

# **Mrs. John Kunz Diary Transcript Summaries**

Mrs. John Kunz kept a diary from 1932 until her death in 1977. The diary entries included everything from very ordinary daily events to significant family historical events and well as numerous historical events of the local area as well as the nation. She kept meticulous information on the weather and many historical records are recorded. The diary entries show her to be very active with family, many friends, church and community. She lived in a time where there was passenger train service to Tracy City and she traveled extensively over the country to visit with friends and relatives and especially to visit with her brothers and sisters in Milwaukee. Likewise these friends and relatives came to visit and stay with her frequently. She lived to see five grandchildren born and grow into adults and she provide significant support to her children and grandchildren. When the great grandchildren came, and there were many, she continued to be involved and help when she could. She outlived her husband and three of her children and the burden of the grief comes thru at times in the diary entries. I grew up next door and maintained close contact with her until her death and although I knew her very well I gained significant insight into her life by reading the diaries although some of it was painful to read.

The following are transcribed summaries of some of the significant events from the diaries. It was very subjective what I chose to transcribe and what I did not choose. No doubt someone else would have chosen some of the same items as I but many would probably be different. I have attempted to capture all the significant historical events recorded in her words but have included a lot of details to give a complete picture and insight into this wonderful person.

I have also scanned all of the pages of all the diaries to create an electronic copy of the original diaries and these electronic copies are available to anyone who would like to see a copy of any or all of the entries. The complete diary scans for all of the diaries from 1932 to 1977 make a very large file and three CDs are required to hold them all. I have made five sets of these three CDs to make available to other family members who are interested in having them.

Clyde Kunz, Grandson of Mrs. John Kunz, January 29, 2009

## **1932 Significant Events**

May 11, Mrs. Stampfli died

## **1933 Significant Events**

Feb 12, Mary Eastman [Baggenstoss] baby Jean born, May 19, Mrs. Reuhling died, Jun 12, Miles Flury died, Oct 11, James Hunzicher birthday born 1912

## **1934 Significant Events**

Jun 25, Mr Will Metcalf died,

## **1935 Significant Events**

The Grundy County High School burned on March 7. Many Tracy City businesses burned the night of April 27. In 2008 Homer Kunz stated "The old high school that burned was built on the same hill but was down below the football field. After the night the Tracy City buildings burned, they had figured out there was a firebug (Clyde Newsome), but couldn't prove it. The CC boys helped keep the fire from taking the brick buildings, the bank and what was later the City Cafe." Mr and Mrs John Kunz went to Dickson and Hohenwald with the Von Bergens on November 25 and returned home on the train on November 27.

## **1936 Significant Events**

Feb 3, Traveled to Nashville by train with Wilfred [Butch] Walters [son of Sister Francis Walters, who was probably returning home to Milwaukee], and returned home on train on Feb 4 in bad snow and slush., Feb 19, Received word that Emil Rychen died, 61 years old, Apr 1, King the dog arrived from Milwaukee, Apr 28, The new Philco radio came and Nick and boys put it up. May 15, Traveled to Nashville and returned on May 17, Jun 28, Went to Battle Creek to see chapel [St Johns] dedicated by Bishop Maxom, Jul 12, Von Bergens came for a visit. Aug 6, went up town to vote, Sept 3, traveled to

Milwaukee on train for an extended visit with family and friends including Brothers Robert and Herman and Sisters Rose, Ann and Francis and Aunts Emma [Benkert] Steiner and Lena [Benkert] Short. Sep 19, Spent day at Rob's, spent morning embroidering and went to cemetery to take flowers to Mother's grave and from there to Aunt Emma's and Aunt Lena's. Sep 20, spent nite at Ann's and left at 10:30 for Madison, Ann, Rose, Paul, Fred and I, went through Capitol, took pictures and went down to Lake Mendota and took a stone from shore, saw a huge turkey farm, rode 177 miles and had supper at Ann's and I spent nite at Ann's, the end of a perfectly grand day. Oct 1, returned home on board Dixie Flier, read and crocheted on afghan, got into Nashville on time and got home at 5:20, all OK found every body well. Oct 2, King [the dog] disappeared, Nov 17, went to Nashville with Elsie and Jimmie and stayed all nite with Olga Ryehen, went from Nashville on Buss, Olga and I went to policeman's benefit show at Ryman Auditorium. Dec 5, went up town to shop and bought my Mixmaster, Dec 24, decorated our tree and put cards in greens in window, Dec 31, the world looks blue to me, I must have made a grand failure of things, Dad went to Jimmies for Sylvester and John and Nellie came and spent the old year out and we played bridge, Rose and I.

Movies attended during the year 1936 included Mississippi, Little Rebel, If I Had A Million, The Milky Way, Mid-Summer Dream, To Many Parents, Rose Marie, Country Dr, Steamboat Around the Bend, These Three, Follow the Fleet, Trail of Lonesome Pine, Daddy O'Day, Florida Special, Message to Garcia, Border Flight, Poppy, Times Square Playboy, Law in the Hand of a Woman, The Devil Doll, Conn. Yankee, Unguarded Hour, Anthony Address, San Francisco, Rhythm on the Range, The Great Zigfield, Sins of Man, Palm Springs, Music is Magic, Lets Sing Again, Ramona, Yours for the Asking, Gentle Julia, Mary of Scotland, Swingtime, Gay Desperado

## 1937 Significant Events

Jan 23, took some of Johnnie's memorial carnations to Mrs Shild [memorial flowers placed on alter of church in memory of John Fredrick Kunz]; Feb 14, went to Christening of Rosalee Boyd's baby, Charlotte Ellen, Rose [Kunz] is Godmother; March 4, Homer went to Salt Peter Cave; Mar 9, Mrs Bobo died, sat up all nite; Mar 23, Herman told me he was married (Feb 6); Apr 16 Went

to Nashville and spent nite at Dardens and came back the next day; Apr 22, Rose went to Kentucky; May 7, Went to Stevenson [Alabama] with Mrs Flury, Jossi and Anderson [Mrs Dolph Anderson] to see Iris in bloom, stopped at a soda stand and found that Alabama had a tax on luxuries called ‘tokens’; June 12, 13, took trip to the Smokes; June 14, 24, new chimney built, labor cost \$115; June 25, new wall board installed in the living room; July 1, 52 deg in the a.m.; June 14, got the new electric range, sold the old stove to Hunzikers; July 22, Ruby and Herman came to live with us; August 12, Went to Chattanooga to buy bedroom furniture at Stercki’s with Herman and Ruby; Sept 12, Herman and Ruby moved into their apartment at the “White House”; Oct 25, took train to Milwaukee and visited with family and friends until November 18 and then took the train to Omaha with Flora [Stamm] to visit with Mary [Johnson] and Martha ? Roth, Malie ? Roth, Dorothy?, Uncle Jake and Blanch [Wasmer], and returned to Milwaukee on Nov 25 with Mary and Anton by car. Dec 4, the folks from Iowa brought Grandpa Kappeler back to Flora’s, Returned home to Tracy city on Dec 7. Granddaughter Joyce Marie born to Herman and Ruby at 9:15 a.m. on December 29.

Movies attended in 1937: Pepper, Can this be Dixie, Plainsman, Pigskin Paradise, Garden of Allah, Dimples, Camille, Ambassador Bill, Gorgeous Fussy, Rainbow on the River, Stowaway, Tale of Two Cities, Lloyds of London, Three Men on a Horse, Gods Country, The Woman, Give Me Your Heart, Maytime, Romeo and Juliet, I Met Him in Paris, Gen. Spankey, The Emperor’s Candlesticks, Michael Oflalleran, Forlorn River, The Good Earth, Between Two Women, Angels Holiday, Parnell, The Devil is a Sissy, It Happened In Hollywood, Ofeidi, Toast of New York, Draigermans Courage, Ali Baba Goes to Town, Curse of the Saw, Stage Door, Fibber McGhee and Mollie, Outlaws of ?, Thin Ice, Damsel in Distress, Breakfast for Two, Souls at Sea, The life of the Party,

## 1938 Significant Events

January 11, Mrs Wileman came to tell Ruby that her Grandmother died (Mrs Henley [Abby Jane McCoy Henley] at Summerfield). Jan 23, had memorial for Johnnie, new window for the church and white carnations Rose gave. Mar 27, Mary Johnson left for home after visit, April 9, ¼ inch of ice on Palm Sunday, April 17, Easter Day, Joyce Kunz was Christened, Apr 21, Von

Bergens visited and Homer hurt his arm by running into the little bridge by the gate, June 15, got new kitty "Lolly Pop", July 1, John Kunz first day of retirement from railroad, Aug 1, Eddie, Ruth, William, and Teckie visited for three days, Aug 21, Rose [Kunz] left for trip to Europe, Aug 31, deep well pump went into operation for the first time,

