

Velma's Diaries - 1937

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DAY	MONTH	COMMENT
Friday	January 1	Had New Year's dinner at Aunt Eva's, played cards, then Laddie, Anna, Elgin & I went out to Florence's for another fowl dinner. We went to dance in Holstein – great time.
Saturday	January 2	Tired to-day. It rained nearly all day. Laddie came down at night & we played cards. Dad came up for me & I went home.
Sunday	January 3	Laddie went back with Ruby & Cy. Colder & blowing. I went to church in aft. Morlocks were up for supper & Winnie was down. Winnie & I came home with Barbara.
Monday	January 4	Election Day. Bob Campbell beat Ralph by a big majority. Sammy Lowe wasn't elected. Horning's Mill burnt down. I went over to see Nadine's things after supper & then Winnie & I went over to Schenks.
Tuesday	January 5	Snowing. Real busy. Uncle Will came home yesterday. We had Commission meeting. Bob Campbell was there for first – hard to explain things to him. Came home & wrote to Laddie as I got a letter from him to-day.
Wednesday	January 6	Raining – the most peculiar weather. Bob Campbell was up this morning. Said he had no notion of firing us, that it was all talk. Busy. Winnie & I went out to McGirr's at night.
Thursday	January 7	Raining all day. Made out power bills. Winnie had Institute here. Mrs. Schenk, Winnie & I went to union prayer meeting. Rev. Gowdy spoke & then we went up to Aunt Eva's & played cards.
Friday	January 8	Still pouring. Mr. Conn was in and finished books. He says this may be his last trip here, will be sorry to lose him. I stayed home for once, started a sweater for Mother & read.
Saturday	January 9	Real busy making out report. Had letter from Laddie. Elgin, Florence & I went to show in Mt. Forest, "My American Wife" - had lunch at Florence's after.
Sunday	January 10	Didn't get up until 12:30. Went to church in aft. Listened to radio at night. Elgin brought me up – read. Eleanor Thomas & Harold Trafford are supposed to have eloped.
Monday	January 11	We got two borders- John Gough & Vic Laverdier, working on hydro – trimming trees. Great company. I went to hockey game with Anna. Kincardine lost 6-1, exciting.
Tuesday	January 12	Changing water over into control & what a time. I went to Mission Circle with Marion House & then came home & played "500" with men. One is quite witty.
Wednesday	January 13	Lots of work these days. Finished water books. We are having the grandest weather – just as mild as spring. Played bridge at night & knit.

Thursday	January 14	They are talking about moving the hydro office down to the clerk's office – hope they don't – terribly busy to-day. Went to Young People's & then Anna, Barb & I played bridge with borders.
Friday	January 15	Things went better to-day. I seemed to accomplish something. Elsie & Lawrence are going to be married. Mac Perry was married this week & Eleanor Thomas also. I went to dance in Holstein with Anna & Earl – a wonderful time, had lunch with Frank Cowan & home walk with Bill Renwick.
Saturday	January 16	We have a little snow now. Laddie wrote. Busy all day changing water into control. Lots of fun with borders – one went home but the other stayed. I didn't go home, went up to rink with Anna & Inez.
Sunday	January 17	Stayed up this week-end. Slept till 12 o'clock. Listened to radio in aft. Rainy all day. Entertained border. Went to church at night. Anna, Frank, Earl, Florence, Mac & Barbara went down to our place after church.
Monday	January 18	Real mild, real busy writing names on water bills. Knit at night & listened to Lux program & played bridge.
Tuesday	January 19	Not feeling the best but worked hard all day. Stayed home at night & played bridge. I certainly have a great time with the borders.
Wednesday	January 20	A fierce wind – blew the high tension lines down. Power was off for three or four hours. Did nothing but answer phone. Went to show with borders. Saw two good shows, "Passing of the 3 rd Floor Back" & "Girl's dormitory".
Thursday	January 21	Busy making out water meter sheets. Went to a shower for Elsie Goodchild at Mrs. Padfield's – lots of fun. Played bridge.
Friday	January 22	Not a bad day. Busy most of day. I got a permanent at night at Miss Myle's – was from 6:30 until 12, some session.
Saturday	January 23	A little colder but still no snow. Vic Laverdier was sick last night so we had a great time kidding him. He went home & Winnie was out so John bought all kinds of fruit & we had a party – Anna & Barb were here – played bridge.
Sunday	January 24	Didn't get up till noon. John, Winnie & I went down to our place in aft. I went to church in aft. Roads were terribly icy – we had quite a time getting home.
Monday	January 25	Everything a sheet of ice. Laddie wrote to-day. I went to Young People's at night – a good meeting & then came home & played bridge.
Tuesday	January 26	Still terribly icy – cars in ditch all over – skating on Main Street in some towns. I went to dance in Hall. Vic & John went too – had a great time.
Wednesday	January 27	A great day. Making out water bills. John wanted me to go to show but I didn't feel like it. He got ready to go but couldn't find his car keys so stayed home & played bridge. Laddie sent me a medal he got for boxing.

Thursday	January 28	Boys moved to Mt. Forest to-day. Still didn't find keys so had to tow car down. It seems so lonesome now. I went to a shower at Jean Murdoch's for Eleanor Thomas. Wild party.
Friday	January 29	Finished water bills to-day. Anna & I went to hockey game. Durham beat Owen Sound 9-2. Lots of fights. John & Vic were up to it.
Saturday	January 30	Still real mild & no snow. There are terrible floods in States. Had letter from Laddie. Got some books out of library & went home with Elgin – took Mother's sweater home.
Sunday	January 31	Raining. Read a book "World Problems of To-Day" – good. Went up to Cliff Ritchie's for supper. Stayed with Jean & Vera all night as the rest went to Constable's.
Monday	February 1	Snowing to-day, busy balancing controls. Ab went to Convention in Toronto. I listened to the Lux program at night, "Mr. Deeds goes to town".
Tuesday	February 2	Busy balancing controls & doing the usual end of the month jobs. Went up to Berniece's at night & talked. Barbara & I entered a ladies' bridge tournament.
Wednesday	February 3	Lovely day but cold. Started light bills. Went over to Sally's at night & played bridge – had lunch.
Thursday	February 4	Busy. Ab came home from Convention to-day. Laddie wrote. John & Vic were up at night. I went up to Berniece's & played bridge with Inez, Elsie. Had lunch – wedding cake.
Friday	February 5	Busy getting ready for meeting. Bob Campbell wasn't there. Came home & listened to "Hollywood Hotel".
Saturday	February 6	A lot of people in to-day - did a lot of work – real tired at night. Went up to Aunt Eva's for supper. George & Marj Constable were there – played bridge – went home with Elgin.
Sunday	February 7	A lovely day. George & Marj were down for dinner. Went to church in aft. & at night. Went up to Uncle John's after church – he is in bed.
Monday	February 8	Last discount day for water. Terribly icy, rained all day – thunder & lightning also. What a winter. Laddie wrote. Flesherton & Priceville were coming over but roads too icy. Went to Young People's – good time.
Tuesday	February 9	Nearly a flood – water in most peoples' cellars. Busy making out bills. Anna & I went to a dance in Hall – a good time.
Wednesday	February 10	Colder. Worked hard all day. Barbara & I played our first bridge game – beat Mrs. Padfield & Clara Schultz – like a day's work.
Thursday	February 11	Felt all in to-day but nevertheless did a lot of work. I was supposed to go to Toronto this week-end but couldn't get a chance down – wrote to Laddie.
Friday	February 12	Finished bills to-day – a grand day. Bill Renwick, Dorothy MacDonald, Elgin & I went to dance in Holstein – great fun.
Saturday	February 13	Ruby & Cy came home – a nice day. Laddie sent me flowers for Valentine Day – daffodils, tulips & carnations. Went to a bridge party at Berniece's – got prize – a picture.

