

## Velma's Diaries - 1939

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DAY	MONTH	COMMENT
Sunday	January 1	Aunt Eva & I went to church in morning & then I went home with Elgin – had to walk up from corner – roads blocked. Had chicken dinner. Went to church at night. Young People's installation of officers. I took part. Laddie came up to house last night.
Monday	January 2	Slept in. Ruby went back this aft. Also Laddie. I went down to Anna's for a turkey dinner & then Anna & I went skating. 1 <sup>st</sup> for 2 years. Had Jean Grant's skates.
Tuesday	January 3	Stormy again. Busy taking off controls. Read at night & then we played table tennis.
Wednesday	January 4	Real busy – taking off controls. Stormy. I went to show in Hall. Deanne Durvin in "Three Smart Girls" – real good.
Thursday	January 5	Roads were blocked yesterday again – thawing. Snow is going away fast. Read at night & played table tennis. Had letter from Florence.
Friday	January 6	Still thawing – real mild. Highway is bare now. Started making out report for Hydro. I went down to Anna's at night – had game of bridge – lunch.
Saturday	January 7	Nice day – mild. Busy in morning. George, Dorothy Pickering & I went to Toronto in aft. Arrived about 4:15. Laddie & I had supper at Mrs. Greenwood's & then we went to a show, "You Can't Take it With You" – real good. Had swell time.
Sunday	January 8	No snow in Toronto. Laddie, Geo. & I went to Carlton Street United Church in morning. Communion. Ate at Mrs. Greenwood's. Laddie & I went for a walk about 8:30. Came by George in town – stopped in at Dr. Watson's. The four of us ate at Murray's. Left for home.
Monday	January 9	Grand day. Tired but real busy making out reports. Laddie has albumin – has to find out the cause of it. Wrote to Laddie at night – didn't go to Young Peoples', listened to radio – Lux program.
Tuesday	January 10	Didn't feel a bit well – couldn't eat any dinner. Felt better in aft. Got a permanent at night – 3.50 at McArthur's – hope it will take.
Wednesday	January 11	Flannery was up in morning. Called a meeting of the Commission about arrears. Wrote Florence. Stayed in at night. I have been busy making out hydro reports – finished now.
Thursday	January 12	The inspector inspected our place to-day. Nice day. Made out power bills. Went to bridge club at Berniece's – the first one of the new year.
Friday	January 13	The Hydro gang started the line up to our place to-day – the wiring is finished. It is costing us a lot more than we thought but will be worth it - \$200. Laddie wrote. Hilda & I went to hockey game.

Saturday	January 14	Nice day but frosty. Wrote Jean Grant & thanked her for the skates - \$3.00. Real busy. I went down to Mt. Forest with Elgin at five & had supper at Margaret's. Grace Evans is there. Elg & I came home after.
Sunday	January 15	Talked Hydro. Went to church in aft. & at night. Listened to radio at night. The play, "The Citadel", was on. Read.
Monday	January 16	Wrote to Laddie. Made out Workmen's Compensation Report. Went to Young People's at night. Listened to Lux program after.
Tuesday	January 17	Cleaned office & did odd jobs. Had a Commission meeting at night. Read "In the Steps of the Master" by H.V. Morton after.
Wednesday	January 18	Cold. I had bridge club, served soup, little cakes & cocoa. Rita got prize, salt & pepper shakers. Barb got Booby – powder puff.
Thursday	January 19	Frosty. Hydro was turned on at noon to-day at farm. We are gong to be having a celebration to-morrow night. Winnie got it up. I went to I.O.D.E. Military Bridge.
Friday	January 20	Busy cleaning out drawers. Geo. Noble was in for dinner – has a baby girl. Hydro installation cost us \$94 each. We went home at night. Big celebration. About 35. Gave Mother & Dad a table lamp. Lights certainly look nice. Played cards.
Saturday	January 21	Milder. Cleaned out cupboard. Had letter from Laddie. Went to show in Hanover "Marie Antoinette" with Barb. Terribly sad but a grand picture – good acting & beautiful costumes. Anna came down with me for week-end.
Sunday	January 22	Terrribly stormy. Anna & I got up about ten. We have a new Q Forest Crossley (?) Electric radio in on trial. Listened to it & read. Came up in time for church. Started a new book, "Rebecca" – it is grand.
Monday	January 23	Real cold. Started water bills. Went to Young People's at night. Read.
Tuesday	January 24	Real Frosty. Finished typing names on bills. Read "Rebecca" at night – a wonderful book. Jean & I were alone, went down town & had a treat.
Wednesday	January 25	The coldest morning this winter. Busy with water bills. Went to bridge club at Hargrave's. It was 16° below zero when we came home.
Thursday	January 26	Not quite so cold. Finished water bills. Stayed in at night & read "Rebecca".
Friday	January 27	Had letter form Florence. Typed arrears on bills. Quite busy. Went to Young People's Skating Party at night. Good time.
Saturday	January 28	Real mild & windy. Took off controls. Went home at five. Went out to barn to see lights. We bought the new radio – listened to it.
Sunday	January 29	Mild. Mother is sick with the cold. Elgin, Bob, Muriel Wells, Gertie Kline & Alma McGuire came up in aft. I went up to ski club with them & then they all came back here for supper. Some lunch. Good time.

Monday	January 30	It's terribly stormy to-day. I finished "Rebecca" by Daphne DuMaurier. It's a wonderful story – told in such an exciting & unexpected way – think I will buy it later on.
Tuesday	January 31	Real busy. Cold. Had Commission meeting at night. Went to library and to Young People's after. Played Ping Pong at Young People's.
Wednesday	February 1	Turning milder. Busy. Went to show in Hall with girls, "Wings Over Honolulu".
Thursday	February 2	Mild. Took off controls. Had letter from Laddie – he is real busy. Went to bridge club at Helen's.
Friday	February 3	Wrote to Laddie. Typed names on bills. Had my hair done at night – an oil treatment, \$1. Makes your hair very soft & shiny.
Saturday	February 4	Lovely day but real cold. Went home at five. Baked a cake. Listened to radio.
Sunday	February 5	Lovely day. Mother is sick – high blood pressure. I did the work. Went to church at night & for walk.
Monday	February 6	Real mild. Doctor was down to see Mother to-day. She has to stay in bed for a few days. Clara Morice is there. Went to Young People's & listened to Lux program, "The Count of Monte Cristo".
Tuesday	February 7	Ab went to the Convention yesterday. I am terribly busy. Com. had a meeting this aft. to see about firing Mr. Innis. He has been out on a spree for 4 or 5 days. Gave him a good scolding. Went to carnival in Rink.
Wednesday	February 8	Sally & Vic left for Florida this morning for a month – went with Lorne & Frankie. Real busy. Lovely day. Mother is still quite weak. Went to bridge club at Anna's. Got prize – a lovely picture – a nice ornament.
Thursday	February 9	Icy. Still very busy. Ab isn't back yet. It was terribly windy all night. Hail – weird.
Friday	February 10	Ab came back to-day. Finished light bills. Shirley, Aleida, Lorraine & I went to Ski Club dance in Hall – wore my evening dress – a wonderful time. Never missed a dance – a lot there from Mt. Forest – Betty McIntyre crowned Snow Queen. Vera & I talked over dance until 4.
Saturday	February 11	Terribly stormy. Tired. Went home at five. Mother is still in bed – is terribly weak.
Sunday	February 12	I cooked several things – trying to get Mother to eat. Elgin came home. Came up to town about 8 o'clock. Vera & I talked until twelve. She is having her trouble with boys. It is all over with Keith.
Monday	February 13	Real mild. Made out power bills. Went to hockey match. First playoff with Chesley. Durham won 5-2.
Tuesday	February 14	Wrote to Florence. Real mild. We had Walkerton Young People's over for a Valentine's social – good time. Went up to Rebecca dance after. Laddie telephoned – has been too busy to write.
Wednesday	February 15	Stormy. Not so busy to-day. Went to bridge club at Traynor's – Valentine salad.
Thursday	February 16	Real frosty. Did odd jobs. Vera, Anna & I went skating.