Oct 10, Left Tracy [by car with Jimmie and Elsie Chilton] at 2:30 for Chattanooga reroute to New York City with Elsie Chilton by train to meet [daughter] Rose on her return trip from Europe, Oct 11, not much sleep, beautiful morning, got a cup of coffee from the colored porter at Lynchburg Virginia. Arrived in New York at 4 pm and went to the York Hotel, telephoned and found that Rose had already left New York. We went to the Roxy and saw the Ritz Brothers and then went to "Childs" and had supper and back to York and bed. October 12, went down to the Battery Park on the elevated railroad to the aquarium, and then took a tourist steamer around Manhattan Island from New York Harbor, up east river through Harlem River, through Spuytem Duyvil Creek [a channel connecting the Hudson River to the Harlem river ship canal and on to the Harlem River] and down the Hudson, a most wonderful trip sure, came to the hotel and then to a Chinese Restaurant and had real chop suey, watched Columbus Day Parade on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave and 37<sup>th</sup> street, and back to the hotel and bed. October 13, started out by going thru Macys and Woolworths, up Broadway, then took street car to 104<sup>th</sup> street and went through the old school of my childhood and over to 106<sup>th</sup> street and riverside up to 110<sup>th</sup> street to St Johns Cathedral and to Morningside Park and down Columbus Ave past the old Dion Brew ? , took elevated [train] back to hotel, went out to 86 [street] and third Ave to old German District and had lunch and looked over an import store, visited Saint Michaels church, and back to hotel, excitement, fire across from hotel, Oct 14, took subway to Trinity Church, registered and went to Saint Paul's up wall street, little church around the corner, "Church of the Transfiguration" , Saint Thomas church and Radio City and Central Park, attended a French movie and recital by Paderevski , it was just grand, went to bed at 12:20, Oct 15 started out by myself this morning and went by bus to central park and walked from 59<sup>th</sup> to 81<sup>st</sup> St to museum and all through museum and back thru park to 59<sup>th</sup> and to hotel by bus, never spent a happier day, park was just grand in fall colors and dreaming of my childhood days it was the happiest day of my trip (Elsie stayed at hotel to see a doctor). Oct 16, left for the Bear Mountain Drive along the Hudson, it was the most scenic drive I have seen, over George Washington Memorial Bridge and along Mountains,

over Bear Mountain Bridge and back on the Jersey side, one of the grandest days of my life, Oct 17, Left New York at 11:30 am and arrived at Washington [DC ?] at 3:30 pm and had a visit with Karl Goodson and Mayme Cox until 12 pm then left for home and arrived at Chattanooga on October 18 where Jimmie came to get us. Oct 22, Rose returned home from Europe trip and brought me a diamond ring from Amsterdam, Dec 12, Ruby and Herman moved into new home, Dec 23, Rose and Ruby took Joyce to her first Christmas tree, she enjoyed it very much,

Jungle Princess, Firefly, Hitting a New High, Gold? Follies, Andera? Seeds, Bringing up Baby, Holy Land, Snow White and Seven Dwarfs, Rosilie, Old Chicago, Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, Sally, Irene and Mary, Paradise for Three, Tom Sawyer (all in color), First 100 Years (not so good), Love and Kisses (not much good), Walking down Broadway (not much), Kidnapped (fine show), Alexander's Rag Time Band (fine), Spawn of the North (good), Three Comrades, Condemed Women , Wise Cfire?, Sing Ye Sinners Sing, Port of Seven Seas, Campus Confessions, Toy Wife, Dracula and Frankenstein, That Certain Age,

## 1939 Significant Events

Jan 8, Homer and Jake Stampfli left for Florida [to look for work], Jan 26, Old Dan the mule died in his harnessed over in Langford town while Len Sanders was hauling coal, Feb 17, Rose is out of a job , Marugg sold out, May 18, Made concrete front steps, May 24, Went to court as witness for Jimmie Chiltons divorce case, July 28, Homer and Herman birthday, not together for the first time in their lives, July 29, Homer and Jake came home from work in Florida for a visit, Dec 17, Rose left with Quinn and Finlay to Ohio to visit the mother,

Valley of giants, Mad Mrs Manton, Dickens Christmas Carroll, Sweethearts [all in Technicolor, grand], Dawn Patrol, Kentucky, Boys Town, Suez, Stable Mates, First Around the Corner, Huckleberry Finn, Andy Hardy Out West, Gunga Din, You Can't Cheat an Honest Man, Dark Victory, Citadel, Little Princess, Mikado, (fine show), Young in Heart, Stagecoach, Rose of Washington Square, Wizard of Oz, Trade Winds, They Shall[Have] Music (wonderful violin playing), Man of Conquest, Boy Friend,

## 1940 Significant Events

Feb 17, Left for trip to Milwaukee for visit with brothers and sisters and other relatives including Uncle John and Aunt Emma Steiner, Mary Johnson from Omaha, Harriet Ritters, March 21 left for home by train and arrived 5:00 on March 22, Mar 31, Old man Kappeler died of a stroke he had a week before, May 18, Dad [John Kunz] left for South Dakota to see his brother Fred and returned home on Jun 8, May 26, went to Sewanee to hear Chattanooga symphony orchestra, Jun 8, Rose announced her engagement, Aug 7, Rose and Bill Quinn were married, Aug 24, Received word that Fred Kunz died in South Dakota, Sep 29, Herman, Ruby and Joyce left for Columbia, October 26, left by train to New Philadelphia to visit Rose, spent several days touring the area and seeing sights with Rose and Bill Quinn; Stuheys Tavern, went to Dennison to see Mrs Quinn's home, visited Holey Trinity Church, Schoenbrunn the first settlement this side of the Allegheny, visited Mrs Kappeler, Gnadenhutter, a historical place where stands a monument in an old cemetery erected in memory of the massacre of 90 Christian Indians in 1782, visited the Simon Kappelers, Lynda Peiffer, Bertie Kappeler, Mauerelee Kapeler, saw the Walters Engine Evolution museum a remarkable exhibition, Returned home by train on November 19, Dec 19, Homer came home for a visit for Christmas, Dec 23, Rose came home for Christmas,

San Francisco, Of Men and Mice, Four Wives, The Black Room and Dr X, Gone With the Wind (finest show I ever saw), Double Alibi and Martha Ray in person and a wonderful stage performance, Thunder Afloat, Sewanee River and Destry Rides Again (two grand pictures), Man from Dakota and Congo Music, Money to Burn, The Light that Failed, The Emergency Synad, Rebeca (fine show), Grapes of Wrath, Pinocchio, It's a Date, Torrid Zone, He Married His Wife, My Son My Son, Debutante, Lillian Russell, All this and Heaven Too, Deacon Burns, Knute Rockne, Down Argentine Way, Spring Parade,

## 1941 Significant Events

May 11, Aunt Emma [Steiner] died of a stroke, Jun 3, Got my Electrolux, Jul 6, Went to Sherwood to see the train wreck, Aug 9, Ruby and Herman went on a vacation to Milwaukee, Michigan and Canada and returned on Aug 17,

Sep 19, Homer came home for weekend and brought his girl June Borenson who came from Florida, Oct 4, Dad [John Kunz] left for New Philadelphia for a visit with daughter Rose and returned home on Oct 14, Oct 13, Homer called from Mouteagle on his way back to Memphis that he had been rejected at Fort Oglethorpe on account of his leg, Oct 28, twin calves were born to Daisy [the cow], Dec 7, The news came over the radio that the Japs bombed Pearl harbor and Wake Inland, Guam, Dec 8, The United States declared war on the Japanese, Dec 11, Germany declared war on the United States and also Italy declared wan on the United States, Dec 14, Bill and Rose came home from Ohio to spend Christmas, all the family was at home Christmas Eve.

