

1941 Diary of Raymell Replogle Kizer

- January 1, 1941 – Rained some. Papa & them went to Heulon's. I couldn't go. Betty had too bad cold. Milton Smith brought saw. Cooked dinner.
- Jan 2 – Linton & I spent day over at Papa's. Was cloudy.
- Jan 3 – Mama folks, Vern & Annie Mae spent day over here. Ha time getting dinner. Linton & Papa cut wood. Had lots of fun.
- Jan 4 – Papa took Lavern to Milan. Hated to see her go. Was clear. Came home at 2. Linton gone to Huntingdon.
- Jan 5 – Sat around here all day. Read true stories.
- Jan 6 – Washed some for Betty. Linton went to Huntingdon. James bought 2 pigs \$6. Read nearly all day.
- Jan 7 – Went to Papa's. Helped them kill hogs. Dutch (**dog**) had a fit. I took fat off & ironed & popped us all some corn.
- Jan 8 – I washed. Put in a quilt. **(Set the pieced quilt into frames to be quilted)** Cooked dinner. Smartie killed Dutch & Dixie I guess. Made me so mad. Betty Ann is the only one here I care a snap about. **(I'm sure 'Smartie' was Linton. But Dixie is still there.)**
- Jan 9 – Quilted all day. Annie Mae helped me after dinner. Sam Moore came. Linton helped him saw wood. Went to the mail box.
- Jan 10 – Linton helped Papa saw wood. I quilted until 10:30. Betty Ann & I went to Mama's. Was pretty day.
- Jan 11 – Finished the quilt. Mopped kitchen. Linton went to Milan. Miss Kate went after commodities. I went to mail box.
- Jan 12 – Linton went to get Elbert to cut his hair. **Dutch came. I thought I would die. Went after Linton. He & Elbert let him get away. Beats everything I ever saw. Poor old Dutch.**
- Jan 13 – Washed. Cooked dinner. Cleaned up. Tended to Betty Bunkis.
- Jan 14 – Mama came & Brooxie. Papa helped Linton saw wood. Put in a quilt.
- Jan 15 – Quilted most of the day. Cooked dinner. Ma Barr, Bud & Avie came to Mama's. **(Bud & Avie 'Barr' Johns)**
- Jan 16 – Rained some. Thundered & lightened night. Went to mail box. Linton stayed with Betty.
- Jan 17 – Washed some. Hattie came over stayed awhile. Was dark. Couldn't quilt any. Linton went to Lavinia. I churned.
- Jan 18 – Is snowing. Linton has gone to Milan. Gee oh Gee. Guess I had better quilt some.
- Jan 19 – We spent day at Papa's. Heulon spent night over there. He has bought a car. Was very pretty day. Popped some corn.
- Jan 20 – I washed. Linton slid up wood. Then went to Milan. Stayed busy all afternoon. Quilted some.
- Jan 21 – Quilted. **Dutch** came back to Annie Mae's. Linton went over there but didn't get him. Annie Mae came back with him. I went back with them **(Note: I don't know if Daddy tried to kill Dutch because he had a 'fit' or he just beat him really bad & now he is afraid to go back home. Mama used to talk about how Daddy used to kick the animals.)**

Jan 22 – Charlie (**Brewer**) came last night. Went to Mama's. Spent the day but Heulon & them didn't come. Reckon was too bad.

Jan 23 – **Heulon (Replogle) & Jewell (Whitworth) got married today.** Went to Mama's again. Rained. Heulon & Jewell got in about night. Had to go to Corinth. (**Corinth, Mississippi**) **Jewell is cute.**

Jan 24 – Came home about 1. Cooked supper. Done around.

Jan 25 – Miss Kate went to Milan. Baked a cake. Linton went to Lavinia. Made some jello.

Jan 26 – Heulon & Jewell spent day over here. Annie Mae & James (**Barrow**) came. Hattie & Adriel (**McGowan**). Played dominoes till Adriel & Hattie came.



James & Annie Mae (Downing) Barrow

Jan 27 – Was cold & cloudy all day. Washed some for Betty Ann.

Jan 28 - Went to Annie Mae's. Was cloudy. Linton went with me over there & came after us.

Jan 29 – Went to McGowan's. Heulon came after pigs. I helped them get them over there. Went to mail box. Got Sears catalog.

Jan 30 – Annie Mae spent day over here. Rained most of the time. I had to go home with her in the rain. She is still scary of **Dutch. (Did he have Rabies?)**

Jan 31 – Washed big washing. Sam & Early came spent evening. Linton was at Lavinia of course. Cut my hair myself.

February 1, 1941 – Ironed. Went to Mama's. Jewell was ironing. They carried Dell to Dr. Thomas.

Feb 2 - The ground hog certainly didn't see his shadow. We went to James. Rodie & Raymond were there. We played cards. Ate pop corn.

Feb 3 – Was very cold all day. Done around here all day. Washed some.

Feb 4 – Annie Mae & I went to school house. Stopped at Mrs. Nina's. Ate lunch at school. Went to Mrs. Etta's & on to Wilmuth's. Stopped at Bennett's. Was so tired when got home.

Feb 5 – Went to Mrs. Cassie's. Helped her quilt some. Joe T. & Ruth moved in. Went over there little while.

Feb 6 – Went to Mama's after dinner. Washed some.

Feb 7 – Done housework. Tended to Betty. Linton went to Lavinia. He & Mr. Charlie cut wood.

Feb 8 – Linton killed **Dutch**. Was under the house. Had to run him to the mill. Poor thing. Am proud he is dead.

