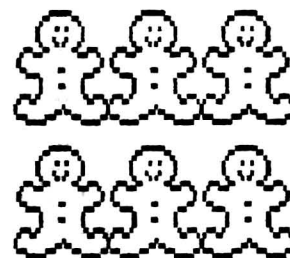
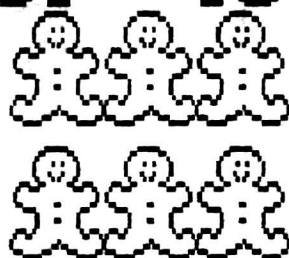
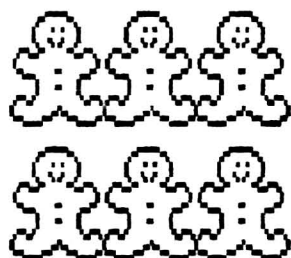


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**BETTY
BOB
DAVE
GENE
DON
RUTH**

1931 - 1939



THE WALL CALENDAR

1931

On or about January 1, 1931, a calendar was hung on the wall at the Nicolls home, 26 Delaware Ave., Poland, Ohio - probably in the kitchen.

Ethel Nicolls, hereinafter referred to as "Mom", who had been a devoted diarist in her younger days, must have noticed the three parallel lines that were in the square under each day's date. They gradually drew her attention and she began to make brief notations. Any "editorial" comments are enclosed in brackets []. Parentheses are Mom's.

In January, on the 9th, she noted "Betty's Birth." - [her 9th]. February had only three entries: "Gene's Birth" on the 4th [his 5th]; "Clara Jane born" on the 11th; and "Daddy's B." on the 20th [his 31st]. March noted only "Bob's birth" on the 18th [his 8th].

Weather reports began in April: It was 88 degrees in the sun on the 16th, but there was snow on the 22nd, 26th, and 27th.

May was ignored altogether - not even Mom's 29th birthday was noted on the 31st, but things picked up in June, and by November, the daily notes were overflowing the lines and scrawling up and down the margins.

A pattern emerged. Monday & Tuesday were always "wash" & "iron" respectively, although those activities spilled over into other days of the week, as well. The third Wednesday was "Missionary". Fridays and Saturdays were "cleaned" - usually, "upstairs" on Friday and "downstairs" on Saturday, which was handy for keeping tabs on the "baked".

In June, Mom "put up" 7 quarts of strawberries and 27 jars of strawberry jam. There was a Recital at Bentley Hall at the YWCA on the 18th, and a "S.S. Picnic at Maplevale Park" on the 24th. After the Reunion on the 25th, "Mother and Arthur [age 7] came back. Betty & Dave stayed." Lee and Clara came for Mother on the 28th but Arthur stayed on.

Fourth of July weekend, "went home to C'ville. Went to Grange Dance (no dance)." On the 5th, "We came home [at] 5. Bob stayed." Ruth & Howard [Blair] came to Poland on the 9th and left on the 10th after Dave's birthday party [his 7th] with 5 boys. A Bake Sale at the Town Hall on the 11th earned \$23. Sunday, the 12th, "Daddy played golf." "We" went to S.S., "me" to church.

There were many July picnics: Struthers on the 14th; Missionary on the 21st - Marge & Delm were "belled"; Pioneer Day at McClure Field on the 24th - Ruby & Mary O'Neil came, and Flo., and Stan & Joe in the evening; the Grocers Picnic was on the 29th - "Dad goes. Betty & I to town." On Sunday, the 29th, "Daddy played golf all day. We went to S.S." On Thursday, the 30th, "Don & Elma came up play tennis."

There were more picnics in August: On the 2nd, the McCrones were "up for picnic"; Sunday, the 9th, a "picnic Greenville - swim, O Boy! Gert's birthday." Margie [age 12] & Bob back."; and, after a weiner roast on Saturday, the 15th, "took Margie home & Bob back" on Sunday, the 16th. [Bob went forth & back a lot.]

On the 14th, somebody went to "Town" to see the "Dirigible". On the 23rd, Don & Elma came up, and Ann & Bowse went to the Lake for vacation. On the 28th, "Dentist - Betty & I all fixed"; and on Sunday, 30th, Clara & Lee Earl, Gen & Carlyle came over.

The first Sunday in September [6], "got up at 4:30 a.m., went out home. Left at 9 for Cleve. Air Races with Ruth & Howard. Home to Conneautville at 1 a.m. Wonderful sights!"

