

FGB DIARY EXCERPTS 1933

(N.B: FGB is Frederick Gustavus Buesser, Jr., my father; his mother is Lela Carpenter Buesser (Appie); Tony is Anthony Buesser, my dad's younger brother; Ga is William Leland Carpenter, my dad's grandfather; Gun is dad's close island friend whose last name was Gunard; dad's Uncle Rolla is Rolla Carpenter, his mom's brother; Henry and Ethel worked for my dad's parents; Joe is Jo Pfender (Jo said dad nicknamed her "Joe" because he wanted her to be a boy, but she changed the spelling to "Jo" when she went to college); Jimmy and Susie worked for my dad's parents; Scamp/Scanny was the family dog;

Saturday, June 24

Mother got me up at 9 A.M. and after breakfast she & Tony & I went to Algonac on the ferry. We shopped in the A&P & then I took her to florists to get some more plants. Stopped at Drug Store for ginger ale & Home on the 12:30 boat. Lunch & fooled with kids. Ga & Dad & Henry & Ethel came up about 1:30. Mother & Dad directed Henry in planting the plants. I went swimming in my new trunks & dressed in time for dinner. Was a good steak dinner. Saw Gun & he walked home with me. Bed after milk & family gab on swing.

Sunday, June 25

Slept till about 11. Put on trunks, read papers & had breakfast at noon with mother & Dad. Went swimming & then dressed and shaved. Got Gun & we came home to play ping pong. I went swimming after Uncle Rolla had taken us to Algonac & had a great time rounding up his kids. Gun went back to the city & I had a good chicken dinner with the family. Played ball with the kids till dark & then Joe & I played ping pong and had egg noggs. Watched the boats for a while and went to bed about 11:15.

Monday, June 26

Slept till about 10 and awoke to find Ga & Dad gone. Had breakfast and fooled with minnow net on dock etc. Got groceries & helped mother shift furniture. Spent an hour bringing my diary up to date and then read and swam. Dinner & bed after reading.

Tuesday, June 27

Caught the 8:45 ferry-which was Geo. Brown's watercar-and drove down to city.....

Friday, June 30

Up about noon and drove up to Algonac after seeing Lee. Got the 2:30 ferry and after some milk and a talk with Mother I went swimming. Dressed for dinner, after which I went down to see Gun. We walked & talked for a while and I got home early. I slept on porch and in the middle of the night Mother got such

an awful toothache she had to call up Dad. She took some codine & was then able to get to sleep.

Saturday, July 1

Mother asked me to take her down to Detroit to see a dentist which I did of course. We left the island about 8:45 and as mom had some things to do in Algonac we didn't get to the house till 11. Dad decided to take mother downtown & I decided to stay over until Sunday.....

Sunday, July 2

..... Dick went home after we had failed to get in touch with Earle who is sailing on the South America. I changed my clothes & made my way up to the cottage on a couple of leaky tires. Got over safely about 6 P.M. Had family dinner & spent the evening playing Ping Pong with Dad & Joe. Read a couple of stories & bed about 11:45.

Monday, July 3

Up about noon & started to cut lawn, but had to go to Algonac with mother and Dad. Roared Henry's ford around and home by 2:40. Cut whole lawn & then worked on the beach till dinner time. Went to Algonac with Gun in his boat & drove up to Marine City and back. Met Dick Kroll & he wanted to take us to San Souci. After fooling with slot machine, and a cruiser explosion we got Gus & Micky to help us shift cars so Dick could get his out. Over on auto ferry to the Kerwin's place and then down to Joe Bedore's and their cottage via boat and car. Danced, ate & talked and didn't leave till twenty to three. Finally got back to Algonac after rousing the ferryman. Sprinted to boat & Gun & I rowed Dick across. I rode Ed's bike home just as the dawn came up and taking off my shoes, managed to sneak upstairs to bed about 4:30. Sleep an hour later because of 3 cups of coffee.

P.S. Dick was the "angel."

Tuesday, July 4

Got up about 10:30 having had very little sleep. Breakfast & then swam & washed in river. Dressed in white & went down to play ball. Had a swell time. Got 4 hits out of 6 times up and played first base in both games. Gun & I went home for something to eat & then down to big dock to watch kids swim. Back to cottage for a dip & dinner. Got some beer at pop stand and met Gun who came home with me. Played catch on the lawn & then I got dressed. Gun & I went to Algonac with Rolla to see the street dance. Home on ferry about 10:30 & walked home with Gun. Talked to Susie & Jimmy, had some milk and bed about 12 mid.

Wednesday, July 5

I got up just in time to see Ga, mother, Dad, Ethel and Henry leave for Detroit on the 11:45 ferry. Read the paper, had breakfast and worked on diary till lunch at about 1:45. Elizabeth Carpenter was over for the spaghetti. Continued work on diary till 3:30. Took a dip & talked to Jimmy and Susie. Fixed Scamp's eye & played ball with the kids till dinner time. Joe & I ate alone. I fed Scamp, fixed his eye, and watered the flowers. Read Stevenson and "Deleneator" till 10:45. Bed by 11:15.

Thursday, July 6

Mother phoned from Detroit at 10 A.M. asking me to pick her up downtown at 5:15. I caught 10:45 ferry and got home about 1:30 on leaky tire after seeing Fred Colombo. Henry & I went tire hunting over on Russel Street & after about an hour's dickering...., we got two swell tires for \$3 and an old Buick tire. Henry & I put on the tires & I picked Mother up about 5:30. We got up to cottage O.K. & I drove with secure feeling for the first time in a long while. Stopped for a malted on the way. Missed the 6:30 boat, but Wilt made a special trip. Dinner & fooled with golf & tennis stuff. Mother read several chapters of "Pistols in the Morning" and after I had worked part of a cross word puzzle I got to bed about 11:15.

P.S. American League Allstars beat the Nat. league stars 4-2.

Saturday, July 8

I spent the whole day at hard labor. Went over the lawn three times & raked & cleaned the beach. The Lemons came for the weekend as did Ga, Dad & Ethel. Took a dip & had dinner.....Drove to St. Claire in Buick and almost ran out of gas. Had some beer at the Starlight & got ferry for home about 10:45. Bed subsequently after milk & cake.

P.S. Mother had two tables of Bridge.

Sunday, July 9

Spent the morning in trunks & having taken part in an uninteresting ball game got home for a swim before dinner. Talked with Jimmy & with mother and Dad who decided to take the entire household to the city in the morning. After some milk & carmel cake, & a good look at the beautiful moon from the shrubs, Scanny & I retired about mid night.

P.S. Jimmy & I had an interesting conversation on the Big Dock.

Saturday, July 15

..... after reading my acceptance from U of M, I set sail for the cottage with mother & a lot of stuff. Over to the island via special trip with Tony, Joe, Rolla, & Ga who had just come. The Shubells came up with the Brooks. I took a dip & Dad

came over just as we were eating. After dinner had a good talk with Dad. Rowed over to Walpole with Jimmy & then walked down to the big dock. Home & bed about 12:30.

P.S. Watched Indians play pool.

Sunday, July 16

I got up late & had breakfast about 1 P.M. Dressed & found Gunard and his family launching their new boat "Vas.U.Dere". As there was no ball game, Gun & I came back to my house, & having played catch a while, paddled the canoe over to Walpole and down the Chematogan about a mile where we went swimming. We were back at 6:05 & had dinner with the family who were heated up about the :05. Gun & I rowed over to Algonac & saw a movie called "The Girl in 419." Home about 11:20 & stopped in at the Spauldings where mother & Dad were playing bridge. Had some ginger ale etc. Home & bed about 1:30 A.M.