Feb 9 – Mama & Dell spent the day over here. Was a pretty warm day. Clyde & Fred came later.

Feb 10 – Linton & Mr. Charlie cut wood. Papa, Mama, Heulon, Jewell & I went to Ma Barr's. She was at Aunt Avie's. We came on back to Ma's.

Feb 11 – Washed big washing. Cooked dinner. Went to McGowan's awhile. Linton & Charlie were cutting wood in front of house.

Feb 12 – Linton & Mr. Charlie cut wood morning. Ruth & I went to Mama's. Was a windy day. Papa & Heulon were building on house.

Feb 13 – Has rained most of the day. Ruth came this morning. Afraid of the cloud. Put in quilt.

Feb 14 – Quilted all day. Ruth helped me some.

Feb 15 – Washed some. Fred & Jewell came in afternoon. Quilted some. Baked a cake. Ironed some.

Feb 16 – Heulon, Jewell, Fred & I went to Sunday School. Linton & Dell went on to Janie Mae's. We went after S.S. Janie had a good dinner. Ina Mae & L\_?\_ came. The babies had time on the dogs? (**The babies would be – Janie Mae's would be Harold Dean Byrd. Ina Mae's would be Dale Stewart. Raymell's would be me, Betty Ann**) Heulon & Jewell came here for supper. Rained some.

Feb 17 – Betty Ann is scooting. Dixie comes in every day. Betty Ann loves her & scoots up to her every day & rubs her.



Betty Ann & Dixie

Feb 18 – Washed. Ruth came as usual. Miss Cassye came about sundown.  
Feb 19 – Went to the mail box. Me & Dixie. She ran in circles & played like she always does.  
Feb 20 – Spent day over at Annie Mae's. Had good dinner. Went in to see Mrs. Gowan. He & Annie Mae came part way back with me.  
Feb 21 – Ironed. Washed. Raked on the yard. Walked to Papa's to see if he would take Kate to Milan. Have never been so tired. Gerald came.  
Feb 22 – Was cold all day. Felt so bad. Went over to Cassye's awhile. Poor old Dixie got killed. I cried & cried. **Car ran over Dixie & killed her – 1941.**  
Feb 23 – Linton & I went to Sunday School. Heulon, Jewell & Fred came home with us. We popped corn & had lots of fun.  
Feb 24 – Snowed all day. Linton stayed at Lavinia until 2. Am so worried because am delayed (?) Ruth bought milk & butter. Went over there awhile.  
Feb 25 – Washed for Betty Ann. Cooked dinner. Went to Mama's. They finished the house. Began cleaning up around it.  
Feb 26 – Snowed all morning. Linton went to the mail box. Annie Mae left for Janie's. Was a bad old day.  
Feb 27 – Had head ache. C.S. Stayed by the fire. Linton slid up wood.  
Feb 28 – Was real cold. Linton & Mr. Charlie cut wood. He ate dinner here. Had head ache. Was Betty Ann's birthday. (1<sup>st</sup>)

**She wrote this under Feb. 29 even though there was no Feb. 29 that year.** Done around all day. Tended to Betty. Put her in overalls & let her crawl. In to the washstand & everything.

March 1, 1941 – Spent the day over at Mama's. We went up to Jewell's awhile. Washed Dell's shirt & pants.  
Mar 2 – We went to preaching. Ate dinner with Heulon. Ma Barr, Aunt Avie & Uncle Bud came. Was windy. Have sore throat. Felt bad.  
Mar 3 – Linton was gone to Huntingdon all day. Cooked dinner. Ruth stayed over here nearly all day. They came after supper because it was lightening.  
Mar 4 – Linton bought a little mule from Ervin Newell for \$90.  
Mar 5 – Washed some. Looked for Marie. Got letter from Lavern.  
Mar 6 – Washed some. Piddle around all day.  
Mar 7 – Ironed. Cooked dinner. Mama & Brooxie & Ruth came. Sat and talked.  
Mar 8 – Cooked dinner. Ruth & I went over to saw mill to see Mrs. Hickerson. Is mighty sick. We went on to the mail box. Miss Kate has gone to see her.  
Mar 9 – Made oyster soup. We went to Papa's after dinner.  
Mar 10 – I washed. Was bad. Wind blowing & cold.  
Mar 11 – Ironed. Sewed some on my dress. Ruth sewed over here nearly all day.  
Mar 12 – Went to Milan with James & Annie Mae. Miss Lillian went. I got a perm. Betty Ann was so good. Didn't cry for me at all. Miss Kate & I went to party at Charlie's. Mill hands made music.  
Mar 13 – Made Mrs. Hickerson's baby a gown. Ruth & I went down there after Miss Kate got in. **Linton's birthday - 31**

Mar 14 – Cook dinner. Took Mrs. Hickerson some. Gerald ate dinner here. Went to McGowans' awhile. Hattie, Ruth, Opal & I went to Mrs. Hickerson's & down to the mill. We had fun.

Mar 15 – Embr. on pillow cases some. Rained along all day. Heulon came over here to grind ax. **Miss Kate's birthday – 64**

Mar 16 – Heulon & Jewell spent the day over here. Had dinner done when they got here.

Mar 17 – Mrs. Hickerson got bad. Jewell, Marie & I went down there. She was better.

Mar 18 – Washed. Embr. some. Ruth came over. **(She doesn't mention that is their 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.)**

Mar 19 – Ruth & I went to Lavinia. Stopped in basement awhile. Went to all three of the stores. I got a dress.

Mar 20 – Went to the mail box. Got small order. Went up to the house awhile.

