00. We fixed sandwiches and coffee for men. Carlock and Normal fire departments out. Pete there nearly all day and he and Dale watched until midnight. Then Wayne and Ray went. I took Paul to church to practice at 1:30. Then to his lesson. Baked cake in morning. Garfield had bake sale. Paul and I to NCHS to Central [School] talent show.

Sunday, November 21, 1954. Cloudy, showered in p.m. We went to church. Had basket dinner at noon. Children gave Thanksgiving program in p.m. Mrs. Merle Schwartz talked. We went to funeral home to see Mary Jane Martin, then to Carlock funeral home [to] see Dave Imhoff. Girls here. We went to Roy's [to] see fire. Still burning some. We cased eggs.

Monday, November 22, 1954. Mostly cloudy. Went to work at 7:00. Washed before went to work. Done ironing in evening after work. Pete took eggs to town and finished plowing north field. Plowed some on Fagerburg's. We went to 4-H achievement program at Wesley Memorial. Ronnie State Outstanding. Got several awards.

Tuesday, November 23, 1954. Cloudy, showered some. Chilly. Went to work at 7:00. Girls came out after work. We stirred up cookies and dusted upstairs and cooked apples. Pete worked around home. We all went to Friendship Circle in evening.

Wednesday, November 24, 1954. Rained, snowed in p.m., cold. I cleaned up house. Baked cookies and nut bread. Dressed goose. Made salad and got things ready for company. Ronnie got home at 7:00. Came with Wally Yoder. Glad to see him. We all went to choir practice.

Thursday, November 25, 1954. Cloudy, snow on ground. Thanksgiving day. Got ready for company. Mother, CRs, Roy's, Minnie, Ida and Mary here for dinner and supper. Gordon and Roberta here for supper. Had goose. Girls made pumpkin pie for dinner. Had corn on cob too. Girls worked until noon. Ronnie doesn't feel too good.

Friday, November 26, 1954. Cloudy, chilly. I washed. Had shirts for Ronnie. Ironed some before dinner. Ronnie and I to Dr. H. P. Sloan in p.m. He still has temperature. Doctor gave him penicillin. I went to meeting at nurses home. Decided on equipment for snack bar. I finished ironing after got home. We all went to girls for supper. Grandma there too.

Saturday, November 27, 1954. Cloudy, misty, gloomy. Went to work at 7:00. Ronnie still having some temperature. He and Pete fixed corn for 4-H corn show. They went to town in

morning. Paul took lesson at noon. Ronnie got two 2nds at show. I cleaned kitchen and bathroom after work. Girls and I up town awhile. We went to Earl Kaufman's for supper. Had venison, very good. Ronnie had quite a bit of temperature so he stayed home.

Sunday, November 28, 1954. Rained in morning, colder in p.m. Ronnie feeling some better. He and Pete home from church. Paul and I to church. Grandma and Ida along home for dinner. Helped Ronnie pack. Sure hope he'll soon feel better. They left at 3:00 for Bluffton. Edgars here awhile to see Ronnie. Mary came out after work. Pete, Paul and I to Peoria to see Fred Waring. Went with Service Company board and employees. Had lunch after show. Were two busloads. Got home at 1:10 a.m. A very good show. We enjoyed it.

Monday, November 29, 1954. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., cold. Went to work at seven to 11. Pete at Roy's. They cleaned up from the fire. I went up at 11:30. Helped serve dinner and washed dishes. Had 27 man. Fern M[iller], Mabel and Mary Hinthorn and Evelyn Schwoerer there. I washed in p.m. and baked angel food cake.

Tuesday, November 30, 1954. Cloudy, snowed some in p.m. I done ironing and iced cake. Went to nurses home at 1:30. Made chili for chili supper. Clara Stutzman and Marie Yoder helped me. Had big crowd. Cleared over \$500. Pete, Paul and Mother there for supper. Girls helped wash dishes. Sure was tired. Pete worked around home. Pete cleaned off garden.

Wednesday, December 1, 1954. Cloudy, gloomy. Went to town at 9:30. Stopped at hospital. Pete had a finger lanced (*felon* [sp?]). We went uptown little while and went to Production Credit dinner at Wesley Church. We went to Mothers for supper. Edgar and girls there too. Dot fixed hair. I stayed in. Pete home to chore. We went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, December 2, 1954. Cloudy, snow flurries most of day. I cleaned upstairs, bedrooms, living and dining room. Mended some in p.m. Had card from Ronnie, he's better. We went to Farm School at NCHS. We had bread baking and rolls. Paul at Mothers.

Friday, December 3, 1954. Fair, little warmer. I went to work at 7:00. Went on with Aunt Ida [Woizeski Whitig]. She had colostomy. Couldn't do any more. Has cancer. Feel so sorry for her. She got along fairly well. Ida, Mary and Stuckey left after work for West Liberty Ohio. Pete took out fence.

Saturday, December 4, 1954. Fair, nice day. Done cleaning. Baked cupcakes. I raked some yard. We went to town at 11:00. Mother along. We went to Federal Land Bank dinner at Farm Bureau. Took Paul to his lesson in p.m.. Mother and I to hospital to see Aunt Ida. She's real sick. Has high temperature. Pete to see Aunt Martha. We were home in evening.

Sunday, December 5, 1954. Fair, windy from northeast, cold. We went to church. Stopped at hospital. Aunt Ida seems better than last night. We were home for dinner. I addressed Christmas cards in p.m. Pete cased eggs. Paul to youth meeting in evening.

Monday, December 6, 1954. Fair, nice day, rather windy, cold. Washed and baked cookies. Pete and I to town in p.m. Both had physicals at Dr. McGinnis. Have to have some x-rays taken.

We went to Symphony. Norman [Vercler]s gave us their tickets. Took Paul to 4-H at Baby Fold. He took cookies. He came home with CRs.

Tuesday, December 7, 1954. Fair, nice day, cold, 16°. Put clothes away. Wrote letter. We went to town at 10:30. Mother along. We stopped at hospital, Aunt Ida better. Done some shopping. Went to meeting at Golda Rupp's deciding on dishes for Coffee Shop. Pearl, Pete and I took Aunt Martha to McLean County Nursing Home. Hope she likes it. She's in room with 4 others.

Wednesday, December 8, 1954. Cloudy, windy, chilly. Showered in evening. Pete and I raked yard and fixed roses for winter. Sure glad to get yard done. Reverend R. L. Hartzler here in morning to talk to us about hospital. We went to choir practice in evening. Jeanette along. Paul at Mothers. Snowed some in night.

Thursday, December 9, 1954. Cloudy, few snow flurries, cold. Rhodes kinda slick in morning. Went to Home Bureau at Mabel Laesch. Mother along home. Pete to Service Company meeting. Edgars and girls here for supper, also Mother. Edger to meeting after supper. Pete with him to Farm School and Mabel along to PTA. I took ladies home and got Pete and Mabel.

Friday, December 10, 1954. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00, had busy day. Pete worked around home. We went to Friendship and Good Will Christmas party at church. Had a good dinner and program. Reverend Atherton showed pictures of Palestine. Paul and David Colter at Mothers.

Saturday, December 11, 1954. Cloudy, little warmer. Went to work at 7:00, another busy day. Girls and I up town awhile after work. Pete took Paul for lesson at 12:00. Paul to Robert Hinthorn birthday party at 1:30. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom in evening.

Sunday, December 12, 1954. Cloudy, misted some in morning. I went to work at 7:00. Mary working too. Pete and Paul to church and to Mothers for dinner. We and girls to Cheese House after work. We went to church in evening. The "Evangelaires" quartet gave program.

Monday, December 13, 1954. Mostly fair. I washed. Pete and I to town at 8:00. Pete had Barium enema and sinus x-rays. I had gallbladder x-rays. I went to dentist. Had inlay put in. Done ironing in p.m. Soil conservation man here in p.m. I wrote Christmas notes in evening. Pete worked on eggs.

Tuesday, December 14, 1954. Cloudy. I went to hospital at 8:00. Had IV Pylegram [x-ray examination of the urinary system] and Barium enema. Got home before noon. I baked cookies. Girls here after work. We baked 2 batches of press cookies, made sugar cookies and iced them and stirred up Danish or (and?) crescent cookies. Rained some in evening.

Wednesday, December 15, 1954. Cloudy, rained and snowed some. Roads rather icy in morning. I went to hospital at 8:00. Had Barium enema. Went uptown awhile and to Mary's (she had day off). Went back to hospital at 1:00. Had last picture taken. We went to Mrs. Mishler's to club meeting. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Mothers.

Thursday, December 16, 1954. Cloudy, chilly. I baked sour cream date cookies and Danish cookies. Cleaned up stairs. Went to Mothers at noon. Baked her press cookies for her and went to hospital in p.m. helped serve at personnel Christmas party. Pete to Wagner's funeral in p.m. He was pall bearer. We went to NCHS in evening to Paul's Christmas program. Mother and girls along. Program was very nice.

Friday, December 17, 1954. Cloudy, rained and snowed all day. Cleaned up house and cleaned some windows. Put up Christmas tree. Ronnie got home little before 6:00. Glad to see him. We all went to NCHS Christmas program. Real good except lots of students got sick, fainted etc.

Saturday, December 18, 1954. Cloudy, snow flurries all day. Melted some. Slick again in evening. I done a Ronnie's washing. We went to town at 11:00. Pete and I to creamery dinner at Wesleyan Gym. Boys shopping. We took Paul to his recital in p.m. We all went to Edgars for supper. Mother and girls and Uncle Charlie there. Edds couldn't come, Nettie down in bed. We went to choir practice a while and got back to E.A.s. Ronnie to basketball tournament awhile.

Sunday, December 19, 1954. Partly cloudy. Roads clear. We went to church. Were home for dinner. Girls here. We went to Edds in p.m. Nettie still down. We went to church in evening. Our choir gave Christmas program. Was good. I have cold. Mother along to program, also girls.

Monday, December 20, 1954. Cloudy, misted and snowed in evening. Roads slick. I washed. I ironed some of Ronnie's shirts before noon. We went to town in p.m. Pete and I to Dr. McGinnis. Pete had protoscope everything. Pretty good. I'm on kind of a diet, no ruffage. Very thankful the reports were no (unintelligible). I finished ironing in evening and made centerpiece. Jeanette [Colter] here. David [Colter] and Ronnie to 4-H Federation. Mary [Colter] and Paul are singing together.

Tuesday, December 21, 1954. Cloudy. Roads not so slick. I went to work at 7:00. Pete took me. He had meeting at hospital at 2:30, nominating committee meeting. Rev. Harders here for supper. Their son Paul is home from Newton. Verlin working and couldn't come. Girls here too.

Wednesday, December 22, 1954. Cloudy, chilly. Went to work at 7:00. We had Christmas party on first floor and gift exchange. We were at girls for supper. I stayed in after work. Edgars and Mother there too. Dorothy fixed our hair. Ronnie had date with Donna Spencer. We used truck.

Thursday, December 23, 1954. Fair, nice day, rather windy. I baked orange cookies and wrapped Christmas gifts. We went to town at 1:30. Went to see Aunt Martha at nursing home. She's pretty good. I went to 2B and 2A [hospital staff] Christmas party. Finished wrapping gifts after got home. We all went to CRs for supper. Marie home from Pennsylvania. Ronnie went caroling at hospital before supper. Nettie to hospital at Eureka.

Friday, December 24, 1954. Fair, fine day. Made penuchi and cleaned up house. Dressed 3 chickens. Cleaned windows on outside. Pete took Paul to lesson at noon. Ronnie got feed at

Yuton. They sawed wood in p.m.. Mother, Marie, girls and CRs here for oyster supper. CRs left, went to Basting tree. Ronnie to Spensers.

Saturday, December 25, 1954. Fair, warm. We all went to Mothers for dinner and supper. Girls there too for dinner. Also Marvin [Kropf]s. They got [here] at noon on train. Glad to see them. They and girls to Edds in evening. Roys and Minnie at Mothers in evening. Also Roberta. She got diamond [from Gordon]. We had nice Christmas. Surely miss Allen and Shirley.

Sunday, December 26, 1954. Cloudy, rained. We went to church. Mother along too.

We were all at girls for dinner, also Mother, Marie, Edd and Billys. Nettie not able to be there. Ronnie left with Gospel Team at 4:00. Went to Meadows. We all went to church in evening. Children gave program. Paul sang with Colters. We drove around to see decorated homes after program. Mother and Marvins here all night. Marie home at 5:00. Edd [went] home early.

Monday, December 27, 1954. Cloudy, misted, rained some, real foggy in evening. I went to hospital at 9:00. Phylis Ann [Patton] had appendectomy at 9:30. I stayed until noon. We and Marvins to Eureka in p.m. Nettie about the same. I took them to girls at 5:30. They ate supper and left at 7:00 for home. We went to Art Siegs for supper. Mother, Marie, Edgars and CRs and all of Siegs there. Had nice time.

Tuesday, December 28, 1954. Cloudy, colder, rather windy. I washed, had big one. Done ironing. Mended some in p.m. and wrote letter to Allens. Pete took eggs to town in morning. Done some odd jobs. Phylis getting along OK.

Wednesday, December 29, 1954. Cloudy, windy. Rained, sleeted and froze ice. Snowed some about noon. I cleaned up house. Made salad and got things ready for supper. We went to town at a while in p.m.. Stopped at hospital to see Phylis. She's doing OK. Mother, Marie and Anna Johnson along home. Edgars, girls and Roys here for supper too. Had ham. Was nice to have Anna here. Ray here all night.

Thursday, December 30, 1954. Fair, nice day. Very beautiful. Everything covered with ice and snow. I washed in morning, tablecloths etc. We went to Roys for dinner. I done ironing while Pete chored. We had trouble with car. Carburetor leaks. We went to church in evening in truck to hear Reverend Duerkson from Paraguay. He's student at Bluffton.

Friday, December 31, 1954. Fair, warmer. I went to work at 7:00. Miss [Elaine] Reynolds in bed with bad cold. Dusted up house in evening. Rested awhile. Pete and I to Earl Kaufmans. Phils, Harolds, also Al Mohrs there awhile. Paul to show with CRs. He stayed all night with Ray. Pete took Paul to lesson and took Marie to train.

Saturday, January 1, 1955. Foggy morning, fair in p.m. Went to work 7:00. Pete and Paul to Roys at 11:00 to watch parade and game. They were there for dinner. Girls here for supper. We all went to Carlock in evening. Gospel Team quartet gave program. They got back from Iowa at 2:00. Bob Coon and Bill Schantz here all night. I done Ronnie's washing after got home.

Sunday, January 2, 1955. Mostly fair. Quartet went to Flanagan this morning. They were all here for dinner. Girls here too. Mary worked until noon. We went to church. Girls and we went to CR's awhile in p.m. Kampmeiers and Edgars there. Boys to hospital in p.m. to sing there. Had supper at our church with young people. We went to church. Quartet gave program. Very good. Bill Simmons and Wilmer Sprunger here all night. We went to Mothers awhile after church.

Monday, January 3, 1955. Cloudy, foggy in evening. Ronnie and boys left for Bluffton at 8:30. We miss Ronnie again. Paul to school. I washed. Had big one. Done ironing in p.m. We went to girls for supper. Edgars there. Dorothy fixed hair. Paul to 4-H meeting at Laura Mohr's. We brought he and Ray home.

Tuesday, January 4, 1955. cloudy, misty, foggy. Went to work at 7:00. Pete working around home. I went to Good Will Circle with Jeanette. I was hostess. We served ice cream pies, nuts and mints, coffee and I took some Christmas cookies. Was real foggy when came home from work. Was little better in evening. We took Christmas tree down in evening.

Wednesday, January 5, 1955. Cloudy, foggy, very gloomy. Rained nearly all day. Not foggy in evening. Went to work at 7:00. [Elaine] Reynolds some better. I finished putting Christmas decorations away. Also put clothes away. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Grandma's. Pete to Gillis sale. He bought a tractor.

Thursday, January 6, 1955. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. I worked in surgery until 1:00. Miss Maxwell carried book until then. We had 21 cases in surgery. Really a busy day. Pete went after tractor. We went to farm school in evening. Paul at Grandma's. Cleaned upstairs in evening.

Friday, January 7, 1955. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete worked on tractor and made platform for feeder. I cleaned up bedrooms in evening. [Elaine] Reynolds feeling better.

Saturday, January 8, 1955. fair, beautiful day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete chored, etc. He and Paul to town in p.m. Paul had lesson. I cleaned kitchen and bathroom after got home.

Sunday, January 9, 1955. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church. Ate dinner at Mothers. Girls to Edds. Nettie still in hospital, but better. We went to church in evening. I gave talk to young people, Why I Became a Nurse. Rev. Harder and Miss Kauffman talked too. Girls here for supper. Had very busy day at hospital.

Monday, January 10, 1955. Partly cloudy, nice day. Washed before going to work at 7:00. Done ironing in evening. Pete ground feed. Paul to basketball game in evening with CR's. Ray played.

Tuesday, January 11, 1955. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. I stayed in at Grandma's. Edgars, girls, Pete, Paul and I there for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Edgar to church meeting. Pete to Men's Fellowship.

Wednesday, January 12, 1955. Cloudy, snowed. Melted. Some roads rather slick in the evening. Went to work at 7:00. Very busy, no room and patients coming in. I stirred up cookies in evening. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Mothers.

Thursday, January 13, 1955. Partly cloudy, nice day. I baked cookies, coffee cake, and cranberry crunch. Cleaned upstairs. Went to Home Bureau at Mrs. Rengels. Mother and Mabel along. Put Christmas gifts away and cleaned up bedrooms. Pete to Farm School in evening and I went to PTA. Paul at girls. Nice to have day off.

Friday, January 14, 1955. Cloudy, windy, showered little in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Still short of rooms. Paul home at noon, finished exams. Pete and he moved feeders and sorted cattle. I cleaned up living room, kitchen and bathroom in evening. Wrote letters. Pete cased eggs.

Saturday, January 15, 1955. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to town at noon. Paul had haircut and took lesson. I went up town awhile. Got pen for Ida's birthday. We went to Dale Hinthorn's in the evening [to] see TV.

Sunday, January 16, 1955. Fair, warm. Cloudy in evening. Went to work 7:00. Mary worked too. Pete and Paul to church and to Ida's for dinner. Pete and Ida to Eds in p.m. with Billy [Klooz]s. Mary home with me. Girls to town with Billys. Mother to Edgars for dinner and to Kampmeiers for supper. We went to church in evening.

Monday, January 17, 1955. Partly cloudy. Went to work at 7:00. Washed before went to work. Done ironing when got home. We went to Farm and Home Bureau oyster supper at Farm Bureau. Had big crowd.

Tuesday, January 18, 1955. Snowed in morning. Went to work 7 - 11. Reynolds working half days. Put clothes away in p.m. Dusted up house. Done some odd jobs. Pete to Washington to Men's Meeting. Went with Ed Sharp. Paul and I to girls for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. I took her home. Streets slick.

Wednesday January 19, 1955. partly cloudy. Went to work 7 - 11. Mother and I ate lunch in town (went to club meeting at church) and we went to see Aunt Amanda. She's still in bed but better. Mother along home. We went to choir practice in evening. Pete working on income tax. Aunt Martha is in hospital, bad cold. Pete took hog to town to have butchered.

Thursday, January 20, 1955. Fair, quite chilly. Went to work, 7 to 11. Met Mother and Mabel up town at noon. We got silver pitcher for Kampmeiers 25th anniversary. I went to hospital at 11:30 to practice for little skit. Cleaned upstairs and made salad for hospital meeting.

Friday, January 21, 1955. Snowed and blowed in the morning. (not clear) went to work at 7:00 to 11:00. Pete took me. He went to hospital meeting at 10:00. I went after got off duty. I was in skit in p.m. Had pretty good crowd for way weather was. Pete to Harold Pattons to committee meeting. Paul and I to girls. Helped quilt awhile. Cleaned bedrooms and living room.

Saturday, January 22, 1955. snowed some in morning. Fair in p.m. Windy, cold. I baked pies, one for 4-H sale. Baked cake. Cleaned up kitchen and bath. Cooked meat for liver sausage. Pete shelled corn at CRs in p.m. Paul and I to town. He took lesson. Took Mother to see Aunt Ida and stopped awhile too. Made liver sausage in evening.

Sunday, January 23, 1955. Cold, fair, 5° above, nice day. Few flurries in evening. Went to church. Had basket dinner at church and our annual business meeting in p.m. We went to hospital after meeting to see Aunt Martha. She's about same. I stayed at girls. Pete and Paul home to chore. We were all at girls for supper. Mother, Edgars, CRs and Minnie, also Gordon and Roberta. Roys couldn't be there.

Monday, January 24, 1955. Cloudy, cold, snowed most of the day. Washed and something went wrong with furnace. Soot all over everything. Took awhile to clean it out. Pete had Mr. Armstrong from town, fixed it. I ironed in p.m. Pete got feed at Yuton.

Tuesday, January 25, 1955. Cloudy, snowed some. I went to work at 7:00. Pete to dentist at 10:00, then to *Irving's* (sp?) sale. Boys sold our tractor.

Wednesday, January 26, 1955. Partly cloudy, cold, zero and below. Wrote to boys. We went to town at 10:30. Looked at TV at Forbes. Pete to Mothers. Settled with her. I went uptown while and to Mothers for lunch. Mabel there too. She and I to missionary meeting at Lydia B[laughman]s. Pete to meeting at Farm Bureau. Roads drifted in p.m. Choir practice called off.

Thursday, January 27, 1955. Snowed some, cold, 16° below zero. Baked cake, dressed 4 chickens. Cleaned upstairs, de-frosted deep freezer. Made salad. Pete cleaned and cased eggs. Forbes brought TV out at 4:30. Got it on trial. Pete and I to all church supper at Christian church. Paul at Mothers. We went to Earl Thomas afterwards to figure income tax.

Friday, January 28, 1955. Fair in p.m., snowed some in morning. 10° above. Colder in morning. 5° above. Cleaned up whole house. Waxed kitchen and bathroom. Pete chored and cased some eggs. Edgars, Mother and girls here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. TV pretty good. 10° below zero.

Saturday, January 29, 1955. Snowed in morning, cold, 5° below. Cleared off in p.m. Baked cake. We went to town at 9:30. Pete to meeting. I shopped. Went to dentist at noon. Paul at Mothers. Took him to lesson. Made salad in evening and iced cake. Marvin Zehr brought Ronnie's shirts home. Ronnie couldn't come home.

Sunday, January 30, 1955. Fair, cold, 8° below. We went to church. Mother along home. Got things ready for company. Edgars, Val [Kampmeier]s and Mrs. Kampmeier here, Ida, Mary, CRs and Roberta here for supper. Uncle Charlie couldn't come. Mrs. Gurtner had cold and didn't come.

Monday, January 31, 1955. Partly cloudy, warmer, 15° above. Washed, had big one. Ironed some of Ronnie's shirts before noon. We went to town at 2:30. Pete had haircut and I got luggage for Carol Diller for Good Will Circle. I finished ironing and got things ready for supper. We went to farewell supper for Carol D[iller] at church. Nice crowd. Sure sorry to see Carol leave.

Tuesday February 1, 1955. Cloudy. We went to Champaign Farm and Home Week. Colters went along. It started misting at noon, froze, roads real slick coming home. Got here at 6:00. Took over two hours. Sure thankful to get home. Good Will Circle called off.

Wednesday, February 2, 1955. Fair, cold, zero. Went to work at 7:00. I baked cake when got home. Girls along home for supper. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul to Mothers.

Thursday, February 3, 1955. Fair, nice day, cold. Iced cake and cleaned upstairs. Mabel, Mother and I and Aunt Minnie to Aunt Ida [Whitig]'s. Took our dinner. I took cake for her birthday. She's up some. Pete to farm school in evening. I went to class awhile. We went to Chadbands. Left early. Went to nurses home to installation of officers for Christian Life. I am sponsor. Very impressive. Paul to [basket]ball game.

Friday, February 4, 1955. Cloudy, real windy, snowed and misted some in night. Done cleaning. I went to auxiliary meeting. We got Mrs. Troyer cake for her birthday (80th). Went to Dr. Shelley's lecture from 1 to 2. Edgars, Mother and girls here for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Pete cased eggs.

Saturday, February 5, 1955. Cloudy, roads icy in morning, melted during day. Cleared off in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Pete took me, also Ida. Mary off. Pete and Paul to town at noon. Ate lunch at Mothers. Paul took lesson. We got plant for Aunt Amanda. She's sick. Has cancer of lungs. I cleaned kitchen and bathroom in evening. Cooked soup bones and canned 6 quarts soup.

Sunday, February 6, 1955. Fair, cold, 10° above. Warmed up some. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and to girls for dinner. They stopped to see Aunt Martha awhile. Ronnie called in evening. He was in Middlebury, Indiana with quartet. Was fine and going back to B.C. [Bluffton College] after evening program. We went to church in evening.

Monday, February 7, 1955. Fair, beautiful day. Snow is melting. I washed. Baked cake for 4-H auction. Baked pie & made salad. Pete to Yuton in p.m. to get feed. Done ironing in p.m. Got things ready for supper. Went to 4-H family night at Farm Bureau. Had surprise auction.

Tuesday, February 8, 1955. Fair, nice day. Baked pudding. We went to town at 11:00. Got Aunt Martha's clothes at County Home. Shopped some. Got Aunt Martha at 1:30. Took her back to McLean County Nursing Home. Got new card table with [green] stamps. Girls and I to Edds at 5:00. Took things for our supper but they were eating when we got there. Pete to Men's Fellowship. Paul at Dicky M[iller's] all night.

Wednesday, February 9, 1955. Partly cloudy, warmer, lot of snow melted. Baked cookies and brownies. I sent Ronnie a box. Pete to Morton, left at 7:00 to help can beef for relief. He took meat for our church. I washed some shirts for Paul. Washed car and mended. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Mothers.

Thursday, February 10, 1955. Cloudy, windy, snowed nearly all day. Much colder during the day. Looks like a blizzard. Mabel and I to Home Bureau at Mrs. Lockwood. Went with Jeanette, Louise Kinsinger, Juanita Rader, and Margret Rader along too. We stopped for Grandma too. Got along OK. Paul home at 2:15. Buses left school early on account of weather. Our road isn't drifted. Zero at dark.

Friday, February 11, 1955. Fair, cold, windy. 15° below. Was zero all day. Done cleaning. We went to town at 10:00. I went to Mothers. Mabel along. She had her wallpaper cleaned in living room and Marie's bedroom. I took her to dentist at 1:00. Mabel washed woodwork while

we were gone. Pete worked on bailer at Case Company. CR and Dale [Hinthorn] worked too. I stayed in town at girls. Pete and Paul there too. Also Edgars and Mother. Dorothy fixed hair.

Saturday, February 12, 1955. Fair, 8° below, warmed up some. Went to work at 7:00. Pete took me. He went to town in p.m. Paul had company. 3 Rader boys here to see TV. Stayed all day. Larry Mohr here in p.m. Pete got me at 3:30. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom.

Sunday, February 13, 1955. Fair, cold, zero. Warmed up some. Pete took me to work at 7:00. He and Paul to church and to Ida's for dinner. Mary working. We all went to Mrs. Troyer's open house for her 80th birthday. Girls along home. We went to church in evening.

Monday, February 14, 1955. Fair, warmer. I washed and ironed. Pete move hog houses getting ready for pigs. Paul's sow had 8 pigs. Girls here for supper. We went to Gridley. Went to Stoller to take care of some business for Aunt Martha. Then we went to church basketball tournament. We played Washington and won.

Tuesday, February 15, 1955. Partly cloudy, 15°, warmer during day. I wrote letters. Baked rolls and pie and cleaned up house. Mary came at 11:30. She had day off. We went after Ida and done little shopping. They were here for supper. We all went to play at Carlock. Pete working with hogs.

Wednesday, February 16, 1955. Cloudy. Wrote some letters and done usual work. Went to club meeting at Lucy C[atherine Patton]s. Pete sorted hogs (I helped him). Sold some. We went to church basketball game at Carlock. Colters along. We played Meadows and won. Choir practice postponed.

Thursday, February 17, 1955. Partly cloudy. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to town at 10:30. I went uptown for one hour, \$1 day. Got Pete light suit. We went to Farm School Banquet at NCHS. Girls along. I left at 8:30. Went to Christian Life meeting at Nurses Home. Paul and Larry Reeser ate lunch at Hulls Drive-in and went to donkey basketball [game].

Friday, February 18, 1955. Fair. Pete took me to work at 7:00. He went to town at noon to Mr. Hedgecock's dinner and meeting. I stayed in town at Mothers. Pete and Paul there too for supper. Also Edgars and girls. Dorothy fixed our hair. Pete and I to choir practice. Started to rain in evening.

Saturday, February 19, 1955. Rained off and on most of day. Having snowstorms in West. Done all of cleaning. Pete and Paul chored. I went to White Fence to dinner for Val K[ampmeiers] 25th anniversary. Dorothy gave it, very nice. Paul and Ray to church basketball game at Carlock with Colters. We won championship.

Sunday, February 20, 1955. Cloudy and misted some early in morning. Cleared off in p.m., colder. We went to church. Ate dinner at girls. We all went to Minier to open house for Vals. Harriet Gurtner along. Mother came back with us too. She was at Edgars for dinner. Paul [Thietje]s there too. Paul to church in evening with Colters.

Monday, February 21, 1955. Fair, nice day. Washed and done ironing in p.m. Pete helped Dale [Hinthorn] butcher beef in a.m. He went to town hall with Roy in p.m., caucus.

Tuesday, February 22, 1955. Fair. Cleaned up house. Baked cookies, coffee cake and pie. We went to town in p.m. Stopped at hospital. Mary in bed. She had stomach cramps and nauseated. She was unhappy but Dr. McGinnis thought she should stay. I took her car home. We went to Friendship Circle. We were hostess. Rev. and Mrs. Kleimer spoke and showed pictures. I went to graduate nurses supper at nurses home.

Wednesday, February 23, 1955. Fair, fine day. Dressed chicken. Painted lawn chairs. Pete took load [of] oats to Yuton. Hauled load [of] manure, but [ground] too soft. I went to missionary meeting with Pearl. Grandma sick with intestinal trouble. Stopped there after choir practice. Called doctor and got her some medicine. Paul at Ida's. Mary feeling better but still in hospital.

Thursday, February 24, 1955. Mostly cloudy, colder in evening. We went to town at 9:00. I stopped at church. Helped with dinner awhile. Ministers meeting and board members of different churches. I took chicken for the dinner. Went to Service Company meeting at Armory with Laura and May [Mohr]. Pete helped at the door. Had big crowd. Mary still in hospital, x-raying gallbladder. Mother better.

Friday, February 25, 1955. Fair, nice day. Done all of cleaning. Went to work at 11 to 3. [Elaine] Reynolds to meeting. Pete hauled some manure. I took Mary home from hospital. Her x-ray of gallbladder seems okay. She's glad to get home. I got Paul at school. He played basketball. They won. Rained in night.

Saturday, February 26, 1955. Cloudy, rained in morning. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to town in p.m. Mary working. Edgars, Mother and girls here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Pete painted shuffleboard in morning.

Sunday, February 27, 1955. Cloudy, gloomy, foggy in evening. We went to church. Pete and Paul came home with Roys. I went to Ida's for lunch. Mary working. Ida and I to capping services at Wesley Church. I went in uniform. Helped serve at reception. Ida helped too. Marie Y[oder] went with us to. No church in evening. We were home.

Monday, February 28, 1955. Cloudy, misted, real foggy in evening. Washed. We painted kitchen walls and little of woodwork. I done ironing in evening. Pete had feed ground in morning. Floyd and Larry Mohr here awhile in evening. Boys made some experiments for their science class.

Tuesday, March 1, 1955. Cleared off in morning. Pete and I to Mothers. We painted her kitchen. CR and Mabel papered her bedroom. I went to Good Will Circle with Jeanette. Pete and Paul home.

Wednesday, March 2, 1955. Fair, fine day. Pete and I painted woodwork and cupboards in kitchen, [and] wall down basement stairs. We went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, March 3, 1955. Mostly cloudy, real warm, near 70°. I went to work at 7:00. Pete worked on disc. Girls came out after work. We done cleaning, baked cookies and date pudding. I went to Christian Life meeting at nurses home at 7:00. Rained in night.

Friday, March 4, 1955. Real foggy and rained. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to town in p.m. Ronnie and Martha Jo Emerick came from Bluffton. Got here before 5:00. Glad to see them. Pete to Sunday School meeting in evening. Rest of us went with Alvin Otto to Fairbury to see basketball tournament. NCHS and U. High. We won. Washed 12 shirts for Ronnie after got home.

Saturday, March 5, 1955. Mostly cloudy. I baked cake. Cleaned up bathroom and kitchen. Made salad. Got ready for company. Boys and Martha Jo to town at 10:00. Paul took lesson at noon. Edgars, girls and Mother came at 2:00. Dot fixed our hair. Mary had day off and Ida took off at noon. CRs here for supper. Ronnie and MJ to show in evening.

Sunday, March 6, 1955. Fair, much colder, 20°. We went to church. Were home for dinner. Girls here too. Ronnie and Martha Jo left at 1:45 for Bluffton. They went with Wally Yoder. We went to Edds in p.m. Nettie feeling some better. We went to church in evening. Ray went with Paul to YPU [Young People's Union]. Came home with us. Stayed until CRs got home.

Monday, March 7, 1955. Fair in morning, 5° above, cloudy in p.m. Showered some in evening. I washed and done ironing. Paul home, no school, Teachers Institute. Ray here for dinner. CRs gone to Decatur. Pete hauled some manure. Paul to 4-H meeting at Otto's (Marions).

Tuesday, March 8, 1955. Fair, rather windy, much warmer. I went to town in morning. Got paint for bathroom. Took dishes out of cupboard. Pete hauled manure in morning. He painted bathroom walls and backdoor in p.m. I painted inside of cupboards and the risers on back steps and the gray down back stairs. Pete to Men's Fellowship meeting. Had work night.

Wednesday, March 9, 1955. Fair, fine day, warmer, near 60°. I painted broom closet, medicine cabinet in bathroom, woodwork and bathroom except window frame and back door and storm door. Put all of dishes back in cupboards. Pete to Service Company meeting all day. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Mothers.

Thursday, March 10, 1955. Partly cloudy, real windy and warm, 70°. Cleaned upstairs and bedrooms. Went to Home Bureau meeting at Mrs. Kehl. Finished painting in bathroom after got home and got things ready for supper. We went to Community Club supper at Baby Fold. Pete worked on disc. Mother not feeling so good. Her heart bothering her.

Friday, March 11, 1955. Fair, beautiful day. Done rest of cleaning. Finished cleaning cupboards in kitchen and cleaned tile in bathroom. Washed car after lunch. Went to town in p.m. Took mother to see Dr. She feels some better. Pete disking, getting ready to sow oats. I got grass seed for him. We went to girls for supper. Edgars and Mother there. Dot fixed hair there. Mother and I to see Aunt Amanda [Burwitz] in p.m. She isn't good.

Saturday, March 12, 1955. Fair, nice day, cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Paul to his lesson with CR. I went after him and stayed for his recital. Pete sowed eight acres oats on Fagerburg and four acres here at home.

Sunday, March 13, 1955. Fair, cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Mary worked too. Pete and Paul to church and to Ida's for dinner. Girls came home with me. We went to church in evening.

Monday, March 14, 1955. Fair, windy, clouded up in p.m.. Showered in evening. Washed and hung clothes outside. Dried fast. Washed some bedding. Done ironing in p.m. Took Paul to dentist at 3:30. Pete plowed garden in morning. Went to meeting at Kerrick [Elevator] at noon. Disc some when he got back.

Tuesday, March 15, 1955. Rained, gloomy. Baked cake, brownies and pie crust. Dressed chicken. We went to town at noon. Pete took corn planter to town. We went to County Home to see Aunt Martha. She's pretty good. We went to church supper, honoring basketball boys. Had nice time. Girls along too. Paul at James Sloan all night.

Wednesday, March 16, 1955. Fair, cold, windy. I cleaned 2 attics in west room and closet in boys' room. Went to town at 11:00. Mary and I uptown. She got dress and I got suit (Sacony or Sarony?). We & girls to church with Edgars to Lutheran Church. Very nice. No choir practice.

Thursday, March 17, 1955. Mostly cloudy, chilly, 32°, had few snow flurries in evening. Pete and I left at 6:30 with George and Merle for Chicago. Went with George to wholesale companies etc.. Merle and I to loop at 3:30. Met boys at 5:00. We went to Ice Capades at stadium in evening. It was wonderful. We got home at 3:00 a.m. Had a nice day. Girls with Paul all night. Sigler boys helped him chore. Aunt Amanda Burwitz passed away at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 18, 1955. Fair, 22°, warmer during day. Girls to work at 7:00. I done all of cleaning. We rested awhile in a.m. Pete chored and cased eggs. We went to town at 1:00. Took Mother and Aunt Minnie to Burwitzs but girls weren't home. We went to see Aunt Ida [Whitig]. She isn't so good. I went to hospital. Helped clean in coffee shop, wash dishes, etc. We went to choir practice in evening.

Saturday, March 19, 1955. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy in p.m. Had five accident patients in. Pete and Paul to town in p.m. Pete to funeral home to see Aunt Amanda. Edgar, Mother and girls here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair.

Sunday, March 20, 1955 area cloudy, rained in p.m. and evening. We went to church. Ate dinner at girls. Mary to Miss Kuerth's wedding. We went to funeral home. Took Grandma along. We went to church in evening.

Monday, March 21, 1955. Cloudy, rained, foggy. Washed and ironed. We went to Aunt Amanda Burwitz funeral at 2:30 at Becks [Funeral Home]. Pete and CR pall bearers. I drove. Took Mother, Mabel and Uncle Henrys. Pete, Mother and I to the house awhile. We went to Colters in evening, committee meeting for club meeting. Alta Litwiller on with Jeanette and I.

Tuesday, March 22, 1955. Snowing and blowing. Real blizzard. No buses. Paul home, cold. Quit blowing in p.m. Pete painted stairway and banisters. I finished it. He pulled CR's car to town. He stalled at Glen [Rader]'s road, open from here to town. I baked cookies and pudding. I painted [kitchen] seat another coat.

Wednesday, March 23, 1955. Fair, lot of snow melted. Pete to Service Company meeting. I cleaned closet in west bedroom. Went to town at noon. Got some hose for Aunt Martha. Took them out to her and done some shopping. Pete and I got paper for the west bedroom. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Mothers.

Thursday, March 24, 1955. Fair, chilly. Baked cake and made salad. Cleaned up house. Went to town with Pearl at 11:15. We went to hospital coffee shop. Had our opening at 2:00. Served cookies and coffee. Very nice. Girls & Mother came out after work. I came with them. Sy Colters here for supper.

Friday, March 25, 1955. Cloudy, snowed and below the most of the day. Much colder in evening, 12° above. Went to work at 7:00. Dicky Miller home with Paul and I. I went to Good Will with May [Mohr]. Pete took me over and May brought me home. Quit snowing when we came home. Car quit on me on way home from work. Wayne Mohr towed me home. Pete got it started again.

Saturday, March 26, 1955. Fair, cold, 4° above. Went to work at 7:00. Took car to garage. Pete took Paul to town at noon for his lesson. Paul practiced at church for Sunday evening program. Came home with Jeanette. Edgars, Mother and girls here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Dicky home at noon.

Sunday, March 27, 1955. Partly cloudy, snow flurries, cold, 15°. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and to Mothers for dinner. They all went to see Aunt Ida. She's almost the same. We went to church in evening. Junior YPU gave program in keeping with Easter. Very good.

Monday, March 28, 1955. Fair, 15°, warmed up some. I washed and washed things from west bedroom. Hung spread and quilt outside. Done ironing in p.m. Pete hauled manure in morning. Worked in garage in p.m. Paul and I to 4-H rally at NCHS. Took Mabel and Ray in. They came home with CR.

Tuesday, March 29, 1955. Fair, warmer, nice day. Pete to Laymen's Lenten breakfast. CR went with him. CRs here at 10:30. We papered the west bedroom. Got done at 3:00. I cleaned room and straightened up. Pete went after load of cobs for CR and had them ground. We went to Friendship Circle in evening. Paul at Mothers.

Wednesday, March 30, 1955. Fair, fine day. Mr. Yeakel passed away at 6:30 a.m.. He hadn't been so well for week, but is a shock. I got in touch with Red Cross. They sent word to Allen and Shirley. Feel so sorry for them. I cleaned up house, washed windows on outside. Cleaned boys room. Mary came at 11:00. She helped me some. Missionary society met here, 15 present. We went to funeral home and to choir practice.

Thursday, March 31, 1955. Fair, nice day. I finished cleaning upstairs in morning and baked a cake. Pete, Mother and I to Yeakels at noon. I took cake. Mother salad. We had telegram from Allen at noon. Shirley is to come, leaving there the first. We went uptown awhile. I went to alumni in evening. Marie H[astings] and Winifred [Maxwell] along.

Friday, April 1, 1955. Fair, warmer. Cleaned closets in our bedroom and washed car. Had telegram from Allen. Shirley can't get a plane for three to five days. Sent word back for her not to come now. Feel so sorry for her. I went to auxiliary (guest day) about noon. Girls came along out. We sowed peas, lettuce, radishes and onions. Pete disc all day. We all went to funeral home in evening. Mother along. She was at Uncle Frank [Whitig]'s all night. Aunt Ida not good.

Saturday, April 2, 1955. Fair, warm, over 70°. Done cleaning, baked cookies, cased eggs. Pete and CR sowing oats. We sowed 21 acres of ours in morning. We went to Mr. Yeakel's funeral in p.m. at 3:00. Think of Shirley so much. Paul disc some for CR in evening. CR finished his oats in evening. Mother at Uncle Frank's nearly all day. She, Edgars and girls here for supper. Dorothy done hair.

Sunday, April 3, 1955. Fair, nice day, cooler. We went to church and to Edds for dinner. Girls along. I made salad, they took pie. Nettie not feeling so good. We went to church in evening. Choir sang. Mother at Uncle Frank's all day. Pete and I there all night. Paul at girls. Aunt Ida slept pretty good. We slept some.

Monday, April 4, 1955. Mostly cloudy, real windy, showered in a.m. We came home at 7:00. I washed and washed things from our bedroom. Hung towels, overalls and quilts etc. outside. Cleaned our bedroom in p.m. and done all of ironing except curtains. Pete finished sowing his oats (10 acres). Paul to 4-H meeting in evening at Leaschs. We went to church.

Tuesday, April 5, 1955. Fair, nice day, warmer, but cooler in evening. Went to work at 7:00, was busy. Mrs. Yeakel got telegram. Shirley is on way home. Left on 5th (today). Rather surprised to hear she's coming. I ironed bedroom curtains after got home. Pete got feed at Yuton, harrowed oats and disc some. We went to church in evening. Uncle Franks gave us an end table.

Wednesday, April 6, 1955. Fair, windy, colder. Went to work at 7:00. Went to dentist at 9:30. Inlay put in. Pete plowing some in morning. He, Mrs. Yeakel, C. Wick, and Diana went to Chicago at 11:00. Met Shirley at airport at 2:30. Got home at 6:30. We stopped to see her on way to church. Glad to see her and so thankful she had safe trip home. Ronnie got home at 4:50. We all went to church in evening. Had choir practice after church. Had tooth ache all night.

Thursday, April 7, 1955. Fair, nice day, chilly. Washed Ronnie's shirts and he and I to town at 10:00. I got permanent and went to dentist at 12:00. Had three upper teeth pulled. Sure hate to give them up. Put cold packs on. Ironed Ronnie's white shirts. Pete and Ronnie planted potatoes. We went to Mothers for supper. Girls and E.A. [Gurtner]s there too. We went to church, had communion.

Friday, April 8, 1955. Fair, nice day, warmer. Done all of cleaning. Baked cookies and pudding. Ronnie to dentist at 8:15, then to Weston to get Martha Jo. She came with Ramseyer boy. Pete plowed some and hauled manure. Ronnie, Martha Jo, Paul and I to town in p.m. Paul took lesson. I got shoes and blouse. We all went to town in evening. Pete and I to funeral home to see Mrs. Clarence Miller. Boys to Yeakels. We stopped there too, also Grandma. Ironed shirts.

Saturday, April 9, 1955. Fair, warm. Went to work at 7:00. My jaw pretty sore. Pete and boys hauled manure and Paul disc. Martha Jo studied some. We all went to girls for supper. Mother and Roys there too. Ronnie & Martha Jo to show after supper. Allen is to sail for home. We'll be so thankful when he gets home.

Sunday, April 10, 1955. Easter Sunday. Fair, real warm. We all went to church and Clarences for dinner and supper. Mother, Marguerite [Burwitz], Laura & May [Mohr], Ida and Roberta[Cutter] there. Mary worked. She was there for supper. We went to church in evening. Choir gave Cantata. Marguerite with us. Ronnie helped us too.

Monday, April 11, 1955. Cloudy, rained off and on most of day. I washed. Got dinner. Ronnie and Martha Jo left at 12:30 for Bluffton. Pete took them to Weston to Ramseyers. I done ironing in p.m. Big day. Tired. Paul home, no school.

Tuesday, April 12, 1955. Fair, warm. Rained at 4:30. I cleaned living and dining room and hallway. Shirley called after I started to clean. She came out at 10:00. Was glad to have her. We bought World Book. Pete worked with pigs and hauled manure awhile in p.m. Paul to school. Another big day and tired.

Wednesday, April 13, 1955. Showered in morning. Fair in p.m. I cleaned fruit room and recreation room in morning and cleaned other room in p.m. Mary had day off. She came out at 10:30. She helped me awhile. Pete helped some and worked around the barn. We went to choir practice and CRs to talk about musical number for Home Bureau talent show.

Thursday, April 14, 1955. Cloudy, misted some, colder in p.m. I cleaned china cabinet and dusted upstairs. Went to Home Bureau at Mrs. Ed Otto's with Mabel. Pete to Service Company meeting. I met him at Farm Bureau after meeting. Uncle Frank's gave us an end table for my taking care of Aunt Ida.

Friday, April 15, 1955. Cleared off. I went to work at 7:00. Pete sheared sheep. Done odd jobs. I cleaned up house when got home. Had company in evening. Jeanette and children, Juanita Rader, Jenny Basting, Phil, Shirley, her Mother, CR and Ray here. We practiced for octet for talent program. Pete went after Shirley and Mrs. Yeakel and took them back.

Saturday, April 16, 1955. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Went to Dorothy's after work. She fixed my hair. Pete to Service Company meeting in morning. Paul at Mothers. He took lesson at noon. Pete plowed after he got home. Mary and Ida came out awhile an evening.

Sunday, April 17, 1955. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Busy with outpatients. Pete and Paul Church. Paul home, played ball in p.m. Pete to girls for dinner and he went to see Aunt Martha at County Farm. We all went to Mothers for supper. Val Kampmeiers, Edgars, Mabel, Ray and Shirley there. CR in Chicago.

Monday, April 18, 1955. Partly cloudy, 80°, very windy. Had few sprinkles in morning. We set out 4 dozen cabbage plants and 1 dozen tomatoes. Also planted some sweet corn and Bermuda onions and multipliers. I washed and ironed. Worked in garden awhile in p.m. Cleaned off iris and flower beds. Pete plowed. I went to nurses home in evening. Rev. Harder had film, "Call of the Cheyenne" for Christian Life. Mary started working in coffee shop.

Tuesday, April 19, 1955. Rained most of the morning. Looked stormy in p.m. Cooler. Cleaned some silverware in morning, finished in evening. Waxed kitchen and bathroom. Went to town at 11:00 to dentist and to Mothers for dinner. Bonnie Fenton, Mrs. Dammon and Freda S. and Mabel there. I went to meeting (workshop) at nurses home. We are getting anxious to hear from Allen.

Wednesday, April 20, 1955. Fair, hazy, warm. Made salad in morning. Pearl and I to town at 9:45. We helped serve luncheon to advisory board of the hospital. Had 14 men. Marie Y[oder], Harriet Y. and Mrs. Hoover helped. We went to club meeting at Mabel's at 2:00. We went to choir practice. Had lunch afterwards. I took fruit salad and cocoa. Pete working around home.

Thursday, April 21, 1955. Fair, warm, near 80°. Went to work at 7:00. Dusted up house after got home. Octet practiced here. Lucy C[atherine] and children and Sy [Colter]s and Roy B[arclays] here too. The girls came for supper. Pete after Shirley. Girls took her home. We still haven't heard from Allen. Pete made some fence.

Friday, April 22, 1955. Fair, real warm. Aired bedding in linen closet and cleaned cedar closet. Baked cookies and custard. Done cleaning. Washed off south porch. Pete disc some, plowing and moved hogs on pasture.

Saturday, April 23, 1955. Rainy morning and evening. Windy in evening, tornado warnings. Baked 2 pies and coffee cake in morning. We went to town at 11:00. Paul took lesson at noon. Then he mowed Mother's lawn. We got him a suit. We went to County Farm. Got Aunt Martha, took her to Gridley. Pearl, Minnie, Mable along. Cleaned house. Edgars, girls and Mother here for supper. Dot done hair. Allen got home on p.m. train. He surprised us. We're so glad and thankful he's home. He looks good.

Sunday, April 24, 1955. Cloudy, showered in morning, colder in evening. We all went to church. So wonderful to have Allen home. Mother, girls and CRs here for dinner. CRs home in evening. Edgars came in p.m. They stayed for supper and brought ice. Made ice cream. Roys here awhile in p.m.

Monday, April 25, 1955. Cloudy morning. Cleared off at noon. Cool, windy. I washed. Hung everything out except good shirts and table cloths. Allen and Shirley to town awhile in morning and sent for driver's license. Pete and I to Gridley in p.m. Took Aunt Martha back to County

Nursing Home. She isn't able to stay alone. Shirley and we took Allen to train. He left for Chicago at 8:20 for Ft. Sheridan to get his discharge. Shirley stayed at her mothers.

