

Diary of Raymell Replogle Kizer 1944

January 1--Cooked dinner. Ironed some. Went to see Mama & them awhile. Aaron came. Linton went to Lavinia. Dell came back with me & ate supper.

January 2--Clyde & Fred spent the night here. Dell came in the night; crawled in with them. Rained all day. Dell stayed all day. Clyde & Fred went home.

January 3--Another rainy, gloomy day. Miss Kate & I put in a quilt after dinner. Linton went to the mailbox.

January 4--I quilted all day long & ruint my eyes. Miss Kate helped me some. Betty Ann can't hardly understand it all.

January 5--Went to the mailbox. Up to Mama's & up to Jewell's. She gave me 8 pretty glasses. Is turning cold. My eyes hurt too bad to quilt.

January 6--Was clear today. Jewell & Jeanette came & spent the day. We finished my quilt. Anne & Jeanette had a time playing.

January 7--I washed. Linton went to have tires inspected. Mopped the floors. Is cloudy & windy.

January 8--It snowed all day. Linton went to Lavinia. Ann & I went to Miss Cassy's . Tufted some on a sofa pillow.

January 9--Was a snow on the ground. Clyde, Fred & Aaron came on horses. Dorthy, Julia & Goodin came. We all rode horses. It kills me to ride.

January 10--Heulon killed hogs. I went over to help Jewell cook dinner. Brooxie came home with us.

January 11--Mrs. Brantley & I put in another quilt. Brooxie almost worried me to death. Was glad when she went home.

January 12--We went to Milan. Was cold. Went to a show. Saw Judy Canova of Sleepy Lagoon with Dennis Day. Came by to see Ma. She is in a bad shape.

January 13--Quilted some. Cut my finger bad on a gallon bucket. Went to the mailbox. Up to Jewell's & Mama's awhile.

January 14--We went to Irmal's & spent the day. First time we'd been since they moved to Coke's (**Coleman**) . Went to Lavinia; saw Wylia (**Brewer**).

January 15--Was a bad old day. Sleeted all night.

January 16--Was a bad icy & sleety day. Ivan & Lois (**McGowan**) came in. I went to Mr. Mallie's to call Dr. Morris. Ma was some better. Annie Mae & baby were fine.

January 17--I washed & quilted some. Was a pretty day.

January 18--Ironed & stayed busy all day. Quilted some. Am so tired. Was clear. Ivan & Lois went home.

January 19--Was clear & warm & so muddy. Cooked dinner and quilted some.

January 20--Quilted some. Listened to the stories. Betty Ann drys the dishes for me & sets the table as good as anyone.

January 21--I washed some. Finished my quilt. Then Ann & I went to Mama's. Linton helped Papa saw wood.

January 22--Linton & M.K. went to Lavinia. Miss Hill came by. We went to see Mrs. Brantley awhile. Clyde & Linton sawed wood this morning.

January 23--All Irmal's folks came. Then Papa's folks. But didn't have much trouble getting dinner. Was warm & pretty. Dell went off somewhere.

January 24--Linton went to Dr. Thomas to get him some medicine. Miss Kate went to Hattie Moore's to stay a few days.

January 25--Ann & I went to Miss Cassy's. She & Ethel Lee were canning meat. Linton went to Lavinia. I am hoarse with a cold.

January 26--Has been very warm today. Cooked dinner & ironed some. Ann stuck her finger to the iron, then sat with it in a pan of water rest of afternoon.

January 29--Ann & I went to see Mrs. Hodge awhile. Was a pretty day.

January 30--We went to Medina. Saw a good picture "Carson City Cyclone." Ma had gone back home. We stopped to see her. Feel sorry for her.

January 31--We went to Papa's and spent the day. Talked to Annie Mae at the well.

(Note: Lavern marries Nick Margtopolis on January 31, 1944. He was born in Turkey – owned a restaurant in Detroit. He was born in 1896 – 24 years older than she is. She worked as a waitress. Mama never mentions this marriage in her diary.)

February 1--Cooked dinner. Mrs. Brantley came. She & I went to the sallet patch.

February 2--The ground hog didn't see his shadow. I read most all day. When I wasn't doing housework. Cooked sallet for dinner.

February 3--Annie Mae, Mary & Joan Kay came after dinner. I feel so sorry for her with James in the army. I went to the mailbox.

February 4--Washed some.

February 5--Went to Lavinia with Linton. Stopped at Jewell's. They were gone. Went up to Wilmuth's. Annie Mae was at the store.

February 6--Dell came by. Ate dinner. We walked over to Papa's. Irmal & Clifford came over there awhile.

February 7--Killed our other hog. Has turned so warm. Afraid it will spoil. Went to Mrs. Vinnie Fewell's funeral. Large crowd & more pretty flowers.

February 8--Rained last night and all day today. Cooked off the lard in the house. Ground sausage and sacked them.

February 9--Put in a quilt for Mama. Went to the mailbox. Goodin Hill came over.

February 10--Quilted some. Not much. K.K. came awhile. Sure gets on my nerves.

February 11--The wind blew hard all day and was just like ice. Linton has a cold.

February 12--Is awfully cold 10°. Linton grunted all day with a cold. A plane crashed near Memphis in river. 13 soldiers & 1 WAC perished.

