

Diary of Raymell Replogle Kizer
1943

January 1--I went to see Mrs. Ross who's been operated on for appendicitis and across the road to see Mrs. Arnold & new baby. Betty felt some better.

January 2--Worked on my tufted bedspread. Betty lay around all day. She feels so bad. Linton took calf to Greenfield. Got \$25.63.

January 3--After lunch, we went to Irmal's. Looks rainy, but didn't rain. Miss Kate went up to Talmaze (**Talmage**) Taylor's. Betty still looks pikked.

January 4--Papa killed hogs today. We went over there & helped. Ann's picture came. Sure is good. Got letter from Vern. We went on to Lavinia.



Betty Ann – age 3

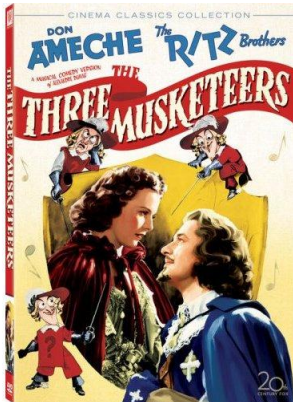
January 5--Piddled around here alday. Was clear. Worked on my bedspread.

January 6--Washed this morning. Went to the mailbox & up to Mama's. Got 8 lbs. sausage. Taste good. Compared to our old ones.

January 7--Worked on my bedspread.

January 8--Ironed this morning. Went over to the sallet patch and got a good old mess of sallet.

January 9--Elbert & Geraldine (**McGowan**) got married. We went to Medina. Went to picture show. Three Musketeers were on.



Saw William. Bought a new churn & water bucket.

January 10--We went to Aunt Bea's. (**Beatrice Replogle Gowan – Papa's sister**) spent day. Evelyn & Ben were there. Irmal came. Sorry we were gone. Went over to McG. Geraldine, Elbert, LaNell, Preston, Lois were there.

January 11-Linton went to Huntingdon. After dinner, Betty & I went to Mama's. We went up to Jewell's awhile. Her baby is growing. **(Baby would be Janette Replogle)**

January 12--Linton helped McGowans kill hogs. Betty & I went over there in the afternoon. Geraldine & Elbert were there. Hattie had plenty fun out of Betty Ann.

January 13--We carried Irmal to see Ma Barr. She was doing pretty good. Linton & I went on to see Aunt Mattie (**Aunt Mattie McDougal – mother of Geneva Brumley**). She is in a cast with a broken hip.

January 14--Just did my usual work. Felt bad. Jim Smith came over on business. Lin. worked on his new ground.

January 15--Papa & Linton cut wood. Mama, Dell & Brooxie came over and spent the day. Was a clear pretty day. Went to mailbox. Rode back with Elbert & Geraldine.

January 16--We went to Medina. Went to the show again. Enjoy it. Carried Miss Kate on to Lavinia. Mrs. Chumney came back with us.

January 17--We went to Baptist preaching. Came home. Worked on jigsaw puzzle. I went to mailbox. Irmal & them were there. They had come here.

January 18--Linton to Lavinia. Is turning cold.

January 19--Was real, terribly cold. Wind blowing. We got word that Mr. Edd McDougal (**Kate Kizer's brother, husband of Aunt Mattie, father of Geneva & Frank. He is buried at Brown's UM Church near Jackson.**) died at 6:00 o'clock. Fell at the pump. They seem to have their share of trouble.



Mattie & Edd McDougal, Kate McDougal Kizer

January 20--We went to Mr. Edd's. Buried him at 3. We didn't go to funeral but stayed around there most of day. Large crowd there & lots of pretty flowers.

January 21--Washed and mopped. Am so tired. Was windy and cold. I really had a nightmare last night. Elbert went back to the army yesterday.

January 22--Ironed this morning. Cooked dinner. Betty & I went over to Mama's. LaNell Chumney & Lemons girl came after milk and butter.

January 23--Is a pretty, warm day. Linton helped Mr. Mallie (**Strayhorn**) pull bales and carried me over to Irmal's. We had lots of fun. Got an order.

January 24--Irmal & Mama's folks spent the day here. After dinner we went to Mrs. Huggins awhile. Gerald & Dell came over. A bunch goes to the army tomorrow.

January 25--Linton got Mr. Mallie to go get him 21 bundles of hay. Then he filed two saws. I sat around here most of the day.

January 26--The first snow is on the ground. Sleeted and snowed all night. Linton is gone to mailbox. Is cold out.

January 27--I pieced 2 quilt tops. Cut Betty out 2 dresses and piddled all day.

January 28--I washed some. Hulon Smith came after saw. Linton went hunting. Got one rabbit. Mr. Hill & Gerald came. We played cards. **(Hulon Smith was Daddy's long time friend. He was killed in 1966 when he was cutting down a tree and a large limb hit him killing him. He was the father of John T. "Diddle" Smith and Carolyn Smith, husband of Void Smith. Mr. Smith was the man who helped my daddy move me back to Milan from Memphis in 1965.)**

January 29--Linton hauled up some wood. Betty and I went to Mrs. McGowan awhile. Wilma Lee & girl were up there. Got C.M.O. catalog.

January 30--Fred & Brooxie came over. Betty & I went back with them. Clyde & Dell brought Ann back for me. Is so sloppy & muddy.

January 31--Such a long Sunday. Wind blowing and the roads are a slop. Snow melting & leaking in the dining room. Ann learnt to ride tricycle a little.

February 1--Papa helped Linton cut wood. Annie Mae & James came in yesterday. Betty & I went over there. Annie Mae came back with us to get eggs & butter.

February 2--I suppose the ground hog saw his shadow. I washed. Linton carried butter & eggs to Sitka. Got some sweet potatoes.

February 3--Betty & I went too Mama's awhile. Is warm & windy. Larry & Gerald (**McGowan**) came. We played dominos.

February 4--Cleaned up, churned, cooked dinner, patched, burst walnuts. Went to Mrs. H after Betty Ann. Stayed busy all day.

February 5--Mrs. Huggins & I went over to Irmal's. Irmal & I went up to Mrs. Fry's. Linton came after me. Papa & them went to Milan.