Mar 21 – Linton & Heulon went to Giles after potatoes. Nathaniel came home with them. Went to Jewell's awhile. **(Note: Nathaniel is Heulon's son, age 4, who is living with his maternal grandparents after Heulon married Jewell. Nathaniel's mother died in 1939 from typhoid fever. Nathaniel is now a very prosperous saw mill owner in Henry, TN)**

Mar 22 – Done around here all day. Went to Ruth's awhile. Was a pretty warm day.

Mar 23 – Sat around here all day. Was such a long day. Rained off and on all day.

Mar 24 – Started washing about 10:30. Marie came. Hickerson baby died in the night about 8:30. Was windy.

Mar 25 – Marie & I went to a quilting at Miss Mattie's. Carrie, Maggie, Miss Bess, Marie Adams & Pearl Bozzel were all that was there.

**Nothing on Mar 26, 27, 28**

Mar 29 – We went to Irmal's. Are living at O'Brien's house. Like to have never went to sleep. Was so crowded. Stopped in Brownsville. Got B.A. bonnet & apples.

Mar 30 – Irmal had a good dinner. B.A. got black as a negro. Jimmy & family came. Came by Graball. Wouldn't let us through. Came by Ma's & stopped.

Mar 31 – Hattie & her sister-in-law & Peggy Gene came. We went to Ruth's awhile. Heulon & Linton went after cucumber seed.

April 1, 1941 – Went to Marie's. Miss Annie & Eliz. Set out rose bushes. Came by Mrs. Hickerson's with Nancy. Drew wash water. Was so tired.

April 2 – Went to the quilting again. Lucille & Annie Mae came. They came on over there. We went in kitchen & ate. Everybody out of the house. We had fun.

April 3 – Betty Ann fretted all day. Hattie came after some milk. Ruth came. Sprinkled some. We are so dry.

April 4 – Washed a big washing. Betty Ann had a hot fever.

Apr 5 – I ironed. Went to the mail box. Linton went to Lavinia.

Apr 6 – Annie & James came a little while. Me & Linton went to McGowan's. Ruth & Opal were the only ones there. Gladys & George came up.

Apr 7 – Washed. Ran after Betty Ann. Heulon came after corn planter plate.

Apr 8 – Carried Linton some water. Came by Annie Mae's. She has such a pretty spring outfit.

Apr 9 – Annie Mae & I went to Lavinia. Stopped at the school house, Bennett's & Miss Susie & Miss Mays. Waited there for James.



This is how a group of women would gather to quilt. Sometimes called a Quilting Bee.

Apr 10 – C.S. Felt so bad. Walked over to mail box. Sewed some.

Apr 11 – Done around here all day. Ruth came as usual. My hat & slippers came.

Apr 12 – Joe T. & Ruth moved. Linton has gone to Lavinia or somewhere. Is very hot today.

Apr 13 – Cooked dinner. Betty & I went to Miss Cassye's. Noticed B.A. had fever. Didn't go to Commencement Exercise.

Apr 14 – Betty Ann had high fever. James (**Barrow**) carried us to Medina too see Doctor. Fixed up a lot of medicine. Mama was here.

Apr 15 – Linton is at the graveyard cleaning off. B.A. is little better. Lays in her bed so sweet. Miss Cassie came to see her. Marie stopped by. Annie Mae came.

Apr 16 – Betty Ann is better. Wants to play some. Ollie & James came after the wagon.

Apr 17 – Washed a big washing. Linton stayed here to help me. Aggravated more than he helped.

Apr 18 – Annie Mae came this morning. I tried to iron some & cook dinner. Went to mail box & up to Jewell's.

Apr 19 – Walked over to the mail box. Linton went to Lavinia. Made Betty Ann a pair of overalls. Came real good rain in the night.

Apr 20 – Heulon & Jewell spent day over here. They stayed over at McGowan's all afternoon. Jewell & I walked over to the little house.

Apr 21 – Done around here all day. Cooked dinner.

Apr 22 – I washed. Rained all afternoon. Went to mail box, up to Mama's awhile. Embr. some.

Apr 23 – Linton has gone to Lavinia. It rained all morning.

Apr 24 – Went over to Annie Mae's. Lucille came in there. We had lots of fun eating pie in kitchen.

Apr 25 – Done around here all day. Went to the mail box.

Apr 26 – Washed another washing. Worked little in garden. Baked a cake. Went after my goslings. Scoured kitchen. Was so tired. Couldn't hardly sleep.

Apr 27 – We spent day over at Heulon's. Mama & them came up there. Brooxie had to stay out. Played annie over & washers. Am so tired.

Apr 28 – Jewell came. She & I went to Miss Mattie's after a setting of eggs.

Apr 29 – Worked some in the garden. Done around here all day. Miss Kate went to Huntingdon with McGowan's.

Apr 30 – Planted beans & pop corn over in the field. Drew off the well.

May 1, 1941 – Linton finished planting cotton. I planted peanuts. Went to mail box and washed. Am so tired.

May 2 – Ironed.

May 3 – Went to Lavinia awhile with Linton. Stopped at Erline's to see Janie's babies.

May 4 – We went to Lavinia after dinner. Linton, Opal & I. Rode back with Marie & Eldon. We went on to Miss Effie McMinn.

May 8 – Washed. Marie came by. I went to Mrs. Strayhorn's with her after a setting of eggs.

May 9 – Went over strawberry patch & canned 6 quarts. Went to Miss Cassye's after matches. Am tired.

May 10 – Hoed some in garden. Went to strawberry patch. Heulon & Jewell were over there.