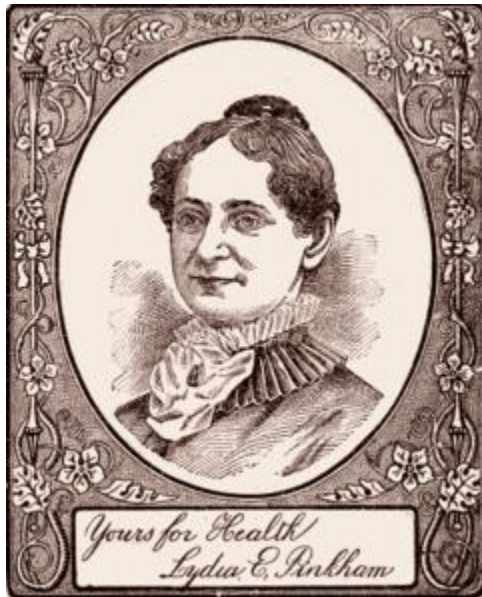
February 13--Another cold day. 8° this morning. Linton still sick with head cold.

February 14--Quilted all day on Mama's quilt. Linton went up to highway.

February 15--Quilted all day long and finally got it finished. I am worn out.

February 16--Washed this morning. Hemmed Mama's quilt after dinner.

February 17--Rained, thundered & lightened all night & most all day. I ironed. Got my 3 bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham.



Lydia Pinkham tablets were supposed to make you feel better and give you lots of energy.

February 18--Papa helped Linton saw wood. I went t the sallet patch, got Mama a mess of sallet. Started on Vern's bed spread.

February 19--We went to Medina. Saw a good picture. Stopped to see Ma. She looks better all time. Did some shopping.

February 20--Rained last night. Was a long gloomy day. Ann furnishes entertainment.

February 21--Linton helped Papa on pasture fence. Ann & I went over there & spent the day. K.K. was here when got back.-----

February 22--A bad rainy day. Felt bad all day. Didn't get much sleep last night. Betty Ann on our bed. Brooxie in hers. Went to Mrs. Brantley's awhile.

February 23--Washed, mopped, worked all day. Am pretty tired. Was right pretty & warm today.

February 24--Ann, Brooxie & I walked to Irmal's & were we give out. Clifford brought us to Papa's in wagon. Mrs. Sego (?) came up there. Gerald & Larry came. Played dominoes.

February 25--Worked on bedspread. Linton went to Lavinia. Mrs. Hutchson was buried. **Linton was put in class 3C.**

February 26--Rained last night & most all day. Worked on Vern's bed spread. Linton went to Lavinia.

February 27--We sat around here till about 2. We went to Hulon's awhile. He came in from work about 5. Dell came in last night from Detroit.

February 28--Rained again. Betty Ann had corn for her birthday. Just what she likes.

February 29--Linton went to a sale. I spent day at Annie Mae's. Joan is still growing. We went to the store. Ladies had a missionary meeting.

March 1--Quilted. Put it in. Washed this morning. Arthur Joe brought his radio. Ann called him Buttercup.

March 2--Went to Jackson. Got my perm. Mine & Ann's picture taken.



Sold \$8.40 chickens. **Had explosion on area. Killed Aaron Blankenship & hurt several.**

March 3-- They buried Aaron B. but I didn't know it. Quilted all day. Ethel Lee came. She helped me some.

March 4--I finished Mama's quilt. Am worn out. Linton carried calf to Greenfield \$23. Heard about Aaron B. Sure hate it.

March 5--We went to Irmal's and spent the day. Got stuck on hill by their house We played some cards.

March 6--Linton went to Huntingdon. I rested up some. Came up a big rain. I went to the mailbox afterwards.

March 7--Went to missionary meeting at Eliz. McNail's with Maggie. James is on a furlough. The baby has whooping cough. Sure hate it. The wind sure blew hard.

March 8--A very cold & windy day. Just sat around by the fire. Linton went to the highway. M.K. went to Lee Taylor's.

March 9--Ann & I went to Miss Cassye's. I went to the mailbox. Back by McG. box. Maude & E.W. were there also Ethel & kids.

March 10--Washed. Didn't feel so well. Went to the mailbox. Mama was gone.

March 11--We went to Medina. Ann & I went to the show. Bill Boyd on. Saw Ruth Hatcher & Helen Jones. Stopped to see Ma. Bertha Mae was there fat & fine.

March 12--Linton took us to Baptist S.S. Rode back to store with Geraldine. We sat around here all afternoon.

March 13--Cooked dinner. Bettie and I went over to Mama's. Linton went to Sitka.

March 14--Raked on the yard. Went to mailbox. Planted some in the garden K & Ann went to Myrtie's.

March 15--Went to a sale, but didn't stay long. Went on to Huntingdon. Linton bought a mule \$125. They brought him out. I did some shopping. Irvin Mc left.

March 16--Made Ann a dress. Raked some more on the yard. Fred came after some sallet. Planted Irish potatoes.

March 17--My neck & shoulders hurt so bad. Drew some wash water. Betty Ann & Linton went to Lavinia. Cut out my dress.

March 18--Did a large washing. Looked like it would rain any minute. My neck is some better. Rained all night. Sewed some.

March 19--Rained most all day. Just sat around.

March 20--Sewed on my dress.

March 21--Went to Mama's.

March 22--Linton & Papa went got potatoes. Mama & Brooxie came. They all ate dinner here. We bedded the potatoes.

March 23--Ann & I went to Mrs. Hodges awhile. Miss Kate went to Hattie Moore's.

March 24--Started washing. Clifford came after me. Linton had to keep Betty. Baby was born before Keil got there. Clif went after Ester. **(The new baby must have been Brenda.)(Brenda LaDell McMinn – born March 24, 1944)**

March 25--We went to Papa's this morning. After dinner Mama & I walked to Irmal's. Kids are very sick with whooping cough. Clif brought us home. Linton & Ann already gone.

March 27--Came a cyclone last night, but didn't strike here. Struck over at Papa's & other places. Did lots of damage. Blew tin nearly over here. We went over there. Linton helped all day.