		Made lunch after.
Friday	February 17	Stormy. Alex Murdoch was found dead in garage to-day. Had letter from Laddie – wants me to come down soon. Stayed in at night – did fancy work – had bath, etc.
Saturday	February 18	Milder. Fowlers came up to-day – Harold's and Reg's – we weren't expecting them. Mother is up now but still not able to do anything. I went home at five. Fowler's left about ten. I made them lunch. They brought us a toaster. Elgin was home too.
Sunday	February 19	Sleeting. Was in house all day. Aunt Sadie died to-night. She hasn't been well for some time but took a heart attack & died quite suddenly to-night.
Monday	February 20	Mild but slippery. Wrote to Laddie. Dad & I went down to Ritchie's at night. Aunt Sadie looks lovely.
Tuesday	February 21	Real cold. Quite busy. Went to Aunt Sadie's funeral in aft. in church. Stayed in at night – did fancy work.
Wednesday	February 22	Frosty. Last day. Very busy. Laddie wrote & wants me to be sure to come down this week-end. Dr. Smith & Miss Renwick were married to-day. Berniece & I went to show in Hall, "My Old Kentucky Home".
Thursday	February 23	Busy. Wrote to Laddie & Florence. Went down to Anna's for supper and stayed all night.
Friday	February 24	Stormy – don't know whether I dare go to Toronto to-morrow or not. Got ready to go anyway.
Saturday	February 25	Lovely day. I didn't go down on morning bus – thought roads were too bad. Went down in aft. with Jack Grierson – arrived about 6:30 – got a pair of shoes & then we went to show "Kentucky". Our anniversary – 4 <sup>th</sup> – stayed up until late.
Sunday	February 26	Terribly stormy – we stayed in house most of the day. I came home on bus. It was an hour late – roads were terribly drifted. Sat with Winnifred Gordon from Mt. Forest.
Monday	February 27	A grand day. Wrote to Laddie – not very busy. Watched a man pull a 4 ton truck with his teeth. Went to Young People's - I had meeting – Citizenship.
Tuesday	February 28	Milder. Windy. Cleaned files. Aunt Eva & I went up to the school at night, "Parent's night". The New Course of Study is certainly different. Children make some wonderful things – had tea after.
Wednesday	March 1	Terribly stormy – did odd jobs. Went to show in Hall, "Love before Breakfast". Quite a time with Ross – Aunt Eva didn't like it because Dad hired Murray Morice instead of Ross.
Thursday	March 2	A grand day. Took off water controls. Went to bridge club at Hilda's. Laddie wrote. Sick in night – too many sandwiches.
Friday	March 3	Grand day. Washed my hair & had it waved. Went down to show in Mt. Forest after with Ethel – saw the grandest picture, "Alexander's Rag Time Band" – Tyrone Power, Alice Faye.
Saturday	March 4	Real mild. Took off hyro controls. Elgin & I went home about 8. We changed our car – got a 1933 Ford V-8.

Sunday	March 5	Nice day – busy all morning. Winnie & Jack were down in aft. I went to church at night & then went to Berniece's after. Vic & Sally came back from Florida to-day.
Monday	March 6	A terrible day – windy – power off & on in morning. Wrote to Laddie. Mr. Ferguson here in aft., finished by 5. He has been sick –an inch of decayed bone in his cheek caused from a bad tooth. Went to Young People's at night. A Bible student spoke.
Tuesday	March 7	Stormy. Got ready for meeting. Went to library after meeting. Did fancy work.
Wednesday	March 8	A little milder – real busy. Aunt Eva had quilting. Nadine & Nora were over for Jean's birthday. Went to bridge club at Rita Willis'.
Thursday	March 9	Snowing. Barb has been sick – has to stay in bed for a week – nerves. I went to a party the Business Men had in Hall. Bingo & Dancing.
Friday	March 10	Nice day but cold. Real busy. Aunt Eva & I went down to see Barbara at night.
Saturday	March 11	Cold wind. Made out power bills. Nadine is having a birthday party to-day – I went over at noon to see her table – real cute – balloons, cake, animals, snowmen, dolls, etc. Went home with Dad. Had letter from Laddie – he has been off 3 days with flu.
Sunday	March 12	Windy. Mother is still not able to do anything. Sally & Mrs. Hope were down in aft. Everybody is worried about Ross (not capable of working on a farm). Read at night – not feeling very well.
Monday	March 13	Nicer to-day. Wrote to Laddie. Finished power bills. Went to Young People's at night. St. Patrick's Social – played Ping Pong, Chinese Checkers, Shuffle Board.
Tuesday	March 14	Thawing. Made out waterworks report. Bridge club at Hilda's.
Wednesday	March 15	Terribly windy. Finished waterworks report. Went to show in Hall. Jackie Cooper in "Boy of the Streets".
Thursday	March 16	A terrible day – real stormy. Wrote to Florence. Stayed in at night, read & did fancy work.
Friday	March 17	Real stormy again. Filed away records. Went to library at night – read & had bath.
Saturday	March 18	Bright but cold. Did odd jobs. Went home at five. Baked a cake. Did fancy work & listened to radio.
Sunday	March 19	Stormy again. Came up in time for church at night. Went in to Berniece's after.
Monday	March 20	Cold. I have a bad cold in my head. Went to Young People's at night.
Tuesday	March 21	A little milder. I still have a terrible cold. Filed away records. Berniece & I went to a party the Business Men had in Hall. Bingo & dancing.
Wednesday	March 22	A little milder. Filed away records. Wrote to Laddie & Ruby – Vera & I got a chance down this week-end with Bob Gardiner. Berniece & I went to show in Hall, "There Always To-morrow".

Thursday	March 23	Mild. Got ready to go to Toronto at night & then Laddie phoned to say that he was having exams & had to study & Ruby wrote to say that she was coming home, so our trip was off.
Friday	March 24	A wonderful day. Wrote Laddie to say that we wouldn't be down. Gave him Romeos, socks & subscription to Popular Science magazine for his birthday. Went down to see Barb at night. She is a lot better.
Saturday	March 25	Raining. Ruby & Cy didn't come up. Winnie & Jack came in for supper & brought a chicken. I went home with Elgin after.
Sunday	March 26	Real warm but raining all day. We took Elgin down to Mt. Forest in aft. & then came up to Uncle Will's for supper. Norman Greenwood was there. We went to Pres. Church – Young People's Service.
Monday	March 27	Cold but bright. Typed names on bills. Had letter from Laddie. Went to Young People's at night – slides. Ruby didn't come home because she thought we were going down.
Tuesday	March 28	Nice but cold. Wrote Laddie & Ruby. Went over to Hilda's for awhile, to library & listened to radio.
Wednesday	March 29	Cool. Started bills. Berniece had bridge club, last one for season. I helped with lunch – fruit salad in shape of candle – lettuce, pineapple, ½ banana for candle – cherry flame, fruit salad around bottom. Looked swell. I got booby – Easter egg.
Thursday	March 30	Snowing. Sally, Aunt Eva, Vera, Jean & I went to Guelph to shop – away all day. Ate in Peacock. I got beige goods for suit, 6.50, hat 5.00, ascot. Couldn't get a ready made suit to fit. Snowing all the way home – some drive.
Friday	March 31	Snow on ground again. Made out bills. Ross is bothering Aunt Eva about job on milk route. Stayed in – had bath.
Saturday	April 1	Cold. Real busy. Berniece, Hilda & I went down to Mt. Forest at night. Shopped.
Sunday	April 2	Ruby & Cy came up. Ruby brought up a pink figured dress for me, 3.00. Anna, Barb & Uncle Will were down for supper. Anna & I went to church at night.
Monday	April 3	Real cold & windy. Took off controls. Vera is sick. Had toothache – went to dentist. Went to Young People's at night.
Tuesday	April 4	Cold. My tooth is still aching. Got a hole made in it to let pus out. Had Commission meeting – went to library & listened to radio.
Wednesday	April 5	Real busy. My tooth is still aching. Washed my hair & had it finger-waved. Read after. Things are bad in Europe again. Hitler keeps taking more territory.
Thursday	April 6	Cold, snowing. My tooth is better to-day. Made out bills. Had my suit fitted. Read at night.
Friday	April 7	Good Friday. Real cold. Washed clothes in morning. Ruby & Cy came up at noon. Expected Laddie but didn't hear from him. Ruby, Cy, Aunt Eva & I played bridge at night.