"Donnie's B." was noted on the 11th. Washing and/or ironing was mentioned 12 times. Peaches and pears were canned several times [43 qts. peaches on the 5th, alone]. Ruth & Howard came up on Sunday, the 13th, when Howard & Carl got in 36 holes. Everything that was baked on the 19th was "NG" [no good] - but Betty had a picnic. On Wednesday, the 23rd, "Carl, Annie, Ruth, Don, Gene, & I saw the 'Akron' [dirigible] fly!" There was a fire in the furnace on the 25th, the piano was tuned on the 26th, the first frost occurred on the 28th, and the tennis court was dragged on the 29th.

Music lessons with Mr. Barton began on the 2nd of October...and the "last" ones were on the 17th. Betty, Bob, Dave, & Mom got new shoes on the 1st; peaches were picked on the 5th, and, on the 6th, 26 qts. were canned, as well as 16 glasses of jelly, and 82 qts. "pe" - [pears?]. Sunday was Rally Day, and the Folks came out to Aunt Mabel's & stopped in. Jerry stayed. On the 13th (after ironing), Mom & Jerry went to the Keith to see "Dangerous Affair", and got Ruth a coat set. On the 14th, Carlyle came for Jerry. On the 15th and the 28th, Daddy went coon hunting. After cleaning on Friday, the 30th, in spite of the rain, Mom went to town, and got coats for Betty, Bob, and Dave, and a suit for Bob. On Halloween, Bob had 8 boys up, and Betty went to Etheleen's party.

Sunday, November 1, Carl braved the cold to go hunting in C'ville and didn't get home until late Monday night - actually 1:30 Tuesday morning - Election Day. A high wind didn't deter the voters, and Carl was elected Councilman. Mom walked downtown to vote and stopped at Blanche's.

Snow covered the ground on Friday morning, but, after cleaning, Mom took "R, D, & G" to the Barbershop and stopped at G. Grandma's. Betty went to Esther's party in the evening. Saturday, "Bob got pup." It was warm enough to play tennis after Sunday School & go for a ride.

Mother and Dad Nicolls came out on Tuesday the 10th, stayed overnight, and took Gene back with them after lunch on Wednesday. Mom "kept Teddy" on Thursday while she ironed.

The following Sunday, the 15th, "went out home" & didn't get back until 8:30. (Ping-Pong). Carl went hunting with Don L. on Monday and Wednesday, and on Thursday, Mom wrote, " Carl & B. coon hunting - 3:15 a.m.... Ann & I waiting!! ... (5:30 home)"

The next week was so warm the children didn't need hats or coats. (Carl went coon hunting again.) Thanksgiving was celebrated at Grandma's until 7 P.M. Everyone went to S.S. and church on Ruth's B. ...except Carl, who went coon hunting at 11 a.m.

There was a flurry of washing, ironing, cleaning, and visiting in December. On Wednesday, the 2nd, while Mom was scrubbing the kitchen, back porch, and cellarway, Rev. and Mrs. came to call. Friday, Ruth and Mom went to choir day at church - and Carl went coon hunting until 1:30 a.m. It was sunshiny and cold on Saturday, the 5th. Marge, Flo, Ann, & Mom went to the Wells'. No one was home so they called on Mrs. Powers instead. Clara, Lee Earl, Clara Jane, and Arthur came out on Sunday.

Between the 9th and the 24th, there were Christmas activities: practices at church; the S.S. Primary Program; the S.S. Intermediate Program; David's entertainment at school; several sessions of candy-making; and, on the 16th, Ann and Mom took Ruth, Don, and Gene to see Santa. Carl had time to go after the coons only twice during those two weeks.

On Christmas eve morning [Thursday], Mom was up at 4:15 to bake and clean and iron.

December 25 - "Merry Christmas! Dad & Mother up all day."

The week following was pretty quiet, at least as far as the calendar was concerned. Mom admitted to being tired and stayed home all day on Sunday. Carl went coon hunting on Monday, but took Mom to the Alumni Basketball Game on Wednesday. New Year's Eve was a "Nice Day" except it rained in the evening.

THE WALL CALENDAR - 1932

Whoever chose the 1932 wall calendar did not have posterity in mind. It has two months on a page - very large numbers with very little space around them upon which to write....but Mom managed.

In January, except for Betty's party with 12 girls, Mom limited her notations to weather, housekeeping, and coon-hunting.