Several men came.

March 28--Rained most all day. Linton went to help Papa again, but rained. Then went to Lavinia. ?? came in yesterday to aggravate.

March 29--Sure was cold this morning. Linton helped Papa some after dinner.

March 30--Felt bad, didn't do anything much. We went to Milan. Got new dress \$5.98. Louise Mangrum has a baby. J.W. in Ireland.

March 31--The men worked on telephone line. Went to the mailbox. Mama was gone over to Irmal's. Sewed some on Ann's dress.

April 1--Betty Ann had some fever and coughing. I walked over to Irmal's. Ironed nearly all afternoon. Irmal was sitting up some. Linton came after me. Mrs. Bowers came.

April 2--Rained last night and all day. Cooked dinner late. I just sat around.

April 3--Washed today and ironed. Sure am tired.

April 4--Went to missionary society at Maggie's. Went down to see Hattie Moore with Mamie Gowan. Annie Mae wasn't at home.

Wind sure was cold.

April 5--Ann & I went to Mama's. Hulon came over there awhile. Wilson Lusk's baby buried today. He is across. They can't hear from him. **(‘He is across’ means he is overseas.)**

April 6--Mopped. Cleaned up good. K.K. went to McMinn's. Worked some in garden. Some **mugs** moved over here. 5 kids oldest 9 yrs old & she works too on area.

April 7--Cooked dinner. Went to the mailbox.

April 8--Rained most all day. Lin went to Lavinia. Those filthy kids came over. Got a letter from Vern. Mrs. Hazel Barnes was carried to hospital appendicitis.

April 9--Rained last night & today. Fred, Aaron & Gene spent night over here. K went back to Hattie Moore's.

April 10--Linton helped Wess saw wood. Started raining at dinner. Sure wish it would quit.

April 11--Did a large wash. Wess helped Linton saw wood.

April 12--Went to Jackson. Bought 50 chicks \$5.25. Guess I'll be sorry. Sold \$7 worth. Went to show "Lady in the Dark" Ginger Rogers. Went by to see Aunt Mattie. Can walk some.



April 13--Feel bad. But keep going. Those kids & chickens are driving me nuts.

April 14--Piddled around all day. Tended to the chickens & watched kids. They stayed over here all day. Rained late. Linton plowed in the new ground.

April 15--We carried cream to Milan. Came back by Medina. Went to the show. Clyde & Fred were there. Stopped at Ma's. She was gone.

April 16--Was rainy like. Linton went to Irmal's awhile. Then I went to Mrs. Hodges awhile. These chickens & kids drive me nuts.

April 17--Mrs. Hodge & children came. Also Mama & Brooxie. These little kids went to D? McMinn's & stayed all night.

April 18--We planted some more in the garden. Am give out. Haywood's moved, thank goodness.

April 19--Cooked dinner. Ann & I went to Mama's. Dell is working on the area now. Carried me up some wash water. Makes my side hurt.

April 20--Ann & I went to Miss Cassye's. I went down to Ethel Lee's awhile. Delmar has gone over seas.

April 21--Washed. Mrs. Hodge came after milk.

April 22--Washed my head. Then got out in the wind. Went to Mama's after the dogs.

April 23--Stayed around here all day. Ivan, Lois & Adriel are over yonder.

April 24--Felt bad. Have a bad cold. Ann has one too. K.K. is over at Taylor's a couple days.

April 26--Rained.

April 27--Linton went around the mail route with Finace.

April 28--Linton & Clifford went fishing. Ann & I went over to Mama's. They washed.

April 29--Washed this morning. We went over on the area. Didn't see much though. Went over to Mama's. Irmal was there. She had walked.

April 30--Irmal's family & Papa's spent the day over here. Had chicken, strawberries, raisin cake, etc. After they all left, Heulon, Jewell & Jeanette came awhile.

May 1--Planted cucumbers. Set out some tomato plants & helped pull off potato slips & worked some in the garden. Am give out.

May 2--Planted some more cucumbers. Ann went with us to the field. Sure do get tired.

May 3--Ann & I went to Annie Mae's. Joan is so sweet. We went to the store. James is on the west coast. Was windy all day.



Joan Barrow

May 4--Rained all day. Ironed & sewed some.

May 5--Rained all night. Was clear & cold this morning. Washed and scoured some. Has clouded up & got cool.

May 6--Was cold & rainy. Didn't get to go to Medina. Went to mailbox. Linton went to Lavinia. Sleeted some.

May 7--Went to Lavinia home coming after dinner. Sure was cool. Didn't get out much. Stayed in car with Annie Mae & Joan.

May 8--Got dinner. We hoed corn in the new ground. Am give out.

May 9--Linton got some more cotton planted. But is raining now. I worked some in the garden.

May 10--We went to Medina after dinner. Stopped to see Ma and to see Bertha Mae's baby. Aunt Eunice was there. **(Aunt Eunice would be Uncle Miles Barr's wife.)**

May 11--Went to mailbox. Up to Mama's awhile. Planted the peanuts. Mrs. Hodge and the children came.

May 12--Ann & I went to mailbox. She felt bad. Worked some in garden. I stay give out all time.

May 13--Ann felt bad all day. Had fever. Late we went to highway. Dr. Thomas wasn't there. Stopped at Lavinia. Dell got us some ice cream.

May 14--Went over to Irmal's & spent the day. Lin & Clif went fishing. Betty Ann felt bad. Was a pretty day.