		Laddie called about 10:30 – just got home on bus.
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Saturday	April 8	Cold. Laddie came up to office & stayed nearly all aft. I got my suit, \$3.50 for making it – cost \$10.00 all told – I like it very much. Laddie came up at night – rest went to show. I went home about 9:30.
Sunday	April 9	Easter Sunday. Bright but too cold to wear spring clothes. Laddie came down in aft. We went to church. Elg, Laddie & I were alone for supper – family at Vic's. Elgin went back to Mt. Forest. We were alone & then Elg came back later with two girls.
Monday	April 10	A little milder. Tired & my tooth still bothers me at times, especially at night. Laddie & I went to Easter dance. Cy & Laddie went back to Toronto after dance. Snowing – terrible drive, didn't arrive until 6:30.
Tuesday	April 11	Cold. Typed arrears on bills. My tooth still aches. Have to take aspirin at night to sleep. Listened to radio.
Wednesday	April 12	Real stormy. Busy. Listened to radio at night & Aunt Eva, Ruby & I played dummy bridge.
Thursday	April 13	Cold. I had to go to dentist in morning. My tooth is abscessed – coming to a head in the roof of my mouth. Nothing can be done until it breaks. Broke in aft – what a relief! Vera, Aunt Eva & I went to show in Owen Sound, "Mother Casey's Chickens".
Friday	April 14	Feel fine again. Had nice letter form Laddie. Played bridge at night with Aunt Eva & Ruby – had bath.
Saturday	April 15	A little milder to-day. Florence came in. We had lunch together down town. Bought black purse, 1.95. Winnie & Jack came in at night. We played cards. Cy & Ruby drove me home – talked about Ross – a great problem. Aunt Eva blames all her relatives.
Sunday	April 16	Cold. Listened to radio most of day. Went to church at night & for walk.
Monday	April 17	A terrible day – real windy & raining. Wrote to Laddie. Went to Young People's at night. Cleaned drawers after.
Tuesday	April 18	A little milder. Wore my spring coat for first. Went to library at night & then listened to radio.
Wednesday	April 19	Raining – colder – snow at night. Started water bills. Went to show in Hall, Deanna Durvin in "One Hundred Men & a Girl", real good.
Thursday	April 20	Cool but nice in aft. Our bridge club went to Mt. Forest. Had dinner in Mount Royal hotel room – 50¢ each – 2 bottles beer in dresser drawer. Went to show after. Wm Powell & Myrna Loy in "Double Wedding". I saw it before.
Friday	April 21	Raining all day. I sort of lost my voice to-day. I think I have flu as I ache all over. Stayed in at night – took soda & aspirin & went to bed early.
Saturday	April 22	Cold & damp. Not feeling very well but busy as last day. Mother is sick again too. Went home at 6 with Elgin, got supper, baked cookies & 2 pies – ironed.



Sunday	April 23	A grand day. The first nice Sunday this spring. Mother is still quite sick. Dad isn't feeling well either. A terrible lot of flu around. Went to church at night – wore my new suit for first.
Monday	April 24	Grand to-day – real warm. Busy with money. Went to Young People's concert in church. MacDuff Copeland troupe – Scotch entertainers.
Tuesday	April 25	Real warm, like summer. Elgin & Mother are both in bed with flu. Berniece & I went to library & for walk at night.
Wednesday	April 26	Warm. Finished water bills. Berniece, Anna, Freda & I went to show in Mt. Forest. Saw "Suez" with Tyrone Power, Loretta Young & Annabella. Swell. Ate after.
Thursday	April 27	Cooler to-day. Busy. Went over to see Sally at night – she has flu & then I went over to Hilda's – Annie Campbell (Mrs. Ron McGillvary) had a son to-night.
Friday	April 28	Cool but nice. Wrote Laddie. Went to dentist & had tooth filled. Went for walk at night with Barbara. Had bath.
Saturday	April 29	Grand day. Ab is painting office windows & doors green & white. I took out insurance on the car, Dom. Of Can. Elg & Mother are up again but still not the best. I went home after supper with Elg. Cut out a slip.
Sunday	April 30	Cold to-day. Real busy in morning. We took Elg to Mt. Forest in aft. I drove. Marj Kerr (in training at Owen Sound Hospital) was up for supper – she is home for 2 weeks holidays. I brought car up to church at night. Marj took it home.
Monday	May 1	Cool. Finished water controls. Went to Tennis Club meeting at Hahn's. I was elected one of four on Governing Committee. Went for walk after.
Tuesday	May 2	Cool. Real busy. Com. Meeting. Went to library after. Went to dentist after work also.
Wednesday	May 3	Warmer. Took off controls. Went to dentist. All finished - 4.50, but I am going to get 4 front ones out soon. First open night. Berniece, Hilda & I went for a walk.
Thursday	May 4	Nice day. First half holiday but I worked until about four. Washed my hair. Berniece & I went to Business Men's dance in Hall. Not many there. Came home early, ate.
Friday	May 5	Grand day, real warm. Busy. Played 2 sets of tennis at night for first. Went to Pres. Play, "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works". Good.
Saturday	May 6	Hot. Almost too nice to work. Fowlers came up to-day. I went home with them for supper. Came up town at night again.
Sunday	May 7	Real hot. I brought the car up town in aft. – took Anna & Barb out to the cemetery & then brought them down for supper. Berniece & I went to church at night & then for walk.
Monday	May 8	Still real warm. Wrote Laddie. Last day for water bills. Laddie wrote – real busy – 2 exams a day. Played tennis at night & then went to a Young People's Rally in church – lots of fun – lunch.
Tuesday	May 9	Rained in morning but nice in aft. Played tennis at night &

		then went for a walk.
Wednesday	May 10	Cooler. Made out power bills. Played tennis at night. Open night – went down town & shopped.
Thursday	May 11	Cool. My first half holiday. Shirley & I played tennis in aft. Went to a meeting of the Tennis Club Executive at night. Went over to Hilda's – a dance in town but didn't go – ate.
Friday	May 12	Cool. Finished power bills. Played tennis at night. Hilda & I went to the library.
Saturday	May 13	A little warmer. Not very busy. Went home with Elgin about 4:30. Tried on clothes, getting them shortened. Elg, Muriel, Shirley & I went to Rav (Rahn de Voo). Had grand time.
Sunday	May 14	Raining off & on all day. Mother's Day. I gave Mother a white scarf. Elg, George, Elsie & I went for drive to Pike Like. I drove. Went to church at night & went in to Berniece's after. Planned to go & see King & Queen.
Monday	May 15	Raining. Got estimates of cost for lights for Tennis Court from Mr. Currie. We had Tennis Club meeting at night. As lights are going to cost us \$200, we decided to make \$100 first.
Tuesday	May 16	Cool. Copied figures into a New General Ledger. Played tennis at night. Berniece & I went for a walk after.
Wednesday	May 17	Still real cool. King George VI & Queen Elizabeth arrived in Canada to-day. Played tennis at night & then went over to the show in Hanover in Jack McKechnie's car. Saw "Submarine Patrol".
Thursday	May 18	Bright but cold. Half holiday so I went out & spent aft. with Aunt Mary Ann. Had long letter from Laddie. He is finished now & taking summer course. He was at Buffalo over week-end. Sent Elg cigarettes. Played tennis. Went to show in Mt. Forest with Jack McKechnie, Norm & Anna. Saw Robt. Taylor in "Stand Up & Fight" at show.
Friday	May 19	Lovely day. Wrote Laddie. Had impression taken for 4 front teeth. Played 3 sets of tennis at night. Went down to Berniece's. Florence was up also. Planned trip to Toronto on Monday to see King & Queen.
Saturday	May 20	Raining. Clarence Ritchie was married to-day to Frances Riseborough. Everybody is excited about King & Queen's visit. Main topic of conversation. Papers full of it, also radio. Lorne got first prize for his bird house, \$5.00 given by Rotary Club. Went home at five.
Sunday	May 21	Went to Brantford. Left about 7:30. Had dinner at Harold's - grand house & apart. upstairs. We all went to Niagara Falls in aft. Tulips & other flowers beautiful at falls. Saw boats gathering at locks at the (?). Elg & I climbed 235 steps to the top of Brock's monument at Queenston Heights. Had lunch. Stayed for illumination. Home 12:30.