Sunday	February 14	Didn't get up till nearly one. Went to church & to Morlock's for supper. Went to church at night. Came home & went to bed early.
Monday	February 15	Made out power bills. Uncle John Aldred is quite sick. I did some fancy work at night & listened to Lux program. Wrote Laddie.
Tuesday	February 16	Laddie sent me a bridge book so I was studying it up to-day. Winnie had a euchre party & dance – mostly country people – up real late.
Wednesday	February 17	Lovely day. Light bills are coming in again. Anna & I went to hockey game at night – Owen Sound & Durham – last game of group playoffs. Durham won 3-2 – a great struggle.
Thursday	February 18	Mrs. Dargavel started to audit books. I wasn't busy so helped her. Washed my hair at night & played bridge game with Sally & Winnie. We lost by 600.
Friday	February 19	Just like spring – the tulips are up at the office. Mrs. Dargavel was in all day to-day. Stayed home at night & listened to radio, did fancy work & had bath.
Saturday	February 20	Quite a few people in. Ab went to his Mother & Dad's 50 th wedding anniversary. Barbara & I played bridge with Mrs. Darling & Marion Calder – won by 40 points – lots of fun.
Sunday	February 21	Nice morning but rained all aft., read a book, went to church. Just poured at night so stayed home & listened to radio.
Monday	February 22	Last discount day & was I ever rushed off my feet – about 250 in in aft. Went to Young People's at night. Winnie had an Auxiliary here so was home in time for lunch.
Tuesday	February 23	A little snow to-day, took me nearly all day to get ready for bank – deposited over \$1000. Winnie went to Rebecca party. Went to library & Inez came down after. Laddie sent me 2 decks of cards & writing paper.
Wednesday	February 24	Not very busy. A grand day. Did some typing for Sadie. Barb & I played Mrs. Jamieson & Mrs. Webster – we won – had lovely lunch at Jamieson's.
Thursday	February 25	Another nice day. Read. Went to dentist at 5. We went up to Aunt Eva's & played bridge.
Friday	February 26	Wrote to Laddie & Uncle Irving. Laddie wanted me to go down this week-end. I went to hockey game at night – first of playoffs. Durham lost 3-4 to Elora.
Saturday	February 27	This certainly is the grandest weather. Balanced water controls. Barb & I played Mrs. Lauder & Miss Wier. We won by 1500, had lunch, nice time.
Sunday	February 28	Got up and Lorne and I made some candy to send Laddie. Went to church in aft. and at night. Came home and read a book.
Monday	March 1	Swell day. The hockey boys played in Elora. They lost so are out of it for this year. Knit at night – started a new sweater & listened to Lux program.

Tuesday	March 2	Another grand day. Got ready for meeting. I went to meeting & then went to Young People's skating party – first time skating this year.
Wednesday	March 3	Another wonderful day – Real mild. Sun shining all day. Busy after meeting. Went over to Inez's at night & talked.
Thursday	March 4	Not feeling a bit well, think I must have flu. Made out report for Hydro. Barbara & I played bridge with Mrs. Harding & Mrs. Kearney – lost.
Friday	March 5	Not feeling much better – no appetite – Winnie & I went to doctor at night. I got a thorough examination – run down – more exercise & sleep – got a tonic – went to a party at Mabel Noble's.
Saturday	March 6	Still grand weather – real mild. Not busy – read. Mother & Dad came up to me at night. Winnie is going with Jack Petty. Inez got school at Port Elgin.
Sunday	March 7	Lovely day. Went for walk in morning. Mr. Mercer was up for supper. Went to church at night – read & went to bed early.
Monday	March 8	Winnie told me that Jack Petty proposed to her last night. Got a terrible letter from Laddie – it upset me so – he didn't like it because I didn't go down last week-end. Answered it. Went to Young People's at night.
Tuesday	March 9	Can't help thinking about the letter I got – I am going down this week-end. A lot of snow now. Burnett, Elgin, Florence & I went to show in Han., saw Bing Crosby in "Penny's From Heaven".
Wednesday	March 10	A lot of snow for a change – real frosty. Busy all day. Sort of house cleaning. Went to bed early at night & read. I am knitting a sweater.
Thursday	March 11	Could hardly wait to get a letter from Laddie – wants me to forgive him. Made out power bills. I went skating at night & then went to a party at Inez's – all girls. Had a great chat. Planning to go to Toronto this week-end.
Friday	March 12	Snowed nearly all day – didn't do much work – tired after skating. Went to library at night – had bath & went to bed early as Inez & I are going to Toronto in morning.
Saturday	March 13	7 a.m. Inez & I got Caldwell Kerr to take us to Mt. Forest & then went to Toronto in Sunoco truck. Shopped till 4, got new dress & shoes. Met Laddie then we went to show at Lowe's, Greta Garbo & Robert Taylor in "Camille". Had dinner & went out to Laddie's room – took a taxi out to Ruby's at 12. Wonderful day.
Sunday	March 14	Ruby & I went to Kingston Road United Church. Had a grand dinner at Cave's – went out to Laddie's, went to museum – then up to Greenwood's. Stayed there until five-thirty. Met Inez & home with Mr. McCabe.
Monday	March 15	Tired to-day, read a book & did a little work – certainly had a glorious week-end. Laddie is grand to me. I went to bed early at night – gave me his ring.