May 15--Went to Mr. Mallie's to pick berries. Picked 76 qts. Only got 3c qt. Sure did get tired. Ann still feels bad. **(Total of \$2.28 for picking 76 qts of strawberries!!)**

May 16--Picked berries again only got 30 qts. Called Dr. Keil. Had him to send Ann some medicine. Think she has thrush. Was hot again. My legs are so sore.

May 17--Got Keil's thrush medicine. Started doctoring her. It is so bad. Breath smells so bad.

May 18--We took Ann to see Dr. Morris. She has Venson infection of the mouth. It is so bad. She hasn't eaten a bite in over a week. Saw Ma awhile.

May 19--Mr. Lee Taylor was buried. Went to mailbox. Mama & Brooxie came awhile. Was hot. Ann is better.

May 20--Linton & I set out potatoes most all day. Guess they'll die. Went to Heulon's late. Linton went to the store. Imogene & Nathaniel had gone home.

May 21--Hulon, Jewell, us & Irmal's family all went to Ma's & spent the day. We all had a good dinner. Stopped by at Hopewell. Ma came home with me.



Heulon, Jewell, & Janette Replogle – Janette was born in August 1942.

May 22--Stayed at house this morning. Got dinner. Linton & I set out potatoes. Is so dry guess they'll die. Linton went to the store.

May 23--Cooked dinner. Ma talking all time. ha. After dinner Linton & I hoed cucumbers. I had a bad cold.

May 24--At dinner Linton carried Ma & I over to Irmal's. Ann & I walked back. Mama was over in field. Is thundering. Sure hope it rains.

May 25--Washed & also washed some fertilize sacks. Clif brought Ma home.

May 26--Our heifer found a calf. Had to have Dr. He took it. I sure got worried & nervous. Went to mailbox. Up to Mama's. Brooxie & Dell came back with me.



Raymell, seated with Betty Ann, Flauda (her mother), & Dell



Raymell, Dell, Betty Ann (Mama & Daddy's first car in the background, a Willys)

May 27--Carried Ma home. Linton drove Annie Mae's car. Stayed at Medina awhile. Went on to Milan. Went to Will Barrow's. Lin & I went to show. Stopped at Lavinia. Came a shower.

May 28--We went to Baptist preaching. Stayed at home all afternoon. Papa & Brooxie came awhile.

May 29--Started hoeing cotton. Hoed hard all day.

May 30--Hoed cotton all day.

May 31--Hoed cotton.

June 1--Didn't feel like hoeing, but drew water and washed. Rained some. Linton set out some potatoes.

June 2--Didn't feel like hoeing today, but hoed some late in the evening.

June 3--Hoed cotton this morning. Linton went to Lavinia. I went to Annie Mae's. Got some ice. Hugh Clayton got married.

June 4--Went to Mama's & spent the day. Irmal & family came after dinner.

June 5--Linton & I hoed cotton all day. Sprinkled some. The big invasion of Europe started tonight. Sure sounds bad.

June 6--Big invasion on. Cooked dinner. Had string beans, potatoes, & peach pie. Anne & I went to missionary meeting. Maggie carried Miss Mattie & I. Came back to Carrye's. Annie Mae came after us. Rode on with Hodges.

D-Day Invasion or **Invasion of Normandy**, the 1944 [Allied](#) assault on Nazi-occupied northern Europe that assembled the largest force in the history of amphibious warfare and represented a major turning point in [World War II](#) (1939-1945). The Allied forces consisted of 20 U.S. divisions, 14 British divisions, 3 Canadian divisions, a French division, and a Polish division. On the first day of the invasion, June 6, about 120,000 Allied troops landed at five beach locations along the coast of the French province of [Normandy](#) after crossing the [English Channel](#) from bases in southern England. The Allies faced a force of about 50,000 Germans and suffered nearly 5,000 casualties on the first day alone but succeeded in securing the beaches from which they launched their offensive.

June 7--Have an awful cold. I washed. Ann & I went to Miss Cassye's awhile. She gave us some more peaches.

June 8--After dinner, Linton and I hoed the cucumbers. Had pop corn.

June 9--Linton and I hoed cotton all day. Sprinkled some.

June 10--We went to Huntingdon. Went to the show. Was good. Came by Beach Lake. Wasn't anyone there. Stopped at Lavinia; stayed awhile.

June 11--Cooked dinner and cleaned up. Sure is hot & dry. Went to Jewell's awhile. We went out to see Mrs. Hartz(?) She is sick. Got some ice.

June 12--Got a nice shower. Went got some plums. Made some jelly.

June 13--Finished up the cotton over first time.

June 14--Got a real good rain last night. Sure was nice. Reset sweet potatoes.

June 15--Fred spent the night. Brought a turtle. Miss Kate cooked it.

June 17--Real hot. Linton worked till about 4 & went to Lavinia. Went to mailbox late. Clyde came back with me & spent night.

June 18--We went to Irmal's & spent day. Had fried chicken, ice cream, a good dinner. Was real hot. Hulon & Jewell came late.

June 19--Made 8 qts kraut. Cooked dinner. Ann & I went over to see Ivan & Lois a little while. Hoed some cotton. We went to Mr. Mallie's after ice.

June 20--Sure was cool. Hoed cotton all day.

June 21--We finished little field second time. Was pretty bad.

June 22--Washed, cooked dinner. Sure give out. Anne & I went over to Mama's. Was hot. Brooxie came back with us.

June 23--Piddled around all day. Went to the mailbox.

June 24--Carried our first cucumbers to Sitka. \$1.50 per bu. Went on to Milan; went to show. Saw Aunt Minnie & ? back from over seas.

June 25--Irmal & family came spent the day. Had fried chicken, ice cream, lemonade. Brooxie came over. The kids sure gets on a fellow's nerves.

