



Grandma, Tell Me Your Memories...

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Gift Page

To: Grandma Beardain

From: Chandler





*Your childhood is a rich anecdotal record
of a time that is past.*

*The people, places, dates, and most of all,
the stories,
will combine into a priceless collection
of memories.*

*This book is dedicated to the preservation
of those memories.*





January 1

What was your day and date of birth?

January 28, 1938



January 2



Where were you born? Be specific.

I was born in Clovis,
New Mexico, because that was
where the doctor + clinic was.

The clinic was located
on West fourth street just off
Mitchell street.





January 3

Do you know any other circumstances of your birth (who was present, who delivered, etc.) ?

Dr. William Lancaster was the doctor and head of the clinic.

Dr. Lancaster delivered most of the babies in Curry County and surrounding counties.

Your Grandpa was also delivered by Dr. Lancaster in Clovis. They were living out on the farm in Palmer County (Texas) and he was the closest doctor. Grandpa's birthday is Oct. 15, 1936,



January 4



If you have a childhood picture for me,
put it in this space.





January 5

Name your brothers and sisters and their years of birth.

Walter Edwin Curd Jr. Feb. 8, 1936

Clara Carolyn Curd Dec 4, 1939



January 6



What was your mother's full name?

May Louanna Mc Mahon





January 7

What was your father's full name?

Walter Edwin Curd



January 8



What was your mother's date and place of birth?

Mary Louanna McMahan was born July 31, 1904 in a place called Bickle's Cove in Stone County Arkansas.





January 9

What was your father's date and place of birth?

Walter Edwin Cund was
born January 3, 1901 in
Clarendon Texas.



January 10



Tell a family nickname that you had.

My Grandpa Curd called me
"big sister" and that's the only
one I remember.





January 11

How did you get it?

There were two girls in
the family and Grandpa
called me "big sister" and
my sister Carolyn "little sister".



January 12



Tell of any other nicknames in your family.

None





January 13

What did your father do for a living?

He owned a hardware store.



January 14



Name the towns you lived in before you were 20.

Jepico, New Mexico

Clovis, New Mexico





January 15

Name the childhood addresses you remember.

Box 116

Jepic, New Mexico



January 16



Tell a fond memory of your Grandpa.

Grandpa Cud

I did errands for my Grandpa, going to the store or taking something from our house to his.

one day when I was three he asked if I wanted some grapes. Oh, yes I loved grapes!

He gave me a bowl of raisins,

He made really good beef stew,

The stew had fat stew meat, onions and potatoes. That was all but it was good.





January 17

Tell a fond memory of your Grandma.

By the time I got old enough to remember my Grandma and she was sick and Grandpa took care of her.

My other Grandma ignored us, but we liked to go down there because Aunt Elzada and Aunt Eunice weren't married yet and they were good to us.



January 18



Tell about a favorite Aunt.

I don't have a favorite,
but these are the ones that
did things for us.

Aunt Oma great-aunt

Aunt Elzada

Aunt Eunice

Aunt Bertie





January 19

Tell about a favorite Uncle.

None



January 20



Did any relatives ever live with you?

yes, my aunt Eunice lived
with us for a while.





January 21

Did you ever have an imaginary friend?

no



January 22



When you needed punishment as a child, which parent corrected you?

My mother spanked me.

I always had to go and find a "switch" for my whipping.

I knew to stand still and take it.

I saw my brother run away once and what he got was something I didn't want.





January 23

What type of punishment was dealt you?

spanking
Whipping
and getting your jaws
slapped.



January 24



Tell about the naughtiest thing you ever did.

We were making mud pies in the summer. a neighbor girl was with us. She was a brat.

She and my sister were fighting over who got the pan of water. She threw the muddy water all over Carolyn.

I picked up my big pan of goopy mud a threw it all down the front of her. She ran home and you could here her yelling two blocks away.



I wasn't sorry then. I'm not sorry now.



January 25

If you got caught, describe the consequences.

Got away with it.



January 26



Relate an experience or memory of a cousin.

My Cousin Ruby McMahan threw a cat in the fish pond out by their windmill and the cat swam out.

My Cousin Audrey Hudson and I made a "playhouse" behind Grandmothers Humphreys barn and the next time I was there, there was a big pile of wood on top of the playhouse.

We went to the McMahans and my Cousin Evelyn and I had to wash all the dishes. The older Cousins Lucille & Ruby did the cooking.





January 27

Did your mother work outside the home?

yes, she did housework
for other people.



January 28



What did you and your brothers or sisters
fight about the most?

*We would start to play
like we were fighting, then it
would become a real fight.*





January 29

What was the dumbest stunt ever pulled by you and a brother or sister?

We went "swimming" in a mud hole with our clothes on.

We got a good whipping for that.

My brother and I did this.



January 30



Tell about the worst winter storm that you can remember as a child.

We were snowed in and school was closed.

I had a birthday party and the kids walked in the snow to our house.

We had hot cocoa with the cake.

There was probably just about 3 or 4 girls there.





January 31

What did you use to go sledding down
a hill in the snow?

We had no hills in
Tepic, New Mexico.



February 1



What extras did you use for your snowman's face, buttons, arms, hat, etc.

Probably rocks or
clods of dirt.





February 2

Tell of someone you envied, and why.

I never envied anyone in particular. Sometimes I envied kids who had things I didn't, but not that much.



February 3



Do you remember the first movie you ever saw and who starred in it?

"Robin Hood" in Idaho Springs, Colo.

There was a movie theater in
Fairwell, called the Border. The
movies changed three to four times
a week.

We went on Saturday afternoon.
The price for kids under twelve was 9¢.
Popcorn was 10¢ a box. Adults 50¢

There were three movie theaters
in Clovis at that time, the Mesa,
the State and the Lyceum. The

Lyceum was an old Vaudville
theater with a stage. It's been
restored and is in use today



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February 4

What was your favorite meal as a child?

anything!

One Saturday night we were in Clovis with the Doolittle family.

We kids went to the show at the Lyceum. Leon, who was seventeen, but little for his age, went up to the ticket booth and bought 7 tickets for under 12. The only one in the group, (3 of us + 4 Doolittles) that was under 12 was maybe my sister Carolyn.



9¢ plus tax made the tickets 10¢

February 5



What were you doing to first smash
a finger?

*I can't remember smashing
a finger.*





February 6

Who was the most famous person you ever met as a child?

None



February 7



Tell about the first time you ever saw TV -- when, where, what show, etc?

Claude Rose at the drugstore bought some TV's to sell. at that time he couldn't get anything but snow and a picture once in a while.

your great grandparents got a TV in 1955 or early '56. We saw "I Love Lucy".