Monday	May 22	I left at 7:00 on C.P.R. excursion to Toronto with girls. Arrived at Riverdale Park at 12:00. Saw King & Queen (close view) Queen is beautiful, dressed in powder blue – waving her hand. They were both standing up in car. Went down town after – saw decorations – marvellous. Met Laddie. We ate together & then came out to Riverdale Park again. Train left 3:00. Didn't arrive until 1:00 PM. Jack Bagnall new banker on train. Lots of fun but terribly tiresome ride.
Tuesday	May 23	Raining. Everybody is tired after holiday. Went to library at night & to bed early.
Wednesday	May 24	As Monday was a holiday I had to work on 24 <sup>th</sup> . Played tennis at night. Jack McKechnie, Hilda, Geo. Glass, Dorothy MacDonald, Kay Renwick & I went to Pike Lake – terrible crowd.
Thursday	May 25	A beautiful day. Half holiday. Hilda, Anna, Freda & I cooked our supper out at Beaver Meadow. We took Nadine & Nora Jean Darling along to entertain us. Played tennis. Berniece & I went for a walk.
Friday	May 26	A great day. Not very busy. Played tennis at night. Anna, Norman, Jack & I went to show in Hanover, "Huckleberry Finn" – real good. Ate after, big feed.
Saturday	May 27	Another warm day. I went up to Owen Sound in aft. with Sally. I got a new white coat, \$10.00, white shoes, \$5.00. Barb drove me home about 11 – we had lunch together.
Sunday	May 28	Raining. Slept in aft. Came up to town early. Aunt Eva & I went to church. Geo. Prue preached the sermon. Berniece & I went for a walk after.
Monday	May 29	Cooler. Played tennis at night. Berniece & I went up to see Elsie Whitmore & her baby. Went for a walk after with Mel Kerr. CN Rail agent here.
Tuesday	May 30	Lovely day. Busy. Played tennis at night & then went to Young People's wiener roast at McGirr's. Ross went – was terrible.
Wednesday	May 31	Hot. I got a permanent at 5:00 at Ruth Myles', \$3.50. Open night. Sat down at McIntyre's with Shirley & Lorraine.
Thursday	June 1	Warm in morning. Real busy. Half holiday. Aunt Eva & I went over to see Mrs. Roy Adams in aft. Had nice letter from Laddie. Played tennis. Went to Business Mens dance in Hall – had swell time. Jack, Hilda & I ate after.
Friday	June 2	Laddie's results were in paper to-day – passed. Played tennis at night & then came to Commission meeting.
Saturday	June 3	A terrible thunderstorm Sat. aft. Got off work at 3. I got my four front teeth out – didn't hurt hardly any – got fine new ones in right away. Ruby & Cy were down for supper. Played Chinese Checkers.
Sunday	June 4	My gums are swelled but not a bit sore. I never had to take plate out. Think they are gong to look nice. Aunt Jane and George Ritchie, Uncle Will were down for supper. Aunt Eva & I went for walk at night. Listened to a Royal broadcast.
Monday	June 5	Nice day but quite windy. Real busy. Mr. Fergusson was here in aft. finished in 1 ½ (?). Berniece & I went for a walk

		at night & then I went home with Mother & Dad.
Tuesday	June 6	Holiday. Real hot. Winnie, Jack, Mother, Dad, Lorne & I went to Gueph to see King & Queen. Had dinner in restaurant. Stood out in hot sun for over an hour, saw Royal train – we had a very good view of King & Queen. They were standing on observation platform of train as it went past. Queen wore pink. Came home, played tennis, went for walk.
Wednesday	June 7	Nice day. 23. Laddie sent me flowers – lovely – all kinds. Mother & Dad gave me a dresser lamp. Went to library at night & for walk.
Thursday	June 8	Hot. Half holiday. Anna & I went swimming in aft. Laddie wrote. Worrying about finances – only thinks he should see me once a week in summer. Going to spend a week with Ivy. Played tennis. Went to tennis club dance at Rav with Elg & Norma. Good time.
Friday	June 9	Warm. Wrote Laddie in morning. Busy making out bills. Played tennis at night – tennis meeting after. Went down town.
Saturday	June 10	Real busy. Finished bills. Played tennis at night. Went to Rav with Bill Patterson, Florence, Florence's cousin from Hamilton & Vera. Good time.
Sunday	June 11	Terrible day. Raining & real windy. Slept & read most of day. Mr. & Mrs. Wolfe – Varney store-keepers – were up for supper. Went to church at night. Went to Berniece's for awhile, came home & read.
Monday	June 12	Real cold. Busy finishing bills. Mr. Saunders washed walls. Rained at night so stayed in & listened to Lux program. Read.
Tuesday	June 13	Cool. Mr. Saunders shellacked & waxed the floor. Looks real nice. I had a grand letter from Laddie – terribly lonesome. We had a bee to clean up tennis courts at night. I got a blister from raking.
Wednesday	June 14	Wrote Laddie. Finished bills. Went up to tennis courts at night. Aunt Eva & I went to Library after.
Thursday	June 15	Cool. Half holiday. We had supper up at tennis courts. Shirley & I went to Business Men's dance. Good time but not too many there – ate after.
Friday	June 16	Cool. Busy. Played tennis at night. Hilda & I went for a walk, talked to bankers etc.
Saturday	June 17	Dull & cool. Paid for my teeth 17.50. I took Aunt Eva & Aunt Mary Ann out to cemetery, drove Frank's car. Went down town at night & went home with Mother & Dad
Sunday	June 18	A nice day but a real high wind. I came up to town with car myself & brought Berniece down for supper. Took pictures. We went to Knox anniversary at night. Dr. Archer Wallace spoke – splendid.
Monday	June 19	Real warm. I am reading a good book, "The Mortal Storm" by Bottome. Played tennis at night. Anna & I went up to Hospital and took Nurses Course – how to make bed.

Tuesday	June 20	Nice day. Read my book. Played tennis at night. Mrs. Evans won her case. Went to library. Berniece & I went for a walk – talked to Jack Bagnall.
Wednesday	June 21	Grand day. Wrote Laddie. Real busy. Lorne passed the Entrance on his year's work, 66%. Went to show in Hall, "Mad about Music".
Thursday	June 22	Last day so worked on Half Holiday. Played tennis at night. Went for walk after. They are moving the fence back at the tennis courts.
Friday	June 23	Cool. Busy. Played tennis at night. Went to show in Hanover with girls, "Confessions of a Nazi Spy", real good. Ate after. Smitty asked me to go to Mt. Forest with him.
Saturday	June 24	A beautiful day – not very busy. Went to Amateur Contest over at Park. Went home after with Mother & Dad.
Sunday	June 25	A grand day. Read & slept in aft. We have lots of strawberries now. Went to church at night. Berniece & I went to band concert after.
Monday	June 26	Warm. Busy cleaning up. Vera & Jean both went to beach to-day. Had meeting to make arrangements for beach. Went to Home Nursing Class. Learned how to take temperature & pulse. Laddie wrote – won't be home until Thurs.
Tuesday	June 27	Hot. Real busy. Had meeting at night. Went up to see Aunt Mary Ann after. Berniece & I went for a walk. Ate after.
Wednesday	June 28	Hot again. Terribly busy. Had my hair waved at night. Went down town & did some shopping.
Thursday	June 29	Made out power bills in morning. Raining real hard. Worked awhile in aft. George & I went out for Florence. Laddie came home. The four of us went to street dance in Durham.
Friday	June 30	Real busy as I start my holidays to-morrow. Laddie & I went to Amateur Concert at park. I went home after.
Saturday	July 1	Washed clothes & worked all day. Laddie, Geo., Florence & I went to Old Boys reunion in Walkerton – on ferris wheel, saw Niagara Falls. Went to Rav after. Ate at home – had watermelon at Patterson's - lots of fun – didn't get home until 3.
Sunday	July 2	Nice day. Geo., Laddie, Elg, Florence, Mary Leith & I went to Hamilton. Marg & Florence are going to summer school. Ate in Hamilton & then came back to apart. – home about 1am.
Monday	July 3	Nice day. Real busy. Elg, Geo., Shirley, Lorraine, Florence & I went to Old Boys in Walkerton – around midway & dance.
Tuesday	July 4	Ironed in morning. Nadine is here. Mother, Nadine & I went up to Uncle John's in aft. Listened to radio at night – rained. Went to bed early.
Wednesday	July 5	Lorne, Laddie, Bonnie & I went to Owen Sound in morning – shopped – had lunch in park. Went out to Presque Isle Girls Camp in aft. Had supper there. Visiting day.
Thursday	July 6	Real Hot. Busy. Laddie was coming down but had a terrible cold so couldn't come. I washed clothes etc. Ruby & Aunt

		Eva were down at night.
Friday	July 7	Very hot. Elgin & George left on a trip North & home by States. Mother & I went up town in aft. for Laddie. Lad & I went for walk at night – grand time. He stayed all night.
Saturday	July 8	Cooler to-day. Laddie is here. We picked strawberries in morning. Went up town & up to Winnie's in aft. Laddie & I went to Mt. Forest, home at night. Lorne went to show.
Sunday	July 9	8am. I came to Port Elgin beach with Berniece, Hilda, Barb, Anna & Freda. We have a very nice cottage, Riviera \$18.00 a month. Went in swimming & to church – down to beach after. Read.