Tuesday	March 16	I am reading a grand book – “No Place Like Home” by Beverly Nichols, very interesting. Went to doctor & got some more medicine & then went over to Sally’s.
Wednesday	March 17	Still snowing. More than we had all winter. Laddie sent me a box of chocolates for St. Patrick’s. Anna & I went to a dance in Hall – Clifford Orchestra – not a bad time.
Thursday	March 18	Much milder. George Sockett started to board here. I changed my room. Mother got a permanent. Had a letter from Laddie. Anna & I went out & tried to sell some tickets for Tennis Club Concert.
Friday	March 19	Finished Beverly Nichols book. Wrote to Laddie. Went to Tennis Club Concert, “Happy Cousins” from Elora – real good – had lunch after.
Saturday	March 20	Not much doing all day. Mother & Dad came up for me at night. Went home – fixed some clothes & talked to Mother.
Sunday	March 21	Went to church at night, & in aft. I made a new kind of salad for supper. Started to read a new book, “Yang & Yin”.
Monday	March 22	A miss Diver is staying here – she sells telephone advertising. Certainly is a great talker. Went to Young People’s – a social. We gave Lawrence & Elsie a present.
Tuesday	March 23	Cleaned up office and did some odd jobs. Anna, Geo, Miss Diver & I played bridge at night. I sent Laddie gloves & a pocket book for his birthday.
Wednesday	March 24	Started to snow again & is drifting a little. Henry Aldred was here for dinner. Miss Diver left to-day. I got my hair washed & waved.
Thursday	March 25	Read & typed names on bills. Had letter from Laddie. I fixed my clothes at night – getting ready for Easter.
Friday	March 26	Good Friday. Laddie came home with Ruby & Cy. Played bridge. Laddie came down at night. We were alone – had great talk.
Saturday	March 27	I got the famous book “Gone with the Wind” by Margaret Mitchell. Anna & I had a bridge for the tennis club out at Anna’s. Nice time. Jim Sullivan was operated on to-day. Laddie got the prize.
Sunday	March 28	Easter Sunday. Florence stayed all night. We went to church in aft. Elgin joined church. Laddie came down for supper. We went down to Mt. Forest for drive after.
Monday	March 29	Wasn’t feeling very well. Laddie had to go back to-day. Brought me a box of chocolates. Geo. & Al Consatble were here. Ruby & Cy went to dance in Mt. Forest. I read “Gone with the Wind”, went to bed early & dreamed...
Tuesday	March 30	Read some more of book – wonderful. I went to a dance in Hall at night with Anna & Freda – Clifford Orchestra – had wonderful time.
Wednesday	March 31	Worked in morning. I went to Owen Sound in aft. with Aunt Eva, Ruby & Winnie. I got a new rosewood spring coat & a brown hat. Didn’t get home until 7 o’clock – a tiresome day. Laddie wrote.
Thursday	April 1	Colder. Wrote to Laddie – read some of book & made out bills. Went to a bridge at Helen Young’s. I got the prize.

Friday	April 2	Felt terribly tired. Mrs. Dargavel was in finishing books. Uncle John & Aunt Marion were down for supper. Aunt Eva was down – played bridge.
Saturday	April 3	A little snow on the ground. Busy nearly all day making out bills. Went up to hospital to see Jim Sullivan. Laddie phoned me. Came home with Mother & Dad.
Sunday	April 4	Read "Gone with the Wind" & lay around all day. Went to church at night. Came home & read.
Monday	April 5	Very spring like. Made out bills. Had letter from Laddie – read some more of book. Went to Young People's at night.
Tuesday	April 6	Got ready for Commission meeting. Wrote to Laddie. I was going to ask for a raise but didn't get a chance to say a word. Came home & read "Gone with the Wind".
Wednesday	April 7	Busy after meeting. Finished "Gone with the Wind" at night. It is the most thrilling book I have ever read – just seems to hold you & you can't seem to forget it.
Thursday	April 8	Lovely day. Made out bills. Fixed some clothes at night, wrote to Laddie & went for a walk – met Dorothy MacDonald & Lorraine Campbell.
Friday	April 9	Finished bills. Had a terrible cold. I went to library at night & then Anna & I went to a dance in the Hall – had a very good time.
Saturday	April 10	Mr. Campbell was up at the office this aft. – said I didn't have to work Sat. afternoons. I went home with Mother & Dad – took hot lemonade & went to bed early.
Sunday	April 11	Uncle Irving was supposed to come up – we looked for him all day but he didn't arrive. Went to church twice. Went up to hospital to see Jim after church. Earl has a new car – took us for a ride in it.
Monday	April 12	A little warmer. Uncle Irving did come up last night. Took me to work. I went to show with Elgin, Bobby Gardiner & Florence in Hanover – wasn't much good.
Tuesday	April 13	Raining. Winnie went back with Uncle Irving to I.O.D.E. Convention. George & I are keeping house – went to Mission Circle at Mrs. Rutherford's.
Wednesday	April 14	Quite a time getting meals & getting dishes done in time to get back to work but Winnie left plenty of canned goods. Marg Storey was over – made up a paper for Young People's on "Sectarianism".
Thursday	April 15	Real cold. Snowed to-day. Read a good book "Peace with Honour" by A. A. Milne. Made out some water bills. Fixed clothes at night.
Friday	April 16	Not quite so cold. Florence came in from her school. Stayed all night. Went to Pres. Play in Hall "Small Town Romeo" – good.

Saturday	April 17	Rained in morning. Winnie, Uncle Irving & Addie came up. We all went to the show in Hanover at night. Mother & Dad also, saw "After the Thin Man" – had to stand in line up for a long time.
Sunday	April 18	Addie slept with me – had a great talk in bed. Went to church in Queen St. at night to hear "Cyrus Gates" of radio fame – real good – 2 hours.
Monday	April 19	Lovely day but I had a terrible headache. Tried to figure out balance sheet. Laddie wrote – very busy. Went to Young People's at night.
Tuesday	April 20	A nice day. Wrote to Laddie, worked on books. Went to a military bridge in the Hall at night – lots of fun.
Wednesday	April 21	A terrible day – fierce wind that kept all day & night. Power off, lines down – trees taken out by roots & some roofs blown off. Busy day answering phone. Ab had been sick & had to get out of bed to fix lines.
Thursday	April 22	Last discount day – terribly rushed as men were busy all day on lines. Wrote to Laddie at night & listened to radio.
Friday	April 23	Winnie got her diamond last night – it is a grand one. Busy getting money ready for bank. Went to play in Hall entitled "Marygold" put on by Holstein Dramatic Club.
Saturday	April 24	Real windy to-day again. Ruby & Cy came home. She has a new car – 1935 Chevrolet. Winnie had a birthday party at night – all the family. She got some nice presents – Sally & I served. Lasted till 2.
Sunday	April 25	Rained all day. Went to church in afternoon. Vic & Sally were at Winnie's for supper. Ethel Hargrave came over after supper.
Monday	April 26	Still cold & wet – busy making out water bills. Had a nice letter from Laddie. Winnie & I went over to Hargrave's at night – heard "In (?) Magnificent Obsession" on radio.
Tuesday	April 27	Rained. Winnie had seven people here to rent house. Laddie wrote me some poetry. Went to library at night.
Wednesday	April 28	Busy day – finished water bills. Went up to Glenna's at night. Dorothy MacD. was there – talked & then went up to café for lunch.
Thursday	April 29	A grand day – real warm. Not feeling very well – had a sore throat. Stayed with Nadine at night while Vic & Sally went to show. Laddie wrote.
Friday	April 30	Another grand day. Busy – the end of month. Went to show in Hanover with Mac, Barb & Anna. Saw the "The Last Mrs. Cheyney" – good.
Saturday	May 1	Real warm. Worked hard. News leaked out that Emily Hunt & Nelson Clark have been married since Nov. Went to dance in Hall – put on by Red Cross – not a very big crowd.
Sunday	May 2	Vic & Nadine were down in morning. Winnie, Ethel & Anna were down for supper. Cyrus Gates spoke in Varney church at night. After we all went to Williamsford for ride in Earl's car – came back to our place for lunch.