Love Thy Neighbor, Strike Up the Band, Little Nellie Kelly, Philadelphia Story, The Road to Zanzibar, The lady from Louisiana, Virginia, Boys Town, Zigfield Girl, A Woman's Face, Barnacle Bill, The Great Lie,

## 1942 Significant Events

Jan 11, Herman shot himself in the leg down at Wilemans and is in the hospital at Sewanee, Jan 23, Haskel Arbuckle got killed, fell with telephone pole, Jan 25, put carnations on altar for Johnnie, Feb 3, Homer came home to get Herman to go to work at Chattanooga on TNT plant, Mar 21, We got our new Frigidaire-Hotpoint, May 5, Ruby and I went up to Shook School to sign up for sugar rationing ½ lb per person, June 9, Took Joyce to Cowan on her first train ride, she sure was thrilled, we rode down and back on train as she would not come back in a car. July 5, Homer was married, Jul 28, Rose went to the hospital for operation, Sep 18, Herman, Flora, Annie, Fred and sis Rose came down and surprised us landed in at 1 pm, on Sep 21 they all left for Hohenwald, Oct 8, June, Ruby, Joyce left for Kingsport, Oct 8, Uncle John Steiner passed away, Nov 26, this is the first Thanksgiving we were alone since we had children, Dec 13, Herman's boy [Clyde] was born,

Honkey Tonk, Look Whos Talking, Roxie Hart, The Man that came to Dinner, Captains of the Clouds, Song of the Islands, Mr Bug went to Town, We were Dancing, My Gal Sal, In This Our Life, Tortilla Hat, Gay Sisters, This Above All, Jackass Mail,



## 1943 Significant Events

Jan 24, Put lavender glads [gladiolas] on the alter for Johnnie, Mar 10, Baby chicks arrived, Mar 14, Went down to Battle Creek with Ruby, Baby, and Joyce to Wileman's, Ruby and Children stayed and I came back, we went with Mr Goodson, Mar 24, Clyde Herman was Christened at the church, Rev Goodson Christened, April 30, Homer's baby born (Friday) named Lynda Ruth, Jun 13, Went to Battle Creek with Mr Godson to church and to Mrs Wilemans, she and I, Mary, and "Boy" the only ones in church. Aug 8, Homer and Herman went to work at Hales Bar, Aug 13, I took Joyce up to her first day of school to Miss Franklin Abernathy's, started in where her Daddy did 24 years ago, Aug 13, Attended funeral for Mrs Lowe (Emily Von Bergen), Aug 19, Dad took Clyde to the fair to see the horses and lights and Ruby took Joyce and I stayed with Clyde after Dad brought him home tired and excited, Sep 7, Dad was appointed to the local draft board, Herman was called to report at the doctors office for blood test by the draft board, Nov 9, Received word that Bill Quinn passed away, was burred in Uhrichsville Cemetery, Dec 2, Herman left for San Diego California to join the Marines, Dec 25, Christmas we were all here but Herman he was in San Diego.

Footlight Serenade, Orchestra Wives, Keeper of the Flame, Slightly Dangerous,

## 1944 Significant Events

March 11, Herman came home on furlough, April 5, Thermometer went down to 24 deg, fish pond was froze over, May 19, Popsie's sad end, he had to be shot, he got old and cranky, he bit me badly on the arm, May 26, The boiler room at the mill burned down at 3:20 am, May 31, Ruby left for San Diego California to see Herman, June 6, Invasion of Europe by the allied forces announced on the radio, Jun 15, Homer got his house started, started on the foundation, Jul 3, Ruby returned home from San Diego, Jul 5, Herman called Ruby on the phone and told us he is being shipped overseas, Aug 28, Dad and Homer are starting to work on Homers house, Oct 30, Homer moved into his new home, Nov 12, left Ohio for Milwaukee, visited with relatives and friends, Nov 30, Went to Aunt Lena [Short] funeral and to crematory at Valhalla cemetery, Returned home by Greyhound Buss on Dec 11, Dec 24,

Dad, I, Ruby, Joyce and Clyde were the only ones home for the Christmas tree,

Henry Aldrich Hunts a House, Frisco Kid, Up in Mabel's Room, An American Romance, Since You Went Away, Wing and a Prayer, fine show, no women in it, Irish Eyes, Going my Way, The Parkington, Dragon Reed, Brazil,

## 1945 Significant Events

Jan 19, took down the Christmas tree, all dried up, but Clyde wanted it up so I left it up this long, Feb 18, Homer and Ernest Stampfli took Ernest Stampfli Sr to the Madison Sanitarium, May 8, Proclamation of unconditional surrender of the Germans to the Allies was made by President Truman, War in Europe "V.E. Day" is over but the war with Japs just begun, Jun 29, Rose came home from New Philadelphia to stay, Jun 14, Eddie and William Stamm surprised us, came on motorcycle, Oct 5, first Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Aug 9, Second Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Aug 10, Offer of surrender from Japs, Aug 14, Jap surrender was announced, Aug 16, James Alberts Brown was shot and killed by Mr Gary at Gary home, Sep 17, Dad and I went with Herman and Flora to Hohenwald, drove in Herman's car, we visited Wipps, Flurys, Roths, Walter Grover, Lina Wenger, Marie Goodman(Kistler), we went through the court house and saw Walter Marbet and we went through the shoe factory and past the home place to Downey's (?) Spring and spent the night with Grace, Stopped at John Scheiwiller Store [in Hohenwald] and bought a juice pitcher. We left Hohenwald on 18<sup>th</sup> and went to Colesburg to visit Von Bergens and back home on 18<sup>th</sup>, Oct 27, Dad started on the flower house, Nov 13, Homer and Junes son [John Eric] was born at Sewanee hospital, Dec 13, Clyde's third birthday, gave him mittens and made him a sugar plum tree (gum drops on thorn limb), Dec 21, Herman came home from the Marines, honorably discharged, Dec 25, had Christmas tree at Homers due to bad weather, ice and cold and they could not get baby out, all the family together but Rose,

Mr Skeffington, Greenwich Village, Arsenic and Old Lace, Jamie, Woman in the Window, A Song to Remember (sure was a grand picture), Hollywood Canteen, Meet me in St Louis, Knob Hill,

## 1946 Significant Events

Apr 28, Homer and Herman went to Savage Gulf Cave, May 12, John Eric Kunz was Christened at Sewanee by Father Adams, May 20, Mrs. Fred [Ana] Von Bergen died at Colsburg was buried in Mt Olive Cemetery in Nashville, I did not get to go, found out too late to make connections, Temporally in a vault, May 28, Joyce fell off the horse and cut her face, had to take her up to Dr Adamz, June 8, Dad left for Colesburg to see Von Bergen, came back Sun nite, June 10, Dad went to Chattanooga to receive the selective service award given to members of the draft board, a medal and button, Nov 23, Dad sold the cow (Daisy) the first time without a cow in about 40 years, Dec 24, all the family at home for the Christmas tree except Rose, Dec 31, the new fire siren blew the new year in,

State Fair, Hold that Blond, Leave her t Heaven, Rhapsody in Blue, The Bride Wore Boots, Lum and Abner,

## **1947 Significant Events**

Feb 25, Election for a County wide fence law, to fence in the stock, County lost but the State won, Governor McCord in Nashville signed the bill and it became law while the county election was going on here, April 7, Word came that May Pelzer in Iowa died (cousin of Dad's), Apr 30, Ruby got her Bendix washing machine, May 28, This A. M. the Tracy City bank cashier Alvin Henderson was kidnapped and Mrs. Henderson bound by a leg(?) man, they tried to make him open the bank but was told on account of the time lock [he could not open it] he was taken to the woods several miles out near Foster Falls in his own car and the robbers fled and left him, May 29, Two of the bank robbers are in jail in town, N. J. men, Dec 11, the new boiler arrived, Dec 25, all the family at home for Christmas, Dec 31, all is well as the year ends.

Of Human Bondage, Make Mine Music, Song of the South,

## 1948 Significant Events

Jan 30, Father Adamz moved to Tracy City, Feb 13, This was indeed black Friday, torrents of rain fell and it is very dark and floods in the valley and Columbia and Manchester is cut off and tourist stranded, May 19, Ruby, Joyce and Clyde have all been sick with mumps, Joyce got her bicycle this month, Jun 3, Homer got his truck (GMC) and sold his cars, Jun 5, Signed deed of land sale , our property near the ally west from ditch to Dr Adamz for \$400, Jun 26, Word came today that Frank Kappeler died and was buried today at Davenport Iowa, June 30, Drought raging in these parts, no rain to amount to anything in 2 months, Jul 5, No rain yet, this was the hottest day in years, it was 100 deg on south porch, Jul 16, Joyce's music recital at Mary Ellen Roberts, June and Ruby attended, Rose sent Joyce a telegram from Milwaukee to wish her success, Jul 29, Brother Herman retired from railroad, his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, Aug 20, Clyde started school, his first day, Oct 18, Thermometer at 28 and everything is froze, first time in years it froze this early, Oct 24 Dad and I left for Milwaukee, visited with relatives and friends, Nov 22, Went to Frances's for lunch, for the first time in many years we were all six sisters and brothers together and at table to, Frances gave a toast to our health and remaining together a long time we laughed at reminisces of our childhood in New York and then later My Rose joined us and wee went from there to the buss station and left for home and arrived home Nov 23, Dec 24, had Christmas tree at our house, all were here but Rose, All are well at the end of the year 1948.