Tuesday, April 26, 1955. Fair, nice day, done ironing. Went to Jean Ann Barclays at 11:00. We made copper enamel earrings and cuff links. I went to Central School at 12:40. Helped with polio vaccinations. Then went to hospital to class. Pete spread fertilizer in p.m. Hauled some manure in morning. We went to Friendship Circle in evening. Paul at Mothers.

Wednesday, April 27, 1955. Fair, warmer, fine day. Went to work, 7 to 11. Went to missionary meeting at Mables. Girls came out after work. We sowed more lettuce, radishes and carrots, spinach and beets and beans. Pete discing. We went to choir practice in evening. Girls stayed until we got back. Paul home.

Thursday, April 28, 1955. Mostly fair, nice day. I worked in garden. Spaded flower beds and around roses and chrysanthemums. Planted all of gladiola bulbs. Cleaned upstairs and bedroom. Pete plowing. Ralph Sigler helped awhile. We went to Colters in evening. Octet practiced. Harold and Helen there, helped direct. Shirley came out with them.

Friday, April 29, 1955. Fair, beautiful day, little cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Pete plowing. Ralph S[igler] helping. CR helped in p.m. (he's plowing for hay). I washed car after got home and done all of cleaning. We cased eggs in evening.

Saturday, April 30, 1955. Fair, beautiful day. Went to work at 7:00. Allen got home from Chicago in p.m. Came with Hamer boy from Arrowsmith. He has his discharge and we are so thankful and happy to have him home. Pete plowed and disc and harrowed some. He took Paul to lesson. CR plowed half day. Ralph Sigler helped too. I baked cake after got home. We all, Allen and Shirley to girls for supper. EA [Gurtner]s there too, also Mother. Dorothy fixed hair. Allen and Shirley here all night.

Sunday, May 1, 1955. Beautiful day, warm. We went to church. Allen and Shirley to U[nited] B[rethren] Church. We all went to Edgars for dinner and supper. Mother and girls there too. We went to Sewage Disposal plant in p.m. Lilacs are beautiful. Took pictures. Uncle Charlie there in p.m. Men all came home to chore. Allen and Shirley stayed in town all night.

Monday, May 2, 1955. Partly cloudy, looked rainy in mourning. Washed, clothes dried fast, windy. I went to Home Bureau nominating committee meeting at Mrs. Hilton. We went to see Jeanette for President and Dorothy Singley for director. They accepted. Done ironing after got home. Pete and Allen to town in morning. Hauled manure in p.m. We went to Phils in evening. Octet practiced.

Tuesday, May 3, 1955. Fair, nice day, real warm. Baked pie, got things ready for dinner. Shirley came out at noon. I cleaned yard along north fence. We went to Fagerburg house in p.m. Measured windows and rooms. Everything needs paper and paint. I mowed yard after got home. Men finished hauling manure. Went to Good Will Mother-Daughter tea. Shirley and Mother along. Jeanette and Mary too.

Wednesday, May 4, 1955. Cloudy and morning. Looked rainy. 87°. Sprinkled little. I fixed path in garden and sowed flower seeds on north side of path. Pete and Allen plowing and discing. CR plowed awhile. I went to dentist in p.m. Shirley went too. I stopped to see Aunt Ida. She's very bad and is so thin. Mother there all night. I went to choir practice. Pete to Service Company meeting.

Thursday, May 5, 1955. Fair, beautiful day, cooler, rather windy. I finished sowing flower seeds. Baked cookies and cherry torte. Dressed chicken. Cleaned upstairs. Set out some pansy plants the girls gave me. Pete and Allen finished plowing. They disc some. CR started planting his corn. I went to Christian Life meeting.

Friday, May 6, 1955. Fair, rather windy. Done cleaning. We planted lima beans. I went to church with Lucy C[atherine] and Jeanette. Good Will served Bloomington-Normal Church Council of Women. Had 114. Went to Mothers at 3:30. Mabel and I washed her windows on outside. Came home with Mabel. Men helped CR plant corn. Allen and Shirley to town in p.m. Bought some furniture. We went to Farm Bureau in evening. Octet had tryouts for talent show.

Saturday, May 7, 1955. Fair, fine day, cool. Went to work at 7:00. Allen disking for CR. He finished planting his corn. Pete took Paul to his lesson in p.m. Shirley here awhile in p.m. Edgars, Mother and girls, Allen, Shirley and Mrs. Yeakel here for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Shirley and Mrs. Yeakel washed their hair too.

Sunday, May 8, 1955. beautiful day, cool. We went to church. Allen and Shirley there too. They sang in choir. Girls, Pete and I went to Edds in p.m. Ate lunch at Goodfield. Waited 1 ½ hours. Mother at Uncle Frank's at noon. We were all at CRs for supper. I took cake. Girls took salad. Allen's there too. Pete and I to church in evening. Had Mother's Day program. Paul played ball in p.m.

Monday May 9, 1955. Cloudy, showered, real cool. Men started to plant corn here. Quit at 10:30. Rained. I washed, dried most of clothes inside. Ironed in p.m. Shirley here. She sewed on curtains. We and girls to show in evening, "Man Called Peter." Very good. Mother at Uncle Frank's. Aunt Ida very critical.

Tuesday, May 10, 1955. Partly cloudy, looked rainy. Cleaned up the house. Done some baking. Went to class at hospital. Stopped at Uncle Frank's. Aunt Ida very low. Mother there. Men planting corn.

Wednesday, May 11, 1955. Partly cloudy. Got things ready for dinner. Shirley came at noon. Men planting corn. I helped Allen and Shirley put out their garden at Fagerburg place. Aunt Ida Weidig passed away at 4:15. Mother there. We went to choir practice in evening. Allen along. Shirley didn't go. She was tired.

Thursday, May 12, 1955. Cloudy, rather chilly. I planted cucumbers and baked cake for Uncle Frank. Took it to them and went to Home Bureau at our church. Mrs. Hastings along. Mabel took her car too. She had meeting. Cleaned upstairs in evening. We went to NCHS. Had rehearsal for talent show. Rained in night, over an inch.

Friday, May 13, 1955. Cloudy, rained some in morning, windy for awhile. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to town in p.m. We stopped at funeral home after work. Done all of cleaning when got home. We went to girls for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Allen and Shirley there after supper. Showed their pictures from Austria. Very good.

Saturday, May 14, 1955. Fair, nice day, warmer. Went to work, 7:00 to 1:00. Went to Aunt Ida's funeral at 2:00. Pete pall bearer. I drove, took some of family. Paul along too. Allen and Shirley at funeral. We set out tomato plants, eggplant and peppers. We went to flower and talent show at NCHS. Our octet sang and I got first on a violet. Girls along. Men and Dale [Hinthorn] made fence in a.m.

Sunday, May 15, 1955. Fair, beautiful day. Went to work at 7:00. Wasn't busy. Pete and Paul to church. Pete at girls for dinner. Paul home, played ball. Girls came home with us after work. Shirley came out with Allen to chore. We went to church in evening. 4-H put on program. Paul usher. Had nice program and good crowd.

Monday, May 16, 1955. Fair, nice day. Cooler and windy in evening. Done washing. Went to dentist at 9:15. Had impression made for teeth. Met Shirley at Fagerburg's. We picked out wallpaper and got paint for house. Done ironing in p.m. Went after Paul at 5:30. He stayed after school to practice for Olympics. Men finished fence in morning. Allen disc in p.m. Pete harrowed corn. Paul mowed some yard. I stirred up cookies.

Tuesday, May 17, 1955. Fair, fine day, cool, 43°. Baked cookies and made pudding. Worked in garden little. Shirley came out at 10:30. We went to Fagerburg house. Washed woodwork in living room and bedroom. Shirley and Allen painted woodwork in p.m. Girls came out after work and helped. I went to dentist in p.m. Got my upper partial plate and went to class at hospital. Took Mother uptown. I helped paint in evening. Pete finished planting our corn.

Wednesday, May 18, 1955. Fair, beautiful day. Went with Roy's to Peoria. Garfield club went on tour. Some went to Morton Pottery early. Pearl, Mabel and I met them at Block and Kuhl Tea Room. Had lunch and went to Peggy Princess dress manufacturer. CR and Allen and Shirley started to paper Fagerburg house. I helped after got home. Girls came out after work. Got bedroom all done except border. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, May 19, 1955. Fair, nice day, much warmer. Cleaned up house. Baked pies and got things ready for dinner. Went over to other house, helped CR paper. Shirley painted some. Men disc bean ground. Floyd Mohr brought tractor down to demonstrate. Went to town at 5:00. Got Paul. He practiced for Olympics. Ida along home. Christian Life group came out for wiener roast. Mary brought load and Ruth Buller. I went in after some. Were 14 here.

Friday, May 20, 1955. Mostly fair, windy and dusty. Helped CR paper. We finished after supper. Was 10:30 when got home. Mother came out in morning with Shirley. She got dinner and helped clean up some. Shirley painting. Girls came out after work. They were all here for supper. Shirley and Mother to town after supper. Pete disking bean ground. Sowed some beans.

Saturday, May 21, 1955. Partly cloudy, showered little in p.m.. Paul and I to town at 8:45. He was in Junior Olympics. Got 1st in relay. I baked cake and 2 pies. Took pie to coffee shop. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Helped Shirley in p.m. Painted living room floor. Men sowed 30 acres beans. Pete worked late. Edgars, Mother and girls here for supper. Dorothy fixed hair.

Sunday, May 22, 1955. Rained in morning. Showered some during day. Fair in evening. We went to church and to girls for dinner. Allen and Shirley there too. We all went to Edds in p.m. Paul home. Rev. Harder's to Kansas in p.m. Had no evening services. We went with Roys to Baptist church. Choir recital.

Monday, May 23, 1955. Fair, hot, 89°, windy. Washed in morning. Helped Shirley in p.m. Painted upstairs. Girls came out after work. We papered closet upstairs. Pete sowed some beans, harrowed corn and plowed garden. Shirley and Allen to town in morning to dentist. Got breakfast set at Neirstheimers. Got their stove and icebox. They stayed there all night.

Tuesday, May 24, 1955. Cloudy. Had good shower in a.m. and showered little in p.m. I done ironing in morning. Allen and Shirley here for dinner. Helped them in p.m. Worked some upstairs. They went to town in p.m. Moved dishes, clothes etc. We unpacked some dishes. We all went to Friendship Circle in evening. Allen and Shirley showed their pictures. Mrs. Yeakel along out. She stayed at Allen's.

Wednesday, May 25, 1955. Partly cloudy, much cooler, windy in evening. We went to town and went to see Aunt Martha awhile. Done some shopping. I helped Shirley a little while after got home. Stirred up cookies. We went to choir practice. Paul to Mothers after school. Mowed her lawn. We brought Mrs. Yeakel along out to Allen's.

Thursday, May 26, 1955. Mostly cloudy. Had windstorm at 3:30 p.m.. Rained some one-third of inch. Went to work at 7:00. Mrs. Yeakel along to town and she came out with me too. Baked cookies when got home. I went to alumni student party wiener roast at Edgar Kinsingers. I met Winifred Maxwell at Laesch's and went with her. Pete and Paul home. Pete ate dinner at Allen's. Shirley done some handwashing here and hung it up in basement.

Friday, May 27, 1955. Mostly cloudy, hot and humid. Went to work at 7:00. Done all of cleaning after got home and washed out some clothes. We went to girls for supper. Allen and Shirley along too. Dot fixed hair. Packed suitcases. Pete took eggs to town and Paul took lesson.

Saturday, May 28, 1955. Cloudy, rained. Pete, Ida and Mary and I left at 4:30 for Missouri. Were in heavy rain until we got to Jacksonville. Got to Marvins and 2:00. We stopped in Clinton, got plant for Uncle Ludwig's. We went to see them yet in p.m. Also Oscar Millers. We were at Ervin's for supper. Girls there all night. Pete and I at Marvins. Arthur's and Ervins two. Paul at Allen's.

Sunday, May 29, 1955. Mostly cloudy. Showered here but didn't rain in Missouri. We were all at Irvin's for dinner. Orvies, Marvins and Arthurs there too. We went to cemetery in p.m. Mary to Bill Gilkerson in evening and all night. We, Ida and Marvins stopped at Harvey H. awhile.

Ida to Mrs. *Willbarns* (sp?) all night. We were at Marvins. Paul and Allens to church and were home.

Monday, May 30, 1955. Fair, beautiful day, cool. Marvins and girls and we went to cemeteries in the morning. We were all at Marvins for dinner. We all went to Arthurs in evening. Traffic was terrible going up. Had ice cream and strawberries. We all were at Marvins all night. Paul to Bible school. Allen took him. They were at Mothers for supper. CRs and Roys and Cutters there.

Tuesday, May 31, 1955. Fair, fine day. We left Marvins at 4:10. Got to Bloomington at 1:00. Ate dinner at Lincoln. Girls came out. We washed. They brought theirs too. I went to meeting at hospital and they only had 1 meeting and had a tea. I worked in garden awhile and ironed some. Got Ronnie's shirts, so washed them yet in p.m. Paul to Bible school and took swimming lesson at YMCA. Allen hoeing corn.

Wednesday, June 1, 1955. Fair, warmer. Done ironing. Had big one. Baked 2 angel food cakes. Paul and Pete to town. Paul to Bible school. He and I to town at 2:15. He took swimming lesson. I shopped some. Iced cakes when got home. We went to Mothers for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Pete to choir practice. Paul to ballgame with Ray and stayed all night.

Thursday, June 2, 1955. Cloudy, rainy morning, fair in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Cleaned up bedrooms and got things ready for shower. Pearl and I gave shower for Roberta [Cutter]. Was to have it here but on account of road, had it at Grandma's. Were 26 there. Shirley home with me. Pete and Allen to town. Took Paul to lesson. Allen got 300 chicks.

Friday, June 3, 1955. Fair, much warmer, 87°. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Girls came out after work. We picked peas and put 3 quarts and 3 pints in freezer. Picked gallon of berries. Ida shortened my nylon jersey dress. Mary worked little in garden. Men baled hay at Roy's and some at CRs. Packed suitcases.

Saturday, June 4, 1955. Fair, quite warm. Allen, Shirley, Paul and I left at 5:00 for Bluffton and got there at 11:15. Ronnie playing ball. Was beautiful day for May Day. Allen seeing lots of friends. We stayed at Beachys. We went to banquet in evening. Ronnie served at banquet. Pete helped CR finish bailing hay. It showered here in p.m.

Sunday, June 5, 1955. Mostly fair, hot. Dad to church and to Mothers for dinner. We all went to church and to Beachys for dinner. Went to baccalaureate services in p.m. and to Martha Jo's awhile. Ate little lunch and then went to Mrs. Vercler's for lunch. Martha Jo along too. We went to concert, vesper choir, in evening, and to reception for Mr. Lantz. Was his last concert, he's resigning. Girls to Edd's. Arch Planks there awhile.

Monday, June 6, 1955. Cloudy, rained. We left Bluffton at 7:00. Got home about 2:00. Stopped in Normal. Unpacked some of Ronnie's things and washed hand washing. Picked 7 quarts berries and peas for supper. We got 24 boxes of berries from Jeanette. Girls came out. They got 8 boxes. Allen and Shirley helped too. They got 4 boxes. Got them all stemmed. Pete to Yuton. Worked around home. Paul to 4-H meeting.

Tuesday, June 7, 1955. Mostly cloudy. Showered in p.m. and we washed. Had big one. They dried pretty well except heavy pieces and overalls. Pete and Allen picked 2 big buckets of cherries at CRs. Shirley and I canned 2 quarts and 3 quarts in freezer and 7 1/2 pints preserves. Shirley canned 3 quarts cherries and 9 pints preserves. Ironed awhile. Sure was tired.

Wednesday, June 8, 1955. Cloudy, rained most of morning. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Paul to Bible School with Jeanette. Pete to town. Took hog to sale barn. He took Paul to lesson in p.m. Men picked peas in evening. Girls and Shirley helped me. We canned 17 pints peas and 1 quart and two pints in freezer. Mary ironed little and I done some after supper.

Thursday, June 9, 1955. Partly cloudy, real cool, showered in evening. Baked 2 batches cookies and defrosted icebox. Ironed some. I went to Home Bureau at Mabel's. Was p.m. meeting and tea. I took cookies. Finished ironing after got home and got things ready for supper. We went to community club supper at Field School. Was to have been at Mousers but weather not favorable. Pete to Service Company meeting.

Friday, June 10, 1955. Cloudy, chilly, rained in p.m. and all evening. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Allen mowed weeds and trimmed hedge. Paul to last day of Bible School. They had picnic at noon and practiced in p.m. Edgars, Mother, girls and Shirley and Allen here for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. I baked cake and we dressed 2 chickens, 1 for Shirley and 1 for reunion. Paul dusted upstairs and I cleaned up bedrooms and living room.

Saturday, June 11, 1955. Cloudy, cold, 55°. Showered some during day. Went to work at 7:00. Mary left at 11:00 for West Liberty, Ohio. Shirley took her to bus. Ida along home. We canned 14 pints peas. Shirley helped too. Men picked them. I picked 3 quarts of strawberries. Iced cake and made salad. Ida stayed all night.

Sunday, June 12, 1955. Cloudy, cold, 50°, misted little. We went to church and to Woizeski reunion at Lutheran school. Was cold. Ida along too. Allen and Shirley showed their pictures. We went to Children's Day and Bible school program.

Monday, June 13, 1955. Mostly cloudy. Washed clothes. All got dry except overalls. Washed Ronnie's blankets and spread. Done ironing. Worked in garden. Pulled weeds and transplanted flowers. Men mowed hay and picked 2 boxes strawberries. Real cool. 45°, high low 50s.

Tuesday, June 14, 1955. Fair, warmer. Baked 2 angel food cakes in morning. Pete and I to town. Got Gordon's wedding gift, place setting of their china. Put rest of screens on in p.m. Washed windows. Cleaned up living room. Waxed kitchen and bathroom floors. Men mowed hay. Plowed corn in p.m. Worked late.

Wednesday, June 15, 1955. Fair, warmer, fine day. Went to town. Got mother and 4 boxes berries at Laura's. Got things ready for club meeting. Were 27 adults and 6 children here. Served angel food cake, strawberries and little whipped cream. Men plowing corn and raked hay. Bailed 2 loads in evening. Mother and I at Shirley's awhile. I took Mother home. Worked in garden awhile. Pete plowed garden and truck patch in evening.

Thursday, June 16, 1955. Fair, warmer. Paul and I picked peas. Shirley came out. Helped pod them. We canned 7 pints and put 6 pints in freezer for her. I baked pies for dinner. Allen, Shirley, Gordon and Ray here for dinner. Men bailing hay. I worked in garden until late. Sure was tired.

Friday, June 17, 1955. Fair, warm. Baked cake. Dusted up house. Picked few strawberries. Men finished bailing hay in morning. They plowed some corn in p.m. Paul and I to town in p.m. He took lesson. I had hair fixed at Mrs. Thomson. Marie came at noon. Paul mowed Mother's lawn. We all went to rehearsal dinner at CRs in evening. Frank Kropfs at Ida's for supper and our house all night. Ida here too.

Saturday, June 18, 1955. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00. Pete got breakfast for company. They left at 9:30 for Shelbyville. Mother, Marie and Ida along home. We went to Allen and Shirley's for picnic supper. Roy's, CRs, Mrs. Yeakel and Edwards and Wicks there. I made freezer of ice cream. Martha Jo got here at 6:30. Her brother and wife brought her. She went along to Allen's. Allen and Shirley showed pictures.

Sunday, June 19, 1955. Fair, rained in town in p.m. Went to work at 7:00 to 1:30. Pete, Paul and Martha Jo to church and to Ida's for dinner. We all went to Gordon and Roberta's wedding at Christian Church at 3:00. Allen was in wedding party. Was real nice. Allen and Paul home to chore. We took Aunt Martha back to County Home. We went to Cutters for the evening and lunch. Martha Jo at Ida's in evening.

Monday, June 20, 1955. Fair, warm and humid. Went to work at 7:00. Men plowed beans and bailed hay at Roy's. Martha Jo at ISNU to register. I waited for her at hospital until 4:45. Then we went back to ISNU to see about work. Allen took Paul and Ray to 4-H judging contest. Shirley and Martha Jo along. Pete and I cased eggs.

Tuesday, June 21, 1955. Beautiful day, cooler. Done washing, had big one. Picked peas. Paul helped me some and he picked nearly a box of raspberries. I canned 9 pints peas. Had some for supper. Gave girls and Shirley some. Girls came out, helped me a while. We went to ballgame at Otto Laesch's. Fathers played sons. Ronnie home from choir trip. Nice to have him home. Martha Jo moved to her room in evening.

Wednesday, June 22, 1955. Fair in morning, cloudy in p.m. and showered some in evening. Done Ronnie's washing and done ironing. Took Paul to lesson in p.m. Pete and boys mowed weeds and plowed corn. Ida, Mary, Mother, Irene Wey, Pete and I to Irene's folks. Picked cherries. Went after girls got off work. Ronnie had date. Went to show, "Man Named Peter." Allens here in evening.

Thursday, June 23, 1955. Fair, nice day, cooler. We shelled corn in morning. I canned 2 quarts cherries and put 4 quarts in freezer and made ___ pints preserves. Worked some in garden. Boys cleaned up shucks and cut some weeds. Ronnie to ballgame at O'Neils. He's playing with Alexander team. I went to committee meeting for Christian Life.

Friday, June 24, 1955. Mostly cloudy, cool. Worked some and garden. Done cleaning. Picked some beans for girls. Pete and I to town in p.m. Done some shopping. I stayed at girls. Pete home to chore. Men hoed sweet corn and Ronnie cut some tree sprouts. We all went to girls for supper. Dot fixed hair. We went to choir rehearsal with Earl Lehman. Paul to Jersey Parish show with CR. Took Daisy Mae.

Saturday, June 25, 1955. Cloudy and showered early in a.m. Fair. Allen and Ronnie to town in morning. Got cedar chest at Mrs. Yeakel. Martha Jo along out. I picked beans. Canned 13 quarts and had some for dinner. Got 6 quarts raspberries from Mrs. Yeakel. Put 4 1/2 quarts in freezer, 12 glasses jelly and made pie. Boys picked our (unintelligible) 1 1/2 quarts. MJ (Martha Jo) washed and baked cake. I cleaned the bathroom and kitchen. We all went to Farm Bureau family night at Wesleyan Stadium.

Sunday, June 26, 1955. Fair, cool. Went to church. We all and Mother, Ida and Mary on picnic. Went to the [Mackinaw] River. Boys went fishing awhile. No fish. Allen and Shirley here for lunch. Mother and girls to town before supper. Pete, Ronnie, Paul and I to church in evening. Miss Unrau spoke and showed pictures from Africa. We took Martha Jo to town.

Monday, June 27, 1955. Fair, fine day. Washed, had big one. Cooked some applesauce. Went to Frank Pattons a while in p.m. Frank isn't good. Took him some roses and applesauce. I ironed after got home and again after supper. Got all of dampened clothes ironed. Ronnie to ballgame. Played with Alexanders. Men sprayed weeds.

Tuesday, June 28, 1955. Fair, warmer. Baked cake and picked beans. Canned 6 quarts. Paul helped me stem them. Got things ready for supper. Was tired. We went to Friendship Circle picnic at church. Was on the lawn. Paul to ballgame early. Ronnie went after supper. Pete to town in morning. Boys sprayed weeds and started laying by corn in p.m.

Wednesday, June 29, 1955. Fair, warmer. Ironed in morning. Worked some in garden. Sowed endive seed. Cooked applesauce and made salad. We went to girls for picnic supper. CRs, Edgars, Billys, Mother, Allens and we were there. Found a note when got home from Philip [Patton]. Went to Frank Pattons all night. He's very sick. Lucy C[atherine] and I stayed up. Men plowing corn and spraying weeds.

Thursday, June 30, 1955. Fair, hot. I got home at 9:00. Went to bed at 10:30. Got up at 4:00. Slept fairly well. Men finished laying by corn and plowed some beans. I baked cookies and cleaned up bedrooms. Girls and Mother came at 3:30 (time not clear). Picked beans. We canned 7 quarts and 3 pints and they took some home. Got 5 quarts and 3 pints. Mother got the pints. I went to Pattons at 10:00. He's real bad. Pete and Allen looking at tractors.

Friday, July 1, 1955. Fair, hot, 95°. I washed and cleaned up living room. Was late when got home. Pete, Paul and I to town. Paul took lesson and had recital. Got Pete two pairs trousers. I had glasses adjusted. Boys making hay at CRs. We went to girls for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Ronnie to Alexander ballgame. Pete to choir. I took freezer of cream to girls. Had ice cream. Allens and Ronnie to girls. Martha Jo here all night.

Saturday, July 2, 1955. Partly cloudy, had little shower. Hot and humid, near 100°. Went to work at 7:00. Frank Patton passed away at 11:00 a.m. Pete and I there in evening. I took salad. Martha Jo washed. Ronnie to Mrs. Troyer's for supper. David Troyer there, also Verlin Harder. Allen and Shirley at our house. We ate in yard. I finished ironing after got home from Pattons.

Sunday, July 3, 1955. Fair, hot, near 100°. Went to work at 7:00. Pete, boys and Martha Jo to church and to Allens for dinner. Pete and I to Flinspach [Funeral Home] to see Mr. Patton. Went after work. Stopped at Allen's awhile. Baked cake and made applesauce. Jeanette here several times to see about flowers for club for Pattons. Ronnie and Paul to YPU.

Monday, July 4, 1955. Fair, hot, near 100°. Cloudy in evening. Looked rainy. Cooled off some. Went to work at 7:00. Washed before going to work. Hot at hospital. Ronnie sang at John Schrocks funeral. Ida home with him at 11:30. She helped Shirley with beans. We canned 21 quarts for her. Pete and boys picked them. We all went to picnic at Roys. Ottos all there too. Allens showed their pictures. Martha Jo didn't go. She studied. Ronnie took her home.

Tuesday, July 5, 1955. Fair in morning, not quite so hot. Had shower in p.m. I canned 7 quarts beans for Shirley. We went to Frank Pattons funeral. Pete honorary pall bearer and Ronnie sang solo. He done well. We ate lunch at church. Went uptown in p.m. Got shoes and permanent. EAs [Edgar and Dorothy], girls and Mother here in evening. They done the ironing. I packed some.

Wednesday, July 6, 1955. Mostly fair, warm. Done little ironing and cleaned up house. Pete and Allen to town to see about buying tractor. Ronnie and Allen mowing weeds. I packed suitcases in p.m., getting ready to start our trip. Pete took Paul to his lesson. Allen, Shirley, Ida and Mary took us to Chillicothe. Stopped at Edds. They aren't too good. Left Chillicothe at 8:40 Standard Time on El Capitan. Missed first train.

Thursday, July 7, 1955. Fair. We got to Kansas City at 1:30 a.m. standard Time. Allen had called Arthur. He was there to meet us so had good visit and rest with them. We left Arthur's at 11:50. Got to Lawrence, Kansas at 1:00. Stopped to see Karl [Klooz]s awhile. Was hot driving. Had little accident in Abilene at 6:00 p.m. Some lady hit us from the back. Bent bumper under and sprung the trunk lid. Stayed at motel in Abilene.

Friday, July 8, 1955. Fair, hot, little cooler in p.m. We got car fixed in a.m. Left Abilene at 11:00. Saw lots of wastelands and miles and miles and no houses. Wonder what cattle live on. Saw some combining. We stayed at Simla, Colorado. Beautiful cabins, log cabin, knotty pine interior. Ate supper at Cozy Café in Limon, Colorado. Was very nice. We're 50 miles from Colorado Springs.

Saturday, July 9, 1955. Fair, air cool. We got to Colorado Springs at 9:50. A thrill to see the mountains. We looked up Lawrence Hostetlers. Ate dinner with them. Had nice visit. We went to Cripple Creek in p.m. Took Gold Camp Road and such scenery, it was breathtaking. Went to Al Giermann's. They took us out to dinner at hotel and went for a drive to gold mines. Went to square dance awhile with Als. This is quite a town. Not much to it. We have nice cabins here.

Sunday, July 10, 1955. Fair in a.m., rather cloudy in p.m. Raining in mountains. Were at Al's for breakfast. Went to Royal Gorge. Went through Phantom Canyon. Breathtaking and dangerous road and what a sight to see Royal Gorge. Crossed on the hanging bridge back to Cripple Creek over Highview Drive. Ate lunch at Al's. Then on to *Marritors* (sp?). Have beautiful cabins. (Unintelligible) cabins.

Monday, July 11, 1955. Fair, showered in p.m. Went to Garden of Gods and to Seven Falls. Went to Will Rogers Shrine in p.m. and Marvin had the car greased. We went with Lawrence Hostetlers to their cabin 20 miles north of Colorado Springs at Palmer Lake. We ate supper there and stayed all night. Lawrence back to town for the night.

Tuesday, July 12, 1955. Fair, hot, 90°. Got to Denver, Colorado at 9:15. Went to see the Buffalo Bill grave on Lookout Mountain and to Red Rock Gardens. Got cabins early. We washed some. Went to post office but no mail. Ate supper and back to our cabin. Are tired. Marvins called home. Everything pretty good.

Wednesday, July 13, 1955. Beautiful day. Drove through Big Thompson Canyon, Estes Park, Rocky Mountain Park. Altitude 12,185 feet. Saw lots of snow. Real cool up there. Beautiful scenery. Came through some desolate country too. Nothing but hills and sagebrush. Are staying at Vernal, Utah. Drove 400 miles today.

Thursday, July 14, 1955. Fair, hot, in 90s. Drove to Salt Lake City. Saw state capital. Went through Mormon Tabernacle, very interesting. Drove out to Salt Lake, then on to Logan, Utah for the night. Saw some nice valleys at Ogden. Cooler in evening.

Friday, July 15, 1955. Fair, not quite so hot. Came through some beautiful scenery. Teton Mountains and Jackson Lake. Saw elk. Got to Yellowstone [National Park] at 5:00. Drove to Old Faithful. Got a cabin nearby. Kinda in the rough. Ate supper. Watched Old Faithful erupt. A sight to see. Lots of bears in the park and is overrun with people too.

Saturday, July 16, 1955. Fair, hot and morning. Cooler up in mountains this p.m. Drove through Yellowstone Park. Went on geyser tour. Saw Old Faithful and hundreds of other geysers. Saw bears, deer and Buffalo. Went on Grand Canyon drive. Also saw waterfalls. Stayed at Gardiner Montana on North entrance of Yellowstone. Nice cabins. We washed our hair.

Sunday, July 17, 1955. Fair, hot. Were in rain in mountains at Missoula Montana. Little cooler. Glad for that. We started out at 9:00. Got to *Kalispell* (sp?) at 7:30. Drove 430 miles. Saw some nice valleys and lots of mountains. Very hazy. Drove along Flat *Ridge* (sp?) Lake for miles. Called home this evening. Talked to Allen. Everything okay. Good to hear from them. Saw ripe strawberries, peonies and iris blooming.

Monday, July 18, 1955. Kind cloudy in a.m., fair. Left Kalispell at 8:10 for Glacier National [Park]. Most wonderful scenery. Lots of snow. Waterfalls everywhere coming from mountains. Drove across Logan Pass Continental Divide. Crossed into Canada at 3:15. Saw Indian

Reservation. Drove miles and miles, didn't see much then came through nice wheat fields. Stayed at Calgary, Canada, population of 182,000. We washed some.

Tuesday, July 19, 1955. Fair, cooler. We drove to Banff, Canada and Lake Louise. Very beautiful. Rough roads after we left Lake. Had flat tire. Ate supper while had tire fixed. People very friendly. Drove rather late, about 11:00. Had little trouble finding cabins. Stayed at *Maryland* (sp?). Cabins full. Stayed in private home.

Wednesday, July 20, 1955. Fair, warm. Left Canada at 8:00. Got to good old USA at 10:15. Went through Spokane. Saw cherries on trees. Lots of flowers blooming. Went to [Grand] Coulee dam this p.m. Wonderful sight, really immense. Drove to Ephrata, Washington. Saw lots of wasteland and rocks. Also fields of barley. Have nice cabin.

Thursday, July 21, 1955. Fair, cooler, nice traveling. We drove to Seattle. Ate dinner there. Stopped at Seattle Airport. A beautiful building. The drove to Kelso. Nice cabins, TV, etc. We drove across into Longview after supper to see Bess *Grossdare* (sp?) at hospital, but she was off. We could see Mount Rainier nearly all day, snow-covered, very pretty seen. Only little hazy. Saw lots of log hauling.

Friday, July 22, 1955. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. Drove to Portland and on to Hubbard. Stopped to see Lydia Kropf and Clarences. Stopped at Harveys but he wasn't home. So went on to Kropf's *saw mills* (sp?). Saw Ivan. He took us to the house. Have lovely new home. Also saw their fawns, sure cute. We went to Chauncey's for supper and all night.

Saturday, July 23, 1955. Fair, cool. Went to Silas Yoders a while, then to Harvey Kropf's. His daughter Charity, a *nurse* (not very clear?), was home. She visited. We stayed for dinner. Stopped at Albany. Had car greased. Boys had haircuts. Then on to Harrisburg. Stopped at Herman Smuckers awhile. Then to Frank Kropfs for supper and all night. House cold, nearly froze. Had letter from girls.

Sunday, July 24, 1955. Cloudy, real cool, visited some. Needed fire to be comfortable. Went to church with Frank and were all at Orvil Smuckers (Lena) for picnic dinner. Owen Hershbergers here too. Levi, Ora's and Joe's weren't here. We went to Johns a while in evening. They have nice place too. Owens there too. We took them to Franks all night. We all at Lena's all-night. Rained all night.

Monday, July 25, 1955. Fair, cool. We all and Owens and Franks went through big sawmill at Springfield in morning. Were at Franks for lunch. Then went to Levis and Amos Kropf's a while in p.m. Were at Ora Kropfs for supper. They have a lovely home. Were at Herman Smuckers all night. We washed out some things before went to bed. Rained all night.

Tuesday, July 26, 1955. Cloudy, foggy, rained nearly all day. May washed and dried our clothes and we ironed some. Left there at 10:00. Drove in rain and fog nearly all day through mountains and along ocean part of the time. Were glad when we stopped. Stayed at Brookings, Oregon. Not far from California. Nice cabins. Was real cool.

Wednesday, July 27, 1955. Mostly fair, cool. We drove through the Redwoods. Saw tallest tree, tree house and drove through one. But such winding roads all day and in mountains part of the time. And so many lumber and log trucks. Saw an accident. Truck and car collided. We stayed in Uriah, California all night.

Thursday, July 28, 1955. Fair, hot in p.m., really cool in evening. Drove to San Francisco. Crossed the Golden Gate and Bay bridges. But foggy across bridges. Drove to Yosemite Park. Lots of mountains and winding roads. Some wonderful scenery. All granite rocks. We slept in tent cabins, was real cold, no heat. Lots of squirrels and birds.

Friday, July 29, 1955. Fair, hot and p.m., hundred and 102° near Bakersfield. We drove through Yosemite in morning. Left for Glendale at 11:30. Got there at 7:00. Saw cotton fields, sugar beets, fig trees and other orchards. Called Ervies after supper. Marvin called home. Harvey Hostetler died suddenly a week ago. Dr. Anderson was killed. Pete called Virginia Ijams.

Saturday, July 30, 1955. Fair, warm during day. Emil came to our motel. Took us to his home for breakfast. Emil went to work at 12:00. We went to see Wilbur Leadbetter at Compton and Adelbert Leadbetter at Hawthorne and stopped to see Gail Chappell (Frances' Cousin). Then on to Scott Ijams at Simland. Ate supper there. Had nice time. It's difficult getting around in LA but got along OK.

Sunday, July 31, 1955. Fair, warm in p.m. We went to Sunday school with Emils. They took us to brunch at noon. Ate at *Paul's Ranch* (sp?), all we could eat for one dollar. Emil took us to Santa Monica and to the beach. Drove through Beverly Hills and over to Southgate to see Edna Schaefer Clark. Had nice visit. They just got back from Oklahoma and Lucy is quite *poddy* (?). We went to (unintelligible) Foley's all night. Talked ... (unintelligible) had good visit. (Unintelligible) to work at 9:00.

Monday, August 1, 1955. Fair. Ada and Glenn took us to Emils at 1:00. Met Marvins there. Sadie took us to Forest Lawn. Saw painting of crucifixion. Wonderful art. Also saw Window of Last Supper. Very beautiful and impressive. Saw Mystery of Life carving. Emils took us to Chinatown for supper, then to *Elmira* (sp?) Street. Certainly enjoyed it all. Were at Emil's all night.

Tuesday, August 2, 1955. Fair, hot, 115° at Las Vegas. Sure hot country through desert. Left LA at 8:00. Drove to Boulder City and Hoover Dam. Had nice motel at Boulder City. We done some shopping in evening. Boys to show and lecture on Hoover Dam. Saw lots of cactus and wasteland. So desolate. Las Vegas is some town, everything full of gambling.

Wednesday, August 3, 1955. Mostly cloudy. Showered some off and on, much cooler. Nice day to travel. Stopped at Hoover Dam. Went through and drove to Grand Canyon. Saw green grass on desert. Also some pine trees. The canyon is an awesome sight. Drove to west end. Took some pictures. Got kind of hazy. Cool. We have nice cabin. Wood stove. Two beds in one room.

Thursday, August 4, 1955. Showered off and on all day. Were in real hard rain and thunderstorm near Arizona and New Mexico line. So lots of Indians and shacks. Not much civilization. We left Grand Canyon at 10:30. Drove to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Had car greased at Gallup and ate supper there. Then drove until 10:00. Have nice motel at Albuquerque.

Friday, August 5, 1955. Partly cloudy, showered little several times. And drove from Albuquerque to Guthrie Texas to Bernice Anderson Humphreys. Drove through some nice country in p.m. near Lubbock, Texas. Lots of cotton fields. Got to Guthrie at 7:30. Stopped to have new tailpipe put on car so made us a little late. Had nice supper at Bernice's. They live on 165,000 acre ranch.

Saturday, August 6, 1955. Fair, hot. Men went with Jim. We helped Bernice. I washed my clothes and done some for Frances. We went to see a wreck near their place. Went for ride in p.m. over part of their ranch, it's quite a place. Bernice has little girl, five and a half years old, real cute and Jimmy near three. He's quite a boy.

Sunday, August 7, 1955. Fair, awfully hot. We drove to *Spirit* (sp?) Texas in morning. Helped Bernice with dinner. We took some pictures of children etc. Left there at 5:15 for our homeward journey. Drove to *Canadian* (sp?), Texas. Got motel at 9:20.

Monday, August 8, 1955. Partly cloudy, rather warm in p.m. We stopped at Arnett, Oklahoma at 7:00 a.m. Saw Uncle Clints awhile. We got to Kansas City at 6:00. Drove 520 miles. Stopped at Union Station. Got tickets and called home. We ate supper and Marvins took us to Orvies. Repacked and changed clothes. Arthurs came awhile too. They and Orvies went to depot with us. Got on train at 10:00. Slept some but was tired. Boys took stock to fair.

Tuesday, August 9, 1955. Fair, pleasant. Got to Streator at 5:10. Allen, Shirley and Paul there to meet us. Sure good to see them and glad to get home. Things look good. Had good rain a week ago. Ronnie and Paul to fair. I washed and ironed and unpacked suitcases. I was pretty tired. We went to fair in evening. Allen and Shirley along. Paul in pageant. Allen carried flag in his uniform.

Wednesday, August 10, 1955. Mostly fair, quite warm and humid part of day. We went to fair in morning. Allen along. Shirley at her mothers. Boys showed hogs. Ronnie got 1st on pen of barrows and 4th on Barrow. Paul got 6th on litter and 7th on guilt. Lots of competition. Was late when we got home, 6:30, so didn't go back. Grandma at fair. We took her home.

Thursday, August 11, 1955. Fair, cooler. Went to fair early. Paul showed, got 1st on Daisy Mae. Ray got 2nd. Paul happy and rather surprised. Pete and I came home at 3:00 with Shirley. Stopped, got Paul jeans and socks and shorts. Washed some and got Paul's clothes ready. Sent them to town with Wayne [Mohr]. They left for Springfield at 5:30. Boys brought hogs and geese home. We all went to fair in evening. [Chicago Radio Station] WLS there.

Friday, August 12, 1955. Fair, went to work at 7:00. Kinda nice to get back. Pete to town in morning. They cut some weeds. Got things ready for supper when got home. Edgars, girls and

Mother here. Dorothy fixed hair. Allen and Shirley here too. Ronnie Flanagan to see Jim Gundy. They are going to be sponsors for freshmen on third floor in Ropp Hall.

Saturday, August 13, 1955. Fair, fine day. Washed and ironed. Done all of cleaning. Canned 7 quarts tomatoes. Allen, Shirley, Ronnie and Martha Jo to State fair. Paul is OK. Martha Jo to (unintelligible). Bertha at Flanagan. They were here on Friday night. Dressed 2 chickens for Shirley and 1 for us.

Sunday, August 14, 1955. Fair, little warmer. We went to church. Were at girls for dinner. I went to hospital at noon. Have sore finger, infection. Had penicillin. We went to Edds awhile in p.m. They're about same. We went to church in evening. Morris Troyer spoke and showed slides. Reverend Jenzen spoke in morning. Nice to be in church again. Richter at Allen's for dinner.

Monday, August 15, 1955. Fair, warm. Washed and ironed. Canned 4 quarts dill pickles and canned 7 quarts peaches. Got [one] bushel. Girls took half of them. Martha Jo here. Boys and Pete cut weeds. Pete took eggs to town. We looked at our pictures. Most of them are pretty good.

Tuesday, August 16, 1955. Fair, hot in p.m. We, Allen, Ronnie and Martha Jo along to Springfield. Paul showed. Got 5th. Daisy Mae was horned just before she showed. Made her a little restless and didn't show quite so well. Martha Jo left for home at 9:40 p.m. on bus.

Wednesday, August 17, 1955. Fair, hot, 90°. Worked in garden in morning. Went to town at 11:00. Allen and I got some jars at Julia's. (Allen had some work done on his car.) Mabel to town with me. We went to Mothers for dinner. Louise, Nancy and Mrs. Kampmeier there. Edgars there to eat. I went uptown a while. Got gift for Ronnie for Orlyn Zehr. Went to Shirley's awhile after got home. Men cut weeds in beans. CRs *registering* (not clear?) for Paul.

Thursday, August 18, 1955. Fair, hot, in 90s. I picked lima beans for Shirley and helped pod them. She gave me some. Got 2 quarts. I canned 17 1/2 quarts tomatoes. Baked cake and cleaned upstairs. Allen raked hay for CR in morning. Pete to town in morning. They bailed at CRs in p.m. Allens here for supper. They're getting ready to leave early in a.m.

Friday, August 19, 1955. Fair, hot. Washed. Fixed 7 quarts corn for freezer. Done cleaning and waxed kitchen and bathroom floors. Done ironing. Pete making hay at CRs. Allen, Shirley and Ronnie left at 3 a.m. for Michigan to Orlyn Zehr's wedding. Pete to town at 5:00. Got Paul's, Ray's and Larry's calves. The calves didn't get there until 7:00. Nancy brought Paul home. He and I done chores. We went to girls for supper. Dot fixed hair.

Saturday, August 20, 1955. Fair, hot, 90°. Went to work at 7:00. Done some washing when got home. Canned 7 quarts tomatoes for Shirley. Pete and Paul finished bailing at CRs. I went to alumni banquet at nurses home. Marie H[astings] and Winifred [Maxwell] along. Paul at Maxwell's. Pete, Ray [Hastings] and Glenn [Maxwell] out to eat.

Sunday, August 21, 1955. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and home for dinner. Allens and Ronnie got home at 2:30. They have nice time. Girls here a while and evening. Rained in night.

Monday, August 22, 1955. Rained and early morning. Cleared off in a.m. Washed. Went to work at 7:00. Very busy day. For accident patients. Got off work at 4:00. Pete hung clothes out for me. They dried good. I ironed some in evening. Sure tired. Man hauled manure.

Tuesday, August 23, 1955. Fair, cool, fine day. Baked cake and cookies. Shirley here. We canned 16 pints corn for her. I helped her pick lima beans in PM. Just got few. Ironed little. Jeanette and I to church at 4:15. Helped ice cream supper. Had good crowd. Sy, Pete and boys came for supper. Men mowed alfalfa hay.

Wednesday, August 24, 1955. Fair, cool, fine day. I canned 13 quarts tomatoes and 7 quarts juice. Baked two apple pies and made coffeecake. Finished ironing and cleaning the house and picked lima beans. Allen, Shirley and girls here for supper. Had goose. Was older one, had quite a while. Was okay. Men bailed hay in p.m. Allen helped Floyd a while. CR in Fairbury.

Thursday, August 25, 1955. Fair, hot in p.m. Went to Sailors and Soldiers Home in morning. Helped Home Bureau serve lunch at Soil and Pantagraph Day. Real busy. Cleaned upstairs after got home. Men finished bailing our hay. We went to Allen and Shirley's for supper. Enjoyed it.

Friday, August 26, 1955. Fair, hot. Done cleaning. Dressed three chickens and baked cake in morning. Canned 16 quarts tomato juice in p.m. Got things ready for supper. Men bailed hay at Roy's. We all and Allen's to choir and YPU picnic at Lake Bloomington. Boys going to college honor[ed] guests.

Saturday, August 27, 1955. Fair, hot. Cleaned kitchen and bath. We went to town at 10:00. Got Paul's shoes and I got white ones. Got Ronnie jacket for his birthday. Ate lunch at Coffee Shop. Edgar's, Mother and girls here for supper. Had fried chicken and ice cream. Dot fixed hair. Allen's head company, Olsons and *Bonnys* (sp?).

Sunday, August 28, 1955. Fair, hot. Went to senior breakfast at 7:00. Helped serve. Went to church. I to girls for lunch. JE Hartzler preached. Went to [nurses] commencement at Lutheran Church. Big crowd and hot. Pete and Ronnie there too, and to Belvedere Reunion a while in p.m. Girls helped at reception.

Monday, August 29, 1955. Fair in a.m. Clouded up in p.m. Rained at 4:00 and most of the evening. Rained hard. I washed, nice warm day. Men hauled manure and finished mowing stubble field. Perl, mother, Mabel and I to see Aunt Martha at 2:00. Then went to Mrs. Ed Erickson funeral. I done ironing after got home.

Tuesday, August 30, 1955. Fair, real cool. Shirley and I made with 19 bottles of ketchup and 18 pints chili sauce. A big days work. Pete to town in a.m. Boys cleaned out barn. Pete and I to Roy's at 4:30. He's worse. We took him to hospital at 5:15. He's better this evening. Pete after me at 7:00. Pearl home at 9:30. Shirley and I finished chili sauce after supper.

Wednesday, August 31, 1955. Beautiful day. I canned 6 quarts tomato juice. Dusted up house. Ronnie and I to town at 1:30. He went to Dr. Gailey. Has some eye trouble. I went to the hospital to see Elaine about time books and Mrs. McDermott about Christian Life group. Saw Roy. His left arm and leg are paralyzed. Mother along home for supper. We went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, September 1, 1955. Fair, cool, 57°. Baked cake, cookies, and coffeecake. Dressed three chickens. Went to town at 1:30. Help at nurses home get ready for ice cream supper. We done quite well. Cleared over \$165. Pete and boys hauled manure and cut weeds. They and Allens to ice cream supper and to ballgame at Farm Bureau field. Paul to school until noon.

Friday, September 2, 1955. Fair, fine day, cool. I washed and ironed. Clean the house. Iced cake. Had a busy day. CRs, Allens, Mother, girls and Dale Hinthorns here. Had ice cream and cake. Showed our pictures. Had it in basement. Men fixed tile into North cistern. Paul to school.

Saturday, September 3, 1955. Fair, little warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Got off at 11:30. Ms. Smith carried book for me. We all went to Ropp Reunion. I was on table committee. Met Walker Ropp that train at 1150. He went to CRs for supper. We & Allens went to girls for supper. EA [Gurtner]s there. Fixed hair. Ronnie and Paul home. Wilmer Sprunger from Bluffton came at 9:00, stayed all night. Tim Saybrook's wife died. Walker here all night.

Sunday, September 4, 1955. Fair, warmer. We all went to church. Ronnie sang solo and choir. We were all at mothers for dinner. Allen's to Wicks reunion. We took Walker to Mackinaw in PM then we went on to Eureka. Stopped at the funeral home to see Alma and went to Edd's. Ronnie and Paul to church. Girls back to town with the boys. Allen and Shirley here for lunch.

Monday, September 5, 1955. Fair, cool. Washed before going to work at 7:00. Done ironing after got home. We went to 4H wiener roast at Otto Laeschs. Had nice time. Pete and boys hauled manure. Cleaned off hog floor. Roy about same. He's up in chair but his arm and leg paralyzed.

Tuesday, September 6, 1955. Fair, cool. Went to work at 7:00. Canned 12 quarts tomato juice after got home. I went to Goodwill Circle with Jeanette. Pete to town in morning. Boys cleaned up manure spreader. Ronnie helped Albert Miller shelled corn. Men helped Dale [Hinthorn] shell some too.

Wednesday, September 7, 1955. Fair, cool. Went to work at 7:00. Washed out some things after got home. Fixed sandwiches and orange drink. Took along to choir practice. Had lunch. Had big choir. New assistant administrator for hospital and his wife there. Pete and Allen to Funk's demonstration plot. Ronnie finished his record books. Paul at Mothers in evening.

Thursday, September 8, 1955. Fair, real cool, little cloudy toward evening. Helped Ronnie pack. Pete took him to Dick Ramseyers at Fairbury. Left there at 12:00 noon. I went to Home Bureau at Mrs. Dammron's. Came home with Mabel. Mother along home. We made pottery. I cleaned upstairs and bedrooms. We all went to Community Club wiener roast at Kuntzs. Girls & Allen's went too.