February 6--Annie Mae came over. We went to Aunt Mattie's. By Williams, Ma Barr wasn't there. Stopped at Mr. Raymond's and at Medina. James & Mae came on over here after key. **(Probably William Johns – Aunt Avie's son)**

February 7--We went to Uncle Haze's & spent the day. A mad dog had killed all the pups. Aunt Rena & I piddled around all day. **(Uncle Haze & Aunt Lorena Replogle Douglas – Papa's sister)**

February 8--Piddled around here alday. Mr. U.L. McLemore got run over and killed by A.J. Little. Sure did hate it.

February 9--We went to Mr. U.L. McLemore's funeral. Large crowd there. Lots of flowers. Annie Mae went with us. Went over to Mama's when I got back.

February 10--I washed this morning. Set in to raining. Made Bumpus a dress. Annie Mae came. We popped some corn.

February 11--Linton helped Talmage Taylor kill hogs. He took us to Annie Mae's. She came back with us after sweet milk.

February 12--I mopped & waxed the rugs, cleaned up good. Linton went to mailbox. We got small pkg.

February 13--Annie Mae came this morn. We went to Medina. Went to the show and traded some. Dell has to go to the army the 24th. Sure hate to see him leave.

February 14--Sure has been cold today. Linton is sitting up with Hannah & pigs. She is mashing them all. We went over to Papa's. Irmal & them came too.

February 15--Hannah found 14 pigs. Lost all but 4. Aaron came after needle for Irmal.

February 16--Bettie & I went to Mama's. Jewell & baby came down. **It** is cute. Fred came home with us. Then Aaron came.

February 17--Got Aaron & Fred off to school. Feel bad. But washed some anyway.

February 18--Mrs. Etta Lusk was buried today. We went to Lavinia at dinner. I feel plenty bad today.

February 19--Ivan is back for a few days. He, Adriel & Larry came. Dell & Clyde came & spent the night. Dell has to leave 24th. Annie Mae came morning. **(Ivan, Adriel, Larry McGowan)**

February 20--Had fried chicken for breakfast. Linton went to Miss Mattie's for Miss Kate. Betty & I went back with Dell. It started raining and he brought us home.

February 21--We went to Irmal's and spent the day. Jewell & baby were there. Irmal fixed a good dinner. Miss Hattie came down.

February 22--I did a very large washing. Linton went to Sitka. Miss K & Bettie went to McGowans. I went to new ground with Linton to help him burn brush.

February 23--Betty & I spent day at Mama's. I mopped her rugs & waxed them. Irmal came over. Guess Dell dreads leaving.

February 24--This morning I ironed. Linton went to get our ration books no. 2 for canned goods & meats. Was cloudy & windy. Dell left for Ft. Ogle.

USE IT UP, WEAR IT OUT, MAKE IT DO, OR DO WITHOUT **Waste Helps the Enemy**

Astronomical quantities of everything and to hell with civilian needs.

--Donald Nelson, Chairman of the War Production Board, describing the military view of the American wartime industry.

During the war years, gasoline, rubber, sugar, butter, and meat were rationed. Government publicity reminded people that shortages of these materials occurred because they were going to the troops, and that civilians should take part in conservation and salvage campaigns.

February 25--Was cool all day. Cooked dinner. Finished Ann's bedspread. Raked off the garden. Annie Mae came. Then I went to the mailbox.

February 26--We went to Milan. I got Betty 2 dresses for her birthday and few other things, me some sandals. Got some fish.

February 27--I cleaned up most of day. Piddling around here. Killed a rooster. Linton went to Sitka. Miss Kate went to Wilmuth's to see Amanda. **(Wilmuth Hickman Perkins – Kate's niece)**

February 28--Mama & them spent day over here. Irmal couldn't come. Kenneth was sick. We took pictures. The boys certainly enjoyed their dinner.

March 1--Dell, Clyde & I went to see Ma Barr in Papa's car. Was a bunch of women there, missionary society. She came back with us. We stopped at Medina & Bud's & Ma's house. A family had moved in.

March 2--Cooked dinner. Ma & I sat and talked. Mrs. Huggins stopped in. Ma looks well. I get tickled at her remembering everything.

March 3--After dinner I went to Mama's. Irmal & Jewell were there. I asked Mama kindly to come see Ma & of course that started a riot. I sure got told off. Dell, Clif & boys came after supper.

March 4--We got up early. Went to Huntingdon to see Dell off. Was cold. Hulon & Clif went with him. Sure hated to see him leave. He was crying. I washed. Jewell & Hulon came over to see Ma.

March 5--We took Ma over to Irmal's. Started raining. So we came home. It rained all day. Ma took a good long nap. We have lots fun talking.

March 6--Was real cold & cloudy. I ironed and piddled around, mopped. Ma seems to be enjoying her visit.

March 7--Went Annie Mae's awhile. Irmal & family came. Also Clyde & Fred. Irmal & got dinner. Linton went after Irmal. Sure do miss Dell. Guess Mama will stay hot at me, but did my best to bring her & Ma together.

March 8--Was clear today, but cold. Worked on Aunt Rena's bedspread. Ma talked alday & kept me company. M ? came after Miss Kate.

March 9--We carried Ma back to William's. Stopped at Bud's. **(Lonnie 'Bud' Johns – Aunt Avie Barr Johns' widower)** Stopped at Medina as we came back. Betty and I went over to Miss Cassye's.

March 10--Cooked spinach, hominy & a banana puddin. Was good. Linton & Gerald went to Huntingdon after car no. Betty and I stopped at Miss Nina's.

March 11--Rained all night. Annie Mae came over.

March 12--Rained. Worked some on bedspread.

March 13--Linton helped James & Annie Mae **(Barrow)** move over to Mrs. Strayhorn's. I washed some. It faired off. We went to Lavinia late, Betty & I.

March 14--Was a nice, warm day, a little windy. We went over to McGowans. Cassie & I went down to Mrs. Hills. Fred said Clyde left home last night. **Note: Clyde is 16 years old when he ran away.)**

March 15--Is terribly windy. I did a large washing. Hope it doesn't rain anymore. Got a card from dear old Dell. He was in Montana, still going westward. Clyde is still missing.

March 16--Was bad alday. Wish weather would soon get pretty. Am worried about Clyde & Dell.

March 17--Betty & I went to Jewell's. Mama & Brooxie came over. They didn't know we were there. I went to her house awhile. Officers picked Clyde up in Arkansas. Are sending him back.