Wonder Who's Kissing Now, Bachelor and Bobbysoxer, Humoresgne, Fun and Fancy Free, Cry Wolf, Dolphin Street, Golden Earrings, Down to Rio, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Angel, Cass Timberlane, Life with Father, Captain from Castile, The Egg and I, Three Musketeers, Silver River,

## 1949 Significant Events

Feb 4, Mr [Mack] Wileman passed away at 9:00 P.M., Feb 5, Clyde got his hand in saw in the shop but not hurt bad, Feb 6, Attended funeral of Mr Wileman with June, Homer and Dad, Apr 12, Left for Hohenwald [with Herman and Flora], we ate our lunch at the Lewis Monument and then visited Wipps and drove all over the colony and then to Graces, Apr 13, Left Hohenwald by way of Nashville and visited old man Roth and Emma

Bessiere and Sidlers and had a bountiful dinner at Coleburg at Von Bergens before we left, it was a wonderful day, Jun 6, Homer's house got electricity lights, were on when they got home from here, Jun 24, Joyce and Rose left for Milwaukee by bus from Mt Eagle, Jul 7, Homer is still working on the school at Coalmont, he is foreman, Jul 9, Boy is spending two weeks with Clyde, Mrs Wileman visited us, Jul 10, Clyde went to spend a week with Boy Wileman, Sep 1, Homer was operated on for appendicitis by Dr Henry Kirby Smith at Hospital, Sewanee, Sept 20, left for Atlantic, Iowa by train, Sep 22, arrived in Atlantic, Iowa tired and dirty, Noble met us at the train, Sep 24, went to see our first out door theatre (drive in ) in Atlantic, Sep 30 Left Griswald for Wyoming, Oct 1, arrived at Dixon and found Rudy [brother of John Kunz] but he and John did not know each other, Oct 13, arrived in Milwaukee, Oct 28, arrived back in Tracy City, we had a wonderful trip, Nov 20, Our new [church] pipe organ was played for first Sunday service, Dec 24, All the family and Ingmans and Minklers had Christmas tree here, Art played Santa we sang carols all had a nice time, Dec 31, all is well at the end of year 49.

Hamlet, (grand show), Dawn of the West (at drive-in in Atlanta),

## **1950 Significant Events**

Jan 3, Homer working on church at Foster Falls, Homer got his head hurt rafter fell on him 3 stitches in his head, not serious, Jan 12, much rain, valley flooded, Jan 12, The new Gymnasium [high school] was dedicated, Jan 23, Lower grades moved into new school building [at Shook School], Jan 31, this was the warmest and rainiest January in years, Feb 2, Ruby went to work in Mt Eagle [for Grady Crownover at Colsons restaurant], Feb 14, Went to see Joyce play her first basketball game at the new gym, Feb 28, Monteagle Hotel and Bus station burned down about 6 P.M., Homer put a hardwood floor in his living room, Homer is taking his fence down around the house part, he also built him a nice shop, Mar 28, Went to school to hear the rhythm band, Lynda and Clyde were in it, Jul 20, Lynda will have tonsils and adenoids removed at Sewanee hospital today, Jul 24, Sister Frances is on her way to California by plane to see Wilfred, Aug 16, June went to hospital at 5 A.M. and boy was born at 11 A.M., Sep 28, The first Diesel Engine came to town, it will run on the mountain, Sep 30, Uncle Emil in Michigan passed away about the middle of the month, Bertha's father (Oehrli) ?, Oct 22, DuBose chapel,

Holy Comforter, burned, Dec 24, Family had Christmas tree at our house.  
Dec 30, Homer got his new truck, Chevrolet,

Wizard of Oz, Adams Rib, Bribe, Square Dance Jubilee, Cinderella, Riding High, Jungle,

## 1951 Significant Events

Jan 26, Left for Nashville to visit Margaret Darden and family, left Cowan on Dixie Flyer, Jan 27, Am at Darden's and it is raining and getting colder, Jan 28, raining and turning cold, fear of ice, Jan 29, the rain turned to ice, Jan 30, Everything is iced, trees covered with ice and traffic is at a standstill, Jan 31, All traffic is slowed, few vehicles are out, I am stranded, can't get home, Never since 1874 has there been such ice and damage to homes and telephone and light wires, Feb 1, Nashville almost all business houses are closed, trees are crashing everywhere, Feb 3, Still iced in, many homes have no heat nor lights, transportation is out, no busses running, can't get out of the house on account of ice, Feb 4, 13 below, Feb 10, Nashville thawed enough so I could get home after 2 ½ weeks late, Mar 20, Went to Shook School to hear concert by junior band and Joyce played three numbers, By the Blue Lagoon, Silver Slippers, Tennessee Waltz, Apr 15, Herman, Flora, Dad and I left for Hohenwald, Apr 16 Left Hohenwald for Colsburg and visited Von Bergens, May 6, Arthur Walters was sent to England as instructor in Air Force, Jun 10, The new Minister Rev Mr Hale preached first sermon, we all liked him fine, Sep 4, Sharers house (Emil's old place) (Mielies) burned to the ground, Ernest Ross burned to death in it, nothing was saved, Oct 19, My cat Fluffy was found dead by Clyde and Joyce, on highway, hit by a car, Oct 25, Dad and I left for Milwaukee for our golden Wedding anniversary, Nov 4, We had the surprise of our lives, a surprise party for our golden Wedding Anniversary with 43 relatives present, Nov 23, Returned home, Dec 21, Dad and I left for Florida with Homer and family to visit with Borresens, Dec 30, Returned home,

Halls of Montezuma, King Solomon's Mines,

## 1952 Significant Events

Feb 3, Mary Johnson and Anton came in on surprise visit [on their way to Hohenwald], Feb 22, I got my first pension check, Mar 11, Sister Frances was operated on, March 12, Got the kitten from Mrs. Betty Byrd, white with yellow spots, Apr 1, Mrs. Wileman is operated on, Herman got his toe smashed, he is in hospital in Sewanee, Apr 2, June the horse died in the night, Apr 9, Left for Hohenwald, had dinner at the Meriwether Lewis Monument, wonderful day, Apr 10, Left Hohenwald and stopped at Von Bergens for lunch and returned home, Apr 26, Mrs. Wileman died, May 28, Mr. Hale was Ordained, Jun 6, Ruby has Irene Hunt and husband from Chicago visiting, Jun 11, Ruby and Clyde left with Hunts to Chicago (returned on Jun 22), Jun 21 Herman left Spiegel and is working for Bennett, Jun 24, [Milwaukee] folks and Clyde went to Wonder Cave, Jul 4, Joyce won "Miss Independence", Jul 18, Ruby went to work at Crownovers, Jun 29, I went to Dr Henry Kirby-Smith, he found I was short on vitamin B1 but other wise pretty good, Oct 5, Dedication of Father Adamz Parish House, Father Adamz and Mrs. was present, Bishop Barth dedicated and spoke , we had dinner on the grounds, Oct 8, Dad and Jake Keel began tearing down the barn, Oct 20, Herman's car burned, Oct 22, Ray Schenk died, traveled to Milwaukee by bus to attend funeral, visited with family and returned home on Nov 14, Dec 14, Sister Frances died, traveled to Milwaukee for funeral, Dec 17, Frances was buried at Port Washington, Arthur (Wilfred) [her son] did not get there, Flora received word her uncle Simon Kappeler in New Philadelphia died of a heart attack, Dec 21, Wilfred came late for funeral, he was in Italy and was grounded several days on account of bad weather, Dec 23, returned home, Dec 24, We had [Christmas] tree at our house as usual, all my family were home for the first time in years, Dec 28, Father Adamz died,

A Place in the Sun, The Quiet Man,

## 1953 Significant Events

Jan 8, Homer is making a room up stairs in Herman's house for Clyde, May 12, Dolph Anderson died, Oct 24, Ruth and Eddie arrived for a visit, traveled to Hohenwald and ate lunch at the Lewis Monument and then to Graces and stayed for supper and returned home, Nov 3, went to town to vote on the 8<sup>th</sup>

amendment to the Constitution, Nov 5, traveled to Nashville by train and visited with the Dardens and returned on Nov 7, Nov 11, Someone stole the safe out of Jossis store, took it up to lake and smashed it open, no clues to the thieves, Nov 15, Nobel, Alma, Blanche and Grace Wasmer came from Iowa for a visit, Nov 20, first rain after 100 days, Dec 24, all the family were here at my house for Christmas tree except Rose,

The Sun Shines Bright, Seminole,

## **1954 Significant Events**

Feb 28, Went to Band Concert at High School auditorium, Joyce is in the band, snowing hard, Jun 11, Homer got his new station wagon, Jun 13, Foster Falls Church burned, set on fire they say, Jul 17, Golden anniversary of First National Bank of Tracy celebrated at Alvin Henderson's house, Oct 29, Dad and I went with June and family to Varnells Garage open house with parade and Governor Mc Cord speaking, Nov 9, Little Randy Sitz, Johnnies pal was shot and killed by his older brother, Nov 29, Herman started to work at Varnell's garage, Dec 24, Tree as usual was here at our house, all were here except Rose, Rose called Christmas eve and we called her Christmas morning to let her know gifts arrived Christmas morning, Mr Kilgore brought them down as they closed up Christmas Eve P.M.