We got our first TV a few months later, spring of '56. We had TV aeriels. Reception was bad and there was a lot of "snow". Everything was in black and white.



February 8



Tell about your first favorite TV shows.

My first favorite TV show
was "I Love Lucy."

Later on (still in the 50's) one
of my favorite shows was
"Playhouse Ninety." It was an
hour and a half show broadcast
on CBS on Thursday nights.

KFDA Channel 10 out of Amarillo
ran live wrestling in that time
slot on Thursdays.

The station ran "Playhouse Ninety"
on Saturday night.



We never missed live wrestling,

February 9



Tell of a nickname given to you by friends
or classmates.

None





February 10

How did you get the nickname?



February 11



Who was your first boyfriend?

Grandpa

His name at the time was

Bud Beardain





February 12

Tell about the Valentine Day festivities at your school.

In elementary school we made a big box and decorated it with hearts.

When we brought our valentines to school we put them into the box.

On Valentine's Day we opened the box and passed them out.

We did not get many valentines, but they were bigger and prettier than the ones you have now.



February 13



Tell about a special valentine you once gave.





February 14

Tell about a special valentine you once received.



February 15



Tell about your first date.

my first date was with
your Grandpa. We went
to the Senior play at Jepia
High School.





February 16

Tell about your first kiss.

your Grandpa kissed me
but I don't remember if it
was the first date or later
ones.



February 17



Tell about a big fib you told.

I walked home with
Bobbie and was late getting
home. I got in big trouble.

"Where were you all this
time?"

"I was in the outhouse."





February 18

Tell about family reunions in your
childhood.

none



February 19



What do you remember as your favorite subject in school?

History + Geography





February 20

What do you remember as your least favorite school subject?

English



February 21



What is the biggest problem you remember having in Grade School?

I don't remember any big problem so I will tell another Grade School memory.

One year I think it was 3rd grade, my class chose me to run for "Miss Grade School." One girl was ~~Chosen~~ chosen from each room.

My aunt Eunice made me a formal out of ^{white} organdy and pink ribbon.

We had a lot of programs in which the whole school participated, at one of the programs "Miss Grade School" and "Miss Lepico" (high school) was crowned. We voted a week or two before the program. A vote was a penny. The one with the most "votes" ^{money} won. The winners were the ones whose parents stuffed in the most money. I didn't win.





February 22

What is the biggest problem you remember having in Jr. High school?

*I always had a runny nose,
and never had a tissue or hanky.*

*I would rush to the bathroom
between classes and use toilet tissue.*



February 23



What is the biggest problem you remember having in Sr. High school?

Getting to eat lunch.

We had 1 hour class periods.
Basketball was just before lunch.

We sit starters had to stay and scrimmage after the rest went to lunch.

We got maybe 15 minutes for lunch.
It was what was left in the lunchroom. We had to rush to get to our shorthand class.

The regular lunch was 1 hour.





February 24

Describe a place you liked to go to
be alone.

Probably in the outhouse.



February 25



Tell of a place that you discovered or built
as a “haven” for your gang.

None





February 26

Tell about a favorite “hang out” place for you and your friends in Jr. or Sr. High.

The only place I can remember hanging out was on the front steps of the school building.



February 27



Tell about the best pet you ever had.

We had two kittens once,
They were not allowed in the
house. Their names were Nootu
and Footu.





February 28

Tell about other pets you had.

None



March 1



Tell about being in a school play or program.

We had musical ~~paper~~ programs every year that included every student from 1st to sixth grade. There were a few speaking parts. All the rest of us were in the "Chorus".

Once I was a "tulip" and had to march onstage with a "dandelion". The girls were tulips and the boys were dandelions. We had crepe paper costumes. My top was green with a red skirt made like petals.

My "dandelion" was Adrian Loflin. I didn't like Adrian Loflin.



March 2



Tell about a school principal you remember.

My years from 1st to 6th grade we had one man that was the principal + superintendent of the whole school. His name was Mr Rogers. His wife was my 5th & 6th teacher. Their old house was where the Hangroves lived when they were in Texas.



March 3



Did you ever pretend to be sick as an excuse to stay home from school?

No, sometimes I would be sick a pretend I wasn't.



March 4



Do you have a good story about yourself cussing?

no, my mother was very strict about cussing. We certainly didn't hear cuss words on the radio (no TV).

my 5th grade teacher said "damn" once and I thought it was terrible.



March 5



Tell about how you spent your Saturdays
during the school year.



March 6



Tell about how you spent your Sundays.

We went to Church Sunday
morning and in the afternoon
we listened to the radio.



March 7



What was the naughtiest or meanest thing you remember doing in school?

I pushed a little girl away from the drinking fountain just because I was bigger. There was an empty one just beside it.



March 8

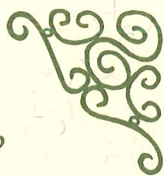


What were the consequences?

no one saw me, but I
felt real bad.



March 9



What was your favorite radio program?

"The Shadow"





March 10

What was your favorite movie as a youth?
Why?

"Robin Hood"

It was the first movie I ever
saw and it was in technicolor.
Most movies then were Black & White



March 11



Did kids ever tease you? About what?

yes, a little bit.

my big nose.





March 12

Tell of a difficult school essay or term paper assignment.



March 13



Tell about your first smoke.

I went home with Wilma Cash after Church. There was another family there named Venable. Peggy Venable stole a pack of cigarettes from her Dad's van. We got out in the alley behind a building and smoked them. I was about 12 or 13.

Once, before that we were out at the Doolittle's farm for Sunday dinner. Sue Doolittle got a can of "Prince Albert" ^{tobacco} and some cigarette papers that were her Dad's. We got in the bathroom and tried to roll some cigarettes. We worked a long time but we never got one rolled.





March 14

Do you remember your first pizza?

yes, but I think I
was an adult then.



March 15



If you went to college, tell which college you chose and why.

no





March 16

Tell your major and how you chose it.

none



March 17



Did people wear green on St. Patrick's Day?

yes

If you didn't wear green
you would get pinched.





March 18

Do you have any other memories of
St. Patrick's Day as a youth?

no



March 19



If you ever hitch-hiked, explain.

no





March 20

What do you remember as your favorite time of year? Why?

Autum or Fall

I always liked fall because the days were still waemt nice but not hot. The wind was always less in the fall.

It was always exciting to start back to school.

I love fall colours, even though there wasn't many trees & bushes in Mexico that had them.



March 21



Describe some household chores you had as a child.

Washing dishes
making beds
sweeping





March 22

Describe some outside chores.

hoeing weeds
hoeing and picking
in the garden



March 23



Which chore did you dislike the most?