**Port Elgin, 1939**



Velma second left, Barbara Ritchie on right



Velma back left

Monday	July 10	Cool. We went around investigating in morning. Decided to Join Port Elgin tennis courts, 50¢ a week. Played tennis & swam in aft. Went to show at night, "The Cowboy & the Lady", real funny. Went dancing after.
Tuesday	July 11	We left about 8am on trip. Went to Goderich, shopped, had lunch at park. Went on to Bayfield. Water was too cold to swim there. Came back to Goderich to swim. Had lake trout dinner at Kincardine. Went to show there & to dance at Inverhuron.
Wednesday	July 12	Real warm. Wrote letter & cards. Went down town & shopped in morning. Bought Mother a dress. Went swimming. Took pictures. Went down to see Mrs. Riley. Had our tea cups read. Played bridge at night – Rained. Some boys from park & Elgin came in. Ate peanuts.
Thursday	July 13	Grand day. Played tennis in morning. Went swimming. I got letter form Laddie. Went riding at 7pm – lots of fun – rode on Babe. Got out pictures taken on horses & played tennis & Miniature Golf. Went to dance at pavilion.

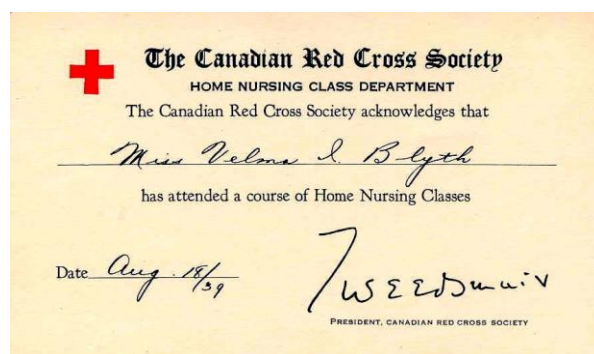


Velma and Babe second from left

Friday	July 14	Cooler. We go for a morning dip every morning. Played tennis, shopped. Went swimming in aft. Went to show at night. Had sundae after. Boys came up to cottage after but we didn't let them in.
Saturday	July 15	Cool. Anna & Freda went home this morning. Berniece & I are cooks to-day. Shopped in aft. Went down town at night & to beach – real cool. Had hot dogs.
Sunday	July 16	A grand day. Went for morning dip. Expected Laddie but Elgin came up for us. Went home in aft. Fowlers were at our place. Laddie & I took Elg down to Mt. Forest. Lad & I had a lot to tell each other.
Monday	July 17	Started to work again. Anna & I went to Nurses Course at night. Bathed Mrs. Wallace's baby. Saw Laddie after – went for walk.
Tuesday	July 18	Grand day. Real busy typing names on bills. Mr. Ferguson called. Laddie & I went to library at night & for walk.
Wednesday	July 19	Swell weather. Not too hot. Cy came up to-day. Went up to tennis courts at night & did some raking. Will soon be ready for playing now. Laddie & I went down town – open night.
Thursday	July 20	A swell day. Half holiday. Had my hair washed & an oil treatment. Went to church picnic at Holstein after with Anna. Street dance in Durham at night. Laddie & I stayed until end.
Friday	July 21	Grand weather. Busy typing names on bills. Berniece asked Lad & I to go to show but we couldn't go. Went for a walk. Met Earl Hunt.
Saturday	July 22	Another week almost over. Busy. Went to Amateur Hour at night in park. Laddie came home with me for week-end.
Sunday	July 23	Laddie & I had breakfast about 10. We all went to Pike Lake in aft. for picnic. Went swimming. Played golf for first. Late when we got back to town – tired.
Monday	July 24	Hot. Making out water bills. Went to Nurses Course at night, for walk with Laddie after.
Tuesday	July 25	Hot. Busy. Went up to tennis courts at night – pulled weeds. Laddie, Geo. & I went to Pike Lake – picked up Elg in Mt. Forest.
Wednesday	July 26	Still real hot. Elgin bought Mother an Apex Washing Machine. Open night. Lad & I went to library & sat in our car after.
Thursday	July 27	Real hot. Half holiday. Laddie, Nadine & I went down home on train. Stayed for supper. Laddie, Geo., Reg Gilmour, Vera & I went to Tattoo in Mt. Forest – real good program.
Friday	July 28	Very hot. A hydro representative was here all aft. Estimating cost of changing lighting in school. Lad & I went for walk at night. Had bath & went to bed early.
Saturday	July 29	Cooler. Raining now & then. George, Laddie & I went to Mt. Forest at night. Street dance. George took Dorothy Hunter home. Elg had Muriel.
Sunday	July 30	Raining nearly all day. Skeltons were up in aft. Kimber went home & George stayed. Elg, Laddie & I went to church in Mt. Forest, Baptist church – 2 hrs but grand service.
Monday	July 31	They took Ross to Hamilton to-day again. He wanted to go.



		Went to Nursing Class at hospital. Saw Laddie after. Jimmie Palmer called on me when I was away.
Tuesday	August 1	Grand day. Finished a book & did quite a bit of work. Went out to Wilder's Lake for drive with Ruby after supper. Laddie, George & I went to dance at Pike Lake – good time.
Wednesday	August 2	Lovely day. Not too hot. Ruby, Cy & I played bridge. Lad & I went down town. Open night.
Thursday	August 3	Cooler. Half holiday. I went home at noon. Did some baking. Mother is making me a brown dress. Lad & I went for walk at night – talking to George.
Friday	August 4	A nice day. Took off controls. Went to hospital at night. John Webster spoke on "Food". Met Laddie after. Went down to Anna's. Norman was there.
Saturday	August 5	Grand day. Elg & Dorothy Hunter were in office in morning. Laddie, George & I went to Amateur Hour. Ticket drawn for baby beef. Saw Florence. Aunt Jennie Grietmeir came up to-day. Also Donald Blythe.
Sunday	August 6	A grand day. Laddie, George Glass, George Skelton, Don Blythe, Lorne & I went to Owen Sound for picnic, in swimming. Elg & Muriel were up there. Stayed for band concert.
Monday	August 7	Civic holiday. Don & I played tennis & went swimming in morning. Aunt Jenny & Don went home in aft. Laddie came down for supper. Fowlers landed in for supper too. Laddie & I went over to Hanover with Norman Glass – ate in restaurant.
Tuesday	August 8	Warm in morning – rained in aft. Last discount day so busy. Rained real hard at night so stayed in & read. Laddie filled 2 of Cy's teeth.
Wednesday	August 9	A nice day. Busy. Went down town at night. Lorne is up this week.
Thursday	August 10	Half holiday. Went to Owen Sound & Wiarton with Elgin. Worked up at tennis courts at night. Laddie & I went for a walk after.
Friday	August 11	Nice day. Finished bills. Laddie & Allen were up in aft. Worked at tennis courts at night & then went up to hospital to hear Dr. Burnett speak on "Communicable Diseases". Met Lad after. Anna took us down home to get apples.