May 11 – Irmal & 2 babies came. We spent day over at Mama's. Mr. Albert & family stopped by. Ellis West came to see Miss Kate & brought us on home.

May 12 – I hoed the cucumbers & bugged the potatoes. Linton carried off corn. Miss Kate got dress from Ben & Rubye.

May 13 – Hoed some corn. Went to betty patch. Canned 4 more quarts. 1 pt of jam. Sat some today.

May 14 – C.S. Carried Linton some water. Mr. Mallie said we could have berries went on & got a gallon after dinner. Went back got enough for 8 quarts.

May 15 – Felt so bad. But washed done around. Went over to Mrs. Cassye's awhile. Gladys was over there. She came over here after lettuce.

May 16 – I scoured my room & the dining room. Was so tired. Went to the mail box. Wonder if Ben & Rubye will come.

May 17 – Done around here all day. Looking for them but they don't come.

May 18 – Went to Ma Barr's. Went to Medina after Betty's oil (?) \$1.00. Heulon & us went to Hopewell. Saw Uncle Albert, Aunt Ellen & Aunt Lorena. Ma had a good dinner. **(This would be Decoration Day at Hopewell Cemetery. Albert Replogle – brother of Papa, Ellen Replogle West & Lorena Replogle Douglas – sisters of Papa. Ellen was also the mother of Raymond, Ellis, Keaton West)**

May 19 – Miss Kate went to Uncle Edd's to stay a few days. Mr. Herron came to see her. **(Edd would be Edwin McDougal, her brother & father of Geneva Brumley.)**

May 20 – Cook dinner. Annie Mae came. Betty & I walked home with her.

May 21 – Went over to Mama's to get the mail.

May 22 – Was sick all day. Old peas. Had to run after Betty. Miss Kate came back. Linton stayed around.

May 23 – I washed. Linton & I set out some sweet potato plants.

May 24 – Done around here all day. Ironed & went to the mail box. Kate went to Lebanon. Opal & Larry came.

May 25 – We went to Liberty with Heulon & Jewell. Had a good dinner. Stopped at Aunt Lorena's. The Irby outfit was there. Stopped by Whitworths. Nathaniel wanted to come home with Heulon. **(Poor little Nathaniel wants to go with his father but has to live with his grandparents. What's with that? WHY did he not get to live with**

**Heulon & his new bride?? Also the Irby outfit would be Aunt Minnie Replogle Irby, sister of Papa.)**

May 26 – We started hoeing cotton today. Got so tired. Hurts me worse this time than it ever has.

May 27 – Linton & I hoed cotton hard all day. I get so tired. Am so tired I can't hardly walk.

May 28 – Hoed cotton all day. Dennis came after their disk harrow. **(Dennis Brewer)**

May 29 – Finished up the cotton on the hill. Ready to start in the orchard this afternoon.

May 30 – Hoed cotton morning & cucumbers after dinner. I get so tired I can't hardly go. House is such a mess & I'm not here.

May 31 – We made banana ice cream over at Heulon's. Was good. Raymond Taylor was there. Had a big time. I rested up some.

June 1, 1941 – Heulon & Jewell spent afternoon over here. Kate left for Trezevant. Never said bye or nothing but such a relief. Maybe things can be cleaner now. Wont' be any slurring, pouting & flausting.

June 2 – Worked in the garden. Cleaned up Miss Kate room. Was such a mess. I was so happy all day. Doing my work myself.

June 3 – Mama & Brooxie spent the day over there. Lucille & Miss Cassye came. Linton plowed corn & soda the cucumbers.

June 4 – Washed. Larry & Opal helped Linton finish cotton. Went to the mail box. With it would rain.

June 5 – I washed 23 sacks. It sure was a job. Lay around the rest of the day.

June 6 – Done the work. Wish it would rain.

June 7 – Washed some for Betty. Linton went up about McGowan's to get his hair cut. I went to the mail box. Opal stayed with Betty.

June 8 – We spent day at Papa's. Clyde bought a bicycle. Dell & I went to Marie's on the bikes. Was so hot. Jewell & Heulon spent evening down there.

June 12 – Washed.

June 13 – Fred & Clyde helped Linton hoe cotton. I went to Lucille's. She came back with me to get beans. Miss Cassye & Ruth came.

June 14 – Went to Lavinia with Linton. Stayed at Miss Etta's. Went to Miss Susie's & Effie's.

June 15 – C.S. Afternoon went to Mr. Herschel **(McMinn)** to see Cleo **(McMinn)** & Clifford **(McAlexander)**. Had lots of fun. Cleo big. We ate apples. Rode back with them.

June 16 – Spent day over to Mama's. Ma Barr was there. Jewell brought Betty Ann home for me.

June 17 – Ma Barr spent the day with me. She helped me take up my onions & hang them. Mama & Brooxie came after dinner.

June 18 – I went out to Miss Nina's. Went down to store awhile & Erlene. Drank tea & ate apple. Miss Cassye & them came.

June 19 – Lay around here all day. Dell & Clyde came late.

June 26 – I canned 5 qts beans. Adriel & Hattie came. Dell helped Linton plow.

June 27 – Washed. Ironed some. came good rain. Bad lightening. Struck Gerald Stewart's house.



June 28 – Cleaned up all day. Planted 4 rows of beans in the garden. Betty Ann rubbed shoe polish all over her. Am looking for Papa, Heulon & them over to make ice cream. They're not coming.

June 29 – Spent day at Papa's. Miss Kate came home & Heulon, Harvey & them went to Chickasaw Park.