Washing dishes





March 24

What bones have you broken and how?

No bones were broken
in childhood.

I jumped down from the
cabinet on a chair and flipped
it upside down. One of the
legs of that chair hit me in
the ribs when I fell.

I broke three ribs and
dislocated two.

I was baking Christmas
cookies when this happened
in 1968.



March 25



Did you ever need stitches?

no



March 26

Do you have any other good stories about being injured?

We had a chicken house + pen out next to the alley.

One year we had a pig in a pen ~~built~~ built on one side of the chicken house.

I was standing at the fence and my dress blew between the ~~parts~~ rails of the fence. The pig got my skirt in his mouth. I was scared and yanked so hard to get away that I cut a deep gash in my right thigh on a nail in the fence board. The scar is still there.



March 27



Tell of a childhood illness.

We all had the measles.
We were very sick and a
lady doctor made a house
call and swabbed our throats.

A neighbor said we needed
a hot toddy. He gave mother
some whiskey. We had 1 tsp.
of it in a cup of water and
sugar. It turned all the
way down.





March 28

Tell about an experience at the doctor's.

I remember going to a
doctor only once and
that was for my shots
to go to school.



March 29



Name your best school chums.

Carol Curtis

Nadine Thornton

Bobbie Richardson

Shirley Stover

Naomi Hapke

Wanda Griffin

Charlotte Wilmeth





March 30

What were some crazy names or nicknames in your school?

I don't remember any.



March 31



Tell about a practical joke or prank you played on a person.



April 1



Do you have a good April Fool's Day story?

no



April 2



Tell about a practical joke or prank
someone played on you.



April 3



What did you want to be when you
grew up?

a teacher



April 4



Did you ever make a kite? Tell how.

We made it with paper
and sticks on the kitchen
table.





April 5

Tell your experiences with kite flying.

We never got the kite to fly.



April 6



Have you ever hunted, or tried to capture
a wild animal?

no



April 7



Did you ever try to adopt a wild animal?

no



April 8



Make up a limerick about yourself.





April 9

Make up a limerick about me.



April 10



Relate a favorite spring memory.





April 11

Did your Mom or Dad ever find something you had hidden?



April 12



Share a memory of going to church as you were growing up.

It was summertime and a meeting was in progress at the Fawell Church of Christ.

Back then there was no air-conditioning. We had big fans made from cardboard with Jesus scenes on them.

I was about six and I went to sleep. We left the building and I still had one of those fans in my hand. I didn't mean to take it. I got scared and just dropped it on the ground before I got in the car. It was dark.





April 13

Share a memory about a church social activity.



April 14



(If the following Easter topics do not apply, please share your special Holiday memories and traditions.)

Tell about an Easter Egg hunt. 3rd grade

The prize was given to the one with the most eggs.

Before the teacher called us my friend Carol and I found out we each had seven eggs. So I said give me one and I'll have eight. I will give you half the prize. She gave me one egg and I got the prize.

It was a chocolate bunny. I did not give her any I took it home.





April 15

If your family went to Easter Sunrise services, tell about it.

no



April 16



Tell about any other Easter tradition.

None



April 17



When you played make-believe, what did you pretend?

My sister and I would sit in an old car and pretend to be "ladies" going on a trip.

Sometimes I would "drive" and other times she would.

I think we pretended to smoke.



April 18



If you could return to your childhood,
what would you do differently?

*I can't think of
anything.*





April 19

Is there anything you would do differently
as a teenager?

*I think I would wait
longer to get married.*



April 20



Did you ever write something that you were really proud of?

Not really, but we had to write an essay for the contest in Curry County. Mrs. Payton (English teacher) said it was optional. I thought okay I won't do it.

I overheard her say that mine might be the best so I wrote it.

Well they said mine was the best, and the top three in our class got ours sent to the contest. They didn't choose one, they had us share the prize. I think it was \$5.00.

The essay was about "Soil Conservation" I wonder if any other schools sent one in.





April 21

What is the best book you ever read as a child?

"The Five Little Peppers, and how they grew"



April 22



What is the biggest physical problem
you had to deal with?

None





April 23

Did you have any superstitions?

no



April 24



Where were your best hide-and-seek places?





April 25

Tell about the first time you were ever
behind the wheel of a car.



April 26



Did you ever take anything that
wasn't yours?





April 27

What did you do with it? Did you get caught?



April 28



Do you have a story about a big surprise?

no





April 29

What childhood fear do you remember?

I didn't like to go down the dark hall to the school restroom. It was okay if someone was with me.

I didn't like the dark very much either.

I was scared of guns and uniformed policemen.

I think what scared me most were the nuns in the long black habits. We only saw them on the streets of Clovis.



April 30



Tell about a May Day tradition.

none





May 1

What were May Baskets made of and
what did they contain?

We had no may baskets



May 2



How much do you remember paying
for an ice cream cone?

5¢

We rarely get an ice cream
Cone.

I remember one Saturday my
friend Nadine came to our house
with an ice cream cone so
we could watch her eat it,

She didn't get one very
often either.





May 3

Did you have a treehouse?

We had no treehouse, but
my sister and I spent many
hours up in a big elm tree.
She had her side and I
had mine.



May 4



Were you ever bitten by a dog?

no





May 5

Did your Mother ever make a special gift for you?

We were studying different countries. We were dressing in costumes of the countries.

Mother made me a pair of "dutch" shoes from cardboard. I wore my blue striped dress and a little white apron with the "shoes".

I could only wear them in the classroom. They would have torn up if I walked outside.



May 6



Tell a favorite memory of your mother.

We were going to walk home for lunch. It started snowing and my mother walked in the snow and brought us sandwiches and hot cocoa.





May 7

Tell about some good advice your mother gave you.

I'm not sure exactly what we were talking about but I said to my mother that times had changed since she was a girl.

She said yes times do change but right and wrong never changes.

She was right then and that's still right today.



May 8



Relate your family Mother's Day traditions.

None





May 9

Do you remember any childhood songs or rhymes?



May 10



Name some popular hit songs from
your youth.





May 11

What was your favorite singing group
or band?



May 12



Tell a favorite singer and a song that he/
she sang?





May 13

What kind of dances did you do as a youth?

None



May 14



Tell about the first dance you ever went to.

We were not allowed to dance.



May 15



Tell about your high school prom or formal dance.

We did not have dances, but they was a formal banquet for the Juniors & Seniors.



May 16



Describe your military experience or that of someone in your family.

None



May 17

Share a memory involving a war during your childhood or youth.

When the Japanese surrendered in August of 1945, I remember that the radio station KICA in Clovis played the ^{National} ~~National~~ anthem all day long. Other countries anthems were also played. I remember my mother saying, "Poor old China was last."