Saturday	August 12	Raining all aft. Lad & I went to Amateur Hour at night –
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		started to rain, a terrible storm. Leonard McComb lineman was killed. Muriel Walls came up for week-end. Muriel, Elg, Lad & I went down home & had lunch.
Sunday	August 13	Muriel, Elg & I went up town after church for Lad. Had lunch & went out to Eugenia. Nadine went with us: grand aft. Came home for supper. Lay on lawn after.
Monday	August 14	A lovely day. Aunt Eva was stung with an insect at berry patch. Has blood poisoning in her arm. Has to bathe every hour in salt & water. Went to Nursing Class – last one. Dr. Brad spoke. Lad & I went for walk.
Tuesday	August 15	I was sick at my stomach last night & all day. Lad was sick & also everybody at home. Laddie was over for a few minutes at night.
Wednesday	August 16	Grand day. Ruby, Aunt Eva, Vera & Jean went to Oliphant. I am feeling much better. Laddie & I went to Vic's for supper – had nice time. I stayed at Anna's all night. Am reading, "Young Dr. Galahad" by Eliz. Seifert.
Thursday	August 17	Nice day. Half holiday. Not feeling very well yet. Laddie & I played tennis at night. I was over at Grant's for supper - played Monopoly. Street dance in Durham.
Friday	August 18	Warm. Feeling better to-day. Finished reading "Young Dr. Galahad". R.M. Bond called in. Played tennis. Laddie & I went to library.
Saturday	August 19	Very sultry to-day. Busy. Finished reading "The Horse & Buggy Doctor". Rained at night. Laddie & I went to Amateur Hour. Dr. Ross spoke on "Cancer". We went to Rav after with Geo., Elg & Dorothy Hunter.
Sunday	August 20	Rained off & on all day. Skel. was up for George. Lorne went out back with them. Laddie, Anna & Norman came down in aft. for supper. We went out to Florence Patterson's for drive. Laddie & I went to band concert at night.
Monday	August 21	Raining. Real busy. Had my hair waved at night. Family went to show. Laddie came up to house.
Tuesday	August 22	Real busy. Got ready for meeting & last disc. day also – called meeting off. Played tennis & then Laddie & I went over to Grant's, watched rest playing Monopoly.
Wednesday	August 23	Raining in aft. Ruby, Jean & Cy went to Toronto to-day. Open night. Laddie & I went for walk.
Thursday	August 24	Half holiday. Laddie & I went to Shelbourne to play tennis. It rained all aft. over there. Danced in curling rink. Lunch in restaurant. We went to a corn roast at Schenk's cottage at night – good time.
Friday	August 25	A nice day but cool. Had Com. meeting at night. Typed out articles for Lad all day. We went for a walk at night.
Saturday	August 26	A beautiful day. Some drunk transient came to office – wanted Dr. He frightened me but Harry Scott finally picked him up. Laddie & I went to Amateur Hour at night. Florence was with us. I stayed in town, up all night.
Sunday	August 27	Went to church in morning. Rev. Hill spoke – splendid. Went down to Anna's – a beautiful day. Anna, Norm, Laddie & I took our lunch out to Mighten's (near Allan Park).
Monday	August 28	Lovely day. Not very busy. Another crisis in Europe. Hitler

		wants Poland. Played tennis at night. Laddie & I went for walk after.
Tuesday	August 29	Nice in morning but rained in aft. Ruby, Jean & Lorne came home from Ex to-day – also Rita Cave. Talked over Ex. Laddie was supposed to call but didn't – playing pool.
Wednesday	August 30	A grand day. Mother & Dad, Aunt Eva, Winnie & Jack went to Ex to-day with Sally. I went to kitchen shower for Jean Murdoch at Renwick's – had a mock wedding – nice time.
Thursday	August 31	Swell day. Shelbourne were to play tennis here this aft. but phoned saying they couldn't come. Laddie & I played in aft., had lunch at courts.
Friday	September 1	German troops entered Poland last night. Britain & France are going to aid Poland unless he (Hitler) ceases fighting at once. All Eng. Troops mobilized. Women & children have been moved out of London. Family went to Hamilton to-day. Lad & I played tennis. He was supposed to go to Earl's for week-end but didn't go. We went to library.
Saturday	September 2	Eng. has formed a War Cabinet – irrespective of party or creed. Nice warm day. Played tennis. Lad & I went to last Amateur Hour. Mrs. Thornell & Howard came up from Detroit to-night. Laddie stayed at our place all night. Also Thornells.
Sunday	September 3	Sunday real hot. <u>War declared</u> . As Eng. didn't get any answer to their letter to Germany demanding that German troops be removed from Poland they (Eng. & Fr.) declared war on them, 11am. One can hardly realize it. We went to Owen Sound for picnic. Laddie stayed to-night too. Listened to news on radio.
Monday	September 4	Labour Day. Raining. Lad & I drove Elg down to Mt. Forest in morning. Bought a paper. Anxiously following war news. Br. ship, Athenia, was torpedoed. A number of Can. on board. Thornells left in aft. Harper McGirr's & Murray Hay called in. Laddie, Lorne & I went to show, "Union Pacific" in Mt. Forest.
Tuesday	September 5	Real cool. Can. parliament is meting Thurs. to decide what action they will take in the war. Lorne started to High School. Laddie & I played tennis at night. Went to library after.
Wednesday	September 6	Still cool. 3 Nazi ships sunk. Laddie & I went to Plunkett dinner in church. Plenty of courses. Cereal, vi-tone – cheese, soup, pork & beans, peas, cabbage salad with Miracle Whip, macaroni & cheese, sausage, bread, biscuits, pineapple salad, cake, coffee. I got a box of gelatine & a recipe book after – given to one to be married next. Ha!
Thursday	September 7	Warmer to-day. Half holiday. Laddie & I played tennis in aft. Went to wiener roast at night at Scheck's cottage.

Friday	September 8	We got a letter from Hydro saying we have to give 10% rebate, rates changed also. Durham Fall Fair. Looked like rain but kept off. Laddie & I went down home for supper & then went to concert, "Peggy's Brain Wave" in Hall with Elg & Norma, real good. Ate at home after.
Saturday	September 9	Quite busy. Harold Fowlers & Beatrice Smith came up. I went over to Grant's at night to play Monopoly. We played so long Mother & Dad went home without me. They came up for me again.
Sunday	September 10	A miserable day. Wet & cold. Canada declared war on Germany to-day. Went up town in aft. with Fowlers. Laddie & I went to church at night.
Monday	September 11	A little warmer. Real busy. Flour & sugar, butter have gone up in price. Laddie & I went to show in Mt. Forest with Anna & Norman. Saw Sonja Henie & Tyrone Power in "Second Fiddle" – real good.
Tuesday	September 12	Rained all morning. Ab went to Hydro Convention at Penetang to-day. Extra tax put on tobacco, beer & wine, etc. We had Com. meeting at night. War is chief topic. Laddie & I went to library & for walk after. Ate in Calder's.
Wednesday	September 13	Warmer to-day. Real busy. Laddie & I went up to library at night & for walk.
Thursday	September 14	Half holiday. Terribly hot – hotter than all summer. Laddie, Mother, Vera, Aunt Eva & I went to Owen Sound in aft. I got a new pair of shoes \$6 & a new coat \$22.50. We went down to Anna's & played bridge at night.
Friday	September 15	Another terribly hot day – real close & sticky. I started rebates. Vera & I went swimming. Laddie & I went for walk at night. Had ice cream.
Saturday	September 16	Still hot. Busy with rebates. A (?) Hahn was married this morning. Turned cooler in aft. Laddie & I went down town at night. Laddie came home with us for week-end.
Sunday	September 17	A nice day but cooler. Russia entered Poland to-day. Laddie & I went down to Mt. Forest for Norma & Elg. We went up to near Chatsworth to see Margaret Evans before she goes in training. Had lunch there & in Owen Sound after. Lad goes away to-morrow.
Monday	September 18	Laddie went to Toronto to-day with Boyd Flett. They took our car. I certainly miss him terribly. Had my hair waved at night. Went to Young Women's Auxiliary for first after. Mrs. Dargavel spoke on "Books".
Tuesday	September 19	Cool. The gov't has put an 8% tax on all domestic consumers of electricity. Busy with rebate. Anna & I played tennis at night. Stayed in & read. Lonesome.
Wednesday	September 20	Raining. Real busy with rebate. Berniece & I went for walk at night.