March 18--Linton went to Mcs after cotton seed meal. Stopped at Milan to see Miss Kate. Irmal came. Came up a cloud. She had to stay all night. They went to meet Clyde.

March 19--Irmal & I cooked breakfast. Then they went home. It rained some more. Clyde came in after dark. He slipped off bus somehow & they didn't get him. Got letter from Dell. Is in Tucoma, Wash.

March 20--Went to Medina. Went to the show. On to Sitka to get rest of potatoes. Got off in ditch coming back. Betty & I walked in. Gerald & Cecil helped him get out.

March 21--Linton was sick all day with sore throat. Betty & I went to Mama's awhile. Miss Kate came home. Sure was windy & cold.

March 22--Was a pretty day. But I was sick all day. Something like the flu. Stayed in bed most all day. Clifford came after some butter & milk.

March 23--Felt some better today. Sun was pretty & warm. Sat out in it a lot. Lay around some.

March 24--Still felt better. Irmal, Glen, & Becca came after dinner. Papa & them got Clyde a horse & Fred a pony.

March 25--I washed. Linton & Mr. Huggins planted irish potatoes. But he didn't have any business working.

March 27--We went to Medina this morning to get Linton some medicine. He is taking a back set. Stopped at Ma's. She has moved back. Heard from Dell.
March 28--Linton has a terrible throat. Miss Kate went to S.S. Came home then Betty & I went over to Irmal's. Mama & them were there.
March 29--Was a lovely day. Linton felt worse. Gerald went to Dr. Thomas & got him medicine. I washed, mopped etc. Am wore out. Miss Kate & I have everything to do.
March 30--Went to Mama's. Papa went to get Dr. Thomas. He came. Linton has strep throat. Think he will help him. Gerald came awhile.
March 31--Went to Annie Mae's. She was sick. Went to Lavinia with Finace. Stopped at Miss Etta's. She & I went to store. Rode back with James.

April 1--Got a letter from Dell. Sure glad to hear from him. Linton is feeling some better. I went to mailbox, up to Mama's. Back hurts today.
April 2--Felt bad all day. Had fever all night and ached. Sure dread getting sick again. Linton was able to go to Lavinia.
April 3--Didn't feel like doing anything today. Betty & Miss Kate have gone to Myrtie's. Linton & Hulon went to Jackson. Go an old part for car. Cost \$20.
April 4--Feel bad. Lay around most all day. Betty feels bad. Linton worked some on his car.
April 5--Felt some tough. Irmal & Miss Hattie came. Betty Ann had high fever all day and night.
April 6--Lay around most all day. Betty Ann feels some better. Is some pretty weather now.
April 7--Didn't do much of anything. Feel so bad stomach. Can't make Betty stay in. Cassye & Mrs. Hill came by.
April 8--Warm & pretty today. Can't keep Betty Ann in. Ironed some. Cooked dinner. Still feel bad.
April 9--Still feel tough. Betty Ann had fever all day.
April 10--Linton went to Medina. Got Betty some medicine. I went to mailbox and up to Mama's. Got letter from Dell & pictures we took.
April 11--Heulon, Jewell & Jeanette spent the day here. Betty Ann & Jeanette both felt bad. Commencement exercises tonight, but it rained.
April 12--Piddled around here. Miss Kate went to Irmal's. Goodin & Judith came, brought us some polk sallet.
April 13--Betty Ann fell of bed, hurt her arm. Took her to Dr. Morris. But wasn't out of place. Betty & I stayed at Ma's while Linton went to Sitka. Lavern came in. **(Dr. Morris was the doctor in Medina.)**
April 14--Went to Mama's awhile to see Vern. Irmal & family were over there. Myrtie & children came. Betty Ann stayed in bed all day.
April 15--Betty Ann stayed in bed all day. Larry came to see her. Papa came after something.
April 16--Betty & I went to Mama's. Had to carry her. She took up with Vern. Started raining. We stayed all night. Had fun for awhile, but Clyde & Fred run everything in the ground.
April 17--Rained all night. Helped Mama & Vern clean up. Linton came after dinner. We came on and a relief to get out of the racket.
April 18--Rained all night and all day today. Cooked dinner & pacified Betty Ann. She sure is a pill since she's been sick & got her arm hurt.
April 19--Piddle around here all day. Wet & muddy. Can't get anything done.
April 20--Went to Huntingdon. I spent \$17. Got permanent. Dress 5.98, hat 1.98, slippers 3.95. Things sure are high. Hate to spend so much. Sold \$14 worth chickens.
April 21--Was pretty & warm. But is cloudy now. Washed, cooked dinner. Went to mailbox & over to see Mrs. Hodges. Irmal & kids were at Mama's.
April 22--Miss Cassye came awhile. Also Dorthy Hill. Vern came to spend the night. Betty Ann keeps her busy doing things for her. Call her ruby sometime.

April 23--Vern & I cleaned up. Cooked dinner. I went to mailbox. Got my window shades. Fred came to spend night. Gerald came over.

April 24--We took Vern to see Ma Barr. Mrs. Cobern (?) was there. Went to Medina. Saw several we knew. Had lots of fun. Saw Ruth Hatcher. Was a nice warm day.

April 25--Easter Sunday, a late one. We all went to Papa's. Took pictures, hid eggs for the brats. Linton & Clif went fishing. Didn't enjoy it so much. C.S. Felt kindly bad.

April 26--Worked a little in garden. Was so hot. I didn't feel well. Went to mailbox. Got Linton's suit. Went up to Jewell's a little bit.

April 27--Worked in the garden most all morn. Goodin came to play with Ann. Helped Linton plant the cucumbers. Sure am tired. Am glad it has finally got pretty.

April 28--Washed a large wash. Is a nice day. Linton is plowing. M. K. gone to mailbox and Betty is playing in her play house.

April 29--Ironed all morning. Sat around all afternoon. Got so stiff. Had rather keep busy.

April 30--After dinner Betty & I went to Mama's. Got letter from Dell. Vern & I went to strawberry patch. Vern came home with us. Berries sure taste good. Linton got us some ice cream.

May 1--Vern, Betty & I went to Irmal's. Clif & Frys went to Jackson. We went to tomato bed. Sat on the sheets in the sun. Rode back with Papa. Sure was cool today.