The announcer would come on and say please don't use your telephone. The lines were swamped with people calling about the good news.



May 18



Share another memory involving a war during childhood or youth.

My mother was with my sister at the hospital. She had had an appendectomy.

My brother and I were sleeping on the floor at my grandma's house.

The radio was on and it came on that we have gone into the 'police action' in Korea. It was 1950.





May 19

If you have another photograph of your childhood to share, place it here.



May 20



Tell about your graduation exercises or traditions.





May 21

What year did you graduate from
high school?



May 22



How many students were in your
graduating class?





May 23

How many students attended your
high school?



May 24



Did you have homework?

yes, but I goofed off a lot and didn't do it.





May 25

Describe a very proud moment in your
childhood.



May 26



Tell about Memorial Day traditions during your youth.

none





May 27

Share a special memory of Memorial Day.

no



May 28



Did you play a musical instrument?

Not really, I was in the little "~~Rhythm~~ Rhythm Band" in first and second Grade. I had a little horn with tissue paper as the reed.



May 29



Tell of the closest friend you had during your childhood.

Carol Custer was my
closest friend until she
moved in fourth grade.

Charlotte Wilmoth was
my closest friend in
jr. High until she moved.



May 30



Is there anything you have now that you have kept from your childhood?

yes, I have a pair of mittens. My hands would get so cold carrying my books to school. One Christmas I got mittens, what a wonderful gift!



May 31



Do you have any good bathtime stories?

We took our baths in
a wash tub in the kitchen.

We did have a hot water heater
later on so we didn't have
to heat the water.

We got one bath a week.



June 1



Tell about a strange person that lived in your town.

There was this old man named Bob Williams.

They had a lot of dogs in their house. It smelled really bad.

They also had chickens and guinea hens that ran loose in the yard. The guineas roosted up in their trees.





June 2

What was the funniest name or nickname
in your town?



June 3



Did you ever sleep under the stars?

I never slept under the stars as a child, but later I did.

The first summer Grandpa & I were married (1954) we moved our bed out in the yard for a while.

We had no air conditioning then.



June 4



Tell about hot dog or marshmallow roasting.

One time my brother and I invited two little boys down the street to a wiener roast. They came that night.

We didn't have any weiners so my mother built a fire in the back yard and we made bacon & scrambled eggs in a skillet.

The next week we bought the weiners and buns and built a fire and had a real wiener roast, and invited

them back.



June 5



Did you ever go on a camp out?
Tell about it.

no





June 6

Did you ever go on a snipe hunt?

no



June 7



What food did you learn to cook or prepare first as a youth?

I learned to make buttered toast. We would put the butter on the bread and put in under the gas burner of the boiler.

Sometime I would put the butter in a skillet and fry the bread. We ate apple butter on this toast.





June 8

Share a horse-riding story.

We were in Arkansas at our cousins. I think my older cousin and I took out an old mare bareback.

When we started back to the house she stopped to do something. She said just let her go and she would go in.

The old wooden gate to the corral wasn't standing open wide enough. The horse went in and I skinned both legs of mine. I had on a dress and was barefoot.



June 9



What was your first job?

My first job was at a drugstore in Farwell, TX just across the tracks from Lpico. Rose Drug & Gift Shop

I worked after school, all day Saturday and after church on Sunday afternoon.

We had a soda fountain and that was my main job. also it was my job to dust. you could dust all the time. There are no "soda fountains" anymore. They are a thing of the past.

Small coke	5¢	Coffee	5¢
Ice Cream Soda	20¢	Sundae	25¢
Milkshake	20¢		
Malt	30¢		





June 10

How much did you get paid?

50¢ an hour

I also washed dishes in the school lunch room. I get 50¢ and my lunch each day I worked.



June 11



Tell about any other paying jobs you held as a youth.

I cleaned house for Mrs. Rogers,

my friend's mother, Mrs. Thornton
cleaned the Baptist Church. On
Saturdays she and her children,
Roy & Nadine, helped her sweep
all the floors.

I helped them a few times.

All the floors were hardwood
and we used the old floor
sweep stuff to sweep.

Mrs. Thornton paid me 50¢ each
time I helped.





June 12

Were you ever chased by some animal?

I was chased by a big dog, walking home from school. I was about six years old.



June 13



If you were ever in a parade, tell about it.

no





June 14

Tell another memory about a parade.

None



June 15



Share a childhood memory about a death that affected you.



June 16



Relate your happiest memory as a youth.



June 17



How did you learn to swim?

*I didn't learn to swim
until I was an adult.*



June 18



Where did you go swimming?



June 19



Tell a favorite memory of your father.



June 20



Tell about some good advice your father gave you.



June 21



Did your father ever make a special gift
for you?

no



June 22



Did you have a special nature place where you went to explore?

We could find things out on the prairies which were the vacant lots in Taped.

There was wild flowers, wild onions, horned toads (little ones) and believe it or not we sometimes found little sea shells,



June 23



Did you ever go skinny-dipping?

no





June 24

Did you ever make mud pies?

yes, see January 24



June 25



Did you go barefoot in the summer?

yes!





June 26

If so, relate an experience about stepping on something.



June 27



Tell about a bike you had.

I never owned a bike
but my sister did.

One of her friends' parents
owned a movie theater. They
were giving away a bike in
a drawing. you got to put in
a slip of paper with your
name on it every time you
came to a movie.

anybody that didn't Susan
would put Carolyn's name
on it and she won the bike.

I got to ride it sometime.



June 28



As a youth, did you ever learn any sewing, stitching, or needlework?

I learned to embroidery.

I took Home Ec in 9th & 10th grade and learned to sew.



June 29



Did you ever have or make a swing?

no





June 30

Tell about seeing something you thought
was very beautiful.



July 1



Describe an outside game you made up.

My sister and I would shut our eyes and the other one would lead the "Blind" one around for a few minutes. You had to guess where you were before you opened your eyes.

One nosy neighbor told mother that we needed something to do, that we were just wandering around.





July 2

Describe an inside game you made up.

We had a 300 piece puzzle.

My sister and I would divide it in half and see how quickly we could put it back together.

The more times we did it the faster our time was.

I think our fastest time was 15 minutes.



July 3



What kind of fireworks did people have when you were a youth?

We had just about everything that you can buy ~~to~~ today at a fireworks stand. They were a lot cheaper though.

We also had a lot of things that are banned now.

large firecrackers
cherry bombs &

torpedoes, a round thing about half as big as a golf ball that you threw ~~hand~~ on the pavement to make an explosion.





July 4

Tell about Independence Day traditions of your childhood.