Friday, September 9, 1955. Fair, much warmer, in 90s. Went to work at 7:00. Went to Dr. Eaton's 3:15. Done cleaning after got home and picked lima beans. Put 2 quarts in freezer. Pete and Allen painting garage. Took chairs and tables from Kuntzs to CRs.

Saturday, September 10, 1955. Partly cloudy, warm. Showered little in late PM and much cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Men finished painting the garage. Girls here after work. Dressed two chickens for them and one for me. They got tomatoes. Pete and I with Earl [Kaufman]s and Phil [Patton]s to Roanoke for supper. Went to Earls watched TV. They drove. Paul and girls to Allens all night. Allens to Phil Jones in evening.

Sunday, September 11, 1955. Fair, real cool, beautiful day. To work at 7:00. Took seven students to Congregational Church in Gridley to chicken dinner. Dr. *Helm* (sp?) gave us tickets. Left at 12:30, back 2:30. Smith carried the book for me. Pete and Paul to church and to girls for dinner. Allen's there too.

Monday, September 12, 1955. Fair, real cool, 35°. Little frost. Washed and went to work at 7:00. Pete took me. Roy came home from hospital. I came with him in the ambulance. Got along okay. I done ironing in evening. And we finished sorting our pictures. Pete to town in PM. Took eggs and went to the bank. Allen painted manure spreader. Shirley to prenatal class.

Tuesday, September 13, 1955. Partly cloudy, rather windy in PM. Went to work at 7:00. Men worked on spreader, finished painting it. We went to Roy's little after work. I cleaned up house. Christian Life group came out had marshmallow roast & cocoa for new class. Mrs. Harris, Stuckey, and girls brought load and Pete went after some. Allen's got a heater.

Wednesday, September 14, 1955. Cloudy, gloomy, thundered and lightning. Rained at 3:30. Went to work at 7:00. Got Paul at school at 3:30. Had his physical at Dr. Bailen. Got him some tennis shoes and I got uniform. Stopped to see Roy. Went to choir practice. Had A. Landis and M. Lehman (new students) along. Paul at Mothers.

Thursday, September 15, 1955. Fair, cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Went to Jeanette's after work. Had hair fixed. Girls came out after they had their hair fixed. We made to 6 pints peach marmalade. Dressed 2 chickens and cleaned upstairs. Pete met Marie at train at 7:50. Paul and I to mothers with girls. Visited a while. Nice to see Marie again. Men worked on combine.

Friday, September 16, 1955. Fair, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. We all went to Allen and Shirley's for weiner roast. Mother & Marie came out with me. CRs and girls at Allens too. Also Gordons. Men & Gordon to football game. NCHS at Bloomington. We got beat. Cleaned bedrooms and living room.

Saturday, September 17, 1955. Fair, hot, and 90s. Went to work at 7:00. Busy. Marie used car during day. She and Mother came out with me to CRs. I baked cake. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. We all went to CRs for supper. Sieg family there too. Allen, Pete and Paul to Pontiac to Threshermens Picnic.

Sunday, September 18, 1955. Fair, hot, in 90s. Girls came out early in a.m. Helped me get things ready for dinner. We all went to church. Girls, Mother, Marie, CRs, Allens, Gordon's, Pearl and Minnie here for dinner. I sent Roy his dinner. Pete stayed with him. CR to meeting in p.m. All here for supper except Pearl, Minnie, CR and Gordons. Ladies for a ride in evening.

Monday, September 19, 1955. Fair, quite hot. Washed. Had big washing. Went to annual Home Bureau meeting at Wesleyan Memorial at 11:00. Mother & Marie along. I done ironing after got home. Pete and I to camera club at YWCA. Laura M[ohr] along. Lafayette Funk showed pictures of the SW (not clear) also Rorks (?). Paul home. Men started to combine. Allens here.

Tuesday, September 20, 1955. Fair, hot, cooler in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Shirley and I made 31 glasses of grape jelly after I got home. I kept eight classes. Gave girls quart grape juice. We all went to church. Rev. Esau (blind evangelist) spoke. Men worked on combine in morning. Combined beans in p.m.

Wednesday, September 21, 1955. Partly cloudy, quite warm. Went to work at 7:00. Went to club meeting at Florence Sharp's after got off work. Then took Marie and Mother to see Aunt Martha. Men combined beans until we had a shower in p.m. Showered in evening too. We went to choir practice. Paul at girls.

Thursday, September 22, 1955. Partly cloudy, little cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Went up town little after work. Cleaned upstairs and bedrooms after got home. Men getting ready to put corn crib at Fagerburgs. We all went to girls after supper. Had ice cream. Marie, Mother, Edgars and Allens were there.

Friday, September 23, 1955. Mostly fair, cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to town in p.m. We got Paul at school. Went uptown. Got him a trombone at Miller's [Music Store]. Are renting it for three months. I done cleaning after got home. Shirley helped me, dusted, etc. She and I to Kay Olsons to baby shower for Shirley. Mother and Mrs. Yeakel along too. Allen here. Marie left for Pennsylvania.

Saturday, September 24, 1955. Fair, cool. Went to work at 7:00. Men working on corn crib. Edgar, Mother, girls and Allens here for supper. Saw Edgar's pictures. Aren't too good.

Sunday, September 25, 1955. Fair, real cool. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and to Mother's for dinner. Pete and girls to Edds in p.m. Paul to Laeschs. I went to see Roy after got home. He seems to be improving. We went to church in evening. Preparatory services for communion. Choir sang. Got some medicine for Roy. Took it up to him.

Monday, September 26, 1955. Mostly cloudy. Sprinkled little in the morning. Washed. Clothes dried pretty good. Washed some bedding from upstairs. Men combined beans in p.m. I done ironing. Got things ready for supper. We went to nurses picnic at Carlock.

Tuesday, September 27, 1955. Rain and showered most of day. I cleaned the attics upstairs and three closets in bedrooms downstairs. We went to Friendship Circle wiener roast. Was in church basement on account of rain.

Wednesday, September 28, 1955. Fair, beautiful day. I washed bedding from two bedrooms. Cleaned boys room upstairs in our bedroom. Busy day. Carrie called at 2:00. Aunt Lizzie Meyers passed away. We went to choir practice. Then took Ida and Mary to Streator. They left at 11:50 for KC. We got home at 12:15. Paul at Allen's.

Thursday, September 29, 1955. Cloudy, dark. Had big rain in morning. Julia called at 7:00. Wanted us to go along to Missouri. We decided to go. I cleaned west bedroom and cleaned up house and packed. We left at 3:00 for Missouri. Drove to Mexico, Missouri. We had motel there. We went in Billy's car. Allen and Shirley staying here with Paul. Cleared off in the evening.

Friday, September 30, 1955. Fair, nice day. We got to Garden City at 11:00 our time. Changed clothes at Ervie's. Girls there too. We all went to Uncle Ludwig's for lunch and to Aunt Lizzies. Funeral at Methodist Church. Had nice service. Marvins and we girls back to house a while. Pete to Ervie's with Arts. We were all at Ervie's for supper. Billys went to Karl's after funeral. Girls to Roy Yoder's all night. We stayed at Ervie's. Arts back to Independence.

Saturday, October 1, 1955. Fair, nice day. Girls and we to Harrisonville in morning to courthouse to see about birth certificate. Got Uncle Ludwig's signature on it. He's fairly good, quite thin. Feel sorry for him. We ate lunch at Ervies. Called on *Sylvia* (sp?) in PM. Went to Marvin's at 5:00. They took us out to dinner. Deweys along too. We all went to Ervies, showed our pictures. Arts, Orvies, Billys and *Royce* (sp?) there. We and girls to Marvin's all night. Bills at Orvies.

Sunday, October 2, 1955. Cloudy morning, fair in p.m. We left Marvin's at 6:40 for home. Girls came with us to. Got along okay. Was 4:30 when we got to Billys. Glad to be home. Paul with Allens were to church and to Yeakels for dinner. Roy real sick. Took him to hospital in p.m. Pete and I to town in evening. Stayed at hospital until nearly midnight. Roy very restless. Could hardly keep him in bed. Marie Heiser with him, 11 to 7.

Monday, October 3, 1955. Nice day. I washed and went to hospital at 11:00. Stayed with Roy. Pearl home and washed. Roy seems some better. Not so restless, sleeping a lot. I went home at 4:30. Marie Hastings staying a while. I ironed some. Men combined in p.m. Worked until after dark. Allens and we went to girls for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Paul to 4-H at Krueger's.

Tuesday, October 4, 1955. Cloudy. Showered some. Warmer. I finished ironing & cleaned recreation room. Went to hospital at 1:00. Stayed with Roy. Pete took beans to Yuton. Helped Sy Colter shell corn. Allen plowing some. He's doing Floyd Mohr's chores. I went to Goodwill Circle with Jeanette. Rained most of night.

Wednesday, October 5, 1955. Rained most of day. Poured about 5 PM. I cleaned fruit room and laundry room. Cleaned up house. Got ready for company. Big day. Choir had Wiener roast in our basement, roasted wieners in fireplace. (Was to have been at Andrea's if weather was nice) were 34 here. Had nice time.

Thursday, October 6, 1955. Cloudy, showered some, warm and humid. Went to work at 7:00. Roy seems little better. Stayed with him a while after work. Pearl got her hair fixed. Men worked

on corn crib at Thunderbird place. I went to Christian life group. Carl Imhoff showed pictures of Egypt. Pete to meeting at Farm Bureau

Friday, October 7, 1955. Partly cloudy, windy, much colder. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Roy about same. I went to Dorothy's after work. She pinned up my hair. Pete to town in p.m. He and Allen finished crib in morning. Allens and Paul to ballgame at NCHS. Homecoming.

Saturday, October 8, 1955. Fair, cool, fine day. I cleaned west room upstairs, aired bedding and cleaned hall and Cedar closet. Picked 5 gallons and 3 gallons of lima beans. Put 4 quarts and 5 pints in freezer. Kept some out to use. Men helped me some podding. They picked 6 bushels pears and some apples. Allens and we went to Harold and Helen's for supper. Showed ours and Allens pictures.

Sunday, October 9, 1955. Beautiful day. Went to church and to Ed Sharps for dinner. Girls there too. Paul to Laeschs in p.m., played ball. Pete and I to see Aunt Martha. She wants to go home again and take a lady with her. Think we talked her out of it. Boys done chores. We went to church in evening. Irma Birkey there, showed pictures.

Monday, October 10, 1955. Fair, fine day. Washed and baked cake for Allen's birthday. Done ironing in p.m. Pete combining beans. We were at Allens for supper. Edgars, Mother, Ida and Mary there too. Had nice time. I made ice cream too.

Tuesday, October 11, 1955. Beautiful day. Mabel and I to Mother's. Cleaned her living room. Got home at 2:00. I cleaned bathroom and broom closet and some cupboards in kitchen. Men combine in beans. Pete to men's meeting on committee. I went to Nurses Home, adult education classes. Job Relations. Paul home. Allens here awhile. Had shower in night.

Wednesday, October 12, 1955. Cloudy and morning. Partly cloudy in p.m. I cleaned living and dining room and waxed floor and furniture. Finished cleaning cupboards in kitchen and washed some woodwork. Men started shelling corn at CR. We went to choir practice. Paul home. Roy about same.

Thursday, October 13, 1955. Finished cleaned kitchen in morning. Partly cloudy, chilly. I went to home Bureau at Mrs. *Roheim* (sp?). They called me at noon. Roy had bad spell heart block. Thought he was gone. Pearl had come home. I went there at 1:00, stayed with him until after 5:00. Marie Hastings came. Marie Heiser with him 11 to 7 he's better. Boys shucking:. We went to PTA with CR's. Paul and Ray here.

Friday, October 14, 1955. Fair, nice day, quite chilly. I went to work at 7:00 Ray better. K. Mishler with him 3 to 11 and Marie H. 11 to 7. Allen finished combine beans and a shucked at CR's. Cleaned upstairs and bedrooms in evening. We went to Mothers for supper. EA and girls, Allen's there too. Dorothy fixed hair.

Saturday, October 15, 1955. Cloudy, damp and real chilly. I baked two pumpkin pies and roles and dressed chicken. Canned 3 pints squash. Cleaned up bathroom and kitchen. Washed car and picked lima beans for supper went to town little while at 3:30. Got groceries. Paul mowed yard.

Men husky at CRS. Allens and girls here for supper. Edgars and Mother to Paul T[hietjes, in St. Louis]. 25th anniversary.

Sunday, October 16, 1955 partly cloudy, chilly. Went to church and to girls for dinner. We went to Edd's in p.m. Took them for ride to Roanoke, saw Noah Kennel's new home. Very lovely. Glad Nettie you some better Paul played ball at lashes. I took flowers to Nurses Home, saw Roy. He's about same. Paul and I to church. Pete home, had headache.

Monday, October 17, 1955 mostly cloudy, windy, chilly. Washed, hung some clothes outside. Went to dentist at 11:00 and to Nurses Home. Had potluck dinner and open house for returned missionaries, E. Hill, I. Birkey, B. Peden Guthrie, L. Graber, E. King Keidel. Was a very nice day I done ironing in evening. Men finished shucking at CRs. Started here. Put pullets in house in evening.

Tuesday, October 18, 1955. Cloudy, chilly. Cleaned China cabinet in morning. Went to Shirley's a while. Tied up endive for her. Cleaned kitchen ware in evening. Pete and Allen shucking here. CR gone. I went to Adult Ed class in evening. Roy about same.

Wednesday, October 19, 1955. Mostly fair, warmer. Canned 7 quarts peace and sorted rest of peace man shucking corn I went to town at 5:00 with Mabel and Dorothy Singley. We decorated tables at Rogers Hotel for Garfield School Club 40th anniversary. We had nice time and dinner. Pete to choir practice with Allen. Shirley at her Mothers. Paul home.

Thursday, October 20, 1955. Fair, nice day. Done cleaning. Went to Mothers at 1:00. Helped work on stools for Home Bureau event with Jeanette. Men shucking, here. I went to Christian life meeting in evening. Went after E. Hill. She talked and showed pictures.

Friday, October 21, 1955. Fair, warm. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Roy up in chair and is better. Men shucking. Edgars, Mother, girls and Allens here for supper. Had waffles, sausage and ice cream. Didn't sleep very much.

Saturday, October 22, 1955. Fair, warm. Deborah Sue was born at 7:00 DST. Allens to hospital at 12:30 p.m. I went to work at 7:00 so was there before Shirley delivered. Dave [Yoder] and Richard Helmuth got here at 3:40 a.m. Glad to see Dave again. Pete took them to coffee shop for dinner and we were all at Mary's for supper. Shirley and baby all okay. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. Pete took folks to Eureka in p.m.

Sunday, October 23, 1955. Partly cloudy showered in evening and much colder. Warm during day. I worked 7 to 11. Went to church. Were all at girls for dinner. Allen there too. Also Edds. We took Dave to see Shirley in stairway. They are doing okay. The folks left at 3:30 for home Paul and Larry Reeser for dinner. We went to church in evening. Rev. Keidel showed pictures and talked.

Monday, October 24, 1955. Fair, cold, 32° and windy. I washed, had big one. Done Allen's too. Done ironing in p.m. Finished after supper. Big day. Pete and Allen started shucking at Fagerburg. CR gone. Allen eating here. He went to see Shirley in evening. She's okay.

Tuesday, October 25, 1955. Fair, rather windy. Went to dentist at 9:00. Had tooth broken out of partial plate. Canned 7 quarts pears and 4 quarts of red and green and 3 pints marmalade. Went to town at 4:00. Got Pete. We went to girls for supper. Harry Kaufman there. I went to class at Nurses Home until 8:00, then went to Friendship Circle. We showed our pictures. Girls have TV.

Wednesday, October 26, 1955 fair, warm. Canned 2 quarts and pint of spiced pears. Made four pints marmalade. Made salad and fixed soup for men. I went with Allen at 11:20 to get Shirley and baby. Took them to Mrs. Yeakel's. I went to potluck dinner at Laura [Mohr's] for Irma Birkey, missionary society. I baked cookies when got home. Men husking in a.m. too dry in p.m. Went to choir practice. Stopped to see baby.

Thursday, October 27, 1955. Fair, full-day. Cleaned up stairs. Went to Miss Stuckey to women's fall meeting at Washington. Very good meeting. Big crowd. Washed windows on outside in evening. Went to alumni meeting in evening. Paul missed bus. He went to Mothers and came home with me. Men helped Dale [Hinthorn] shuck and shell corn.

Friday, October 28, 1955. Cloudy, damp. Showered some in p.m. Done cleaning, waxed kitchen and bathroom floors. Cleaned up in basement too. Allen brought Shirley and Deborah out about 2:30. Got things ready for supper. Baked pie. Edgar's, Mother and girls here for supper. Men husking corn. Quit awhile on account of rain. Got crib Fagerburg. Baby fussy until 3:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 29, 1955. Cloudy, rained. Cold. Got up late. Washed for baby. Pete and I to town at 11:00. Paul to Junior choir practice with Jeanette in p.m. I got basement ready for party. Nurses from first floor in surgery had Halloween party. *Estes* (sp?) and girls came early to decorate. They all came washed and dressed. Baby good all night.

Sunday, October 30, 1955. Cloudy, few snow flurries. Cold and disagreeable. Got things ready for dinner. We went to church. Allen and Shirley here. Done baby's washing after dinner. Gordons, Grandma and Mabel here little while to see baby. Baby slept good.

Monday, October 31, 1955. Fair, fine day. Washed clothes. Dried good. We put storm Windows on in p.m. I ironed little after supper. Pete and I to Roy's a while in evening. Pete and Allen sorted potatoes and put them in basement. Fixed fence. Allen put stripping around his doors.

Tuesday, November 1, 1955. Cloudy, warmer, turned cooler in evening. Finished ironing and washed for baby. Done some baking. Went to adult education class at Nurses Home. Went to Goodwill Circle afterwards. Pete to service company meeting. Allen hauled manure. Baby good.

Wednesday November 2, 1955. Cloudy, started to rain at 1:30. Turned to snow and kept it up all evening. Sure looks like winter. I went to Peoria with May and Laura [Mohr] at 8:30. Got back at 2:35. I got some sheets for Paul and large shade. I done baby's washing after got back and got things ready for supper. Men shucked six loads of corn before it rained. Paul out for basketball. He went to Mothers after school. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, November 3, 1955. Fair, cold. Cleaned upstairs and bedroom. Washed. Baked cake and coffeecake and made cherry torte. Rufus Ropp here awhile about noon. Pete to town in p.m. and to see Aunt Martha. Allen doing odd jobs. Baby little fussy during day.

Friday November 4, 1955. Fair, cold, 20°. Went to work at 7:00. Shirley washed. Baby fussy in morning. I cleaned up house when got home and got things ready for supper. Edgars, girls and mother here for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Men doing odd jobs. They put stove in Allen's kitchen. Baby slept good in night.

Saturday, November 5, 1955. Fair, nice day, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Busy, patients in halls. Allens went home in p.m. I went over in evening. Helped them. Cleaned up kitchen and washed dishes, etc. I cleaned up my kitchen and bathroom in evening. Went uptown after work, got hat. Men hauled manure. Shirley washed. Paul to Junior choir.

Sunday, November 6, 1955. Partly cloudy in a.m., fair in p.m. Went to church and to girls for dinner. Went to George and Merle's awhile. Stopped at Allens on way home. Mother there. Allen after her in a.m. Girls home with us. Washed for baby after got home. We girls to Roys awhile in evening. We went to church. Dr. Troyers talked and showed slides.

Monday, November 7, 1955. Mostly cloudy, windy, cold. Washed. Dried some of clothes outside. Done Shirley's wash too. I cleaned her windows on outside. Allen tried to put up plastic cover over windows but too windy and cold. Pete on grand jury. Paul had basketball practice. Home with Pete. Paul to 4-H at Baby Fold. Went with Laura [Mohr]. Done ironing.

Tuesday, November 8, 1955. Cloudy, damp, chilly. Men finished husking corn. Sure nice to be done. I washed. Cooked some pears and apples. Dressed two chickens. Gave Shirley one. Pete and I to town early. I went to class at hospital. Pete to men's meeting. Mother here all night.

Wednesday, November 9, 1955. Partly cloudy, chilly. Pete and Allen on conservation tour in a.m. I washed and baked rolls. Went to visit school in p.m. Went to girls for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Mother along back to town. Shirley getting along alone. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, November 10, 1955. Partly cloudy, little warmer. Cleaned upstairs. Went to Home Bureau at Marion Otto. Washed for baby after got home. Men disc stocks, moved hog houses, etc. Pete and I to hospital personnel dinner at Wesleyan Memorial Center. Had nice time and good turkey dinner. Paul home.

Friday, November 11, 1955. Fair, nice day, warmer. Pete and Paul at Mohrs, picked up corn for Junior Choir for their robes. Pete plowed some after he got home. Richter at Allen's for the day. I went to work at 7:00. Washed after got home and stirred up cookies and cleaned up bedrooms.

Saturday, November 12, 1955. Mostly fair, warm. Baked two pies for coffee shop and two for here. Baked cookies. Washed for baby and done ours too. Paul and I to town at 11:30. I helped at ISNU sale barn. Good Will served lunch. Paul to [jr. choir] practice at church. Pete and Allen

picked up corn. Paul helped some. I done cleaned after got home. Ironed after supper. Deborah here in evening, rather fussy. Allens to wiener roast at Kay O.

Sunday, November 13, 1955. Fair, real warm, in 70s. Went to church. Allen's went too. Baby good. Mother, girls, Allens and Larry Reeser here for dinner and supper. Washed for baby in p.m. We went to church in evening. Rev. Harder in hospital. Has flew. Rev. Troyer gave the message and Rev. Harder was to be at Meadows.

Monday, November 14, 1955. Cloudy, colder. Ironed in morning and packed suitcase. Allen took Pete and I to depot. Left for I AA meeting in Chicago at 11:00. Had reservations at Morrison [Hotel] but didn't have any when we got there. Waited for two hours. Then were sent to Walker Hotel. Scott Necessaries, N[orman] Sutters, and Lloyd Singleys were with us. We all went to see Cinerama Holiday. Very good. Rained in evening. Took cab to hotel. Having nice time. Paul at CRs all night.

Tuesday, November 15, 1955. Rained in Chicago in morning. Showered here. Real warm, 70s. We ladies went shopping in morning. Went to women's meeting in p.m. Met men at 4:30. Shopped little with them. Then went to show, "Guys and Gals," didn't care for it. Went to show at Sherman [Hotel] put on by IAA at 9:00. Was good. We were tired.

Wednesday, November 16, 1955. Few snow flurries in morning. Very windy, much much colder. Scotts, Normans and I came home at 10:30. Allen met me. I done little washing. Unpacked clothes. Went to Allen's at 2:00. They went to town. Shirley had dental appointment. Baby slept all time. I mended. Allens and I covered roses. I went after Paul at basketball practice. Pete home okay, 7:50 train. I met him at choir practice. Paul home.

Thursday, November 17, 1955. Cold, 15°. I washed for Shirley. Pete took Marie Heiser and me to Nurses Home at 1:00 to make chili for chilly supper. Had a big crowd. Took in over \$550. Pete and Paul there for supper. Pete took Nother to dentist in p.m. Shirley isn't feeling good. Kinda like flew. Pete got medicine for her. Cleaned bedrooms.

Friday, November 18, 1955. Cloudy, cold, snowed in night, 3 inches. I went to work at 7:00 until 12:30. Pete and Paul to church. Pete and I to Edgar's for dinner. Paul T[hietje]s, Val [Kampmeier]'s and Vernon [Woizeski]'s there. Pauls left after dinner. We came home too. Paul at church for dinner. They had basket dinner. Mission Sunday. Children gave program. Junior choir sang. Uncle Ludwig passed away early this a.m. Girls and Edds here to make plans to go to funeral. I washed. Went to Allens awhile. CR and Mother to Phil Patton's.

Saturday, November 19, 1955. Fair. Pete and I were called to Alvin Otto's at 3:30. Alvin real bad. Sure had a mess. Took him to hospital at 6:00. We got home at 6:15. Pete took me to work. Roads slick. He went to Mary Kaiser funeral in p.m. Was pall bearer. Paul to practice at church. I washed and cleaned up kitchen after got home. We got Paul coat. Alvin Otto passed away at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 20, 1955. Fair, warmer. Lot of snow melted. Went to church. Had basket dinner. Big crowd. Children's program in p.m. Junior choir sang for first-time. Quite good. Pete

and I to Roys awhile. Pearl went to funeral home. We went to funeral home in evening. Mother along. Alvin looks nice. Sure feel sorry for Ruth and Bruce. Ms. Schmallenberger spoke at church.

Monday, November 21, 1955. Fair, chilly. Washed, also done Shirley's. We went to Alvin Otto's funeral in p.m. Allen along to. Paul and Ray went too. 4-Hers went. Large crowd. Pete to Carlock in evening to fire district meeting. Had oyster supper. Paul and I to 4-H achievement program at Wesley Memorial. Ronnie County outstanding.

Tuesday, November 22, 1955. Fair, warmer, 60. Windy in p.m. I done ironing in morning. Washed for baby in p.m. and washed windows on outside. Got things ready for fruitcake. I went to girls at 4:30. We made them together. Pete there for supper too. He went to town with Allens. They, Paul, Ray and Gordons at Mother's for supper. I went to Christian Life meeting. Pete and Allen picked up corn and plowed garden.

Wednesday, November 23, 1955. Fair, rather chilly. Baked pudding, coffee cake and dream bars. Went to Shirley's a little. Brought some of babies wash home. Hanging it in basement. I went to town in a.m. Had hair fixed. Went to Nurses home. Took girls and box food to needy family. No one home. Ronnie got here at 5:00. Came with Wally [Yoder]. Nice to see him. We went to choir practice and took food to Home Sweet Home mission. Pete and Allen to sale.

Thursday, November 24, 1955. Fair, nice day. Washed, had a lot of shirts (16) for Ronnie. We all went to CRs for dinner. Roys there too. Also Aunt Martha. Ida and Mary worked until 11:00, then came out. Allens and Gordons there too. Had nice day. Laura and May there after supper.

Friday, November 25, 1955. Fair, nice day. Ironed most of shirts in morning. Pete, Ronnie and I to town at 11:00. Took Ronnie to hospital. Saw Dr. Wellmerling. He has rash under arm. Fungi infection. I got new dress (black). Paul home. Finished ironing after got home and got supper. Cy [Colter]s and Allens here. Had chile. Jeanette and I made Christmas decorations for door. Shirley washed.

Saturday, November 26, 1955. Fair, warmer. Baked cake and press cookies for Home Bureau. Done all of cleaning. Washed some for Ronnie and baby in p.m. Ronnie and Paul to town in p.m. Men picked up corn in morning. Dad and Allen hauled it in p.m. We went to Edds in evening. Girls along too. We took oyster soup and cake. Showed our pictures after supper.

Sunday, November 27, 1955. Cloudy, turned much colder in p.m. and had snow flurries in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to church and to girls for dinner. I went out too for dinner. Mother there also. Pete and boys home at 1:00. Ronnie left at 1:30 for Bluffton. We worked on scrapbook in evening. Ida taking a week vacation.

Monday, November 28, 1955. Partly cloudy, cold, 2° above. Didn't get over 10° above all day. Very windy. Washed and done ironing. Jeanette and I to Christmas show at Consistory at 5:30. We worked in our booth until 10:00. Were practically sold out. All stools and cards gone. I got first on door arrangement. Paul to girls after basketball practice. Came home with us.

Tuesday, November 29, 1955. Partly cloudy, 11° above. Little warmer but cold and windy. We went to town at 10:00. Pete and CR to see Aunt Martha in p.m. about her will and furniture. I helped at Christmas show until noon. Then went to 5 Country Club Pl. to Mrs. *Allemong* (sp?) to luncheon for the Education Committee of Career Society. Pete home with CR. We went to Roys in evening, showed our pictures.

Wednesday, November 30, 1955. Fair, nice day. Quite chilly. Cleaned up house. Washed for Shirley. Went to town with Allens. They went to Dr. for 6 week checkup. Allen took Ida and I to hospital. Met Mary. We went up town. Shopped and had photostatic copies made for our birth certificates. We were at girls for supper. Paul went there after practice. I went to choir practice. Pete to creamery meeting.

Thursday, December 1, 1955. Cloudy, windy and chilly. Started to snow at noon. I baked rolls, cookies and pie. Washed for Shirley. Cleaned bedrooms. Done some mending and fixed lining in my red coat. Pete and Alan to sale with Dale Hinthorn. We were home in evening.

Friday, December 2, 1955. Cloudy, foggy, icy in morning, but melted off in a.m. Pete took me to work at 7:00. Men butchered hog for us: one for CR and one for Dale. Pete took meat to locker and got me at work. I cleaned up every room. We went to Mother's for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Ed and Delia and Mary left at 2:00 PM for West Liberty [Ohio] to Opal Yoder's wedding.

Saturday, December 3, 1955. Cloudy, real foggy, range in evening. Fog cleared away. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Mother to Federal Land Bank dinner and went to Al Ropp's funeral. Paul at Ida's and went to choir practice. Ida along home. We cooked head meat and I cleaned up bathroom and kitchen. We all went to Billy's for supper. Allens and Edgar's there too.

Sunday, December 4, 1955. Fair, windy, colder in p.m. We went to church. Ida along home. Allens here too for dinner and supper. Helped Shirley washed. We made some Christmas Logs. Pete took Ida home. No church. Rev. Harder in Kansas.

Monday, December 5, 1955. Fair, cold. Washed and done ironing. Mixed liver sausage. Pete and Allen hauled manure. We went to girls in evening. Dorothy combed our hair.

Tuesday, December 6, 1955. Fair, cloudy in p.m. Chilly and rather windy. We went to town at 10:00. Mother along. She went home on bus. We done some shopping. Paul to Mothers after basketball practice. Pete and I to Friendship – Goodwill Circle dinner at YWCA. Had nice time.

Wednesday, December 7, 1955. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Busy day. 15 patients coming in. Pete and Allen to sale barn. Took some hogs to sale. Shirley done washing here. Helped her some. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, December 8, 1955. Mostly fair, chilly, rather cloudy in the evening, a few snow flurries. Cleaned upstairs and bedrooms. Made macaroni. Went to Home Bureau at Dorothy Rengels. Shirley went along. Allen to town. Took Debbie to Mrs. Yeakel's awhile. Pete had feed ground. We went to PTA. Paul on panel. Mrs. Carrington moderator. Was interesting.

Friday, December 9, 1955. Fair. Cleaned living room, kitchen and bath. We went to town at 10:00. Mother along. I went to dentist. We went to the Nurses Home at 11:00. We made decorations for patient's rooms. Pete to Gridley with CR in p.m. to see about selling Aunt Martha's home. Editors, Allens, Mother and girls here for supper. Dot done hair. Norman [Vercler]s here a while in evening.

Saturday, December 10, 1955. Fair, cold. Pete and I, Alfreda Landis and *Mystella* (sp?) Lehman at 6:00 for Bluffton. Got there 12:30 our time. Found Ronnie at Founders Hall. Went up town a while and to Beachys. Went to Mrs. Verclers with package from Norman. Went to Emerick's for supper and to Messiah rehearsal with Ronnie & MJ [Martha Jo]. Octet also practiced. Ronnie sings with them. We went to Emericks all night. Paul to 4-H meeting and to CRs.

Sunday, December 11, 1955. Cloudy and Bluffton, clear at home. We went to church and to Beachys for dinner and to Mrs. Vercler's for lunch. Went to Messiah in evening. Very good and large crowd. We left Bluffton for home after program, 9:40. Got along okay until Goodland, Indiana. Car stopped. Pete walked to farm home. Roy Rhoads. They kept us rest of night. Thankful to have a place. Paul at Allen's.

Monday, December 12, 1955. Clear, cold, 10°. Nice day. Took car to garage at 7:30. Distributor wore out. Took an hour to fix it. Sure glad to get it fixed. We got to town at 11:00. Girls have class at 10:00 at ISNU. Sorry they missed an hour of class. Left package at hospital for Hoover's from Lantz. I washed in p.m. Was tired. Allens to town in p.m.

Tuesday, December 13, 1955. Fair. Done ironing in morning. Pete and I to town in p.m. Done some shopping. We went to girls for supper. Paul went there after ball practice. Pete to men's meeting. Girls and I made cookies. Two batches of press cookies and stirred up Danish cookies.

Wednesday, December 14, 1955. Fair, cold. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. I baked cookies after got home. We went to choir practice. Addressed Christmas cards and wrote notes after got home.

Thursday, December 15, 1955. Cloudy, few snow flurries. Went to work at 7:00. Pete at meeting at Farm Bureau. We went up town a while shopping. Pete and I to town at 6:00. I went with Elaine, Smith, Wey, Eigsti, & Butcher [all nurses] to Streid's [Restaurant]. Had steak dinner, very good. Pete ate at girls. We went to NCHS Christmas program. Shirley washed here in p.m. They stayed for supper. Paul with them.

Friday, December 16, 1955. Cloudy, windy, cold. Snowed in evening. Done cleaning. Addressed some cards. Dressed goose for dinner and two chickens, one for us & Allen. We went to town at 1:00. I helped put up decorations at hospital until 3:00. Then we shopped a little. Went to Paul's Christmas program at NCHS. Went to funeral home to see Will Mohr. Mother along. Went to funeral. Addressing cards. Was 12:00 when we finished.

Saturday, December 17, 1955. Fair, cold, 10°. Nice day. Snowed in evening. Cleaned up kitchen and bath. Went to town at 9:30. Shopped. Had permanent at 10:30. Pete ate lunch at Mothers. We went to Will Mohr's funeral. Paul to choir practice at 3:00. We finished shopping. I went to

REA. Helped serve dinner (Home Bureau). Took Mabel and Dorothy Singley. Allens here in evening. Shirley washed. We put up Christmas tree after I got home.

Sunday, December 18, 1955. Fair, cold, 10°. We went to church. Ate dinner at girls. Allens there too. We went to Eureka in p.m. Allens to Edds and we went to Will Schrocks 50th wedding anniversary. Stopped at Edd's too. We went to children's Christmas program in evening. Paul spoke recitation. Junior choir sang. Mother and Zelma along.

Monday, December 19, 1955. Fair, cold, 5° below. Cold all day. Washed and ironed. Washed kitchen curtains and bedspread. Shirley washed in p.m. Allen kept baby while she washed. We went to girls for supper. We made two batches divinity and batch fudge. Had good luck.

Tuesday, December 20, 1955. Mostly cloudy, cold, about 5° above. I baked sugar and orange cookies in morning. Kept Debbie in p.m. Allens to town. Iced cookies and made some mints. Put up more decorations in evening. Pete had to go after CR up near Chenault. His car broke down. Got back at 7:00.

Wednesday, December 21, 1955. Nice day, little warmer. Wrapped Christmas gifts in morning. Went to club meeting at Singley's. Baked crescents after got home. Men helped Dale [Hinthorn] haul hay. Pete took CR's car to town in morning. We went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, December 22, 1955. Cloudy, warmer. Cleaned up stairs. We dressed eight geese and four chickens in morning. Made marshmallows after dinner. Pete and I to town at 3:00. I went to first-floor [nurses] party at Eigsti apartment. We all went to Edgar's for supper. Mother, Marie, CRs, girls and Allens. Mary home after supper, didn't feel good. Marie got home in p.m.

Friday, December 23, 1955. Foggy in morning, cloudy. Done all of cleaning. Waxed kitchen and bathroom floors. Made centerpieces. Made chili. Shirley washed and I washed some overalls. Paul out of school at 2:00. They had party. I sent cookies. Men helped Dale [Hinthorn] move (unclear).

Saturday, December 24, 1955. Foggy in morning, fair, much warmer. Nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Paul home with me. Edgars, Marie, girls, CRs, Allens and Gordons here for supper. Had chili and oyster soup. CRs and Gordons went to Basting Tree after supper. We had Kropf gifts. Girls gave me coffeemaker. Mother not feeling too good so she didn't come (her stomach). Ronnie and Martha Jo got here at 5:00.

Sunday, December 25, 1955. Fair, warm. We went to church and to Mothers for dinner. CR's, Roy's, Minnie, Aunt Martha there for dinner. Allens, Gordons and girls there for supper. We girls took Aunt Martha home at 4:30. Allens, girls and we went to church in evening. Choir gave Christmas program. Ronnie sang solo. We had Ropp Bohrer exchange. Ronnie and MJ went caroling after program.

Monday, December 26, 1955. Fair, nice day. Little cooler. I washed. Had big one. Washed little for Shirley. We all went to girls for dinner and supper. CRs and Gordons, Mother, Marie, Edgar s

and Allens there for dinner. CRs and Gordons to Laura [Mohr]s for supper. Billys at girls for supper. Had nice day.

Tuesday, December 27, 1955. Fair. I ironed. Finished in p.m. Ronnie and Martha Jo to town. We all went to CRs for supper. Girls and Roys there too, and Mother and Marie. Pete sick all day with stomach upset. He didn't go to CRs.

Wednesday, December 28, 1955. Fair, nice day. Pete helped Dale [Hinthorn] move. Boys to work down. I went to nurses home at 11:30. Helped serve Kiwanis Club. Paul and I to dentist at 9:00. Brought Paul home, then back to town. I ironed two white shirts for Allen and took them home. Saw their Christmas tree. Pete and Paul and I went to Art Siegs for supper took Mother & Marie. Allens, Ronald and MJ here for supper.

Thursday, December 29, 1955. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Made salad after got home. Pete and boys took nails out of boards from crib at Fagerburg's. We all went to Kampmeier's at Minier. All the Ropps, Edgars, girls & Uncle Chas [Sieg] there. Had nice time. We took girls. Allens, Ronnie and MJ went together.

Friday, December 30, 1955. Fair, colder. Went to work at 7:00. Made dressing and got goose ready for oven before left. MJ and Paul cleaned up house. MJ put goose in oven at 2:30. We had company for supper. Hoovers and Rev. Harders here. Noble showed his pictures and we showed ours. Washed dishes after they left. Got to bed after 12:30. Pete helped Dale [Hinthorn] move machinery.

Saturday, December 31, 1955. Fair, nice day. I washed table cloths etc. Ironed in p.m. Ronnie to hospital about noon. Had blood count. Been having nosebleeds. Cooked chicken for Shirley. Allens here for supper. Shirley washed after supper. Pete and I to Phil [Patton]s. Earl [Kaufman]'s there. Had nice time. Harold [Patton] played and couldn't be there.

Sunday, January 1, 1956. Cloudy. We all went to church. Mother along too. Mrs. Yeakel there too. Had consecration for babies. Debbie one of them. We were all at Allen's for dinner. Mother and girls and Mrs. Yeakel there too. I fixed chicken with potato chips for Shirley. Allens, Ronnie and MJ to show in evening. I made salad. We were home.

Monday January 2, 1956. Cloudy, real foggy until late afternoon. Ronnie and Martha Jo left at 10:00 for Bluffton. I got ready for dinner. Roys, Minnie, Mother, and Allens here. Pearl brought chicken, Mother potato salad. We watched parade and game. Roys home at 3:00. Girls came out after work. They stayed for lunch, also Mother and Allens.

Tuesday, January 3, 1956. Fair, fine day. Washed, had fairly big wash. Made pie. Went to meeting at nurses home 2 to 3. Ironed some after got home. Paul had basketball practice. I went to Mothers and changed clothes. We all went to drive growth oyster and chilly supper. Pete to committee meeting at Walter Unrau (Men's Fellowship). Paul and I home with Allens.

Wednesday, January 4, 1956. Fair, 10° above. Finished ironing. Took tree down and put decorations away. Cleaned up house. Shirley washed in p.m. I washed fathers. Done some mending. Pete and Allen helped Dale [Hinthorn] weigh cattle. Pete figured income tax in p.m. We went to choir practice. Allen along. Shirley at Yeakels. Paul at girls after basketball practice.

Thursday, January 5, 1956. Cloudy, foggy, very gloomy. Rained nearly all day. Not foggy in evening. Went to work at 7:00. [Elaine] Reynolds some better. I finished putting Christmas decorations away. Also put clothes away. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Grandma's. Pete to Gillis sale. He bought a tractor.

Friday, January 6, 1956. Fair, warm. Much colder in evening. Done cleaning. Went to [Hospital] Auxiliary at 10:40. Pete and Allen to Blood Bank in p.m. Pete and I got highchair for Deborah (green stamps). Pete got suit at Halls Tog Shop. Mother along home. Edgars and girls and Allens here too. Dorothy fixed hair.

Saturday, January 7, 1956. Cloudy and morning, fair in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Rather busy. Pete and Allen to sale at.... Paul at Mothers and went to choir practice in p.m. I cleaned kitchen and bathroom in evening and iced cake. Deborah here in evening. She was good. Allens to Gordons after supper.

Sunday, January 8, 1956. Fair, 10° above. Fine day. We went to church. Had mortgage burning ceremony. Basket dinner at noon and annual meeting in p.m. Had good crowds. Very interesting day. Hoover chairman of board. Glad Pete didn't get it. Were home in evening.

Monday, January 9, 1956. Fair, 10° above. Nice day. Washed, done ironing in p.m. and baked cookies and pudding. Pete to [McLean County] Service Company meeting. Allens to town. Shirley washed in p.m. Paul had basketball practice after school. Came home with Mabel and Ray. Pete took boys to Hastings. They went with Laura [Mohr] to 4-H meeting at Rengels.

Tuesday, January 10, 1956. Partly cloudy. Went to town at 8:00. Worked in coffee shop until 2:00. Stopped in Normal. Folded Shirley's washing etc. when got home. Pete to Men's Fellowship in evening. Paul and I to Danvers with CRs to basketball game. Central won both games. Allen started working at Hayes Hatchery.

Wednesday, January 11, 1956. Cloudy, misted little, had few snow flurries. Went to work at 7:00. Reynolds worked 3 to 11. Pete worked some on income tax. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul home. Pete had committee meeting after, nominator Sunday school officers. Jeanette and I to Norman [Vercler]'s a while.

Thursday, January 12, 1956. Fair, nice day, cold. Went to Shirley's a while in morning. Helped her with her work. We went to Home Bureau at Phineas Yoder's. Shirley, Mabel and Mother along. Left Deborah at Mrs. Yeakels. I cleaned upstairs and bedrooms after got home. Pete to town Hall, PMA (RMA?) sign-up. We went to farm school. Cy [Colter]'s along and girls. Dawn (sp?) and Mary here. Allens here for supper. Shirley washed.

Friday, January 13, 1956. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Cleaned up living room and kitchen and bath. Pete and CR to Mothers in morning, then to see Aunt Martha. They went to Gridley to see Mr. Stoler about Aunt Martha's house. We went to Roys awhile in evening.

Saturday, January 14, 1956. Fair nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul sawed wood in morning. Went to town at to: 00. Paul had choir practice. We went up town after work. Got Paul shoes and overshoes. We went to girls for supper. Allens, Edgars and Mother there too. Dorothy fixed hair. Allen went to work with me in morning.

Sunday, January 15, 1956. Cloudy, snowed little in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Lots of patients coming in. Pete and Paul to church and home for dinner. We went to church in evening. Christian Life gave program. Very good and good crowd. We took Lena Maxwell and some of girls. Roads were rather slick when we came home.

Monday, January 16, 1956. Fair in p.m., cold, 10°. Few flurries in morning. I washed. Washed some diapers for Shirley. Done ironing. Went to town at 3:15. Got Paul at school. Stopped to see Mrs. McDermott about article of Christian Life for Evangel. Took Paul to dentist. Allen and Shirley here for supper. Shirley washed. I helped her some. Pete hauled wood in coal house.

Tuesday, January 17, 1956. Partly cloudy. Pete and I to town at 8:00. I worked in coffee shop until 1:00. We took mother to dentist at 1:30. I baked date bars and coffee cake after got home. We went to Mrs. Mishler's for supper. We showed our pictures. Earl M[ishler]'s, Phil [Patton]s, Celia [Patton] and girls there too. Nice birthday party. I took date bars.

Wednesday, January 18, 1956. Cloudy, some snow flurries. Dusted up house. Put Christmas gifts away. Went to club meeting at Mrs. William Alwes. Mother along home. We went to Roys for supper. Irma Birky and CRs there. We took Allen's projector. Irma showed her pictures. Pete took mother home and Irma to Lydia Baughman's.

Thursday, January 19, 1956. Mostly cloudy, snow flurries. Cleaned up upstairs and bedrooms. Cleaned out dresser drawers and cleaned windows outside and in. Made salad. I went to Village Inn for supper. Reynolds, Butcher, Eigsti and Smith. Pete and Paul to girls for supper. Pete and girls to farm school. I went to Christian Life.

Friday, January 20, 1956. Cloudy. Cleaned living room, cleaned kitchen and fixed things for dinner. Pete and I to annual hospital meeting. He went to Gridley in p.m. CR with him to see about Aunt Martha's house. I baked cake in morning. Allens here for supper. We kept Debbie while they got groceries. R.L. Hartzler here in evening to discuss hospital problem. Karl *Andress* (sp?) resigned.

Saturday, January 21, 1956. Cloudy, colder. Went to work at 7:00. Real busy. Pete and Paul hauled manure. Paul to choir practice. He went to Mothers afterwards. I iced cake and cooked chicken. We went to Mothers for supper. Edgar's and girls there. Dorothy fixed hair.

Sunday, January 22, 1956. Partly cloudy, snow flurries. We went to church. Girls and Allens and eight student nurses here for dinner. Pete and Mary took girls to town at 3:00 as some had to be on duty at 4:00. Paul to church with Cy [Colter]s. Cold, 5° above. Pete and I to Carlock. Christian Life group if program. Allens here for lunch.

Monday, January 23, 1956. Fair, cold, 2° below zero. Warmed up some. I washed and ironed. Pete to Runge sale. Bought disc and weed cutter. I went after Paul. He had basketball practice. Allens here for supper. Shirley washed.

Tuesday, January 24, 1956. Fair, cold, 10° above. I went to town at 8:00. Helped at coffee shop until noon. Went uptown a while. Stopped at Shirley's a while. Pete went to Yuton, got feed. Worked on income tax in p.m. We worked on scrapbook in evening.

Wednesday, January 25, 1956. Fair, nice day. Defrosted icebox. Cleaned up house. We went to town at 12:30. Took Debbie to Grandma. Shirley to Mrs. Bishop funeral. Mabel and I took Aunt Martha to Gridley. Pete took truck. CR went in his car. They signed papers. House is sold to Elmer Stoler. We packed dishes. Pete brought load of furniture. We went to choir practice and to Karl Andress for pop. Com. (?) Paul to Mothers after ball practice.

Thursday, January 26, 1956. Fair, nice day. Cleaned upstairs and all downstairs. Went to town at noon. Baked cake and dressed chicken after got home. I went to alumni meeting. Arvella Troyer spoke. Pete had income tax figured by Earl Moore. Paul to ballgame with CRs.

Friday, January 27, 1956. Mostly cloudy. Went to work at 7:00. Made salad when got home. Shirley here, washed. Helped her some. Pete and CR's to Gridley, got load of furniture. We went to girls. Dorothy fixed hair. Allen's there too. Ronnie called at 10:00. He was at El Paso. We went after him. He came with Bill Burky. Bill Shantz home with Ronnie. We went to funeral home to see Mrs. Bates.

Saturday, January 28, 1956. Cloudy, misted some, icy in early in a.m. Foggy in early evening. Went to work at 7:00. Went with Allen. Men to Gridley, got load of furniture. Pete to Mrs. Bates funeral in p.m. Paul to choir practice. Ronnie and Bill cleaned barn. CRs, Mother, girls, Gordons, and Hazel Feggie here for supper. Hazel fixed main dish, chicken with Chinese noodles and vegetables. Also shrimp. I made ice cream. Ronnie and Bill to show in evening.

Sunday, January 29, 1956. Partly cloudy, colder in evening. We went to church. Girls, Allens, Myrtella Lehman and Bill Schantz here for dinner. Girls, Pete and I to Allen's a while in p.m. They aren't feeling very good. We went to supper at church. Farewell service for Irma Birky. Had nice crowd. Very good program. Choir and nurses sang. We showed Bill our pictures.

Monday, January 30, 1956. Fair, cold. Washed. Had big one. Done ironing. Had 14 shirts. Pete to *PMA* (sp?) meeting. Ronnie and Bill to town in morning. They went with Dick Ramseyer to Pekin and Washington. He stopped at Edd's too. Boys, Allens, Gordons to Mothers for supper. Pete and I to George and Merle's for supper. Phil [Patton]s, Harold [Patton]s, Earl [Kaufman]s, and Streids there. Had nice time.

Tuesday, January 31, 1956. Beautiful day, 4° above. Warmed up. Baked cookies and pie. Got dinner. Bill Burky and another boy, Tom Rickenbach, here for dinner. Boys left for Bluffton at 12:30. Dad took eggs to town and got feed. Paul went to girls after basketball practice. We went to basketball game at NCHS. We beat Bloomington.

Wednesday, February 1, 1956. Cloudy, snowed some, misted and froze. Some ice on roads. I washed, bids, etc. Dusted up house. Pete and CR to Gridley. Took Glenn Rader's truck too. Finished getting Aunt Martha's furniture. I went to nurses home at 4:00. Helped auxiliary serve. Business and Professional Women's Organization. Roads rather slick but got along okay. Choir practice called off. Rev. Harder's mother passed away.

Thursday, February 2, 1956. Mostly cloudy, fair in evening. Pete to Service Company meeting. I cleaned upstairs, bedrooms and living room. Ironed. Baked rolls and pie crust and apples. Pete to Farm School. Jeanette and I to Bible class at church. Rev. Harder and L. Troyer teaching. I'm taking New Testament David and Mary [Colter] stayed here with Paul.