June 30 – Canned 6 qts beans. They all spoilt. Picked gal berries. Went to Lucille's & got some tomatoes. Mailbox.

July 1, 1941 – Pill made me so sick. Miss Kate went to Herschel's. I went to McGowan's awhile. Linton went down on plant. Pictures came.

July 2 – Hoed little cotton. Went to pick berries. Lucille brought Betty Ann over there. We came by her house & on home.

July 3 – Hoed a little cotton. Picked & canned 3 qts blackberries. Opal & Larry **(McGowan – brother & sister)** came.

July 4 – Was cool & cloudy. Stayed at home all day. Linton is at Lavinia.

July 5 – Piddle around here all day.

July 6 – John Herron came after Miss Kate. I rode to Lucille's. Annie Mae had moved back. I helped her straighten up.

July 7 – I washed a big wash. Rested some. went to Mama's. She was gone to Ma Barr's.

July 8 – Was real hot. Ironed after dinner.

July 9 – Annie Mae spent afternoon here. We went to ice cream supper at Mr. Charlie's. Had fun riding bicycle & frolicking.

July 10 – I picked & canned 5 qts of berries. Make me 21 qts. Came up a cloud. I went to Miss Cassye's. Maebelle was there.

July 11 – Spent day over at Mama's. Linton & Heulon went to Graball to try & get a job.

July 12 – Came a real good rain. Canned 4 qts beets 2 qts tomatoes. Linton worked on Sam's house. Betty & I took a good nap.

July 13 – Was cloudy all day. Linton went after the paper. Crops are growing and looking pretty.

July 14 – Canned 3 qts peaches. After dinner washed. Linton helped on Sam's well. Am so tired.

July 15 – I spent the day over at Annie Mae's. Betty Ann was mean all day. I came home & canned 10 qts of cucumbers. Linton worked for Sam. **(Sam Moore)**

July 16 – Was hot. Linton worked for Sam. I piddle around here all day. Hawk caught a chicken.

July 17 – Went to Miss Cassye awhile. Ate peaches. Marie brought back meal & flour.

July 18 – Spent the day over at Mama's. Linton worked over at Sam's.

July 19 – After night went to Milan with James & Annie Mae. Went through some of the plant. "Clyde's Café" Was 12 when we got home. **(Note: Clyde's Café was a grill on Main St. in Milan for many years obviously because I remember it when I was in high school. There was a theater, Milan Theater, next to where the post office is and Clyde's Grill was either next to it or a couple of doors up.)**

July 20 – My birthday – 21. Lavern sent me a birthday card and a dollar. Mama & them spent the day over here. Was sleepy & felt bad.

July 21 – Varnished some. Marie came by.

July 22 – I washed. Linton helped me some. Felt so bad. C.S. Lay around most of the evening. Didn't get anything for cream

July 23 – Linton & I canned 9 qts of peaches & tomatoes. Went to the mail box. Got letter from Ben & Rubye. Felt bad.

July 24 – Done around here all day. Crops are looking pretty. Betty stands alone some. Say "now" & eats more.

July 25 – Linton & I canned 2 bu peaches 24 qts. Was very tired & felt bad.

July 26 – Washed for Betty Ann. Then 40 cans & mopped kitchen. Went to McGowan's. Came a good rain.

July 27 – Was hot. After dinner went to Mama's. Ate a watermelon. Heulon & Jewell had gone up yonder.

July 28 – I canned a bu of peaches.

July 29 – Went to meeting at dinner at Miss Mattie's. Linton worked on Genie's well. George & negro made cider.

July 30 – Went to preaching with St\_?\_. Went to Mr. Sam Organ's funeral. Rode back with James & them. Ate a watermelon.

July 31 – I washed. Done around all day. Linton cut logs for Genie.

August 1, 1941 – Got good rain. Went to mail box. Linton went after mattress ticking.

Aug 3 – Heulon, Jewell & Elizabeth & Papa's folks came in afternoon.

Aug 4 – Annie Mae came morning. I went to her house. Helped her tick.

Aug 5 – Done around here all day.

Aug 6 – Worked on my tick. Had to sew rest of it over at Annie Mae's.

Aug 7 – Helped Linton floss on the cotton & beat it.

Aug 8 – George S. came after us. Made mattress all day. Ours, Carrye & Annie Mae's. The machine made a lot. Show came to school house.

Aug 9 – We went early to Miss Nina's & down to the show. Was going to be good. Film got afire. Scared everybody. Big crowd. Rode back with Heulon.

Aug 10 – We ate dinner at Heulon's. We all went to Papa's. Ate watermelon.

Aug 11 – Didn't do much of anything today. Linton went to Lavinia. Betty Ann is worrying. Can't write.

Aug 12 – I washed this morning. K.K. came home. **(K.K. – Kate Kizer)**

Aug 13 – Washed morning. Ironed evening. We went to Papa's to spend the night. Listen to radio. Kids had tone to the s\_?\_.

Aug 14 – Helped clean up. Mama & I went up Jewell's awhile. Went to hunt for Dell. Found him & Dennis **(Brewer)** on Forkie Deer Bridge.

Aug 15 – Went to mail box. Annie Mae & Lucille came but left before I got back.