Monday	May 3	Laddie wrote – he is terribly busy now. Made out cheques for meeting. Wrote to Laddie. I got a permanent at night at McArthur's at night for 4 ⁰⁰ – semi – Joan Bennett.
Tuesday	May 4	Busy taking off control. Had another letter form Laddie. Went to Commission meeting at night – still real warm.
Wednesday	May 5	Colder to-day. Busy after meeting. Stayed with Nadine while Sally went to I.O.D.E. Stores were open for first Wed. night. Went up to Glenna's after.
Thursday	May 6	Quite cold again & wet. Half holiday but I stayed up in office most of afternoon & read. Marj Noble & a fellow came up to do some typing – started a sweater for Nadine at night.
Friday	May 7	Rained all day. Laddie wrote & said he would be home next Sat. Knit at night & listened to "Hollywood Hotel".
Saturday	May 8	Last discount day for water – busy. Anna & I went up to library at night & then stayed around town – real warm – I stayed up all night.
Sunday	May 9	Mother's Day. I bought her 3 sherbet glasses. Jim Sullivan broke one Sat. night. Went to church & Sunday School. Marjorie Kerr was up for supper. We took Elgin to Mt. Forest. Laddie called me on phone – found 1 st exam real hard.
Monday	May 10	Still cold. We put on Coronation decorations at office. Ab washed windows. Laddie wrote. Knit at night & listened to "Mary Queen of Scots" on Lux program. Winnie sold house to Bill Wallace for \$1725.
Tuesday	May 11	Anna isn't going with Earl any more. Marjorie was up doing some typing. I made out power bills. Played tennis at night for first. Stores were open so Anna & I stayed around for awhile.
Wednesday	May 12	Coronation of King Geroge VI & Queen Elizabeth. Heard service over radio. Winnie made me a dress. Laddie sent me some lovely flowers. Went to Coronation dance in Holstein with Elgin & Florence.
Thursday	May 13	Colder. Read a book "Oils for the Lamps of China". Half holiday. Anna & I played tennis at night & then talked over the dance with some of the boys.
Friday	May 14	Jean Rowe & Hugh Cassidy were married (just a report not true). Read. Not very busy these days. Anna & I played tennis at night – it was High School Banquet so watched kids.
Saturday	May 15	Laddie came home to-day. I went to dentist in morning. Winnie & Jack went to show so Laddie & I were alone at night. Dad came up for me.
Sunday	May 16	Winnie was down all day. Went to church & Sunday School. Laddie & I went to church at night & he came down after. We had kitchen evening – wonderful.
Monday	May 17	Real cold. Sent out arrear notices & read some of a book. Laddie came down at night - went to Young People's together.
Tuesday	May 18	Still cold. Winnie went to Presbyterial in O. Sound. Away for supper. Laddie came down at night – brought a box of

		chocolates – went to library.
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Wednesday	May 19	New auditor in Mr. Conn's place came - Mr. Ferguson – about 50- a short man – sort of lame, the most peculiar man I have ever known. Told me stories of his life & of a woman in another Hydro office – about tea cup prophesies – always doing something for someone. Laddie & I went up town at night.
Thursday	May 20	Mr. Ferguson "Fergy" left at noon. I think I will like him fine. Half holiday. Read & went down to Ritchie's new house. Played tennis at night with Anna. Earl came up again but Anna refused to go with him anymore.
Friday	May 21	Did some work on meter book. Got off early to practice for some Coronation pageant. Played tennis at night. Laddie & I walked out home with Anna – Ruby & Cy came home.
Saturday	May 22	Winnie and Ruby drew up deed for house. Lorne's birthday. I got him a striped shirt & tie. Laddie, George, Dorothy MacDonald, Bill Renwick & Jean Murdoch & I went to Rav (Rahn de Voo), great time - ate in Durham after.
Sunday	May 23	A nice warm day. Wore my new dress. George, Shirley, Laddie & I went on a trip to Eugenia, Kimberly Valley, Meaford, had supper in Owen Sound. A swell time. Ruby & Winnie were down at night.
Monday	May 24	A beautiful day. Got up early. George, Dorothy, Laddie & I played tennis until noon, then I went fishing with girls (no fish). Cooked our supper out. We went to Pike Lake at night with Elgin & Florence, great time.

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Tuesday	May 25	Tired to-day – real warm. Worked on meter book. I am the queen of Siam in Pageant – went to practice at night. Stayed there about 3 hours & when I got home wasn't any farther ahead. Came home with Laddie.
Wednesday	May 26	Raining. Worked at meter book & typed names on bills. Can stay at Wallace's. Open night, Anna Laddie & I went for a walk.
Thursday	May 27	Busy in morning. Half holiday, played tennis in aft. with Laddie. Laddie, George, Dorothy & I played at night then went to Williamsford for drive – had ice cream at MacDonald's.
Friday	May 28	Warm. Did quite a lot of work to-day. Went to Young People's executive meeting at Bailey's. Laddie, Geo., Jim, Helen Gagnon, Dorothy & I went to dance in Holstein – Laddie called about 6:30 & said he couldn't go – gave no reason but thought would like to see him & got him to go.
Saturday	May 29	Real warm. Tired to-day. We planted flowers & fixed up yard. Laddie came down. We went up town. Elgin was up. I went home with Mother & Dad.
Sunday	May 30	Terribly hot. Uncle Cameron was found dead this morning. They found him in garage – door shut – carbon monoxide. Was a terrible shock to everybody – especially Aunt Eva as she was first to find him. Mother & Dad went right up. McClure's came up. Geo., Laddie & Dorothy were down in aft. – Elgin & I went up to Aunt Eva's at night.
Monday	May 31	Terribly hot. Jean stayed with me all night. I couldn't sleep. Jean & Nadine stayed with me at the office all day. Did some typewriting. She doesn't seem to realize it. Went up to Aunt Eva's for supper. Sally & I took girls for a drive. Jean stayed with me at night again.
Tuesday	June 1	Ross feels terrible. The funeral isn't until Wed. as Blanche is coming from West. All kinds of baking sent in. Aunt Eva is a little better to-day. I stayed up there for my meals. Jean stayed with me at night.
Wednesday	June 2	Didn't work to-day. Helped make sandwiches at Mrs. Schenk's. Blanche Lauder & Dorothy just got in as they were going to start the service in the house. A church funeral. Oddfellows 61 up for supper after. Stayed around & talked till late. Vera stayed with me all night.
Thursday	June 3	Frank Goodchild died yesterday, only 24. Had appendicitis operation. Half holiday. Mother, Barb, Anna & I went to Owen Sound in aft., got white shoes, dress & hat. Laddie, Geo., & I went down to Goodchild's at night.
Friday	June 4	Cool. Busy all day. Had Commission meeting at night – am to get 2 weeks holidays. Went to practice for pageant in Hall – Laddie went down to Earl's for week-end.
Saturday	June 5	Busy all day. Cy took me home at night. Mother & I fixed some of my clothes – shortened them.