May 2--We carried dinner & went to Lavinia. Was large crowd. Linton went after Vern but she wouldn't get out. We went to see Aunt Beatrice. She isn't able to sit up any. Sure feel sorry for her. We carried Vern home. Boy! I sure was tired.

May 3--Went to the mailbox to mail a letter to Dell. Went to berry patch to get a mess. Betty & I went to Miss Cassye's awhile. Are having pretty weather now.



Visiting at Mrs. Cassye McGowan's

May 4--We went to Milan. Carried Lavern to the train. Anne said she was going until she saw the train coming. Did a little shopping. Stayed at Mama's until after dinner. Jewell & Jeanette came down.

May 5--Goodin came & then Dorthy. We got up some wash water & talked rest of the time.

May 6--Washed a large washing. Dorthy & Goodin came. We finished shelling peanuts. Dot & I hid from Betty & Goodin. She got so mad.

May 7--Bennett, Jude O, Mr. Chumney & Brad came out to take measurements. Betty & I went to Mama's. They were at strawberry patch. I went over there. Squatted over a snake.

May 8--Gave the garden a good digging. Linton went to Lavinia. Brought us some cream. Ironed this morning.

May 9--We got ready to go to preaching. Started raining. Bro. Harlon preached. We went to McGowans after dinner. Ruth was over there.

May 10--Cooked dinner. Gooding & I planted the peanuts. Ann went with us. Linton & I planted about 60 hills of watermelons. Got letter from Dell & Vern.

May 11--Came a big rain last night. Rained today. Dorthy, Goodin & Julia came. We hid from Julia up stairs. Linton went to Lavinia.

May 12--K.K. went to Taylors to stay awhile. Anne & I went to Mama's. Jewell, kids & I went to berry patch. There won't be anymore.

May 13--Washed this morn. Cooked dinner. Dorthy & Goodin stayed all afternoon. Dorthy & I went to mailbox. Goodin kept Ann. Got letter from Dell.

May 14--Dorthy helped me hoe in garden

May 15--We went to Medina. Dorthy went too. We just saw last of the show. Was good. Had fish for supper. Am I full. Stopped at Ma's. She is at Blanch's. Saw Freddie Mae.

May 16--We went to Onice's. Irmal went too. Freddie had good dinner. William & Blanch brought Ma. We went to Hopewell. Large crowd. Came back by Joe's but Martha J. wouldn't go to Ma's. **(Onus & Freddie Johns, William & Blanch Johns. This would be Decoration Sunday at Hopewell Cemetery near Medina, TN)**

May 17--Made Ann's dress and piddled around rest of the day.

May 18--Washed, went to Mama's & over to berry patch. Ivan came back on 7 day furlough. He & Lois have gone to get married.

May 19--Mama & Brooxie came after dinner. Also Dorthy & Goodin. Came up a cloud. Didn't rain much.

May 20--Scoured the closet & shelves. It is really nasty. Came a big rain. Irmal & Clif came. Linton was gone to Lavinia. He & Clyde went hunting. After they left went to McG. Didn't see Ivan or Lois.

May 21--Went over to McGowans this morning. Then we went to Lavinia at dinner. Betty & I went to mailbox & up to Jewell's awhile.

May 22--Ironed. Went over in field & over to mailbox. Goodin came. She & I hoed the garden.

May 23--Went over to Bemis to Frank's. Mary, Geneva & I went up town. Thurman & his wife. We came by Wells & stopped & on to Uncle Albert's. Frances played on piano. **(Note: Frank & Mary McDougal – Geneva's brother. Uncle Albert & wife, Frances – Albert was Papa's brother – lived in Jackson. Was a sign painter. She mentions "Wells" – there used to be a park in downtown Jackson that had a well or fountain where you could drink water and it had a really strong smell of sulphur – which smelled like rotten eggs to me.)**

May 24--I went to Irmal's to carry her 10 chickens. We went to Mr. Mallie's berry patch. I picked 12 qts. Got 6. Linton was there when we got back.

May 25--Went to see Aunt Bea. She is little better. Was sitting up. Stopped at Lavinia. Crops are so far behind.

May 26--Dorthy, Goodin, Mr. H, Linton & I set out potatoes all morning. I washed after dinner. Am so tired. Julia came over.

May 27--Cooked dinner. Ironed. Made cream. Julia helped me. We all sat out sweet potatoes. It started raining. Came to the house & frolicked. My cut finger, on ice, did this. (**Arrow pointing to writing, but I didn't see any smudges.**)

May 28--Sure felt bad today. Did the cooking & housework. Betty & I went to Mama's awhile.

May 29--Didn't do very much today. Dorthy & her soldier came by. We went to Lavinia late. Ann & I have to have our cream.

May 30--We went to Liberty. Had a good time. Uncle Albert & family were there. Had lots of good dinner. We all went to Aunt Lorena's awhile. (**This would be Decoration Day at Liberty Methodist Church in Madison Co, TN. Some Replogle's are buried there.)**

May 31--Hoed this morning. Just started today. But rained some in the afternoon.

June 1--Linton helped me this morning. Lynn Yarbrough came after cultivator.

June 2--Hoed this morning. Dorthy Hill helped me after dinner. W came to the house to hear Porcia Blake. June 3--Dorthy & I hoed all day. Got quite a lot hoed. Sure do get tired.

June 4--Hoed cotton this morn. Made some cream. Linton & I worked out the cucumbers. Got



Dell's picture. Was proud of it.

This is the picture she is talking about in 1943. His daughter, Patsy, looks just like him.

June 5--We went to Milan this afternoon. Betty & I saw a pretty good picture. Johnny Mack Brown played. Was hot & threatening.

June 6--We went to preaching at M. church. Came back to Mama's. Stopped at Irmal's.

June 7--Hoed cotton all day.

June 8--Hoed cotton all day. Almost got over.

June 9--Hoed cotton this morn. Didn't do anything much after dinner. Julia came over.

June 10--Finished up cotton for first time. Hoed & ? watermelons. Miss K went back to Taylors. Washed 10 fertilizer sacks.

June 11--Sure was hot today. Ironed & piddled around alday. Am so tired. Betty Ann stuck a tack in her foot.