Kiss Me Kate, Taming of the Shrew, Jubilee Trail, Conquest of Everest, Red Gators (the show was on the indecent side), Yankee Pasha,

## **1955 Significant Events**

Mar 25, Bad wind storm, rain and hail as large as walnuts fell, the wind took down that large hickory tree by Homers shop, smashed the end of the shop and wrecked Homers boat he was making, May 1, Lynda and Clyde were confirmed by Suffragan Bishop Van der Horst, after that we all went out for dinner at Clara's, then for a ride in the valley, it was a glorious day, May 11, I woke up in a dream after a crash of thunder and ran into the door to the living room and I have a beautiful black eye, May 15, Rose, Dad and I went to Commencement Sermon at High School 85 grads Joyce and Sookie one of them, with graduation on May19, Jul 28, Jossi are closing their store, Mr Louie Hasseler is closing his store, Aug 10, A better telephone was put in, not



new however, Jul 20, Eddie and family arrived for visit, all traveled to Hohenwald on July 22 to see Grace, she is in a wheel chair, Sep Joyce left for Milwaukee for a visit of about [2] weeks, Sep 18, Joyce left for school at Cookeville, she cried when she said good bye and hated to leave home, I am very lonely this P.M. to know she is gone , Ill miss her "Hay Gran", Sep 22 Herman, Flora, dad and I drove to Chattanooga and I bought some wool bat for Clyde's Comfort, Flora helped me with the top, and we finished it Sep 25, Nov 6, Homer, June , Dad and I went to Hohenwald to see Flora and Herman and the Kistlers, was a nice day and we all had a nice time, we all took our dinner, Nov 26, The fair building burned completely down, between 9 and 10 P.M., they suspect it was set on fire, Dec 13, Rudy Kunz [brother of John Kunz] from Wyoming, came to spend Christmas, Dec 24, Christmas tree at our house as usual including Rudy Kunz from Wyoming, Dec 31, Joyce ran off and got married last nite, Herman hunted her all nite,

The Egg and I, Wai-Ki-Ki, Jupiter's Daughter, A Man Called Peter,

## **1956 Significant Events**

Jan 1, We are all very sad and in tears, Joyce was married last nite at Rossville [Georgia], Jan 16, Herman went to work in Nashville, Jan 24, Rudy [Rudy Kunz brother of John Kunz] left for home, Jan 16, Went to school to see Lynda, Martha and Billie Van Geary in a program, they sang a Swiss song, "The Herdsman", one verse they sang in Swiss, another Swiss song they sang in English, Lynda played the accordion, Feb 26, Anton Johnson passed away in Omaha, May 15, Went to Shook School to see Clyde graduate from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 54 in class, Jun 3, There was frost and ice, Jul 4, The worst 4<sup>th</sup> July ever, we had a terrible lightning and hail storm , it struck the tree on the highway in front of [Byron] Roberts, the hail ruined gardens all over Tracy, damaged ours too but not like in town and north Tracy and east, it damaged windows and roofs and blew trees , there was several inches of hail in town and lawns covered with minced leaves and ruined the Legions tents and stands , they had to put off fireworks for two weeks hence, Aug 25, Ruby and Clyde went to Nashville to the company picnic that Herman works for, Sep 15, Herman and Ruby went to the Big Sink for the weekend, Clyde went too, it is very warm, Nov 13, Dad and I went to Geary's and bought our T.V. a Zenith \$293, Dec 24, Christmas tree at our house,

Kismet, Sir Quentin Durward Time 1469, The Lady and the Tramp, The Kentuckian, Country Girl, Birds and the Bees, man in the Gray Flannel Suite, Baby,

## 1957 Significant Events

Jan 1, Took tree down and watched the Tournament of Roses from Pasadena, the parade lasted 3 hours, Colossal, Jan 31, Joyce's baby was born just before midnight [Gwendolyn Kay], we are "Great Grands", Mar 2, Cass Wasmer died in an auto wreck near Griswald Iowa, May 15, traveled to Milwaukee for Rose and Paul's golden Wedding Anniversary, visited with relatives and friend and did sight seeing, visited Frances grave, went to see Uncle Ernest at the convalescent home, I am beginning to tire, I can no longer keep this pace, returned home on Jun 4, Jun 12, we got our kitten from Ruby, gray striped, Jun 23, Gwendolyn Kay Ladd was Christened by Rev Hale at our church, Jul 4, Homer and a Mr Roberts staked off the ground for the addition to All Saints Cathedral, the 100 Anniversary of the founding of Sewanee University South, the celebration on Lookout Mt was the founding of the first layout but was never built, Aug 27, Mary Johnson died , at nite in sleep, Oct 3, left for Milwaukee for sister Ann's Golden Wedding Anniversary by bus and returned home Oct 11, Dec 24, Christmas tree at our house, all the family, four generations, were here except Rose, Dec31, All is well with us as the year goes out.

The Giant, Boy on a Green Dolphin,

## 1958 Significant Events

Jan 16, Dad received letter that his sister Mary died Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, 1957, Mar 14, Went to Operetta, Windmills of Holland, Lynda and Clyde were in it (members of the band), Mar 19, Joyce's baby was born in Winchester Clinic, baby named Stephanie Gayle, all is fine, Apr 16, Dedication of new Post Office, I went with June, May 11, I went to church, the young folks had the service, Clyde the Sermon, Lynda the Lessons, nice service, Jun 28, Clyde left for Florida with Nunleys of Coalmont [Buds Nunley of Lager], Joyce's baby

girl Stephanie was christened, Dec 24, Christmas Eve, all were here but Rose, Robert sent \$50 to divide among the family,

## 1959 Significant Events

Jan 12, Puddles, Clyde's dog, got killed on the highway, Jan 14, Mrs Judy Clark, Home Economics teach came over to take a picture of me and the sperngerlie rolling pin and the recipe, Feb 15, Will Kappeler died, Mar 2, Dad went to Dr Littell about his foot, he was told to stop smoking, will be a tough time, he was given penicillin [He told grandson Clyde that "the Dr has played the devil with him" telling him to stop smoking], Mar 23, Diesel [train] engine set the grass and weeds on fire down by the track and the wind was high and it burned furiously up toward the house. I had to call the fire engine, it had come into the house lot before it was put out, the fires were set all the way down to the Bryant's and Kenneth Jones's, Apr 7, Herman and Flora arrived, Apr 12, Herman, Flora, Dad and I had dinner down at Homers and then we went to the Dedication of the Carillon bells at Sewanee, Apr 20, Herman and Flora left for Hohenwald, Apr 29, Dad is not at all well, cannot walk much, May 12, Dad is not well at all, May 18, dad is still very sick, his foot is giving him a lot of trouble, May 12, The red rambler rose "Blaze" is blooming gorgeously for the first time on the lattice by the house, it is really "Blaze", May 28, We had to call Dr Charles Littell for Dad, he said his heart was bad and prescribed Digitalis, May 30, Dad is very sick, May 31, We called Dr Littell, Jun 1, Dad is still very sick, Homer or Clyde spends the nite, Jun 2, Rose came home, Dad is still very sick [at this point he did not recognize her]. Jun 3, I went uptown to do the monthly business that Dad always did, he is very, very, sick and under sedatives, Jun 4 Daddy is very sick, he is being given glucose by Dr Littell, Jun 5, dad is still critical, the children are all here, Father Toal came today but Daddy does not know anybody, Jun 7, Murray Arbuckle came to shave Dad and Father Toal to give him another hypodermic, Jun 8, Dad is very low, Jun 9 Daddy passed away at quarter to five P.M. after much suffering of several weeks, I was at his side when he passed, Jun 12, Daddy's funeral at 2 P.M. at church, [burial] in a downpour of rain, had to wait till the rain was over, he had a very large number of floral pieces, Jun 19, Rose is gone to Sewanee to see about a place to work, she wants to stay in Tracy, She secured the job and will be back in August, Jun 21, Clyde stayed with me at nite, I was very lonesome, Jun 22, It is very lonely in this house, I am writing the "thank you" cards to those

sending flowers to Dad, Jul 8, Clyde went to Nunley's for the nite and they are leaving for Florida in the morning, Aug 8. Herman came home from Nashville to stay and work in Tracy again [Varnells], Aug 21, Rose came home last nite from Milwaukee to live with me, Aug 25, Herman and Clyde are cutting the hedge shorter and taking the fence away, Sep 16 Joyce and Lawrence's boy was born, named Russell Edward, Sept 21, Clyde is mowing the lawns, Sep 28, Joyce brought her new baby boy to see me for the first time, Sep 29, My 79<sup>th</sup> birthday and feeling very good, all the family except Lynda were here, Joyce and her children were here and that made four generations present, nice but I missed Dad, Oct 6, traveled to Milwaukee with Mr and Mrs Ernest Stevens, visited with relatives and friends and returned home Oct 28 with Eddie and Ruth, Nov 9, Ralph Crick put up the grave marker for Dad and mine, Dec 24, Christmas Eve tree at Homers this year and was lonely without Dad.