Everyone shot fireworks.

I don't remember ever seeing
the big public displays
we have today.



July 5



Do you have a special July 4th that you remember most?

no





July 6

Did you ever go to carnivals or amusement parks? Where?

Traveling Carnivals would come to town and set up in a pasture down by to railroad tracts. This would be once a year in the summer.

When we went to Denver, Aunt Oma took us to "Ellis Gardens", an amusement park.



July 7



What kinds of rides and games were there? How much did they cost?

Carousels (Many Ho-Round)

Ferris Wheels

wooden milk bottles that
you through a baseball to
knock down

I don't remember the price,
but I'm sure at the small
Carnival everything was 25¢ or less.

We rode the most beautiful
Carousel at Ellis Gardens.

It was large and had the
beautiful horses and animals
that people are restoring now.

The horses pumped up and
down to the music,



The carousels at the Carnivals wasn't much.



July 8

Tell about any State Fair or County Fair experiences.

None



July 9



Tell about going to a circus or chautauqua.

None





July 10

Tell any favorite summertime memory.

Sitting up in a big
tree with my sister.



July 11



Did you go fishing in your childhood?

no





July 12

Tell about your biggest or best catch.

None



July 13



Do you remember having a favorite candy? How much did it cost?

Our school had a candy store in the closet of a high school room. It was open at noon.

I could get a camel candy almost as large as a candy bar for 2¢.





July 14

Do you remember having a favorite snack
that you made at home?

When we had tomatoes
from the garden in the
late summer and fall,

I made tomato sandwiches,

I still love them,



July 15



Share a memory about going on a picnic.



July 16



What kinds of party games or party activities were popular?



July 17



Share a memory involving a heatwave or drought.



July 18



What did you do to stay cool?

We got under a tree.



July 19



What was your favorite holiday of the year?





July 20

Share a birthday party memory.

The story about my birthday party is on date page Jan. 30. That is the only party I remember having.



July 21



Tell about the neatest shoes you ever owned as a youth.

I don't remember any one pair of shoes but getting a new pair of shoes was a rare occasion.

Our shoes were leather with leather soles and the soles were hole out in the middle. We had to put cardboard over the holes. The holes were small.

New leather shoes always smelled so good. I always treasured a new pair of shoes and kept them in a box and smelled them.





July 22

Share a memory about a power outage.

I don't remember any
certain one, but we lit the
coal oil lamp when the
electricity went out.



July 23



Relate a memory involving a flood or cloudburst.

once one Sunday afternoon it was raining Cats & dogs.

Mrs. Rose. came to get me to go to work at the drug store. I was running through the rain and fell flat in a mud hole just before I got to the car.

I had to go Clean up before I could go to work.



July 24



Relate a memory of a tornado, hurricane, or destructive wind.

We had really bad dust storms in the forties & fifties.

I remember eating in the living room because of the dust in the kitchen.

I can remember walking to school in a strong wind and a big tumble weed almost knocking me over.



July 25



What memories do you have of lightning or thunder during your childhood?

I don't remember any
thing specific. We did
have lightning & thunder
once in a while





July 26

Share a special memory about riding in a boat.

*I was never in a boat
until I was about thirty.*



July 27



Tell about a family vacation trip.

We took the Grayhound Bus to Denver. We went through Armaillo.

My great Aunt Oma picked us up at the Bus Station in Denver. We stayed at her house a day or two then she took us to Idaho Spring, Colorado west of Denver.

We stayed a few days with great Aunt Cora. The little town was between two mountains. Aunt Cora's husband, Reuben was a minister of the Church of Christ in Idaho Springs





July 28

Share the best vacation experience you can recall.

Dois, who was Aunt Cora's daughter took us to our first movie, "Robin Hood."

We also saw mountains and creeks which we hadn't seen before.



July 29



Share the most unpleasant vacation experience you can recall.

I don't remember any.





July 30

Do you have any other memories about a river, lake, or beach to share?

no



July 31



Tell a memory about riding on a ferry, bus, train, or plane.

We always road the bus from Fairwell to clovis.

We also rode the bus from Fairwell down to Progress TX, a little town about 6 miles west of Muleshoe. This was where my grandmother lived at the time. It was just two little stores out by the highway, you had to stand out by the highway and flag down the bus.





August 1

Share another memory about a ride.

We were coming home from Progress. This time we were with my aunt + Uncle, Delia + Roy Parker,

The old car (30^{model} something) was full and they were pulling an old flat-bed trailer full of watermelons to take to clovis to sell. There was maybe a couple of boards up around the edges of the trailer.

My brother and I were riding back in the trailer with two Cousins. My Cousin, Stan Parker, cut open one of the watermelons for us to eat. It wasn't good so, he threw it off the trailer.



August 2



Describe your childhood home.

Our house was an old
three room house on a big lot.

There were some big elm
trees around the house. We
had flower bed next to
the house.





August 3

Describe your neighborhood.

We had dirt streets or roads.
There was a lot of empty
spaces covered by native
prairie grass.

We lived next to an old
Baptist Church building.

Many of the old houses + churches
on that street are gone now.

The streets were paved in
the late fifties or early sixties.



August 4



Tell of an experience climbing a mountain
or big hill.

None





August 5

Tell a memory about having company at your house, or of a family party.

None



August 6



Tell about board games you played as a child.

Clue is all I
remember having.





August 7

Tell about card games you played.

a card game named
"Flinch". My sister always
beat me.

Once when my friend Carol
was at my house we tried
to make some cards by cutting
up a cracker box. you can't
make enough cards to play a
game from a cracker box.



August 8



Do you have a good piece of advice
for me?

Listen to your parents.





August 9

What was your best talent?

My best talent was "making do"
with what you had.



August 10



Tell about a time when you got lost.





August 11

Did you ever play in the sprinkler
or hose?

yes, we played with the
hose. We never had a sprinkler.



August 12



Tell about being stung by a bee or wasp.

a wasp stung me on the
arm once and my dad put
tobacco juice on the sting.





August 13

Did you have any favorite family songs that you sang together?

no



August 14



Tell about your bedroom.





August 15

Share a memory of staying overnight with a friend.

I went home with Carol Curtis.
We were in the third grade.

She lived south of town so we
rode an old orange school bus.

Carol's dad was gone somewhere
and her big sisters had to feed
bundles to the cows.

We had pancakes and eggs for
breakfast. The Curtis family ate
their eggs with syrup on them.



August 16



If you ever ran away from home, tell
about it.

no





August 17

Do you remember being really curious
about something?



August 18



Share your childhood experiences
with roller skates.

We had no roller skates or
sidewalks.

around 1949-50 all the Country
schools were closed.