Sunday	June 6	Warm. Washed my hair & Ruby finger-waved it. Bert, Mother & two girls who took service in Varney were up for supper. Mother made me a birthday cake until 2. We went for drive at night – Laddie, Elgin, Florence, Anna, Barb & I. Hunters' car was in an accident, didn't get in.
Monday	June 7	21 to-day. Made out bills. Mother gave me a pair of pyjamas & Winnie stockings. Went up to Aunt Eva's for awhile – wrote a letter for her. Laddie came down at night, gave me a lovely white purse. Went to practice for pageant in Hall.
Tuesday	June 8	Made out bills. Stayed with Nadine for awhile at night & then Laddie & I went up to Uncle John's – his 82 nd birthday – had a reception.
Wednesday	June 9	King's birthday – horse races in town. Did a lot of work. Laddie, Mac, Barb & I went to dance in Rav – floor show, special dances also. Laddie got his results – missed 2 so has to start studying.
Thursday	June 10	This week has been lovely but quite cool. Half holiday. Went for a drive with Lorne, Frankie, Aunt Eva & Blanche in Smith's new DeSoto – radio in it. Went to Markdale(?). Played tennis at night with Laddie & Anna.
Friday	June 11	Still quite cool. Finished bills to-day. Mr. Ferguson called in to see me – says I am at the top of his list – went to practice at night.
Saturday	June 12	Busy – made out power bills. I was up at Aunt Eva's for supper. Came up town at night. Laddie, Barb & I sat in car, went home with Brown's.
Sunday	June 13	Looked over all my old clothes. Went to church & Sunday School. Elgin & I were alone for supper. The rest of the family went to Wilkinson's. Elgin, Florence, Laddie & I went for drive at night.
Monday	June 14	Nice day. Started to figure out disbursement journal. Went up to Aunt Eva's at night & wrote a letter for her. She wants me to stay with her. Went to practice after – came home with Laddie.
Tuesday	June 15	A grand day – did some more work at disbursement journal & read "Camille". Played tennis at night. Walked out a piece with Anna. Wore my shorts for first. Laddie went to Mt. Forest with boys.
Wednesday	June 16	Finished "Camille" to-day. Worked on disbursement journal. Real warm. Went to library at night & to practice. Met Laddie. Went to Han. for drive with Alma Kress. Laddie & I had a few arguments.
Thursday	June 17	Rained all day. Half holiday. Knit on Nadine's sweater. Nearly finished it. Went up to Aunt Eva's in aft. Laddie was down at night. Went for a walk – had soda in Calder's.
Friday	June 18	Still raining. Worked in General Ledger. Ruby came home – Cy & I went over to Grant's for supper – my first appearance there. Went to play practice after.

Saturday	June 19	Sat. again. Lovely day. Worked at Gen. Ledger. Jim, Geo., Laddie, Elgin, Florence & I went to Rav. Laddie & I had a fight. He didn't dance with me at all. Had home waltz with Shirley because I didn't have first dance with him & finally made it up. Was I ever mad.
Sunday	June 20	Florence stayed all night. We went to Holstein Anniversary in morning. Mr. Jay spoke – had lunch in park. Then Geo., Laddie, Florence, Elg & I took Gert to London – first time I had ever been there. Had supper & then came home by Stratford – didn't get home until 2 – had to stay at Aunt Eva's all night.
Monday	June 21	I am going to stay at Aunt Eva's this week. Real warm. A lot of people in. Filed away Ledger stubs. Laddie & I went to practice in Hall.
Tuesday	June 22	Last disc. day. Busy. Went up to Aunt Eva's after supper & then went to practice at rink. Mrs. Farewell was sick & couldn't be there.
Wednesday	June 23	Hot. Put money in bank & finished filing. I got a curtain from Marg Storrey for a train. Went over to Mrs. Schenk's & made crown. Came up town & met Laddie.
Thursday	June 24	I have so many things to think about I don't know where to start first. Half holiday. Worked on costume & then Laddie & I played tennis for awhile. Went to practice at night. Blanche was in at Aunt Eva's after.
Friday	June 25	Real hot & close. Dr. Brad Jamieson was made Cons. candidate. Busy at Ledger. Had bath. Laddie & I went to practice in rink (Mrs. Farewell asked us if we wanted some confetti – ha!). Lasted from 7:30 until 1.
Saturday	June 26	Terribly hot again to-day. Elgin was in in aft. Laddie, Elg, Mac, Shirley, Jim, Barb, Florence & I went to Owen sound at 5. Had lunch in park & went to show at night.
Sunday	June 27	Got out Mother's wedding dress – am going to wear it in pageant. Went to church in aft. Laddie & I went to church at night – went in early. Talked over buying dairy.
Monday	June 28	Felt tired to-day. Finished working on Ledger. Collected stuff for pageant. Went to rehearsal at night in rink. Didn't get home until after 12.
Tuesday	June 29	Made out power bills. Real busy. Big night of pageant! "Behold your King". Went over very well. Made \$320 – a great relief that it is over with.
Wednesday	June 30	Terribly busy. Returned material borrowed at night. Ruby came home to-day. Went for walk at night with Laddie.
Thursday	July 1	Cool. Didn't get up very early. Got clothes ready for holidays. Ruby & I played tennis in aft. Laddie & I went to U.F.O. picnic at night – big crowd.
Friday	July 2	Real cold. Got ready for meeting & took off controls, some day. A Mr. Smith staying here. Went to Com. meeting at night & then Laddie & I went to library.

Saturday	July 3	What a day! Worked till after six to get through. Winnie went to beach. Got my things ready to go home. Went up town with Laddie & Florence. Went home with Mother & Dad.
Sunday	July 4	Jack Smith is staying here. Washed my hair. Went out to Anna's in aft. Barb gave me her shorts. Laddie was down for supper. Went out & got Florence, came home & fooled around on lawn.
Monday	July 5	Up early – washed clothes. Went on holidays in aft. to Presque Isle. Dad took us up. Marg Sparling & Jessie Grant arrived about 4:30, made beds, had grand dinner, sang across water – talked till late & got acquainted.