## **1960 Significant Events**

Feb 13, We are having a bad snowstorm, it is 11 A.M. and the snow is ten inches deep and still snowing, [later in the day] 18 inches of snow, Mar 2, We woke up to one of the worst ice storms, the worst I have ever seen on this mountain, Mar 3, Trees are crashing down all over, our south yard is solid with fallen limbs and split trees, no electricity, no phones, no TV and no water, we have a fire in the fireplace only, heat water and soup on it, Mar 4, electricity was turned on and we are very thankful, sure is a pitiful sight with all the tree tops off and debris strewn all over, Chattanooga, Monteagle, Tracy City and Sewanee were declared a disaster area, May 27, Clyde graduates this 8 P.M. Rose and I went, 105 graduates, the largest class in history of high school, Jun 27, Mrs Gassman and daughter from Hohenwald stopped in on way home from Marietta Ga, daughter is Mrs. Shieweider, Jun 28, Russell Edward Ladd was Christened a Monteagle at Holy Comforter Church, Johnny and Clyde were godfathers and Mrs Goodson Godmother, Jul 1, Our new minister Rev Sharkey and family moved into the Rectory, Jul 22, I went to Sewanee to see dedication of a Plaque (Tablet) for all those who worked on All Saints Chapel and they all received a medal, all the over 100 names are on this tablet, Sep 17, Clyde went off to school at Cookeville to T.P.I., he went with the Nunley boy of Lager, Nov 2, Left with Eddie and Ruth for Milwaukee and visited with relatives and returned home with Tekie and Billie on Nov 4, Dec 9, went to Nashville by train to visit Dardens and

returned on Dixie Flyer on Dec 14, Dec 24, Christmas Eve at our house, all were present, Dec 31, New years Eve party at Parish House, Rose went, I sat up till 1 O'clock and watched Times Square in N.Y. celebrate the New Year, sort of made me homesick, Old year went out in the rain, All of the Kunz families are well and good.

## **1961 Significant Events**

Jan 20, We watched the President J. F. Kennedy's Inauguration and parade, Feb 7, Ordination of Mr. Sharkey, it was a wonderful service and the largest we ever had, we fed near 150 people, Mar 1, News came of Mr Byron Roberts death, Mar 2, Mr [Ray] Ingman died in Vet's hospital in Nashville, Mar 4, Rose and I went to the funeral service of Mr Ingman, his remains were sent to Birmingham for cremation and sometime to be scattered off the bluff near Ingman's home, Mar 23, I left by train for Milwaukee to attend Herman and Flora's Golden Wedding anniversary, I met Grace Kistler in Nashville to go with me, visited with family and friends and returned home on Apr 8, Apr 15, My mothers birthday, she would be 107. May 11, Rose and I went to graduation of Lynda and Louise, 141 graduated, May 27, The coldest morning on record, 33 deg and ice in some places on the mountain but the wind was blowing hard so it did not frost, June and I went uptown to see the passenger train come with 13 cars the first in 35 years, it was an excursion train from Chattanooga, May 28, A record breaking cold spell 29 deg at Crossville and frost damage was heavy all over Tenn., Jul 21, Astronaut [Grissom] made a successful flight, Aug 13, Herman is fixing to leave his job at the Varnell Garage, he will work for Homer, Sep 7, Clyde cut his toes [big toe] with an ax while camping at Salt Peter Cave [Little Foster Falls], is in a cast and he on crutches, Dec 24, Family Christmas tree here at our house,

## **1962 Significant Events**

Feb 6, Kenneth Jones was elected Mayor, he had finished out Mayor Hoosier's term, Feb 13, It was 78 deg here, it was 84 in Nashville, it broke all records for February, Feb, 20, Grand day, I am watching [on TV] John Glenn in orbit in a rocket going around the earth at 17,500 miles an hour, 100 miles up, the whole world is very excited, May 5, I went to the Dr Kirby-Smith for more examination, he told me I was in fine health for my age (82 in next Sep), gave me no prescriptions, blood pressure a little high but not alarming, rheumatics or bursitis are natural in old age, May 12, Very hot, 93 deg,

hottest day for May on record, May 24, Astronaut Scott Carpenter is in space capsule named Aurora, he is now going around for the third time, he landed at 250 miles away from where he should have on account of some mechanical malfunction, Sep 12, Hottest day on record for Sep 96 deg, Sep 15, Mrs. Hunzicher and Mabel Roddy Metcalf, Ida Hunzicher Sigler and I looked over All Saints [chapel in Sewanee] and I fell going out the door of the War Memorial Chapel and hurt myself in the back, but we went to lunch at Claramount anyway, but I had to go to bed when I got home *[there were numerous diary entries over the next several months with a slow and painful recovery from this back injury]*, Oct 3, Astronaut Shirra is in orbit, he made 5 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  rounds and landed in the Pacific, Dec 24, All the family, four generations, were at our [Christmas] tree.

## 1963 Significant Events

Jan 12, I finished crosskicking a shirt for Hannah Thompson (Lynda is giving her), Jan 13, Griff Sharkey, Rev Sharkey's son was hit by a car by the church while sleigh riding, he died in Chattanooga hospital a few hours later, Jan 24, 15 below and 20 below in some places on the mountain, Kingston Springs Tenn. had the lowest temp in nation 30 below, Feb 16, Joyce's baby was born, it was born with defects and was taken to the Children's Hospital in Chattanooga, the baby was christened Marlin Van Ladd, Apr 1, It is hot, 86 deg in Nashville and broke all records for 1<sup>st</sup> of April, May 1, Cold 34 deg, this is the coldest on record for May 1<sup>st</sup>, the weatherman said, May 15, Astronaut Gordon Cooper is in orbit around the earth, May 16, Astronaut Gordon Cooper is still in orbit, 17<sup>th</sup>, going for 22 "rounds". Gordon Cooper the Astronaut made a safe landing after 33 hours in orbit, 22 rounds, Name of capsule "Faith 7", Jun 17, Lynda's knee was operated on this noon, she is doing fine after the operation, Nov 3, Rose went with Omalee and Mary Ellen and Mrs. Marion Bonholzer to the dedication of St Bede's Church in Manchester, Nov 22, Just received bulletin on T.V. President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas Texas and died 1 P.M. CST our time, Nov 25, I watched TV all day, funeral services and burial of President Kennedy, it was the greatest procession etc. I ever saw, or ever was in the history of this country, Representatives of every country were present, there were no programs on TV, no commercials of any kind for three whole days, just continuous news and eulogies of the president (news papers on the subject are up stairs in the scrapbook and box), Dec 24, All the family, four

generations were at our [Christmas] tree with a three inch snow, Dec 29, We got a telephone message from Ohio, Mrs. Kappeler died from a heart attack.

## 1964 Significant Events

Jan 1, A 14 inch snow and 10 above, Feb 22, Joyce moved into the new house, May 19, Rose and I went to John Eric's [Kunz] graduation, 110 graduated, May 21, Went up to see the eighth grade out in Shock School, Fritz goes into high school in the fall, the last one of my "Grands", Jun 17, Tinker (kitten) is missing, he did not come in last nite, June 18, We found tinkler, the painters heard him "Hollering" in a tree in the barn lot, Oct 23, Watching Ex. President Hoover's funeral procession going in the Capitol to lie in state for 2 days, He was in St Bartholomew's Church in N. Y. City for a day, Nov 3, Election day, President L. B. Johnson was elected by a landside, 34,128,864 to 24,741,620, I did not get to vote because I did not gat a way to go, Nov 4, My 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary, Dec 21, Got a card from Rudy Kunz and said his wife Amy died on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dec 24, All the 4 generations except Daddy were here for the [Christmas] tree (16 in all), Dec 30, Herman went to the hospital in Knoxville (yesterday), Dec 31, "Tinker" [the cat] spent the night out,

## 1965 Significant Events

Jan 1, Clyde went to Knoxville to see his Daddy, Joyce and Ruby went along, Jan 9, Homer, June, Rose and Ruby and I went to Knoxville in the pouring rain to see Herman, Jan 12, This is Robert Walter's birthday (59<sup>th</sup>) [Robert Walter Kunz infant son of Mr and Mrs John Kunz was born on Jan 12 1906 and died at age six months], Jan 22, Homer went to Knoxville to see Herman, Feb 4, Herman came home today, Father Sharkey went after him with Ruby, Feb 11, A record high for February, 74 deg, Mar 2, Tinker is no more, we found him dead out by the road near the drive way, we think he got hit by a car, Mar 10, The house in Dutch Town we sold to Charles's when we built this one burned last nite, Homer and Herman were born there, Mar 18, "Tinkie" our cat died of distemper, Mar 23, I am watching the Space Craft Gemini, it made a perfect take off and came back, May 13, Ruby's cat has one baby kitten, Jun 3, Received call from Dorothy that my brother Rob passed away, Jun 4, I am leaving for Milwaukee with John E. [Kunz] on Dixie Flyer,

