

The Diary of Anna Kropf Ropp

2002-01-01

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(By 1998, Ann could no longer find the five-year diaries she had always used, so she switched to one-year diaries for four years and then simply filled several small notebooks, finally making her last entry on April 12, 2004. She lived until June 9, 2005.)

Tuesday, January 1, 2002. New Year's Day. Fair, chilly. Rons brought Pete home. We had Chinese food. Was good to have Pete home. Wish he could stay. Ron took him back to [Nursing] Home after 4:00. Was good to have Paul.

Wednesday, January 2, 2002. Clear, chilly. Paul took me to BroMenn at 7:34 bloodwork. Ate breakfast at hospital. Went to Kohl's, got Pete pair of trousers. Randys had given him shirt. Paul did some laundry. We went to see Pete in PM. Went to bank. Rons, Paul & I to Tobins for supper.

Thursday, January 3, 2002. Clear, 20s. Paul left at 6:30 a.m. for Chicago where he met Marj and will go to San Francisco California to convention. I sure enjoyed having him here. He's a good help. It's always lonely after they leave. I was busy. Washed sheets&d towels and took decorations down. Done some cleaning. Talked to Pete. He was okay.

Friday, January 4, 2002. Fair. Went to Gayle's an hour late. Bus busy. Did some cleaning, putting things in place. Ron took me to see Pete at 4:30 and Jo got me at 6:30. Brought my car home. Baums did 5000 mile check on it. Pete moved 2 rooms closer to nurses station.

Saturday, January 5, 2002. Cloudy day, 30s. Started to snow about 1:00 p.m. Little rain with it, chilly wind. I did some weekly cleaning. Long afternoon. Had 2 inches snow. Jeannie Oyer was in an accident, has a fractured rib. Feel so sorry for them. Things aren't going well for them.

Sunday, January 6, 2002. Posted cloudy. Little slick in places. Rons took me to church, which I appreciated. We had lunch at Avanti's. Then went to see Pete. He was feeling pretty good. Got home at 2:30. Read, etc. Allen called, they are okay.

Monday, January 7, 2002. Fair, 27°. I did the laundry. Did some mending and stirred up sweet rolls to bake in the morning. Had some family history material from Warren Meyers. Ron was here short time to have papers signed. Marie Heiser called. Roberta, Lucy Catherine's sister in Arkansas, died last night, had heart attack.

Tuesday, January 8, 2002. Fair, 46°, nice day. I baked rolls. Made some for Rons. I cleaned out the drawers in corner cabinet. Jo not feeling good. Ron was taking her to Dr. at 4:30.

Wednesday, January 9, 2002. Fair, 40°. I went to pharmacy and grocery store. Ron came at 12:30. Took me to see Pete. He went to his office. When came home, Ron took door piece down. Packed ribbons & cones away. Ron put boxes away. Jo is feeling better. Hope she continues. Marge W[eaver] came during Jr. choir, brought food again.

Thursday, January 10, 2002. Partly cloudy to cloudy, 40s. I did odd jobs. A quiet and rather long day. Put Christmas cards away. Swept rugs. Paul called at 9:30 p.m. They had just gotten home from California. Had good meeting.

Friday, January 11, 2002. Clear, nice day, 40s. I went to B[eauty] shop via bus. Ron took me to see Pete at 1:30. Pete wanted to lie down at 2:00. His buttock was hurting him. Wish they could get that healed up. I got home at 4:00.

Saturday, January 12, 2002. Fair, 45°. Did some weekly cleaning. Jo got me at 1:30. Went to baby shower for Karen at Becky & Ken Ropp's home. Karen got a lot of things. We went to Eastland to exchange the jacket that Jon & Julie gave me for Christmas. Was too large. Got home at 5:30.

Sunday, January 13, 2002. Cloudy, 40s. I went to church. We had our small group at church. I took fruit salad. Had 2 guests from Oregon. Was home by 1:30. Spent rest of day reading & watching ice-skating. Allen called. Jeffs got moved over weekend. Ron had [MCC] Relief Sale meeting at Morton in p.m. Paul called, they had some snow this morning.

Monday, January 14, 2002. Cloudy, few flurries in p.m., 40°, windy, colder in p.m. I did laundry. Read some. Went to see Beulah [Roth] & Magdalena in PM. Lois Jett got 2 pair of slacks. She will shorten them for me.

Tuesday, January 15, 2002. 33°, partly cloudy. Did usual work. Ron came at 1:00, took me to see Pete. He was put to bed just as I got there. His bottom was hurting. Wish they could get it healed. Jo got me. We went to grocery [store] on way home.