June 26--After dinner hoed sweet potatoes. Picked few black berries. Some folks moved in. Mrs. Chumney's sister.

June 27--Picked some berries. Canned 8 qts. Mrs. Chumney & them came over there. Linton & I hoed some corn. Mrs. Hodge came awhile.

June 28--Linton & I hoed cotton most of the day. Was hot & dry.

June 29--We went to Clif bottom, but blackberries weren't ripe much. Ate dinner at Irmal's. Went to Mama's. Came home. Cooked supper; canned berries. Got extra gas 60 gal.

June 30--Washed.

July 1--Carried a big load of cukes. Went on to Milan. Saw the best show. "Durdays" an Indian picture. Got a good milk shake. Also saw Henry Aldridge haunts a house.

July 2--Went to church M. Jewell & Naomi came home with us. Fried a chicken & made ice cream. Linton carried them home.

July 3--Pulled cukes. Didn't get many. I get so disgusted. Went by Wess. Aunt Ellen was gone. Carried radio to Milan. Picked blackberries. Canned 11 qts. **(Aunt Ellen West – Papa's sister – Raymond West's mother)**

July 4--Ann & I went to Mama's & spent day. Irmal came over there. Linton & Hulon Smith went fishing. Caught a good mess for supper. C.S.

July 5--Wish would rain is so dry.

July 6--Washed & ironed both. Glad to get that job done.

July 7--We pulled cukes. Linton carried them off. Went to mailbox.

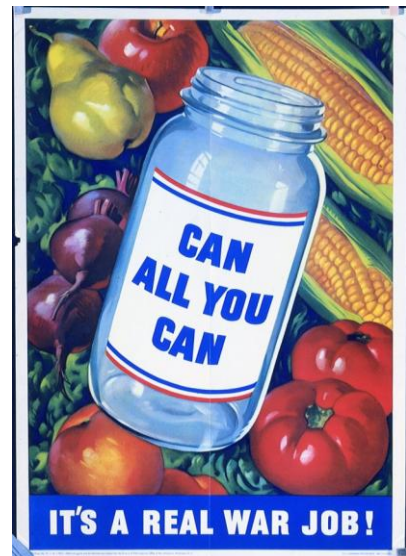
July 8--Linton went to Lavinia. Ann & I went to Annie Mae's. She & I went to Maggie's after water. Saw J.C. and his new bride.

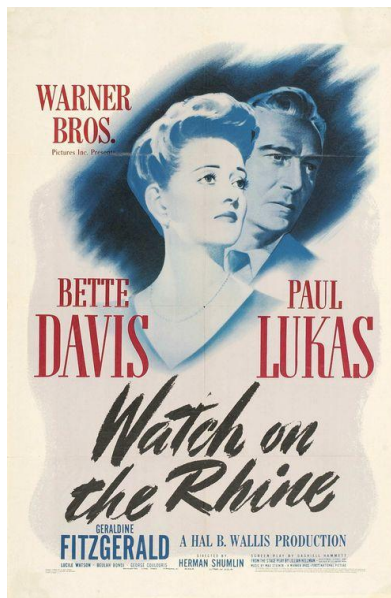
July 9--We went to Irmal's and spent the day. Clif & Lin went fishing; caught a mess for supper.

July 10--Pulled cukes. Are still \$1.25. Stayed at Sitka about 2 hrs. Went on to Milan. Got a skirt & blouse. Things are so high.

July 11--Cooked dinner. Made 5 qts. jam. Canned 4 qts. tomatoes. Sure is hot. Everything so dry. Made Ann a dress out of flour sacks; is cute

July 12--Went to Milan. I put in an application for a job. Had to get Bennett to sign my release from farming. Went to show "Watch on the Rhine".





July 13--Ann & I went to Miss Cassye's awhile. Ethel was up there. Ruth is on her vacation.
July 14--Washed this morning. Went to mailbox. Hulon was there awhile. Wylia came on furlough & got married. Linton & Jake went fishing. (Note: Wylia Brewer married Marjorie Gaskins.)

July 15--Linton carried cukes to Sitka. Ann & I stayed at Ma's. Linton soon came back. Went to Medina. Saw a good show. Came back to Ma's & stayed awhile.

July 16--Mama & them came spent day in their new car. Ann & Brooxie keeps up plenty racket.

July 17--Didn't do much today. Ann & I took a good nap. Linton plowed some. Sure wish it would rain.

July 20--Baked a cake. Canned some peaches. Went over to Mama's.

July 21--Went to Sitka & Milan. Sold some more chickens. Got \$8.23 for them. Bought me a skirt & blouse.

July 23--We went to church over at B. Meeting started. Bro. Bass. Went over to Irmal's after dinner. They were all about sick.

July 24--Went to church tonight.

July 25--Went to Milan with Mama & Papa. He & I went back to the area; took my exams & passed. Dell brought us home.

July 26--Went back to P.G. Didn't have any opening for night shift. Could have gotten days but no way. Washed, made my skirt. Went to preaching. Jewell went with us.

July 27--Went to Mama's after dinner.

July 28--Went to church today & again tonight. Virgil Jennings was there. He has been across.

July 29--Went to preaching. Went to Mrs. Hill's for dinner. Dorthy went to work. Linton came after us. Went back to church. It broke up.

July 30--Came a big rain last night. Is thundering now. don't guess they'll get to have the baptizing, about 16 of them. Fried a chicken for dinner.

July 31--Ann & I went to Cassye's a little while. Went to Mrs. Parrott's and she was gone.

August 1--Washed and ironed. Am I give out. Got my call from Procter and Gamble.

August 2--Linton worked up at Curtis McG. I worried all day. Was so nervous when Linton got in.