Jun 5, Attended brother Bob's funeral, returned home on Jun 11, and attended a wedding rehearsal dinner for Clyde and Hannah, Jun 12, Clyde and Hannah's wedding at 2 pm, it rained hard but let up for the Wedding, they left immediately after for the Smokies on their honeymoon, Jul 12, We got the little white kitten today, Jul 31, Cool, a record 58 [deg], Aug 28, We left for Cookeville to be at Lynda's graduation, Homer, June, Mrs Borrensen and I, was very impressing thing , Sep 29, My 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, feeling fine, Oct 3, Our cat "Tinkie" died this early am, had been sick of we don't know what for nearly a week, Oct 14, Homer brought my gun, a 28 [a 28 gage, double barrel shotgun] he had it fixed, put stock on, I made him a present of it, as I can no longer handle one, too heavy, it is double barrel, it was given to me by Old Man Von Bergen a friend of Dads and mine in Nashville and top air brake man of the N.C.& St. L. Railroad, Dec 5, The "Gemini" with two Astronauts is in space for 14 days, Gemini 7, Dec 24, All 4 generations were here at the Christmas [tree] and this year a new member of the family, Clyde's wife Hannah, 17 in all, Dec 31, Fritz fooling with dynamite caps got his finger tips on two fingers shot off,

## **1966 Significant Events**

Jan 1, All is not good this am, I am not to well and Fritz has hurt fingers, fore finger off below joint and left hand and tip of thumb, from exploding powder he was making a terrific blast to usher in 1966, He also had a tear on his ribs and had to be stitched, Jan 6, Tom Mike Parmley and his German wife and two children came to see us , their 11 week old baby was christened this morning in church, Patrick Michel, Jan 19, John Ritter died this evening, Mar 5, Ruby went to work at Harvey Thomas's [restaurant], Mar 11, I am watching the launching of Gemini 8 and Agena one to meet the other [each other] in space, Apr 5, Lynda was operated on for emergency appendicitis last nite, May 8, Miss Franklin Abernathy died this am, Aug 17, [Traveled to Milwaukee with Eunice Baldwin by car, visited with friends and relatives, visited her Mother's and Grandfather's graves and returned home Aug 28 by car with Eddie and Ruth Stamm in air conditioned car] , Sep 22, June, Lynda and I went to visit Clyde and Hannah at their home in Tullahoma, Sep 29, My 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, feeling fine, Dec 24, Christmas Eve, All were here but Joyce, Lawrence and Marlin, they were at the hospital in Chattanooga, it was the first time in Joyce's life she was not at the tree, all of the rest of the families were [here],



## **1967 Significant Events**

Mar 5, Lynda brought her 'Intended' husband to meet us for the first time, seems like a very nice person, Max Harper is his name, Mar 11, An all time record for 11 March of 83 degrees in Nashville, Apr 29, We move up our clocks one hour for the daylight saving time first time in Tenn. (outside war time), Jun 11, Lynda's wedding day and June's Birthday, sure was nice wedding, wedding was at 3 pm, Lynda sure looked nice, Jul 15, One of the coolest days on record 46 deg, Jul 20, Someone blew up the city pump house and both pumps, Aug 17, Left for Milwaukee at Monteagle on Express Bus, it made only 4 stops between Monteagle and Chicago, [visited with friends and relatives and returned home on Aug 30], Nov 9, A large Apollo rocket was set off this am, it was the largest ever, Dec 24, Christmas Eve, All were here, 17 including Hannah and Max,

## **1968 Significant Events**

Jan 19, Miss Viola Kelley's ashes was buried in their lot in City Cemetery, [from her obit, Miss Kelly was 96 years of age, having been born in September of 1871 in Grundy County, her parents were Alfred and Ameli (Law) Kelly, pioneer settlers of the area, her grandfather, G. F. Law was the engineer on the first train that came up the mountain from Cowan. Also, she ran a private school in Dutchtown which was attended by Rose and Johnnie Kunz], Feb 19, John [John Eric Kunz] was given a scholarship, [Bruce Scholarship] of \$500 from University of the South, Mar 23, 16 deg, the coldest on record for March, Mar 25, Homer got his foot hurt today, some bones broken, it is in a cast, a wheel of an elevator they were moving ran over it, Mar 31, Last nite President Johnson announced he would not run for another term, Apr 4, News bulletin came on TV Martin Luther King was shot in Memphis, he died instantly, Apr 26, Clyde and Hannah's baby boy was born, May 20, I went to see my 5<sup>th</sup> Great Grandchild (Clyde's son) the baby sure is a healthy baby, Jun 5, Senator R. F. Kennedy was shot and critically wounded at Los Angeles last midnight, Jun 6, Senator R. F. Kennedy died this a.m., Jun 9, John Eric's graduation at All Saints Chapel, sure was and impressive thing, Jun 13, Clyde and Hannah moved to Manchester, Jun 14, Cold day in June, it was a record for June 45 deg, Jul 4, an all time low temperature for July in Tennessee 52 deg, Jul 6, Clyde, Hannah and baby

stopped, I gave Stacy Herman's baby spoons, they were given to Herman 55 years ago when he was 5 months old, Jul 8, News came that Maude (Berry) Roddy died in her sleep last nite [her obituary stated "Mrs. Roddy, an accomplished musician and well known resident of this area, was organist for First Methodist Church here at the age of six. She was too small to reach the pedals of the organ and an elder sat with her and pedaled the musical instrument."], Aug 1, Election day, for the first time I did not go up to vote, I lost interest, "Politics" are to "Conflicting", Sep 2, Rose and I went to Manchester to the Christening of Stacy Thompson Kunz, Clyde and Hannah's son, Oct 4, earliest frost on record here, Oct 23, John [John Eric Kunz] left to go into the Navy, Nov 1, Mrs. Dolph (Bertha Hassler) Anderson died this pm [Bertha Anderson and Mrs. John Kunz were close friends for many years, her obituary stated "Mrs. Anderson was born in Switzerland but came while still a child with her parents to Tracy City"], Nov 7, We got a kitten (Maltese) from Ingmans, named it "Tinker", Dec 24, the family was here [for Christmas tree], Anna Lee was the extra one this year,

## **1969 Significant Events**

Jan 20, I was watching the inauguration of our 37<sup>th</sup> President Richard M. Nixon, all day after inauguration the parade with floats, Apr 6, Easter Sunday, John could not come, there was a curfew put on in Memphis on account of riot troubles so the Military could not go out either, Apr 26, We found Tinker [the cat that had been missing for several days] in a tree in the south yard 40 feet up, Apr 28, The Co Op men got Tinker out of the tree with the big thing they use to put lights in the tall street lights, Tinker was very thirsty and nervous, he slept most of the day, May 15, Jossi's big red barn next to the store building burned down this am about 3 o'clock (arson), Jul 16, The astronauts are on the way to the moon, Jul 20, Michael Collins piloted the space ship, Jul 20, We had our eyes on TV and watched the Man landing on the moon, the greatest thing in all history, it was 17 minutes after 3 pm our time, We saw the two men Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin climb out of the moon nodule onto the moon and we watched them plant the U. S. flag and medals and memorials for those who died working on the sciences and space ships, Jul 21, The astronauts are now back in space (Neil Armstrong and Alden ) to meet Collins the pilot , The astronauts are now "hooked" up again with Collins pilot [of the] "module", Aug 7, Our cat Tinkie had kittens last nite, four of them, Aug 23, This is a record temperature for here in

Tennessee, 54 deg, We, Herman and I took the kittens down from under the floor and put them in box under stairs, five of the cute and fatties, Dec 24, We will have the Christmas tree here once again, all of the family, all 4 generations were present, 19 of us and “one on the way” will arrive in March to Hannah and Clyde, Dec 28, Father Moore bought me communion (the bread only) and that to me is not the communion,

## 1970 Significant Events

Jan 31, Mrs [Mary Jane Tidman] Bonhozer [age 92, widow of Kaspar A Bonholzer] died this am, I will be so lonely without her to talk to each other on the phone as both of us are sort of “house bound”, Feb 1, 46 years ago Mary Elizabeth Church was born, I helped bring her into the “world”, Mar 5, Clyde and Hannah’s baby girl was born 11.28 pm, named Holly, Mar 21, I fell in the nite and broke my wrist on left hand, Apr 15, Astronauts are coming back, they were struck by an asteroid, Apr 16, Astronauts are on their way down, they did not get t the moon, Apr 21, I am reading old Day-Books Diaries back as far as 1932, was surprised how much I have forgotten, May 29, John and Anna Lee came in, now are man and wife, were married in Florida, Jacksonville, June 22, Lynda and Max’s daughter (baby) was born today, her name is Mary Caroline, Sep 1, Rose was retired from her “job” at the University because of the retirement age, she was 67 in August, She [is] assistant to Mr Ware today, Sep 3, Received word of Alma Wasmer’s death in Griswold Iowa, died Aug 22, Sep 6, Lela Buckley passed away this pm, she has been sick a long time, we will miss her as she and Omalee came here a lot to see us, Sep 16, We received word that Troy Darden died, Sep 27, Russell Ladd was confirmed by bishop sanders at Holy Comforter, Sep 29, well, today is my Birthday, I am 90 years old, Nov 3, Elections took up the [most] of the TV, it went for Republicans the most part, the first time in 50 years, I did not vote, I would have voted Republican too, Dec 24, We are not having the tree this time till pm 25<sup>th</sup>, Dec 25, All are coming here for dinner and tree and gifts later, 22 were present which is all the Kunz families, Dec 27, Clyde and Hannah’s baby girl was christened,