Friday, February 3, 1956. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Real busy. I helped serve Doctors Com[mittee] luncheon at noon. Cleaned kitchen and bath and filled pie crust. We all went to Dale Hinthorn's at Ellsworth. Had chili and oyster soup. We took pie. Allen's with us. Left Debbie at Yeakels. Paul played basketball at Metcalf.

Saturday, February 4, 1956. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Busy day. 5 T&As (?) and 4 other patients. Pete and Paul to town at noon. Ate lunch at Mothers. Paul to choir practice. Edgar's, Mother and girls and Allens here for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Allens to grocery store. We kept Debbie.

Sunday, February 5, 1956. Fair, nice day, 10° above. Went to church. Girls here for dinner. We and Edgar's to Edds in p.m. Took Mary's car. Edgar's stayed at Eureka. Came back with Harriet Gurtner's sister. We went to church in evening. Young people gave program. Junior YPU sang a song.

Monday, February 6, 1956. Cloudy. Roads icy in morning. Misted some, thawed some during day. Washed and ironed. Ironed some before dinner and finished before Pete and I went to town at 2:30. I went to dentist, then took Mother to Dr. Dineen. He took EKG. She hasn't been feeling so good. Allens here for supper. Shirley washed.

Tuesday, February 7, 1956. Fair, beautiful day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete hauled some manure. I went to Goodwill Circle in evening with Jeanette. Pete and Paul home. Paul has cold. Mother in bed all day. Guess she has flu.

Wednesday, February 8, 1936. Cloudy, rained in evening. Had little snow in night. I went to Home Bureau at Lloyd Singley. Shirley and Mabel along. Took Deborah to Mrs. Yeakels. Pete and I dressed four chickens when got home. I put flower seeds away. Paul to Dicky Miller's all night. We went to choir practice. Hose came off car heater. Car stalled near Yeakels. Allen there so he pushed us to oil station.

Thursday, February 9, 1956. Snowed some. Icy in morning. Melted. Baked cookies, coffee cake and apple crisp. Cooked chicken. Cleaned upstairs and bedroom. Went to REA to GE demonstration. I won electric GE hand beater or mixer. Pete to town in p.m. Stopped at Mothers. Taped her back. She's having trouble again. We went to Bible class. Mary and David [Colter] here with Paul. I sent chicken to Allens for supper.

Friday, February 10, 1956. Cloudy, snowed and melted. I went to work at 7:00. Pete to Florence Kinsinger sale. Big crowd. I baked cake and two pie crusts and cleaned living room after got home. Pete and I to girls after supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. EA [Edgar] had party. We stopped at Mothers. She isn't feeling very good. Paul home. Allens here. Shirley washed.

Saturday, February 11, 1956. Snowed all day. Melted some. I filled two pies and iced cake. Made salad and dressing. Cleaned bathroom and kitchen. We went to Hedgecock dinner at Quality Café. Paul at Mothers. Had Dr. for her in p.m. I waited for Dr. Came home with Ed Herra and girls. They were here for supper. Had waffles. Allens here too. We went to Carlock to church basketball game. Normal got beat by Carlock. Allen's didn't go. Shirley washed dishes.

Sunday, February 12 1956. Cloudy, few snow flurries. I went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and to girls for dinner. We stopped at mothers on way home. She's much better. Allen's stopped to. They were at Yeakels. Pete and I took nurses to Washington. Christian Life gave program. Good crowd. We stopped at *Miss Paul* (not clear). Folks had lunch. Paul to YPU and to girls. I was sick when got home.

Monday, February 13, 1956. Fair, warmer. I went to work at 7:00. Sure feel tough. Came home at 11:30. Lena Maxwell took book. Dr. McGinnis saw me. Gave me some Dramamine. I slept most of p.m. and evening. Felt little better in evening. Pete to town little in p.m. Took signed certificate to Service Company. Shirley here in evening and washed. Debbie has cold.

Tuesday, February 14, 1956. Mostly cloudy, colder in p.m. I feel some better. Kinda week. I washed and done ironing in p.m. didn't have too much. Pete and I to service company party. Dinner at Wesleyan Memorial and then to *Spot Alay* (sp?) Theatre. Saw play, *Yes My Darling Daughter*. Good acting. Paul at girls. Shirley took Debbie to Dr. She has cold.

Wednesday, February 15, 1956. Fair, chilly, rather windy. Wrapped Valentine gifts and dusted up house. Went to club meeting at Jean Ann Barclays. Took Pearl, Mabel and Ruth Orns. Pearl and I stopped to see Ruth's house on way home. Pete had feed ground. We went to choir practice in evening. Paul at Mothers for supper. Ray there too.

Thursday, February 16, 1956. Cloudy, rained, froze roads real slick. Rained hard a while in evening. Helped roads some. Pete and I to town at 10:00. Done some shopping. \$1 Day. Ate lunch at coffee shop. I helped at nurses home awhile. We had sowing day for gift shop. We stopped at Shirley's on way home. Got meet at locker for her. We went to Bible class at church. Jeanette [Colter] along. David and Mary here with Paul.

Friday, February 17, 1956. Cloudy. Misted some and sleeted and rained in evening. Everything icy. Done cleaning. Baked cookies and pudding. Fixed box cookies for Ronnie. Mended in p.m. We worked on scrapbook in evening. I was going to World Day Prayer but roads too bad. Pete worked on tractor.

Saturday, February 18, 1956. Fair, nice day. I smelted off roads. Nice to see it all go. Done quilt work. Made salad. Paul and I to town at 1:00. Paul to choir practice. Dorothy fixed my hair at Mothers. Pete to see Aunt Martha and to hogs sale. Bought two guilts. We were at Allens for supper. Mother, girls and CRs there. Had nice time.

Sunday, February 19, 1956. Cloudy, gloomy. Went to church. Girls and Walter Yoders here for dinner. Girls stayed for lunch. We went to church in evening. We stopped at Carl Andreas awhile after church. Eddie Herra there too. Allen worked. He took chicks to Vandalia. Shirley at her brother's.

Monday, February 20, 1956. Mostly fair, nice day. Washed. Pete and I to Peoria. Went with Ray Barkley, Lloyd Singley and Guy Hilton and Jeanette along. Men went to big Farmers meeting. Jeanette and I shopped. I looked for tablecloth but didn't find one. Jeanette got dress. I got skirt. Fixed things for supper. We went to 4-H supper at Farm Bureau. Mother along. We brought Mabel and Ray home. Snowed little in night.

Tuesday, February 21, 1956. Fair, colder. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to sale. Got plow. I done ironing after got home. Pete hurt his leg (muscle). Can hardly walk. Happened while choring. Girls had tickets to go to Concordia choir. Pete couldn't go. I went to girls and Faith *Sell* (sp?) used Pete's ticket.

Wednesday, February 22, 1956. Fair. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to Dr. McGinnis in p.m. He has to stay off his leg and keep it elevated. He wanted him to go to hospital. Furnace quit in morning. Man had to take motor to town. Was 7:00 before he got it fixed. Real chilly. Girls along home. We dressed four chickens. Three for them. I took girls home. Jeanette and I to choir practice. Pete ruptured blood vessels in leg.

Thursday, February 23, 1956. Fair, rather windy. Done all of cleaning. Allen and Paul choring. I went to Service Company meeting. Louise Kinsinger, Jeanette, Shirley and Mother along. Allen just worked two hours in morning and was off rest of day. Pete sorry to miss meeting. He was reelected on board. I baked cake and made salad and cooked chicken after got home. Nurses went to Weys for supper. Had phone-a-feast. Then we went to alumni meeting at IPL. Had food demonstration.

Friday, February 24, 1956. Rainy. Guess had rained most of night. Cloudy, warm, nearly 60°. Got ready for dinner. Went after Mother at 10:00. She, Morris Troyer and Mrs. Troyer and Shirley here for dinner. Morris left at 2:30. They went to old peoples home at Meadows. Mrs. Troyer is going to live there. I took Mother home at 4:30, also Shirley. I went to Virginia's, had hair fixed. I cleaned eggs for customers. Pete about same.

Saturday, February 25, 1956. Snowed in morning, real windy and stormy. Cleared off in a.m. and nice day. Rather cold. Went to work at 7:00. Paul to Champaign with CR to 4-H sale. Pete not able to go. Paul bought Jersey calf. Otto Leasch brought it home. Allens here for supper. Our phones are out. Roy's and CRs too. Roys here little while. Maxwell and I took them to church for [nurses] capping.

Sunday, February 26, 1956. Beautiful day, warmer. Paul and I to church. Took Pete to girls. We were there for dinner. Pete about same. His leg has a dull ache and is discolored. Girls and I to nurses capping at Wesley church. I went in uniform. Had big crowd. Nearly ran out of punch. Girls helped some. We took Maxwell and Mrs. Lawson to nurses home.

Monday, February 27, 1956. Cloudy, colder. Snowed some in p.m. and evening. Took Pete to hospital at 8:30 to see Dr. McGinnis. Waited until 10:30 for him. Got home at 11:00. Washed and done ironing yet in p.m. Done little mending. Was tired. Allen and I cased eggs in evening.

Tuesday, February 28, 1956. Cleared off. Snow melted. Cleaned up house. Baked pie. Philip Patton here several hours in morning. I went to Shirley's in p.m. a while. Stayed with Deborah while Shirley washed. Pete about same. Chester Miller here in evening to telephone. Men are going to Summerfield to helped clean up tornado area. I went to Friendship Circle with Cy [Colter] s. Was on committee. Served donuts and pineapple. Hoovers showed pictures.

Wednesday, February 29, 1956. Fair, beautiful day. Defrosted icebox. Mended some. Ruth Otto here in morning. Brought fruit from Florida and cake. Pete's leg not so good. Hurts him to move. Didn't sleep good last night. Mary and Ida here a while in evening. CRs stopped too. Jeanette and

I to choir practice. Ronnie called last night. He was sick last week. Dr. thought he had appendicitis.

Thursday, March 1, 1956. Mostly cloudy, 50°, windy. Done all of cleaning. Waxed kitchen and bathroom. Pearl here a little. Brought Pete Candy. He's feeling better. Sure glad. Allen had day off. He got feed and sorted hogs. Sold some. Jeanette and I to Bible class.

Friday, March 2, 1956. Fair, nice day, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Pete about same. Mabel got Mother. She stayed with Pete. She made pies and cooked chicken for me. Edgars, girls and Allens here for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Paul had ballgame after school. He came home with Mohrs.

Saturday, March 3, 1956. Cloudy, rained in morning. Cleared off after a.m. Cooler. Dusted up house and baked cake and brownies. Cooked ham. Washed car after dinner. Took Paul to choir practice. Shirley along to town. I ground ham and made salad. Pete feels better. We had litter of pigs.

Sunday, March 4, 1956. Nice day, rather windy, warmer. Paul and I to church. Pete about same. Morris Heisers here for dinner. Pete had committee meeting in p.m. Gerald Galloway here. Walt Unrau couldn't come. Girls to Edds. They stopped on way home. Here for lunch. Shirley along to her church and to *Uncles* (?) for dinner. Allen worked. Edgars here in evening. Looked at our pictures. Paul to church.

Monday, March 5, 1956. Beautiful day, warm, nearly 70°. Washed. Dried all clothes outside. Done ironing in p.m. Paul home, no school. Pete's leg better. He and Paul cased some eggs. Allens here for supper. Allen finished eggs. Paul to 4-H meeting at Otto Leasch. Marie called in evening.

Tuesday, March 6, 1956. Partly cloudy, 75°, windy. Looked real stormy in evening. Rained and hailed a little. Had bad storm at Lexington and tornado at Buckley. I worked at coffee shop in morning. Took Pete to Mothers and took him to Dr. in p.m. He's getting along okay. He'll have to be off [leg] another week or more. Jeanette and I to Goodwill in evening.

Wednesday, March 7, 1956. Cloudy, misted some, much colder in evening. Snowed some. I cleaned attics and cupboards in kitchen. Baked bars and pie. Jeanette and I to choir practice in evening. Carl and Carol Andreas here after practice. Got eggs.

Thursday, March 8, 1956. Snowed little early. Fair, cold, 10°. Cleaned upstairs in morning. Allen had day off. He worked around here awhile and took Dad over there for dinner. I went to Home Bureau at our church. Paul had basketball game after school. Went to Mothers and to Community Club. I went to Sixth District dinner at Lakeside [Country] Club. Dr. Livingston speaker. Took [nurses] Burr, Butcher, Doval & Clark.

Friday, March 9, 1956. Fair, warmer, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete alone. He got along okay. Bill Miller here awhile. Harold [Patton]s & Lillie here in evening. Brought basket of fruit from choir. Cleaned up living room, kitchen and bathroom. Allen and Paul finished casing eggs.

Saturday, March 10, 1956. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Paul to choir practice with Jeanette. Pete getting along okay. Edgars and girls here for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Grandma and Allens to CRs. Hazel and 2 foreign students there for supper. Rained in evening. Real windy. Real busy at hospital.

Sunday, March 11, 1956. Partly cloudy in p.m. Fair in a.m. Went to work at 7:00. Wasn't so busy. I took Allen to work. Shirley took Pete and Paul to girls. Paul to church. Billys at girls too. I went to Meadows in evening. I took load of nurses. Stuckey drove to. Christian Life Club gave program. Paul to YPU with Colters. Pete home.

Monday, March 12, 1956. Partly cloudy, cold. Washed. Dried clothes in basement except overalls. Shirley here in p.m. Washed. I done ironing in p.m. Helped Shirley dress two chickens. Allens here for supper. Pete and I to TV station. Pete on TV for Church Council. Done real well. We stopped at George's awhile. Allen to Dr. Troyer to make out programs.

Tuesday, March 13, 1956. Fair, fine day, 15°. Warmer during day. I defrosted deep freeze and sent Ronnie his spikes and glove. Got eggs ready for town. Took Shirley's clothes. We went to town in p.m. Took Pete to Dr. He's getting along okay. Can hang his leg down some. Got elastic stocking. Got Paul and Larry [Mohr] at school. They demonstrated square dance for teachers workshop. Paul to CRs all night. Allen's company came, Andy and Marilyn.

Wednesday, March 14, 1956. Five or 6 inches of snow on ground. Was real wet. Cleared off in morning. Lots of snow melted. I cleaned kitchen and back stairway and medicine cabinet in bathroom. Went to town at noon to get my upper dentures which I broke Monday evening. Ed Millers here awhile in p.m. I stirred up cookies. We went to choir practice. Pete along too.

Thursday, March 15, 1956. Fair, mostly cloudy in p.m. Baked two batches cookies and pie. Cleaned bathroom. Allens and Andy's went to Springfield. Pete and I kept Debbie and Johnny. Got along fine. They brought Johnny's bed over. I cleaned upstairs in p.m. and mended a little. Went to Christian Life meeting. Election of officers. Was elected sponsor again. Allens and Andys to show. Pete and Paul kept Debbie and Johnny. Snowed in evening.

Friday, March 16, 1956. Mostly cloudy. Some of snow melted. Done all of cleaning. Made salad and baked rolls. Sent Allens some. Shirley and Marilyn here in morning. Washed. Pete cased eggs. Worked on scrapbook in evening.

Saturday, March 17, 1956. Fair, nice day, shower in evening. Went to work at coffee shop at 8:00. Pete and Paul to town in p.m. with Marilyn and Shirley. Paul to choir practice. Took Pete to see Fagerburg and John Deere. I got elastic stockings for Aunt Martha. We went to girls for supper. EA's and Mother there too. Dorothy fixed hair.

Sunday, March 18, 1956. Mostly cloudy, colder in evening. Few flurries in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Busy. Pete and Paul to town with Mabel. Paul to church. Pete to Mother's in morning. Then he and Paul and Mother to girls for dinner. Paul to birthday party. Bobby _____. Girls, Pete, Mother and I to County Nursing Home to see Aunt Martha. Took her elastic stockings. Paul to church with Colters.

Monday, March 19, 1956. Mostly fair, cold, 18°. Warmed up little. Washed. Hung towels and overalls out, also bedding. Washed Paul's bed. Done ironing in p.m. Cys here in evening. Jeanette and I cut out paper for nut cups. Club is making them for hospital.

Tuesday, March 20, 1956. Fair, nice day, little warmer. I cleaned the upstairs. Paul helped me with mattresses. Went to Shirley's at 3:30. Stayed with Deborah while Shirley went to Jeanette's to practice. I helped Allen in evening. Took their davenport to Roy's and got Roy's davenport. Roy's traded it on new suit. Allens and I to Friendship Circle. Allens are hosts. Pete and Paul with Debbie.

Wednesday, March 21, 1956. Partly cloudy, rather windy. Baked cookies, coffee cake, brownies and rice pudding. Went to Club meeting with Pearl to Mrs. Denzer. I was on program committee. We made favors for hospital. Shirley and Juanita [Rader] sang duet. Was very good. Pete at Roys in p.m. We went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, March 22, 1956. Mostly fair, rather chilly. I cleaned three closets downstairs, bedrooms in a.m. Cleaned windows outside. Dressed chicken and baked cake. We finished our scrapbook in evening. Allen got feed at Yuton his day off. John Deere brought wheels out for disc and put them on.

Friday, March 23, 1956. Mostly cloudy, windy, chilly. Rained in p.m. and evening. Done all of cleaning. Iced cake and cooked chicken. We went to town at 12:30. Took some clothes to Salvation Army. Got Paul ball and bat for his birthday. Shopped little. Took Pete to Dr. He can put little weight on leg and walk little. Brought Paul and Dicky [Miller] home. Mother, girls and Hazel here for supper for Paul's birthday. Edgar's came out about 9:00.

Saturday, March 24, 1956. Fair, cold, 20°. Warmed up some. Went to work at 7:00. Real busy, halls full. Pete took Paul to choir practice and took Dicky home. Went uptown after work. Girls along. Looked for dress and hat but found nothing. We all went to Mothers for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Hazel there too. She fixed dish.

Sunday, March 25, 1956. Fair, warmer. We went to church. Pete went for church. He sang in choir. Mother and Hazel to church. Pete, Paul and I to Cy Colters for David and Paul's birthday. Had nice time. Went to church in evening. Choir sang. Junior choir sang in morning. Was nice. Pre-Easter services started. Rev. Harder is conducting them.

Monday, March 26, 1956. Fair, nice day. Washed and hung clothes outside. Washed spreads etc. Dried nice. Done ironing in p.m. Paul discing (vacation). Pete out most of day. Is using his leg. Rusty bit Paul in face and mouth while he and Allen were ringing a hog. Took him to hospital. Gave booster tetanus. Paul to 4-H rally at NCHS. Pete and I to church.

Tuesday, March 27, 1956. Partly cloudy, real windy. Rained some at 11 PM. Cleaned up house. Helped Pete some sowing oats. Paul discing. Ray here helping some. Here for dinner. CRs gone. I went to town at 3:00. Took eggs and got some groceries. Pete and I to church in evening. Were real tired.

Wednesday, March 28, 1956. Mostly fair in p.m. Quite windy again. Pete and Paul at CRs sowing oats. Got done there. Pete sowed some here. Is getting around around without his

crutches. I baked rolls and date pudding and cleaned up some in recreation room. Went to missionary meeting at Ruby Mohr's. Pete and I to church. Ronnie and Martha Jo got to church at 8:30. They went to Allens awhile.

Thursday, March 29, 1956. Mostly cloudy, cold and windy. Got things ready for dinner. CRs, Allens, Gordons, Mother and Aunt Martha here. We divided Aunt Martha's furniture. Pete got her and Mother and took them home. I washed 15 shirts for Ronnie after everyone left. Martha Jo and I to town at 4:00. She done some shopping. I went to Dorothy's, had hair fixed. We all went to church in evening. Had communion. Had choir practice after.

Friday, March 30, 1956. Partly cloudy, cold, windy. I washed for Ronnie. Also tablecloths, etc. Ironed some before noon. Finally finished at 11 PM. Had 19 shirts. Martha Jo and I to town a little in p.m. I got new hat. Allens here for supper. Had roast chicken. Men harrowed oats and disc stalks. Sheared sheep in p.m.

Saturday, March 31, 1956. Fair, nice day, warmer. I went to work at 7:00. Martha Jo cleaned up house and she and Paul colored eggs. She helped men plant potatoes in p.m. Pete and I planted some peas, lettuce and radishes after I got home. We all went to mothers for supper. CRs, Allens, Gordons and Cutters there. I made ice cream for her.

Sunday, April 1, 1956. Fair, much warmer. We all went to church and to girls for dinner. Mother and Hazel there too. Myrtella Lehman and John Basinger there too. Also Shirley and Debbie and Allen came to eat dinner. We went to church in evening. Choir gave Easter Cantata.

Monday April 2, 1956. Cloudy, showered in morning and again in evening. Rained hard in evening. Ronnie and MJ left at 11:20 for Bluffton. We ate lunch before they left. Was nice to have him home and miss Ronnie again. I washed at noon. Clothes got dry yet. Pete plowing. Paul to 4-H meeting at Funks. Edgar had coronary in evening. I took him to Brokaw. Real sick.

Tuesday, April 3, 1956. Mostly cloudy. Real windy. Looked real stormy in p.m. Showered some. I finished ironing in morning. Pete and I to town at 11:00. Stopped to see Edgar. He isn't very good. Getting *IV* (sp?) continuous. I baked cookies and pudding after got home. I went to Goodwill Circle with Jeanette. Pete and Paul home. Pete plowing some.

Wednesday, April 4, 1956. Partly cloudy, windy, little cooler. I cleaned fruit room. Cleaned upstairs and dusted downstairs. Went to Jeanette's little. She drove to choir practice alone. Pete and I stopped at hospital on way to choir then went back afterwards and took Dorothy home. EA about same. Pete plowed some. Girls came in evening. We planted more peas and onions.

Thursday, April 5, 1956. Fair, fine day. I washed bedding. Cleaned our bedroom in morning. Got hair fixed at 3:15. Girls came after work. Helped clean west bedroom and we done ironing and put up curtains. A big day. So glad to have it done. Pete spread fertilizer and Allen helped him disc some. They planted potatoes and peas. Also had phosphate spread. I went to work at 11. Stayed with EA all night. Had better night.

Friday, April 6, 1956. Fair, colder. I got home at 6:40. Felt kinda tired. Went to bed a while. Got up at 10:45. Went to auxiliary guest day and potluck dinner. Pete plowed. I cleaned living room

after got home. We went to alumni family night at Hudson Town Hall. Had square dance. Was on committee. About 40 there. Rained in evening and much colder.

Saturday, April 7, 1956. Cloudy, snow flurries and windy, cold. Went to work at 7:00. Stopped at hospital. EA about same. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Pete and Paul got feed. Scrubbed brooder house etc. Paul to choir practice. We went to CR in evening, divided dishes. Allens Gordons and Roys and Mother there too. I took salad.

Sunday, April 8, 1956. Cloudy, cold, 25°. We went to church and to girls for dinner. I took salad. We went to Brokaw a while. EA seems some better. Stopped at Mennonite. Nettie was to be admitted but misunderstanding with their doctor. We went to church in evening. Had film on Martin Luther. We took Shirley to her church in morning. She went to her mothers. Allen working.

Monday, April 9, 1956. Mostly cloudy, chilly. Pete plowed all day and worked late. I washed clothes, dried outside. Done ironing in p.m. and raked yard along north fence and backyard also. Partly uncovered roses. Nettie admitted to hospital at 10:00 a.m. Edgar some better.

Tuesday, April 10, 1956. Cloudy, real chilly, 32°. I cleaned recreation room in morning. Pete to town Hall at 6:00. Primary election and he's on the election board. Got home at 7:30. I went to vote and to town in p.m. Stopped at hospital to see Nettie. Dr. Chesley and O.H. Ball seeing her. Paul to Men's Meeting with Cy and David. Pete went after he got home. I went along to Mothers. Dorothy thre. I took her to hospital.

Wednesday, April 11, 1956. Cloudy in morning, fair, warmer in p.m. I canned 6 quarts soup and made 14 quarts chili in morning. Went to meeting at nurses home in p.m. Stopped to see Nettie and Edgar. Think they're both better. Pete plowing conservation, making terraces in east field in p.m. Jeanette and I to choir practice. Pete plowed until 8:30.

Thursday, April 12, 1956. Mostly cloudy in p.m., colder. I raked off flower beds around garden in morning and went to Home Bureau at Otto Leasch's. Cleaned upstairs and bedrooms after got home. Mabel, Paul and I to PTA in evening. Paul on program. Sixth grade square dance. Pete plowed, worked later. Allen helped him some. They finished terraces.

Friday, April 13, 1956. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Busy. Nettie some better. Stopped to see Edgar. He's improving some. Cleaned up living room and baked pie crusts. Went to dedication for Christian Life officers. I'm sponsor again. Rev. Harder there. Very small crowd. Paul to NCHS Unit 5 Music Festival. I went after program at nurses home. Pete plowed.

Saturday, April 14, 1956. Fair, nice day. Warm in p.m. Cooler in evening. Filled two pies for coffee shop and baked brownies. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom and went to Don Kuntz's wedding at 9:00 at St. Mary's Church. Stopped up town and got gray dress. Washed car and Windows outside and turned ramblers and raked yard along fence. Paul helped after he got home from choir practice. Pete plowing. We went to Allens for supper.

Sunday, April 15, 1956. Mostly cloudy, real chilly. We went to church. Shirley along and we went to girls for dinner. Edd there too. He went to hospital in p.m. and got Nettie. They stopped

at girls on way home. Think Nettie better. Paul to lashes played ball. We went to Brokaw to see Edgar few minutes. Then went to church. Gospel Peace Team gave program.

Monday, April 16, 1956. Cloudy, showered and sleeted some, cold. Washed and cleaned the hall. Done ironing in p.m. Dried clothes in basement except overalls. Pete got brooder stove set up in morning and plowed in p.m. Paul and I cleaned [chicken] feeders.

Tuesday, April 17, 1956. Fair, cold, 36°, windy. Dust blowing off plowed ground. I went to town at 8:00. Took drapes to cleaners and worked in coffee shop until 10:00. Stopped at Brokaw to see Edgar. He's better. I cleaned living and dining room. Waxed furniture to. Pete to town in p.m. Went to Dr. HP [Sloan]. His leg is doing okay. Dr. McGinnis has mumps. We got 300 baby chicks.

Wednesday, April 18, 1956. Fair, cold, 32°. Rather windy. I cleaned furnace room. Glad to have basement done. Pete plowing, finished corn ground for 10 acres. Yet to plow for beans. I went to Club meeting at Jeanette's. I raked some yard and straightened up basement after got home. We went to choir practice. Took Dorothy home from hospital. She seems to feel better. Edgar better.

Thursday, April 19, 1956. Fair, 32°, some Frost. Cleaned upstairs. Mabel and I to Mothers at 8:30. Cleaned her living room. Washed windows outside after 3:30 when we got home. I cleaned while she helped Allen load manure. He cleaned barn out at his house. Pete to Service Company meeting. Allens here for supper.

Friday, April 20, 1956. Fine day, 27°. Warmer during day. Pete disc in morning. Ground feed and put manure loader on tractor. I cleaned linen closet and Cedar closet, aired bedding, done cleaning, washed windows on outside. Raked yard and cleaned up some in barnyard. Cleaned out garage in morning. I went to Mother's at 5:45, got Dorothy at Brokaw. She fixed my hair, also Mother's. I took her back to hospital. Ate at Mother's.

Saturday, April 21, 1956. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete hauled manure. Paul to choir practice with Shirley. He went to Mothers, stated flower beds for her and came home with me. We made garden after got home. Sowed spinach, carrots, beets, radishes, onions, and some beans. Girls here a while and helped. We hung drapes in evening. Found they were full of holes. Makes me sick.

Sunday, April 22, 1956. Partly cloudy. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church. Came home for dinner. Paul to lashes, played ball. Marvins and Ervies got to girls at 2:20. Edds at girls, got there at noon. Went home for supper. We were all at girls for supper. Allens, Mother and Billys there too. Marvins here all night. Murphy's at girls.

Monday, April 23, 1956. Cloudy, real chilly. We, Marvins, Ervies, and girls to Chicago. Left normal at 9:00. Stopped at airport and then to Science and Industry Museum. Ate dinner there. Went uptown at 3:30. Left there at 5:30. Got to girls at 8:20. Ate supper there. Pete drove Mary's car. I went with Marvin's. Ervie's here all night. Marvins at girls. Dr. Guy Sloan died suddenly.

Tuesday, April 24, 1956. Fair, warmer. I washed in morning. Marvins here awhile then they went to Masonbrinks at Bellflower for dinner. Ervies here for dinner. We took them to Eureka. Called on Owen Kenagys and Will [Schrock]s but they wasn't home. Went to EEs and Ellas

Wells there. Took Ervie's to Edds and we came home. Marvins to Edds at 3:00. They all came here for supper. Girls, Mother and Allens here too. Allens showed their pictures and we showed hours to. Marvins here all night.

Wednesday, April 25, 1956. Cloudy, showered in morning. We went to town at 9:00. Took Marvins to Shirley's a while. Ervies and we uptown and then to hospital. Saw new surgery and all ate lunch at coffee shop. Marvins and Ervies left for home at 12:30. We enjoyed their visit. Pete and I to funeral home to see Dr. Guy Sloan. Missionary meeting here in p.m. Were 12 here. We went to choir practice. Took Dorothy home from hospital. Edgar is improving.

Thursday, April 26, 1956. Fair, warmer, rather windy. Cleaned upstairs. Went to town at 10:00. Went to Dr. Guy Sloan's funeral at Presbyterian Church. Went with nurses from hospital. Seats reserved for doctors and nurses. I washed in p.m. and ironed. We set out four dozen cabbage and one dozen tomato plants and planted some sweet corn. Started to rain at 5:00. Had good rain and bad electrical storm. I went to alumni meeting. Marie [Hastings] and Winifred [Maxwell] along. Pete cleaned out barn. Allen helped some. Pete harrowed some.

Friday, April 27, 1956. Partly cloudy, warm. Pete to Ottawa with Service Company board. I went to work at 7:00, was busy with outpatients, moving in new surgery. I washed up bedrooms and living room after got home. We went to Mothers for supper. Dorothy there, fixed our hair. I went to nurses home committee meeting for Christian Life. We took Dorothy home. Mary went to West Liberty [Ohio] with Miss Stuckey.

Saturday, April 28, 1956. Cloudy, rained in morning, colder in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul got feed. I cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Paul to choir practice with Jeanette. I brought him home. Took Ida to work and took her home. Rained in evening and most of night. Lot of electricity.

Sunday, April 29, 1956. Cloudy, melted some, colder. We went to church. Rev. Ivan Kaufman preached. Harder at conference at Berne [Indiana]. Ida along home for dinner and supper. Paul to Leaschs played ball. Allens and Mrs. Yeakel here for supper. We showed Mrs. Yeakel our pictures. Pete took she and Ida home. Mary got home at 10:30.

Monday, April 30, 1956. Mostly cloudy, chilly. Washed. Hung clothes inside. Went to lunch at Wesley Memorial for Mrs. Arbogast (sp?) who resigned. Went to dentist and shopped for drapes. Mabel along to town at noon. I went to Farm Bureau with CR. Helped serve supper for Ag. 4-H leaders. Paul to relays at NCHS. Went with Ray. Pete home.

Tuesday, May 1, 1956. Little warmer. Worked at coffee shop 8 to 12. Came home for dinner. Done ironing in p.m. Pete hauled manure in morning. Worked in orchard in p.m. Cut down some trees that were blown down by storm. I went to Good Will Mother Daughter tea at Immanuel Bible Foundation. Shirley and Mother along. Also girls.

Wednesday May 2, 1956. Cloudy and morning, fair in p.m. Dusted house and mowed lawn. Pete helped me some. We went to Mrs. Elkins funeral at Danvers in p.m. Mother along. We got Paul at school. Went to Dr. Bailen. Gave Paul polio shot and got him some new shoes. Met Dorothy. Took her to Brokaw. Edgar sitting on bed four times. We went to choir practice and took Dorothy home.

Thursday, May 3, 1956. Fair, warmer, 70°. Went to flower show at Wesley church. Got first and sweepstake on Gloxinia and second on Narcissus. Mother and me. I went to Lincoln with Butcher to classes at Lincoln Memorial Hospital. Got back at 6:00. Ate supper at girls. We went to lecture at hospital by Dr. Shelley. Pete hauled manure. Allen helped. Pete to Yuton elevator meeting in evening. Paul home. David [Colter] here.

Friday, May 4 1956. Fair, warmer. Done all of cleaning. Went to auxiliary at 11:00. Fell and hurt my knee. Came home at 2:30. Spaded flower beds, baked cookies, coffee cake and pudding. Pete disc plowed ground and plowed some. We went to open house at General Electric. Girls along. Very interesting. We took Dorothy home from hospital. Edgar sat in chair four times.

Saturday, May 5, 1956. Cloudy in morning. Sprinkled little at noon. Fair in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. My knee hurts me. Pete finished plowing and harrowed it. Worked some on machinery. Got Dorothy after work. Went to Mothers. She fixed my hair and she ate supper at Mothers. I took her back to hospital. We planted green beans and sweet peas in evening.

Sunday, May 6, 1956. Mostly fair. Warm, near 80°. Much cooler in evening. We went to church. Took red buds to nurses home for banquet. Shirley and Debbie along to church. We all went to Mothers for dinner. Girls there too. Paul to Leaschs in p.m. to play ball. Mother, girls, Pete and I to open house at Washburn greenhouse, then to nurses concert at nurses home. Very good. Shirley at Mothers. Girls along home. We went to church in evening.

Monday, May 7, 1956. Cleared off in a.m. Windy, chilly. Washed and ironed some before dinner. Finished after supper. Worked in garden in p.m. Planted flower seed and Pete helped me plant glad bulbs. He disc for CR in morning and disc here in p.m. Paul disc awhile after school and Pete finished after supper. Paul to 4-H at CRs. Dean Clark here for eggs. CR started planting corn at his place.

Tuesday, May 8, 1956. Fair, cold, 32°. Warmed up some. Went to work at 7:00. Pete disc for CR in morning and disc here in p.m. Pete to Men's Fellowship and I went to Christian Life. Stopped at Mothers a while, then took Dorothy home. EA up in chair. Paul home.

Wednesday, May 9, 1956. Mostly cloudy, warm, very windy. Worked in garden awhile. Planted some bulbs and multiplier onions. Went to Shirley's. Helped move mattress in and brought Debbie along home to take her nap. Shirley cleaned her bedroom. I baked rhubarb pi, and pudding. Went to class at Lincoln in p.m. Pete disc for CR. He's planting. We went to choir practice. Took Dorothy home.

Thursday, May 10, 1956. Partly cloudy, real warm, windy. I washed off porch and cleaned upstairs. Went to town at 11:30. Met Marie at train. Nice to see her. I was at Mothers for lunch. Went with Elaine R[eynolds] to Dwight Reformatory, 6th district. Very interesting. Got up there at 2:30. Got back to town at 8:10. Boys finished planting CRs corn and started ours.

Friday, May 11, 1956. Mostly cloudy, real windy, 86°. Dust blowing. Cleaned house. Waxed kitchen and bathroom floors. Mowed some lawn, baked cookies and pudding. Got Shirley and Debbie in morning. Shirley washed here. I went to Mothers at 6:30. Dorothy there. She fixed our hair. I took her home. Men planting corn. Paul finished mowing the lawn.

Saturday, May 12, 1956. Fair, hot, 92°. Very windy. Went to work at 7:00. Went uptown a few minutes. Paul to choir practice with Jeanette. I brought him home. Washed car when got home. Pete planting corn. We all went to Roys for supper. Allens, girls, Mother, Marie and CRs there, also Roberta. Were busy at hospital lots of OBs.

Sunday, May 13, 1956. Fair, hot, near 90°, windy. We went to church. Mother, Marie, girls and CRS and adds here for dinner. Allen's came out to eat dinner. Shirley at her Mother's. She and Allen here for supper. All except CRs were here too. Had ham for dinner. Girls brought salad, Mother, potato salad and Mabel, desert. CRs, Marie and Mary to hear Roberta's Junior Choir in p.m.

Monday, May 14, 1956. Partly cloudy, cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Done washing when got home. Clothes dried good. Overalls not quite dry. Done ironing. Finished after supper. Men finished planting corn here in p.m. Pete discing bean ground.

Tuesday, May 15, 1956. Cloudy, showered off and on until in late afternoon. Cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Pete harrowed some corn and plowed garden and truck patch before it rained. Girls came out after work. I baked cake and made rhubarb dessert. We dressed three chickens, one for girls and two for Home Bureau. We planted lima beans, cucumbers and lettuce. Set out 2 new rosebushes and fixed porch boxes. Girls gave me geraniums and petunias.

Wednesday, May 16, 1956. Fair, showered little in evening. Quite chilly, 36°. Went to work at 7:00. Met Garfield Club at YWCA at 3:20. They toured Model (unintelligible) and *Pantagraph*. I took mother home and stopped at church. I made half of dessert for Home Bureau and cooked chicken. We set out six dozen tomato plants, Nadine Reimer gave 2 dozen. We went to choir practice. Set up tables in basement.

Thursday, May 17, 1956. Fair, cool, nice day. Went to Home Bureau at our church. Mabel, mother, Shirley, Mrs. Hastings, Mrs. Effie Barclay and I were hostesses. Had Chicken Boudine, green beans, tossed salad and cake. Jell-O and strawberry dessert. Mrs. Yeakels kept Debbie. I had her awhile after got home. Shirley and Allen worked in garden. Pete and Allen made fence and fixed their cellar steps. Pete and I to Mothers. Dorothy fixed my hair.

Friday, May 18, 1956. Fair, cool. Went to work at 7:00. Done cleaning after got home. Pete harrowed corn. We went to funeral home to see Cecil Becker who committed suicide. We went to spring concert at NCHS. Was very good. Edgar went home from hospital. He's sure glad to get home.

Saturday, May 19, 1956. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy in p.m. Pete to Cecil Becker's funeral. Paul to choir practice. He went to wiener roast at Sherry Hawkins and to show. Pete took he and Larry in and Hawkins brought them home. I stopped to see Edgar on way home. Had some cake and ice cream for his birthday. Carl A. and Eddies here awhile in evening.

Sunday, May 20, 1956. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and to girls for dinner. Shirley and Debbie there too. They came home at 2:00. Took Paul to Leaschs to play ball. Girls came home with me. Paul at CRs helping Ray with chores. CRs gone. We went to church in evening.

Monday, May 21, 1956. Mostly cloudy, much warmer. Had little shower in morning. Washed clothes, got dry. Worked in garden in morning. Hoed. Done ironing and went to town at 4:00. Took Lehman and Ulrich [nurses] to Booker T. Washington Home and Lucy Morgan Home to see about project for Christian Life. Pete at Farm Bureau (measuring corn).

Tuesday, May 22, 1956. Partly cloudy, warm, and humid. Had 1/4 inch rained at nine: p.m. Turned much cooler in evening. Went to Virginia, had permanent in a.m. Ate lunch at Mothers. Mrs. Godby there sowing. Worked in yard a while after got home. Spaded up around chrysanthemums. Was at Shirley's a while. Debbie has cold. Pete to Goodland, Indiana at 6:45 to Mission Board meeting. Went with men from Meadows. Got home at 6:00. I went to Christian Life meeting.

Wednesday, May 23, 1956. Fair, real cool. Baked cake for Shirley and baked cookies. Went after medicine for Debbie at 10:00. Her cold isn't much better. I went to meeting at Nurses Home. 2:30 to 3:30 insurance (Mrs. Jacobs). Brought Mrs. Yeakel out to Allens and I went over at 4:15. Helped with supper. Roy's, CRS, Mother, girls, Roberta, Minnie and we were there. Had goose.

Thursday, May 24, 1956. Fair, cool, 40°. Dusted upstairs. Worked in garden a while and went to Shirley's. Took care of Debbie while Shirley hung her clothes out. Debbie's cold about same. I went to Lincoln to class in p.m., Butcher drove. We went to Glenn Maxwell's awhile in evening. Pete and CR planting beans. Started yesterday.

Friday, May 25 1956. Fair, little warmer. Done cleaning. Worked in garden a while. Was at Allen's a while in morning. Allen has day off. They took Debbie to Dr. Think she's some better. I washed windows on outside, also screens. Pete put them up. He finished planting beans at noon. Allens and Paul went fishing awhile in evening. Mrs. Yeakels with Debbie. We went to Edgars. Took Mother home. Dorothy fixed her hair.

Saturday, May 26, 1956. Cloudy, rained most of morning. Had nearly an inch. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. We went to town at 10:00, got home at 2:00. Paul stayed for choir practice. Came home with Jeanette. I got things ready for supper. Paul Thietjes, Dorothy, Mother, girls and Allens here for supper. Asked CRs but they didn't come. It rained nearly all night. Had to and 1/6 inches.

Sunday, May 27, 1956. Cloudy, rained in morning and had hard rain in evening. We went to church. Girls had water in the basement. Had a mess to clean up. We and girls eight at *Chires* (sp?) In normal, then went to Edds in p.m. Paul home. Shirley home. She has cold. Debbie better. We went to Earl Kaufmans in evening. Just poured when we were on way. Rained over 2 inches. Quite warm and humid.

Monday, May 28, 1956. Mostly cloudy. Showered some, looked stormy in evening. Rained 1 1/2 inch at 6:30. I washed. Dried most of clothes outside. Took them down once and put them out again. Done ironing in p.m. Mary came after me at 4:30. Ida cut out dacron dress for me. Pete and Paul at girls for supper too. We went to eighth grade graduation at NCHS.

Tuesday, May 29, 1956. Partly cloudy, hot. Looked stormy again in evening. Rained 1.4 inch again at 6:30. I baked cake and shortcake. Mended little and pressed addresses trousers. Took

eggs to town in p.m. Mother, Mabel and I to cemetery at 4:30. Pete and I to Friendship Circle in evening. David and Mary [Colter] here with Paul.

Wednesday, May 30, 1956. Mostly fair, warm, 86°. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Pete and Paul and CR to Mothers. Boys screened in Mother's porch. Paul trimmed bushes for her. Edds at girls, came at noon. Ida off at 11:00. Mary off at 1:00. We were all at CRs for supper. I took cake and beans. Paul to *Duel* (sp?) Richardson birthday party in p.m. Allens invited to CRs but didn't go.

Thursday, May 31, 1956. Fair, cooler. I went to work at 7:00. Worked in OR. Circulated for T & As. Left at 1:00 for Lincoln. Had last class. I went to alumni picnic for students at Dr. Chrisman's cabin at Lake Bloomington. B Strouse and L[ena] Maxwell came after me. Paul to ballgame with CRs. Paul's school out at 2:00. Pete put cultivator on tractor.

Friday, June 1, 1956. Fair, quite cool, 40°. Went to work at 7:00. Busy day. Went up town little. Cleaned up bedrooms and living room after got home. Pete took Aunt Martha to Gridley to see dentist. Had tooth pulled. They mowed yard in morning. Paul went fishing with Allens in p.m. and evening. Debbie at Mothers.

Saturday, June 2, 1956. Fair, cool, 40°. Warmed up some. Baked rolls, Ginger cookies, rhubarb pie and pie shell. Cleaned up kitchen and bath. Paul and I to town in p.m. He went to choir practice. I went to Knight's to see about drapes. Pete got feed in morning and plowed garden and truck patch and hoed some. I hoed in garden when got home. We went to Edgar's in evening. Dorothy fixed my hair. EA better. Ronnie is engaged.

Sunday, June 3, 1956. Fine day. Cool. Went to church. Pete Sunday school superintendent. Shirley along. She went to her mothers for dinner. We went to girls. Pete took Paul to Leaschs to play ball. Girls and we took drive to see new homes, etc. Stopped to see *Leasch* (sp?) awhile. Allens and Paul went fishing awhile. We kept Debbie.

Monday, June 4, 1956. Fair, nice day. Washed, baked cake and took children to May [Mohr]s and got them [Bible School]. Done ironing, cased eggs. Got four boxes berries from Laura [Mohr]. Cleaned them and froze 4 jars and 1 box. Had few left for supper. Pete hoed beans. We went to funeral home in evening to see May Fagerburg. Paul to 4-H meeting.

Tuesday, June 5, 1956. Fair, warm. Went to work at coffee shop at 8:00. Paul came there from Bible School, ate lunch. I took him to Dr. Bailen for second polio shot. Shopped some. Worked in garden after got home. Pete bailed hay at CRs. He and Paul to Carlock to Yuton elevator supper. I went to Good Will with Jeanette. I was hostess. Had angel food cake and strawberries.

Wednesday, June 6, 1956. Fair, warm. Went to work at 7:00. Worked in OR. Circulated for T & As. Had nine cases T & A. Cleaned up house when got home. Pete bailing at CRS. We and girls to Meadows in evening. Bluffton choir there. Ronnie and John Rogers (colored) along home. Got to bed late. Debbie having a temp for several days. Pete mowed some alfalfa.

Thursday, June 7, 1956. Partly cloudy, little cooler. Showered some in p.m. I washed 18 shirts in morning. Three were for John R. Boys and I to Mothers for dinner. Men bailed little at Glenn's in p.m. before shower. I ironed shirts in p.m. and got things ready for supper. Allens and girls here.

Pete and I took Ronnie and John to Washington in evening. They gave good concert. Paul at Allens all night.

Friday, June 8, 1956. Mostly fair. Went to work at 7:00. Paul to Bible school. Pete plowed corn in morning, bailed in p.m. Finished at Glenn's. Bailed three loads here in evening. Done cleaning after got home and ironed rest of Ronnie's shirts.

Saturday, June 9, 1956. Fair, hot. Baked brownies, coffee cake and rhubarb crunch. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom and washed car. Went to town awhile. Paul to choir practice with Jeanette and came home with me. Pete plowed some corn. Ray and Paul mowed rest of hay. Men bailed some before and Pete and Glenn finished in evening. CRs to Roberta's graduation. Paul and I and girls to Edgars in evening. Dot fixed my hair. Pete raked hay.

Sunday, June 10, 1956. Fair, hot, near 100°. We went to Sunday school and Paul stayed for church. Junior choir sang in place of regular choir. We stayed until after anthem. Went to Woizeski Reunion at Miller Park. Louise *Schalk* (sp?), Shirley and I on committee. Pete came after Shirley at noon. Allen went to Park for dinner. Were 64 there. Allens and girls here in evening for lunch.

Monday, June 11, 1956. Fair, hot, high 90s. No breeze. Washed. Worked in garden after got done washing and again in evening. Paul helped little in evening. Pete finished plowing corn and finished bailing hay. Paul to Bible school. I took them to May [Mohr]s. Jeanette brought them home.

Tuesday, June 12, 1956. Fair, hot, 92°. Picked peas and canned 14 pints. Took children to May's and got them at church. Took eggs to Roth's. Rev. Harder here in p.m. to see me about church board secretary. Went to board meeting in evening. Pete mowed 5 acres hay on Fagerburg and replanted beans where they were drowned out.

Wednesday, June 13, 1956. Fair, good breeze, not quite so hot. I took children to Bible School. Mother and I went to see Uncle Henry. Got children at church. Mother along home. We went to Shirley's a while in p.m. Mother mended some. Dusted up house and baked cake. Pete raked our hay and bailed some of it. We went to choir practice. Rufus Ropp passed away.

Thursday, June 14, 1956. Cloudy in morning, showered some. Quite warm. I picked peas and washed some. Shirley helped me pod peas and I gave her pail full. She and I to Home Bureau tea at Miller Park Pavilion in p.m. We took Debbie. We stopped uptown. I got cloth for Christmas Good Will bundles. Fixed peas. Put 4 pints and 2 quarts in freezer. We went to Community Club picnic at CRs.

Friday, June 15, 1956. Fair to partly cloudy. Rained at 6 PM. Pete and I left at 7:00 for *cousin* (unclear) Rufus Ropp's funeral. Was at 3:00. We got there at 11:00. Started home at 4:30. Rained most of way until we got to Pontiac. Just poured at Gardiner. Our car quit just this side of Towanda. Timing gears. Filling station attendant took us to Normal. [Brought] Mary's car home. Paul to Bible School and to band practice. They had their program in evening.

Saturday, June 16, 1956. Fair, quite warm. I went to work at 7:00. Nearly sick with boil or infected nose. Have awful looking nose. Doctors HP Sloan and Wellmerling gave me Penicillin

and Terramycin. Girls brought me home from work and helped pod peas. Pete had picked them. He was up town in morning. Girls cleaned up kitchen and bath. I put hot packs on nose. Martha Jo got here at 6:00. She took us to Edgar's. Dot washed and set my hair. Girls home. Paul with them. Helped mow lawn.

Sunday, June 17, 1956. Mostly cloudy. Rained in morning and again at 4:30. My nose better, (unintelligible) some. We went to church and to girls for dinner. We and Allens to Bill Burky and Jo Ann *Steider* (sp?) wedding at Washington. Allen usher. Martha Jo kept Debbie. Paul home. Bluffton choir at Carlock yet so Ronnie rode home with us. He and Martha Jo to church for lunch. We all went to church. Choir gave concert. Very good. Bill Schantz and Jim Bishop here all night. Ronnie and Martha Jo left at 12:15 for Bluffton.

Monday, June 18, 1956. Mostly fair and hot and very humid. Allen took boys to church. They left for Bluffton at 7:15. I washed and got dinner. Rev. Keeney here for dinner. Pete went with him to solicit for B[luffton] C[ollege]. I ironed in p.m. Paul to band in a.m. with Ruth Orns. He mowed lawn in p.m. Pete and I to Roy's little while in evening. Rained in night.

Tuesday, June 19, 1956. Mostly fair. Looked stormy in evening. Hot and humid. Picked peas in pod them. Canned 7 pints. Pete and I to town. Took eggs in and got car at garage. I transplanted plants in garden. Pete took Allen and Paul to father-son banquet at church. I was at girls.