Almost the only thing she thought worth noting in February was on the 8th: Quarantined for Scarlet Fever. Bob has it. She chronicled the illness in a 5 x 7 school notebook:

Monday, Feb. 8, 1932

O, what a day. Doctor came and sadly informed me Bob has Scarlet Fever. We had put him in girls' room alone last night. He had sore throat Sat. and yesterday headache and fever and finally at noon found he was broke out all over. Didn't send him to bed till about 6 p.m. He ate a good dinner, but looked tough! Should have been in bed. Well, the nurse came about 3 p.m. and gave me instructions. Keep his door closed, wear something over my clothes whenever I go into the room, keep his dishes separate. Boil all bedding and clothes taken from his room. Put pail out for milk. Only father can go to & from work, and to stores to purchase necessities. All of us must gargle morn. and night, etc., etc., etc., etc., etc. Bob isn't sick, pretty well broken out, not bad, tho'.

Tues., Feb. 9

Bob feeling O.K. Sits up and plays all the time. Rash seems to be fading, only red under arms today. I cleaned his room thoroly with Lysol water this morn. Got a little ironing done this P.M. Doc came at 4:30.

Gene says, "Say, when will I be going back to school?" I said, "Not till we're over this Scarlet Fever." "Gee Whiz!" says he. I laughed and he said, "I mean it!" I laughed again and he said, "Don't laugh! This Scarlet Fever is bad!"

And as if I didn't have enough trouble right now, Daddy started to paint floors tonite. O me! Oh! My! In the dining room, such a pretty mud color. All I can say is As a painter he'd make a peach of a butcher!

Don prayed tonite and asked God to help Bob get over the fleas.

Wed. - Bob feeling alright, and keeping himself busy reading, writing and cutting out "funny pictures." The other children play out quite a lot. Had some callers, only as far as the drive-way, of course. Ann, Mother, Aunt Belle, Mrs. Fairley, Rev. Bryanton. Cloudy day. Ironed all day.

Thurs. - Wonderful spring-like day. Bobby alright. A very good patient. No complaints from him. Cleaned up-stairs, then did Bob's washing. A terrific wind and rain-storm came up about 4 o'clock. I got soaked getting the wash off the line. Rained in the upstairs windows (they were locked) and ran down the floor, it came so hard. Doctor came at 5 p.m. Explained mastoids to me. Bob's rash is disappearing and his ears are scaling. That's all, tho'. Mouth wasn't sore, as is the usual case with S.F. Junior has measles. The painting continues despite my disgusted looks. The children made valentines today.

Fri. - Bob O.K. I made him a bed-jacket out of an old counterpane, and now I call him Dr. Nicolls and he calls me Mrs. Ludenheimer! (Mrs. Gross now.) Washed windows today that the storm splashed all over. Did a little washing and ironed it. Children played out tho' it's colder, a cold wind today. Blanche Cover was operated on for goitre today. Got thru all fine. David has sore throat tonite. Am planning on putting him in with Bob. Hope not. Father has gotten artistic (so he thinks) now on the floor. I'm about ready to leave.

Sat. - Bob alright. Wishing the 3 wks. was over. David's alright this morning, thank goodness. Baked 3 pumpkin pies, and hard cookies this morn. Cleaned downstairs, up & Bob's room. Never got thru till 7 p.m. Ralph and Rachel came home to stay. Rev Bry. came up again, and asked if there was anything he could do. Wilbur came but wouldn't get out of the car, causing me to have an embarrassing moment, struggling against the wind. There's a terribly cold wind today. The children were out, part of the day, anyway. Papa says Mr. Kemiss [Sp. ?] is going to finish the painting. That's the best news I've heard this week. Not that I enjoy having him around.

Sun. - St. Valentine's Day. The children got awake at 6:00 a.m. and opened their Valentine Box. We got up about 8:00. It's a beautiful day. Sunny, but cold. Bob's feeling alright, but beginning to complain about being shut up in there. It is awful.

In the same notebook, Mom wrote notes to her mom, who perhaps couldn't visit due to the quarantine.

Pest house
Tues. P. M.

Dear Mom,

I think I'll answer your note. I don't think there's any danger of your being contaminated by this paper.

First, it sure did make my heart ache to see that smiling boy, and I kept trying to think of a way his father could keep him. If he just had work and could marry a good woman. Well, the boy may get a good home, he's such a good-looking kid.

Indeed, I know how you felt after talking to E. I felt the same way after talking to Mrs. L. Such people must get a lot of joy out of life, looking on the dark side, always. After this is over, I'll tell you what Mrs. F. across the street came over and told me. I told Dr. if I was the worryable kind, my head would be white.

That reminds me, the last few days, when Dave and Betty get to quarreling, I say, "There's another grey hair." Then I show Dave how many I have. I don't know if it helps or not. I told him that "Why Mothers Get Grey" is no joke. But, I guess all kids are alike. You never know till you're a mother yourself.