The gyms at Pleasant Hill
and Oklahoma Jane were made
into roller rinks. I remember
going to each place for class
skating parties. It was indoors
but they had the old-fashioned
skates that fit over your shoes.





August 19

Did you ever experience home sickness?

no



August 20



Can you tell about your first tastes of pop or soda?

I don't remember my first taste, but we rarely had a soda pop.

When we did get one I always chose a "Royal Crown Cola". It was 10 oz. All the other bottles of pop were only 6 oz.

At this time a bottle of pop was 5¢.

The price went up to 6¢ when I was about the 7th grade.





August 21

Share an early experience with make-up.

The first time I wore lipstick was eighth grade graduation.

The only other thing I ever wore besides lipstick was foundation or powder.



August 22



Tell about a favorite doll, teddy bear, or other stuffed toy.

I had two dolls my whole childhood. They were both named Sue. I think one wore out before I got another one.

I had one teddy bear.





August 23

Tell about another favorite toy.

my sister and I would cut
the paper dolls out of the
Sunday Comics.

We pasted them on cardboard.
We cut clothes for them out of
magazine paper. We would
find a spot of something
and draw a skirt or top on
it and cut it out.



August 24



Did you have to abide by a curfew as a youth?

I had to abide by a curfew walking home from school.

I had better not fool around or walk an extra block to be with a friend.





August 25

Describe any “follow the leader” games you played.



August 26



Describe how you used the phone to call a friend.

We had no phone.





August 27

Did you ever have a fire in your home or accidentally catch something on fire?

I don't think so.



August 28



Tell about going to box socials or
pot lucks.

We had pot luck dinners
at the 11th & Sheldon Church
of Christ in clovis,

We would just put the
old wooden benches facing
each other and put the
food on the seats.





August 29

Tell about an incident when you were very angry with your mom or dad.



August 30



Tell about an incident when your mom or dad was very angry with you.

My Mom was angry almost every day. I don't remember ever getting anything right.





August 31

Share a memory involving an outhouse.

We had an outhouse that was a "two hole". My sister and I would take matches a light them in the outhouse at night when we went together.



September 1



Do you remember any Labor Day traditions of your youth?

no





September 2

Do you have a memory involving V.J. Day?



September 3



Tell about your school year calendar.

We started the day after Labor Day. Sometimes there might be a day off in the fall for a teacher's meeting.

Christmas vacation was usually a week and never more than ten days.

We got off on Good Friday before Easter.

There was never a "Spring Break." School was out about the middle of May.



September 4



What do you remember about your first day of school?

nothing



September 5



Tell about a school bully.





September 6

What do you remember doing at recess?

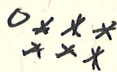
We slid down the slide,
played on the "Merry-go-round",
got in a swing if we could
find one empty.

We jumped rope. It was
a long rope with one girl
at each end turning it.

We had to jump in and
out without missing.

We played a lot of jacks
on the sidewalk. Jacks and
a little rubber ball was what
we played with.

The boys had tops
to spin.



September 7



Tell about the playground equipment
at your grade school.

Our slide was wooden. It
had tin tacked on it to make the
slide.

Our swings had wooden seats
hooked to a big chain.

We had wooden "see-saws"
mounted on metal pipes.

We got a lot of splinters!





September 8

Did your parents ever make you wear something stupid to school?

yes, We had to wear long Cotton stockings.

Girls did not wear pants in those days.

Later on I got to wear "anklets" (socks) with my dresses.



September 9



Tell about who you thought was the
smartest kid in school and why.





September 10

Tell about who you thought was the dumbest kid in school and why.



September 11



Tell about the naughtiest kid in school.





September 12

Tell about a teacher's pet.

It was Gloria, the second grade teacher's daughter. She would bring Gloria to school when she was sick and put her up front in two chairs with blankets and pillows,



September 13



Name the schools that you went to.

Lexico

Cloris





September 14

What was your most embarrassing school moment?

I was swinging and I jumped out of the swing.

My dress caught on a nail that was holding the board seat on the chain.

The whole skirt of my dress ripped off leaving me with just the top of the dress and my slip.

My teacher pinned me up and sent me home to change.

She put her coat around me to get me off the playground.



September 15



Name the Grade School teachers you remember.

Miss Davis - 1st grade

Mrs. Sanders - 2nd

Mrs. Neal - 3rd

Mrs. Seal - 4th

Mrs. Rogers - 5th + 6th

Mr. Adams - 7th + 8th

Mrs. Payton

Mrs. Armour

Mr. Armour





September 16

Name the Jr. High teachers you remember.

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September 17



Name the High School teachers you remember.

Mr. Jones

Mrs. Jones

Coach Fredrick

Mrs. Alman

Mr. Scott





September 18

Describe your typical school day outfit.

Grade School - cotton dresses
offords

jr. & Sr. High

long
skirts

a skirt and blouse

a skirt and sweater

saddle offords - flats

We could wear jeans on Fridays.
We had girl jeans with the zipper
on the side.



September 19



If you were ever in a fight, tell about it.

None



September 20



Tell about your worst report card.

I had good report cards.
I guess a bad one would be
one with a "B" on it.

I ~~would~~ would always ^{have} had
a low grade if they graded
writing past 3rd grade.



September 21



If you ever had a hero, tell who.

none



September 22



Tell why.



September 23



Who was the best teacher you ever had?

Ms. Seal

She was my 4th grade
teacher.





September 24

What made that teacher good?

She was kind and good
and would listen to you.

Her discipline wasn't mean
or harsh, but was effective.



September 25



What were your school colors?

Green & White





September 26

What was your school mascot?

Wolverine



September 27



Tell any sports you played in Jr. High or High School.

I played softball + basketball.

In the fall of 1953, our High Schools girls softball won the Curry County tournament. We beat Rosedale in the final game.

The coach told us to get way out, because those gals could hit. They did, but we caught them. I caught 3 fly balls in center field that day.

He let us vote for what he would give us for winning. It was a steak dinner or a little engraved softball charm.



I voted for the dinner but

we got the charms. Guess I lost it.

September 28

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What was your favorite sport to participate in or watch?

I played post game on our basketball team. We played the old half court game. 6 forwards + 6 ^{guards} ~~guards~~ on the floor at once. but ~~6~~ ⁶ on each end. We ^{guards} ~~guards~~ never learned to shoot. We had to get the ball down to the forwards to do the shooting. We could not cross the center line.



September 29



Did you ever have a “good friend”
who did something mean to you?

no



September 30



Do you remember a school custodian?

yes, his name was Mr. Ritchie.
He had one arm and a hook
on the arm that was missing.

He would climb up in the
gym rafters to change the
lights. I always thought he
would fall but he never did.