Wednesday, June 20, 1956. Mostly fair, hot and humid. We picked cherries at CRs. I canned 1 1/2 quarts, froze 5 quarts and made 7 pints preserves. Went to club meeting at Pearls. Pete plowed beans in p.m. and helped Glen bail hay in evening. Jeanette and I to choir practice. Paul at Allens for supper and they went fishing.

Thursday, June 21, 1956. Hot and humid. Looked rainy in evening. Cleaned up house and worked some in garden. Pete plowed beans in morning. Helped Glen bail hay and bailed load of ours that had gotten wet. I met Walker Ropp at train at 3:45. Took him to several nursing homes to see about getting Minnie into one. We all went to CRs for picnic supper. Allens, Roys and Mother there. Paul to Jersey Parish at Fisher with CRs.

Friday, June 22, 1956. Partly cloudy. Had shower in morning and again at 10:00 p.m. Hot. Pete and I took Walker to Meadows home in morning. Paul to band. We were all at Mothers for dinner, Mabel too. Pete and she home right after dinner. I took Walker to another nursing home. Mother home with us and here for supper. Pete plowed beans in p.m. and evening. I took Walker to town at 8:00. He met some friends and went to Minier. Pete and I got cattle out of oats. Paul to ballgame.

Saturday, June 23, 1956. Fair, hot, 90°, humid. Washed. Had quite a bit. Done Saturday cleaning and worked some and garden. Paul hoed some weeds. I sowed endive. Baked cake and shortcake. Picked beans for supper. Pete finished plowing beans first time. Plowed truck patch in garden in p.m. Edgars, Mother and girls here for supper. Mary brought them. First time EA was here since his illness. Dorothy done hair. Paul to choir practice.

Sunday, June 24, 1956. Fair, hot. Went to church and to Lake Kennel at Washington to Missouri reunion. Girls went too. Paul home, he played ball at Ray's. I went to Allens awhile in evening.

Stayed with Debbie while Shirley took Allen to town. He's going on fishing trip with hatchery men. Paul Scheets gave them \$100 each for their trip.

Monday, June 25, 1956. Mostly fair. Had shower at 11:00. Washed. Clothes line broke after had all clothes on. Took Paul and Harlan Orns to band practice. Picked peas. Canned 9 pints. Done ironing after got peas canned. Hoed roses in evening and helped Pete cased eggs. Pete laying by corn. Paul helped me some and cased eggs in p.m. He has sore back.

Tuesday, June 26, 1956. Partly cloudy, windy, cooler. Sprinkled little in p.m. I picked beans and canned 14 quarts. Pete worked around here in morning. We went to Carl Ziebarth funeral in p.m. Mother along. We took Aunt Annie home and stopped to see Uncle Henry. We went to Friendship Circle picnic at church in evening. We had our first fried chicken.

Wednesday, June 27, 1956. Fair, much cooler. I worked in garden all day. Sure was tired. Pete laying by corn. Paul mowed some lawn. We went to choir practice. Had refreshments for Luella Mishler who is leaving for Arizona.

Thursday, June 28, 1956. Clear and cool. A beautiful day. I canned 4 quarts beets. Baked custard, cornbread, coffee cake and rhubarb crunch. Done cleaning in p.m. Girls here after work. Got beets, peas and beans. Pete finished laying by corn and plowed some beans and bailed hay at Glenn's. I went to alumni meeting.

Friday, June 29, 1956. Fair, nice day, little warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Picked beans and canned 7 quarts after got home. Baked cake and cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Kept Debbie while Allens and Paul went fishing. Allen got back from Minnesota at 6 AM. Fishing not too good. Pete helped Glenn with hay and plowed beans. He went to town in a.m. and took Paul to band.

Saturday, June 30, 1956. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00. Brought Mother and Edgars along out. We cleaned fish that Allen brought home and had them for supper. Real good. Allens and girls here too. Had ice cream too. Pete plowed beans. Paul clipped oats in morning. Pete finished. Paul to choir with Jeanette. Dorothy fixed our hair. Shirley got home. *Deb* (unclear) here.

Sunday, July 1, 1956. Fair, hot, nearly 100°. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and to girls for dinner. Allens and Ed and Delia there too. Allen worked. Pete and I to church in evening. Mr. Martens of MCC spoke on Disaster Service of Mennonite men.

Monday, July 2, 1956. Cloudy in morning. Looked rainy but little cooler in evening. Washed and picked beans in morning. Went after Paul at 11:00. He went to band with Orns. Canned 11 quarts beans and done ironing in p.m. Pete finished plowing beans second time and made fence. Shirley washed here in morning. They're out of H₂O. Took her home and helped her hang up clothes. Took her the cooker in evening. She canned beans too.

Tuesday, July 3, 1956. Rained in early morning and some during day. Had about an inch. I baked cookies and pie and dusted up house and put ruffled curtains in kitchen. Went to town in p.m. Took eggs and took student nurses to Booker T. Washington home. Had some gifts for them for Christian Life group. Dressed two chickens when got home. Robert and *Jiny* (sp?) Hinthorn spent day with Paul. Pete helped Dale shell corn in a.m. We were at girls for supper. Edds there.

Wednesday, July 4, 1956. Cloudy, much cooler in evening and rather foggy. Went to work at 7:00. Edds here in p.m. Mother came out with me from work. I got things ready for supper. We all went to Roys for picnic supper. I took chicken and some of the things. Girls and Edds there too. Allens had all of Shirley's folks. Edds here all night.

Thursday, July 5, 1956. Cloudy, cool, around 70°. Edds left at 9:30 for home. Pete to Service Company meeting. I picked beans and canned 6 quarts and washed some. Close dried pretty good. I picked early peas yet for supper. Last of them. Mended some and helped Pete cased eggs. Also cleaned upstairs. Paul cut weeds in beans.

Friday, July 6, 1956. Fair, much warmer. Done cleaning and ironed. Went to annual home Bureau meeting at East Bay camp. Mrs. Stanley Lantz new president. Pete made fence and got chicken feed. I took Paul and Harlan [Orns] to band. Glenn's got them. Pete picked raspberries. Put quart and pint in freezer. We went to girls a while before going to choir. They left at 10:15 on bus for Missouri. Allen's at choir practice.

Saturday, July 7, 1956. Fair, nice day. Cooler in evening. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Worked in garden a while. Defrosted icebox. We went to town in p.m. Pete had haircut and I got groceries. Paul to choir with Jeanette. Came home with us. Mother along home. We planted some yellow beans and picked beans for supper. Edgars here for supper. He drove car out. Ronnie got here at 7:00. Came alone. Pete and Paul made fence. Pete plowed truck patch.

Sunday, July 8, 1956. Rained early in morning. Cloudy until noon. Much cooler. Rather windy. We went to church. Edgars, Mother and we went to State Farm Park for picnic dinner. Pete and boys went swimming. Allens here for lunch. They were to church too and sang in choir. We and Ronnie to church in evening. Rev. Harders and Myrtella [Lehman] here after church. Had ice cream.

Monday, July 9, 1956. Mostly cloudy, rather windy, cold. I washed. Had a big one. Lots of Ronnie's close. They got dry. I baked cake and got things ready for supper and ironed. We went to Dr. Nord's for supper. 4-H. Big crowd and nice evening. Clear and chilly. Paul Thietje had coronary thrombosis at Mobile Alabama. He and Henrietta were visiting at Paul's brother.

Tuesday, July 10, 1956. Fair, nice day. Finished ironing and canned 10 pints beans. Went to work 3 to 11. Relieved Schertz. Men mowed hay and bailing at CRs. Karl Shulty passed away.

Wednesday, July 11, 1956. Fair, nice day, cool. Went to work 7 to 3. Was a short night. Men baling hay at CRs and Glenn's. I picked a bucket full of pickles. We went to choir practice in evening. Ronnie raked some of our hay after supper.

Thursday, July 12, 1956. Showered in morning. Warm and humid. I baked cookies, cake, coffee cake and rhubarb crunch. Pete took truck to town, had work done on it. I went in our car and Ron took Jo's car. Met them at noon. We ate at Jefferson. Ron to Rev. Harder's and we bought drapes for living room. Pete raked hay after got home. Mother along home. We mended for Ronnie and got things ready for Farm and Home Bureau picnic at Laesch's. Pete and Ron baled two loads of hay.

Friday, July 13, 1956. Partly cloudy, looked rainy in p.m. Cooler. I washed and done cleaning. Men raked hay and baled it in p.m. So glad to get it up. I went to Mother's for dinner. Marguerite [Burwitz], Zelma, Uncle Henrys and Mabel there too. Brought Mabel home. Ironed and got things ready for supper. I went to shower at Donna *Hanter* (sp?) for Dorothy Smith King. Ronnie and Paul and Allens went fishing.

Saturday, July 14, 1956. Fair, cool, nice day. I packed lunch for Ronnie. He left at 11:15 for Bluffton. I went to hospital at 8:30. Stayed with Mrs. Harder. She had breast biopsy. Got along okay. I went to Edgars after left hospital at 5:30. Dot fixed my hair. Mother there to. She stayed for supper. Pete's started combine oats at CRs in p.m. Ron cut some oats in morning.

Sunday, July 15, 1956. Partly cloudy, quite humid in a.m. Rained at noon. Went to church. Ed Herrs, Shirley, Aldine Zimmerman, and Mrs. Combs joined our church. We were home for dinner and in p.m. I recopied some of my diary. We went to church in evening. Went to Rev. Harder's a while. Had ice cream.

Monday, July 16, 1956. Rained in morning. Sun shone in p.m. Had another shower in evening. I washed, hung close out after dinner. Done ironing. Took boys to band. Picked bucket of cucumbers. Pete and Paul to 4-H fairground in p.m. Helped with cook house. We went to bus station in evening. Met girls at 9:30. They got back from Missouri.

Tuesday, July 17, 1956. Foggy morning, mostly fair. I baked cake and iced it. Baked butterscotch pie and custard. Picked beans, canned 6 pints. Had some for dinner. Dressed 2 chickens. Canned 4 quarts dills. Made salad and cut some weeds. Pete took eggs to town and worked on combine and mowed weeds. Mended some in evening.

Wednesday, July 18, 1956. Cloudy morning. Partly cloudy in p.m. Showered little app 4:30. Went to work at 7:00. Mother along home with me. Got things ready for picnic supper. Garfield Club picnic at it Ed Miller's. Pete combined a while in p.m. Then broke down. Got it fixed about time it showered. Allen's to choir practice. Paul helped combine at [Lloyd] Singleys in p.m.

Thursday, July 19, 1956. Mostly fair, shower little in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Was busy. Went uptown with girls. Looked little for dress. They came out for supper. We had sweetcorn. Allen's here too. Pete picked a few apricots in morning. Pete combined at CRs in p.m. We picked cucumbers for Shirley.

Friday, July 20, 1956. Mostly fair. Went to work at 7:00. Was real busy. Done cleaning after got home. Pete combining in p.m. at CRs. Worked late. I went to committee meeting at R. L. Hartzler's to plan for reception for Hoovers. Quite cool!

Saturday, July 21, 1956. Mostly fair, nice day. Mostly fair, nice day. Washed some. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Baked cake. Paul cleaned garden paths. Pete finished, combining CR's oats at noon. Started on ours in p.m. Park's [Park Hastings?] man helped combine. CR to Chicago in p.m. I went to town a little. Mother along home. Editors, Allen's and girls here for supper. Dorothy fixed hair.

Sunday, July 22, 1956. Fair, cool, nice day. We went to church and to Bill Mosiman's at Mackinaw for dinner. Had nice time. They have nice home. Allens, Mother and Mrs. Yeakel to

Arthur, Illinois. See flower gardens. Went after church. Girls to Edd's for dinner. Were home in evening.

Monday, July 23, 1956. Mostly fair, partly cloudy in p.m. Had little sprinkle at 5:00. Washed and done ironing. Worked in garden a while in morning and again in evening. Pete combining. Paul and Ray helped. I took truck load of oats to Yuton. Pete had to quit on account of shower. CR gone. We cased eggs in evening and culled chickens. Allen helped some.

Tuesday, July 24, 1956. Fair, real foggy morning. I canned 7 qts. apricots and 3 1/2 pints marmalade. Pete to town in morning. He finished combining oats. Sure glad to be done. CR clipped some of our oats while Pete combined. I picked 5 gallons cucumbers. Took them to Shirley. Also some apricots. I fixed sweet pickles. We went to Allen's for supper and we went to Lake fishing. No catch. Pete to Service Company meeting.

Wednesday, July 25, 1956. Fair. Much warmer in p.m. Pete to Service Company meeting at Springfield in morning. I worked in garden. Have it all hoed. Paul mowed some yard and helped bale hay at Albert *Metler's* (sp?) in p.m. Shirley and I to town in p.m. I got gray dress for Ronnie's wedding. Mother along to town. She came along home for supper. We went to choir practice. Allens along. Paul kept Debbie.

Thursday, July 26, 1956. Fair, hot, 90°. I baked cookies, pie and cake and iced it. Picked cucumbers. Gave Shirley a few small ones and gave Mother the rest of them. Washed some and ironed. I went to Nurses Home at 3:30 to help with ice cream social. Done fairly well. I took cake. Pete and Paul baling hay at Mohr's for CRs. They went to Nurses Home for supper. Then we went to El Paso to funeral home to see Edna Weirmann.

Friday, July 27, 1956. Fair, hot, 97°. Went to work at 7:00. Not very busy. Pete and Paul baling hay for CR at Mohr's. Got done. I done all of cleaning when got home and fixed syrup for sweet pickles. Men got home at 7:30. Allen done chores.

Saturday, July 28, 1956. Cloudy in a.m., fair in p.m. Sprinkled little at noon. Went to work at 7:00. Mabel, Mother and I to see A. Martha after work. Mother took drink and Mabel cupcakes. Edgars, Mother and girls here for supper. Dot fixed hair. Ed *Herrs* (sp?) and Carla here awhile in evening. They ate watermelon. Paul on 4-H tour. Pete bale straw on Fagerburg's. Paul to ballgame. Cooler.

Sunday, June 29, 1956. Fair much cooler. Lovely day. We went to church and to girls for dinner. Mother and Edds there. Allens at Yeakels. Edgars were to be at girls but EA got sick in church. Fainted, B. P. dropped. We stopped there on way home. EA feeling much better. Up some. Allens here for dinner. We cased eggs. Paul to ballgame with Mabel.

Monday, July 30, 1956. Fair, nice day, little warmer. Washed. Took boys to band. Canned 7 1/2 quarts sweet pickles. Done ironing. Picked cucumbers. Pete raked straw until 10:30. Then helped Glenn [Orns] bale straw rest of day. CR gone. They baled two loads of our straw after he got home. Paul raked straw in p.m. I went to church board meeting. Got charcoal grill from Allen's [for her birthday].

Tuesday, July 31, 1956. Partly cloudy. Looked rainy in evening. Took eggs to town, brought Mother out. Shirley here too. We canned 5 pints corn. Shirley and I fixed some for locker. Had 5 quarts and 4 pints. She took it to town. We rented a locker freezer, about full. Girls here after work. Fixed corn for them. They put it in freezer. A big day. Mother home with girls. We went to 4-H ball tournament. Junior team won. Big team lost.

Wednesday, August 1, 1956. Rain some in morning, fair in evening. I canned for quarts applesauce, made apple pie and custard. Dressed 2 chickens. Fixed 5 quarts and 2 pints corn for locker. Got things ready for supper. We went to farewell supper at church for Dr. Troyers who are moving to Goshen Indiana. Allens along.

Thursday, August 2, 1956. Mostly cloudy, foggy in morning. I washed some. Shirley and I to \$1 Day & such a crowd. Got overalls for Paul. Went to dentist. Left my upper dentures. Had tooth broken out. Hung clothes out when got home. Went back to town at 3:30 to dentist and got dressed at will and mail on sale. Men baled straw at CRs in p.m. Rev. Harders here awhile. Got corn.

Friday, August 3, 1956. Had about 1 inch rain. Much warmer in p.m. Fair in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Done cleaning when got home and picked lima beans. Put 3 quarts and 2 pints in freezer. Paul worked on calves and got things ready for fair. Pete worked on barn at Fagerburg and mowed weeds in p.m.

Saturday, August 4, 1956. Fair, hot, 90°. Went to work at 7:00, rather busy. Pete mowed weeds. Paul worked on calves. They finished bailing CRs straw in PM. I went to Dorothy's after work. She fixed my hair. Girls came out in evening. We canned 16 pints corn for them and me.

Sunday, August 5, 1956. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church. Work home for dinner. CR, Ray and Paul took feed to Fairgrounds. Girls and mother came out in evening.

Monday, August 6, 1956. Real foggy in morning. Cleared away, little cooler. Washed and done ironing and shortened gingham dress. Truck took Paul's and Ray's cattle to fair. Paul took Daisy Mae and Belle and two ducks. Got first on his ducks. Pete pulled weeds in beans in morning. Girls and we went to fair in evening. Girls paid our supper. Edds came in evening, got pickles.

Tuesday, August 7, 1956. Fair, nice day. I picked lima beans. Put 4 quarts and 3 pints in locker. Shirley and I to town in p.m. We helped at cook house 2 to 8. Were real busy. Allen and Pete came out for supper. Debbie at Mother's. Girls along out.

Wednesday, August 8, 1956. Partly cloudy. Showered some in evening. Looked rainy. Went to work at 7:00. Girls came out after work. Ida made pillows for me to give Martha Jo. Mary washed windows for me and I waxed kitchen and bathroom floors. Pete and I to fair awhile in evening.

Thursday, August 9, 1956. Cleared off in morning. Nice day. We went to fair at 8:00. Mother along. Paul showed, got 6th on Daisy Mae and 7th on Belle. I came home in p.m. Pete brought cattle in truck. I shortened new drapes and put them up. Phils, Earls and we went out to Tobin's Ranch House. Had nice time. Paul at Allens for supper.

Friday, August 10, 1956. Fair, washed some and ironed. Cleaned up house. Baked cake and cookies. Picked lima beans. Paul mowed lawn. Pete mowed some pasture and pulled weeds. We went to girls for supper. EA's there. Dorothy fixed hair. Ronnie, Martha Jo and Mrs. Emerick got here at 10:30.

Saturday, August 11, 1956. Fair, nice day. Washed for Ronnie. We dressed two chickens. I iced cake. Pete, Ronnie and Martha Jo to town in morning. Pete and I to Mrs. Elizabeth Bohrer's funeral in p.m. Pete pallbearer. Mother along to funeral. MJ ironed Ronnie's shirts. I finished them. We went to Roys in evening. Pearl and Mabel gave shower for Martha Jo. Was real nice. She got lots of nice things.

Sunday, August 12, 1956. Fair, quite warm and humid. We went to church. Ronnie sang solo. We were all at Mother's for dinner. Roys, Edgars, CRs, Edds and girls there. We helped her with dinner. She had it in basement. Edds and girls and Allens here in evening. Martha Jo packed up her gifts. Had big rain and wind and electrical storm in night.

Monday, August 13, 1956. Cloudy, raining in morning. Partly cloudy PM. The folks left for Ohio at 5:40. We went to bed a while. I washed clothes. Dried pretty good. Paul Fowler here for dinner and supper. Pete and I to town in p.m. I got blue dress. Done ironing in evening. Pete and Allen took Paul Ray home and went to see about Becker place but it's rented to Floyd Mohr.

Tuesday, August 14, 1956. Fair, rather warm, air cool. Paul and I to State Fair with CRs. Laura and May along too. Took our lunch. Pete finished clipping pasture and pulled weeds in beans. We went to Allens awhile in evening. Roy here in evening. Asked about renting his place. Glenn [Orns] is moving. Pete took eggs to town.

Wednesday, August 15, 1956. Fair, quite warm. Picked lima beans and put 3 quarts and 3 pints in locker. Girls here after work. We dressed 12 chickens, put 10 in locker. Girls took one home and I kept one. Canned 5 quarts tomato juice in p.m. Pete helped Glenn mow hay awhile in morning. Paul stayed with Debbie. Shirley in town. Pete and Paul cut corn in beans. Allen and Pete to Roy's in evening.

Thursday, August 16, 1956. Cloudy, rained in forenoon. Fair in PM. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to town in morning. Shirley along to State Fair for interviews. She starts to work Monday. Girls and I uptown after work. They came out here afterwards. We put four 4 1/2 doz. ears of corn in freezer. Pete cut weeds in p.m. Shirley and Debbie here awhile in evening.

Friday, August 17, 1956. Partly cloudy, sprinkled little in p.m. Done all of cleaning. Washed some and ironed. Kansas 6 quarts tomato juice. Baked brownies and made custard. Pete to town. He and Allen to FHA to see about loan for Allen. We went to Mothers in evening. Dorothy fixed hair. Chas. Hreesers (sp?) at girls all night.

Saturday, August 18, 1956. Partly cloudy. Hot and humid, cooler in evening. Showered little. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul finished cutting weeds in beans. I went to homecoming and alumni banquet at YWCA. Our class was honored, 25 years. Marie [Hastings] and Winifred Maxwell and Marie Maxwell and Mrs. Lawson along. Pete, Roy and Glenn out to eat. Paul at Allens. Shirley picked my lima beans.

Sunday, August 19, 1956. Partly cloudy, real cool, low 70°. Went to church. Herman Buller spoke. Rev. Harders at conference. Went to girls for dinner. I went to *Ilene* (sp?) Fowler's shower at Shirley *Denniston* (sp?). Mabel along. She was at church. Pete and Paul at girls. Mother to Peoria with Uncle Frank and Aunt Min. Billy [Klooz]s and girls here in evening. WT [Klooz] brought wedding gift for Ronnie.

Monday, August 20 19th 56. Fair, real cool, 50°. Had furnace on an evening. Washed and worked in garden awhile in morning. Ironed some in p.m. Finished after supper. Went to town at 3:30. Girls along. Got blue hat and white gloves. Mary got dress. Pete and Paul dug potatoes. Got about 12 bushels. They baled hay at Glenn's in PM. Shirley started to work at State Farm. Debbie at Mrs. Yeakels. I got shoes. Pete got a baby (unintelligible) at Cys for Debbie. Put it upstairs.

Tuesday, August 21, 1956. Fair, real cool, 48°. Allens brought Debbie when they went to work. I baked cookies and two apple pies. Gave Allens one. Cleaned windows. Paul and I to town in p.m. I took Debbie to Dr. McNutt for check on her legs. She's doing okay. Pete mowed hay. Glenn helped him. Paul registered for school. Girls here in evening. We finished pillows for Martha Jo. Dressed three chickens for tomorrow evening. May Mohr here awhile.

Wednesday, August 22, 1956. Fair, fine day. Cleaned up house and sowed lettuce, radishes, and turnips. Picked lima beans and put 2 quarts in freezer. Pete raked hay and they cut some weeds and baled a load of hay. Canned 8 quarts tomato juice. Christian Life group here in evening for picnic. 27 here. Girls brought Mount, Ulrich and Lehman out early. I fixed 3 chickens and nurses brought 2. We showed our pictures in evening.

Thursday, August 23, 1956. Fair, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Men baled hay here. Got done. I canned 6 quarts tomato juice in evening. Shirley here in evening and washed.

Friday, August 24, 1956. Fair and pleasant. Done cleaning. Hung Shirley's clothes out. I washed some and ironed. Canned 4 quarts tomato juice. Pete to town in p.m. Men started painting barns. Edgars, Mother and Hazel here for supper. Dorothy fixed our hair. Phyllis and Mary Joan Yoder at the girls. They came out here awhile. Allens here for supper too. Packed suitcases.

Saturday, August 25, 1956. Fair, fine day. Pete, Paul, mother and I left at 8:00 Bluffton. Met Marvin's there at Shenandoah. He went along. Allen, Shirley and Debbie went in their car. Got to Bluffton at 4:30. Ronnie at the apartment. We visited. Went uptown for supper. Went to rehearsal and to Founders Hall for lunch. We went to Emerick's all-night. Paul stayed with Ronnie. Allens at Roslyn's. (Unintelligible) Paul Fowler choring. Trip went real well. Called on *Linders*(sp?)

Sunday, August 26, 1956. Fair, pleasant day. We went to church. Ate dinner uptown. Ida, Mary, Mabel and Wally Yoder got there at 1:30. Wally drove for Mary. Ron took them and Mother around campus. We went to G Bohrer and to Triplett. Went to Emericks at 3:00 for lunch. We all went to Ronnie and Martha Jo's wedding at 7:30. Was very nice wedding. Ronnie sang. Paul Junior Usher. Allen best man. Shirley bridesmaid. We went to reception at Founders Hall, lots of gifts. We and girls to Emericks all night.

Monday, August 27, 1956. Fair, warmer. We left Emerick's at 5:30. Mabel with us. Marvin Zehr with girls and Wally. We got home at 2:00. Allens got home at 12:00. Girls at 2:10. Mother

stood trip real well. So glad she went along. I washed in p.m. Clothes dried good. I went to committee meeting at RL Hartzler for reception for Hoovers.

Tuesday, August 28, 1956. Fair, warm. Picked lima beans for dinner. Gave Mother some. Done ironing. Pete to town in morning. He got bushel of peaches. Canned 21 quarts [peaches] and 2 pints preserves. Girls came after work. Helped me finish. We done Shirley's ironing in evening. Debbie sick with cold. Pete and Allen to Roy's in evening.

Wednesday, August 29, 1956. Cloudy in morning. Rained some. Fair in p.m. Rained some in evening. Warm and humid. Went to work at 7:00. Canned 8 quarts tomato juice after work. Pete and Paul worked on barn. Pete helped CR bale little hay but too tough. We went to choir practice in evening. Debbie feeling better.

Thursday, August 30, 1956. Partly cloudy. Rained in night. Went to work at 7:00. Baked cake and cookies when got home. Girls came out in evening. We canned 13 quarts tomato juice for Shirley. Pete and I to Edgars yet. Dorothy fixed my hair. Pete and Paul worked on barn.

Friday, August 31, 1956. Fair, went to work at 7:00. Allen with me. Shirley and Debbie in accident on way to work at 150 and Hovey. Were hit by car as Shirley may left turn. Debbie wasn't hurt. Shirley has fractured clavicle and pelvis and awfully bruised. Sure a shock to us all. Abe Mitchell had (R) arm cut off by corn shredder. Such a day. I went to reception for Hoovers given by hospital board, auxiliary and alumni. Pete there also awhile. He met Walker [Ropp] at train.

Saturday, September 1, 1956. Mostly fair, much cooler. Shirley doing as well as she can. Debbie and Mrs. Yeakels. Shirley terribly sore. We went to Ropp reunion at noon. Walker at Roy's for supper. We took him to Meadows to see Minnie in evening. Then took him to Mothers. He stayed there all night. Men finished baling hay at CR and Glens. Alma Y[oder?] (unintelligible) and Carolyn got to girls at 9:30.

Sunday, September 2, 1956. Fair, cool. I went to senior breakfast at 7:00. Helped with it and I got Debbie at Mrs. Yeakels and took her to church. Walker along too. He went to Belvedere reunion with CR and Mother. We were at girls for dinner. Allen too and Eddie's. I went to commencement in p.m. at Wesley Methodist, big crowd. Stopped to see Shirley several times. She is doing fairly well. Doctors say will be 90 days in hospital but we hope not. Girls, Alma and girls here for lunch. Brought Debbie along home. Allen here too.

Monday, September 3, 1956. Fair, fine day. I washed, had big one. Paul took care of Debbie in morning. Edds here a while in morning. Allen to hospital in morning. He isn't working. I ironed some in p.m. Pete and Paul worked some on barn. Paul to 4-H wiener roast at Otto Laeschs. We went to hospital with Allen. Took Debbie and Grandma. Shirley not feeling too good.

Tuesday, September 4, 1956. Fair, little warmer. I finished ironing. Pete and I to Allen's in morning. Worked on potatoes, Dug few. Took Debbie along. Paul to school until noon. They finished digging potatoes in p.m. Pete picked 2 bushels tomatoes for Allen and 2 1/2 for us. Girls came out after work. We canned 19 pints tomato juice. I went to Good Will Circle. Took Allen's tomatoes to mother. Shirley about same.

Wednesday, September 5, 1956. Partly cloudy. Rained in evening. I washed some for Debbie. Canned 5 quarts juice (tomato). Took Debbie to see Shirley in p.m. Shirley feeling some better. I picked our lima beans in evening. Allen to town. We went to choir practice in evening. Jeanette along. Paul kept Debbie.

Thursday, September 6, 1956. Fair, cool, beautiful day. I washed, baked pie and cookies. Took care of Debbie. Pete to Service Company meeting. Girls came out after work. Picked Shirley's lima beans. Got 4 quarts and 4 pints. Gave girls 4 pints. We ironed. Allen to hospital in evening. He bought another car. Pontiac '51.

Friday, September 7, 1956. Fair, real cool, 42°. Went to work at 7:00. Allen and I took Debbie to Mrs. Yeakels. Shirley seems some better. Earl Kaufmans have a boy born at 5:00 PM. We shelled all of our corn in p.m. I done all of cleaning after got home. Allen to hospital in evening.

Saturday, September 8, 1956. Fair, cool, lovely day. Went to work at 7:00. Shirley about same. Edgar's, Mother and girls here in evening for supper. Dorothy fixed Mother and my hair. Girls has theirs done in town. Allen brought Debbie out. Pete shelled corn at CR's in morning and baled hay at Glenns in p.m. Allen to hospital in evening.

Sunday, September 9, 1956. Fair, find a. We went to church. Debbie at Grandma's in morning. Allen to hospital. He, Debbie and Paul at girls for dinner. They went to hospital in p.m. Took Mother along. Pete and I ate a sandwich at girls. Went to Service Company board and employees to Peoria to "Holiday on Ice," then to Jefferson Hotel smorgasbord. Went by bus. Very nice. Girls here in evening until we got home. We stopped to see Shirley.

Monday, September 10, 1956. Cloudy in morning and showered. Cleared off about noon. Real windy. I washed, dried some inside, hung others out at noon. Done ironing and baked cake. We went to CRs for hamburger fry and ice cream. Hay baling crew, Glenn Orns there too and Grandma. Allen went after he got home from hospital. Debbie with us. Shirley about same.

Tuesday, September 11, 1956. Partly cloudy. Sprinkled at noon. I cleaned 2 rooms upstairs. Debbie was good. I was sick in evening, stomach cramps and vomited. Pete helped Roy shell corn in morning. He went to Men's Fellowship in evening. Allen to hospital.

Wednesday, September 12, 1956. Fair, warmer. I feel some better. Washed and ironed. Made 8 bottles catsup. Defrosted icebox. Went to Allen's at 4:30. Girls came out. We cleaned up house and cleaned out icebox. Pete worked over there. Cleaned up around old corn crib. We went to choir practice and stopped to see Shirley.

Thursday, September 13, 1956. Fair, windy, hot, 90s. Made chili sauce. Went to home Bureau at baby fold and canned 9 pints chili sauce after got home and canned nearly 4 quarts tomato juice for Shirley. Debbie at Mrs. Yeakels while I went to Home Bureau. We all went to girls for supper. Mother and Edgar's there. Dot fixed hair. Pete had cattle tested for Bangs [Brucellosis]. Rained in night.

Friday, September 14, 1956. Partly cloudy. Washed for Debbie and some things from my bedroom. Cleaned up whole house and ironed some. Baked cake and got things ready for supper. Pete to town at 11:00. Met Marie at train. He, Marie and Mother to see Aunt Martha in p.m.

Debbie to Mrs. Yeakels in morning. We all went to potluck supper at nurses home for the *Kapp* (sp?) and Adams families, new administrator and business manager. Paul at Dickie M[illers] all night.

Saturday, September 15, 1956. Rained early in morning. Cloudy. Cleared off in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Went uptown little for Shirley. Got Debbie *bassinet* (sp?). Mother and Marie along out, also Paul. We all went to CRs for supper. Mother helped me awhile. We finished ironing and got Debbie ready. Allen brought her home. Paul at Mothers in morning and went to choir practice. Shirley doing quite well.

Sunday, September 16, 1956. Fair, pleasant. Went to work at 7:00. Debbie at Mothers in morning. Pete, Paul and Allen there for dinner. Allen took Debbie to hospital in p.m. Pete and Marie there are two. Then they, Mother and Mabel to Meadows to see Minnie Ropp. Paul and I came home with Allen. Put Debbie to bed.

Monday, September 17, 1956. Beautiful day, cool. Washed, had a big one. Debbie rather fussy but slept a good. Cleaned our bedroom in p.m. Also closets. Ironed while in evening. Pete and Allen to Roy's in evening. They put Shirley in sling.

Tuesday, September 18, 1956. Partly cloudy in p.m. Showered little. Done ironing and cleaned west bedroom and aired bedding in linen closet. Another big day. Pete to town in morning and moved some discs for Roy in p.m. Allen to town in evening. Shirley about same.

Wednesday, September 19, 1956. Fair, real cool. Clean Hall and Cedar closet. Baked cookies, pudding, and custard. Went to club meeting at Nina Fowlers. Took Debbie along. She was good. Cleaned upstairs after got home. We went to choir practice in evening. Allen took Debbie to hospital.

Thursday, September 20, 1956. Fair, Chile, 34°. Went to work at 7:00. Allen took Debbie to Mrs. Yeakels. Girls came out after work. We washed, cleaned up living room, kitchen and bath. Pete and marry to Birkelbaws after supper. Got apples. Allen and I to town. I went to Christian Life. Allen to see Shirley. She's about same. Larry Mohr here in evening, working on science report.

Friday, September 21, 1956. Fair, warmer, real windy. Went to work at 7:00. Mother and Hazel and Paul home with me. Paul had haircut. CRs, Roys, Minnie, Edgars, Marie and girls here too for hamburger and wiener roast. Used our new grill. Ate outside. Everyone brought something. Pete started to combine. He worked late. Debbie here. CR, Ray and Paul to ballgame. Allen to hospital.

Saturday, September 22, 1956. Mostly fair. Rained in evening. I cleaned living and dining rooms. Helped Pete and Paul awhile unload cobs. Dorothy here in p.m. just long enough to pin up my hair. They went to Streator. I went to town, got belt for combine. Washed car when got home. Also cleaned up kitchen and bathroom in p.m. Allen helped Pete a while in evening with combine. Debbie here in evening. Allen to hospital.

Sunday, September 23, 1956. Fair, beautiful day. We went to church. We all to girls for dinner. Edds there too and Allen and Debbie. Mother kept Debbie in morning. We went to hospital

awhile in PM and to funeral home to see Walter Lighthart who passed away yesterday. Allen to hospital in evening. Debbie here.

Monday, September 24, 1956. Fair, nice day. Washed, had big one. Debbie isn't feeling good. Has temp. Seems to have cold, is fussy. I had meeting at hospital but couldn't go on account of Debbie. Ironed some. We went to Friendship Circle wiener roast at Normans. Allen home with Debbie. Slept fairly good. Pete combining.

Tuesday, September 25, 1956. Fair, warmer. Finished ironing. Baked cake, coffee cake and apple crisp. Made salad and got things ready for supper. Debbie still not feeling good. Took her to Dr. Bailen. She has sore throat. He gave her peni[cillin] and medicine. Paul along. Had check up. I went to nurses picnic at North Danvers church. Took some nurses. Pete combining. Finished at Fagerburg. Allen took Debbie to Mrs. Yeakels.

Wednesday, September 26, 1956. Fair, warm, 85°. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Girls came out after work. We cleaned recreation room. Pete to town in morning. He helped move Mr. Kapp. He combined after got home. We went to choir practice. Had sandwiches and cocoa and coffee. Allen to town. Took Debbie to see Shirley. Debbie at Mrs. Yeakels.

Thursday, September 27, 1956. Fair, nice day. I washed and cleaned fruit room in morning and cleaned rest of basement in p.m. Cleaned up the upstairs. Washed my hair. We went to girls for supper. Edgars there. Dorothy fixed our hair. Allen to hospital. We brought Debbie home. Pete finished combine beans. Made 30 bushels [per acre].

Friday, September 28, 1956. Fair. Baked two pies, cake and custard. Done all of cleaning and ironed. Had Debbie. Pete to town in p.m. Made 1 quart tomato juice. I went to nurses home at 5:30. Helped Goodwill Circle serve men of Mennonite churches. Lloyd Ramseyer speaker. Pete at supper. Paul to school party and to ballgame. Allen didn't feel so good. Debbie at Mrs. Yeakels.

Saturday, September 29, 1956. Fair, warm. Cooler in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Paul to choir in p.m. Then I took him to Dr. Wellmerling. He hurt his hand at school Thursday playing volleyball. I cooked apples in evening and took care of Debbie. Allen brought her after work. He went to hospital in evening.

Sunday, September 30, 1956. Cloudy in the morning, fair in p.m., cool. We went to church. Took Debbie along. Girls kept her. She was good. We were home for dinner. Girls and CR and Ray here. Mabel, Mohrs and Mother at Fort Knox to see Gordon. Pete and I took nurses to Eureka. They gave program for Roanoke church. Was good. Allen took Debbie to hospital. Then Mary kept her. Paul there too.

Monday, October 1, 1956. Fair, nice day. Washed. I had been one. Done some ironing. Dusted up house. Baked cookies. 4-H club here in evening. Around 60 here. Jeanette helped me. She furnished cookies. I made orange drink. Debbie good. Pete worked on crib at Fagerburg.

Tuesday, October 2, 1956. Fair. I finished ironing. Cleaned bathroom and cleaned some of cupboards in kitchen. Pete had foundation poured for corn crib at Fagerburg. He and CR to

Mothers in evening. Got some logs from tree that she had cut down. I went to Good Will Circle with Jeanette. Allen to hospital.

Wednesday, October 3, 1956. Mostly cloudy. I finished cleaning cupboards in kitchen and cleaned kitchen. Another big day. Tired. Floyd Mohr opened cornfields for us and CR. Pete combined beans that was replanted last spring. Allen took Debbie to hospital in evening. We went to choir. Paul's hand about same. CRs have new car.

Thursday, October 4, 1956. Fair. Washed. Had big one. Baked pies, custard and coffee cake. Ironed. Cleaned up bedrooms. Pete helped Glenn Orns sort hogs. Brought Allen's gilts down here. I went to Christian Life meeting in evening. Rev. Harder started Bible study. Pete and boys to see Shirley. Allen took Debbie to Mrs. Yeakels.

Friday, October 5, 1956. Fair. I went to work at 7:00. Pete and CR started asking corn at CRs. I cleaned upstairs and living room after got home. Paul to ballgame at Dwight with CRs. Allen to hospital. Pete and I to Mother's. Dorothy fixed my hair. We took her home. Shirley is sitting up more.

Saturday, October 6, 1956. Partly cloudy in morning. Real windy in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Pete husking [corn] at CRs. CR gone. Paul and Ray helped. Paul to choir practice. I washed after got home. Mother and girls came out. Mary and Mother picked tomatoes at Allen's and they dressed three chickens. They each got one and I took one. Allen brought Debbie home.

Sunday, October 7, 1956. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church. Allen to hospital. Debbie to Grandma's. Pete and boys there for dinner. I went to church. We had communion. Ms. *Nickrent* (sp?) carried book for me while I was gone. We went to church in evening. Took nurses. Trio sang. Mr. Koop gave talk on the work with Indians in Arizona.

Monday, October 8, 1956. Fair, Chile. Went to work at 7:00. Pete husking corn at CRs. Paul home. Teachers Institute. Jonathan Rupp here to spend today. I washed out some things when got home and ironed some. Debbie kinda fussy. I went to church board meeting. Allen to hospital.

Tuesday, October 9, 1956. Fair, real chilly in morning. Went to work at 7:00. Debbie at Mrs. Yeakels. I baked cake and pudding and finished ironing and washed out some things when got home. Pete shucking corn at CRs. Finished one field. We went to Men's Fellowship in evening. OJ Sommer spoke on Palestine. Mary and David [Colter] here.

Wednesday, October 10, 1956. Fair, cold in morning, 34°. Went to work at 7:00. Pete worked on crib. CR gone. I done washing after got home. Girls came out for supper and Allen's birthday. We went to choir practice. Allen and Debbie to hospital. Paul with Derald Leasch to solicitate for Community Chest.

Thursday, October 11, 1956. Fair, quite warm and windy. Went to work at 7:00, got off at 11:30. Went to Home Bureau meeting, Mrs. Gerber's. Canned 6 quarts tomato juice when got home and washed out some things. Pete husk corn in morning. Worked on crib in PM and helped on Roy's dump in evening. We went to girls for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Louise *Schalk* (sp?) passed away in morning.

Friday, October 12, 1956. Fair, warm and windy. Went to work at 7:00. Shirley got up in chair for first. She's real thrilled about it. Pete husk corn all day. Ground feed in evening. I cleaned upstairs, bedrooms and living room. We went to funeral home in evening to see Louise S. Mother along. Paul home with Debbie. Allen to hospital.

Saturday, October 13, 1956. Fair, warm. Went to work at 7:00. Got off at 1:00. We went to Louise S. funeral. Pete and CR pallbearers. Funeral at Flinspach [funeral home]. Pete finished shucking the north field of our corn in morning. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Washed out some things and baked cake. Allen to hospital. Debbie here. Shirley had headache most of day. Up in chair in evening.

Sunday, October 14, 1956. Fair to partly cloudy. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and home for dinner. Paul played ball at Leaschs. Debbie at Mothers in morning. She and Allen there for dinner. He took them to hospital while in p.m. We were home in evening. Allen to hospital. Edds here awhile on their way home. They were at girls for dinner.

Monday, October 15, 1956. Showered early in morning. Fair in p.m. Washed, had good-sized wash. Done ironing in p.m. Baked coffee cake and custard for Debbie. Pete husking corn. Gordon helped. CR gone. Allen to hospital in evening. Harold and Helen [Patton] took wieners. They had their supper in Shirley's room.

Tuesday, October 16, 1956. Fair, warm, in 80s. Dusted up house. Washed out some things. Washed car. Made dessert for supper. I took Debbie to Dr. McNutt in p.m. Stopped to see Shirley. Took Debbie to Mothers while I shopped. Got Debbie dress for her birthday. Got Paul at barbershop. He had haircut. Pete helped Glenn [Orns] shell corn in morning. Husk in p.m.

Wednesday, October 17, 1956. Fair, warm, in 80s. Done some baking and washed out some things. Debbie and I went with Pearl to Garfield [School Club] meeting at Forest Park. Losers entertainment winners. I was winner. They served the meal. Real nice. Got along fine with Debbie. She was good. We stopped at hospital little. We went to choir practice. Paul with Debbie. Pete husking corn in a.m. Worked on crib in p.m.

Thursday, October 18, 1956. Fair, warm. Washed. Had big one. Baked cookies and done some other baking. Girls came out after work. We cleaned up Shirley's house and picked their tomatoes. Pete finished husking corn in our east field. I went to Christian Life meeting. Allen to hospital. Pete home with Debbie. Mary done ironing for me.

Friday, October 19, 1956. Fair, warm. Cleaned up bedrooms. Went after Mother at 10:00. We got things ready for supper for us and Allens. We picked lima beans and tomatoes. Allen brought Shirley home from hospital at 4:00. She was so glad to be home. We took Debbie over and their supper. Shirley has a wheelchair. She feels pretty good. Debbie didn't sleep good. She's taking cold. Pete husk [corn] at CRs. We took Mother home.

Saturday, October 20, 1956. Partly cloudy. Little cooler. Done cleaning. Baked pies for supper and cooked chicken. Edgars and girls here for supper. Dorothy fixed my hair. She done Mother's in town. Mother to CRs for wiener roast. They had foreign students. Went to Shirley's little in morning. Paul there awhile. Took care of Debbie. Mrs. Yeakel there. Pete husking at CRs.

Sunday, October 21, 1956. Mostly fair, warm. Went to church. Girls took us to El Paso, smorgasbord. Was real good. Went to Cheese House after got back to town. I stayed with Shirley in evening while Allen chored. Pete and Paul there awhile too. Debbie feels little better. They had company in p.m. Glenn Raders, Eddies and Edward Y[eakels], Mabel, Roberta and Mrs. Cutter.

Monday, October 22, 1956. Fair, nice day. Washed. Had big one. Done ironing in p.m. Went to Allens awhile before noon. Debbie's cold better but rather fussy. Mrs. Yeakel there. Mother done Allen's washing. CRs here for dinner. They started shucking at Fagerburg in a.m. Worked on new crib in p.m. Paul home early. School out at 2:00. Took Debbie birthday gift order. Got her a dress.

Tuesday, October 23, 1956. Fair. Dressed to chickens. Dave Allen's one. Baked cake and coffee cake. Made salad. Cleaned china closet. Pete shucking corn. We all went to supper at church. Friendship Circle gave farewell for Norman and Mary Lou [Vercler]. OI was at Allens a while in morning. Debbie some better.

Wednesday, October 24, 1956. Fair, chilly in morning. Cleaned silverware in morning. Went with Pete at 9:00. Helped him fill crib. Then we worked on new crib and moved dump. I went to town in p.m. to get piece fixed on [corn] picker. CR and Gordon gone to sale. We went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, October 25, 1956. Mostly fair. Very windy and dusty. I done Allen's washing and some for us. Cleaned upstairs, also bedrooms and ironed in p.m. I took clothes to Shirley. She's getting along okay. Mrs. Yeakel there. Debbie's cold better. Pete shucking corn. Filled new crib. I went to alumni meeting at nurses home. Rained 1/2 inch in evening. Was so nice.

Friday, October 26, 1956. Mostly fair, cool. I went to work at 7:00. Pete to service company meeting. I cleaned up living and dining rooms in evening. Also kitchen and bath. We all went to girls for supper. Dorothy done hair. Mother at Allens all day. Mrs. Yeakel to Mo. (?) Mother to girls. She stayed here all night.

Saturday, October 27, 1956. Mostly fair, Chile. Went to work at 7:00. Paul to [Laura and May] Mohr's. Picked corn for Sunday School class. Then they had wiener roast here in evening. Pete shucked 2 loads corn in morning and hauled them to Yuton. Shucked 2 loads in p.m. CRs gone to Champaign. Our pump at deep well quit. Pete got H2O for cattle at Roy's. Couldn't get pump fixed this p.m.

Sunday, October 28, 1956. Fair, fine day. Went to church. Home for dinner. Mother and girls here. We went to Meadows in p.m. to see Minnie Ropp. Girls visited with Mrs. Troyer. I took Paul and Larry [Mohr] to wiener roast at Carol Frink at 5:00. Stopped at Allens awhile. Mother and girls to town. We went to church in evening. Christian Life girls gave program. We took some of them. Mohrs [Laura & May] brought Paul home.

Monday, October 29, 1956. Fair, nice day. Washed and baked cake. Ironed. Went to graduate meeting at Nurses Home at 2:30. Finished ironing after got home. Pete finished shucking corn. Sure glad he's done. Corn at Fagerburg's made around 75 bushels [per acre]. CR gone again so

Pete worked alone. We went to girls for supper. Norman [Vercler]s, Eddies and Leon [Smucker]s there.

Tuesday, October 30, 1956. Fair, foggy in morning. Cleaned up house. Made salad. Cleaned some windows. Got things ready for supper. Normans, Eddies, Cliff Frazer & Louise Maurer, Allens and girls here. We showed our pictures. Dr. McNutt told Shirley she could start walking.

Wednesday, October 31, 1956. Fair, warm. Cleaned up house and basement. Made salad. Took Debbie to Dr. Bailen in p.m. Had her second polio shot. Mother along uptown. She came along out to CRs. Allen, has temp. I went to town in morning. Got him some medicine. Choir had a wiener roast here. A farewell for Norman[Vercler]s who are going to Bluffton. Had good crowd. Ate outside

Thursday, November 1, 1956. Foggy in morning. Fair, warm. Went to Allens a while. Got there washing done. Done it and my washing to. Allen still not feeling good. Done ironing in p.m. Baked pie, cooked chicken, got things ready for supper. We went to nurses home. (Unintelligible) had supper for Normans. Paul at Mothers. EA's there. Dot pinned up my hair.

Friday, November 2, 1956. Fair, another fine day. We put storm windows on in morning. I went to auxiliary meeting at 11:00. Went uptown little. Done cleaning after got home. Allen to Dr. in morning. Had penicillin. Guess he has flu. Pete cleaning out henhouse. He went to meeting at Stanford in evening in regard to Crop program.

Saturday, November 3, 1956. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete finished henhouse and ground feed. Helped Allen get stove from Stella Hastings. Gave Allen penicillin before I went to work. He feels some better but didn't go to work. Paul to choir with Jeanette. Pete and I to Clifford Troyer and Louise Mauer's wedding at our church. Very nice. Went to reception too.

Sunday, November 4, 1956. Mostly fair, cooler in evening. Went to church and to girls for dinner. Ed Herra there too. Pete and I to hospital in p.m. to get instructions for open house next Sunday. Girls along home. They and I took Paul and David and Mary [Colter] to church at 5:30 for YPU supper. Paul took cocoa and sandwiches. We were at Allens awhile. Gave him penicillin again. We went to church in evening. Rev. Ummel spoke.

Monday, November 5, 1956. Mostly fair, rained some in night. Washed. Went to Mrs. Smith in p.m. to help varnish stools for Home Bureau. Done some ironing after got home. Went after Paul at 5:00. He had basketball practice. I went to church board meeting in evening. Pete plowed. I washed some for Shirley (diapers). Mother done rest. Picked bucket of lima beans. Mary working on floor again.

Tuesday, November 6, 1956. Clearing in p.m. Much cooler. Pete to town Hall at 6:00. Got home at 8:30 p.m. I went to vote at 8:00 and took Shirley to Normal to vote. Brought her mother along out. I finished ironing and done some of Shirley's ironing. Took Mother to Dr. in p.m. and she had chest x-ray at hospital. I took Mrs. Yeakel to town for Allen. I went to Good Will with Jeanette. Eddies at Allens. They brought their supper.