Wednesday, January 16, 2002. Cloudy, 41°, cold wind chill, 27°. I made tapioca pudding. Did some work on pillowcases. Marge Weaver here in evening, brought me more food.

Thursday, January 17, 2002. Fair, 37°. Jo took me for Pro time and groceries & pharmacy. I went to Sr. dinner at church at noon. Mona Peacock passed away. She was at Meadows Home a long time.

Friday, January 18, 2002. Fair, 28°, nice winter day. I had my hair done. Ron took me to see Pete about 10:00. Pete still in bed. They got him up right away. Jo had meeting. She brought me home at 12:00. Iran sweeper in PM.

Saturday, January 19, 2002. Partly cloudy to cloudy, 34°. Did usual work & cleaning. Put birthdays & anniversaries on new calendar. Sorted some papers.

Sunday, January 20, 2002. Cloudy in morning, sunshine in p.m., chilly wind. Went to church. Rons and I had lunch at Steak 'n Shake on Rabb Road. Went to see Pete. Gerlof [Homan] came to see Pete. Ron brought me home. Ron wrote some checks for charity. Allen called. They are okay. Paul & Marjorie called. They are fine. Had snow in night, over ½ inch.

Monday, January 21, 2002. Clear nice day, 46°. I did some laundry. Jo took me to have Pro time at 9:30. I went to Mona Peacock funeral at 1:30. Rons there also. Jo helped with the meal.

Tuesday, January 22, 2002. Fair, 46°. I watered plants and Ron stopped few minutes. I went to MRC building. Quilted on quilt for MCC relief sale. Ina [Sutter], Rachel, Jeanette [Colter], Ruth & Mary K [there] awhile.

Wednesday, January 23, 2002. 23° – 56°. Mostly cloudy, sun shone short time. I went with Jeanette [Colter] to hospital, quilted. Jo got me at 12:30 and took me to see Pete. He seemed to have more discomfort. They put him to bed at 2:00. Marge W[eaver] here during Jr. choir. [She] brought some food.

Thursday, January 24, 2002. Fair, 40°. I baked cookies in morning. Did some cleaning in PM. Talked to Pete after supper. He was watching TV.

Friday, January 25, 2002. Very sunny day, 52°. Went to B[eauty] shop. Jo took me for Pro time at 2:30. Rons were with Mary Ann [Lovellette] all day. Brett was killed when his large oil truck caught fire, turned over. Terrible shock. Brett was burned with truck. Rons are helping Mary Ann.

Saturday, January 26, 2002. Another nice day, windy. Did usual work. Baked some brownies. Rons took me to see Pete. He was about as usual. Rons with Mary Ann to funeral home. Evelyn [Bearly] called, they are okay.

Sunday, January 27, 2002. 27°, fair, 50s. I went to church. Had potluck dinner & annual meeting. Got home at 3:30. Steve keeps his job for 2 years [as] youth minister. Allens called, they are okay. Paul & Marjorie called. Marjorie is going to [work at] Abby's House.

Monday, January 28, 2002. Partly cloudy, 62°, nice day. I did some laundry in a.m. Ron took me to Gaileys at 11:00. Dr. didn't change anything. I went to MRC to quilt. Hazel [Yoder] had lunch for the quilters, 8 or 9 of us. I got home at 3:30.

Tuesday, January 29, 2002. Cloudy. Rained some about noon. I went to grocery [store] in morning. Rons took me to see Pete while they did some errands. Ron paid my MRC bill. Manny O[yer] here in evening [to] look about guest bathroom. Stool didn't flush.

Wednesday, January 30, 2002. Cloudy, rained off and on. Was icy in places. Didn't go quilt. Made bread pudding. Marge W[eaver] & Mara here few minutes. No choir. Cindy sick. Marge brought me several meals. Won't have to cook. Mannie Oyer here, fixed bathroom stool & put bulb in dining room light.

Thursday, January 31, 2002. Cloudy, 30s, had rain and ice on trees, etc. Lot of outages. Had some misting rain. I went to B[eauty] shop at 9:30. I boiled 1 ½ dozen eggs for deviled eggs for lunch tomorrow after the funeral for Brett [Lovellette]. Visitation at church, 4 – 8. I wanted to go but no one came for me.

Friday, February 1, 2002. Fair, windy, 34°. I made deviled eggs. Went to church. Jo & the family served dinner. Ron had the service. Had planned to have service at Cemetery but cold & windy. Immediate family & Rons took ashes to Cemetery in p.m. Julie & I cleaned up kitchen while they were gone. Rons asked Steve to take me for Pro time. I brought kitchen towels home to laundry so Jo wouldn't have to.