August 3--Ann & I went to Annie Mae's. Went to Whithorne. Got on & feel bad about it too. Irma & Mary came back with us. Linton worked at highway.

August 4--Canned 18 qts tomatoes. Got them at Clifford's. Washed some. Worrys me to death about going down yonder. Linton worked after dinner.

August 5--We went to Jackson. Sold \$8 worth chickens. Went to Aunt Mattie's; Geneva fixed a lunch. Then went to work. Got me a green dress.

August 6--Irmal's folks and Papa's all came spent the day. I sure was nervous. Am falling off so much. Dread tomorrow.

August 7--Started work on the area 4 till 12. Took a typhoid shot. Didn't have anything much to do. Our floor lady is Simone Walker.



IT'S A WOMAN'S WAR TOO!

These jobs will have to be glorified as a patriotic war service if American women are to be persuaded to take them and stick to them. Their importance to a nation engaged in total war must be convincingly presented.

--Basic Program Plan for Womanpower
Office of War Information

In the face of acute wartime labor shortages, women were needed in the defense industries, the civilian service, and even the Armed Forces. Despite the continuing 20th century trend of women entering the workforce, publicity campaigns were aimed at those women who had never before held jobs. Poster and film images glorified and glamorized the roles of working women and suggested that a woman's femininity need not be sacrificed. Whether fulfilling their duty in the home, factory, office, or military, women were portrayed as attractive confident, and resolved to do their part to win the war. Of all the images of working women during World War II, the image of women in factories predominates. Rosie the Riveter--the strong, competent woman dressed in overalls and bandanna--was introduced as a symbol of patriotic womanhood. The accoutrements of war work--uniforms, tools, and lunch pails--were incorporated into the revised image of the feminine ideal

August 8--Slept till 9 o'clock. Went to work. We get clean clothes every day. Take a shower every night.

August 9--Went to work. We sure enjoy supper time. We have lots of fun while we work.

August 10--Linton & I washed some. He did most of it. Went to work. Sure get tired walking in.

August 11--Went to work. Talked to Annie Mae awhile. Linton met me at 12.

August 12--Linton went to Medina. I had to walk to Mattie Lou's. Sure was hot. Everybody got their checks. We cleaned up after supper. Had lots of fun.

August 13--Slept till 11 o'clock. We went over to Papa's. Then we all went to Irmal's There were all surprised that I looked better. **Made \$25.22 this week.**

August 14--Went to work 4 till 12.

August 15--Worked.

August 16--Worked.

August 17--Worked.

August 18--Linton went to highway. Carried Ann & I to Mama's. Papa went to Lavinia to sign for my birth certificate. Dell carried me to work. Got us some ice cream.

August 19--Had a fire drill before supper. Scared me; had to run to cafe. We had our supper for Simone. Sure was nice. Mr. Lucky enjoyed his. **Got my check \$23.64.**

August 20--Slept till 11 o'clock. Irmal & them came. Cooked dinner for them. My smallpox shot has started bothering me. Go to work in the morning.

August 21--Went to work at 8. The day passed so fast. Ate dinner at 11:15. Got some bananas & oranges.

August 22--Went to Mattie Lou's in the rain. Came a good rain. Louise Fry was operated on. Mattie Lou (**Fry**) didn't work. My arms hurt.

August 23--Janie Mae (**Fewell Byrd**) started working yesterday. I worked.

August 24--They sure did rush us. Made us so mad. Floor lady's name is Hazel Robinson.

August 25--Worked. Linton & Ann met me at the gate. We went to Milan. Went through the area.

August 26--Went to work. Came up 2 clouds. The 2nd one they let us go to cafe. Sure did rain. **Got our checks \$24.47.** Saw Janie & children. Had to walk in.

August 27--Rained all morning. Got to sleep late. We went to Papa's. Stayed awhile. Mr. Parrott came after some eggs.

August 28--Went to work. Stopped at Annie Mae's awhile.

August 29--Worked. Stopped at Lavinia. Walked home. Linton hauled hay for Genie.

August 30--Worked, and they sure did rush us. Got so tired and felt bad. **Elbert came in. Has been to England. Made 50 missions over Germany.**

August 31--Mattie Lou ran off in a ditch. Genie carried us to work. Were almost late. Prentice (**Fry**) came after us. Sure is muddy. Rained all day. Still pouring down.

September 1--Worked. The more production we get the more they want. I get so mad. Cleared off. They carried a live bomb off. Rode in with LaNell & ?

September 2--Worked. After work we went to Milan. Ann & I went to a show. Sure did get tired. We go through the area now.

September 3--Went to Mama's. They were at Irmal's. We went over there. Had some good watermelons. Dell came over there.

September 4--Worked last night. Slept some today, not much. Listened to the plays.

September 5--Didn't work last night. Came up a cloud. I just slept. Linton and I washed. Ann & I went to see Elbert. They made 2 1/2 gal. cream.

September 6--Came in from work. Went to Medina. Went to Morris for an exam. Sure did sleep. Linton & Ann went to cotton patch

September 7--Came in about 6 tearing off shingles. I went over to Mama's to sleep. Couldn't sleep much. Didn't go to work. Had cold & fever.

September 8--Mr. Gowan & Mr. Brinkley finished house. Didn't have enough tin to cover it all. I sure feel bad. Cooked dinner. Dread going t work tonight.

September 9--We went over to Papa's awhile. Irmal & them were over there. Feel bad.

September 10--Went to work tonight at 12. Boy, sure is tough.

September 11--Came in this morning, pouring down rain. Stayed at Annie Mae's & slept. Went back to work.

September 12--Came in from work & I mean didn't feel like working the rest of the week.