Wednesday, November 7, 1956. Mostly fair, colder. Baked cookies, coffee cake, custard and pie. Made pie crust for Shirley. Took her cookies and coffee cake too. Waxed kitchen and bathroom

floor in morning. Doug lily bulbs and picked bucket tomatoes. Mended some. Pete carried potatoes in basement. Plowed in p.m. Paul had basketball practice. Came home with Mabel. Shirley stated alone. No choir. Helen has cold.

Thursday, November 8, 1956. Cloudy, cold, 32°, windy. Washed for Allens and went to Home Bureau at Mrs. Lawrence this. I went to Virginia at 3:00, got a permanent. Took Mrs. Hastings and Mother home first. Went to Christian Life meeting in evening. Pete plowed truck patch.

Friday, November 9, 1956. Fair, cold, 20°. Went to work at 7:00. A very busy day. Pete to town in morning. Went to dentist. Took Mother to Dr. again. She has little infection in her one lung. Is getting penicillin. Done cleaning after got home. Didn't get off until nearly 4:00. Pete and Allens to Roy's awhile on some business.

Saturday, November 10, 1956. Fair, quite chilly, 24°. Went to work at 7:00. Quite busy again. Washed before going to work. Ironed in evening and put some hot packs on my leg. Is real sore. Fell on the plow Wednesday evening while going out to carry chickens. Paul to choir practice and to birthday party at a boy friend. He went with Larry Mohr.

Sunday, November 11, 1956. Mostly fair, warmer in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. We had open house at hospital 2 to 4:30. Had big crowd. We served coffee and punch and cookies. Pete was guide for tour and I had to help, also took two groups through then helped serve. Was late when got done. Stopped at Mothers. Gave her penicillin for her cough. Pete to Ida's for dinner. Edds there too. Mary worked. We went to Allens awhile in evening.

Monday, November 12, 1956. Fair, nice day. Cleaned up house. Ironed some. Packed suitcases. We left for Chicago at 11:00. Stopped at hospital first. Got penicillin for my leg. Had one Sunday to. My leg is better. Scotts and we stayed at *Planter* (sp?) Hotel. Norman S stayed at Brevoort [Hotel]. Pete and Scott to meeting awhile. Then we went to show, "No Time for Sergeants." Funny. Girls staying with Paul.

Tuesday, November 13, 1956. Fair, rather windy. We went to breakfast for McLean County people. Had nice time. We women went to Morrison [Hotel] to women's meeting awhile. Then uptown shopping. Got Debbie a dress, hose for girls, Shirley, and Mother. We went to banquet at Morrison for Mr. Herndon then to the 9:30 show at the Sherman hotel. Mother here with Paul. They were at Allens for awhile.

Wednesday, November 14, 1956. Fair, real windy, cloudy in evening. Rained. We got back from Chicago at 11:00. Had a real nice time. Scotts and Normans came back too. Pete plowed in p.m. I went to Shirley's a while. Then put ground on roses and I raked yard. Paul home with Allen. He had ball practice. We went to choir practice in evening. Warm, around 70°.

Thursday, November 15, 1956. Cloudy, rained in morning, really windy. Much colder in p.m. and evening. I washed for Shirley and us. Baked bars and pudding. Went to town in p.m. Took Shirley to Dr. McNutt. She's doing okay. Can stay alone. Debbie at Mothers. Brought Paul home. He was to get haircut but she closed. I gave Mother penicillin again. Allens here for supper. Had waffles and sausage.

Friday, November 16, 1956. Fair, cold, 23°, windy. Cleaned up stairs and all of downstairs and done ironing defrosted icebox. Went to Shirley's at 2:00. Scrubbed and waxed her kitchen floor. I went to town at 3:30. Took Paul to dentist then he got a haircut and came home with Allen. I went to Dorothy's, had hair fixed. Pete got feed in morning and hauled manure in p.m.

Saturday, November 17, 1956. Cloudy in the morning, fair in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Busy again. Paul to choir practice with Jeanette. He went to Mothers after practice and came home with me. Pete plowed in garden in morning. Plowed on Fagerburg in p.m. Cold in morning, 20°.

Sunday, November 18, 1956. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00 until 12:30. Pete and Paul to church. Pete and I to Edgar's for dinner. Paul Thietjes, Val Kampmeiers and Vernon [Woizeski]s there too. Pauls left after dinner. We came home to. Paul at church for dinner. They had basket dinner, mission Sunday. Children gave program. Junior choir sang. Uncle Ludwig passed away this a.m. Girls and Edds here to make plans to go to funeral. I washed. Went to Allens a while. CRs and Mother to Phil Pattons.

Monday, November 19, 1956. Mostly fair until evening. We left for Missouri at 7:30. Went to Edds. Left Mary's car there. Went in Edd's [car]. Went on [Route] 24, seemed farther. Got to Marvin's at 5:15. Ervie and Sadie they are too. Are visiting their Aunts. We all and Marvins to Ervie's for supper. Then Pete and I, girls, Edds and Marvins to Harrisonville to funeral home to see Uncle Ludwig. No one at Uncle Ludwig's home. Didn't see anyone. Pete and I to Marvin's all night. Edds and girls at Ervie's. Paul at Allens. Rained in night.

Tuesday, November 20, 1956. Rained most of morning. Gloomy, much colder in p.m. and missed in some. Helped Francis get things ready for lunch. We all went to Harrisonville to Uncle Ludwig's home at 11:00. Had lunch there. Karl [Klooz]s there too. Orvies & Emils at funeral. WTs in Florida. Nice service. Uncle Ludwig looks nice but thin. We all, Ervies, Arts, Orvies, Emils, Deweys at Marvin's for lunch. So nice to see them all. We left Marvin's for home at 6:00 PM misted some and real windy.

Wednesday, November 21, 1956. Cloudy, snow flurries in p.m. and much colder. We got home at 3:00 a.m. So thankful to be home again safe. I washed some and washed Shirley's bedroom curtains in bedspread. Dried clothes inside. Pete on CROP drive in p.m. I went to club with Pearl to Mrs. Hadden. Done ironing after got home. Girls here. Dressed 2 ducks for them. We went to choir practice. Man hit one of our calves as Pete was taking them across road.

Thursday, November 22, 1956. OC fair. Had few snow flurries. Cold, 15°. Went to work at 7:00. Mary worked to. Ida still on vacation. Pete and Paul spent the day home. Allens to Mrs. Yeakels for dinner. I stirred up cookies in evening and cleaned up bedrooms. Paul dusted upstairs. Thanksgiving Day. Snow some in night.

Friday, November 23, 1956. Done rest of cleaning. We went to town at 10:00. Got Paul suit and shoes. Ronnie and Martha Jo got here at 11:00. They ate lunch here. I had made chili. We got home at 2:00. They were at Shirley's awhile. We all, Allens, Roy's and Minnie were at girls for supper. Was fair in p.m. but chilly. A baked cookies in p.m.

Saturday, November 24, 1956. Cold 5 to 10° above. Mostly cloudy. Few flurries. Fair in evening. I iced cake, cooked cranberries and a made dressing. Ronnie, Jo and I to town in p.m. Done little

shopping and went to see Aunt Martha. She's fine. She gave Ron and Jo silver nut dish and spoon. CRs and Mother got home from (unintelligible) in p.m. We, Allen's, Ronnie and Jo and girls went to Edd's for supper. I made ice cream and cake. Girls took salad. We had turkey.

Sunday, November 25, 1956. Snowed and misted in morning. Snowed quite a lot in p.m. We went to church and were all at Roy's for dinner. CRs, Gordon's, Mother and Allens there. Ronnie and Martha Jo left for Ohio after dinner. Jim Gundy and his girl going back with them. We were home in evening. Mary worked. She and Ida helped serve at reception at church.

Monday, November 26, 1956. Snowed most of morning. Cold, windy. Sun shone some in p.m. I washed, also done Shirley's. Finished hanging up clothes in p.m. after some dried. I done ironing in p.m. Pete to sale at Eureka. Gordon and CR there. Gordon bought machinery. Paul had basketball practice. Came home with Allen.

Tuesday, November 27, 1956. Fair, rather windy. Made cookies for Home Bureau. Went to town at 9:30. Took Mother to get hair fixed. I went to Christmas show at Consistory. Took Merle out to Cheese House and had lunch with her at Streids. Back to Consistory. Helped make sandwiches. Took Mother to dentist in p.m. We went to Friendship Circle in evening. Pete put machinery away.

Wednesday, November 28, 1956. Cloudy, snowed in p.m. Baked rolls. Dusted up house. Covered roses with straw. Washed my hair. Went to Shirley's in p.m. She pinned my hair up. Pete took me to Nurses Home at 5:00. Helped some with chili supper. Pete got Paul at school. They went to Nurses Home for supper. We went to choir practice then to girls for awhile. Helped make fudge for Christmas. We sold beans, \$2.44 a bushel.

Thursday, November 29 1956. Fair, cold, 5 to 8° above. Washed for Shirley and some for us. Cleanup house and mended some. Pete to service company meeting in morning. I went to town at 5:00. Took Paul to school. He has his first basketball game at Trinity. Went to Nurses Home. Girls and I helped serve Boy Scout leaders. Pete to ballgame. Central lost.

Friday, November 30, 1956. Partly cloudy, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Ironed little after got home. We went to girls for supper. We made our fruitcakes. Paul had ball practice after school. He went to Mary's. Pete got feed at Yuton.

Saturday, December 1, 1956. Mostly fair, warm, nice day. Went to work at 7 to 10:30 Mary and Ida off. I took them to Peoria. We shopped some. Pete and Mother to Federal Land Bank dinner Paul to choir practice. Allens here for supper. Had waffles and sausage. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Allen's last day at hatchery.

Sunday, December 2, 1956. Fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Were rather busy. Pete and Paul to church. Allen's there too. First time since Shirley's accident. Paul at Allen's for dinner. Pete ate in town. Then he and Philip to Metamora to meeting (Relief Program). We took Christian Life group to Carlock in evening. They gave program.

Monday, December 3, 1956. Fair, warmer, fine day. Washed. Dried clothes outside. Washed some windows on outside. Pete and I to town at 12:30. Done Christmas shopping. We went to

basketball at NCHS. Paul played, lightweights, lost. Heavyweights won. Allen and Shirley to dentist and Dr. for check-up.

Tuesday, December 4, 1956. Fair, nice day. Done ironing in morning. Went to Phils awhile to see about quartet singing for Christmas party. Harold can't be there so they won't sing. Went to town at 2:00. Took eggs and went to Virginia's. Had hair fixed. Pete to Morton. Helped can meat for [MCC] Relief. We went to Good Will – Friendship Circle, Christmas party at Student Union building. I went early with Mary. We're on committee. 60 there. Mr. Koop played.

Wednesday, December 5, 1956. Rained early in morning. Fair, warm, 60°. I cleaned up basement and put flower seeds away in morning. Baked cookies, coffeecake and pudding for supper. Pete and Allen to Roy Baker's sale. We went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, December 6, 1956. Cloudy, misted and foggy in morning. I washed for Shirley and some for us. Cleaned upstairs. Made salad and baked puddings. Went to see Gordon's house in p.m. Mabel working there. Pete to sale at Colfax with CR and Gordon. Allens started plowing at Roy's but got too wet about 10:30. He took out hog fence in p.m. We went to farm school. Paul at girls after ball practice. Gave H. Meyers [a] shot.

Friday, December 7, 1956. Cloudy and gloomy. Done all of cleaning. Pete to town at 10:30. Got mother. We got ready for company. Uncle Charlie, Elmer [Sieg]s, Art [Sieg]s, Clarence [Sieg]s, Allens, CRs, Gordons and girls here for supper. 27. Ate in basement. Pete went after Walker Ropp at 6:55. He was here all night. CRs and Gordons to NCHS Musical after supper. I went to Henry Meyers. Gave him another shot. He isn't so good. Took him to hospital in night.

Saturday, December 8, 1956. Snowed, sleeted some. Roads slick. Pete took me to work. Had to stop at H Meyers and give her insulin on way to work. Pete took Walker to Meadows to see Minnie [Ropp]. They ate dinner at Mothers. Allens to Margaret Becker's sale. He bought 4-row corn planter. Paul to choir practice. I washed in evening. Had big one.

Sunday, December 9, 1956. Mostly fair, cold, Roads and streets slick. Pete took me to work. He and Paul to church and to girls for dinner. Mary worked too. We addressed Christmas cards in evening.

Monday, December 10, 1956. Partly cloudy, very windy in PM. Snow drifting east and west roads. 4-H meeting postponed. I went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Done ironing after got home and addressed more Christmas cards. Didn't go to church board meeting. Pete got feed at Yuton.

Tuesday, December 11, 1956. Mostly fair, warmer. Snow and ice melted. Roads clear by evening. School buses didn't go in morning on account of drifted roads. I went to work at 7:00. Pete to town in p.m. with Allens. We went shopping after work. We went to Elmer Siegs for supper. Mother and CRs there too.

Wednesday, December 12, 1956. Cloudy, snowed in evening. Went to work at 7:00. I made 2 batches salad for Home Bureau. Paul to Mothers after basketball practice. We went to choir practice. Paul home with us. Pete and Allen to sale.

Thursday, December 13, 1956. Fair, cloudy in evening. Worked 7 – 12. Went to Home Bureau at Mabel's. Was hostess. Meeting at 1:00 p.m. We served sandwiches and salad. Shirley on committee but didn't go. Debbie had cold. I washed for Shirley after got home and dressed 2 ducks for Dorothy. Men to sale. Allen bought tractor. Paul to ballgame at Clinton. We went to Rev. Harder's awhile to wait for Paul.

Friday, December 14, 1956. Cloudy, foggy, misting. Went to work at 7:00. Cleaned up bedroom and living room. Went to girls for supper. Baked 2 batches press cookies and 1 of sugar cookies. Men butchered 2 hogs at CRs. Got one and Allens and us each ½ hog. Paul stayed after school, basketball practice. He went to Christmas party at Rev. Harder's.

Saturday, December 15, 1956. Foggy and misted all day. Went to work at 7:00. Took Ida. Mary off. Dorothy fixed my hair after work. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Cooked head meat and made liver sausage. Men to sale. Allen bought combine. Pete got small tractor. Paul at Shirley's in morning. Helped with Debbie. He went to choir practice.

Sunday, December 16, 1956. Cloudy, foggy most of day. Went to work at 7:00. Wanted off at noon but no one to relieve me. Pete and Paul to church and to Allens for dinner. Edgar's, Mother, girls and Mrs. Yeakel there. I stopped on way home from work. Pete, Paul and I went back for lunch. Rest didn't stay. We went to church in evening. Children gave program. Junior choir sang. Addressed Christmas cards after got home.

Monday, December 17, 1956. Cloudy, colder in p.m. Washed. We went to town at 11:30. Helped Mother with press cookies. We ate lunch there. I went to nurses home to meeting. Dr. Gailey spoke. We went shopping after meeting. Are about done [with Christmas shopping]. We took Paul to basketball game at NCHS. Lightweights lost, heavyweights won.

Tuesday, December 18, 1956. Mostly cloudy, warmer, cold in morning, 10°. Done ironing in morning. Shirley here, washed. They stayed for lunch. I feel kinda bum with cold. Pete to town in p.m. Got more medicine for me. Baked orange cookies in p.m. Girls here. We made 2 batches divinity and caramel candy.

Wednesday, December 19, 1956. Cloudy, misted, real foggy in p.m. and evening. I feel better but can hardly talk. I wrapped Christmas gifts in morning. Finished in evening. Went to club meeting at Marie Hastings. Had our first floor Christmas party, 4 – 5 [p.m.], but didn't go. Too foggy. Men to sale. Pete to committee at church at 6:30. Jeanette didn't go to choir. Too foggy. Paul at Mothers after practice.

Thursday, December 20, 1956. Cloudy, foggy, rained most of day. Baked crescents in morning and kept Debbie while Allens went to dentist. Cleaned upstairs. Went to hospital in p.m. Helped serve at personnel party. Took cookies. Pete got feed in morning. Cleaned up living room in evening. We put up our tree and Paul and I put stencils on windows.

Friday, December 21, 1956. Cloudy, foggy, misted some. I cleaned up bedrooms and dressed 4 ducks in morning. Made centerpieces and finished putting up decorations. Made penuchi candy. We went to girls for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Didn't wash mine on account of cold. Mother there too. Paul to Junior High Christmas party at school. Paul's school out.

Saturday, December 22, 1956. Cloudy, fog lifted in morning. Warm. Washed and ironed. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Made *snow berry* (sp?) cookies. Pete and Paul to town in p.m. Met Marie at train. It was 2 hours late. Shirley washed here in p.m. We, Allens, Mother, Marie & girls at Dorothy's for supper.

Sunday, December 23, 1956. Cloudy, rained and misted some. Colder in p.m. We went to church. Paul home with Allens. Pete and I ate lunch at girls. We went to church at 3:00. Choir gave Christmas program. Mother and Marie there too. Ronnie and Martha Jo got there at 3:10 so they didn't get to help us. We went to Cheese House awhile. We all went to girls for supper. CRs, Mother, Marie, Edgars, Allens there.

Monday, December 24, 1956. Cloudy, rather chilly. Dusted up house. We went to town in morning. Done little shopping. Got ready for company. Roys, CRs, Edgars, Mother, Marie, Allens and girls and Ronnies here for supper. Had oyster stew and chili. Gordons here too. CRs, Pearl and Gordons to Basting tree. We & Edds had Kropf exchange. Edds stayed all night at girls.

Tuesday, December 25, 1956. Cloudy, snowed in evening, roads rather slick. Allens and Ronnie's here for breakfast. We had our gift exchange. Pete and Paul gave me luggage, Allens billfold and Ronnie pearls and earrings. We all went to Mothers for dinner and supper. CRs, Aunt Martha, Allens there too. Gordons there for supper. Mabel, Roberta and I took Aunt Martha home. We women went out to see lights. Eds and Billys at girls.

Wednesday, December 26, 1956. Mostly cloudy, warmer. I went to work at 7:00. Ronnies and Pete to town in morning. Shirley washed here in morning. We all went to Gordons for supper. Had oyster soup and vegetable soup. They have things real nice. Roys there too & Allens. We had Ropp-Bohrer exchange, grab bag (\$.25).

Thursday, December 27, 1956. Fair, nice day. Jo and I washed. Pete and boys to sale at Clinton. He bought wagon lift. Martha Jo and I to Shirley's awhile in p.m. Then we took her to grocery store. Ronnie's at Allens for supper. We were home. Snowed in night.

Friday, December 28, 1956. Cloudy, colder in p.m. Got things ready for lunch. Helped Shirley some with washing. Ronnie and Martha Jo left at 12:10 for Bluffton. Wish they could have stayed longer. Allen, Pete, Paul and I to town. Pete and Allen to blood bank. Pete rejected (anemic). I done ironing when got home. We went to Art Siegs for supper. Went with CRs. Mother, Marie and EAs and Marguerite [Burwitz] there.

Saturday, December 29, 1956. Cloudy, chilly. Done cleaning and dressed to ducks. We went to Allens for lunch. Mother and Marie there too. We all went to CRs for supper. Allens, girls, EAs, Laura and May [Mohr] Kampmeiers & Rays. Mother & Marie there. Dorothy fixed my hair before we went to CRs. Helen Patton's father passed away.

Sunday, December 30, 1956. Fair, warmer in p.m. We went to church. Someone stole our billfold's from choir room at church. 5 were stolen. We went to police station to report it. Ate lunch at girls. We went to church in evening. Jon Springer, Jean Nafziger and Verlin Harder spoke about college.

Monday, December 31, 1956. Mostly fair, colder in evening. Washed and cleaned up house and got things ready for company. Phils, Phyllis and Robert [Patton], Earl and Marie [Kaufman] and girls here for supper. Phyllis left after supper. We played Canasta awhile. Ed Herrs at Allens. We had nice time. Had duck and made ice cream. Men to a sale and brought tractor and combine home from Danvers.

Tuesday, January 1, 1957. Nice day, cold, 10° above. I ironed. We all went to Roy's for dinner. Allens, Mother, CRs and girls there. Girls worked until 11:00. Pete got Mother. Girls took her home. Shirley washed here in morning. Ruth and Bruce [Otto] at Roys too.

Wednesday January 2, 1957. Mostly fair, cold, zero here. Went to work at 7:00. Rather busy. Girls and I uptown after work. I got raincoat with money for Dr. Gailey's. Got Paul at school. He had basketball. Ed Carter called. He found my billfold on [Route] 66 that was stolen. Sure glad to get it. Hospital check still in it. We were home. Paul back to school.

Thursday, January 3, 1957. Cloudy in morning. Rained little. Froze ice. Fair at noon, ice melted. Cleaned up house and made salad. Got things ready for company. Pete and Allen to sale. Ray Hastings, Fred Meyers, girls, Mother and Allens here for supper. Freds showed some of their pictures taken out West. Very good.

Friday, January 4, 1957. Cloudy, chilly, colder in p.m. We took the tree and decorations down. Done all of cleaning. Shirley here in morning to wash. I washed car in pm. Pete and Allen to sale. Got manure spreader and corn picker. Edgars, girls, Mother and Allens here for supper. Dorsey fixed hair. We had hamburgers and made ice cream.

Saturday January 5, 1957. Fair, chilly. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and boys to town. I baked [cake] after got home and iced it and made Bavarian cream and cooked potatoes for salad.

Sunday, January 6, 1957. Cloudy, snowed all morning. Melted quite a lot. Most of roads clear in p.m. We went to church in morning. Had basket dinner at noon, annual church meeting in p.m. Girls and I to Pat Synult's (sp?) wedding at Farmer City Methodist church. Went with Don Weys (sp?). Strouse along too. Ina Schwartz read minutes for me at the meeting. Gerald Galloway elected chairman. Dons brought me home. We were home in evening.

Monday, January 7, 1957. Fair, nice day. Washed. Ironed little before noon. Went to Allens in p.m. Stayed with Debbie while they went to Dr. Debbie not feeling so good. Ironed, finished after got home. Went after Paul at 5:00. Had practice. Pete town in morning. Took lamb in. Went to Yuton in p.m. I went to Good Will with Jeanette [Colter]. Paul to 4-H at Town Hall.

Tuesday, January 8, 1957. Cloudy, gloomy. Went to work at 7:00. Rained most of morning. We were busy. Went uptown after work. Got sweater and pajamas. Got Paul at school, had practice. Made sandwiches for Pete. He went to Men's Fellowship. Was a host. Paul and I washed for Shirley after supper. Debbie some better. Allen got tractor at Earl Kaufman's. Pete to sale.

Wednesday, January 9, 1957. Cloudy, rain turned to snow in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Busy. Pete to *Broad...* (unintelligible). Helped load hay for relief. Late when he got home. Allens to dentist. Debbie at Mothers. Were home in evening.

Thursday, January 10, 1957. Fair, cold, around zero. Cleaned upstairs and defrosted icebox. We went to town at 10:00. Mother with us. Went uptown then to annual Farm Bureau meeting at Consistory. Had plate lunch. We went to Farm School in evening. Paul had game at Danvers. Allen took him to town. They went to Herman Bullers for supper. Paul home with us.

Friday, January 11, 1957. Cold, zero. Cloudy in p.m. and warmer. Done all of cleaning. Baked cookies, coffeecake and custard. Put Christmas gifts away and mended some. Paul to Charles Stark's all night. We went to funeral home to see Mrs. Thietje. Paul [Thietje]s there. Men to Roy's in morning. Pete worked on income tax in p.m.

Saturday, January 12, 1957. Partly cloudy, little warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Busy. Pete to town in p.m. Paul home with me. He had nice time at Starks. Shirley here and washed. They were here for supper. Shirley varnished end table and her sewing machine she got from Aunt Martha.

Sunday, January 13, 1957. Cloudy, cold, zero. Snowed most of day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to Mothers for breakfast. Paul Thietjes there, also CRs. Pete to Ida's for dinner. Paul to Allens with Ed Herra. They were at Allens for dinner. Mary worked. We were home in evening.

Monday, January 14, 1957. Mostly fair, cold, 16° below. Near zero all day. Washed and done ironing. Pete worked on income tax. We went to NCH S. in evening. Paul had basketball game. Larry [Mohr] went in with us. Lightweights lost.

Tuesday, January 15, 1957. Snowed in morning, fair in p.m. Cold, 5° below. Cold all day. Got things ready for dinner, made chili. Pete and Allen helped load hay at Roy's for relief sail. Loaded corn at Kerrick. Pearl and I fixed dinner for men. She made pies and little chili. Had 14 men. Shirley here too. Washed in p.m. She and I to Glenn's. Measured windows. We all went to girls for supper. Ed & Delia there. Paul stayed after school. Quartet recorded.

Wednesday, January 16, 1957. Fair, cold, 15° below. Ironed some, tablecloth etc. Helped men start truck. Then Pete got stuck on East Road so went with him on tractor to get car out. He went to sale. Allen getting feed. I went to club with Pearl at Marie Heiser's. Went to work at 4 to 11. Paul to Mothers after practice. Pete to choir. They waited at Mothers for me.

Thursday, January 17, 1957. Cold, 8° below. Cleaned upstairs and baked cake. Went to Home Bureau at Mrs. Rengels. Took Shirley, Mabel, Mrs. H. and Mother. cleaned up bedroom and living room and iced cake and washed hair after got home. We went to Mothers for supper. Edgar's there. Dorothy done our hair. I went to Christian Life meeting. Had snow flurries in p.m. and evening.

Friday, January 18, 1957. Fair, cold, 5° below. Went to work at 7:00. Paul out at 2:00, had practice. Came home with me. Got things ready for supper. Had Ed Herra, Allens and girls here for supper. Had waffles, sausage and made ice cream. Shirley washed in p.m.

Saturday, January 19, 1957. Fair, warmer, thawed some. Went to work at 7:00. Paul stayed with Debbie in morning. Allens to town. Pete and Paul to town in p.m. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom after got home. Ed and Delia Herr left for their new home in Goshen [Indiana]. Surgery had party for Ida, cake and ice cream.

Sunday, January 20, 1957. Cloudy, gloomy, misted some. Warmer. Went to work at 7:00. [Elaine] Reynolds working 3 to 11. Pete and Paul to church, home for dinner. We went to church in evening. Nell King and Mrs. Henry Becker passed away.

Monday, January 21, 1957. Cloudy, foggy in morning. Warmer in p.m., high 50s and snow nearly all melted. Washed. Went to meeting at hospital, grad nurses. Mrs. Lystad spoke on Emotions and Health. Pete took me in. He started Mary's car, was wet plugs. Girls and I to Danvers to see Mrs. Nell King at funeral home. Paul to Heyworth to ballgame.up

Tuesday, January 22, 1957. Cloudy, gloomy, misted. Started to snow in p.m., also sleeted some. Real windy in evening, snowing and blowing. Done ironing in morning. Shirley here and washed. They were here for dinner. She varnished rocking chair in p.m. and I started taking varnish off washstand in bedroom. Pete and I finished it in evening. Paul had ball practice. He went to Mothers. We were going to town in evening but too stormy.

Wednesday, January 23, 1957. Fair, cold, zero. East and West rose drifted. Buses didn't run. Pete took me to work at 7:00. Took clean clothes to Paul and girls to work. I worked until 5:00. Reynolds had meeting so I stayed until she got there. Pete and Allen to sale at Stanford. Paul home with me after work. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, January 24, 1957. Mostly cloudy, chilly. Baked cake and cookies. Cleaned upstairs. We took varnish off headpiece of the bed. Chevy dealer from Minier here with car in morning and came back in p.m. Didn't care too much for them. We all went to Home and Farm Bureau oyster and chili supper. We took Mother. Allens went too.

Friday, January 25, 1957. Fair, colder. Fixed things for dinner. Done cleaning. We went to annual hospital meeting at nurses home. Had good crowd. I went to Mothers after meeting. Dorothy fixed our hair. We went to girls for supper. Phils, Mrs. Patton, Mother and Mrs. Mishler there.

Saturday, January 26, 1957. Cloudy, cold, 3° below. Snowed in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Real busy. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom after got home. Paul to ballgame with CRs. Pete to Service Company meeting. Paul home. Shirley washed in morning. Paul watched Debbie.

Sunday, January 27, 1957. Mostly fair, cold. We went to church. Allens and Mother here for dinner. Had Silly Mary worked, Ida home. Edgars came out a while. They stayed for lunch but left early. We and girls to George [& Merle Frances]s for supper. I took potato salad and dessert, whipped Jell-O and cream with berries and angel food cake.

Monday, January 28, 1957. Cloudy, misted and throws some. Washed and worked on bed in p.m. Finished taking varnish off of it. Pete and I went after Paul at 4:30 and went to Fagerburgs to get wax etc. to finish bedroom furniture. Pete and Allen chored, got feed etc.

Tuesday, January 29, 1957. Mostly fair, cold, 10° above. Done ironing. Shirley washed. Allens here for dinner. I worked on furniture in p.m. Put sealer on the bed and washstand. I went to alumni committee meeting at nurses home. Paul to NCHS ballgame. Pete and Mother to see Aunt Minnie [Ropp] at St. Joe Hospital. Pete and Allen hauled manure.

Wednesday, January 30, 1957. Cloudy, cold, 5° below. Went to work at 7:00. Rather busy. Fixed things for supper. Pete and I to all church party at Presbyterian Church. Had nice time. Paul home. Pete and Allen chored and done some odd jobs. Were at Roy's in p.m. Ronnie called in evening about income tax. He has taken job of youth director at Lima church.

Thursday, January 31, 1957. Mostly cloudy, not quite so cold. We refinished dresser and I waxed bed and washstand. Made 2 pies for church supper. Waxing kitchen and bathroom floor. Went to town at 4:00. Help with supper to church for All-Normal Church Council. Pearl along in. She

went to supper. Pete and Allen came in after supper. Choir sang for the group. I went to alumni meeting afterward. Pete and Paul waited at Mothers for me. Misted in evening, little slick.

Friday, February 1, 1957. Warmer, melted some. Went to work at 7:00. Finished bedroom suite and set it up. Cleaned up bedrooms and living room. Busy all evening. Pete took Earl Thomas for income tax. Paul and I were home. Were busy at hospital.

Saturday February 2, 1957. Cloudy in morning. Partly cloudy in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Baked cake when got home. We went to girls for supper. Edgars and Mother there too. Dorothy fixed hair. Mary had day off. Pete and Allen shelled corn at Roy's. Paul cleaned upstairs for me. Mary made salad for me.

Sunday, February 3, 1957. Fair part of day. Went to church. Mother along home. Not things ready for company. Val Kampmeiers, Edgars, Mrs. Gurtner, girls, Mother, Allens, CRs and Gordons here for supper. Showed our pictures. Had nice time. Had duck and chicken. Made ice cream.

Monday, February 4, 1957. Cloudy, 18° this morning. Warmer during day. Washed, had quite a bit, table cloths, etc. Done ironing in p.m. Pete and Allen to town in p.m. Took load of iron and junk and took tractor in to have it tuned etc. Allen got coal. Paul to ballgame at Chenoa. We went after Paul at school at 9:30.

Tuesday, February 5, 1957. Cloudy, not quite so cold. Mabel and I to Mothers for dinner. Laura, May [Mohr], Ruby [Cutter] and Alice Mohr there too. Shirley didn't go. She washed in morning. I went to Good Will Circle with Jeanette. Paul had practice after school. He went to Mothers and came home with me.

Wednesday, February 6, 1957. Cloudy, foggy. Done baking in morning and took varnish off of tables in the living room. Had company in p.m. Orville Smuckers were here in afternoon. Sure surprised to see them. Had been east. They went to girls for supper. I made salad. We were at Allen's for supper. Had pizza. I took dessert

Thursday, February 7, 1957. Cloudy, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Girls and I uptown a little, \$1 day. But things were picked over. Pete to Meadows to annual meeting of the Home. I fixed things for supper. We went to 4-H supper at Farm Bureau, also had auction. I baked brownies for it. Mother along. Paul had game at NCHS. He was at meeting after game. Allen worked some at Roy's.

Friday, February 8, 1957. Cloudy, misted, foggy. Done part of cleaning before Shirley and I went to town at 10:00. Took Debbie to Mrs. Yeakel's. I got Shirley dress for her birthday. Blued dacron. Shirley washed when we got home. I finished rest of cleaning. Men to sale, bought some heifers. We went to Mothers for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Miss Reynolds patient at hospital. Flu?

Saturday, February 9, 1957. Cloudy, foggy. Went to work at 7:00. Went uptown little. Got blue wash dress. Took Mother to Uncle Henry's. Pete to Producers Stockyard meeting. Paul to basketball tournament at Carlock with Rev. Harder. Pete and I and girls to Mr. Koops. Had farewell party for Cliff and Lou Troyer. Had nice time. Sorry to see Cliffs leave.

Sunday, February 10, 1957. Mostly cloudy. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church. I went for church. Paul to Dickie Millers after church and for all night. Pete to Mothers for dinner. They went to see Aunt Martha in p.m. I took Mary to work in morning. I baked cake for Shirley in evening.

Monday, February 11, 1957. Cloudy. Washed before going to work. At 7:00 our phone out. Rained some in morning. Got things ready for supper. Allens, girls, Mother and Mrs. Yeakel here for supper. (Shirley's birthday) Girls brought Paul home. He had practice. [Elaine] Reynolds some better.

Tuesday Fairbury 12, 1957. Snowed, ground covered. Cleared off in morning. Nice day. Went to work at 7:00, real busy day. Done ironing when got home. Girls, Jeanette and I to Meadows home. Good Will Circle gave short program and served ice cream and cake. Mrs. Harder, Alma Galloway, Marie Heiser and I sang Quartet. David and Mary [Colter] here with Paul. Men to Men's Fellowship. Allen on committee.

Wednesday, February 13, 1957. Fair, nice day, little colder. Went to work at 7:00. Quite busy again. Men shelled corn at CRs. Pete took tractor to town to have work done. He brought it home in p.m. Paul had basketball practice. Went to girls. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, Fairbury 14, 1957. Fair. Baked cookies. Went to Home Bureau at Baby Fold. Done cleaning when got home. Nice to have day off. We went to PTA meeting. Band played and chorus sang. Both were very good. Paul in both. Men to *Menkens* (sp?) sale. Reynolds better. Went to girls for supper. Edgars and Mother there. Dot combed my hair before we went to PTA.

Friday, Fairbury 15, 1957. Partly cloudy, rather gloomy. Went to work at 7:00. Took mother and I to the grocery store while I waited for Paul. He had basketball practice. We took Paul and Sherry Hawkins to children's theater, "Abe Lincoln." We went to Alma Baughman's awhile. They wanted us to go along to Bluffton in a.m. but I can't get off.

Saturday, February 16, 1957. Fair, nice day, but real windy and chilly. Went to work at 7:00, real busy. Ida along. Mary off. I cleaned kitchen and bath when got. We went to basketball tournament at Carlock. Our church was beaten by Meadows. Paul there in p.m. with Colters. Pete to town in morning with Roy to see about baler for Ruth Otto.

Sunday Fairbury 17 1957. Fair, fine day, cold in morning. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and to Allens for dinner. We went to church in evening. Girls home. Mary has bad cold. Ida to church.

Monday, February 18, 1957. Fair, nice day. Washed before going to work at 7:00. Done ironing in evening. Paul to Flanagan with lightweights, tournament. But he was classed heavyweight so couldn't play. They lost. Pete to town hall to caucus in p.m.

Tuesday, February 19, 1957. Fair, cold, 12° above. Went to work at 7:00, real busy. 12 admissions on my shift. Five T & As. Baked cake after got home. Men cleaned barns. We were home in evening.

Wednesday, February 20, 1957. Fair, cold in morning, 14°. Went to work at 7:00 until 11:00. Surgery took book. We went to Service Company meeting at Consistory. Pete was re-elected on board. Allens and Mrs. Yeakel there too. Big crowd. We went uptown a while. Looked at some cars. Iced cake when got home. Went to choir. We had ice cream and cake for Helen [Patton]'s birthday. I took cake. Choir bought ice cream.

Thursday, February 21, 1957. Fair, nice day, warmer. Went to work at 7:00 to 11:00. Reynolds back again. Glad to see her. Mother home with me. We went to club meeting at Mrs. Hiltons. Had silent auction and Valentine exchange. Pete to Republican dinner at Illinois Hotel. Paul and I to girls for supper. Girls and I to IPL (farm school) had demonstration on frozen food. Men hauled manure.

Friday, February 22, 1957. Cloudy. Washed out some things. Done all of cleaning. Baked cookies. Debbie here. Allens to town after dinner. Shirley washed when they got back. Allens and we went to Mothers for supper. Dorothy fair fixed our hair. E.A. [Gurtner] had company. Men butchered beef in morning.

Saturday, February 23, 1957. Cloudy, foggy in morning. Pete and I left with A. Baughmans at 8:00 for Bluffton. Got there around 3:30 our time. Had good trip. Ronnie and Jo are fine. They helped at Founders Hall a while in evening. We went to Emerick's to stay all night. Allen and Paul to Champaign with Gordon to 4-H Jersey sale. Paul bought calf. He stayed at Allens.

Sunday, February 24, 1957. Partly cloudy, nice. We went to Christian church with Ronnie and to Emericks for dinner and back to Lima at 3:00. Ron had committee meeting. Jo took us for a ride and we saw Colonial Presbyterian Church. Beautiful. We went to Norman [Vercler]'s awhile when we got back to Bluffton. Went to Emericks all night. Took Ron's car. Enjoyed the day. Paul and Allens to church. Capping service for nurses. Ida helped. Mary worked.

Monday, February 25, 1957. Partly cloudy, warm. We went to Ronnie's for breakfast and then to Normans and to hospital. Saw Norman's lab and hospital. Left Bluffton at 8:30. Got to town at 3:30. Stopped at Gibson City little to see Lydia's sister. Had fine trip. Glad to get home. Things okay at home. I done handwashing. Shirley washed. Paul home early, work shop.

Tuesday, February 26, 1957. Cloudy, rained most of day, real windy, cold, disagreeable. Washed and done ironing. Went to Friendship Circle in evening. Allens along. They were hosts. Paul stayed with Debbie. Men chored, cased eggs and done odd jobs.

Wednesday, February 27, 1957. Fair, cold. Cleaned up house and put clothes away. We went to town at 11:00. Pete took truck in, had brakes fixed. I went in car. We looked at cars. Took Mother to meeting at Farm Bureau (Blue Cross). Men helped Glenn Orns sort hogs in morning. Allens to town in p.m. We went to choir practice in evening and to see about dining room suite.

Thursday, February 28, 1957. Mostly fair, chilly. Went to Shirley's in morning, helped her pack. Allen helped Orns move. Pete to Service Company meeting. We had planned to wash woodwork at other house but Orns wouldn't give Allen key for Shirley. I came over here at 2:00. She washed. Girls came out awhile. They took Allens and Paul to Steak and Shake. Pete and I to YWCA alumni family night. Had nice time.

Friday, March 1, 1957. Cold and windy. Cleaned up house and done some baking. Went to other house at 11:00. I washed rooms upstairs. Minnie, Mabel, CR and Gordon there too. Allens to town. Got linoleum and Mrs. Yeakel. She stayed with Debbie. Men painted around rugs upstairs and in living room and bedroom downstairs. Pearl helped awhile. Got all cleaning done. Allens and Mrs. Yeakel here for supper. We took Mrs. Yeakel home and to hospital. Pete had something in his eye. Pete and Allen put linoleum down in kitchen.

Saturday March 2, 1957. Fair, cool, windy. Allens moved to Roy's place. Mother came out and got dinner here and watched Debbie. Mary Colter helped her some. Ida had day off. Mary to Ohio yesterday with Stuckey. Cy [Colter]s, Gerald R., Gordon, Floyd Mohr, Lloyd Singlry, Jeanette, Minnie and Ida. Mabel there in p.m. and Pearl helped some too. Got along fine. Got shades up to and curtains downstairs. EAs here in evening. Allens here for supper to. Had waffles. Dot fixed hair.

Sunday, March 3, 1957. Fair, cold, 12° above. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Pete and Paul to church and to Ida's for dinner. Allen's there too. We went to church in evening. Mary got back from West Liberty at 10:00 p.m. She had a nice trip.

Monday, March 4, 1957. Fair, chili, nice day. I washed and done ironing. Pete and boys at Roy's most of day. Putting machinery away, etc. Paul home, teachers Institute. Girls at Shirley's. Ironed for her and waxed (?) rugs upstairs. Girls and Allens here for supper. I went to Shirley's after finished washing and helped her finish hanging up clothes.

Tuesday, March 5, 1957. Mostly fair, rather windy, chili. Baked cookies and pie and coffeecake. Went to Allen's at 10:00. We finished putting curtains upstairs and finished ironing and we unpacked her china and silver and put it in buffet. Men hauled manure in morning. Took TV aerial town and put it up. Jeanette and I to Good Will Circle. Paul to 4-H at creamery. We ate dinner at Allen's. I took pie.

Wednesday, March 6, 1957. Fair, chili, wind from East. I worked on living room table top. Dusted house, mended some. Went to town after dinner. Pete brought little tractor home. I got music for Paul. Took Mother to Normal. I got groceries. Paul at Mothers after school. We went to choir practice. Alle's to town. Shirley to Dr. Everything okay.

Thursday, March 7, 1957. Mostly cloudy, cold, a few snow flurries in evening. I cleaned attics, closet upstairs and desk and cleaned cupboards in kitchen. Varnished table in the living room. Cleaned upstairs and done cleaning downstairs. Pete at Allens. They hauled manure all day. CR and Gordon helped.

Friday, March 8, 1957. Partly cloudy, chilly. Went to work at 7:00. Real busy. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom after work. Made 2 pie crusts. We went to girls for supper. Edgars and Mother there. Dorothy fixed hair. Paul to school party. Pete to committee meeting at Rev. Harder's. Pete at Allens, hauled manure.

Saturday, March 9, 1957. Cloudy, few flurries in morning, fair in evening. Went to work at 7:00, busy. Baked two apple pies before work. Pete and Paul worked at Allen's. Paul and David Colter with me to church to YPU banquet. Our Good Will serve 11 (or 117?). Paul enjoyed it. We got along okay serving, but was tired. Pete home. Ed's here awhile at 4:30.

Sunday, March 10, 1957. Fair, warmer. Went to work at 7:00, busy again and short of help. Pete and Paul to church and to Mothers for dinner. In p.m. Paul to Leaschs, play ball. Mary worked too. We went to Allens awhile in evening. They were to church in morning.

Monday, March 11, 1957. Cloudy, started to rain in morning and kept it up until about 2:00. I washed. Washed things from upstairs and curtains from recreation room. Went to church at 10:30. Helped serve dinner to ministers and their wives. I went to meeting at nurses home at 2:00 (head nurse and supervisors). Done ironing when got home. Pete after Paul and [Larry Mohr]. Seventh-grade played eighth-grade in basketball. Seventh beat. Shirley got drapes.

Tuesday, March 12, 1957. Fair, nice day, windy. Went to dentist at 9:30. Left my upper dentures. Went back for them at 4:30. Had back broken off. Got new curtains for our bedroom. I cleaned two rooms upstairs. Straightened up after supper. Pete and Allen hauled manure fair in p.m. Allen to town in morning. Pete fixed fence and carried mattresses out for me. He went to Men's Fellowship in evening. Girls here and to Allens awhile.

Wednesday, March 13, 1957. Fair, rather windy. Washed things from two bedrooms and cleaned them. Girls came out after work. Helped me finish cleaning west room. Mary ironed doilies and scarves and pressed curtains. Put new ones up in our room. Pete went after feed. Went to town in p.m. to dentist. Allen plowed some. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, March 14, 1957. Cloudy, rained real hard in p.m. Windy. Had windstorm at Bartonville. I finished straightening up bedrooms and waxed furniture. Went to Home Bureau at Lucille Reesers. Mabel and Mother along. Stopped at Allens little. Stirred up cookies. Pete had feed ground and moved hog house and hauled six loads manure before it rained. Went to PTA. Paul's quartet sang. Nice part on program.

Friday, March 15, 1957. Fair and windy. Cleaned the living room, bathroom and kitchen. Kept Debbie in morning. Allens to town. Baked cookies and custard pie crust. Pete and I to town at 11:00. Pete took truck, had some work done. I took car. We looked at cars and had traded for 54 Olds at Barkers and the boss called the deal off. Disgusted and disappointed. We met Walker [Ropp] at 6:50 train. Paul to eighth grade party at school. Sang with Quartet. I went to shower for Eigsti at nurses home.

Saturday, March 16, 1957. We cloudy, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Pete took Walker to Allen's, CRs and Gordons awhile, then Meadows to see Minnie [Ropp?]. They ate lunch there. Pete took Walker in PM. His uncle passed away. Paul helped Allen. Edgars, girls and Mother and Allens here for supper. EA brought us all out. Allens and we to Carlock to vote on Unit 5 tax referendum. Mary off. Took Ida to work. We had chicken biscuits and ice cream.

Sunday, March 17, 1957. Mostly cloudy, rather chilly. We went to church. Were home for dinner. I went to shower for Mary Nickrent (sp?) at Marilyn Necessary Elders. Went to Allen's little while men chored. Went to church in evening.

Monday, March 18, 1957. Cloudy, rained and misted. Washed and ironed little before dinner. Went to meeting at hospital at 2:00. Finished ironing when got home. Pete worked on drill. We went to 4-H achievement at NCHS.

Tuesday, March 19, 1957. Cloudy, misted, colder in p.m. and a few snow flurries. Cleaned kitchen and back stairway in morning. We went to town in p.m. I went to (unintelligible) class and head nurse meeting, to to three. We looked at cars again, one previously owned (Chevy, 55) I stayed town. Reynolds, Maxwell, Butcher, Wey, Strouse, Roth and I took Eigsti to Rantoul (Wing's) for dinner. Parks couldn't go. We had nice time. Elaine [Reynolds] brought me home.

Wednesday, March 20, 1957. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Got off at 1:45. Went to club meeting at Louise Kinsinger. Stopped at Shirley's awhile. Pete and Allen fanned seed oats. We went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, March 21, 1957. Cloudy. Went to Allens awhile in morning. Helped Shirley clean up house. She didn't feel good. We went to town at 11:00. We bought a 1955 V8 Chevy from Mrs. *Bransom* (sp?) Is a nice car. Done cleaning when got home. Pete hauled some manure. I went to Shirley's, got Debbie. They went to hospital at 6:00. Stephen Allen was born at 9:10. Weight 5 pounds 6 ½ ounces. Everything seems to be okay. We are so thankful.

Friday, March 22, 1957. Cloudy in morning. Cleared off, warmer. I went to work at 7:00. Allen took Debbie to Grandma's. I got her on the way home. Also Paul and Dicky [Miller]. They had trombone practice. Dickie here all night. Shirley and baby seemed pretty good. Allen hauled manure and done some odd jobs. Allen here for supper. He went to hospital in evening.

Saturday, March 23, 1957. Mostly cloudy. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to town in morning. Sold our old car to Miss *Barons* (sp?). Dicky and Paul along. Dicky took lesson, Paul had hair cut. Pete plowed in p.m. I brought Debbie home. She was at Edward Yeakel's. Shirley and baby getting along pretty good. Dicky home in evening. We all went to girls for supper, mother and EAs there. Dot fixed hair. Paul and Debbie stayed all night at Allen's.

Sunday, March 24, 1957. Windy, rained off and on. Colder in p.m. and very windy in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Went to church. Wey took book. Pete, Paul, Allen and Debbie to church and to Ida's for dinner. Mary worked. I stayed until 4:00. Reynolds had meeting. She relieved Schertz. Pete and I took load of nurses to Pleasant Hill near Peoria. Christian Life gave program. Paul kept Debbie. Allen came to put her to bed.

Monday, March 25, 1957. Everything covered with snow and blowing. Snowed most of day. Pete and Allen to town in morning. Brot Shirley home. They left Stephen at hospital, until he gains little more. Allens stayed there until after dinner. I washed in morning. Cleaned up house and got things ready for supper. Debbie here all day. Cy [Colter]s and Allens here for supper. Mother and girls were to come out too stormy. School bus came here early in PM.

Tuesday, March 26, 1957. Cloudy, not so windy. Some roads drifted. Done ironing in morning. Started to refinish chest of drawers, but got sick. Vomited all evening. Couldn't go to Friendship Circle. Pete to meeting at Town Hall. Pete cleaned out stall in barn. Shirley feeling fairly good. They have Debbie.

Wednesday, March 27, 1957. Mostly fair, nice day. Lot of snow melted. I feel better. Cleaned bathroom in morning. Went to Missionary Meeting at Florence Miller. Took Paul to Gaileys at 3:30. Had his eyes tested and lens changed. Mother along home for supper. We stopped at Allen's few minutes. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, March 28, 1957. Mostly cloudy, warmer. Nearly all of snow gone. I baked rolls, cookies and custard. Pete to Service Company meeting. Mrs. Pinkerton called in a.m. Aunt Martha is ill. Took her to hospital. Per ambulance. I went to see her in p.m. She's fair. Allens to town. Shirley to dentist. Mother kept Debbie. Went to alumni with Marie H[astings].

Friday, March 29, 1957, fair, nice day. Went to Shirley's in morning. Washed for her and cleaned up house. Done all of my cleaning in p.m. and washed car. Pete had sheep sheared in p.m. We went after Paul at 5:00. He had trombone practice. We got our garden seeds. We finished taking varnish off chest of drawers in evening.

Saturday, March 30, 1957. Fair, went to work at 7:00. Men sowing oats at Roy's. Paul to choir practice with Jeanette. I went to Shirley's after got home. Varnished chest of drawers and washed my hair. Paul done our chores. I took him to Allens. Men worked late. Shirley, Debbie and I to Mothers at 6:30. Men came late. EAs and girls there too for supper.