Saturday, February 2, 2002. Partly cloudy, 30s, heavy Frost in morning. I did Saturday cleaning. Ron came at noon, took me to bank. Ron stopped here awhile when we got home. Looked over some checks.

Sunday, February 3, 2002. Fair, 32°, nice winter day. I went to church. Took Rons to dinner (Chinese). Went to see Pete. 80 – 90 from church went to Camp Friedenswald. I got home at 2:30. Went to see Pete. He's about as usual. Paul & Allen called. They are okay.

Monday, February 4, 2002. Clear, 25°. Nice winter day. I did some laundry. Steve came at 10 AM. He wants me to teach him how to make braid coffeecake. I made roast beef for dinner - potatoes, peas, relish, ice cream & peaches, cookies. Steve left about 2:00. He is going to Newton Kansas tomorrow.

Tuesday, February 5, 2002. Clear, 30°, cold wind. I watered plants. Did some other things. Made salad dressing. Went to store, got some things I was out of. Went to Women's meeting at MRC Building. Quilted. Rachel Z[her] picked me up.

Wednesday, February 6, 2002. Fair, 41°, nice day. I went with Jeanette [Colter] to quilt at hospital. Got home at 1:15. Ron called in evening. He's taking Pete to Gailey's at 9:30 in a.m. Marge W[eaver] here awhile during choir practice. Brought some food again.

Thursday, February 7, 2002. Fair, little fog in morning. Ron & I took Pete to Gailey's at 9:30 checking for his glasses. I made date pudding in PM. Heard today Ruth Slagel had a stroke. Sorry to hear it.

Friday, February 8, 2002. 52°, beautiful day, warm, 52°. I went to B[eauty] shop at 8:30. Went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Jo took me for Pro time at 1:00. I vacuumed rugs in p.m.

Saturday, February 9, 2002. Fair, 54°. I did Saturday work. Baked a small coffee cake. Did some odd jobs in PM.

Sunday, February 10, 2002. In 30s. I went to church. Went to Nursing Home. Had dinner with Pete, was good. He was feeling pretty good. Had rain in morning & few snow flurries in p.m. Allen called, they had little snow. Paul called. They are okay & busy.

Monday, February 11, 2002. 30. Shirley's birthday. Clear. I did some laundry. Went to MRC Building. Quilted awhile in morning & again in p.m. Also went to store & pharmacy.

Tuesday, February 12, 2002. Fair, 40s, chilly wind. I baked sugar cookies. Gave Rons some & have some for Weavers. Marge is always bringing me food every Wednesday evening. Ron took me to see Pete this p.m.

Wednesday, February 13, 2002. Nice day, 30s. I went with Ron to take Pete to get new frames for his glasses. I went to card shop & dollar store & to bank. I went to pharmacy & grocery [store]. Marge W[eaver] brought me some food again.

Thursday, February 14, 2002. Mostly fair, 50° high. Windy. I went with Jeanette [Colter] to HEA. Home at noon. Quilted at MRC Building. Talked to Pete at noon. He was okay.

Friday, February 15, 2002. Fair, 40s. I went to B[eauty] shop, had a permanent. I coated some pretzels. Had white bark left from Christmas.

Saturday, February 16, 2002. 43°. I did usual work, weekend cleaning. Went to store in PM. Made salad for tomorrow's small group at Marge Nester's home. Talked to Pete. He has a cold.

Sunday, February 17, 2002. 40s. I went to church. Had small group at Marge Nesters. I went with Ardys [Serpette]s. Allen called. Micks were there. Mick's birthday is tomorrow. Allens plan to go to Arizona to see Dick Pilgrims. Pauls called. They are busy.

Monday, February 18, 2002. 50s, partly cloudy, windy, nice day. Nearly broke records. I did some laundry. Ron came after 11 00, took me to see Pete. He has a cold. Dr. ordered chest x-rays so we took him to BroMenn. Was 3:00 when I got home. Ron paid some bills for me.

Tuesday, February 19, 2002. 48°. A rainy day. Rained most of the day. I did little cleaning in kitchen. Rested some & read. Ron in Chicago, he had a meeting. Had word this evening Roger Woizeski died. I got report of Pete's x-ray. Dr. Dennis thinks he has walking pneumonia. Talked to Pete. Said he felt better today than yesterday.

