

Jan. 3rd 1951.

The status of the Edgar Rice family
this beginning of 1951.

Edgar and I came to Salisbury last
Sat. the 30th of Dec.

We having a fine visit with Alice and
Gabe. Mon. if all is well, will be going
on to Texas.

Nancy has been spending a couple
of weeks in Mich. at Janis and Erwin's
Gabe has been a mail clerk, running
between Chi. and Kansas City, for
nearly thirty two years. Nancy in her
last year in High school. A good swimmer,
pianist, Alice very much interested
and active in Girl Scouts.

All nature study and a great reader.
Knows a great deal about the stars.

Knits hours on end. 50 years old
1st. of Nov. 1950. Nancy will be seventeen
the 24 of Jan.

The Ashley Lyman Rices are just
starting their fifth year in Mason.
He has been very successful with
his Chevrolet sales and Service.
Roberta will be 12 years old the third
of Mar. A very fine reader. Is taking

music lessons. They have been making extensive decorations in their house. Alberta not as well as I would like to see her. So very thin Ashley will be forty seven the 10th of April. Strong, straight and well very active in the affairs of mason.

Oba and Cal Wheeler living in So Haven as they have since they were married Feb. 19 1927.

Cal working for the city as he has since a boy in High School. Now has full charge of electric gang.

Jack graduated from Houghton College in '50, in Electrical Engineering. Doesn't know just what he is going to do. Has made application to some firm in Benton Harbor. So just 22 New Years day 1951.

Lois a Senior in High School.

Nina and Bill Bryant have been three years in Austin Tex.

Billie came to live with them about Nov. 49. Nina worked at Public Health until Billie came. Since then has worked on Billie.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1947

1st
Day

Happy New Year

364 Days
to come

Edward and Be-Harry farming in West-Caso. Walter 12; Steven 8; Lucinda 9; and Debbie will be 1st the 4th of April.

Shirley and Jim Davis have been living in Baugor since Aug-49. Jim will finish Barber School in Chi. Jan 13. Expect to work in Baugor. Shirley working for International Harvester Co. Jimmie going strong in school.

Bob and June with their family went to Germany in July -49. Are living in Oberammergau, the home of the Passion Play. The play was given this past year for the first time in thirteen years. Bob was sent back to the States about a month ago, for some special training, I suppose. Is at #Running Sa. now. Sharon and Stathy were six and four in Sept. Robert Jr. was two the 16 of Mar.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1947

2nd
Day

363 Days
to come

Janis and Erwin Bennett and Susan six, the second of Jan. First-year in school and just loving it. Janis will be four the 25th of Jan. Tiny and red headed and Betty will be three the 8th of June takes at last one to keep up with her living on their farm on Bennett road, south and west of Tibbie.

This is a little of the status of the family this beginning of 1951. I am going to keep a diary, of sorts, this year. Not every day but from time to time as the spirit moves me.

Sun. Jan 7. Still at Alice's. Expect to start for Austin tomorrow noon. Have had a very pleasant week. Resting reading, sewing and talking. Nancy spent the Christmas vacation with Janis in Michigan. Alice and I went down town Tues. and I bought a new green coat and a red jersey dress. Pretty gay for an old girl. Have made three aprons. Haven't gone out much. Has been icy

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1947

3rd
Day

1951

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to come

and cold. Saw shinning.

Must write to some of the home folks.
The next two days will be on the road.
It is a sad and worried world this
beginning of '51. The U.N. forces in Korea
are on the run. Everyone who thinks,
is wondering what lies ahead.

So many of our young boys have died
in far off Korea. So many will have to
go through life maimed in mind or body
Will wars ever end?

Jack didn't pass the physical. A big
husky, weighing around 200 lb. but
has always been very near righted.

Walter, next in size, in family, is
only twelve.

Jan 10th We arrived last night at
1505 Koenig Lane, Austin Tex.