Sunday, March 31, 1957. Cloudy. We went to church and to girls for dinner. We went to Eureka in p.m. Edgar's along but Ed's wasn't home. We went to all went to Owen Kenagys awhile. EAs to Harriet's brother awhile. We took Paul to YPU at 5:30. Was a supper. We took girls to town. We ate lunch with them and we all went to church.

Monday, April 1, 1957. Cloudy, misted in morning. Rained and drizzled in p.m. and evening. Went to work at 7:00. Washed before I went. Washed for Shirley after work. Pete and Allen finished sowing oats at Allen's. Paul to 4H with Gordon & Ray over at Town Hall. Pete and I to Dr. Wellmerling to see colored TV: "The Great Sebastians Play."

Tuesday, April 2, 1957. Cloudy, chili. Went to work at 7:00. Was late getting home. Done ironing after got home. Pete got seed oats at M. Otto. Allen discing about noon. Pete to Town Hall a while in p.m. He was elected township clerk. Men got 10 acres oats sowed. I went to Good Will Circle. Work night. Cleaned kitchen and restrooms.

Wednesday, April 3, 1957. Rained all day, frozen ice on trees and wires. Very windy. I cleaned recreation room in morning. Varnished chest of drawers after lunch. We went to town at 3:30. Took Paul to get his glasses at Gaileys. I went to nurses home. Helped serve BPW supper. We went to choir practice. Allens here all night. Big limb tore electric wires and they have no heat. Allen to farm school. Insurance company settled with Allens.

Thursday, April 4, 1957. Mostly cloudy, chilly. Allens to town at 11:00. I kept Debbie. Cleaned the front room and cleaned upstairs. Allens got their light meter fixed. They went home at 5:00. I went to Christian Life meeting. Pete and Mother to see Aunt Martha awhile. She's about same. Allens bought deep freeze.

Friday, April 5, 1957. Snowed in morning. Fair a while in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Didn't get away until 4:00. Allens took Stephen Allen home at 4:00. He weighs 5 pounds 15 ½ ounces. Debbie came with me. Stopped at school for Paul. He had trombone practice. We went to girls for supper. Dot fixed hair. Pete painted Mother's back stairway. Pete, Paul and Mary to community players. Marie Y[oder] gave us tickets.

Saturday, April 6, 1957. Fair, quite windy and chilly. Baked two pies. Gave Allens one and made nut bread. Cleaned up bedrooms and living room. Went to Peoria with Mabel at 10:30. Mother and Hazel along. Pete and Allen down some trees. Paul to choir practice with Jeanette. Pete and I to Esther Eigsti and Willis Sutter's wedding at Waldo church. Maxwell, Reynolds and Don Weys along. A very nice wedding. It was at 6:30. Paul home.

Sunday, April 7, 1957. Rain and cold. Went to church. Ate lunch in town. Ida with us. Pete and I to Mary *Nickventu* (sp?) and Harold Necessary wedding at Saybrook. L[ena] Maxwell and Hilda Witzig went too. We went in Hilda's car. A nice wedding. Paul stayed at Ida's. Mary working. Were home in evening. Snowed some. Jim Detweilers here at 11:30. Were stuck and in ditch. His folks came after them.

Monday, April 8, 1957. Snowing and blowing most of morning. Snow melting some. Cleared away in evening. Washed. Dried clothes inside. Done ironing and mended some. Took chest of drawers up to Allens. Pete helped Allen cleanout hothouses in p.m. Cased eggs in morning. Had 4 to 5 inches snow. Aunt Martha worse. Her condition is not good.

Tuesday, April 9, 1957. Fair, nice day. Most of snow melted. I fixed chicken and made salad. Pete to Chicago at 6:30. Mission Board. I went to town at 10:00. Took Allen's car. Mother went to hospital. Aunt Martha isn't good. I had second polio shot. Got sealer (?) for Stevie. Jeanette and I to town at 1:00. Got supper ready for La Tourneau Choir. They gave "Seven Last Words." Choir members there too for supper. Pete took Cys and Paul and David and Mary. Kids to girls with time for program.

Wednesday, April 10, 1957. A few snow flurries in morning. Cleared off in p.m. Picked up some sticks in yard. Finished cleaning basement. Aired bedding. Cleaned linen closet and cedar closet in p.m. and done Shirley's washing. Was tired. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, April 11, 1957. Cloudy, chilly, snowed in evening. Ground covered. I cleaned upstairs and washed off hall in morning. Went to Home Bureau with Mabel at Baby Fold. I washed dishes in China cabinet after got home.

Friday, April 12, 1957. Fair, cold, 20°. Done cleaning. Went to Allen's at 9:30. They went shopping. Shirley got dress and they got new desk. Pete to town with them. I went to town at 2:00. Mother along. She got curtains for living room. Pete home with me. Mother along too. We went to Allens little. Debbie home with us. Allens came for supper. Stevie's first visit. Edgars and girls here too. Paul at David Adams all night.

Saturday, April 13, 1957. Mostly fair. Cold, 20°. Went to work at 7:00. Busy day. Took Ida with me. Mary off. She cleaned living room. Pete to town in morning. Cleaned chicken fountains and feeders. We went to Carlock Hotel for school directors. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Paul to choir practice and home with Jeanette.

Sunday, April 14, 1957. Fair, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and to girls for dinner. Eds there too. Girls came along home. Went to church in evening. Aunt Martha passed away at 7:00. Pete helped choir singing then we went to hospital. (Unintelligible) undertaker from Chenoa got Aunt Martha's body. We went on to nursing home and got Aunt Martha's dress. Paul at girls. Stopped at Mothers. We called Marie.

Monday, April 15, 1957. Mostly cloudy, rather windy. Washed. Dried clothes outside. Mabel, Pete and I to Chenoa at 10:00 to make funeral arrangements. CR gone and Mother didn't feel so good and Pearl had company. Paul has vacation. He babysat for Shirley while she washed. I done ironing after got home. Pete to town. Got 300 (or 800?) baby chicks. We went to church in evening. Shirley to town in p.m. Had hair cut. Paul kept children.

Tuesday, April 16, 1957. Cloudy. Showered in evening. I went to dentist at 8:30. Broke tooth in dentures. Went after them at 1:30. Cleaned the living room and dining room and waxed furniture. We planted peas, onions, lettuce, radishes and spinach. Pete helped Allen with hogs in p.m. Paul washed car. Pete and I to Chenoa in evening. Pearl, Mother and Mabel went in p.m. Paul cleaned up some sticks.

Wednesday, April 17, 1957. Cloudy. Rained and misted in p.m. and evening. Foggy. We left at 9:00 for Chenoa. Mother & Anna Neuhauser went with us. Aunt Martha's funeral at 10:00. Allen with Roys. Jeanette and Mary kept the children. We all and Rev. Mitchell ate dinner at Steve's. Mabel, Pearl and I to club at Alta Litwiller's. Roy and Pete to Pontiac to get headstone for Aunt Martha. We went to town at 4:30. Paul had polio shot. I took Debbie. Got her shoes. To church.

Thursday, April 18, 1957. Very foggy in morning. Partly cloudy. Warm. Sure looks wet. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to Service Company meeting. Paul helped Shirley in morning and helped Allen in p.m. I stayed at girls after work. Dorothy fixed our hair. Came out after Pete and Paul. Ate supper at girls. We went to church communion. Choir sang.

Friday, April 19, 1957. Showered in morning. Fair, windy, hot, 82°. Done all of cleaning. Baked sugar cookies. We went to Good Friday services at our church at 1:00. Choir sang. Mother along. We went uptown after church. I got pair [of] shoes. Pete got feed in morning. Got some straw at Roy's.

Saturday, April 20, 1957. Showered in morning. Warm. Went to work at 7:00. Paul stayed after choir practice. We went uptown. Got him some trousers. Made dessert and colored eggs after got home. Girls came after supper. We went to Allens a while. Took them candy etc. Pete cut trees out of grapes.

Sunday, April 21, 1957. Mostly cloudy. Colder in evening. Went to church and to Mothers for dinner. Allens to church and to Mothers. CRs, Gordons and Ida there too. Mary worked. We saw bad accident at Hovey & [Route] 150 on way home. Two cars run together. We went to church in evening. Easter Sunday.

Monday, April 22, 1957. Rained in morning & PM. Washed. Dried clothes inside. Went to Allens at 10:45. They went to town. I kept Debbie and Stevie. Got home at 2:00. Done ironing. Pete on [unintelligible] jury duty. He had committee meeting at church in evening. I went to Dorothy's. She penned up my hair. Paul back to school. He was home in evening.

Tuesday, April 23, 1957. Mostly fair, warm. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Pete to town on jury. Came home at noon. Had to report back at 1:30 and was dismissed for the day. I mended in evening and Paul and I moved his clothes upstairs.

Wednesday, April 24, 1957. Rained hard in morning for several hours. Pete to jury. Home late morning. I cleaned the stove, drawers and silverware. We put screens on in p.m. Cleaned windows outside. Cleaned dining room chairs. A busy day. Allen here in evening. Shirley washed. They have water in basement. Jeanette and I to choir practice. Pete to Town Hall meeting. Waxed kitchen and bathroom floors.

Thursday, April 25, 1957. Rained most of morning. Fair in p.m. Pete on jury. There all day. I baked cake, two batches of cookies, nut bread and rolls. Done cleaning. Cooked chicken and made salad. Another busy day. Went to girls for supper. Pete to conference at our church. Ronnie and Martha Jo got to church at 8:30. We had Rev. Friesen and Dr. Gratz here all night.

Friday, April 26, 1957. Rained most of day. Looked stormy. Had 11 for breakfast. Pearl had 4 at their place all night. They ate here. Went to church in morning. I helped in kitchen all day. Served 230 some at noon. Pete helping. Ronnie and Martha Jo to conference. They ate lunch at mothers. They ate supper here. Jeanette and I home at 6:30. MJ, Paul and I to music festival at NCHS. Pete and Ron to conference at Carlock.

Saturday, April 27, 1957. Rained and misted most of day, cooler. Pete, Ron and 2 men staying here went to men's breakfast at YWCA, so I had 4 from Roy's, MJ, Paul and I. I had permanent at 10:00. Went to church to help at 12:30. Ronnie and Jo to YPU session in p.m. Ronnie elected vice president of YPU conference. They went to YPU banquet at Carlock. Pete and I helped over supper hours. Went to Allen's little. Ronnie and Jo there all night. Paul helped Shirley in morning and Allen in p.m. He ate supper there.

Sunday, April 28, 1957. Rained all morning and part of p.m. Colder. Had 579 for breakfast. Ron and Jo ate at Allen's. We went to church. Choir sang. Ronnies and Allens helped us. Mother stayed with Debbie and Stevie. Girls, Mother, Allens and Ronnies here for dinner. Ronnie and MJ left for Bluffton at 2:30. Miss them again. Pete took a minister to Chillicothe to train (Dr. Walter). Mother along with Pete. Edgars came in p.m. to see Ronnies. Rev. Friezen and Dr. Gratz left in p.m. for Bluffton. We went to closing session of conference at NCHS. Sang with Earl Lehman conference choir.

Monday, April 29, 1957. Clear, beautiful day. Nice to see the sun. I washed. Done ironing. Clothes dried nice. Pete to jury again, was dismissed at 1:30. He fixed some fence. Moved cattle over here. Paul home at noon. Teachers workshop. He mowed lawn. I raked some grass and trimmed rose bushes. Mended some in evening.

Tuesday, April 30, 1957. Fair, beautiful day, warmer. Mabel and I to Mothers. Cleaned her living room and finished mowing her lawn. Shortened some new curtains. Pete to town, is on jury. Mabel and I brought Paul home. He had trombone practice.

Wednesday, May 1, 1957. Fair, nice day, warm. Cooler in night. I washed off porch, eight to rhubarb pies. Gave Shirley and one. Made custard and coffeecake. Pete to town on jury. He got done and was home at 2:30. We planted more peas and beets and carrots and more lettuce and radishes. We cleaned shrubs out off corner of yard. I washed car. Went after Paul, he had quartet practice. Debbie with me. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, May 2, 1957. Fair, quite cool, windy. I spaded some flowerbeds where it was dry enough. Raked up southwest corner of yard. Pete helped CR shell some corn and got feed. Done odd jobs in p.m. I went to town. Took Mother to Herman Gerling's funeral. We went to Central school to band concert. Paul played with trombone quartet. Mother and girls along.

Friday, May 3, 1957. Fair, cold, windy. Done all of cleaning. Debbie here in p.m. Shirley to Dr. for six week checkup. Took Stevie two. Pete and Allen finished sowing our oats. I made rolls and got things ready for supper. Went after Paul, Charles Stark and David Adams. They were here all with Edgars. Mother and girls here too. Dorothy fixed hair.

Saturday, May 4, 1957. Fair, real chilly, 30°. Went to work at 7:00. Pete plowed some. Boys play ball. Pete and Paul to town at 2:00. Took boys home. I got off work at 2:00. We went to Eddie Fowler's wedding at second Presbyterian Church. Very nice. We planted potatoes after got home. Allen working in field. Didn't go to wedding.

Sunday, May 5, 1957. Fair, beautiful day with the orchard in full bloom. We went to church. Ida came along home. Mary worked. We went to Allen's a while. Saw his little pigs. Got things ready for supper. Billies and girls here for supper. Paul to Leaschs in p.m., play ball. Mother and Zelma were in church.

Monday, May 6, 1957. Fair, beautiful, warmer. Washed. Worked outside little. Done ironing in p.m. Pete plowed in morning and disk plowed ground in p.m. Disc cornstalks in evening until 10:00. Paul disc while Pete ate supper. Paul to 4H at (unintelligible). Went with Gordon. I went to town [to] see dining room suite. Bought it.

Tuesday, May 7, 1957. Fair, nice day, rather windy. Baked cake, made salad and potato salad. Spaded rest of flower beds & roses. Harrowed for Pete several hours. Pete plowed. We went after our dining room suite. Is real nice. Paul disc for Allen awhile. We went to athletic potluck supper at Central. I went to (unintelligible) class tea awhile.

Wednesday, May 8, 1957. Fair, windy. Cleaned up dining room suite and waxed it. Pete went after fertilizer. Worked up garden and truck patch. We planted green beans and sweetcorn and onions. Debbie and Stevie here in morning. Shirley to town. Pete spread fertilizer in p.m. and disc. Plowing in evening. I planted glads in p.m. Too windy for flower seeds. Girls came out. Brought plants. Here for supper. Paul mowed some lawn for Allen. I went to choir.

Thursday, May 9, 1957. Cloudy, showered some. Planted the flower seeds in the morning. Went to Home Bureau at Rengels. Took Mother and Mrs. H[astings]. Mabel to other meeting. Mowed yard awhile when got home. Pete finished plowing corn ground. He harrowed in evening. Paul disc bean ground. I went to Mothers for supper. EAs there. Dot fixed hair. I went to nurses home installation of officers for Christian Life.

Friday, May 10, 1957. Cloudy, showered in morning. I set out three dozen tomato and three dozen cabbage plants. Done cleaning. Cased eggs. Stirred up cookies. Went to Mother's Day tea at nurses home with Becky Witham. Laura ill. Baked cake and cookies when got home. Marie got here at 3:00. Paul home with me. Pete helped Allen plow. Had to quit at 2:30 on account of rain. We went to NCHS spring concert and to Mothers awhile. Rained hard in evening.

Saturday, May 11, 1957. Cloudy, cooler. Went to work at 7:00 Pete to town in morning. Paul mowed lawn. He went to choir practice with Jeanette. I cleaned bathroom and kitchen and got things ready for company. Mother and Marie at Roys for dinner. Stopped here on way home. They were at Allens in morning.

Sunday, May 12, 1957. Mostly cloudy. Rained during church. We went to church. Stevie was consecrated. Mother & Marie there too. Roys, Minnie, CRs, Mother, Marie, Allens, girls and Gordons here for dinner. All stayed for supper except Gordon's. Marie, Pearl, Mabel, Debbie to McLean County Home to get Aunt Martha's things but couldn't get them. Mrs. Pemberton not there.

Monday, May 13, 1957. Cloudy, had big rain before noon and again at 1:00. Showered in p.m. Washed. Hung some clothes outside but had to hang them all in basement. Went to supervisors and head nurses meeting at 2:00. Ironed a while after got home. Pete to meeting at Town Hall.

Tuesday, May 14, 1957. Fair. Real windy in PM. Warm. Finished ironing and went with Pete to Streator at 10:00. He went to get extension on dump. I bought a dress. Pete hauled several loads manure. He went to Men's Fellowship in evening. I went to hospital personnel dinner at Wesleyan Memorial. David Colter here in evening.

Wednesday, May 15, 1957. Mostly cloudy, much cooler in p.m. I baked cookies, coffeecake, custard, and rhubarb crunch. Went to club meeting at McLean County nursing home. Then went to Streids for lunch. Pearl drove. Pete made fence. We went to choir practice. Paul had hair cut. Went to Mothers for supper. Larry Mohr to Mothers with us. He and Paul had studies.

Thursday, May 16, 1957. Cloudy, chilly. Went to work at 7:00. [Elaine] Reynolds worked 3 to 11. I helped awhile in O[perating] R[oom]. Was real busy in morning. Cleaned upstairs after got home. Pete helped hauled manure at Allen's in p.m. Girls and we went to Owen Kenagys for supper. Eds there too. Had big birthday cake for Nettie.

Friday, May 17, 1957. Cloudy, much warmer in p.m. Done cleaning. Went to Shirley's awhile in morning. Set out chrysanthemums in PM. Washed car. Washed my hair. Went to Shirley's at 4:30. Helped her with supper. Edgars, Mother, girls and we were there. Dorothy fixed our hair and cut Shirley's. Debbie not feeling so good. Pete tore dump apart.

Saturday, May 18, 1957. Cloudy, showered, cooler. Went to work at 7:00. Pete helped Allen vaccinate pigs. He and Paul mowed yard. Pete to town in p.m. Paul to choir practice with Jeanette. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom and scrubbed porches. Went to Allens a little. Were busy at hospital. Last day of Dr. Wellmerling clinic.

Sunday, May 19, 1957. Cloudy, showered some. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to Baptist church at 8:30. Dr. Fagerberg spoke. They went to our church then. Marvin [Yoder]s and David [Yoder]got to girls at 12:30. Sure surprised to see Dave. He's on his way to North Carolina to school. We were all at girls for supper. Eds, Billys, Allens there too. Mary worked too. Marvins and Dave at girls all night.

Monday, May 20, 1957. Cloudy, real chili. Washed and we went to Chicago. Girls left at 9:00. Girls have day off so they, Marvins, Dave and we went. Got there at 12:00. Shopped little. Went

to Cinerama, Seven Wonders of the World. Sure wonderful. Ate supper at Chicken Basket. Got home little after 9:00. Marvins here all night. They had bad tornado at K[ansas] C[ity], Ruskin Heights and Hickman Mills.

Tuesday, May 21, 1957. Cloudy, warmer in p.m. Got things ready for dinner and baked cake. We went to Allens awhile in morning. Dave came out for breakfast. He & Marvins here for dinner. I went to Allens in p.m. They went to dentist. Marvins to Ed's after dinner. We all, girls, Allens to Ed's for supper. I took cake and girls salad. Marvins to *Mesonbrink's* (sp?) all night. Dave here.

Wednesday, May 22, 1957. Fair, clouded up in p.m. Rained at 5:30. I ironed in morning. Marvin's, Dave, Pete and I to Mothers for dinner. Marvins left for home at 2:00. I washed after got home. Most of clothes dried. Done ironing. Pete cleaned out Mother's eves before he came home. He had truck. We went to choir practice. We had refreshments for Myrtella L[ehman] who leaves for Indianapolis.

Thursday, May 23, 1957. Rained in morning, fair in p.m. I went to Peoria with Marie Y[oder] and Golda R[upp] to district hospital auxiliary meeting at Methodist Hospital. Cleaned upstairs in evening. Went to alumni meeting. Took Marie H[astings]. Zolt spoke. Pete worked at other place. Cleaned up lumber and cut [Bur]dock on road.

Friday, May 24, 1957. Fair, nice day. So nice to see sunshine. I went to work at 7:00. Done cleaning when got home. Went to dentist after work. Pete helped Allen make shades for hogs. Burned some brush. We went to girls in evening and for supper. Dorohy fixed hair. Pete plowed garden.

Saturday, May 25, 1957. Rained again in morning. Partly cloudy in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Allen took trash (tin cans, etc.) to town. Pete to town with eggs after that. Paul to choir with Jeanette. He mowed yard in evening. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom.

Sunday, May 26, 1957. Fair, nice day. Went to church and to girls for dinner. We went to dedication of Roanoke Mennonite church in p.m. Stopped to see Ella Schertz. She's in bed, not good. We went to Albert Neubeuer ordination at St. John's Lutheran Church. Mother along. Stayed for reception. Very nice. Paul to YPU, then to girls.

Monday, May 27, 1957. Cloudy, real chilly. Washed clothes. Dried fairly good. Have cold and feel kinda bum. Done ironing in p.m. Took Paul to town at 6:30. He had to sing with quartet at supper. I went to girls. We started planting corn here in p.m. Pete disc late.

Tuesday, May 28, 1957. Fair, fine day. Pete planting corn here. I harrowed for him in morning and about 1 ½ hours NPM. I felt tough. Pete finished planting here at 4:30. Went to Allens. I took his lunch to field. I took Paul to seventh and eighth grade party at school. Girls and I to Friendship Circle. I went to hospital. Got penicillin and Dr. Wellmerling ordered other medicine.

Wednesday, May 29, 1957. Fair, nice day. I felt some better in p.m. I planted lima beans and cucumbers in morning. Worked some and garden. Stirred up rolls. Baked some [rolls] and pies. Pete planting corn at Allen's. Paul home early. He helped at Allen's two. I took Mother, Shirley and Mabel to cemeteries. Went to East Lawn [Cemetery] too. Jeanette and I to choir practice.

Thursday, May 30, 1957. Mostly cloudy. Real warm in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy after 10 AM. Pete and Paul at Allen's. (Unintelligible) helping too. They worked real late. Took Pete's supper to field. Ida had day off. Edgars, Mother and girls and Shirley and children here for supper. Allen worked late. We had duck and ice cream. Ida baked them for me. Eds at Ida's. Went home at 4:00.

Friday, May 31, 1957. Rained in morning and again in evening. Had nearly an inch. Went to work at 7:00. Pete planted little before it rained. He went to town. Paul home early. He mowed lawn. I done cleaning. Paul to David Adams all night. They came after him. CR's cows out. Pete and Allen helped get them in. I stayed with children. Shirley raking lawn. I worked in OR awhile in morning.

Saturday, June 1, 1957. Cloudy in morning. Windy, real chilly. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Washed clothes. Dried outside. Pete helped Allen with hogs in morning. He disc while in p.m. for Allen. Then he harrowed some of corn. I went to town at 2:00. Got Paul at choir practice. Got him new shoes. I went to Dorothy's. She set my hair. We set out flat [of] tomatoes in evening.

Sunday, June 2, 1957. Mostly fair. Windy, real cool. We went to church. Paul was baptized. Also Mary and David Colter, Jim and Jane Springer, Larry Reeser, and Jack Mohr. We were at Mothers for dinner. Ray, Hazel and Ida there too. CRs at 4-H picnic. Went for little ride in p.m. Girls here in evening. Went to Allens awhile. Paul at Leaschs in p.m. Ethel Ramseyer passed away.

Monday, June 3, 1957. Fair, nice day. 40 in morning. Much warmer during day. Went to work at 7:00. Elaine [Reynolds] worked 3 to 11. Pete planting at Allen's. Paul out of school at 2:00, last day. He disc on Fagerberg. Pete plowed awhile at Allen's. I stopped at the funeral home to see Ethel R. Girls here. We planted sweet corn and hoed some in truck patch. Pete disc in after supper. Martha Jo came out with L[loyd] Ramseyers. Got here at 9:00. Sure surprised.

Tuesday, June 4, 1957. Fair, cool in morning. Quite warm in p.m. Martha Jo and I to Shirley's awhile and stopped at hospital to see girls. Went to church at 11:00. We helped with dinner for Ramseyer family. Went to Mothers a little, then to Ethel's funeral at church. We went to cemetery. Lloyd's left for Bluffton from there. Men planting corn at Allen's. They finished plowing his bean ground. Took Pete supper to field. I went to Good Will. The Stephens's, India missionaries, there.

Wednesday, June 5, 1957. Fair, real warm. Men finished planting corn. Sure glad to be done. Paul disc in p.m. He harrowed Allen's corn in morning. Pete and Allen helped CR bailed hay in p.m. Men starting plowing bean ground on Fagerberg in evening. Girls here in evening. We hoed some of Shirley's garden. I washed and ironed. Baked cookies, coffeecake and rhubarb crunch.

Thursday, June 6, 1957. Fair, real warm, high 80s. Went to work at 7:00. Reynolds at workshop. I went to meeting awhile. Wasn't busy. Kept Debbie and Stevie after got home. Shirley to town. Cleaned upstairs in evening. Worked in garden awhile. Pete and Allen plowing. Paul working ground. Girls and Mother here a while in evening.

Friday, June 7, 1957. Cloudy, showered some in morning. Pete planted sweet corn. They worked bean ground. I picked four boxes berries at Shirley's. Gave her one. Done cleaning. Went to

auxiliary potluck dinner. Came home early. Baked cake. Made salad dressing. We went to girls for supper. EAs and Mother there. Dorothy done hair. Mother Pete and I to U. High commencement. CR speaker.

Saturday, June 8, 1957. Cloudy, showered in morning. Went to work at 7:00. Ida along, Mary off. Paul to town with me. He helped at YPU bake sale. Mary brought him home at noon. He helped men. They sowed Allen's beans. Pete disc at Fagerburgs after supper. I cleaned kitchen and bathroom, washed car, iced cake and made salad.

Sunday, June 9, 1957. Cloudy in morning, fair in forenoon. We went to church and to Woizeski family reunion at Miller Park. Allens didn't go. Went to Allens to see barn. We were home in evening.

Monday, June 10, 1957. Cloudy in morning, cleared off. Warm and humid, rather windy. Washed and ironed. Went to Yuton in morning for inoculation for beans. Men planting beans. They helped CR unload hay in p.m. I worked in garden awhile in morning. Harrowed 5 to 7 PM. Allen home to chore. He had G.I. school. Took Paul to 4H at Erhlich. He came home with Gordon. Pete worked after supper.

Tuesday, June 11, 1957. Rained in morning. I baked cake and pie. Mother and I to town in p.m. I got bemberg [rayon] dress. Took eggs to Honeggers. Showered some in p.m. Pete to Men's Meeting in evening. Paul and I to girls. Ida fixed my blue dress, too long wasted. I shortened my Bamberg. Roberta in hospital. May be her appendix. Transplanted some flowers and set out sweet potatoes.

Wednesday, June 12, 1957. Cloudy, Misty, cleared off in p.m. I picked the berries at Allen's and got 20 boxes. Helped Shirley stem them after dinner. I put four quarts in freezer and kept few out to eat. Shirley kept rest of them. We all went to CRs for picnic supper. Paul Thietje's, Kampmeiers, Mother and Allens there. I took lettuce and cake. Pete helped Allen with pigs.

Thursday, June 13, 1957. Mostly cloudy. Showered some. Fair in evening. Went to work at 7:00, got off at 1:00. Miss Maxwell took book. I went to Home Bureau at Baby Fold. I showed our pictures. Mother and Uncle Henry along home. Pete and I took them to Bartonville to see A. Nora King who passed away Wednesday morning. Helen and Uncle Martin at funeral home. We ate lunch at Bartonville. Paul home, he done chores. Roberta home from hospital.

Friday, June 14, 1957. Rained in morning. Looked stormy most of p.m. Real windy a while. Bad storm in Springfield. I picked peas. Pete and Paul podded them. Put 2 quarts and 4 pints in freezer. Done all of cleaning. Washed some. Helped Shirley pick berries in p.m. Pete and Paul helped too. Got 13 boxes. I made 3 pints preserves and 1 box in freezer. Had 6 boxes.

Saturday, June 15, 1957. Mostly fair, quite warm and humid. Looked rainy in late PM. Went to work at 7 to 11. L. Maxwell took book. Mother home with me. We and CRs went to Peoria to Aunt Nora's funeral. Boys pall bearers. Dorothy came home with us. EA took Kampmeiers home and brought girls out. She [Dorothy] fixed hair. Allens here too. Debbie not feeling good. Paul to choir practice.

Sunday, June 16, 1957. Fair, hot and humid. Sprinkled in p.m. We went to church and to Allens for dinner. Mrs. Yeakel came out with us. Debbie sick, high temperature, 105.8°. Called Dr. Nord. He was coming out but got tied up so they took Debbie to hospital. Her ears and throat all red. Stevie here while they went to town. Gave Debbie enema and sponged her.

Monday, June 17, 1957. Mostly fair, hot, 90°. Sprinkled some in p.m. Washed, went to work at 7:00. Paul to Mothers until time for band at 9:00. Allen after he and Mother. She helped Shirley. Debbie some better. Pete plowed corn in morning. He worked bean ground in p.m. Allen and Paul baled at CRs in p.m. I helped Pete in evening. We finally finished planting soybeans. Girls here. We canned 9 pints of peas. Mary picked 3 quarts berries at Shirley's.

Tuesday, June 18, 1957. Mostly cloudy in morning, fair in p.m., much cooler and less humid. Done ironing in morning and washed out some things. Cased eggs, took him to town in p.m. Girls and I uptown little. I had to go back to hospital to get SR 04 Debbie. She's better but Dr. Nord thought she needed another shot. Worked in garden in evening and hoed Shirley's lima beans. Men plowing corn and mowed hay.

Wednesday, June 19, 1957. A beautiful day, very pleasant. Worked in garden in morning and again in evening. Paul and I picked some cherries. I helped Shirley picked berries. Got five boxes. Went to club meeting at Elsie Miller's. Made 4 pints strawberry and cherry preserves when got home. Made one pint strawberry reserves. Men plowing corn at Allen's and bailed our hay in p.m. Pete raked east field of hay after supper. I gave Shirley some cherries.

Thursday, June 20, 1957. Fair, nice day. Done some baking. Cleaned upstairs. Picked peas. Kept big dish out for supper. Froze 1 pint. Washed some in p.m. Men bailing hay. Debbie and Stevie here while Shirley went to store. Edgar's, Mother and girls here for supper, also Allens. Dot fixed hair. Got some berries at Elsie Miller's.

Friday, June 21, 1957. Fair, quite warm. Done all of cleaning. Sowed lettuce, and endive and radishes in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Men bailed our clover hay and bailed 2 loads for Allen after supper. They plowed some corn. I turned my ankle at 9:30 in evening. Tore some ligaments. Sure hurts. Didn't sleep much.

Saturday, June 22, 1957. Partly cloudy. Looked raining in evening. Just sprinkled. Wasn't able to work until 12:00. Dr. Wellmerling saw my foot and taped it and x-rayed. So thankful no broken bones. Elaine [Reynolds] worked in morning. Men finished bailing Allen's hay and finished plowing corn here and Allen's. Girls left at 3:00 with Pauline R[oth] and Mrs. N. for Kansas City.

Sunday, June 23, 1957. Fair, cooler, fine day. I went to work at 7:00. My foot better. Pete and Paul to church and to Mothers for dinner. Paul played ball at Leasch. Pete babysat at Allen's. They went to hospital. Had Allen's foot x-rayed. He dropped dresser drawer on it, but no fracture. Dr. Wellmerling drilled hole in toenail to drain blood out.

Monday, June 24, 1957. Cloudy in morning, fair at noon. Washed. Went to work at 7:00. Rather busy. My foot better. Paul to town with me. He mowed Mother's lawn and went to band. Pete

after him. Pete plowed beans at Allen's. Allen mowed hay. Paul mowed Allen's yard. He went to 4H judging at CRs. Pete to town after supper. Got new battery for car.

Tuesday, June 25, 1957. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. My foot better. Got things ready for supper. We went to Friendship Circle picnic on church lawn. Men plowed beans and raked hay. Paul mowed Allen's lawn. Finished Allen's beans in started on hours. Pete took eggs to town.

Wednesday, June 26, 1957. Rained most of morning, one half inch. Partly cloudy in p.m. Went to work at 7:00. Men done our jobs. Put some machinery away. Pete and I picked peas. Canned 3 pints and 2 pints in freezer. Had some for supper. Allens and Paul went fishing at Lake [Bloomington]. Debbie and Stevie here.

Thursday, June 27, 1957. Cloudy. Showered and rained in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Things ready for supper. Went to alumni student picnic at nurses home. Was to be at Lake, but rained. Pete in town in Service Company meeting. He went to Township meeting in evening. Paul to Sunday School picnic at church.

Friday, June 28, 1957. Rained in morning. Went to work at 7:00. Done cleaning when got home. Pete and Paul to town, Paul to band. Pete and I to Mothers for supper. Allen's and EAs there. Dorothy fixed hair. Paul to 4H judging. Had word Aunt Lucy Schaffer passed away.

Saturday, June 29, 1957. Partly cloudy, warm and humid. Looked rainy at times. Went to work at 7:00. Help some in O[perating] R[oom]. Pete helped Allen vaccinate calves. They bailed hay late PM. Worked late. Paul to Chicago with Rev. Harder and Sunday School class. I cleaned bathroom and kitchen. Defrosted icebox. Picked and froze quart of peas. Help some with chores.

Sunday, June 30, 1957. Fair nice day, not so humid. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to church. He ate lunch in town. We went to State Farm Park with EAs in evening. Had hamburgers. Paul didn't get home until nearly 11:00. He came with Cys from town. They had nice weekend.

Monday, July 1, 1957. Fair, quite warm. Washed, picked beans. Canned 5 quarts. Done ironing and baked cake. Pete and Allen finished bailing Allen's hay and plowed beans. Paul to Champaign at 8:30 with County judging team. Got things ready for supper. We went to 4H picnic at CRs. Ida and Mary got home from Missouri at 8:00. Came with Pauline R. and Mrs. Nussbaum.

Tuesday, July 2, 1957. Fair, quite hot and humid. Worked in yard in morning. Cased eggs. Took them to town. Mother along, she got dress. Pete got up at 5:00. Finished plowing beans and started laying by our corn. Worked late. Paul and I to girls at 8:00. Dorothy combed my hair.

Wednesday, July 3, 1957. Cloudy to in morning. Showered little in p.m. Fair and cooler in evening. Washed windows on outside. Put up ruffled kitchen curtains. Baked rolls and cake. Dressed 2 chickens. Cleaned up house. Pete up early. He and Allen plowing corn. Girls here awhile in evening. Paul to ballgame. Ronnie and Martha Jo got here at 10:00. Glad to see them.

Thursday, July 4, 1957. Cloudy, rained in morning. Hot and humid. Cleared off in p.m. Windy and much cooler in evening. Edd's, Mother and Ida here for dinner. Mary worked. Shirley

Canning beans so they didn't come. Andy and Marilyn got here at 11:00. Surprised [by?] them. Karl Klooz, But (?) Dooly & Billys here awhile. Karl's on way home from Europe. Edd's home at 5:00. We all to Roy's for picnic supper. Took two chickens and cake. Girls there too. Allens didn't go.

Friday, July 5, 1957. Cool, beautiful day. I washed, cleaned up house. Freezer off. Man from town came out to fix it. Wire pulled loose. We went to Mothers for dinner. Ron and Jo took Paul to band then to Mothers. CRs and Gordons there too. We and Ronnies to Alle's for supper. I took hamburgers, salad and made freezer of cream. Andy still at Allen's. Men finished laying by corn at Allen's and ours.

Saturday, July 6, 1957. Fair, nice day. Baked beans and canned 5 quarts. Picked last of pease. Baked date bars. Made salad. Baked some rolls. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Ronnie and Martha Jo washed their car and ours in pm. Paul to choir practice. Pete plowed beans in morning. He and Ron put some machinery away. We went to girls for supper and went to ballgame at O'Niel Park (4H). Andy still here. Allens have diarrhea Sunday, July 7, 1957. Fair, hot, in 90s, good breeze. We went to church. Girlshere for dinner. Ronnies left at 1:15 four Bluffton. Wish I could have stayed longer. We took Paul and Colters to YPU supper at Galloways. Cys brought them home. We went to CRs and Roys awhile. Stopped at Allen's. They got medicine from Dr. Shirley feels little better but Allen doesn't. Andy's left for California.

Monday, July 8, 1957. Cloudy, fair in evening. Cooler. Washed. Took Paul to band. Picked beans. Canned 7 quarts. Ironed some. Girls came out. We picked beans at Shirley's. Got nearly 2 bushels. Canned 7 quarts and 6 pints for girls and 7 quarts for me. Pete took bushel to Casey's. Pete took Paul to ballgame. I went in with girls to game. Allen still isn't feeling good. Pete spraying weeds.

Tuesday, July 9, 1957. Fair, nice day, cooler. Finished ironing. Went to Normal, got medicine for Allen. He stayed in bed most of morning. Felt better in evening. Paul helped him with chores. I went to annual Home Bureau meeting at Student Union. Mother along. We went uptown awhile. Pete sprayed weeds. He went to Men's Fellowship. I went to girls. They and Mother and I got apples at Lutz. Paul home.

Wednesday, July 10, 1957. Fair, little warmer. Working garden all morning. Canned 5 quarts beets in p.m. Made two Apple pies. Men bailing at CRs. Allen better. Edgars, girls and Mother and Allens here for supper. Dorothy done hair.

Thursday, July 11, 1957. Fair, warmer, 90°. Picked beans and Paul and I to town. I went to Dr. Eaton's at 8:15. Had two front teeth pulled. Put ice on awhile. Canned 7 quarts beans in p.m. and froze 2 quarts and one pint applesauce. Cleaned upstairs. Pete at Roy's in morning, moved some dirt. They baled at CRs I pm. Paul to Keeping Fit night (4H).

Friday, July 12, 1957. Partly cloudy. Looked stormy in p.m. Hot. Had storms and wind in Chicago and Kankakee. Went to town in morning. Paul to band. Washed some. Done all of cleaning and to dentist at 12:40. Got new teeth. Don't fit too good. Mother along home. She, Pete and I to Streator. Pete got piece for dump. Paul helped Allen.

Saturday, July 13, 1957. Cloudy, rained in morning. Hot and humid. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to town after it rained. Men worked on sprayer in p.m. Paul to choir practice. He went to Sherry Hawkins birthday party at 6:30. I baked cake after got home. Pete and I babysat and went to Earl Kaufmanns a while. Allens to show.

Sunday, July 14, 1957 cloudy, fair in p.m., quite humid but pretty cool breeze. Went to church and to Garfield school picnic at CRs. I was on the table committee. Ida came out with us. Mary working. She came out afterwards. They ate lunch here. Allens at picnic.

Monday, July 15, 1957. Mostly cloudy in morning fair in p.m., warm and humid. Washed. Took Paul to band. Went to dentist. Had dentures ground down. Mother along out. We canned 16 pints beans, 11 for her. I went to meeting at Nurses Home at 3:30. Saw new furniture and drapes and recreation room. Took mother home. Took Paul to ballgame. He came home with neighbors. Men winrowing oats. Paul mowed pasture.

Tuesday, July 16, 1957. Fair in morning. Rained at noon. Pete windrowing oats in morning. Allen started to plow beans. Mary and Mother here, dressed 7 chickens and cooked some applesauce. They went home in p.m. I took eggs to town and to dentist. Had back lights fixed on car. Men worked on dump in p.m. Paul mowed yard in morning. Debbie here awhile in evening. Rained in night.

Wednesday, July 17, 1957. Cloudy, very humid in p.m., fair in evening, little cooler. Baked apple pie and cake. Pete and I to blood bank at 12:30. Both gave blood. I babysat at Allens when got home. Shirley to town. Got things ready for supper. Pete and I to choir picnic at Lake Bloomington. Paul to ballgame with Leaschs at Heyworth. Little team won championship of County.

Thursday, July 18, 1957. Fair, warm. I washed. Iced cake. Canned 1 ½ quarts beets. Mabel picked my beans. Have all I want. Ironed some. Went to Nurses Home at 4:00. Helped with ice cream social. I went to O'Niel Park to 4H ballgame. Senior team one championship game. Pete and Paul to game with CR. Paul played. Men started combining our oats in p.m.

Friday, July 19, 1957. Fair, hot. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Got things ready for supper and done all of cleaning. Pete finished combining our oats here at home. Made 45 bushels per acre. Started combining at Allen's. We went to Farm and Home Bureau picnic at Otto Leasch's. Small crowd. Girls went, took Mother. Shirley to town. Took Debbie to Dr. (Knight?) about her feet and Stevie had shot.

Saturday, July 20, 1957. Fair, hot, 90s. Went to work at 7:00, busy. Men combining at Allens. Paul to choir practice with Jeanette. Edgars, Mother, girls and Allens here for supper. Dorothy done hair. Mary and I dressed 3 chickens for Dorothy.

Sunday, July 21, 1957. Fair, not quite so hot, warm breeze. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and to girls for dinner. Came home in p.m. We went to church in evening. Young people talked about their trip to Chicago.

Monday, July 22, 1957. Fair, hot and humid. Rained real hard at 5:00 and again in evening. Had over 3 inches. I washed before went to work. Men finished combining Allen's oats before it

rained. I done ironing in evening. Cooler in evening. H2O leaking through dining room light fixture.

Tuesday, July 23, 1957. Fair and real cool. Fine day. Cleaned icebox. Washed nylon dresses and uniforms. Baked apple pie, coffeecake and custard. Shirley and children here awhile in morning. I took eggs to town. Paul along, got haircut. Men moved dump. Pete trimmed hedges. Ironed some dresses. Pete put tar on roof.

Wednesday, July 24, 1957. Fair, real cool, lovely day. Went to work at 7:00. Men mowed hay. Pete combined oats on Fagerberg's. Paul and Allen baled some straw in p.m. Pete worked late. Allens here a while in evening.

Thursday, July 25, 1957. Partly cloudy, pleasant. Worked in garden. Kept Debbie and Stevie in morning. Shirley to town. Men baled hay. Pete finished combining at Fagerburgs. Glad to be done. We went to Mothers in evening for supper. Dot fixed hair. Mary after me. Men went late. Picked some cucumbers.

Friday, July 26, 1957. Mostly cloudy, little warmer. Washed. Took Paul to band and went to dentist. Done all of cleaning. Kept Stevie little while. Shirley took Debbie to Dr. Bailen. She's sick again, cold. Worked up garden awhile. Washed car. Men try to bale hay not dry enough so they baled straw for Gordon. Paul to ballgame.

Saturday, July 27, 1957. Cloudy, warm and humid. Went to work at 7:00. Went uptown after work. Got black dress. Fixed brine for pickles. Men baled hay at Gordon's and finished his straw. Showered before they got to bale our hay. Debbie lots better.

Sunday, July 28, 1957. Mostly fair, quite warm. We went to church. Ida and mother along home. We went to Meadows to see Mira Ropp, then to Eureka. Saw Edd's. Pete went to Adeline Normans but she wasn't home. Mary came out after work. She took Mother. Ida and Paul to town. Paul to why YPU at Roths. He took relish plate.

Monday, July 29, 1957. Cloudy, humid, fair in p.m. a while. Had showered at 6:30. Washed and ironed. Men finished bailing our hay. They started bailing Allen's straw. Paul to 4H tour at 10:00. Gordon and Ray went to. CR helped bail. I picked pickles. Cased some eggs.

Tuesday, July 30, 1957. Fair, hot. Got things ready for dinner. Went to town at 12:30 to dentist and took eggs. Shopped some. Men finished baling Allen's straw. Phil [Patton]s, Earl [Kaufman]s and we went to Vonachen's Junction at Peoria. We drove. Had good food Paul at Allen's for supper and mowed yard.

Wednesday, July 31, 1957. Fair, hot, 90s. Cleaned up. Missionary meeting met here in p.m. 14 here. Men baled Allen's hay and some of CR's straw. I went to shower for Price baby. Took Marie H[astings], Elaine [Reynolds] & Coffman. Pete to Farm Bureau meeting about highway. Paul to game at Carlock. He got spiked.

Thursday, August 1, 1957. Fair to partly cloudy, hot, 90s. Went to work at 7:00. Men finished CR straw and bailed hay for him. He bought [hay] at Harold M[ohr]. Paul to hospital in morning

with Gordon, had booster tetanus [shot]. I baked press cookies and chocolate chip cookies. Allens here a while in evening.

Friday, August 2, 1957. Fair, hot, 90s. Went to work at 7:00. Washed when got home and made angel food cake. Men mowed lawn and finished baling our straw. Glad they're done. We went to girls for supper. Mother there too. Dorothy fixed hair.

Saturday, August 3, 1957. Hot and humid. Showered in evening. Cooler. Ronnie's and Emerick got here at 9:30. Cleaned up whole house. Made salad. Mary came out at 10:30, helped. Pete and Martha Jo and Mrs. Emmerich to town at 10:30. Emericks and Ronnies to Mothers for dinner. Edgars here awhile in p.m. Combed my hair. Sure a busy day. We all to girls for supper. Allens and Mother too. Marvins and Orvies got to girls at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday August 4, 1957. A beautiful day. We celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. 32 here for dinner. Had guests all p.m. and evening. Over 100 altogether. Got silverware from family and money tree from hospital and other lovely gifts. A wonderful day and so much to be thankful for. We went to church. Mary and Shirley came in morning to finish up dinner. Ron and Allen took Orvie to Streator in evening. Marvin's at girls. Emericks at Mothers all night. Roys didn't come for dinner. He didn't feel good. Pearl here awhile.

Monday, August 5, 1957. A fine day. 55°. Pete took Paul and calves and geese to fair. Marvins with them. Marvin' left for Michigan and North at 10:30. I washed. Had a big one. Over 30 napkins, tablecloths, tea towels etc. Straightened up house. Ironed. Finished after supper. Shirley here awhile in morning. Roys stopped to see gifts. Pete cut weeds out of beans. Ronnies left for Bluffton at 9:00. Paul got second on geese.

Tuesday, August 6, 1957. Fair, cool, lovely day. We went to fair at 10:00. I worked in cook house from 2 to 8. Sure busy and big crowd. Pete and girls to fair in evening. Big crowd there. I put clothes away in morning and straightened up in recreation room.

Wednesday, August 7, 1957. Fair, little warmer. I worked in garden in morning and picked lima beans. Put quarts in freezer. Defrosted icebox. Picked cucumbers and changed salt brine. Kept Stevie while Shirley took Debbie to Dr. Bailen for checkup. She's okay. Pete cutting weeds in beans. We and girls to fair in evening.

Thursday, August 8, 1957. Fair, quite warm, 91°. Went to fair at 8:30. Paul showed. Got seventh on Daisy May. Got [ink has faded] on Bell and [ink has faded] on Priscilla. Lots of competition this year. Allens at fair in morning. Mother with us to. Pete and Allen to Hudson in p.m. to see about tractor. I went uptown. Got Paul jeans, shorts and socks. Back to fair and packed his clothes for Springfield. Pete went after his cattle. He took Priscilla to Springfield. Alle's here awhile in evening.

Friday, August 9, 1957. Fair, warmer, good breeze. Done cleaning. Washed and ironed. Picked tomatoes and cucumbers and got things ready for supper. Edgars, Mother, Allens and girls here. We grilled hamburgers. Ate outside. We miss Paul. Pete sprayed corn in morning and cut weeds in beans in p.m.

Saturday, August 10, 1957. Fair, hot. Picked lima beans. Got 2 quarts. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Went to Phils a little. Went to town, got groceries. Dorothy combed out my hair. Washed car. Baked cake and two apple pies. Took pies to Nurses Home for banquet. I went to alumni banquet at Nurses Home. Good Will served. Smorgasbord. Marie [Hastings] and Winifred [Maxwell] along. Men went out to eat. They came home early. Pete cut weeds and sprayed some.

Sunday, August 11, 1957. Partly cloudy, hot. Had shower in town. We went to church. Mother home with us. I got things ready for supper. Phils, Mrs. Mailer, Celia [Patton], Harold [Patton]s, Lily, Allens and girls here for supper. Had chicken and melon. Ate outside. Mary worked. Girls helped Good Will serve at Erma Leischner reception.

Monday, August 12, 1957. Thundered and looked rainy early in morning. Fair and cooler. Good breeze from northeast. Washed. Picked cucumbers and lima beans. Froze 2 quarts. Done ironing. Stayed with Debbie a while in PM. Allens to town. I got corn ready to can. Got 17 pints. Girls came out awhile & helped. Men shelled Roy's corn in morning. Pete cut weeds.

Tuesday, August 13, 1957. Mostly fair. Hot. Looked rainy in evening. Pete and I, Allen, Shirley and Mary to fair at Springfield. Paul got last in Junior show and didn't place in open class. Was hot at fair. Pearl kept Debbie. Grandma kept Stevie. They got along okay. Mary had day off. Ida worked. Pete I guess got too warm. Had bad headache in evening. Cys here a while brought (unintelligible) back.

Wednesday, August 14, 1957. Fair, hot, 90°. Worked with corn. Put 8 quarts and 10 pints and 4 dozen ears of corn in freezer. Girls came out after work. Canned 10 pints for them and 5 pints for us. Allens here a while in evening. Then Pete and I took little drive. Went up to Ropp Cemetery. Pete spread corn in morning and cut weeds in beans in p.m.

Thursday, August 15, 1957. Fair, hot, 97°. Baked cookies, coffeecake and custard. Picked lima beans and put 2 quarts in freezer. Washed some and ironed. Cleaned upstairs and two bedrooms. Catherine and Mona Ernst here awhile in p.m. Brought cucumbers for girls. Edgars, Uncle Henrys and Ella Sandberg here awhile in evening. Got corn. [Rev] Harders got corn. Pete finished cutting weeds in beans.