Dr. says Mrs. Thomas has been coming down lately. She caught her finger in the wringer and he's been taking care of it and he was telling me some of the wild stories she told him of Fabers. (do you know who I mean?)

Ed. Smith was on at 9:30 this morn with poems about children. I don't know if it's regular or not. Yes, it is.

Ralph had to have one of his front teeth pulled, it [healed ?] It sure looks funny.

My tulip bulbs are all coming up. Mrs. Fairley says I ought to cover them. I don't know what with.

Joke I heard on the radio: - Lady to grocer:-Does your lettuce have vitamins in it? Grocer:-Well, lady, you're liable to find those pests in all your green vegetables.

Do you listen to Skippy any more? These kids do, and the other day Gene was going out and I told him.....

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.....gruff way about him. Betty says the other girls say he's too cross. She won't admit it, tho'. Rev. Bryanton was up Sat. again.

Ruth Maurice was going to have a card party Feb. 20. She and Lucille Paulin. 12 girls or women. But I s'pose it's postponed now.

Tues. Feb. 23

She had it! At Lucille's. I'd of been afraid to go ahead with it. What if Teddy would have come down with measles that day. Oh well, Ann was invited, but didn't go. "Didn't feel like it."

How close does Dave sit to the radio down there? He always sat with his feet and knees under this one and his face up against the speaker part. I told him he couldn't do that down there. He sure enjoys the radio, and is like you, he wants to give it his full attention when he's listening to it.

When Glenn announced the man-a-block idea tonite, I thot "Jake had better hire one of those fathers to help him take care of Lena." Aren't they funny now?

Did you know that Jack And Jill at Cleveland at 7 p.m. are Mr. & Mrs. Karl Von Berchtold from WKBN? I listened to them the other eve. and they're good. He was imitating an old uncle who stuttered, and he could do it fine. Do you know they are doing that stuttering stunt quite a bit now. That's the third program I've heard try it.

Did you get Eddie Cantor's picture? If you didn't, remind me to show you ours. Annie went to town today and got the cutest black hat, straw, just a little brim, for \$1.00 in some little shop.

Teddy has measles now, I guess. Yes!

Your youngest brother's daughter E's husband has run out on her and she wants to come home and they don't want her to, I guess. That's the story, anyhow. She only stays at B's for her board.

Do you listen to the Blue Moon program at 5:30 on Sat. eve. It's Ray Knight who used to have the Cuckoo Club. Or is that too silly. I enjoy his stories for children.

Mrs. Vie came down today to use the phone. Then wouldn't go to Ann's when I told her I hadn't it. Said she didn't know her well enough. But, she talked about a half hour. Says the lady a Mrs. Hanley (only 26) in Dave Wakefield's house up in the field by Uncle Charley McCoy's is very sick. In the last stages of T.B. Was out at the Sanatorium 5 years, has been home 3 years. Also said Isabel was coming home in the spring and to live up here and she says their cellar is full of water and something else I'll tell you. She's quite a talker but seems nice.

I've been reading my old letters I got when we were in quarantine with Sm. Pox. They sure must have been scared of us. Marge said in one of hers that if any of the girls came onto our property, they wouldn't be allowed to come back to school for a week.

Mrs. Fairley said a man came to her door the other day asking for her sister. He wanted her to come and take care of his wife who was sick. Mrs. Fairley asked what was the matter and he said "Small Pox." And he had come right out and down there.

Mon. nite

Also on Mon. eve. at 8:30 Maxwell House at WLW. Cotton Queen - a minstrel. They are on some other nite too. Fri. - later in the eve. I think.

Do you like "Snuggled on Your Shoulder." We do. Bob sings it a lot. He puts in a lot of his time singing at the top of his voice.

Carl was telling a story of a foreign lady down there by the store. She's a bootlegger and treated her husband real mean. He had rheumatism and got so bad they took him to the hospital last Friday. Sat. morn. she was working around the yard and her neighbor called and asked her how he was, and she says, "O, he alright. Rheumatism all gone, he alright now." Unconcerned as could be. A while later this neighbor saw the undertaker come to the house, and they brot the poor old man home. He was dead.

And did I tell you about the little boy about David's size who came in the store selling extra papers, and Carl said he didn't want any, "but," he says, "when you have an extra telling that the banks have opened, then come in and I'll buy one." And the boy says, "Oh, when the banks open I won't have to sell papers." Wasn't that cute?

Last night's paper said Central Savings will pay 10% about Apr.1. That means Gene will get \$3.