October 1



What is the worst trick that you remember a student playing on a teacher?

I can't remember any.



October 2



What is the worst thing a teacher did to a student?

When I was in first grade, the second grade teacher had two boys sitting in the hall with signs on them. The signs said "I am a Jap". This was during World War II,

Can you imagine what would happen now if a teacher did something like that.

I don't remember the Japanese being called Japs after WWII.



October 3



Tell about your school lunches. Did you have a lunch box? What did you eat?

We went home to eat most of the time.

When we did take a ~~lunch~~ lunch it was ham sandwiches and an apple.

My mother thought balona was unhealthy.

Sometimes we ate in the lunchroom. When my brother was in first grade the lunch was 7¢. It was 25¢ in high school.

In first grade my friend Carol would bring some kind of home Cured pig meaton mustard & bread.

It was so tough she would tear up the bread trying to eat it.



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October 4



Did you ever have a crush on a teacher?

No

My friend Nadine had
balona sandwiches. She would
reach in them and take the
ring off the balona, because
her big brother made the lunches
and he never took the ring off.



October 5



Do you have any special memories about raking and burning leaves, or mowing the lawn?

We raked and burned dried weeds.

We only had elm trees and the leaves blew away.



October 6



If you ever played in the leaves, tell about it.

I can remember playing in the leaves at Mrs. Rogers house, that is one of my first memories.



October 7



What allowance did you get?

None



October 8



Did you have to earn it?

Any money I ever had
I had to earn it.



October 9



What teacher did you dislike the most?

Miss Davis - first grade



October 10



Why?

I didn't like Miss Davis
because she made me stay in at
recess because I couldn't write.

She was right. I still can't
write. I wonder if I could
have learned better if I had
gone to recess.



October 11



Relate a story about a mouse in the house.

none





October 12

Share a memory about a bat in the house.

None.



October 13



Did you ever have any other strange animal in the house?

no





October 14

How did you get to and from school?

Walked



October 15



Do you have a good school pants-wetting story?

My sister wet her pants
once in first grade.

Miss Davis sent her home
with a not too nice note
pinned on her.





October 16

Tell about pulling or losing a baby tooth.

I got my first loose tooth
eating "Cracklings" - pigskins.

They were home-made and real
tough, not like the things you
get in a bag today.

When that tooth got even
looser, my Aunt Eunice said
let me see that tooth. She just
took it out with two fingers.

After that I pulled all my
own teeth.



October 17



Did you ever lose something really important to you?

yes, I lost my red Scripto
eversharp pencil.

I couldn't buy another
one so I didn't have one
again.





October 18

Did you ever lose or break something
that belonged to someone else?



October 19



Where did the clothes you wore
come from?

I can remember getting
some things from the Sears
and Roebuck Catalog when
I was real small.

My Aunt Eunice and Aunt
Elzada made us some clothes.
Sometimes these clothes
were made from "feed socks".

We also got hand me downs.
The best ones came from the
Abridge girls. Their father was
a lawyer in Farwell.

When I got a job I could
buy my own clothes.





October 20

Share a favorite fall memory.

I can remember playing in the leaves at the Roge's house. I was small, maybe three years old. The Roge's twin girls were playing with us. They were maybe ten or twelve at the time.



October 21



Did you ever pick apples?

no

I can remember my mother picking cherries at my Grandpa Cud's old house. The trees were so big they used ladders to pick from.

My mother canned the cherries in pint jars and made pies with them.



October 22



What is the farthest you ever ran
or walked?



October 23



Did your High School have cheerleaders?
What did they wear?

We had cheerleaders for
basketball.

They wore long sleeved
white satin blouses with
short circular green satin
skirt skirts.



October 24



Can you recite any of the school cheers?

no



October 25



How did your school observe
Homecoming?

We did not have
Homecoming at the time
I was in school.





October 26

Do you have any special Homecoming experiences to relate?

No



October 27



Tell about any other High School
extra-curricular activities.





October 28

Tell a story about a time when you
dressed up in a costume.



October 29



Share a memory about being very scared.

We lived next to the Baptist Church. They were putting in a basement before they built some classrooms.

my brother and I got down in the big hole to play. When we got ready to get out it was hard. I was afraid we were not going to get out.





October 30

What did people do at Halloween?

When I was a child
Halloween was more "trick"
than "treat".

The older kids, mostly boys,
would soap windows & screens.

Sometimes the clotheslines would
but cut.

The biggie was turning over
all the outhouses in town.



October 31



Do you have a special Halloween
memory?





November 1

Did you ever tell ghost stories?



November 2



Do you have a good ghost or haunted house story to relate?

no





November 3

What is the strangest thing you ever saw
in the sky?

One summer night, we saw
some strange lights to the north.

We thought it might be the
Aurora Borealis or northern lights.

I don't think that you can see
them a far south as New Mexico.



November 4



When you were a child, how did you keep your house warm?

When I was really young we had a big "coal oil" heater. It was brown enamel and a big round thing with the burner at the bottom.

a little later we had a gas heater with grates in front.





November 5

Who was the President when you
were born?

Franklin Roosevelt



November 6



At what age did you first vote and for whom did you cast your first Presidential vote?

I was twenty two in the fall of 1960. Back then you had to be over 21 to vote.

I voted for Richard Nixon, but John Kennedy won.





November 7

Did you ever see a President or a Vice-President in person?

no

I almost saw Dan Quayle in Clovis in 1992.

I was close to his car in the motorcade but couldn't see through the black windows.



November 8



Did you ever make a purchase that you later regretted?

Not as a child, I have
as an adult. It's been
mostly clothes on sale.





November 9

When on car trips, did you play
“car games”?

We had a car only a year
or so when I was small.

We took the bus if we left
town and walked everywhere
in town.



November 10



If you had a watch, tell about it.

I didn't have a watch as
a child.

your Grandpa bought me
my first watch for Christmas
one year.





November 11

Do you have an Armistice Day memory?

I can remember some
kind of program and some
little boys dressed up in
soldier suits,



November 12



What was your most prized possession as a child?

a pair of mittens my Aunt Bertie sent for Christmas one year. I really needed them because my hand got cold walking to school.





November 13

Do you have a story about standing up against odds for something you really believed in?

My second grade teacher was letting her daughter use her math paper to grade all the other papers. She kept saying everyone is missing these two.

I said wait a minute, My paper is right and you have these two wrong. I showed Mrs. Sandus. She said "Well Gloria, I guess you didn't make a '100'."



November 14



Did you ever feel a hatred for another person? Explain.

I don't think so.





November 15

Tell about the best birthday present you
ever received.

I don't remember.