Tuesday	July 6	Everyone woke up at 4:30 – 12 in our tent. Got up about 5, had morning worship, courses in morning. Leaders, Rev. Gordon & McQuarrie & Mrs. McMullen. Played volleyball. Went in swimming. Vespers service, bonfire, Rev. Tilbury spoke on “Stars”.
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Velma back left



Jessie Grant on left



Jessie Grant on left



Jessie Grant on left



Wednesday	July 7	Didn't wake up till 6. Our tent had morning worship, bulletin at breakfast. Visitor's Day. Terribly hot. Had games, picnic lunch. Rev. Webster spoke on "Dreams" at campfire & Rev. McQuarrie on trip to Europe.
Thursday	July 8	Rev. McQuarrie had to leave to-day. Had treasure hunt in aft. Got a book of poems by Guest at library, got 2 letters from Laddie. Had kids night – dress up, had watermelon, ice cream & animal cookies – bonfire.
Friday	July 9	Jessie was sick so I stayed with her in morning & read. Got 89 in 1 st assignment. Had aft. free so wrote a letter & 5 cards, went swimming, got a letter. Rev. Howey gave a talk on "Rocks". Had marshmallows.
Saturday	July 10	Real hot. Went to Sauble in truck, went in swimming. Had hot dogs for supper. Swell time coming home. Laddie wrote. Lots of fun in tent at night – teasing kids about boyfriends.



Velma on right



Velma on left and Jessie Grant in centre

Sunday	July 11	Went in for morning dip. Had communion service, chicken
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		dinner. Sparling's were up. Visitor's in aft. Rev. Clydesdale spoke. After supper went down to rocks. Rev. Tilbury told ghost stories. Had fun watching boys & girls.
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Jessie Grant on left

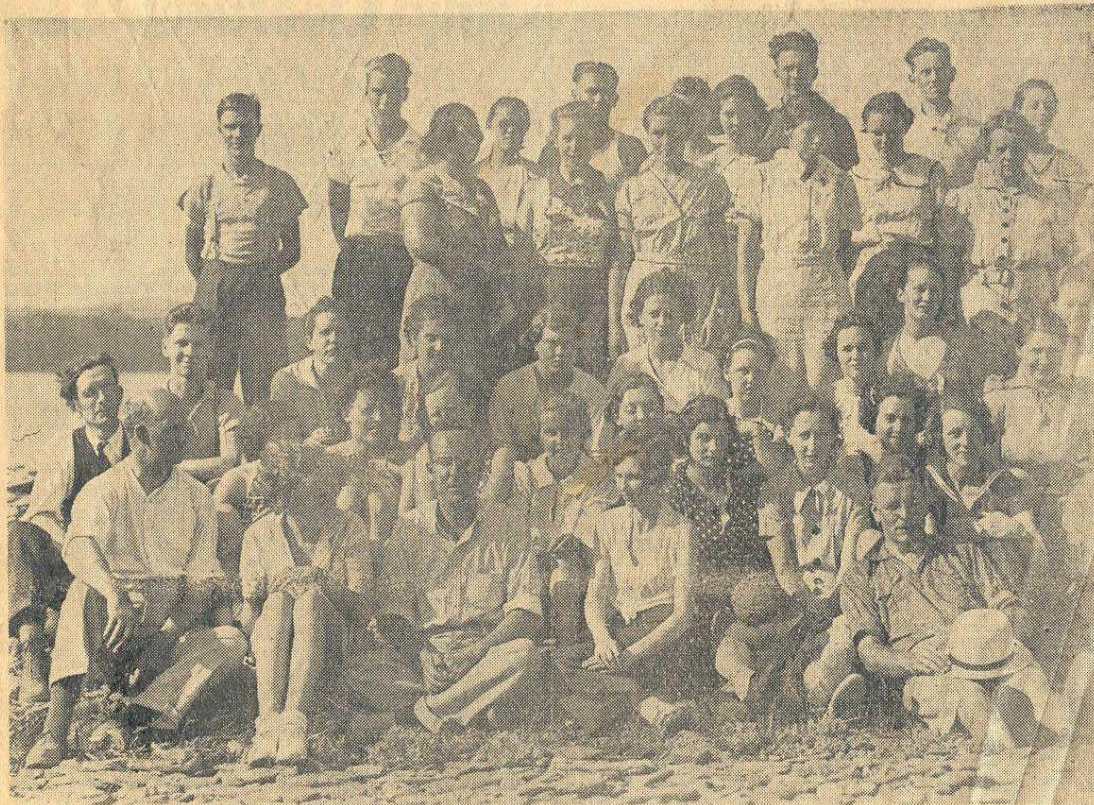


Monday	July 12	Had regular classes. Cooler. Read in aft. Played deck tennis, went in swimming, had stunt night. Our tent put on "Clementine". I was the lover. Had wiener roast after. Got letter.
Tuesday	July 13	Cooler. Last classes. I got 83% in assignments, went on interest hike. Some told stories on birds, trees, fish, California, Buffalo. Rev. Webster spoke at vespers. Rev. Gordon gave slides on trip to Scotland. Boys messed our tent up.



Wednesday	July 14	Last day. Didn't get up till 8. Gave out certificates & talked over ideas for next year's camp. Nearly everyone left after dinner, we were about last. Was with Laddie at night. Great to get back again.
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SPENDING HAPPY AND PROFITABLE WEEK AT PRESQUE ISLE CAMP



Above are seen a group of the staff and also young people in attendance at the annual Summer Camp of the Grey Presbytery Young People's Union at Presque Isle. From left to right are, front row—Rev. A. Rintoul of Chatsworth, Camp Dean; Miss Muriel Catchpole, Owen Sound, Registrar; Rev. C. F. Tilbury of York, Recreation Leader; Mrs. Tilbury, Rev. E. W. McQuairrie, Bible Leader; second row—Mr. Charles Waite, Owen Sound, Camp President; Miss Velma Blythe, Durham; Miss Mary Carefoot, Markdale; Miss Viola Bumstead, Owen Sound; Miss Grace English, Owen Sound; Miss Mavis Thompson, Markdale; Miss Elva Wiltshire, Bethel; Miss Dorothy Wraggett, Bethel; Miss Roberta Harrison, Priceville; Miss Eleanor Mather, Priceville; Miss Jean Menary, Walter's Falls; third row—Mr. Howard Bumstead, Treasurer; Miss Joy Abbotts, Owen Sound; Miss Grace Russell, Dundalk; Miss Marion Scott, Johnston; Miss Helen Bumstead, Johnston; Miss Dorothy Baker, Kimberley; Miss Theilma Ellis, Kimberley; Miss Watts, Miss Hilda Long, Walter's Falls, Miss Helen Phipps, Sydenham; fourth row—Miss Lillian Burr, Owen Sound; Miss Irene Taylor, Massie; Miss Mary Howey, Massie; Miss Winnie Graham, Kimberley; Miss Isabel Shields, Sydenham; Miss Margaret Freeland, Massie; Miss Margaret Sparling, Durham; Mrs. R. McMullen of Apsley, formerly of Korea; Miss Margaret McElheron, Chatsworth; rear row—Mr. Vernon Robinson, Dundalk; Mr. Carlton Knight of Meaford, Miss Marian Wherry, Dundalk; Mr. Lorne Bunt, Owen Sound; Miss Kathleen Lockhart, Dundalk; Mr. Donald Robinson, Dundalk; Rev. Bruce Gordon of Dundalk; Miss Helen McGregor, Desboro.