There's one program on the radio that Don will stop playing to listen to and that's "Dream Dramas." He sits with his mouth open and says, "Boy, wasn't that a funny dream?" Did you hear the streetcar Motorman this morn.?

Last night an orchestra was playing on the radio and Daddy was tapping his toe to it and Gene came to me and says, "Look, Mother, Daddy knows that piece!"

And I s'pose you read in Radio Digest in Rudy's piece that that song is Auf Wiedersein. It's sure pretty. How about "Any little fish"? Silly, but cute.

Did you hear Kay Donna interviewed? Isn't she sweet? Did you know she was in N. York Sat. nite.

Ruth Ann told the boys this cake you brought up tonite was my birthday cake. I guess when I make a birthday cake I'll have to have you make the frosting for me. I've had rotten luck with mine lately and this was perfect.

[end of notebook]

March is almost without notations, except that on the 27th, Easter, there must have been a scale handy. Bob was 78#, Gene 46#, Don 47#, David 68#, and Dad, 174#. [unless those are bowling scores - but surely not on Easter.]

April has an occasional weather report, and notes that Jerry and Carlyle came out on the 3rd; Ruth, Howard, & Marie were up on the 17th; and Ruth was weighed [or went bowling] on the 24th - 37#. Clara, Lee Earl, Arthur and C. Jane came on the 30th.

Mom had a permanent on May 25th and a Banquet on the 26th which was "O.K."

The Reunion was on June 30. Marge & Winifred came home along. Bob & Dave went to Grandma's.

The only notation in July is on the 1st, and it says simply, "Went to Bed."

In August, Mom seems to have acquired some housekeeping help. Each Monday bears the notation, "Wash (D)"; each Tuesday, "Mrs. C. ironed." Otherwise, activities appeared normal. During the first week, Mom sewed quilt patches, took the children to Conneautville for several days to visit Aunt Libby and go to a Big Parade with Clara and Lee Earl. Friday, the 5th notes, "Thrashers". Carl came out Saturday evening, and, after a Picnic in the Woods on Sunday, everyone came home except Gene, who stayed.

The following Sunday, everyone went to S.S. except Daddy (golf) and then to a picnic supper at Peace Valley. On Wednesday, Betty, Ann, & Mom spent all day in town and saw Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm.

Sunday, the 21st, "went to Pymatuning Dam, met Ruth & Howard, & men played golf." After a picnic at C. Lake Park, it was on to Conneautville for supper and to bring Gene home. During the week that followed, Mom & Dad went to Idora to play miniature golf, and Mom canned 9 quarts of peaches and washed bedding.

On Sunday, the 28th, "started at 4:45 a.m., went to Ruth's zoo (golf), Picnic Supper, home at 10:00." Although Mom "rested today" on Monday, on Tuesday, "I washed." Wednesday, Mrs. C. ironed but Mom cleaned up house.

In September, Mom seems to have taken over all of the washing again while sharing ironing chores with Mrs. C. Dad & Howard got in a lot of Sunday golf, and there were 3 picnics at Mill Creek and a weiner & corn roast at Russell's. School didn't start until the 19th [!] On the last Sunday in the month, Clara, Lee, C.J., & Marian came out, and Clara & C.J. stayed for the week. They went to town on Wednesday, and had 12 girls in for a party on Thursday and didn't get to bed until 3 a.m. Lee came out on Saturday, stayed overnight, and took Clara and C.J. home on Sunday, October 2.

There is no mention of "D." or "Mrs. C." in October - "me washed" and "me ironed." "Me" also cleaned the attic, cleaned cupboards, cleaned all house, cleaned up yard, and baked. [not all in one day] The awning came down on October 15, and Mom recorded her weight as 141#.

On Sunday, the 9th, - a Lovely Day - "all of us" went to S.S., and, after dinner, to Gr. Nic's. Came home at 8. The following Sunday, there was a ride to New Castle in the p.m. Dad went out home on the 20th to trouble the coons, but suffered car trouble himself and didn't get home until 3 a.m.

Wednesday, Gene and Don went to a Halloween party at Betty Mellinger's. Mom had her hair set [big day tomorrow], and helped Dad trim windows at the store in the evening.

Thursday, the 27th, was a busy day which had been in the planning stage for several weeks. Freda, Ann, & Mom went to Missionary Meeting at church which lasted all day and was "Wonderful!" Flo kept the kids. Then, there was Ruth Maurice's party in the evening. On Friday, Carl took the afternoon off and "we" went out home. Back at 9 p.m.

On Halloween, Mom went to Town and got a new coat, hat, shoes, etc., but, in the evening it "RAIN!"ed on the parade.