Aug 16 – I went to Lavinia to Mrs. Effie's. Drank an orange over to Bennett's. Linton & I ate big nicks. **(Bennett Adams grocery store in Lavinia – building is still standing but looks like it could fall down any time.)**

Aug 17 – Walked to church. Heulon & Jewell came home with us. Mama called. We went over there to see Ma Barr. Freddie & Onice. **(Onice was Onus Johns, son of Aunt Avie 'Barr' & Lonnie Bud Johns. Freddie was his wife.)**

Aug 18 – Felt bad all day. Had a terrible cold. Miss Kate went to church. Linton is gone off to hunt a moore (mower?). Irmal's baby born. **(Rebecca Darlene McMinn)**

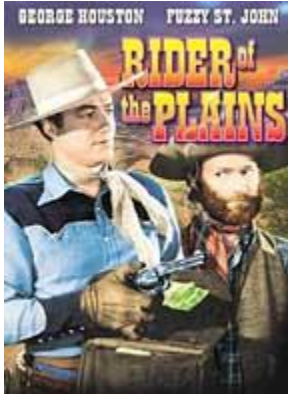
Aug 19 – Felt so bad. Lay around most of the day. Got Irmal card wanting me to come. Don't feel like it now.

Aug 20 – Felt little better. Linton helped Papa haul hay.

Aug 21 – We went to Covington. Didn't feel like it. Linton didn't want me to go. Heulon & Jewell went. I stayed & felt like dying.

Aug 22 – Did my best the work. Am so weak. The kids bawl all the time. Grace washed. Am so home sick. (C.S) **(Can't figure out what C.S. means.)**

Aug 23 – Rained some. Aaron ironed. **(10 years old)** He, Gene & I went to show. "The Lone Rider Rides On." Was very good. Betty went to sleep.



Aug 24 – Cooked dinner. Cleaned up. Snorted at the kids. Is Sun. Pap (**Clifford**) didn't work. Took Betty & went to see Martha Jane.

Aug 25 – Passed another day off some how. These are the spoilest kids I ever saw. Am so homesick. Wish I had stayed at home.

Aug 26 – Jewell cowboys were in ball park tonight. I watched them awhile over the fence. Betty got tired so I came in & went to bed.

Aug 27 – Went over to the store with Miss King. Went over to the mill awhile.

Aug 28 – Grace washed. Irmal helped a little with the dinner. B.F. sits on the porch, plays & sings. Old Miss King talks & fusses all time.

Aug 29 – Went up town awhile. Grace ironed. Prepared my things, can't hardly wait till tomorrow. Old Mrs. King giving B.F. a bawling out.

Aug 30 – Came to Jackson. Went on to Bemis with them. And back to bus station. Had to wait till 3. Went to Woolworths. Linton was so glad to see us & we were him.

Aug 31 – Lay around here all day. Didn't want to go anywhere. Just wanted to be together.

September 1, 1941 – Picked peas morning. Went to Mama's afternoon. Linton & Papa hauled hay.

Sept 2 – Picked some cotton. Went by Annie Mae's awhile.

Sept 3 – Picked cotton. Am trying to wean Bety Ann. Crys nights.

Sept 4 – Canned 4 qts damsons. Washed. Lay around afterwards.

Sept 5 – Picked cotton all day. Went up to Carrye's for water. Papa helped Linton haul hay.

Sept 6 – Picked some cotton. Have picked 500 myself.

Sept 7 – We went to Ma Barr's. Uncle Shug came. Got some pears. **(Shug McLemore)**

Sept 8 – Picked cotton.

Sept 9 – Picked cotton.

Sept 10 – Picked cotton. Went to mail box. Got my new curtains & Linton new overalls.

Sept 11 – Picked cotton. Linton & Papa hayed.

Sept 12 – Linton helped Papa haul hay. I picked cotton. Went up to Carrye's after water.

Sept 13 – Have out 1556 lbs of cotton. Picked most of it myself. Washed morning. Ironed evening. We spent night at Mama's. Kids had gone to fair.

Sept 14 – Helped clean up. Mama & I went up to Jewell's awhile. Went to hunt for Dell. Found him & Dennis on Forkie Deer Bridge.

Sept 16 – Lavern came. Linton saw her come through in a taxi. Picked cotton. Went over there after supper.

Sept 21 – Mama & them went to Covington. Linton took 2 bales cotton off. Brought \$209.

Sept 22 – Stayed here all day. Was a long lonesome day.

Sept 23 – After dinner, Ma Barr, Mama, Vern & Brooxie came. Had lots of fun.

Sept 24 – Picked cotton.

Sept 25 – Was sick morning. Picked cotton but lay around all afternoon.

Sept 26 – I washed some this morning. Sewed on Betty a dress. Felt bad. Lavern came to stay all night.

Sept 27 – We had lots of fun last night. I read **Nick's** letters aloud. We laughed more. I went home with Vern. Spent day at Mama's.

Sept 28 – We went over to Charlie's but they were all gone. Will & Anner were over there. Arch & Rose came a little awhile. (**Arch & Rose McDougal – Arch was Kate Kizer's brother.**)



Arch, Rose and son Billy McDougal

Uncle Arch & Rose moved to Holdenville, OK and lived there until they died. Their son Billy became a doctor and lived in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sept 29 – They carried Ma Barr home yesterday. Lavern stayed till Tuesday.

Sept 30 – Went by Annie Mae's to carry Kodak. Got to see Janie & babies.

October 1 – Raymond & Rodella's baby born. **(Downing)**

Oct 2 – Rained night.

Oct 3 – Sewed all day. Lavern came to spent the night. We didn't sleep much.

Oct 4 – I washed some. Lavern & I cooked dinner. Went after wash wood. Spent night at Mama's. Linton came awhile.

Oct 5 – We cleaned up. Cooked dinner. Lavern & I went back to old house after apples. "Talked." Have lots of fun together.

Oct 6 – Have out nearly 4 bales.