Thursday	September 21	Mr. Fergusson was in this morning explaining 8% DOM. War Revenue Sales Tax to start 11 Sept. 8 members of the Nazi iron (?) Guard were assassinated in Romania to-day. Mt. Forest played tennis here – we loft 5-3. I won & lost a set. Went to Rotary Carnival at night in rink, Floor Show, dance. Girls were up from Mt. Forest.
Friday	September 22	Still cool. I have so much work to do don't know where to start, 8% tax for 19 days; new rates & rebate. Had tooth filled. Went to Rotary Carnival at night again.
Saturday	September 23	Raining. Real busy but tired. Expected letter from Laddie but didn't get any. Went out to McGirr's for awhile with Mother & Dad.
Sunday	September 24	Slept until nearly noon. Looked over books, fancy work, etc. Read. Went to church at night with Berniece & went into Whitmore's after.
Monday	September 25	Dull. Busy. Had long letter form Laddie. Went to Young People's at night. We gave Bill & Jean Murdock a bedroom lamp.
Tuesday	September 26	Real cold. Very busy typing names on bills. Finished reading Lloyd C. Douglas' book, "The Disputed Passage", real good. Went to library. Wrote Laddie after.
Wednesday	September 27	Mr. Fergusson was here in aft., finished books. I went to show at night with girls in Hanover. Saw Alice Faye & Tyrone Power in "Rose of Washington square" also "The Elephant Boy".
Thursday	September 28	A little nicer to-day. The half holiday. I went down home in aft. Went to Tennis Club party at Eunice McGirr's at night. 10¢ - played euchre.
Friday	September 29	Warmer to-day. I got Mother 3 plates for her sherbets. Worked hard all day. Cut out my cut work luncheon cloth & read at night.
Saturday	September 30	Cold & dull. Took off controls. Worked real hard. Had nice letter form Laddie. Went home at night – real cold.
Sunday	October 1	A grand day. We decided to go to Brampton to see Mrs. McClure. Lorraine is 20 & Ethelyne 16. Left about 1 p.m. We stopped for Elg in Mt. Forest but he was out. I drove all way down – went by Ayton & picked up Mrs. Mooney. Mrs. McClure is terribly thin, has cancer of stomach had supper at Ayton.
Monday	October 2	A nice day. Real busy. Went to Young People's at night & wrote to Laddie.
Tuesday	October 3	Nice day. Got ready for meeting but they didn't have it. Went to Auxiliary at Anna's. Played Chinese Checkers. They gave Mrs. Jas. Rutherford a present. Nice time.
Wednesday	October 4	Nice to-day. Real busy. Had meeting at night. Vera & I went for a walk after.
Thursday	October 5	Grand day. Half holiday. Anna & I played tennis in aft. Read "Green Pastures" by Hudson at night.

Friday	October 6	Cooler & dull. Made out power bills. Had letter from Laddie. Doesn't think he will be home. He called at night and wanted me to go down. Ruby & Cy came home about 10. Had lunch.
Saturday	October 7	A beautiful day. Rushed around. Tried to find somebody going to Toronto. Went with Mr. McQuarrie at 5:30. He ate in Brampton. Talked of romance all way down. Arrived about 9:30. Laddie & I shopped. Got a fir tree, green wool dress, 12.95, purse & gloves, ate after.
Sunday	October 8	We didn't get up very early & no breakfast. Had dinner & rest & then went out to Skelton's, a long walk & then nobody home but Kimber. We went to Bloor St. United Church at night. Ate after.
Monday	October 9	Thanksgiving Day. We got up at nine, had breakfast & went down to see Union Station & Royal York & window shopped on way back. Had dinner & then went to see "The Rains Came" at Uptown. Met Mr. McQuarrie at 6 and started for home. Grand week-end.
Tuesday	October 10	Raining to-day. Started typing rebates on bills. Stayed in at night & read.
Wednesday	October 11	Cold. Busy with rebates. Wrote to Laddie at night & then went down to Tennis Club. Euchre at Anna's. I was tied for prize but lost out. Ice cream & cake after.
Thursday	October 12	Cold & drizzling part time. Half holiday. I took Aunt Eva to Hanover to get her eyes tested. I bought pendant, 1.50 & rubbers, 1.25.
Friday	October 13	Raining. Busy. Washed my hair & had it waved at night. Aunt Eva went to reception for Hazel Moore. Reg Ries was with Vera. We made candy.
Saturday	October 14	Snow on ground in morning. Finished rebates. Went to library at night & went home with Mother & Dad.
Sunday	October 15	Not quite so cold. Went to Varney church in aft. & then we went out to Winnie's for supper. Went down to Berniece's at night. Elg & Norma came up to see me.
Monday	October 16	Nice in morning but turned cold again in aft. Had letter from Laddie. Went to Young People's at night. Started a pair of bed socks.
Tuesday	October 17	Cold. Typed names on water bills. Went up to Young People's Rally in Owen Sound with Anna. Had supper in church - went up to hospital - had election of officers.
Wednesday	October 18	A little milder. Wrote to Laddie. Had tooth filled. Went to bridge club at Berniece's first one - I got prize - a cup & saucer.
Thursday	October 19	Raining. Half holiday but I worked - did some adding for Anna. Vera went down to Motor Show in Toronto with Glasses. Berniece & I went for walk.
Friday	October 20	A beautiful day. Field Day in Durham. Had letter from Laddie. Sent some pictures. Read at night.
Saturday	October 21	Nice in morning but rained in aft. Real busy - lots of people in. Went down town at night & went home with Mother & Dad.

Sunday	October 22	A terrible day – never stopped raining. Didn't go out at all – tried on clothes, looked up dishes, recipes, etc. Wrote to Laddie at night.
Monday	October 23	Real cold. Still very busy. Mr. Cushie was up from Mt. Forest to find out how we did tax. Went to Young People's at night & then played Chinese Checkers at Berniece's.
Tuesday	October 24	Bright but still cold. Real busy – not feeling the best. Laddie sent me a pin of my name. Went to Tennis Club Euchre at Kearney's – 7 tables – good time.
Wednesday	October 25	Nice in morning but rained rest of day & night. Had letter from Laddie. I entertained the bridge club at night. Had cinnamon toast.
Thursday	October 26	Last half holiday. Sally, Nadine & I went down home in aft., talked over bedrooms, etc. We went to Fowl Supper at St. Paul's.
Friday	October 27	Raining. Wrote to Laddie. Aunt Eva & Sally went to Hamilton to-day. Ross is better. They have finished treatments & done all they can for him. I went to show with McKechnie's. Saw Rosalind Russell, Joan Crawford, Norma Shearer in "The Women" – lots of laughs, no men in it, got a big kick out of it.
Saturday	October 28	Snowing – ground is covered. Did odd jobs. Went home at night. Did fancy work, etc. I got a coffee spoon in 1847 Rogers "Adoration" pattern – sent in to radio program.
Sunday	October 29	Cold. Looked at magazines. Went to church at night – good sermon on "Is Religion Just Wishful Thinking? Read "The Three Musketeers".
Monday	October 30	Raining. Took off controls & tax – balanced. Stayed in at night & read. Listened to Lux Radio Theatre.
Tuesday	October 31	Cold – snow. Sent in War Tax forms. Went to bridge club at Traynor's. I got a booby prize for first – a bottle of Jergen's lotion. Halloween passed very quietly.
Wednesday	November 1	Snowing. Quite busy. Had letter from Laddie. Went to Mission Circle "Mother & Daughter" Banquet. Served.
Thursday	November 2	Very cold. Posted in General Ledger. Stayed in at night & read, "The Three Musketeers", very interesting & exciting.
Friday	November 3	Wrote to Laddie. Went to Pres. Fowl Supper. Lots to eat. Went to Fireman's Ball with girls – had a grand time. Terribly large crowd there.
Saturday	November 4	Nice day but cold. Went home at five – baked cake. Went to Mt. Forest at night. Got new brown hat, 2.75. Saw Elgin.
Sunday	November 5	Mother wasn't feeling very well. I was busy all morning. Barb, Anna & Uncle Will were down for supper. Went to church at night. Went in to Berniece's after.
Monday	November 6	Nice but cold. Made out power bills. Went to Young People's at night. Priceville & Flesherton Young People's were here – played Chinese Checkers.
Tuesday	November 7	Raining. Had letter form Laddie – wants me to go down. Had our Commission meeting at night.
Wednesday	November 8	Snowed all day. Real busy. Wrote to Laddie. Last discount day. We had bridge club at Anna's – plenty of snow.
Thursday	November 9	Not quite so cold. Very busy. I haven't felt the best this