A nice place they have here in one of
the many subdivisions of Austin.
We had a very uneventful trip. Feel rather
tired today. Found several letters
Bell Lombard, Rank, Tom Latchau, and Flora.
Will have to ~~now~~ start writing. Am
resting today. Guess how easily one
can learn to do that. Billie is as cute as

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1947

4th
Day

361 Days
to come

they come

Jan. 14th. Sun. Edgar and I went to church
A small, new church in this new
subdivision.

A cool wind after a light rain last night
Made overalls for Betty yesterday.

Have a dress nearly finished for Cindy.
Think I'll write to Aile.

Jan. 18.

Edgar and I just took a long walk. Warm,
and sky so clear. Wish Aile were here to
see the stars. Made a dress for Jane today.
Such lazy days. Nina feeds us so well. am
afraid I am gaining weight. A card from
Mrs Hills.

Jan 27.

Another week gone by. Several letters,
two from Shirley. She told of Eleanor's having
been operated last Friday the 19th.

Second letter said she was doing well.

I should be there to help with the
work. A final letter from Nina L. today
told of Roger Overhiser having a break
down and being in Lau. at Plainwell.

So sorry for Amelia and Arlie.

They think worry over the fear of having
to go in Army may have had something

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1947

5th
Day

2nd Sunday after Christmas

360 Days
to come

to do with it.

A letter from Mrs Hills telling of LaCota affairs! One from June. Bob going to school at Fort Hill. Hard for them to be separated so much. I think she is wise to stay in Oberaunmurgate for the present, until she knows where he will be sent.

The news from Korea seems better just now! How tragic it all is. Have a bundle almost ready to send home. Have made three doll dresses to go with the three dresses for Cindy, Julie and Betsy.

Nina J. said Auna is having a lot of trouble with her knee. So bad some of the family aint with her.

They say its cold in Florida this winter. The weather has been nice here. Plenty warm enough for me. A Norther expected tomorrow.

Mary and Allen Burdume over for dinner last night. Such a likable couple, tho Allen doesnt look just as one would expect a university teacher to look. Mary is a darling.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1947

6th
Day

1951

Epiphany

359 Days
to come

Feb 4. Our 5^{2nd} wedding anniversary
I presume this past week will be
remembered as "the week of the big
freeze" Has been very cold over most
of the U.S. Temperatures below zero in
north southern states and froze
clear to the gulf in Texas doing
millions of dollars worth of damage.
Havent heard from Michigan for
several days! Probably because of
the Rail strike. Have a Bundle ready
to go, but there is an embargo on
second class mail, until the strike
is over.

Sun bright but quite cool this morning.
It was 15 below zero 5 2 years ago this
morning in Casco Michigan.

Dad bought a new suit last week.
Is going to church with me this morning
and wearing it for the first.
He looks pretty spiffy.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1947

7th
Day

358 Days
to come

1951

Wed Feb. 14 - After a week of warm weather is snowing. The third freeze in the South this winter. The snow will bring a little moisture which is so badly needed.

News from Korea not so good this morning
Last Sun. we went to Friedrichsburg
Mary Burdum's party, the Bill drove
and she went with us. Allen couldn't
go. Mary took such a good lunch.

Beulah and new husband were over for
dinner Sat. night.

Yesterday we finally sent off the bundle
to Miel. I think the girls will like the
doll clothes, at least.

Sun Feb 18. The long looked for rain came
last night, now if it doesn't turn cold again
things will soon turn green. Will not go
to church this morning. So muddy to walk
and Bill is going to office so the car will be
gone. Edgar 74 Thur. Cards and letters from
several. The sisters, Vera, Nellie.
Nina made a fine cake.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1947

8th
Day

357 Days
to come

Mar 17. A month since I have put anything in here.

We are getting ready to start for Mich. this afternoon as soon as Bill can leave. He is hoping to get away by 3. Nina is to be there so he can ditch out if he is without a patient for a few minutes.

Everyone feeling fine and ready to go. Nina was so afraid Billie might catch some thing, so many children around with measles and other things.

Have made, I believe, twenty one dresses several for Cuidy and Debbie. Eleanor has a lot to do with her four children and considerable community work. Sent dresses to Sharon + Kathy. Bennetts and the U.S.C.S.