June 12--We went to Medina. Went to a show. Stopped at Freddie's. She & I went to see Uncle Bud's wife. She had a spell. **(Obviously, Lonnie 'Bud' Johns has remarried since his wife, Aunt Avie died last year. Don't know who he married.)**

June 13--We went down to Janie Mae's. Men were gone fishing. Miss Vienna came awhile. Fred & Aaron went with us.

June 14--Piddle around here. Went to Mama's. Stayed all after noon.

June 15--Washed this morning. Betty & I went to Mrs. Hill's awhile.

June 16--Worked here alday. Julia came over. She worries Ann a plenty. Ann has preaching with the chickens.

June 17--We hoed potatoes this morning. Betty Ann stayed at Mrs. Hill's. Hoed corn over in the new ground awhile. Went after some ice.

June 18--We carried cucumbers to Sitka and went on to Milan. Went to the show but had already seen it. Got me a new dress.

June 19--Mama & them came spent the day. Had dinner nearly ready when they got here.

June 20--Hoed cotton. Started 2nd time. Dorothy & Goodin helping after dinner. Worried me more than they did good. Irmal & Rebecca came.

June 21--Linton & I hoed cotton. Aaron helped us some & got sick. Sure was hot. Somebody got a good rain. We sure need one.

June 23--Linton carried off cucumbers. Carried Ann & I over to Irmal's. We ate peaches & green apples.

June 24--Washed a big washing. Went to Mama's when I got through. Sure is hot & dry.

June 25--Ironed some. Mopped & waxed the rugs. Feel bad C.S. Am so tired.

June 26--Linton carried cucumbers off. Put us out at Medina. Saw a good show. Was raining when we came out. Rode to town with Lanelle & Preston **(Essary)**.

June 27--We went to Heulon's & spent the day. After he went to work went to Papa's. Stopped at Irmal's. Has rained all around us. Wish it would rain here.

June 28--Came a right nice shower. Hoed cotton all day. Sure am tired.

June 29--Linton & I dug potatoes all day. And boy am I tired & sore. Dug 35 bu.

June 30--Us & Clif & kids went to Cotton's to get blackberries. I sure got tired. Ate dinner at Irmal's. Clif & Lin went to Lavinia.

July 1--Tried to rest up some. Sure is hot and dry.

July 2--Did around here all day. Clyde, Fred & Linton went to Medina & to the show. I sure did wear out here.

July 3--Washed this morning. Betty & I went to Miss Cassye's. William **(Johns)** & Ma **(Barr)** came. Ma stayed. Mr. Ned Moore died.

July 4--Irmal & them came & spent the day. Linton & M. K. went to preaching. She went to Taylors. Got Clif to kill me a chicken.

July 5--After dinner we went to Aunt Bea. She's up & around, improved a lot. Ma Barr talks our socks off. Sure is hot. Crops are burning up.

July 6--We went to Milan. I sold \$14 worth fryers. Got a few things, Ma a new dress. Betty & I got some ice cream. Went to Mama's awhile.

July 7--Washed. when I got through, Jewell & Neoma came. Went to McGowans to borrow some tea. Ma hemstitched me a pair of pillow cases.

July 8--Ironed some. Ma worked all day on her & mine pillow cases, 82 years old. Linton went a blackberry hunting. Another hot & dry day.

July 9--Did around here all day. Ma & Betty Ann went to Mrs. Huggins after dinner. Clyde & Fred came over.

July 10--Linton & Clif went to John Mc carried me & ma to Irmal's. Ma stayed over there.

July 11--We went to Irmal's & spent the day. Ma & them came. I hoped that would be the end of the trouble, but Ma is so stubborn. Kitty, Georgie & Onice came.

July 12--Betty & I went to Myrtie's. We talked & talked & the kids played. Linton plowed corn.

July 13--Betty & I went to Mama's after dinner. Hot & dusty. Linton went to Lavinia.

July 14--Wash this morning. Sure is hot.

July 15--Ironed some. Linton went to Irmal's after Ma.

July 16--Ironed some more. Went to the mailbox and listened to Ma rattle all time.

July 17--Irmal & Beckie spent day here. Made her a dress. Linton went to Lavinia.

July 18--We carried Ma to Latham to hear Kester. (**Kester Cotton, Baptist preacher**) Went to Will Barrows for dinner. Then we took her to Eunice's.

July 19--Went to church today. Wasn't many there. Went to Miss Cassye's awhile. It sprinkled some. Sure wish it would rain.

July 20--We went to Medina. Irmal went too. We went to church at B. church. Bro. Bass preaching. Was large crowd there. Some soldiers from area. B.A. called them japs.

July 21--I went to Mama's & spent the day. Linton came over there. We came home and went to church.

July 22--We went to Jackson, stayed all day. Went to the show, "Blondie & Dagwood". Betty Ann enjoyed it. Sure got tired.

July 23--Linton & I washed. Went to preaching. Had several confessions.

July 24--Linton went to the highway. I stopped at Cleo's. She is a sight. We went to the baptizing at 6. Mrs. Compton was baptized & 11 or 12 others.

July 25--Has been a long hot dry day. We stayed at home all day. Fried a chicken for dinner. Sure wish it would rain.

July 26--Linton went to Huntingdon with Gerald. Got some beef. I made beef hash. Fred spent the night here.

July 27--Cooked dinner. Finished ironing. Went to the mailbox. Up to Mama's awhile.

July 28--We went to Irmal's hunting tomatoes. Clif & Linton went to the bottom fishing. Am taking an awful cold. Went to Lavinia.

July 29--My cold wasn't much better. Didn't do much today. Ann has her fun playing with the chickens.

July 30--I washed. Linton went to Coke's & got 2 bu. tomatoes. \$1.50. Got 31 qts. Sure were proud to get them. (**Coke Coleman**)

July 31--I put a permanent in Ann's hair. She couldn't hardly stand head tied, but was sweet. She & I went to Mama's. Linton went to Lavinia.

August 1--Met. meeting started. Rained all night last night. Sure did lightening. Julia came over. Linton went to McGowans.

August 2--I piddled around here all day. Went to church tonight. Bro. Rains holding the meeting.

August 3--We went to Mr. Hatcher's to find a place. Ruth was there. We had a right nice visit. Stopped at Medina.