		week. Mother has flu. Washed hair & had it waved at night. Had bath etc.
Friday	November 10	Rained all day. Quite busy doing odd jobs. Went to Roast Goose Fowl Supper at Varney – a very large crowd. Grand supper. Came home & got ready to go to Toronto.
Saturday	November 11	Stores not closed but I took a holiday. Went to Toronto with Mr. McQuarrie at 10am. Ate at Brampton. Arrived about 1:30 pm. Laddie & I went down town & went through Eaton's & Simpson's. Had supper at Mrs. Greenwood's & went to show after, "In Name only" – real good.
Sunday	November 12	A grand day. We went to Bloor St. United Church in morning (without our breakfast). Rested in aft. Came back on bus. Alone to Guelph (lots to think about). Etta Swanley got on same bus at Guelph.
Monday	November 13	Nice but cold. Finished power bills. Got my fur coat shortened & sleeves altered, 3.00. Went to concert in Hall at night – Swiss Bell Ringers – wonderful. Hall was packed, 30¢.
Tuesday	November 14	Nice day but cold. Sent out notices. Went to church to hear "Wm. Watson" the man without any arms speak – ate with his toes.
Wednesday	November 15	Grand day. Indian summer. Wrote to Laddie. Went to bridge club at Ethel Hargrave's – everybody nearly froze.
Thursday	November 16	Lovely day. Made out list of silverware, dishes, etc. Aunt Eva is canvassing for Red Cross. Red Cross week's objective 3,000,000. Berniece & I went up to Whitmore's to see Donny play – real cute.
Friday	November 17	Lots to do filing away stubs. Had bath etc. at night & went to Tennis Club Euchre at Seymour's. Good time – lots of lunch.
Saturday	November 18	Grand day but cold. Laddie came up with Ruby & Cy & Joan Caw. Wasn't expecting him. He came up to office in aft. He went down home with us at night & I brought him up after.
Sunday	November 19	Lovely day. Laddie came home in aft. – stayed for supper. Ruby & Cy here too. Ruby has new Chev car with radio. They left for Toronto about 7:30. Went to bed early.
Monday	November 20	Colder. Real busy. Went to Young People's at night. Listened to Lux after, "Good-bye Mr. Chips" – good. I ordered Spode in Billingsley Rose: 6 plates, 3 bread & butters, 3 cups & saucers.
Tuesday	November 21	Bright but cold. Mrs. Arthur Jackson died to-day. Started Financial Statements. Went to Junior Red Cross. Got yarn for a sweater. Went up to Berniece's after – played Chinese Checkers.
Wednesday	November 22	Real busy. Aunt Eva & I went up to see Mrs. Jackson. Went to bridge club at Anna's.
Thursday	November 23	Nice weather but cold. Finished Financial Statements up to Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> . Stayed in at night & read.
Friday	November 24	Cold but bright. Typed names on bills. Read at night & fixed clothes.
Saturday	November 25	Frosty. Went home after supper with Mother & Dad, baked & listened to radio.



Sunday	November 26	A grand day. Elgin was up for awhile. Went for walk in afternoon. Read at night.
Monday	November 27	Real mild. Finished typing names out on bills. Went to Young People's. Representatives from all other Young People's in town were there & took part.
Tuesday	November 28	Still mild. Laddie's grandmother, Mrs. Blackburn, died to-day – 87. I stayed with Nadine all night. Started to knit a sweater for the Red Cross.
Wednesday	November 29	Grand day. Wrote Laddie. Took off controls. Went to bridge club at Hilda's.
Thursday	November 30	Still real mild. Mrs. Blackburn was buried in Durham this afternoon. Laddie was up for funeral – called me on phone. Knit at night.
Friday	December 1	Raining. Real busy. Got a permanent at night, 3.50. Had bath etc. after. Russians entered Finland – doing same as Germany did with Poland.
Saturday	December 2	Raining but real mild. Doing Financial Statements. Had letter from Laddie. Went home at five, cleaned cupboard & baked.
Sunday	December 3	Raining. We went out to Aunt Mary Ann's for supper. Went to church & in to Berniece's after. Wrote to Laddie.
Monday	December 4	Colder. Very busy. Did some Christmas shopping after work. Went to Young People's at night. Mr. Sharp spoke on "Christmas Customs".
Tuesday	December 5	Real mild. Got ready for meeting. Went to Pork & Beans supper at church for Junior Red Cross, came to meeting after.
Wednesday	December 6	Still mild. Very busy. Went to bridge club at Rita Willis'.
Thursday	December 7	Raining. Busy making out bills. Had letter from Florence. A terrible night but Young People's went to Priceville, had real good time.
Friday	December 8	A little colder. Busy with bills. There have been a lot of travellers in this week. Aunt Eva & I went down town at night.
Saturday	December 9	Milder again. Had letter from Laddie, he is real busy. Varney Ladies Aid had sale of homemade baking & fancy work in library to-day. Went home after supper.
Sunday	December 10	Raining – talked over presents. Elgin bought a car, 1935 De-Luxe Ford. He took us for a ride – went out to see Florence Patterson. Went to church in aft. Winnie & Jack were here for supper.
Monday	December 11	Frosty. Wrote Laddie. Ordered bed lamps for X-mas presents. Went to Young People's at night. Election of officers – was elected Fellowship Convener.
Tuesday	December 12	Mild again. Vera had Mission Circle. Went to Junior Red Cross. We are selling 10¢ tickets on a Christmas cake.
Wednesday	December 13	Raining. Finished bills. Vera & I did some shopping. Went to bridge club at Anna's – last for this year.
Thursday	December 14	Colder. Aunt Eva & Sally went to Hamilton to-day to see Ross. He is just the same as when he went down. Addressed Christmas cards at night.
Friday	December 15	Clear & cold. Not so busy. Did some shopping at 5. Aunt

		Eva & I went to Sunday School concert in church.
Saturday	December 16	Milder. Jim Sullivan did books in aft. A cousin of ours, Walter Baines came down from the west to look for work. Got Laddie smoking jacket, 6.50. Real busy at night – made shortbread.
Sunday	December 17	Raining and dull. Lorne and I wrapped up Christmas parcels. Elgin came up for supper, had chicken.
Monday	December 18	The crew of the Graf Spee, a big German battleship, sunk ship rather than fight when British had them cornered at Uruguay. Real mild. Did odd jobs. Elgin, Norma & Florence McIntyre & Alma McGuire & I went up to Owen Sound at night to shop.
Tuesday	December 19	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Canadian regiment landed in England. Still mild. Did some more shopping & wrapped up some presents. Went over to Hilda's. Lost my watch.
Wednesday	December 20	Looked all over street for my watch but finally found it at McFadden's among cards. Colder. Snowing at night. Aunt Eva & I went to Public School Concert in Hall – real good.
Thursday	December 21	Quite a lot of snow – had to get galoshes out for first. Mr. Merklinder covered our settee, 2.50 & old chair, 2.00 for 4.50. Laddie came home on night bus. He came up to house. Rest were at Commencement. We went down town to eat, met Geo., Alma & Berniece. Went for drive.
Friday	December 22	A lovely winter's day. Very busy. Laddie & Reg were in at night. We played games. Aunt Eva made lunch.
Saturday	December 23	Grand day. Quite busy. Al Watson gave me a box of chocolates, card & handkerchief – quite a surprise. Ab is celebrating. Lad & I went down town at night & then I went home with Mother & Dad.
Sunday	December 24	A lovely day but frosty - only a little snow. Walter, Lorne & I went to Durham church. Laddie came home with us. Elg came in afternoon, had chicken dinner. Brought Lad home about 11:30.
Monday	December 25	A beautiful day. Walter Baines was here for X-mas. I got 2 dinner plates in Spode, 2 cups & saucers, hymnary & McCall's from Laddie, also more Spode from Mother & Dad, Winnie & Elg, bath salts, Tweed toilet water from Ab, Writing paper etc. Had Christmas at Aunt Eva's – grand turkey dinner. Played games – nice day.
Tuesday	December 26	Still lovely weather but frosty. Laddie came down in aft., also Ruby & Cy & Aunt Eva – stayed for supper. We played cards. Lots of fun.
Wednesday	December 27	Real frosty. Got ready for Commission meeting. No change in Com. this year. Mr. Sarney(?) gave me a box of Hunts chocolates. Had meeting. Laddie & I went to Christmas dance in Hall – a very good time – a lot of married people there.
Thursday	December 28	Milder – grand day. Quite busy. Washed my hair & had it waved at night. Saw Berniece's presents. Laddie & I went down to Anna's & played bridge with Anna & Norma. Had lunch.

Friday	December 29	Took off water controls. Went over to see Nadine's presents at 5. Laddie, George & I went to dance in Mt. Forest – very good time. Somebody stole my compact, rouge, lipstick & comb out of my coat pocket.
Saturday	December 30	Blistery to-day. Took off hydro controls. I had a letter from Fergus asking me to put in an application for Secy-Treas.– have been paying \$75. Laddie came over. I went home about 9.
Sunday	December 31	Quite stormy. Laddie came down in aft. Also Elgin & Norma – stayed for supper. Laddie stayed all night as it was so stormy out. We stayed up until 1:30 listening to orchestra on radio.

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