Thursday	July 15	Tired to-day. I have a nice tan. Got clothes unpacked. Had sleep in aft. Laddie came down at night – we had a great time.
Friday	July 16	Baked in morning & washed clothes, washed my hair. Went to bed early at night & read "White Banners".
Saturday	July 17	Ironed & fixed clothes. Read in aft., came up town at night. Was with Laddie. Went home with Florence.
Sunday	July 18	Went to Dromore anniversary. Ritchie's were at Patterson's for dinner. Went to church at night again – Elgin & Laddie came out.
Monday	July 19	Started to work again after holidays. Got everything straightened around. Rates have been changed. George, Jim, Laddie & I went to Dromore garden party. G. Greenwood couldn't take part in the play so Laddie took it. Didn't know about it all this aft. – he did swell.

Tuesday	July 20	Lovely day – not too hot. Ruby & Aunt Eva & kids went to Wasaga. Winnie is staying up at dairy. I went to library & Laddie & I went for a walk.
Wednesday	July 21	Typed names on bills. Jim Palmer & another boy came over. We got Anna & played tennis at night. Laddie, Jim, Kay Renwick, Geo. & I went to tennis club dance at Rav – swell time.
Thursday	July 22	Real hot. Typed names on bills. Half holiday. Laddie & I went swimming & went to play in Hall at night, “Dollars to Doughnuts” put on by Owen Sound – good.
Friday	July 23	Still real hot – need rain badly. Busy most of day. Anna & I played tennis at night & then went to see show in Hanover “Maytime” with Bill & Mac.
Saturday	July 24	Real hot. Elgin’s birthday. Ruby & rest of them came home from beach. Laddie, Elg, Geo., Mona MacDonald & I went to Rav at night.
Sunday	July 25	We went to Brantford. Laddie went with us. Had nice trip. Went out to Bell homestead in aft. Vera is in bed. Betty came home with us. It rained all the way home.
Monday	July 26	A terrible day – real cold & it rained all day. We aren’t going to keep the car (Plymouth) – it didn’t work very well yesterday. Stayed in at night. Ruby & Winnie & I made plans for wedding. It is to be Sept. 25.
Tuesday	July 27	Still real cool. Made out water bills. Ruby, Vera & I played tennis at night. Then Geo., Jim, Kay, Laddie & I went to Pike Lake – a poor orchestra. Came home early.
Wednesday	July 28	A little nicer to-day. Finished water bills. It rained at night. Went to library. Laddie, Geo. & I bought a watermelon to take tomorrow – stayed at Aunt Eva’s.
Thursday	July 29	A lovely day. Half holiday. Geo., Laddie, Freda & I went to Inverhuron – girls are up there at McCrae’s cottage. Went in swimming. Had lots of eats - watermelon. Layed around on veranda until 10:30 then went to dance at pavilion.



Inverhuron, 1937



Anna and Barbara Ritchie centre
Velma second from right



Laddie, Velma, George Glass back row



Velma

Friday	July 30	Nice day. Winnie & Ruby went to Toronto, had to get meals. Laddie & I went to girl's ball game at night. I stayed at Aunt Eva's.
Saturday	July 31	Ab went on his holidays to-day. Took off controls & cleaned up. Winnie & Ruby came home. Laddie, Elgin & I went down home. Elgin went to Inverhuron beach for girls.
Sunday	August 1	Uncle & Addie came up. Florence & Margaret stayed for supper. Betty is still here. We went for a drive at night – got Laddie. Florence stayed all night.
Monday	August 2	Florence & I went down to Old Boys in Mt. Forest with Elgin before 8. We decorated truck for parade – parade was good. Went to midway & ball games in aft. Ate at Fethe's(?) – grand supper. Laddie came down at night. Went to dance in rink.
Tuesday	August 3	Got ready for meeting. Lovely day. Bert Lewis & his wife, cousins of ours from the west, were here for dinner – are going to stay this week. They are a lovely couple. Had Com. Meeting – went for a walk with Laddie.
Wednesday	August 4	Busy after meeting. Betty & Vera were up for awhile. Laddie, George, Freda & I went to Old Boys in Mt. Forest – tattoo, went to dance after – good time.
Thursday	August 5	Nice day, half holiday. Went down home in aft., had a sleep. Ruby, Laddie & I played tennis. Then we went down to Mt. Forest & back with George.
Friday	August 6	Real busy making out light bills. Laddie, Geo., Freda & I went to girls ball game in Dundalk.
Saturday	August 7	Busy. The Lewis' are still here. Sat. night so fooled around up town & went home with Mother & Dad.
Sunday	August 8	Fowler's called in for Betty. Skelton's came up this morning. Made sandwiches. We all went on picnic to Holstein park. Laddie was there – over 40 – went in swimming, took pictures, went for a drive with Geo. at night.
Monday	August 9	Last discount day for water. I went in swimming with my watch on yesterday – had to take it in to jeweller's. Lewis' are still here. I went to a meet at night to arrange for Young People's picnic – saw Laddie after.
Tuesday	August 10	Busy putting money in bank & making out bills. We all had supper at Sally's. Uncle Irving & Addie were up. Came over town after & saw kids – slept with Addie all night.

Wednesday	August 11	Busy making out bills – new rates. Ruby & I played tennis at night. Open night. Laddie & I went for a walk.
Thursday	August 12	We were to have our Young People's picnic at Owen Sound but it rained. Washed my hair. The Lewis' went away to-day. Laddie was down at night, pasted pictures in photograph album.
Friday	August 13	Finished bills. Ruby has her teeth out – getting them in a week. We played tennis at night. Laddie & I walked out with Anna – came home & read.
Saturday	August 14	Made out power bills. Lovely day but cool. Geo. & Laddie were up in aft. They wanted us to go to Muskoka tomorrow. Cy came up to-day. Elgin, Florence, Shirley, Geo. & I went to Rav at night.
Sunday	August 15	Shirley, Geo., Elgin, Flor., Lad & I left at 7 for Port Carling. Had flat tire in Barrie, stopped at park in Orillia, had lunch in Gravenhurst, went out to sanatorium, stopped at falls at Bracebridge, went to George's uncle's cottage at Port Carling. He took us out in his motor boat all around Muskoka Lakes for over an hour, came home by Bala. Wonderful trip.