August 4--Went to church. Went to Chumneys for dinner. Ruby & I went to see Edgar Taylor. He sure is in a bad shape.

August 5--Went to the mailbox and up to Mama's awhile. Ate some watermelon.

August 6--Linton plowed. I washed & cut weeds. Was tired, but went to church. Was the last night.

August 7--We went to Medina. Went to the show. Was real good. Went on to Lavinia. I went in and talked to Maggie Joyner.

August 8--Papa's folks and Irmal's folks spent the day here. We had a time as usual. Plenty racket.

August 9--Rested quite a bit today. Betty and I went to Myrtie's awhile. She was canning soup. Got a letter from Dell.

August 10--Went by Irmal's. We all went to Mama's. Clifford and Linton went to the highway.

August 11--Went to McGowan's awhile. LaNelle was there. They cut some good melons. Went down to Mrs. Hill's. Got some peas.

August 12--Went to the mailbox. Washed after 3. Drew my water also. Miss Kate went to Lee Taylor's. Was hot again.

August 13--We went to Huntingdon. Carried some chickens; got 20c. Made me so mad. Bought a few things and came home.

August 14--We stayed here alday. Linton went to Lavinia. Dorthy & Goodin came. Came a big rain late.

August 15--After noon went over to Irmal's. Sat around awhile & came home. Made a good freezer of cream.

August 16--Cooked dinner. Ann & I went to Jewell's. Ann & Nat had a time playing. Linton carried us over there and brought us back.

August 17--Linton, Clifford & Gerald went to cut wood for Ervin Mc. Fixed dinner. Went to McGowan's. to see Adriel & Hattie.

August 18--Irmal, Glen, & **Becker** came & spent the day. Linton & Clifford came back for dinner. **(Rebecca McMinn)**

August 19--I washed, mopped the rugs & waxed them. Sure am tired.

August 20--Ironed up everything. Linton & them finished up their wood job. I went to mailbox. Betty went to Mrs. Huggins.

August 21--We went to Milan. Went to a show, "Undercover Man", Bill Boyd. Real good. Went to see about a place. Letter from Dellie.

August 22--We stayed here as long as we could stand it. Then we went to Papa's. Stopped & brought Miss Kate.

August 23--Cooked dinner. Dyed ten sacks. Goodin came. I went to the mailbox. Mama got a card from Dell. Still sick.

August 24--Another hot day. Linton helped Papa haul hay. I went over there and cut me some peaches.

August 25--Cooked dinner & washed. Went to the mailbox and up to Mama's awhile.

August 26--Another hot day! Papa and Linton hauled hay over here today. I went to Mama's to get my dried peaches.

August 27--Ironed and did around here. Went to McGowans awhile. Linton went over to fix Papa's washing machine.

August 28--We went to Medina to do some trading. Went to the show. I really do enjoy them. Mrs. Hill & gals came.

August 29--We went to Ma's and spent the day. Went by to get Irmal. She had company. Freddie & Onice came up there. Glad they did. Linton went to the show, of course.

August 30--We canned a bu of apples 16 qts. I went over to Mama's afterwards. Irmal was there. Got a card from Dell.

September 1--Papa helped Linton haul hay this morning. I took a pill last night. It has nearly killed me. Got 1/2 bu. apples at Mallie's.

September 2--Toby, our only mule, was sick this morning. We had Dr. Nile. Said there wasn't any chance for him. Poor thing. We have Pat & Nubbin left.



Daddy & Nubbin

September 3--Tobie died last night. Sure hate to see him go. It rained alnight. Mr. Cecil & Gerald (**McGowan's**) helped bury him. Betty & I went to Mama's. L killed 4 squirrels.

September 4--We went to Medina. Stopped at Onice's. Ma was at Mrs. Cabberns. Betty & I went to the show. Johnny Mack Brown. Came back to Lavinia. Stayed at Miss Ett's awhile.



Cowboy, Johnny Mack Brown, at the movies.

September 5--It rained just about all day. Fried a chicken for dinner. Clyde & Fred spent the night last night.

September 6--It rained all day hard as it could. Linton went squirrel hunting late. I cut me out a dress.

September 7--I washed a real large wash after dinner. Dabbling in the cold water will make me sick. Ann helps me do everything.

September 8--Ironed & did around all morning. Have a bad cold. Sure does hurt. Went to Mrs. Hill's awhile. Linton helped Papa haul hay.

September 9--We started picking cotton. Sure is notty and sorry. Betty Ann picked too. Was might sweet. Is real cool tonight.

September 10--Picked cotton after dinner. Went to the mailbox. Italy has surrendered. Sure hope Germany & Japan will soon. Got 2 letters from Dell.

The Invasion of Italy

Three American, one Canadian, and three British divisions landed on Sicily on July 10. They pushed across the island from beachheads on the south coast in five weeks, against four Italian and two German divisions, and overcame the last Axis resistance on August 17. In the meantime, Mussolini had been stripped of power on July 25, and the Italian government had entered into negotiations that resulted in an armistice signed in secret on September 3 and made public on September 8.

On September 3 elements of Montgomery's British Eighth Army crossed the [Strait of Messina](#) from Sicily to the toe of the Italian boot. The U.S. Fifth Army, under General [Mark W. Clark](#), staged a landing near [Salerno](#) on September 9; and by October 12, the British and Americans had a fairly solid line across the peninsula from the Volturno River, north of Naples, to Termoli on the Adriatic coast. The Italian surrender brought little military benefit to the Allies, and by the end of the year, the Germans stopped them on the Gustav line about 100 km (about 60 mi) south of Rome. A landing at [Anzio](#) on January 22, 1944, failed to shake the Gustav line, which was solidly anchored on the Liri River and Monte Cassino.

September 11--Cooked dinner, churned, etc. this morning. Picked cotton this afternoon. Betty Ann stayed over at Mrs. Hill's. Dorothy brought her home.

September 12--Freddie, Onice & Vera came & spent the day. After they left went to Papa's. Irmal & them were over there.

September 13--Picked some cotton after dinner.

September 14--We carried some chickens to Milan \$10.76. Bought a few things. Came back to Atwood to meet Miss Kate.

September 15--We picked cotton this morning. Came a cloud at dinner & rained. Mrs. Hill came & the kids awhile. Opal came to bring camera home.