Oct 7 – Mr & Mrs. Huggins moved in the little house. They picked a little cotton after dinner. **(I remember when M/M Huggins lived in the little house.)**

Oct 8 – We all picked cotton all day.

Oct 9 – Picked cotton. Rained a shower. Mr & Mrs. Huggins picked again.

Oct 10 – Picked cotton. Annie Mae came to cotton patch. Lavern came in as we did. Enjoy her being here so much.

Oct 11 – Lavern went home about 9. Annie Mae came. We went over to Mama's & up to Jewell's awhile. Kate didn't come back. Had to pay me back for last Sat. nite & Kiser didn't get in until after dark Mrs. Huggins came to about us.

Oct 12 – Lavern went back. Hated to see her go. I went over there awhile. Heulon & Jewell came after dinner & also Dell. We played the Victrola. Had lots of fun.

Oct 18 – Went over to Annie Mae's. She was gone. Went to the mail box.

Oct 19 – Papa & them spent day over here. Mama & I went over to Mrs. Huggins awhile.

Oct 20 – Finished digging our potatoes. Went over to Miss Mattie's.

Oct 21 – Our radio came. Annie Mae spent afternoon over here. Are picking on the 6<sup>th</sup> bale.

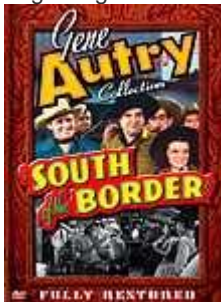
Oct 22 – Betty Ann is so sweet. Just like a little woman. On Mama's heels all time I'm around the house.

Oct 23 – Saw our first geese go over. Is cool now. But having some pretty weather.

Oct 24 – Finished up the orchard. Got in the peanuts. Made Betty Ann a corduroy suit.

Oct 25 – Annie Mae, Lucille & I went to Lavinia. Came by Mr. Downing's. Dell & I went to Jackson with James & Annie Mae. Saw "South of the Border." Was so good.

Attempting to stamp out the revolutionary fires caused by a foreign country's economic interests, Gene Autry and his ever-present pal, Smiley Burnette, pose as a couple of U.S. agents sent to Mexico on assignment. This musical feature -- heavy on the propoganda -- was released just before World War II and marked the beginning of a successful career for singing cowboy Autry.



Oct 26 – Went over to Jerry’s after dinner. Papa & them came up there.  
Oct 27 – Felt bad all day. C.S. Linton & Mr. Huggins picked cotton.  
Oct 28 – Finish up my black corduroy jacket. Felt bad. Went to Annie Mae’s to see if she had a blouse pattern.  
Oct 29 – I washed up every thing. Had a real big washing although didn’t feel like it.  
Oct 30 – I ironed some. Rained. Gladys came over.  
Oct 31 – Was bad out. Went to mail box. Dell spent day over here. He & Linton went hunting. Betty & I went over to Mrs. Huggins.

November 1, 1941 – Betty & I went over to Miss Cassye’s for awhile. I went over to Marie’s. Got some turnips. Got to see Mr. Charlie’s new bride. (**Charlie Brewer**)  
Nov. 2 – Went to preaching with Lucille & Ollie. Betty Ann cut up so I had to take her out. She is so mischievous. Went over to Papa’s. Up to Jewell’s to see her folks.  
Nov 3 – We finished up our cotton. Got 6 big bales. Picked off some peanuts. Cut out me a gown. Linton & Kate went to Lavinia.  
Nov 4 – Annie Mae spent evening over here. Miss Cassye & Ruth came. Miss Kate spent night over at Lee Taylor’s.  
Nov 5 – Stayed around here all day. Sewed some. Cooked and cleaned up.  
Nov 6 – Has been a bad old day. Mattie Sue Caldwell died last night. Rainy, windy & cold. Papa & Dell came to get saw fixed. Betty Ann can’t hardly stand the house. Made her some pajamas.  
Nov 7 – Linton helped dig Mattie Sue’s grave. He stayed with B.A. I went to the funeral. She looked so pretty. More pretty flowers. Annie Mae & I hoofed it home. Was chilly & rainy.  
Nov 8 – I washed. Linton took cotton off. Was cold. Went over to Mama’s. Linton got some sausage & fish, apples & bananas. Took a little cold.  
Nov 9 – Linton & Miss Kate went to Sunday School. I felt bad. Stayed here. Had Jello with fruit & sausage for dinner. Heulon, Jewell & Gerald came after dinner.  
Nov 10 – Linton & Mr. Huggins hauled wood. I ironed. After dinner we started gathering corn. Pat balked. Took them all evening to her to the house.  
Nov 11 – We gathered corn all day. Am very tired. Was a beautiful clear day.  
Nov 12 – Mr. Huggins, Linton & I gathered corn all day. Was such a beautiful day. Went down to Annie Mae’s little while.  
Nov 13 – We finished gathering corn. Made 9 big loads. Will have plenty of corn to do us. Made a lot of pop corn.  
Nov 14 – Washed a big washing this morning. Give out. Mama & Brooxie came. Brooxie aggravated Betty Ann all time.  
Nov 15 – Ironed. Went to Annie Mae’s. She came home with me & spent the day. Are having such beautiful weather.  
Nov 16 – We went to Uncle Edd’s with James & Annie Mae’s. Betty Ann made herself at home. Stopped at Medina & ate ice cream. Saw Leona & Miss Myra.  
Nov 17 – Went to Lavinia to mail order \$8.90, films & other things. Talked to Miss Nina, Miss Etta & Dexter & Miss Effie.  
Nov 18 – Went to Mama’s. They were gone to Jackson. Went to Jewell’s. Brooxie got a new wagon. Betty cried all way home for it.