## 1971 Significant Events

Jan 1, A white New Year, all the Kunz families are O.K., Jan 5, Mrs. W. J. Jossi died this PM, Feb 3, Lynda and family moved to Mount Juliet and sold their trailer, Feb 4, "Burge" Roddy died last nite, Feb 5, The three astronauts went up to the moon today, Shepard, Mitchell and Roose, Feb 9, the astronauts are back from the moon and in good shape, we watched them as they splashed down in the South Central Pacific Ocean, that ends the Apollo 14 nine days flight in which the astronauts spent 33 and 1/2 hours on the moon, Feb 10, there was a terrible earth quake in California, many people killed and injured, Mar 11, News came that a son was born to John and Anna Lee and all is fine, Apr 11, Easter, It's a grand day, I went to church and then to Omalees for dinner, I am so thankful all fine today, May 4, After supper Ruby came over and showed a bed spread of her mothers over 100 years old (white woven), May 9, Mothers Day and a fine day, I received many lovely cards and I am now a great grand mother to 8, I am now 90 years old and this September if I still live, 91, May 26, our banker John and Mrs. Stiller disappeared, Jul 26, Three astronauts went to the moon this am, Aug 26, Lynda and Max's baby boy was born this pm, named Jason, Sep 29, my 91<sup>st</sup> birthday and I am very well, Clyde and Hannah sent me a vase of flowers, Oct 3, The whole families of Kunz's were here for the annual picnic dinner and 26 were here , the three new babies, fine day, Dec 24, We had the Christmas Tree here at home and 24 which is all of , 7 are great grands, two visitors,

## 1972 Significant Events

Jan 20, Homer and June went to Wyoming to see Rudy Kunz, Mar 16, Rose and I went to Mrs. Hunzickers birthday 100<sup>th</sup>?, Apr 16, Ruby's Aunt Mrs. [Ada Henley] Keel was buried, Apr 21, the astronauts are on the moon, Apr 28, News came by Ruby that Herman had a finger cut off at his work, May 5 Mr Nickelson paid us a visit, he is editor of the Grundy County Herald, Mr and Mrs Nickolson were here last evening and brought some more Heralds for me to send to old friends and relatives and to look at my quilts I made some long ago, May 15, the bad news came in on TV that Governor Wallace was shot when he was making a speech in Maryland, he was shot in the back and gravely wounded but will survive, May 21, A reporter from the Nashville

Banner was here to get article as what some senior citizens are doing, May 28, Fritz was taken to St Thomas Hospital in Nashville, has vertebra broken in his neck, his lower limbs are paralyzed, we [hope] temporally, Jun 9, the Nashville banner reporters were here , took my picture and information of my life where I was born and my daily “doings”, etc and a photo of me and one of my quilts I made, Jun 25, some more people came from Nashville to look at my quilts and wanted to buy them but I am not selling any, Aug 20, we received word from a neighbor, Mr Johns of Rudy Kunz that Rudy died in his sleep while taking a nap, Sep 28, Received word that my sister Anna [Stamm] Schenk died Sep 27, Oct 27, Herman C. Kunz (My Herman) went to the hospital in Sewanee, he is sick man, Oct 28, Herman in oxygen after a heart attack, Nov 4, Herman passed away, Mom and Dads 71<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary, Nov 6, Herman looked so nice in his Marine uniform, he requested years ago to bury him in this uniform, funeral at 2 pm, Nov 19, I still hurt over Herman’s death, and I recall in memory how everything went against him especially when he wanted to learn the plumbing trade and the depression had come on this country and no one hired anyone and that was the beginning of his disappointment, Nov 23, Thanksgiving Day, Seemed that Herman should have come in to sit and look at football games, we miss him so much, Dec 12, The Company Store burned down last nite, Dec 24, [There was no family Christmas tree at the John Kunz home this year for the first time in many years, this family tradition has now transitioned to the next generations with each family beginning a new tradition],

## 1973 Significant Events

Jan 1, New Year 1973, All is well with the Kunz families, all but my Dear Son Herman who passed away in Nov 4, 1972,

*[from this point in time most entries are made by Rose Kunz Quinn as Mrs. John Kunz has more and more difficulty writing],*

Apr 30, This am John E. and June came and got my quilting frames, the ones that Allen Summers made, to take to Lynda, is her birthday. I quilted a many a quilt on these frames, May 23, Letter from Uncle Herman today saying they are breaking up housekeeping, going into the Masonic Home at Dousman, they have many Masonic and Eastern Star friends there, Uncle Herman 90 years [old], Aunt Flora 88 years [old], Aug 4, Three murders,

Alvin Seagrove shot and killed three people in an effort to kill his wife, she was seriously wounded, three others dead, took his child from ex wife and took to his mother then he escaped, he was paroled from prison three days before! Oct 1, Enjoying [the visit of] Uncle Herman Stamm, Aunt Rose Buckethal, the last living of their family of six brothers and sisters, Dec 24, Christmas Eve Day, Clyde, Hannah, Stacy, and Hollie, Joyce, Gwen, Stephanie and Ruby came in for family exchanges, served refreshments, Dec 25, Christmas Day, Mom and I spent a quiet and relaxing day,

## **1974 Significant Events**

Jan 6, Daylight time in effect today because of energy crisis, Oma Lee Abernathy Garthwaite passed away today very quietly, was invalid for a year from light stroke, Mom and I had missed her visits with us, we use to have fun!, Feb 7, Oma Lee Garthwait (69) funeral, Mom and I went, a very devoted and close friend since childhood days, I'll miss her very, very much, Feb 27, Mom fell on living room floor and broke hip last evening, and was taken to the hospital in Sewanee for surgery, Mar 30, Mom came home from hospital this am, much improved, Apr 11, Good Friday, I dyed Easter Eggs with onion skins like Mom did, An old European method, May 26, Fritz Kunz graduated B.S. in Forestry, Jun 7, John Kunz received Masters of forestry from graduate school in U. T. Knoxville, Sep 29, Mom's 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Entire family (23) were at Homer and June's for family [birthday] dinner, Hannah had the birthday cake made, received many lovely cards and gifts, Mom went to cemetery to see Herman's grave, Oct 11, David Quinn, brother of my husband, died Sep 29, He was a Mil [military ?] surgeon many years with veterans hospitals, 24 Dec, [family members stopped by at various times during the day to visit for Christmas Eve],

## **1975 Significant Events**

Jan 1, Mom suddenly could not read, happened while reading, Jan 2, still in wheelchair after hip surgery, Jan 17, Rudy Church's birthday, Mom talked to him by phone, Jan 27, Born to John and Anna Lee Kunz a girl [Alicia Nicole] at Emerald Hodgen Hospital, Mar 28, Good Friday, I dyed eggs with onion skins as our grand and great grandmothers did in Germany, Switzerland and Norway, Mar 31, This afternoon Mom had three light heart attacks, Homer and I took her to Dr, Apr 17, Mom had a slight stroke during the nite, her

mind came and went, I'm very concerned, May 11, Mom and I traveled with Homer and family to Lynda's for the day, Mom stood the trip real well, May 11, first day of three ice men, May 20, Went to Gwendolyn Ladd's graduation, she is my great niece, May 25, Marlin Ladd confirmed today at Holy Comforter, Monteagle, Aug 2, Fritz B. Kunz and Beverly Campbell were married this afternoon at Ingman Bluff, Dec 10, Born to Stephanie Ladd, Tonya Michelle, Dec 24, 25, family members stopped in from time to time for Christmas visits,

## **1976 Significant Events**

Dec 25, Entire family here for Tree and lunch;

Busy year for me so I did not finish diary!

## **1977 Significant Events**

May 9, Mom became very ill suddenly at noon, took her to hospital, heart attach , went with ambulance, [Mrs. John Kunz was in and out of the hospital several times between May 9 and Aug 10 when she passed away] Rose Kunz Quinn made the last diary entry, "So a chapter endith with our Dear Mother, Marie Magdalene Stamm Kunz, she was a tower of strength to her family, and left a legacy of wisdom, her friends were many, she will be sadly missed (Rose).

## **1979 Significant Events**

Mar 23, The home place was sold today to Senior Citizens Corp, Mom and Dad built this home spring of 1914, 12 acres of land, Homer and I (Rose) have mixed emotions, really hate to give it up, Rose will live in one of the apartments to be built on the property, Aug 7, "Tinkie" the cat died this afternoon, Mom's pet, so much company, she lived 2 years after Mom passed away."