September 16--I washed this morning. Painted the car and then picked some cotton. Really tired.

September 17--Picked cotton all day. Linton and Mr. Mallie carried off first bale. Got 20c. Was 11 when Lin. got back.

September 18--We picked cotton all day. I went to the mailbox. Linton went to Lavinia awhile. Started on the 2nd bale.

September 19--Has been a long, rainy day. Clyde spent the day here. I cooked dinner about 3:30.

September 20--Went over to Annie Mae's. She & James were peeling pears. We had quite some fun. Sure was muddy.

September 21--Was still wet and muddy. Ann & I went to Mama's. Ann dried the dishes for me.

September 22--Washed this morning. Picked cotton in the afternoon.

September 23--We picked cotton all day. On 2nd bale.

September 24--Picked cotton all day. Dell came in about 3. We went to see him. Ate supper over there. Dell looks nice but skinny. Ann wouldn't kiss him.

September 25--We picked cotton this morning. Went to Jackson. Couldn't find a radio battery. Went to mailbox. Saw Dell again. Was a pretty day.

September 26--Went by, got Irmal. Went to Aunt Lorena's. She had lots of dinner as usual. Uncle Albert's family came later. Got us two puppies.

September 27--I picked cotton all day by myself. Linton helped Mallie and them bale hay.

September 28--Started on our potatoes about 2 acres in all. Maud & Mr. Huggins helping. Dell came over. Ate dinner with us.

September 29--Dug on our potatoes all day. Linton went late with a load with McGowan.

September 30--We started on Mr. H. potatoes. They finished carrying ours off. Made 134 bu. 78 no. ones \$1.75 bu. Sure do get tired.

October 1--We finished Mr. Huggins potatoes. Made 51 bu. After dinner we were so tired went to Medina, Milan & Sitka. Went to a show. Billy the Kid was on.

October 2--We went to Huntingdon fair. Ann rode horses twice. Wanted to ride more. Enjoyed it quite a bit. Ann did too.

October 3--We went to Meth. preaching. Came back to Irmal's for dinner. Have fried chicken for dinner.

October 4--Linton cut & raked hay. I picked cotton. Mr. Compton came by.

October 5--Linton & George hauled hay. I picked cotton.

October 6--Picked cotton all day.

October 7--Was a pretty day. We finished the 3rd bale.

October 8--Went to Annie Mae's shower. Was about 20 there. She got more nice things. Went on to store with Myrtie. Stopped at Mama's.

October 9--Hurried got my dinner. Went to see all the McGowan boys. Betty Ann has a spell over them. Went to Milan. Saw "Bad Men of Missouri"; was good. Was nearly dark when got home.

October 10--Delmar went back. hulon and Jewell spent the day here. We went to Mrs. Huggins awhile. Am so sleepy. Ann sure likes them soldier boys.

October 11--Ivan went back today. We picked cotton. Linton carried off the 3rd bale. Is still 20c.

October 12--Picked cotton all day.

October 13--Rained a little off & on all day. I sewed some. Linton went hunting. Killed two.

October 14--Finished up the field over yonder. Today was a nice warm day.

October 15--Finished our 4th bale. Sure was cold. Wind blowing. Finally quit. Edgar Taylor is worse.

October 16--Cooked dinner; cleaned up. Betty & I went to Mama's. The boys were gone to Milan. Papa was digging potatoes. Linton carried off cotton.

October 17--We went to the Baptist church. Came home and stayed here all afternoon.

October 18--Picked cotton all day.

October 19--Was very cold. Picked some cotton. Finally quit.

October 20--Picked cotton all day. Annie Mae & James came after supper. We had lots of fun.

October 21--Picked cotton this afternoon. Was wet this morning.

October 22--We picked cotton all day. Just about wound it up except for some scattering.

October 23--Linton worked over at Mallie's alday & carried 5th bale off. I went to mailbox; got radio battery & Ann's doll. Edgar Taylor died this morning.

October 24--Edgar Taylor was buried today. Rained some most all day. Irmal and them came about 12. I had to cook dinner again as we had a fried snack. (?)

October 25--Went to Irmal's & spent the day. Linton & Clifford went to Jackson. Annie Mae's baby born today. Named Joan Kay.

October 26--Went to the mailbox & up to Mama's. Dell came back with me. Had to send Ann's doll back. Eyes weren't right. Went to Mrs. Hill's after Ann.

October 27--Ann & I went to see Annie Mae's baby. James carried Raymond A & Rodella (?) home & got Miss Lillian. Annie Mae wasn't feeling so well.

October 28--Cleared off. Was right nice. Felt bad. Cooked dinner. Picked off a sack of peanuts. Hulled some walnuts. Drawed some wash water.

October 29--Washed some here at the house. finished picking off the peanuts.

October 30--Dell came after Ann & I. We went to Jackson. Irmal & Clif went too. Brooxie got a permanent & cried nearly all time. Betty Ann wanting one. Irmal had a tooth pulled.

October 31--Mama, Papa & Brooxie spent the day over here. Mrs. Hodge & children came. Hattie, Opal & Larry came to scare us in their Halloween suits.

November 1--We went to Milan. Virgil filled 4 of my front teeth. We picked some cotton over at Papa's. Dell helped me some. **(This would be Dr. Virgil Fields. He was a dentist in Milan – his office was on Main St. on the corner across the alley from where City Hall is now.)**

November 2--Rained last night. I went to see Annie Mae. She was better and the baby doing fine. Julia came.

November 3--Picked cotton for Papa this afternoon. Dell has gone to Detroit. Kenneth fell out of a tree on his head.

November 4--Picked cotton all day at Papa's. Nearly finished him up. We made \$8.20 over there.

November 5--Washed some & ironed, churned, cooked dinner & hulled some walnuts. Picked a little cotton at Mr. Mallie's. Bettie went to Julia's.

November 6--Mr. Mallie carried Hill's folks to Milan. Ann & I went to get my coat. Got Ann a new one \$5.98. Linton went to Jackson with Clifford. Went in to see Annie Mae's baby.

November 7--Rained all night. We walked to Irmal's. Then it rained hard nearly alday. But got home. Thank goodness. Linton carried Ann.

November 8--Rained all night. Is colder today. Clifford came. But Linton was gone. Went to Porter's with Gerald.