On Thursday, November the 10th, Mom went to Town and got a new red dress to wear out home that evening for a shower on Ross. They [she?] "brot Dad & Mother, J. & Art back, arriving home at 3 a.m. The folks stayed Friday and Saturday, going to a Show both nights and playing 500 until 2 o'clock Sunday morning. Marian, Gert, & Marge came after them on Sunday.

The following week, Mom had a bad cold which even had her "Down" one day - "Dripy". On Wednesday, the 23rd, choir practice for the Christmas Cantata began. And that Friday, 4-year-old Ruth got a permanent. Flo C. was up on Ruth's birthday.

On December 1, Dad began a 3-day crusade to eliminate coons, and Mom started her Fall Cleaning downstairs and went to choir practice. The cleaning and the "CP" continued throughout the month.

Tuesday, the 6th, Mom went to class meeting and mentions a piano solo, but doesn't say by whom. Dad went to the Firemen's Supper on the 13th; Mom went to CP & program meeting on the 15th and "broke car window." The following Saturday, Betty, Bob, & Dave went to town with Mom. Betty and Bob got shoes which Dad & Mom exchanged on Tuesday.

Cleaning, baking, and candy making filled many December days. There was also ice skating at the swimming hole and, on the 19th, the kids got a new sled and went sled riding.

Christmas was on Sunday in 1932. It was a beautiful, sunshiny day, not cold. Everyone was up at 6 a.m. and went to S.S. The Folks were up from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dor. & Fin. were over in the evening and Mom "got hand cleaner."

Monday must have been a holiday, too, because Mom slept in until 9:30. Mrs. Hart and Billy came over in the morning, Dad & Mom went to the Keith in the afternoon, and that evening and the next, while Mom worked a puzzle, Dad went after those coons for the last time....[in 1932].

THE WALL CALENDAR - 1933

The format for the 1933 calendar was even worse than that of the 1932 calendar. It was a "Memo" calendar with one number and one line for each date, and no clue as to the day of the week except as Mom might indicate [as "S.S."]. Mom used the limited space as best she could, and I tried to decipher, but it was difficult for both of us.

During January, Mom made several trips "to Town." On one trip, she "cashed in 1/2 GEM book." [McKelvey's coupon book] At different times, she bought a lamp, dress and jumper material for Betty, shoes and coats for Gene and Dave, two small rugs, and a puzzle. [Since Christmas, 1932, she seemed to be "into" puzzles. She often mentions "puzzle" during the evening hours, especially when Dad is coon hunting.]

The S.S. Cantata was performed at 4 p.m. on New Year's Day. Dad took the kids to the Park on Monday afternoon, January 2, and there was a Community Supper on the 5th that Mom helped with. The first, but by no means the last, mention of "Walkie" is on Sunday afternoon, the 8th.

Mom cut out Betty's jumper on the 13th and went to bed early. She mended all day on the 14th - the day Mrs. Leslie died, and Don went to the barber. The 16th was a Lovely Day; Mom washed [Monday, no doubt], and she and Ann went to Leslie's in the evening.

The most notable occurrence in January was on the 21st. "Betty broke out with C. Pox." The "sign went up" on the 24th - the same day there was a "Miss. meeting at Florence's - nice meeting."

On February 3, "Betty out of quar. David getting C.P., and Miss.[ionary] had sewing party at Mabel's."

Feb. 4 - "Gene, Bob (10), Dave (9), Ruth (5), & Don (6) all have C.P." [Those are Mom's (). Maybe, at that point, she couldn't remember how old Gene was, especially since it was his birthday.]

During the following week, with 5 children down with C.P., she didn't have time to note more than just the facts:

Feb. 5 - Betty & I to S.S. Cold. Helped with programs.

6 - Washed

7 - Ironed. Finished at 10 p.m. Dad B.B.

8 - cleaned up house

9 - very cold. Below zero. Made valen. and sewed. Dad B.B.

10 - Baked. Cleaned upstairs.

11 - cleaned house. walked downtown p.m.

12 - Dad & I to S.S. -- Ride p.m....puzzle

13 - washed

14 - Ironed. Finished before supper. CHILDREN OUT FOR FIRST TIME!

15 - Went to town P.M. Don, Ruth & I got shoes. Went to S.S. board meeting.

16 - Cleaned kitchen (walls, etc.) Ironed curtains.

Ruth and Howard came up on the 19th, and Mom had her hair set on the 29th and went with the Miss. girls to the Pearl St. Mission.