September 16--Went down yonder to check out, but didn't. Got my check. Went with Dell. Came back with Mattie Lou.

September 17--Was sick in bed with a cold. Aunt Beatrice & them came, also Ben Rae. Sure do feel bad.

September 18--Mama & Brooxie came over. Was on bed most all day.

September 19--Sick rest of the week.

September 22--Went to work this afternoon. Made it pretty well. Everybody was glad to see me back.

September 23--Went to work at 4. Got sick as I expected. Am quitting tonight. TNT is hurting me. **(Not so; she was really pregnant with Carolyn. She used to call me her TNT baby)**

September 24--Stayed around here till 3. We went over to Papa's. Went on to Clifford's. Got some pears. They weren't there, but met them.

September 25--Got Dell to carry me to Whithorne to check out. We went on to Milan. Sure feel bad. Came home picked little cotton. Brooxie is here.

September 26--Picked some cotton, but not much able.

September 27--Linton & I picked cotton. Ann helped us after dinner. Got our order.

September 28--We picked some cotton. Started raining. Had to quit. Really did rain. Linton went to Lavinia.

September 29--Rained alnight last night. Ann & I went to Mama's. She & I went up to see Mattie Hurley.

September 30--We went to Milan. Ann & I went to show. Was pretty good. Kinda wanted to go to the fair. Got me a red sweater.

October 1--Went to Irmal's and spent the day. Just sat around and talked.

October 2--I did a large washing. Cooked dinner & churned. Picked some cotton.

October 3--Picked cotton until 3. Started raining. Finished 2nd bale. Mr. Gowan came after it. Rain caught him. Had to leave truck over there.

October 4--Linton carried 2 bales. Ann & I went to Mama's. Came home, then Linton & I picked 95 lbs. cotton.

October 5--Has rained most all day. Cut some weeds. Made me a gown. Linton was gone most all day.

October 6--Everything was wet. So we went to Jackson. Got my hair washed. Mine & Ann's pictures made. Got me a new dress & slippers. Was gone most all day.



October 7--Rained. Linton went to Lavinia. Clyde came. I went back with him & Fred.

October 8--Irmal's folks came. Geneva, her boyfriend, Aunt Mattie came. Fixed dinner for them all. Mama & them came after dinner. Was a pretty day.

October 9--Picked cotton. Wind was so cold, nearly froze.

October 10--Very, very cold. May frost tonight. Picked some cotton. Nearly froze. Linton cut sorgum.

October 11--Clyde & Fred spent night here. Mama moved part of her things to Ma's. Is having to stay with her. Papa & them are finishing crop.

October 12--Rained. Dell ate dinner here. Linton went to a cotton meeting. She went to Taylor's.

October 13--Washed some this morn. Picked cotton after dinner.

October 14--Was a pretty day. Picked cotton all day.

October 15--Went down to Mama's & Ma's & spent the day.

October 18--Linton loaded & carried off 2 bales cotton and his sides killing him. Came home sick. Sent Clyde after Morris. He took Linton on to hospital. I cried my eyes out because I didn't go with him. **(Note: This is when Daddy had an appendix operation.)**

October 19--Got Papa to carry Ann & I to hospital. They operated as soon as he got there. Was doing fine. Papa carried us to Mattie's. Geneva, Ann & I went back after supper. **(Aunt Mattie McDougal & her daughter, Geneva)**

October 20--Ann & I caught a bus early; went to hospital. Ann worries Linton. I took her to a show. Then went back awhile.

October 21--Aunt Mattie & I cooked dinner. Then Ann & I went to hospital. Stayed all afternoon. Met Aunt Nora & them at A & P. Went home with them. Spent the night. **(Aunt Nora would be Uncle Albert Replogle's wife. Albert is Papa's brother.)**

October 22--Aunt Nora fixed a good dinner. We went to hospital. Geneva came after us. Her boyfriend was there. We ate supper. Then they went out.

October 23--Went to hospital. Linton wasn't feeling so well. Wouldn't let him go home. Made me so sick. Had to go to Uncle Albert's.

October 24--Went to hospital. Bodkins came after Linton; we came home. About 28 came to pick our cotton. Sure was proud of it. **(Bodkins is the funeral home in Milan)**

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TO DOCTORS HOSPITAL

M. v. Linton Kizer
Lavinia, Tenn

TERMS: CASH IN ADVANCE

ROOM	<u>12</u>	RATE	<u>5.00</u>	DAYS	<u>5</u>		<u>25 00</u>
OPERATING ROOM FEE							<u>10 00</u>
X-RAY FEE							
LABORATORY							<u>6 00</u>
DRUGS							<u>2 00</u>
DRESSINGS							<u>2 00</u>
ANESTHETIC FEE							<u>10 00</u>
ASSISTANCE FEE							<u>10 00</u>
COT						<u>Dr G. D. Butler</u>	<u>80 00</u>
NURSE'S BOARD							
ELECTRIC FAN							
						TOTAL	<u>145 00</u>
						DEPOSIT	<u>20 00</u>
						BALANCE DUE	<u>125 00</u>

LAYCOCK, JACKSON

Receipt for Daddy's operation. Prices sure have gone up.

October 25--Heulon brought Ma over here to stay till Sat. Mr. Mallie & Miss Mattie came. Brought us a gal. molasses.

October 26--Did a big wash. Irmal & them came after supper. Linton seems to be doing fine.

October 27--Ironed some. Cooked dinner. Cleaned up. Miss Cassy came awhile. Clyde & Fred came after supper.

October 28--Papa & them carried Ma home. I went with them to Medina. Papa brought us back. Waited on Linton.