Didn't get as much done as I would have liked. Aprons and overalls and doll clothes took some time.

Jack W. went to work for G. E.
Is at Cincinnati

Bob taking an Intelligence Course at Fort Sill. Hoping to be sent back to his family in Germany soon.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1947

9th
Day

356 Days
to come

Nov. 25; So long since I have written a word.

Jimmie's birthday, 9 years. He is taking the boys to the show and are to eat out afterwards Tony, Sherm and Jerry.

I made him a birthday cake which they will have with ice cream when they get home.

Jakob and Erwin got home last night from a hunting vacation in northern Finland. Betty has been with us here with Eva and Susan with Lauris family, so she can go to school.

We really enjoyed Betsy. Such a busy body and such a talker. Wore Shirley down but she gave her the best of care. Shirley and Jim moved in with us the 8th of Sept. to stay until they know where they are going to locate.

Jim has been working in So Haven but expects to go to Hak. in a couple of weeks. Shirley has been sick all the time since they came. Next April will give the reason. Keep thinking she will feel better soon.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1947

11th
Day

Alexander Hamilton—Born 1757

354 Days
to come

Dec. 26. - '52

The day after Christmas 1952

A long time since I have written in this book

Just the four families who live near with us this Christmas. All here for the usual Eve. and at Eleanor's for dinner. More room for the children there. Ashley and family not able to come because of Albert's being sick. Everyone else well and doing well.

The Davis family have been expecting to move for some time but are still waiting for house to be ready.

It will be strangely quiet when they are gone. I am not sure I will like it too well. Dad has enjoyed young Michael. Is almost eight months old and such a husky.

I think Jimmie rather likes to leave Hibbie School. Jim's business has been better than he expected, so far this winter.

I have worked at Canning factory nearly all season. Finished the 23 of Dec Shirley has kept things going at home Nina came home with her two the 26 of Aug and stayed until middle

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1947

12th
Day

1st Sunday after Epiphany

353 Days
to come

of Oct. Brought their newest child
Kay Ellen. Seven months old when
they got her. Birthday Feb 7th
Bill came for them and stayed a
couple of weeks.

The Bernhett's have had a successful
year. Are doing considerable
remodeling of their house. Jane
is in her first year of school.
Betty stayed with us while her
folks went hunting.

Lois and Nancy have each finished
their first year of nurses training.
Lois in Hal. Nancy at Michael Rute,
Lois home for Christmas. also Jack
from Fort W.

Jack much interested in Betty Lord.
I wonder if she will be the next addition
to family.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1947

13th
Day

352 Days
to come

Dec. 1954.

Almost two years have passed since the last writing.

Edgar and I are still here at the old Island.

Nancy and Dick moved in up stairs March 6th.

The Bob Rice family came home this summer. Made quite a visit here, then moved on to Fort Sill.

They think they will be stationed there at least two years, unless an emergency arises.

Shirley and Jan bought a home on Jones Ave. Mike keeps things lively around.

Jimmie 12 yrs. old had his growing day which we celebrated at their place. Just the families here excepting Walter, who has been in hospital since Nov. 15 when he was accidentally shot through the leg, just above the ankle. We were terrible worried at first, fearing his foot might have to be amputated. But Dr's talk very encouragingly now.

Pete was north hunting. Came home as soon as possible on receiving

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1947

14th
Day

351 Days
to come

word.

Bennett girls started school
in town this year. Susau at
Lincoln, others at Cutler.

Lois graduated from Bronson
and is now going to Western.

Jack still at Fort Wayne.

Laura passed away suddenly
and maud just two
weeks later.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1947

15th
Day

350 Days
to come

Christmas 1961

Bill and Nina came, from Austin to live here, in June. Started their new home, south of town, almost at once. In the meantime living in the trailer they purchased last summer. Cal had everything as near ready for them as it could possibly be, even to a sign in front that they might easily find the place.

They have worked hard, had many frustrations, delays a plenty, but were able to move in about the first of Nov. Much of the finishing remains to be done tho they are quite comfortable and we initiated the new home Christmas Eve. by the usual family gathering.