On Wednesday, March 1, Daddy, Ruth Ann, Don, & Mom left at 9 a.m. for Pittsburgh. They visited the Car Museum in the afternoon. Carl & the kids went home at 4:30. In the evening, Mom went with Ruth & Howard to a show, "She Done Him Wrong", and did "puzzle" until 1:15 a.m. The following day, Aunt Ruth "worked a.m.", then she & Mom went downtown at 12:30. "Shopped & looked in Gimbels and Kaufman's" till 5:30 p.m.

They went downtown at noon again the next day, had lunch in Kaufman's, and Mom got the bus for Yo. at 2:30 p.m. It was "a lovely bus trip - snowing a little but not cold." Mom was home at 6:15 - with her new hat, gloves, and house dresses. She cleaned all day Saturday.

After S.S. and an afternoon ride, a toothache kept Mom up all night. On Monday, "C. washed and hung out at noon. Toothache all day." On Tuesday, the 7th, "Tooth still sore. Can't eat much! Too bad. Ironed." "Walkie" is mentioned again on Sunday afternoon, the 12th. There is no further mention of the tooth problem until the visits to the Dentist on the 22nd & the 24th.

In the meantime, in addition to the usual housekeeping, mending, & baking, there were visits from Elsie & Dorothy, Charles A., and Mrs. E. Mom worked another puzzle, Gene was "at home sick with cough and stomach", and Betty, Bob, Don, Ruth, & Ann, and Mom went to Kiddies Club. [Where was Dave?]

There was a lot of rain in April - it even rained on Easter. There was also a good deal of "Walkie". Mom mentions him five times - once... "till 12:20 a.m. Mom along." [a Revival Preacher?]

On the 4th, Mom & Ann were in charge of the program at class meeting at Milligan's. On the 15th, the boys got clothes, and Betty, Bob & Don got shoes. And, after S.S., on the 23rd, "went to Akron and saw 'Macon' come down." On the 29th, "walked down home & picked violets," and on the 30th, "went out home. Beebe's came out, too."

The first day of May was a "Lovely Day" to wash and work in the flower garden. There were very few notations in May - except for "Walkie" who appears on the 16th, 17th, & 22nd - "till 1:15 a.m." On the 31st, "Walkie ended midnight."

Although Tennis was played for the first time on May 21, summer activities really got underway in June. The last practice for Children's Day was on the 9th, with the event on the 11th. In between, at a Lawn Fete on the 10th, the Miss. Soc. had a Bake Sale that made \$12. On Sunday, the 18th, all the folks came out for a picnic dinner, and, when they went back, they exchanged Don & Bob for Erma & Shirley. There was a June picnic at Mill Creek and a Sunday evening at Idora Park.

Fifty people attended the annual Reunion on July 2 at Jones Park in Clarksville, Pa. It rained in large letters with multiple exclamation points. Afterwards, Gene went to Grandma Nic's. The Fourth of July seemed quiet that year - Carl golfed and Mom "loafed all day."

Sunday the 16th was a Nice Day. "Went to C. Lake for a picnic with McCrone's and Folks. Jen & Art came back with us." The following Sunday, Clara and Lee Earl came out and took Art & Dave back with them. It was "so hot!"

"Went to Idora in eve." on Friday, the 28th, and "Betty and Dad skated." Jennie and Gene were sick in bed all day Saturday; and on Sunday, "went out home. Got Dave. Hot!"

All summer long, Dad played golf as often as he could, and the tennis court saw a lot of action, especially on Sunday afternoons. In August, there was the Grocers Picnic at Idora and Mom was on the committee for the Fid. Class picnic. Early in the month, Mom got a new yellow eyelet dress for \$1.98, and Betty got "2 dresses, 2 pr. shoes, etc."

Ruth and Howard came out about 6 p.m. on Sat., the 12th. Everyone went to a Lawn Fete, then "R & H and C & I to Idora later. Went on Wild Cat. Oh!" On Wed., the 23rd, Betty, Ruth, Don, and Mom went to C'ville. On Thursday, they attended the "Rundletown [Sp.?] picnic and dance in eve. till 1 a.m." They were back home at noon on Friday, and Mom went to town for a new dress and hat.

The following Friday, Sept. 1, Mom went to a party at Peterson's. "Ruined new dress." But Saturday was better. "Left at 4 p.m. for Lake Erie. Got there at 7 p.m. Lovely! Went wading in Lake at 10:30 p.m." And the next morning, "Swim before breakfast. Swim!! Fun!! Rain!" On the 4th, "Swim! Nice sunny day! Got home at 8 p.m."