Nov 19 – Stayed around here all day. Hulled walnuts.  
Nov 20 – Went to mail box but wasn't any mail today. New Thanksgiving.  
Nov 21 – I washed. Linton stayed here till he couldn't stand it any longer & pulled out to Lavinia. Xmas order came. Went to Annie Mae's.  
Nov 22 – Rained all day long. Linton sat at Lavinia all day long, of course. Went to McGowan's a little while.  
Nov 23 – Such a long dreary Sun. Was cold & cloudy all day. Betty Ann worrying me to death wanting everything.  
Nov 24 – Betty and I done around here all day. We make it just fine by our selves. A pretty week.  
Nov 25 – Went over to McGowan's to see Ivan. He wasn't there. Got tired & came home. Ivan is back from the army on a visit.  
Nov 26 – We went to Milan. Took Betty Ann to Dr. Kiel. Had vaccinated for diphtheria. Mama bought a studio couch. Betty Ann had a time running all over the stores.  
Nov 27 – Ivan came over to see us awhile. Annie Mae came awhile this morning. C.S. I felt bad. Linton helping Abe gather corn.  
Nov 28 – Linton worked again. Gathering corn. I finished my blouse. Went to mail box. Churned. Listened to the plays. Felt bad.  
Nov 29 – I washed a little. Got pictures. Wasn't but five good. Linton gathered corn until dinner. Gone to Lavinia. Such a lovely day out.  
Nov 30 – Linton kept Betty. I went to Sunday School. Jewell & Heulon came home with us. Bumpus wanted to stay out all time.

December 1, 1941 – Lucille came awhile.

Dec 2 – Annie Mae spent day over here. We went to McGowan's. Started raining. We came home in the rain. Linton was cooking his possum.

Dec 3 – Was a bad, old gloomy day.

Dec 4 – Annie Mae came. I went home with her spent day. Linton went to Milan with Finace.

Dec 5 – I went to Lavinia to mail order for my rug. Came by Marie's & Miss Nina's. Went to Ma's with Mama & them. Was so tired.

Dec 6 – Wortham Gray, his little girl & Leon Rollins got killed by a train at Medina. I went to Jewell's to get a piece of meat.

**DECEMBER 7, 1941** – We spent day at Papa's. **THE JAPS DECLARED WAR ON U.S., HAWAII, PHILIPPINES & GUAM.** Had funeral for 3 today at Lebanon. Was so sad.

Dec 8 – I washed some & done around here all day.

Dec 9 – We killed hogs. Jewell came over. Mr. Charlie & Dennis, Cecil, Papa & Heulon helped. I didn't have enough coffee & biscuits ha. Jewell & I cut up the meat.

Dec 10 – We were busy all day. Grinding sausage, sacking them. Cooking off lard.

Dec 11 – Papa & them killed hogs. My run came. McGowan's brought it out. Annie Mae came a little bit. I canned 8 qts of sausage.

Dec 12 – Went to Mama's little while. Dell & I sacked sausage. Started raining.

Dec 13 – Linton went to Lavinia. Lavern sent me \$5 for Xmas, Mama 10 & Heulon 5. She shouldn't do such things. Sweet thing.

Dec 14 – Dell came. Ate dinner with us. We went over there. Uncle Haze & Aunt Lorena were there. Heulon & Jewell came down. We all had lots of fun.

Dec 15 – Heulon killed his hogs today. I went over helped Jewell some. She has been sick. Brooxie & B.A. played out nearly all day.

Dec 16 – Washed a big washing.

Dec 17 – Went Lucille's. Things didn't suit me. We went to Lavinia. So Annie Mae & I got out at Miss Mattie's & the Missionary Society.

Dec 18 – We went to Jackson with Heulon & Jewell. Got plenty tired. Mama & them took Betty Ann to Milan.

Dec 19 – Went to Mama's. Sewed some on her dress.

Dec 20 – We went to Covington. Took Brooxie & Kenneth down town to see Santa. Betty & I slept on the cot. Was it tiresome.

Dec 21 – Helped Irmal clean up & cook dinner. Martha Jane & Beatrice came. We came home. Was very proud of it. Those kids worry anybody to death.

Dec 22 – Rained all day. Got pkg from Mrs. Pickard. Clyde & Fred came. Made a raisin cake.

Dec 23 – Linton & Kate are gone. Has rained nearly all day. Fixed my Xmas tree.

Dec 24 – Xmas eve. "Such an atmosphere as it is here." Linton went to Milan. Got nice pkg from Ben & Rubye. Dell spent the night here.

Dec 25 – Spent day at Mama's. She had a good dinenr. Freddie & Onice brought Ma. It set in to raining. Linton & Dell went hunting.

Dec 26 – Betty & I spent day at Annie Mae's. Had a very nice time. Linton went a hunting. Killed 2 squirrels. I waxed the kitchen floor.

Dec 27 – Papa's folks with Ma & Annie Mae spent the day over here. Brooxie & Betty Ann made plenty racket. We all had a nice time.

Dec 28 – Linton, Betty & I sat at home all day. Linton has headache. Was pretty cold. Betty & I went to Mrs. Huggins to see Pauline White & her baby.

Dec 29 – James killed hogs. We went over there & helped. They weighed close to 800,  
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Dec 30 – Linton helped Mr. Charlie kill hogs. I washes some. Did around here all day.

Dec 31 – Cleaned up. Ironed & cooked dinner. Miss Kate came home.

Goodbye 1941. Was a good year for us.