October 29--Irmal & family spent day here. Miss Laura & Mr. Hershel came also Hubert. Hulon & Jewell came late, also Dell, Clyde & Fred. Linton sat up in bed.

October 30--Went to Lavinia early. Dell brought me back. Washed. Went to mailbox. Annie Mae, Joan & Maggie came. Linton got up for first time.

October 31--Didn't feel so good. Hulled some walnuts. Linton walked to kitchen today. A pretty warm day.

November 3--Dell came over, carried me to the store.

November 4--Mr. Alf & Wess cut some wood for us. Papa came & helped them. Wish I could go to Milan. Mrs. Chumney & Raymell came awhile.

November 5--Didn't anyone come today. Was a pretty day. Lay down, took a nap.

November 6--Dell carried Ann & I to Medina. Went to see Dr. Morris. (**prenatal checkup?**) We went up to Mama's & Ma's awhile.

November 7--Election day. Roosevelt & Dewey running. I washed. Miss Kate worked at the polls. Hulon S, Mr. Edgar & Netim ? came. A pretty day.

Campaign Buttons, 1944



These two campaign buttons, worn during the 1944 United States presidential election campaign, feature the faces of incumbent President Franklin D. Roosevelt, *top*, and his opponent, Republican Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, *bottom*. Roosevelt won the election.

November 8--Started raining in the night. Is still raining. Sure wish our crops were gathered.

November 9--Was bad.

November 10--Cleared off.

November 11--We carried cream to Milan. Made Linton kinda sick riding. Stopped at Heulon's awhile. I did most of the trading. He got his hair cut.

November 12--Irmal & them came about 3. Was a long day. Sure was warm & pretty.

November 13--Picked cotton all M.K. & I. Wish someone would help us. I picked 130. Sure does hurt me though. Linton went to Lavinia.

November 14--Rained most all day. Clyde came awhile. Linton went to the mailbox, his first time.

November 15--I washed some and piddled around here. Rained last night. Has faired off. Wind was right chilly. Linton & I carry sticks together.

November 16--Picked cotton most all day. Wish had some help.

November 17--Washed my curtains and couple bedspreads. Linton & I carried what fruit we could & put in Papa's cellar.

November 18--Sewed some. Made some boil custard & cake. Linton & Miss Kate went to Lavinia. Ann & I went to the mailbox.

November 19--A long, gloomy day. Rained all day and last night. No weed. Linton not able to cut any.

November 22--Picked 90 lbs. cotton after dinner. Boy it nearly killed me too. Wess & Mr. Needham cut us a cord of wood.

November 23--Picked a little cotton. Didn't feel like picking much.

November 24--Picked a little cotton this morning. Felt so bad. Ann & I went to Mama's awhile.

November 25--Ann & I went to Papa's; spent day. Mama & Brooxie came in Thursday. Linton went to Medina. Sold our 7th bale.

November 26--Was bad all day, rainy. Stayed around here all day.
November 27--Sat around here all day. Clyde came. He & Linton went hunting.
November 28--Miss Hattie Moore died last night. Got our radio battery. Went to Medina. Saw Morris. Took cram on to Milan. Was cloudy & cold.
November 29--Ann & I walked over to Irmal's & spent the night. Got there about dinner. Sure got our feet wet. The kids make plenty racket.
November 30--Papa came after us to kill hogs. Was kinda glad. Those kids worry me to death. Sure am give out. Cold.

December 1--Went over helped Papa & Clyde sack sausage & do around. Had 102 lbs. Pretty cold.

December 2--Mrs. Ellen McLemore was buried today. Ann & I went to Medina with Papa. We spent the night. We went to a show with Freddie & Onice.

December 3--Ann & I slept in Ma's room. Matt Blair was there again. We came home pretty early. Clyde & D.L. came down there.

December 4--Pulled a sack of cotton. Was cloudy & cold. Louise Fry got married yesterday.

December 5--Went to all day missionary meeting at Marie (**Adams**) Miller's. Went with Annie Mae. Linton went to Huntingdon with Finace E.

December 10--Stayed at home all day. Too bad to go anywhere.

December 14--Went to Milan. Turned off bad.

December 17--Went to Irmal's & spent day. Thought would be bad Xmas. Mama & them came in this afternoon.

December 18--Was kinda bad day. Rained last night. Ann & I went to Mama's. They came up here yesterday. Linton got ready to kill hogs.

December 19--Killed our hog. Mr. Cecil, Raymell & Needham helped. A clear pretty day. Canned 5 qts. sausage.

December 20--Linton helped Cecil kill hogs. I washed. Helped K. with lard. Went to mailbox. Helped Mama pack some dishes.

December 21--Snowed. Mama & them went back to Medina. Haywood Fly was buried today. Cooked off the leaf fat.

December 22--Was snow on ground. We started to Medina. Got stuck and broke shaft on car. Linton went to Jackson. Didn't get back. Made 2 cakes.

December 23--Made some boil custard. Mopped. Linton got back about 4. Is foggy, muddy & bad. Ann got pkg from aunt Hattie.

December 24--Sure is muddy & slick. Irmal & them didn't get to come. Ann couldn't hardly wait for Santa. Clyde stays here at night.

December 25--Was bad. Didn't get to go to Irmal's. Ann got blackboard, gloves, zoo soup, hankies, books & several things. Ben & Ruby sent me powder & perfune.

December 26--Linton went to post office early. Was cold. he hauled some wood. K. went to Taylor's. Ann & I went to Needham's awhile.

December 27--Rained all day and most all night. Just sat around all day. Eating all day. Ann stays busy all time.

December 28--Didn't get to go anywhere nor anyone came during Xmas.