November 16



Was an injustice ever done to you?

I don't remember any.
unless you count Gloria Sandus
marking my arithmetic paper
wrong, but I took care
of that. We didn't call in
math back then. I think
I said math on the other page.



November 17



Share an experience about poison ivy or
poison weed.

I remember running
into a prickly pear cactus
with sandals & socks on
my feet.

The cactus was not poisonous
but the stickers filled up both
socks and stuck into my feet
and really hurt.



November 18



Tell about a memorable birthday cake.

*I guess the one I had at my
one party and it was just
a cake, nothing special.*





November 19

Did you ever have a recurring dream as a child?

yes

I used to dream I could walk about three feet off the ground and no one else could.



November 20



Describe a few of the favorite hair styles of your youth.

Combed

When I got older, I rolled my hair with bobby pins. Everyone did.

My mother would roll my hair with a few big curlers and sit me in front of the gas heater until it dried.

I always had bangs until I got older.





November 21

Tell about someone who had a big influence over your life.

No one in particular.



November 22



What were you doing when John F. Kennedy was assassinated?

We were at my mother's.

We had just returned from Okalahoma City where we went to Great Grandmother Beardain's funeral.

My sister was working at the Clovis News Journal. She called and said Kennedy had been shot. We turned on the TV and "as the World Turns" was on the air.

Within two minutes they cut to Walter Cronkite and he said that the president was dead.



There was nothing else on TV until he was buried. School was dismissed until the burial was over.



November 23

Share a memory about a weather-related school cancellation.

Once on my birthday,
school was closed.

I had a party and four
or five girls walked to
my house.

We had a little cake and
hot cocoa.



November 24



Tell about Thanksgiving traditions of your youth.

*I don't remember having
Thanksgiving.*





November 25

What foods were on your
Thanksgiving table?

*We just had food never
a special meal.*



November 26



Share a favorite Thanksgiving memory.

None





November 27

Do you have any ice skating memories to share?

no

The only thing there was in Iqica was the car tracks in the snow. We could scot our shoes on them, sometimes.



November 28



What hobbies or collections did you have as a youth?

None





November 29

Did your Mom or Dad have a favorite remedy for what ailed you?

If we had a chest cold
Mother would mix up vicks,
Coal oil, turpentine and I
don't know what else.

She would heat this and
put it on a piece of flannel
and put it on your chest,

It always burned and
turned ~~up~~^{us} red.

A lot of people gave their
kids castor oil. Thank goodness
we never had that.



November 30



Did anyone from your school or community grow up to be famous?

Not really unless you
count Mike Hargrove.

His family lived just up the
street one house away from us.

I think it was after I married.





December 1

Did you ever have a bad experience with a haircut or a permanent?

Probably all the time.
I remember a really bad
hair cut in 7th or 8th
grade.



December 2



Who was your favorite movie star?

Roy Rogers



December 3



Why?

He was the good guy and every thing always turned out right,

We saw him on Saturday afternoons. We got a news reel, a cartoon and an installment of the serial on Saturdays, before the main movie.

The "serials" were 15 minute cliff hangers to get you to come back next week.

We never said movie, we always called it "the picture show" or just were going to the show.



December 4



Were you ever in a life-threatening situation?

no



December 5



If you have another childhood picture for me, put it here.



December 6



Do you have any knowledge of how your first name was chosen?

My mother knew someone
that had a little girl named
that and she liked it.





December 7

Do you have a Pearl Harbor Day memory?

No, I don't. I was within
two months of my fourth
birthday.



December 8



Tell about your favorite store to browse in as a child.

Woolworths in Clovis.

Each counter had its own cash register and you paid for each purchase there.

There were little containers that traveled on little caddies up to the main office. These were used for big bills to make change.





December 9

What did you like to look at there?

I liked to look at most anything that the store had.

I really liked the little purses and hair bands & ribbons.

I liked the jewelry also.



December 10



Tell about something you built, designed,
or made as a youth.

I can't think of anything,
unless it was sewing projects
in Home Ec. My first
attempts were disasters.





December 11

Were you ever in a church or school
Christmas or Holiday pageant?

I was in a Christmas program
at school.

We learned a lot of Christmas
Carols and wore sheets to look
like choir robes.

We carried different things.
I was carrying a star on a stick.



December 12



(If the following Christmas topics do not apply, please share your special Holiday memories and traditions.)

When did you put up your Christmas tree?

about a week or two
before Christmas. Never as
early as we do today.

Some people waited until
Christmas Eve.





December 13

Where did you get your Christmas trees?

We bought it at the
grocery store. We usually get
a small one and the most we
ever paid for one was \$1: 25.



December 14



How did you decorate your trees?

*Cheap ornaments and the
old tin foil icicles.*





December 15

Did you hang a Christmas stocking?

No



December 16



Did your Grandpa or Grandma ever make gifts for you? What?

no

I do not remember ever getting a present from any grandparent.

My Grandpa Curd gave me a fifty cent piece one time, but it wasn't on Christmas.





December 17

Tell about the neatest present you
remember giving to your Mom.

none



December 18



Tell about the neatest present you
remember giving to your Dad.

none





December 19

Tell about the best Christmas present you ever received.

*My best Christmas present
was a big doll.*



December 20



Tell about the worst Christmas present you ever received.

a girl in high school
that drew my name, gave
me a ~~so~~ nice bar of soap
on a rope. This was for
a shower.

We never had a shower.



December 21



Tell about your experiences with
Santa Claus.

We didn't do the Santa
Claus thing at our house.

One year right on Christmas
my Dad brought in some
good presents. He said he
had just caught Santa leaving
town on the bus.

I really didn't believe that,
but I wasn't that certain
it wasn't so.

My gift was a big doll.



December 22



Did your family go to a special church service at Christmas? Tell about it.

no





December 23

When did you open your presents?

a little before Christmas



December 24



Tell about Holiday celebrations at a relative's house.

I remember being at my Grandpa Curd's house and getting a teddy bear from my aunt Bertie.

I learned later that I was only two that Christmas,

That was the only stuffed animal I ever owned.





December 25

Do you remember a "best" Christmas?

Probably the one my
Dad caught Santa getting
on the bus.



December 26



Share any other Christmas memory.

We had snow one Christmas
and some presents were left
at the door. The moon
was shining on the presents
sitting in the snow.





December 27

Do you remember celebrating any special wedding anniversaries of your parents or grandparents?

no



December 28



Do you have any knowledge of the origins
of your family name?

no





December 29

Is there anything else that you would like me to know about your childhood?



December 30



Did you ever make New Year's resolutions
as a youth?

no





December 31

What special memories do you have of
New Year's Eve or New Year's Day?

None