Friday, August 16, 1957. Fair, real cool, fine day. Partly cloudy in evening. Sprinkled little. I went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Pete cut weeds in corn in morning and mowed pasture and barnyard at Fagerburgs. Paul got home from Springfield at 5:00. Pete to town to get calf. Brought 2 of Ray's home. We and Allens to girls for supper. Edgars and Mother there too. Pete to Hedgecock's office in evening to see about loan. Glad to have Paul home. Done cleaning in evening.

Saturday, August 17, 1957. Fair, cool, 55°. Nice day. Went to work at 9:00. Busy in p.m. Pete and Paul to town in morning. Pete mowed some weeds in p.m. I washed some shirts for Paul in evening. Pete and I to Eureka with Edgars. Went to Ruth Kenyon and Herbert Yordy's wedding at Roanoke church. Girls along to Edds. We took ice cream and stopped at Edds.

Sunday, August 18, 1957. Mostly cloudy, real cool, 52° in a.m. We went to church and to girls for dinner. Mother, girls and we went to Lake Bloomington in p.m. Went to Lloyd Stahley's.

Pete and Paul went swimming. Girls and Mother to show when we got back: "Man Called Peter." Pete and I to ISNU to soil conservation convention. Rev. Stauffer (Mennonite minister from Sugar Creek, Ohio) spoke.

Monday, August 19, 1957. Beautiful day, cool, 52°. Washed. Had Paul's blankets etc. from fair. Done ironing in p.m. Pete and Paul cutting weeds in corn. Allen finished spraying his corn. Shirley and children here awhile in morning.

Tuesday, August 20, 1957. Fair, little warmer. Canned 7 quarts tomato juice and picked lima beans. Put 3 quarts and to pints in freezer. Went to town in p.m. Took eggs. Took Mother to St. Joe to see Martha Woizeski. She's about same. Allens and we to Brickelbaws to get (unintelligible) apples. We went to Roys in evening. Men talked business. Men finished spraying Allen's corn and sprayed some for CR.

Wednesday, August 21, 1957. Fair, nice day. Dusted up house. Picked cucumbers. Went to Shirleys and helped her with apples. She froze some and canned some. Done mending in p.m. Paul with CR to Fairbury Fair. Gordon and Ray showing. Pete cut oat stubble and Orchard and lots around barn.

Thursday, August 22, 1957. Fair, nice day. Defrosted icebox. Canned 11 quarts peaches, 5 ½ quarts tomatoes. Baked cookies and apple pie. Cleaned upstairs. Debbie and Stevie here awhile in morning. Shirley to town. Pete and Paul finished mowing stubble and cleaned out barn. Mother and girls here awhile in evening. Paul and I to Roys with them to see night blooming cactus. 11 blooms. Pete to meeting at Danvers. He went to Roys awhile.

Friday, August 23, 1957. Fair, warmer. Cloudy in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Men cleaned up brush in orchard and cleaned out barn. I cleaned up bedrooms and living room after work. We went to Mothers for supper. Girls and Edgars there. Dot fixed hair.

Saturday, August 24, 1957. Cloudy. Had one-third inch rain. Cleared off in evening. Canned 7 quarts peaches and froze 2 quarts. Picked lima beans. Put 3 quarts and to pints in freezer. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. (Unintelligible) came in morning, stayed for dinner and rest of day. I went to Nurses Home at 4:00. Help serve Junior Senior banquet. Marie got home at 6:30. She and Mother here awhile. Ronnie and Martha Jo got here at 11:00 p.m. A nice surprise.

Sunday, August 25, 1957. A beautiful day. I went to senior breakfast at Davidson's. Took a load of students. Pete and Paul to church with Ronnie. I stopped at Mothers awhile, then to church. We were home for dinner. Allens here too. I went to Lutheran Church at 2:30. Commencement. Girls helped too. Mary worked. Golda [Rupp] helped me as Marie Y[oder] gone. Allens and girls here awhile in evening.

Monday, August 26, 1957. Fair, warmer. Washed. Done some of my ironing. Martha Jo done some of her ironing. Pete helped Allen make some fence. We, Rons, Mother, Marie, girls, Edgars, CRs and Gordon's went to Vonachen's Junction in Peoria for dinner. Was nice. Allen had farm school, couldn't go.

Tuesday, August 27, 1957. Mostly cloudy, much cooler. Showered some in p.m. and evening. I finished ironing. Took pickles out of brine and dressed three chickens. Ronnie and Martha Jo to

town in morning. We all went to CRs for dinner. Roys, Allens, Mother and Marie and Gordons there. We and Ronnies and Allens to girls for supper. Ronnies to North Danvers to YPU meeting in evening.

Wednesday, August 28, 1957. Rained in morning. Had about inch. Warmer in evening. Ronnies left at 9:00 for Bluffton. Were glad to have them home. I made 4 and half pints of peach preserves and 8 quarts tomato juice. Washed some and ironed. Men went to Hudson to see about tractor for Allen and corn picker. Pete and I to town to Hedgecock. Got another loan. We all went to Mothers for supper. She had Roys, EAs, girls, CR s, Gordons, and Allens.

Thursday, August 29, 1957. Fair, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to service company meeting. They bailed hay at CRs late PM. CRs, Gordon, Allen and Paul to John Deere day at Jiles (sp?). I went to Dorothy's after work. She done my hair. Girls came out. Picked lima beans. Got 4 pints (for them). Girls and we to see "The Ten Commandments." Very good.

Friday, August 30, 1957. Fair, hot, over 90°. Went to work at 7:00. Got off late. Had several emergencies at 3:00. Fixed vinegar for pickles and done cleaning after got home. Paul started to school in morning. Went until noon. They dug potatoes in p.m. Got four bags. We all went to Roys for supper. Mother, Marie, Allens, CRs and Gordons there. Pete met Walker [Ropp] at train at 7:30. He visited at Roy's and was here all night.

Saturday, August 31, 1957. Fair, hot in 90s. Cleaned up bathroom and kitchen. Baked date bars. Got things ready for dinner. Pete took Walker to Meadows to see Minnie [Ropp]. We all went to Ropp Reunion at Pekin. Marie took Mother. Allens didn't go. Shirley busy. We took Walker to Leslie Walker's on way home.

Sunday, September 1, 1957. Fair, hot, 90°. Cloudy in evening. Sprinkled a little. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church. Girls and I to Lila Springer's wedding at 3:00 at our church. Good Will served reception. We all went to Allens for picnic supper. Mother, Marie, Mrs. Yeakel, girls, Roys and CRs. Gordons got company and couldn't be there. We all took something. Had barbecue. Ella Schertz passed away.

Monday, September 2, 1957. Cloudy in morning. Sprinkled, cleared off in p.m. Cooler. Washed. Done ironing in p.m. Canned 7 quarts and 3 pints sweet pickles. Pete helped Allen mow hay in p.m. Paul finished his record books. He went to 4H in evening. Girls here for supper. We went to Eureka in evening. Called on Manny Schertz. Ella looks nice. We went to Eds awhile.

Tuesday, September 3, 1957. Fair, windy, much cooler. I canned 5 quarts applesauce. Pete and Allen finished mowing Allen's hay and some of ours. They helped CR and Gordon awhile in p.m. baling. I tied up some endive and took eggs to town. Pete to town Hall to meeting in evening. I went to Good Will with Jeanette. Was hostess.

Wednesday, September 4, 1957. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. I repotted flowers and painted flowerpots. Cleaned attics and closet upstairs in p.m. Men raked hay and baled three loads in evening. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, September 5, 1957. Fair, real cool, 45°. I washed drapes and bedding upstairs. Cleaned up stairs. Went to dentist at 9:45. Getting another set of teeth made. Pete to town. Had

some welding done. He and Allen finished bailing hay in our Eastfield and bailed at Allen's. CR and Gordon gone so no help. Pete and Allen to cattle breeders banquet. Roy gave tickets. I picked lima beans in evening and ironed some. Girls here a little. Got tomatoes.

Friday, September 6, 1957. Mostly cloudy, real cool. Furnace ran some. I canned 12 quarts tomato juice. Done all the cleaning. Baked cake and coffeecake. Made salad dressing and applesauce. Went to dentist at 5:00. Got my teeth. Shirley and children along. Got groceries. Pete to Service Company until 2:30. They finished bailing Allen's hay and bailed 1 ½ loads of ours when it started to rain.

Saturday, September 7, 1957. Fair at noon. Cool. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to town. Had haircuts. Men finished baling our hay in p.m. Nice to be done. I got a bushel of cull peaches at Casey's for \$.50 (not quite clear). Edgars and girls and Allens here for supper. Mother and seed hours to Lawrence Mohrs. Allens to see "Ten Commandments." We took children home when Edgars left. Was 12:20 when we got home.

Sunday, September 8, 1957. Pete and Paul to church and to Ida's for dinner. Mary working too. We are so short of nurses. I made eight and half pints peach marmalade as the peaches aren't keeping. We took Paul to meeting at Judy Streid's and we went to George and Merles. Had nice visit. Girls here who little a while in early evening.

Monday, September 9, 1957. Cloudy and showered in morning. Cleared away some at noon. Cool all day. Washed, dried some in basement, overalls, towels and pajamas dried outside. Pete picked 4 bushels tomatoes and mowed west pasture in morning. Painted hay racks in p.m. I done ironing and made 2 pints preserves (peaches). Pete to meeting at Town Hall.

Tuesday, September 10, 1957. Fair, warmer in p.m. Canned 14 quarts tomato juice. Helped Shirley a little with her tomatoes. Cleaned to closets in our bedroom. Went to town at 3:00. Took eggs. Went to dentist. Got bushel of peaches for Shirley. I cleaned closet in west bedroom. Pete cleaned henhouse.

Wednesday, September 11, 1957. Mostly fair, rather windy. Looked rainy in evening. Washed bedding etc. from two bedrooms. Cleaned 2 bedrooms. Paul and I washed car in evening. Pete at Roy's. Getting ready to pour concrete for little building. Shirley here little while in evening. Debbie still not feeling too good. We had no choir practice. Helen [Patton] called to Arkansas. Her mother very ill.

Thursday, September 12, 1957. Cloudy, showered off and on most of day. Fair in late evening. Went to Home Bureau at Mrs. Rengels. Shirley and Stevie along. Also Roberta and Mabel. Shirley music chairman. Debbie at Pearl's. Pete at Roy's putting in forms. Ate dinner there. Mother along home. The Silverleaf Community Club wiener roast was here. Turned out nice so had it outside. Good crowd here. Helen Patton's mother died. Cleaned up house in morning. Paul to church youth party.

Friday, September 13, 1957. Fair, nice day. Canned 13 ½ quarts tomatoes in morning. Debbie here. Allens to town in morning. I baked bars and custard. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Went to Shirley's awhile in PM. Helped her can 13 quarts peaches. Pete to Service Company meeting at Springfield. We went to NCHS and Bloomington football game. Girls along. We won.

Saturday, September 14, 1957 fair, nice day Went to work at 7:00 Pete and Paul went to Yuton and Paul to choir practice in p.m. Pete helped Allen put forms in sidewalk. Edgars, Mother and girls and Allens here for supper. Ate outside. Roasted wieners. Dorothy fixed hair. Pete picked 2 bushels tomatoes. Gave Dot, Mother and girls some.

Sunday, September 15, 1957. Cloudy in morning. Showered little. Cleared off in p.m. We went to church and to girls for dinner. They came home with us and went to Allens awhile. Saw his pigs and barn there. Paul there at 7:00 so we went to Mother until church services.

Monday, September 16, 1957. Fair, cool, 42°. Beautiful day. Washed, had big one. Stevie here while Shirley took Debbie to Dr. McNutt. I done ironing. Pete and I to dentist at 4:00. Paul along too. Got Paul basketball shoes. I finished ironing when got home. Pete worked at Roy's in morning. Finished forms. He went to Hudson after dinner.

Tuesday, September 17, 1957. Fair, cool, fine day. Went to work at 7:00 until nearly 3:00. Worked on 2B. Gave meds. I made 15 pints chili sauce and canned 3 ½ quarts tomatoes after got home. So was a big day. Pete helped Allen pour concrete, their back porch and walks and little feed building. Dean Kehl died suddenly at 7 PM. Feel sorry for the kids.

Wednesday, September 18, 1957. Fair, much warmer in p.m. I made 12 glasses grape jelly and cleaned the Hall. Aired bedding. Went to club meeting at Fern Miller's. Mother along home. We took her home on way to choir practice. Pete, Paul and I to funeral home to see Dean Kehl. Pete and Allen got new corn picker put on Allen's new tractor. They got hay at *Hospelhorns* (sp?).

Thursday, September 19, 1957. Partly cloudy, warm and 80s. Debbie and Stevie here in morning I'll Shirley made catsup. I took them home at noon. I baked cookies, chocolate pudding, apple pie and coffeecake. Went to Shirley's at 3:00. Helped her. She made chili sauce too and 8 quarts tomato juice. Pete and Allen worked at Roy's cleaning up a dead tree.

Friday, September 20, 1957. Rained at noon. Went to work at 7:00. Everything full, patients in Hall. Pri (?) double. Pete and Alan Schacht load of corn in morning. Pete cleaning henhouse. I went to dentist after work. Cleaned up bedrooms and living room when got home. Allen not feeling good, has pain in the upper abdomen. Went to hospital in evening to see Dr. Barber. Has 66,000 ?C (not clear?). Paul with Debbie. We took Stevie to Mother. Pete and I to church to hear Kagikade (sp?) (African) missionary. Choir sang. Had reception afterwards.

Saturday, September 21, 1957. Cloudy. Rained off and on most of day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete worked on henhouse and finished it. Paul helped Allen with chores. He feels little better, went to hospital at 1:00 for another count. 6000. Was quite a difference. Dr. Chesley saw him. Barber out-of-town. Chesley thinks may be inflammation of pleura. We went to girls for supper. Dorothy done hair. Paul to game at NCHS. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom.

Sunday, September 22, 1957. Cloudy, dreary in morning. Cleared off in p.m. Cooler. went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to Sunday school and church and to Mothers for dinner. Mary Marks there, also CRs. Mary worked too. Allen better. Shirley and children here awhile in evening.

Monday, September 23, 1957. Fair, cool, beautiful day. Washed. Cleaned living and dining rooms. Debbie here in p.m. Shirley took Stevie to Dr. McNutt. Had casts put on his feet. I got

things ready for supper. Pete and I took some nurses to nurses picnic at Meadows church. Had nice time and lots of food.

Tuesday, September 24, 1957. Fair, cold, 36 to 38. Frost. Went to work in I go our at 7:00 to 11:30. Then to mothers for dinner. And MinaRopp, Anna Neuhauser and Dan, Pearl, Mabel and I. Pete got Mina and Mitchells came for her. I done ironing after got home. We shelled corn in p.m. Dressed chicken in evening. We went to Friendship Circle.

Wednesday, September 25, 1957. Fair, little warmer. Got things ready for dinner. Then they got done shelling at 10:00. Allen and Shirley here for dinner. Men cleaning up. I cleaned bathroom. Went to Missionary Meeting at Pearl's. Gave devotions. I went to choir practice. Paul to Mothers. Pete to meeting at Town Hall.

Thursday, September 26, 1957. Fair, real windy and cold. Pete, Allen and I to Farm Progress Show at Farmer City. Large crowd there and interesting. Floyd Mohr along too. Got home at 3:45. I cleaned recreation room yet. I went to alumni meeting with Marie Hastings.

Friday, September 27, 1957. Fair, real cool. Went to work at 7:00. Elaine working 2B. Cleaned bedrooms after work. Edgars, Mother and girls and Allens here for supper. Had waffles and sausage. Men worked on combines. Paul all night at Dickey Miller's.

Saturday, September 28, 1957. Fair, cool, little warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Elaine on 2B. Done cleaning when got home. Pete and Allen started to combine at Roy's. Pete went after Paul at Dickey's. He went with CRs to St. Louis to see Cardinals play Cubs. They came back after game.

Sunday, September 29, 1957. Fair, real cool in morning. Warmed up some during day. Went to church and to Ida's for dinner. Paul with young people to visit shut-ins. Rev. Harders brought him home. Pete and I went to field awhile to see soya beans. Allens to Effingham. Mary worked. We went to church in evening. Preparatory communion service. Choir sang. Nettie isn't feeling well.

Monday, September 30, 1957. Fair, fine day. Washed. Canned 6 quarts tomato juice and 9 quarts tomatoes. Done ironing. Men combining beans at Allen's. I kept Debbie in p.m. awhile. Shirley took Stevie to Dr McNutt. Had casts changed. We got new RCA Whirlpool 20 foot freezer.

Tuesday, October 1, 1957. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Was in (unclear?) surgery. Got off at 2:00. Cleaned cupboards in kitchen after got home. Men combine beans. I went to Good Will with Jeanette. Men took Mary's freezer to her house. Gordon helped them.

Wednesday, October 2, 1957. fair, real cool. Went to work at 7:00. Reynolds working on 1st. Mother along home. Made ice cream. Took Paul to Barber after school. We all went to CRs for hamburger fry and ice cream. Surprised CR for 50th birthday. This also was hay baling get-together. Roys and Allens there too and Gordons. Pete helped Floyd Mohr shell corn.

Thursday, October 3, 1957. Mostly cloudy, damp in morning. Mabel and I to mothers at 8:30. Cleaned her living room. Got done at noon. I came home at 2:00. Cleaned kitchen and back stairway. Pete helped Floyd again awhile in morning. They finished Allen's beans in p.m. I went

to wiener roast at Ida *Luckert* (sp?) at Gridley. Drove Mary's car. Elaine and R. Helm, Ida and Mary, Miss Maxwell, Stuckey, *Agu* (?) and Augsburgers went too. Had nice time.

Friday, October 4, 1957. Fair, real cool. Cleaned fruit room. Kept Stevie a while. Shirley to town. I went to auxiliary at 11:30. Also had my Asian flu shot. Came home at 2:30. Done cleaning and straightened up fruit room. Men combining beans here. We went to Mothers for supper. EAs and girls there. Dot fixed hair. Pete to meeting at hospital. Ministers and lay men.

Saturday, October 5, 1957. Fair, fine day. Went to work at 7:00. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Men combining beans. Paul to choir practice with Jeanette. We and CRs and Mother to Uncle Henry's for supper. Had chili. Had nice time. Marguerite [Burwitz] there too. Mary left at 8:15 on us for West Liberty [Ohio].

Sunday, October 6, 1957. Fair, beautiful day. Went to work at 7:00. Went to church. We had communion. Strouse carried book for me. Pete and Paul to church and to Ida's for dinner. They were home in PM. We went to church in evening. Also went to funeral home to see Katherine Mishler's father, Mr. Kent. Allens at Ida's.

Monday, October 7, 1957. Foggy in morning, fair rest of day. Washed. Went to Virginia's at 9:30. Had permanent. Pete took hens to Lakins morning. I baked pie and custard after dinner. Went to Shirley's, stayed with Debbie until she woke up, then brought her home. Shirley took Stevie to Dr. Had casts removed. Men combining beans in p.m. We went to 4H wiener roast at Maitland's. Stopped to see Elmer Siegs a little. Elmer's eye getting better.

Tuesday, October 8, 1957. Fair, nice day. I went to regional nurses meeting at Methodist hospital in Peoria. Maxwell, Reynolds, Wey, *Mayistaki* (sp?) & Deavers. Deavers drove. Pete and Allen finished combine in our beans. Sure glad they are done. Mother hasn't felt so good. Mabel took her to Dr. Her blood pressure little high. Pete to men's meeting in evening.

Wednesday, October 9, 1957. Cloudy, showered some. Cleared off in evening. I defrosted icebox. About sick with diarrhea and vomited several times. Cleaned the furnace room and laundry room. Felt rather tough. Baked cake before supper. Pete to choir practice.

Thursday, October 10, 1957. Mostly fair, cool. Went to work at 7:00. Reynolds on first-floor. Took Ida to work. She and I uptown a while. Got Alan white shirt for his birthday. Allens here for supper. Shirley brought chicken that Pearl had given Allen for his birthday. Men worked on hog houses. Pete to town. Pete and I to PTA. Had open house. Met teachers.

Friday, October 11 1957. Fair, fine day, cooler. Done cleaning. Waxed living and dining room furniture. Baked rolls. We put up storm windows. Washed all windows. Glad it's done. Pete worked on corn crib. We went to Ida's for supper. EAs, Mother and Allens there too. Men carried chickens in barn.

Saturday, October 12, 1957. Fair, cool. Cleaned kitchen and bathroom. Baked cookies and pie. Cooked some pears. Debbie and Stevie here in morning. Allens in town. Paul washed and waxed car and went to choir with Jeanette. I met him at 3:00. Got him shoes and shirt. Pete made sideboards for wagon. We went to Allens little while.

Sunday, October 13, 1957. Fair, fine day. Paul had chills and temperature, 103.4, early in morning. Much better in evening. Temp down. He was home all day. Pete and I to church in morning. Ida along home for dinner. We went to Edd's in p.m. Nettie feeling some better. I took Ida home at 6:00. Were home in evening.

Monday, October 14, 1957. Quite cloudy, little warmer. Washed. Went to Shirley's in p.m. while she went to town little. Men put Allen's storm windows on so Shirley and I washed windows. Got home after 5:00. Done ironing yet. Paul still not feeling good. Had chills and temp. Better in p.m. and evening.

Tuesday, October 15, 1957. Cloudy, rained and showered most of day. Pete helped Allen at 7:00 to move hogs into barn. I stayed with children. Shirley out too. Paul didn't go to school but is better. Pete has a cold too. Reynolds called at 9:00. Wanted me to come in to help on 2B. So went in and worked until 2:40. Took eggs to Harms (sp?) and to Chet [Roth]s. Ida and I uptown. Got plastic for basement windows. I finished cleaning kitchen cupboards and drawers.

Wednesday, October 16, 1957. Mostly cloudy, damp. Pete sick with flu, temp 103°. In bed all day. Feels pretty tough. I canned 6 quarts pears. Paul done chores. Allen helped some. I took Paul to school at noon and went to club meeting at church. Winners – losers. I was winner. We were to go to Funks Grove, but too wet. Jeanette and I to choir practice. Pete better in evening. Gave Pete SRD.

Thursday, October 17, 1957. Cleared off, colder. Pete feeling better. Was up little. Paul choring. Went to school. I went to work at 7:00. Cleaned up house when got home. Went to Dorothy's after supper. Had hair fixed. Allen started shucking corn here. He didn't feel good in evening. Temp of 102°. Gave him some SRD. Furnace on blink. Man came out in evening, but didn't get it fixed.

Friday, October 18, 1957. Fair, cold, 32°. Pete better. He helped some and chores. Allen in bed most of day, temp 100 for in evening. Giving him SRD etc. Paul and Shirley done chores in evening. I stayed with children. Went to work at 7:00. Furnace man here all day. Suet all over the house and basement. Cleaned up before supper. Allens and I were to leave in p.m. for Bluffton. Called Ronnie in evening. Sorry we can't go.

Saturday, October 19, 1957. Fair, 32°, beautiful day. Washed and scrubbed basement. Pete and Paul doing Allen's chores. Allen's better, temp down. Gave him SRD in morning. I took Mother to Dr. Deneen at 11:30. He injected medicine in her knee. I ate lunch at Mothers. Men dug sweet potatoes, two 5 gallon buckets, and picked more tomatoes. Pete shucked a load of corn for Allen's hogs. I washed car. Done some baking. Dusted house.

Sunday, October 20, 1957. Fair, cold in morning, beautiful day. Pete and Paul done Allen's chores in morning. Pete didn't get done in time for church and he was tired out too. Allen helped with chores in evening. Paul to Sunday School with CR's. I went to church. Mother and Ida along home for dinner. Had duck. Paul to YPU. Colters brought him home when took *folks* (not clear) home. Mary home at 11:00.

Monday, October 21, 1957. Mostly cloudy, chilly wind. Washed and washed Shirley's diapers. Allens took Debbie to Dr. She has flew and Shirley isn't feeling good. Stevie here. Pete shucking

corn. Finished north field. I hauled some corn in and done ironing. Went after Paul at 5:00. Basketball practice. Made pie for 4-H sale. Was to help but kept Stevie.

Tuesday, October 22, 1957. Cloudy, rained most of day. Pete started to husk corn but had to quit. Debbie and Shirley better. Allens had planned to have a dinner for Debbie but postponed it. I washed dishes in China Cabinet. Put silverware away. Baked cake for coffeeshop and little one for Debbie. Took eggs to town in p.m. Girls and Mother came after work. We dressed 12 hens. Girls got four, Mother three and five for us. Pete and Allen put potatoes in cellar.

Wednesday, October 23, 1957. Showered most of day. Rained real hard all evening. I washed new silverware and polished silverware. Cleaned stoves. Baked rolls in p.m. Pete and Allen picked some pairs. We started to choir practice but car drowned out south of Mohr's, hit a lot of water in road. Pete came back with someone to get Jeanette's car but our started just as he got back. We came back home. Had H2O in basement.

Thursday, October 24, 1957. Cloudy, colder. Went to work at 7:00. Pete to service company meeting. We went uptown after work. Got Allens radio for anniversary. Allens came early in morning. Had no heat most of night. H2O in basement got into furnace. Allen got pump and put in to pump out H2O. They were [up] all night (?). I went to alumni meeting. Pete had Township meeting. I have some cold. Had SRD.

Friday, October 25, 1957. Cloudy, windy, cold. Shirley washed in morning. I made pie. Got things ready for dinner. Went to town at 3:00. Meeting meeting had [already happened] at hospital. Then they had it earlier and didn't call. Had another SRD. Got groceries. Shirley at home awhile. They got furnace fixed. They went home before supper. Cleaned up my bedroom and living room. Men dug up tile at Roy's. We went to girls after supper. Dot combed our hair.

Saturday, October 26, 1957. Partly cloudy, cold, 28°. Had snow in Chicago. I washed. Had extra bedding. Finished cleaning. Baked cake, cookies and coffeecake in p.m. Men shucking corn. Paul babysat in morning while Shirley went to town. He went to choir practice. Done ironing in evening. Had busy day.

Sunday, October 27, 1957. Fair, cold, 20°. Nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and to mothers for dinner. Ida there too. Mary worked. We all went to Allen's for supper. Debbie's birthday party. Mrs. Yeakel came out with me. Mother, Edgars and girls there too. Had nice time. Allens showed some pictures. Edd and Oscar Millers stopped awhile. Nettie still in hospital.

Monday, October 28, 1957. Fair, beautiful day, little warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Girls and I uptown a while. Got Paul at school. He had basketball practice. Allen opened Gordon's cornfields and they finished shucking here at home. I went to Symphony with Elaine R[eynolds]. Pete to Crop meeting at Baptist church. He is representative for Dry Grove [Township].

Tuesday, October 29, 1957. Mostly cloudy. Rather windy. I canned 14 quarts pears and 4 pints marmalade. Debbie and Stevie here in morning. Shirley to town. Men started shucking at Allen's. Paul stayed with Debbie in evening. Allen to Farm School. Shirley to Friendship Circle, on committee. Pete home. I went to refresher course at Mennonite [Hospital]. Mother called at 11:30, had heart spell. Took her to hospital at 12:00. She's in [room number] 364.

Wednesday, October 30, 1957. Partly cloudy, warmer, I washed some in morning. Went to hospital at 10:30. Mother didn't sleep much, but she's some better. EKG seems okay. Dr. says she can be up some. Went to dentist in p.m. Got Paul at school. He had practice and got hair cut. Men shucking corn at Allen's. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, October 31, 1957. Fair, fine day. I ironed in morning and cleaned up stairs. Wrote to Ronnie's. Went to town in p.m. Took Mother home from hospital. She's feeling pretty good. Got Paul at school. He had trombone practice. Men shucking at Allen's. Took Paul to junior high school party. He took Sherry Hawkins. Got them at 9:00. I went to refresher course at hospital.

Friday, November 1, 1957. Partly cloudy, warmer. Baked 2 pies and done cleaning. Went to auxiliary meeting at 11:00. Came home early. Raked some leaves. Men shucking corn at Allen's. Edgars, Mother, girls and Allens here for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Edd got laid off work.

Saturday, November 2, 1957. Cloudy. Showered off and on all day. Cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Pete to Yuton and to town little while in morning. Girls, Pete and I to Peoria to see Nettie. Stopped and took Edd along. We shopped until after dinner then went to hospital. She's about same. Paul babysat for Allen's in morning. Ate dinner there. Allen shucked three loads corn, finished one field. Paul to choir practice.

Sunday, November 3, 1957. Cloudy, foggy, misty. We went to church and to girls for dinner. Rev. Harders and Walter Yoders there too. I took Paul and Colters to YPU. Jeanette along. We went to Mothers a while. I took Mrs. Yeakel home. She was at Allen's for dinner.

Monday, November 4, 1957. Cloudy, damp. Washed and helped Shirley peeled some eairs before dinner. Men making fence at Roy's. Too damp to husk corn. Done ironing in p.m. Went after Paul at school. Had basketball practice. Made Jell-O dessert for supper and some for Ruth Otto. Her father passed away. 4-H achievement [night], but Paul didn't go.

Tuesday, November 5, 1957. Mostly cloudy, colder. Went to work at 7:00. Worked in OR. Had big morning. Took Mother to Dr. Deneen after work. She's okay. Pete and Allen making fence. Jeanette and I to town. She went to Good Will. I went to classes at nurses home. Went to church after meeting. Nettie went home from hospital. Ronnie in play at BC.

Wednesday, November 6, 1957. Fair, nice day, cold in morning, in 20s. Put clothes away. Washed out some things. Stirred up cookies. Canned 4 quarts pears and 5 pints marmalade. Made bread pudding and baked cookies. Planted tulip bulbs. Went to town at 4:00. Ruth Buller along. We bought two dresses for Erma Birkey (Good Will). Men made fence and Allen shipped hogs. We went to choir practice. Had doughnuts and cider.

Thursday, November 7, 1957. Cloudy, windy, rained in evening. Cleaned up whole house and basement. Raked leaves a while. Men finished fence and shucked several loads corn. YPU had wiener roast here. Had it in basement. Rev. Harder was called to town. Mrs. William Meyers was found dead when Louise got home. Mrs. Harder and Cys were here too.

Friday, November 8, 1957. Mostly cloudy, real windy and much colder. Few snow flurries. Went to work at 7:00. Got Mother after work. We stopped at funeral home to call on Meyers family. Edgar's mother, girls and Allens here for supper. Had waffles. Pete to funeral home in evening.

Paul had no school. Workshop. They fixed fence. Husk corn in p.m. but dump broke so didn't get much done.

Saturday, November 9, 1957. Fair, cold, 20°. Didn't warm up much. Went to work at 7:00. Pete took me. He went to town in morning and to Mrs. Meyers funeral. He was pall bearer. I got off at 2:00 and went to funeral. Mother there too. She went along to cemetery. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom and baked cake. Paul to choir practice in morning and helped Allen husk corn in p.m.

Sunday, November 10, 1957. Fair, cold, 15°. A beautiful day. We went to church. Had dinner at church. Mission Sunday and children's Thanksgiving program in p.m. Junior choir sang to. Rev. Andres Shelly speaker. Also spoke in evening. We went to church. Paul to birthday party, Ernie Rawley. He went with Larry Mohr. We brought them home.

Monday, November 11, 1957. Fair, fine day, little warmer. Washed, dried towels and overalls outside. Done ironing before noon. Men moved corn dump and husk corn. Paul home, no school. He and Allen went hunting little while. Pete and I to Chicago at 3:00 to IAA convention. Scott's had room for us at Brevoort Hotel. Harley *Hooblen* (sp?) with us. We all went to Cinerama, "Seven Wonders of the World." Paul done chores and was at CR's all night.

Tuesday, November 12, 1957. Mostly fair. Rained in evening. Men to meeting. We ladies shopped. We all went to breakfast for McLean County people. Pete and I came home on 6:50 train. Went to men's meeting at church. Rev. Shelly there and invited ladies. Mary got Paul took him to church. He went to basketball practice at Carlock with Reesers. He came home with us. Allen and CR shucked corn together as Gordon was in Chicago. Stevie had croup all night. They were up most of night.

Wednesday, November 13, 1957. Cloudy. Rained and drizzled all day. I canned 4 quarts pears and 6 pints spiced pears. Washed some. Went to town in p.m. Took Mother to dentist. I had the third polio shot. I visited school a while. Paul home with me. Pete on Crop drive. Allens took children to Dr. Think they're some better this evening. We went to choir practice and to funeral home to see Ruth Denzer who passed away.

Thursday, November 14, 1957. Cloudy, misted, colder in p.m. Ironed some in morning and stayed with children while Allens went to town. They are some better. I made 4 pints pear marmalade and 1 pint spiced pears and cooked a few. Went to town at 3:00. Had brake and turn light fixed on car. Got Paul at school. He had basketball practice. I went to Sixth District dinner at YWCA. Went with Butcher and Clark. Pete on Crop drive in morning.

Friday, November 15, 1957. Partly cloudy. Paul dusted upstairs and I cleaned bedrooms and living and dining room. Went to Home Bureau at our church. Was to have been yesterday, postponed on account of Ruth Denzer's funeral. Shirley went in morning. Home at noon as Allen stayed with children. I cleaned up kitchen and bath after got home. Pete and I to Mother's for supper. EAs and girls there. Paul at Allens for supper and stayed with Stevie. Allens to wedding, Shirley's cousin.

Saturday, November 16, 1957. Partly cloudy. Men husking corn. Started on Fagerbergs. Fields kinda soft. I went to work at 7:00. Paul to choir practice in p.m. with Jeanette. Girls and I uptown after work. I got gift for Joanna Imhoff. She and Dennis Ross married at East White Oak

[Church] at 7:00. Girls, Pete and I went. Nice wedding. Lou and Clifford Troyer there. Also Dennis's folks from Indiana. Paul home.

Sunday, November 17, 1957. Mostly cloudy, colder. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul to church and to girls for dinner. Came home after dinner. Paul and Allen hunting. Paul got pheasant. We dressed it. We went to church in evening. Cys and we to girls during YPU.

Monday, November 18, 1957. Cloudy, foggy, misted and rained most of day. Real windy in evening and colder. Washed and ironed. Cooked squash. Pete helped Allen sort hogs and done odd jobs. I went to meeting at hospital. Saw Rev. Harder a few minutes. He's in having x-rays. Got Paul at school. He had [basketball] practice. Ida on vacation. We heard Uncle Martin is married again.

Tuesday, November 19, 1957. Went to cloudy, chilly wind. Mabel and I to Mothers at 10:00. She had her neighbors in for coffee and rolls. We went shopping in p.m. Ida along uptown. Mabel and I got drapes for Mother for Christmas. Took Paul to [Dr.] HP Sloan for physical. We made fruitcakes at girls. Paul ate supper there. He went to game at Heyworth. Mother, girls, Pete and I to Consistory for pancakes and sausage.

Wednesday, November 20, 1957. Fair, cloudy in evening, few flurries. Baked pie and coffeecake. Went to bazaar at new Methodist Church with Mabel. Came home at noon. Went with Pearl to club meeting at Mrs. Mishler's. We brought Paul home. He had basketball practice. Men husking corn at Fagerbergs. We went to choir practice.

Thursday, November 21, 1957. Cloudy, snowed in morning. Had flurries during day. Went to work at 7:00. Was busy. Cleaned upstairs after got home. Men finished Allen's corn and started on CRs as he is using our dump. I went to alumni meeting at nurses home. Marie H[astings] and Myrna Park along.

Friday, November 22, 1957. Fair. Colder in morning, 18°. Men husking corn at CRs. I went to work at 7:00. Got Paul at school. He had basketball practice. I went to Allens in evening. Stayed with children while they went to grocery store.

Saturday, November 23, 1957. Fair, windy, cold, 20°. Cleaned living room. Paul and I raked yard and he went to choir with Jeanette. Then went to Normal, got his haircut and I went after him. We finished yard, a big job. Sure tired. Put dirt on roses too. Men finished husking corn at CRs and ours at Fagerbergs. Sure thankful to be done. Pete to men's dinner at Carlock. They took dumped down in p.m.

Sunday, November 24, 1957. Fair, beautiful day. Went to church. Allens here for dinner. They went home in p.m. Boys went hunting awhile. I addressed some Christmas cards. We took Paul to YPU at 6:00. They had lunch. We went to Mothers until church time. She and girls along. John Eicher from Berne showed pictures, "Count your blessings."

Monday, November 25, 1957. Fair, cold, 20°. Washed and baked cake. Ironed some before dinner. Finished after went to meeting at hospital. Pete and Allen took picker off [tractor], etc. Pete started to plow in p.m. Paul home with me. He had practice. We went to girls for supper. Dorothy fixed hair. Mother there too.

Tuesday, November 26, 1957. Fair, fine day. Pete to town Hall at 6:00. Vote on blacktop road. It carried. I went to work at 7:00. Worked in OR until 1:30. Made angel food cake dessert in morning before work. I waxed kitchen and bathroom after got home. I took Paul to NCHS. They had basketball game. They won. I went to Friendship Circle. Was on committee. Made all dessert. Pete got home at 9:00. Ronnie and Jo got here at 8:00. Were at Allens awhile.

Wednesday, November 27, 1957. Fair, warmer, kinda windy. Martha Jo to schools to visit. Ronnie and I to town at 9:00. He spent most of day with Mr. Koop getting report on hospital. Ida, Mother and I uptown in morning. Shopped. Mother home on bus. We girls and Martha Jo ate at coffee shop. We went thru (?) Metcalf school, then I went with Ida to Dr. Norge. She had checkup. Pete plowed at Fagerbergs and plowed garden. Also Allen's and Roy's [gardens]. Allens here for supper.

Thursday, November 28, 1957. Thanksgiving day. Cloudy. Men helped Allen with pigs in morning. I cleaned upstairs and bedrooms. We went to CRs for dinner and supper. Mother, girls, Laura and May, Roys, Minnie, Gordons and Ronnies and we were there. Also men from Liberia. ISNU students. Allens at Yeakels for dinner and at CRs for supper. Gordons at Cutters for supper. We went to Guy Hilton's 50th anniversary of a while in p.m.

Friday, November 29, 1957. Fair, chilly. Went to work at 7:00. Were busy. Ron to Meadows to Youth Conference. Martha Jo home, graded papers and ironed some. Pete and Paul helped Allen haul manure. Pete to town at 11:00. Met with Hedgecock. Got home at 3:00. Ron home for supper. Pete, Paul and David and Mary Colter to program at Meadows. Ida had *Bu* (unclear) meal.

Saturday, November 30, 1957. Fair, cold, 10°. Rather windy. Went to work at 7:00. Dad took me. Dad made some fence. Ron and Paul hunting a while. Martha Jo babysat, Allen's went to town. She went to town in p.m. and got me at work. Ron to youth conference at Meadows in p.m. Paul to choir in p.m. We all went to girls for supper. Allens, Mother and Edds there too. Martha Jo left keys in car at grocery store. We came home in man's car. Got the car in evening with Ron's keys.

Sunday, December 1, 1957. Fair, warmer, beautiful day. We all went to church and to Mothers for dinner. Girls, Allens and CRs there too. Ronnie's left for Bluffton at 1:00. We came home early. Worked on Christmas cards. Girls here a while in evening. Paul to YPU with Jeanette. No evening services. Junior choir sang at morning service. Paul played his trombone.

Monday, December 2, 1957. Mostly fair, chilly. Washed. Dried towels and overalls outside. Ironed some before dinner and finished in p.m. Pete helped Allen haul manure. I went after Paul at 4:45. He had basketball practice.

Tuesday, December 3, 1957. Snowed most of day. Roads kinda slick. I baked ginger cookies and Danish cookies and baked pie & crust. Pete and I to town in p.m. Took eggs and shopped. Got waffle iron and grill for Allens and Ronnies. Paul to basketball game with CR. I mended in evening.

Wednesday, December 4, 1957. Cleared off about noon. Snowed little in morning. Cold, 13°. Warmed up some. I dusted up house. Put *carrots* (?) away and mended in morning. Debbie here

all day. Allens shopping. Stevie at Mothers. Pete took oats to Yuton. Paul to girls after school. He had basketball practice. We went to choir practice. Jeanette along. Foggy in evening.

Thursday, December 5, 1957. Mostly cloudy, quite chilly. We went to town at 9:30. I had hair fixed at Virginia's. Then we went to Federal Land Bank dinner at student union building. Mother along. At 2:00 we left for Springfield by bus. Service Company took us to see new mill there. Then we went to Lake club for dinner and Christmas party. Also honored Mrs. Curtis and three other men. Very nice. Got home at 12:30. Allen took Paul to game at NCHS. Allen to farm school.

Friday, December 6, 1957. Cloudy. Rained in evening. Went to work at 7:00. Done cleaning after got home and made pie. We went to Farm Bureau supper (Dry Grove). Then went to NCHS band and chorus Christmas program. Allen there too. Also went to supper. Pete and Allen hauled manure. Got Allen's feedlot cleaned up. Elmer Burwitz died. Heart attack.

Saturday, December 7, 1957. Cloudy, little ice on trees in morning. Went to work at 7:00. Pete along. He brought truck home and had door fixed on car. He had left back door open and I went to back out. Men put some machinery away. Pete hauled some manure from brooder house. Paul to choir practice. He went to 4-H meeting at Town Hall with Gordon.

Sunday, December 8, 1957. Mostly cloudy but nice day. We went to church and were home for dinner. Wrote Christmas notes. We took Paul and Colter youngsters to YPU. Girls and we went to Cheese House a while.

Monday, December 9, 1957. Fair, nice day. Washed and ironed some before dinner. Finished after lunch. Covered roses with straw and carpets. Went to meeting at Nurses Home in p.m. and to dedication for new Chapel. We went to normal central basketball game at NCHS. Heavyweights own. Larry [Mohr] along. Pete and Allen hauled manure here.

Tuesday, December 10, 1957. Cloudy. Snowed some in p.m. Turned much colder in evening. Very strong wind from northwest. Went to work at 7:00. Had to give meds on 2B in morning. Went to Shirley when got home, babysat. Shirley, Roberta and Juanita practiced at Jeanette's. We went to Men's Fellowship. Mr. and Mrs. George Curtis showed pictures of Hawaii. Pete and Allen to sale, bought cultivator.

Wednesday, December 11, 1957. Fair, cold, zero and windy. Didn't warm up much. Went to work at 7:00. Was busy. Pete to town with Allen. He had little work done on car. Got Allens floor lamp for Christmas. Allen got Shirley waffle iron. So [we] took ours back. We got Christmas tree. Went to choir practice in evening.

Thursday, December 12, 1957. Fair, zero. Warmed up some but windy from South. Went to work at 7:00. Left at noon for home Bureau at lashes. M. Maxwell took book. Shirley, Roberta and Juanita sang, very good. Pete to Wisconsin with George Francis at 4:00 [AM]. Back at 2:30 [PM]. I cleaned upstairs, bedrooms and living room. Baked crescents and stirred up date filled cookies. Pete to Township meeting at Phinas Yoder's. Paul had basketball practice.

Friday, December 13, 1957. Fair, nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Worked in surgery until 10:30. M. Maxwell had book. Had hair fixed after work. Girls at Virginia's too. Baked cookies and

cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Pete and I to Good Will – Friendship Circle Christmas party at church. Carlock [Church] served the meal, very good. David [Colter] with Paul. We went with Cys.

Saturday, December 14, 1957. Beautiful day, warmer. Went to work at 7:00. Men hauled manure. Paul to choir and met me at hospital. We went uptown a while. Got gift exchanges. We went to Allens for supper. Harold [Patton]s and Lily [Heck] there too. Had nice time.

Sunday, December 15, 1957. Cloudy, foggy, damp. Went to work at 7:00 until 12:00. Strouse took book. We went to Walter Yoders for dinner. Girls there too. Paul stayed in. YPU had supper at church. Paul and Kay [Yoder] took sandwiches. He came home with Jeanette. I wrapped Christmas gifts.

Monday, December 16, 1957. Mostly cloudy. Went to work at 7:00. Washed [clothes] before went. Very busy day. Done ironing when got home. Paul stayed in town. They had game at Chenoa and lost. Pete and Allen hauled manure at Allen's. We went to girls for supper. Made two batches press cookies and some fudge. We brought Paul and Larry [Mohr] home. Sure was tired.

Tuesday, December 17, 1957. Cloudy, rained and misted most of day. I made sugar cookies and iced them. We took eggs to town after dinner. I went to hospital. Took gift for first-floor Christmas party. Also cookies but didn't stay. We dressed 9 geese and 2 chickens. Started at 3:30. Got done at 5:45. Girls came out and helped. We went to Allens a little and saw their tree.

Wednesday, December 18, 1957. Cloudy, warm in the 50s. Rained off and on and thundered and lightning in evening. Defrosted icebox. Fixed pan of scalloped potatoes. Went to hospital at 10:00 to help fixed dinner for (unclear) Drs. dinner. All very nice. I came home at 1:00. Went to club meeting at Mabel's. Pete cleaned up in garage etc. Paul stayed in after school. Had practice. Got haircut and went to girls. He went to choir practice too. Getting ready for Christmas program.

Thursday, December 19, 1957. Fair, nice day. Rained hard in evening. Done all of cleaning. Pete to town in morning. Sign road bonds. He came after me at 1:30. We went to town. Finished shopping. Went to farm school in evening. Paul to Christmas party at school. Allen to town with us.

Friday, December 20, 1957. Cloudy, gloomy. Made centerpieces and put up last of decorations. Made divinity and chocolate macaroons. Went to nurses home at 2:00. Helped serve at personnel Christmas party. We all went to Edgar's for supper. Ronnie and Martha Jo got here at 7:30. They went into EA's and ate supper. Glad to see them. Allens, Mother, girls and Uncle Charlie at EA's. Paul's school out.

Saturday, December 21, 1957. Fair, nice day. Pete and Ronnie's to town. Paul at Allen's. They went to town too. I cleaned up kitchen and bathroom. Made salads and got things ready for company. We went to Allens for chile. Mother and Marie there too. Marie got home at noon. She drove. We had our gift exchange. We got camera. Gave Ronnies waffle iron, Allens lamp, and Paul tennis table.

Sunday, December 22, 1957. Fair, nice day, warm. We all went to church. Roy's, Mother, Marie, girls, Edds, Allens and Minnie here for dinner. Had goose. Ron and Jo to Emily Bertsche wedding at Meadows in p.m. Mother, Marie and girls here for lunch. We all went to Christmas program at church. Children in program too. Allens and Ronnie helped choir. Ron sang solo. Paul went caroling afterwards. We waited at Mothers for him. CRs at (unclear).

Monday, December 23, 1957. Mostly cloudy, cooler in evening. Ron to dentist at 8:00. Had wisdom tooth pulled. I washed, had big one. Ronnies left for Bluffton at 1:00. I done ironing in p.m. Pete to town in morning. He helped Allen dig up tile in p.m. Paul to town in p.m. Helped buy basket for needy family. We went to girls for supper. Dot fixed hair.

Tuesday, December 24, 1957. Fair, fine day. Cleaned up house. Fixed several boxes. Got ready for company. Edgar's, Mother, Marie, girls and CRs here for supper. Allens had Shirley's folks. Pete and Paul to town with Allen a while in morning. Then men worked with Allen's drain. Paul and I made fudge and Penucci in p.m. Had oyster soup and chili for supper. We had Kropf exchange in evening. CRs to Bastings after supper. Girls gave me dress and cups.

Wednesday, December 25, 1957. Rained in morning cloudy. We all went to Mothers for dinner. CRs & Allens there too. Gordons and girls there for supper. Marie, Debbie, Mabel and I to see trees while men chored. Mary worked until 11:00. Edds at girls for dinner. We had nice Christmas. Debbie sick after Allens got home.

Thursday, December 26, 1957. Nice day. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul hauled manure. Cleaned upstairs and bedrooms after got home. We went to Val Kampmeier's for supper. Paul to basketball game. Played at Methodist Church. He went with Reesers from girls. Girls with us to Val. Mother, Marie, CRs and Gordons there too. Allens didn't go.

Friday, December 27, 1957. Mostly cloudy. Rained in evening. Also showered little. Went to work at 7:00. Pete and Paul took cultivator apart. I stayed in town after work. Went to church. Helped serve YPU banquet. Pete took David and Paul to town at 6:00. Jeanette helping too. Girls helped serve too.

Saturday, December 28, 1957. Fair, colder, fine day. I washed and cleaned up living room and kitchen and bath. Pete and Paul doing odd jobs. Pete and I to town in p.m. Mary along. I got new Rosewood coat. Ironed in evening. Ronnies and Dr. Shelly got here at 8:45. Had lunch for them. 2 girls stayed at John Miller's and 2 at RL Hartzler's.

Sunday, December 29, 1957. Partly cloudy. We all went to church. Gospel Team gave program. Ronnie is the speaker. He gave a good message. Big crowd. We all went to Roy's for dinner. Mother and Marie to church with us. We had \$.25 gift exchange. Girls here a while in evening. We all went to Carlock. Gospel Team gave program. Ron and Jo to hospital in evening. Gave program.

Monday, December 30, 1957. Fair, cloudy in evening and colder. I washed. Dried sheets towels and overalls outside. Shirley and Allen here about noon so they stayed for dinner. Ronnie's left at 1:20 for Carlock. Then on to Tiskilwa. Allens to town. Paul stayed with Debbie. They took Stevie to Dr. McNutt. I done ironing. Pete hauled load manure. They helped Allen with hogs in morning. We went to Art Siegs for supper. Mother Marie, EAs and CRs there. Allens at Gordons.

Tuesday, December 31, 1957. Snowed most of day. Much colder in p.m. Snow melted in morning. Pete and Paul to town at 8:30. Got David Adams. He spent day with Paul. I put clothes away and cleaned up house. Got dinner. Baked date bars in p.m. Pete done odd jobs. We took David home on way to Dovens. Were there for supper. Maxwell, Elaine and Ruth Stuckey and Mrs. Lawson there too. Paul at Allen's.