For the last hurrah of the summer, "kids had a weiner roast Sat. eve., the 9th with "25 present." School started on the 11th, Betty and Gene got new shoes on the 12th, and Mom went to the beauty shop on Friday afternoon for a cut, shampoo, and wave.

Uncle Red's funeral was the 14th; he was killed on the 10th.

Mom & Dad went with Ann & Bowse to Pitts. on the 17th and had a "nice time! Took airplane ride. Home at 11:30 p.m." During the week that followed. Mom canned jelly and relish, ordered Xmas cards from Mabel K., and "(Dad DR)" [dog races] 4 times.

Hart's baby appeared on the 25th, and, on the 27th, "got new bed for boys at storage sale." The next day, "cleaned and changed bedrooms."

October 1 was Promotion Day at S.S. and Erma moved to Brownsville, 35 mi. from Pitts. On the 4th, while she cleaned, washed windows, etc., Mom listened to the World Series, then "Covers and us to races."

On Friday, the 6th, Mom "practised the children at church" for Rally Day on Sunday. Tennis was still being played Sunday p.m.'s. Even though it was cloudy on Monday, all the clothes got dry, and there was a Birthday Party for Bertha O. Mae M.'s girl was born on Oct. 7.

During that week, Mom made relish again [she had also canned beets and tomatoes earlier], cleaned the "whole house," and there was a Friday Night Fish Fry Supper at church. On Saturday, "took Ruthie to barber shop."

Monday, the 16th, Mom washed and stretched the upstairs curtains. Flo. C. was up for lunch on Tuesday and spent the afternoon. Emma & Mary came up, too, and Miss. met at Fishers. On Friday, the 20th, Mom helped decorate the church for the Miss. Soc.'s Pumpkin Pie Social which made \$9.

Saturday, the 21st, was a really busy day. After cleaning, Mom "went to town." Betty got a new coat for \$7.95 and a hat & dress. Then the children went to Gr. Grandma's for the afternoon and supper. Ruth, Howard, & Marian came at 7:30 p.m. to go to the Dog Races. "Bed at 2:30." There was "Rain!" on Sunday, but "All to Ann's for dinner."

On Tuesday, the 24th, Mildred had a new boy, and Mom cleaned the attic and took in the porch furniture just in time for the "First Snow" on the 25th. Ruth was sick. Thursday, nine members of the WHMS had a "very good meeting" in Lowellville. And on Friday, "To Keith to see Ace of Aces tonite." Saturday, "Betty, Bob & Dave to town all day." "S.S. & church" on Sunday, and on Monday, "washed."

It rained on Election Day in November, but most of the month was Cold! and Snowy! and the roads were Icy! The "girls" - Emma, Mary, Marge E., Mabel, Isabel - sewed a lot of doll clothes during the month. After church on the 12th, "went out to see Mildred's baby." And on the 17th, "went to chicken supper at church." Uncle Will S. died on the 18th.

Mom spent all of several afternoons "down home." On the 23rd [a Thursday], Mom visited school in the afternoon and went to a reception for Dr. Smith at church in the evening. The children went to B.B. game Friday night. Dad went coon hunting.

On the 29th, "Baked Ruth's cake & pie. Ruth & I walked downtown p.m."

Thursday, the 30th, "church. Took basket to Wells. Down home all p.m. and eve."

The piano tuner came on Friday, Dec. 1, and Mom called on Preacher & Mrs. Fairley. She cleaned house all day on Saturday, and Carl went "coon hunting tonite." On Sunday, there was "S.S. - Choir prac. in p.m. Miss. Church nite. Not bad! (coon)" Also "(coon hunt)" on Monday.

The next Saturday, Mom "Baked a.m." for "Bake Sale p.m. (about \$9)" After lunch on Sunday, "went out to C'ville. Nice day but cold. Snow eve. Home at 8." It was very cold, zero & below" on Tuesday. Mom went to Miss. party at Mary's, but the "car balked." At 8 p.m. on Friday, there was a Rain Storm with thunder & lightening."

On Monday, the 18th, Mom was in town from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., got a Black Dress for \$5.95, had her hair set, and went to a show in the evening, "Myrt & Marge." She washed on Tuesday; ironed on Wednesday; made candy, went to choir practice, and a school entertainment on Thursday; "cleaned all day - washed, too" on Friday.

At a church "Party for Primary" on Saturday, the 23rd, they "put tree up - about 40 children." There was a "good crowd" for the Cantata on Sunday.

Mother and Dad were up all day on the 25th. "Nice day. Nice Christmas."

On the 31st., "S.S. - Rest in bed all P.M. Everyone staid up till 1934!"

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