All of the family living here were present. Lois, Bob and Dad came from # wayne, Jack from Our college boys home Walter and Steven from State. Jim from Mt. Pleasant. Jim + Steve first year walter will graduate in Mar. David enjoyed the wrappings. He will be a year old the 9th of April - 62

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1947

16th
Day

349 Days
to come

Eva and Nina were the refreshment committee. Heaps of good sandwich Birthday cake for Jesus, coffee and milk for the younger element.

We sat around the large fireplace. The tree was the first cutting of the Bryant evergreens. It was large enough to do very well. Decorated, looked very pretty. The mantel was decorated with camel's miniatures from Arabia.

A very pleasant evening and good to have them all together.

Dad said, when we got home "How thankful we should be that the family can meet together like that and seem to enjoy it". We are thankful and happy about it.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1947

20th
Day

345 Days
to come

So that I will not forget the many books I have been reading, wish I had started earlier. 1962 - May 1st.

Have forgotten how many before this date

The Gov's Lady by Thomas H. Baddall
Born in England, lived most of his life in Canada

A Rev. war story from Toryside,
a biographical novel of Francis Wentworth
whose husband was Governor of N. Hampshire

The Good years, by Walter Lord.
The years of about 1890 to 1925

Judge & Now we are Enemies". by
Thomas T. Fleming

A Story of Bunker Hill.

The Second Mrs. Wee, by Agnes Sanford
Nov, 1965

East Wind West Wind, Pearl Buck
Her first novel

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1947

21st
Day

Stonewall Jackson—Born 1824

344 Days
to come

June. 1962

Just finished, "Mission to the Head Hunters" by Frank and Marie Brown
A true story of their work with the Indians of Ecuador - the Jivaro (He-va-roh) tribe.

"The Master of Geneva" by Gladys H. Barr.
A novel on the life of John Calvin.

Hearts - Are the Fields, by Ellen Turugren.
Story of a domineering father, Nils Ensborg on a ~~Mid~~ Farm in Minnesota in the early 1900's.

Fresh from the Country by Miss Read
A simple tale of a teacher's first year in a London suburb.

"The Valiant Years" Winston Churchill
A narrative of World War II
by Jack LeVier and John Lord

"Mrs Mike" by Benedict and Nancy
Freedman
A story of Calgary, Alberta.
A woman's wife.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1947

22nd
Day

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to come

We Took to the Woods by Louise Rich
Mrs Rich, Maine Woods.

Ministeries of Mercy by
Fern Babcock, A Home Missions
book.

The Christians of Korea.
A foreign mission book and
very interesting. by Moffett

"Land I Have Chosen" by
Ellie Berlin, wife of Irving Berlin

"Many a Voyage" by Louisa Grace
Erdman.

A story of the life of Edmund and
Fanny Ross. from 1848 to 1889
Based of fact and very interesting
from Sandusky to Santa Fe.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1947

23rd
Day

342 Days
to come

I am starting again to
note down the names of books
and authors, as I read them:

Hope I stick to it. Aug 20-1965'

Juniper Lo, by Liu Yutang.
A novel. Set largely in
Singapore. An exotic Oriental
island and bustling and international
port governed by English law.
A curious blending of East and
west. Silok, Chinese, young lawyer
and Juniper main characters

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"Shepherd of Guadalupe"
by

Lane Grey. Aug 22-65'

Story of a returned soldier who
had been badly wounded and of his
fight back to health and happiness

Aug 24-
"The Princes" by Malgonkar
malgonkar
The story of a royal father
and son caught in a struggle
over it

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1947

24th
Day

341 Days
to come

for survival in India's new
democracy. ~~PH~~

"A House Divided" by Pearl Buck
of China and its changing times
Sept., '65'

Helen of the Old House by
Harold Bell Wright Sept. '65'

The Bishop's Mantle by Turnbull.
A Tale of a young Episcopal
minister and his grandfather,
the Bishop (Grandy)
Had read it before but well worth
reading again.

Sept. - '65'
Marcus. A novel of the youngest
apostle by Laurence Chinno.

~~A House Divided by Pearl Buck~~