Wednesday, February 20, 2002. Cloudy, colder in p.m., 39°. Misted some. I went with Jeanette [Colter] to Garfield [club] at Denny's. Rons got in touch with Bob Woizeski. Burial will be Monday, cremation. They asked Ron to be in charge. I called the Siegs. Pete feels some better. They don't want me to go to Nursing Home. Seems a lot of sickness.

Thursday, February 21, 2002. Cloudy, few snow flurries, colder. I went to grocery store, needed milk etc. Did some sweeping. Rested. Worked on pillowcases but had trouble threading needle. Talked to Pete. [He] felt little better. Went to January & February birthday party. Went with Willems.

Friday, February 22, 2002. 43°. Did usual work. Went to B[eauty shop]. Had by pacemaker checked. Everything okay. Talked to Pete. [He] wasn't feeling very good today. Vomited, is weak.

Saturday, February 23, 2002. Cloudy in morning, fair in p.m. Did some cleaning. Try to work on pillowcases but couldn't get needle threaded. Allens left for Arizona to Bill [Bearly]s & Pilgrims. Pete better. He worked puzzles.

Sunday, February 24, 2002. Clear, cooler, windy. I went to church. Had lunch with Rons, Marty & Jon. Marty had been in Springfield. We went to see Pete. He was in bed. Seems to be getting better. Ron stopped on way home. He looked over mail & wrote some checks. Paul called. Andys were there on Saturday.

Monday, February 25, 2002. 40°, but cooler during day. Jo and I to Memorial service at Park Hill for Roger Woizeski. Ron had service. Bob, Mary and their daughter, Clarence Siegs, Gordon, Diana & Ray & Beverly & her fiancé. It was misting, windy & cold. All except Gordon & Diana & Ray went to CJ Restaurant for lunch. Bob paid. Jo took me to Dr. Wera 3 month checkup. Protime was good this time. Ron took me to Aldis. Got canned vegetables.

Tuesday, February 26, 2002. Had 4 inches snow last night. Clear, windy & cold. Still some flurries. Lot of accidents, icy places. I baked peanut butter cookies. Gave to Ron & Pete. Pete is feeling better.

Wednesday, February 27, 2002. Clear nice winter day, in 20s. I did some odd jobs. Watered plants. Ron came at 12:30. Took me to see Pete. He was feeling better. Marge Weaver here during Jr. choir practice. Brought 3 kinds of food.

Thursday, February 28, 2002. 30's, fair, nice winter day. Forecast snow tomorrow PM and Saturday. I did some sweeping & dusting. Talked to Pete. He felt pretty good.

Friday, March 1, 2002. Partly cloudy, 34°. I went to B[eauty] shop. Rons took me to see Pete. He says he is doing alright. He lay down at 2:00. I took little nap after I got home. They predict a snowstorm.

Saturday, March 2, 2002. 32° plus. A snowy & rainy day. Heavy snow in places. We had 2 – 3 inches more last night. Melted some most of day. Pauls called. They were packing.

Sunday, March 3, 2002. Clear, cold. I went to church with Rons. Roads icy with snow. We had lunch at Chinese [restaurant]. Went to see Pete. He's doing okay now. Pauls & Benjy left this morning for Costa Rica. Evelyn [Bearly] called. They had good time with Allens.

Monday, March 4, 2002. Fair, cold, 3° this morning. I did usual work & some laundry. Didn't have to cook. Had Chinese food left from yesterday. Talked to Pete. He was okay.

Tuesday, March 5, 2002. 3 – 4°, fair. I went to store at 9:00. Made 2 pie crusts for MCC [relief] sale. Jo took me to Dr. for Pro time. Doing okay. Got some underwear (shorts) for Pete. Talked to Pete in evening.

Wednesday, March 6, 2002. Partly cloudy, 54°. Lot of snow melted. I made bread pudding & peanut butter bars. Ron took me to see Pete in PM. He was about like usual. Marge W[eaver] here short time.

Thursday, March 7, 2002. Partly cloudy, 56°, nice day. I made deviled eggs for Sr. luncheon at church. Had interesting program. Rev. Bucher told about Rev. Stuckey & Yoder. I made 2 more pie crusts. Took them to church.

Friday, March 8, 2002. Rained good shower at 6:00 a.m. Windy. Went to B[eauty] shop. Swept the rugs & dusted. Went to pharmacy & grocery store. Cindy & Rachel brought pizza for supper. Katie & Matt were at church. Enjoyed their visit. Ron & Louise Crumpler left for chaplain meeting at Cincinnati Ohio.