November 9--Have a real head cold. Don't feel like doing anything.

November 10--Feel a little better. Washed some.

November 11--Washed a little more. Ann & I went to Miss Cassye's awhile.

November 12--Linton & Hulon S went duck hunting. Went to Mama's. They were gone. Went up to Jewell's. Then back to Mama's when they got in. Tried to pick some cotton this morning. Was cold.

November 13--Went to Medina. Went to the show. Did some trading. Everything is so high. Stopped at Ma's. She looks well.

November 14--We stayed at home all day. Went to Annie Mae's & James after supper He has to leave Thursday for exam. Annie Mae looks bad. Baby doing fine. Betty A. doesn't want it. ha

November 15--We picked cotton part of the day. Are nearly through. It started raining. Had to quit. Linton has gone possum hunting.

November 16--Linton went hunting then hauled up some wood. I went to mailbox & up to Mama's. Dell's coming in tomorrow.

November 17--Irmal, Becker & Glenn came spent the day. Linton helped Mr. Huggins kill hogs. Wish we were through. Miss Kate gone to Lee Taylors.

November 18--Betty Ann had a high fever all day. Just a cold I reckon.

November 19--Miss Kate came in. Ann is still feeling pretty bad. I went to the mailbox.

November 20--Stayed around here all day. Betty Ann feels some better. Linton & George came after rest of cotton & carried it off.

November 21--We finally got ready and went to B. preaching. Miss K. stayed here & got dinner. We stayed here all afternoon. Julia & Goodin came.

November 22--Began taking a cold. Miss Cassye came to borrow something. I went to the mailbox and up to Mama's.

November 23--My cold is really bad today. Head bursting open. It seems I'm always having a cold.

November 24--Sure felt some bad today. Lay around right smart. Cooked some dinner. Miss Kate has the flu too. Ann is sorta over hers.

November 25--I felt better today. Irmal and kids spent the day here. Linton & Hulon S. went bird hunting. He killed 3 & one squirrel. Clif. came after Irmal.

November 26--Felt bad today. Lay around some.

November 28--After dinner we went to Clifford's. They went to the bottom with Mr. Mallie. Miss Hattie stayed down there all afternoon.

November 29--We killed our old sow. Weighed 400. Clifford stayed to help grind sausage. Miss Kate has flu. I nearly have it.

November 30--Helped Linton some with the lard. Carried Mama & them some sausage. Linton & Ann went to Lavinia.

December 1--Canned some sausage. Piddled around all day.

December 2--Piddled around here. Linton helped Wess cut wood. Got a pig over there. Mr. Huggins moved last night. Some more folks moved in today.

December 3--Went to the mailbox. Goodin & I went to see new neighbors. Mrs. Brantley. Like them fine.

December 4--We went to Sitka after potatoes. Came by Medina. Went to the show. Buck Jones; was good. Stopped to see Ma. She was fine. Fred spent the night.

December 5--We went to M. church. Was Bro. Wiley's first time. Had to carry Ann out for the first time. We went to McGowans awhile. Maggie Brasher was there.

December 6--Stayed busy most of the day. Mrs. Brantley stopped in a few minutes. Washed mine & Ann's hair.

December 7--We went to Jackson this morning. Sold \$6.53 worth of chickens. Did a little Xmas shopping. We went over to Bemis to see Aunt Mattie.

December 8--Rained most all day. Miss Kate felt worse. Linton went to highway to get her some medicine.

December 9--Another warm rainy day. Ann got a colonial girl from Aunt Amanda.

December 10--Rained hard all day.

December 11--I did a large washing. Mopped the floors. Lay down awhile.

December 12--We sat around here alday. Went over to Mrs. Brantley's with Goodin awhile.

December 13--We went to highway to get some cow feed. Stopped at Lavinia. Ann & I carried Mrs. McGowan's hand scales back. **Elbert has gone over seas.**

December 14--Linton went to help Papa saw wood. Betty and I went over there. Jewell & Jeanette came down. Was snowing when we came home.

December 15--Sure was cold today & last night. Coldest spell we've had. Linton went to Lavinia. Mrs. Brantley stopped in awhile.

December 16--Papa & Linton sawed wood here. Was pretty cold. Went to the mailbox.

December 17--Had another bad cold today. Mended some. Got some Xmas cards. Was cold & clear, a little warmer.

December 18--Went to Medina. Boy! did we have car trouble. Went on with Mr. Van Dyke & Miss Nell. Ann & I went to the show. Saw John Wesley. He looked nice. Adriel & Hattie came awhile tonight.

December 19--We went to S.S. Didn't have preaching. Sat around all afternoon. Dorthy & Goodin came.

December 20--Washed, cooked dinner, mopped. Put up Ann's Xmas tree. Red had a calf. Churned. Am give out.

December 21--Ann & I went to Irmal's. They were gone. Went on to Mama's. They were killing hogs. Helped over there all day. Was give out.

December 22--Ironsed this morning. Mr. Hill brought one of our hogs. Went to the mailbox & up to Mama's.

December 23--Went to see Annie Mae. She is grieving over James being in the army. Baby has the colic. Went to mailbox. Papa, Mama & Brooxie in bed with flu. I had to stay. Thomas came.

December 24--Didn't sleep much. Cooked breakfast, cleaned everything up. Came home. Went to Xmas tree. Sure was cold. Santa brought Ann a pretty doll & bed. Was good to be home.

December 25--Was a bad day out. Raining & icy. Dell & Newsome boy ate dinner here. They said Dell got married last night. Don't know if it is true.

December 26--Went to Mama's to get dinner for them. Newsome boy still there. Boys all helped me. We had fun. Mama still on the bed. Linton came over too.

December 27--Was a gloomy day. Not enjoying Xmas much. Linton went hunting awhile.

December 28--Rained again last night. Bad all day. Sat around & read. Linton went to Lavinia. Is over at the mailbox now.

December 29--Linton & Clifford went to Covington. Betty & I went to Irmal's. Was pretty cold. Mama got word that Ma was sick.

December 30--Linton helped Mr. Rodgers kill hogs this morning. Wanted to go see Ma, but roads were too bad. Washed this morning. **(Rogers Fry)**

December 31--We went to see Ma. Was at Freddie's. She wasn't as bad as we expected. Dell came too. He & Linton went to Medina.