Orillia, 1937

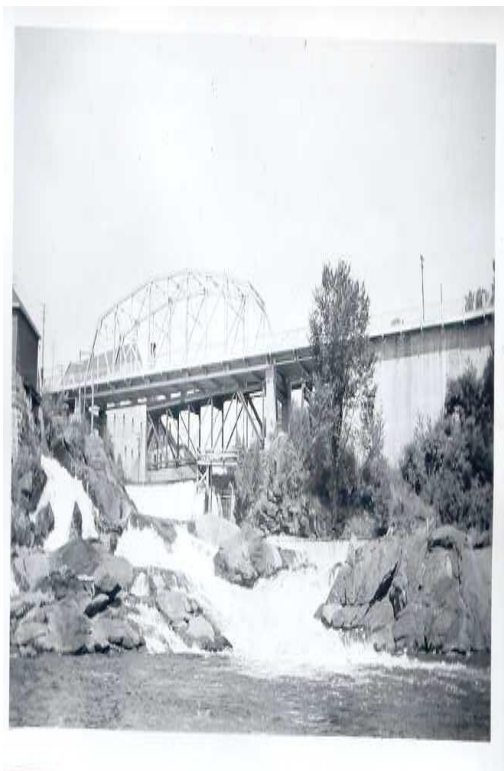


Champlain monument

Bracebridge, 1937



George Glass and Velma on left, Elgin on right



Bracebridge Falls



Velma and Laddie

Port Carling, 1937



Velma on left

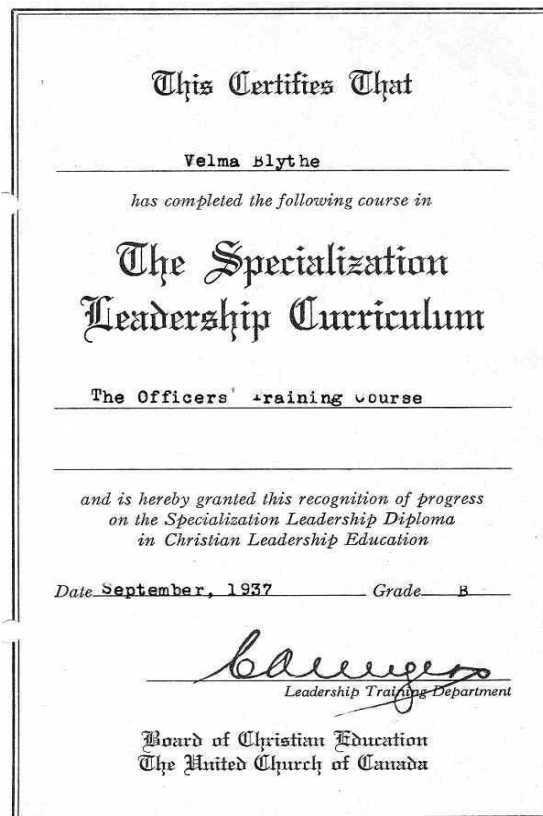


George, Laddie and Elgin

Monday	August 16	Grand day, a little tired but didn't have much to do. Played tennis at night. A car went into the river at bottom of hill – watched it being pulled out.
Tuesday	August 17	Studied General Ledger & read a little. Played tennis at night. Went to library & came home with Laddie.
Wednesday	August 18	Rained, real close. Winnie & Ruby are busy packing. Went up to Aunt Eva's for awhile & then went down town – open night. Sat in car with kids.
Thursday	August 19	Half holiday. Was to be church picnic but it rained all day – a terrible electrical storm. We were cleaning house & dividing things all day, gave me some odds & ends. Frankie & Jack were up for supper. Mother & Dad came up – took a lot of junk home with them.
Friday	August 20	Still raining. Winnie went to Institute Rally at Kemble. Went up town at night. Laddie & I went for a walk & then sat on veranda for awhile.
Saturday	August 21	Cool to-day but at last it has stopped raining. Busy – last discount day. Skelton's were up. Laddie & I sat in car & watched the people go by (ha!).
Sunday	August 22	Mary Skelton stayed with me all night. Lovely day but cool. Went to Sunday School. We had all the Ritchie family for a picnic lunch. Went to church at night. Anna, Barb, Mac, Lad & I went for a drive – also Elg & Geo.
Monday	August 23	Grand day. Busy entering up accounts. Laddie & I played tennis at night & then went for a walk. Went to bed early.
Tuesday	August 24	Hot – cleaned up office. Mr. Ferguson came to audit books. He worked until six. Got tea cup read. Ruby wanted us to go to show with her but Laddie couldn't go – disappointed, felt fed up with everything. Laddie & I walked down to home & Dad brought us back.
Wednesday	August 25	Still warm. Mowed some of lawn at noon & Laddie came down & finished it. Mr. Ferguson left this morning. We packed Ruby's dishes & took them down to our place – open night – went to library. Laddie & I sat on veranda.
Thursday	August 26	Hot. Half holiday. Church picnic at Holstein. Busy packing stuff to move. Went in swimming at picnic. Moved at night. Laddie helped. We went out to Petty's with furniture – saw around house – huge.
Friday	August 27	Real hot. I wrote some letters to try & collect accounts. Moved my stuff up to Aunt Eva's at night. Then we took some of Ruby's belongings down to our place.
Saturday	August 28	Still hot – the day of Winnie's sale – had everything sitting outside ready to sell at noon. Had to eat sandwiches. Things went pretty well. We bought a few things (rolling pin). Laddie, Florence, Elg & I went to Mt. Forest dance.

Sunday	August 29	Mother, Elg, Ross, Aunt Eva, Eva Derby & I went to Geo. Constable's to see new baby, Elizabeth Ann. It is real cute, has red hair. Mrs. Harry Aldred & boys, Leslie Fleming, Janet Skelton & a lot of other company were there. Had supper on lawn. Went to lake after supper. Grand day.
Monday	August 30	Still terribly warm. Don't feel much like working. Winnie & Ruby went to Toronto to-day. Laddie called at night. We went for a walk.
Tuesday	August 31	As hot as ever. End of month, so put money in bank. Got my hair cut at night. Stayed with Nadine all night – Sally & Vic went to Owen Sound.
Wednesday	September 1	Winnie sent out her invitations to-day. Laddie & I went for a walk. No more open nights now. Came home & mended stockings.
Thursday	September 2	Still a sweltering heat. Half holiday. Cleaned up room & played tennis. Laddie & I took George's car to the show in Mt. Forest. Saw "New Faces of 1937" – watched them play tennis after.
Friday	September 3	Hot. Finished balancing controls. I washed my hair at night & had it finger waved. A terrible thunderstorm.
Saturday	September 4	Cooler to-day. Did some odd jobs. Florence, Elg, Laddie & I went to Han. At night. I got a new pr. of shoes in Ostoff's. We went to Rav after.
Sunday	September 5	Real cool. Varney Anniversary. Sally & Vic went up north & left Nadine at our place. Great time with her. Laddie came down in aft. Mr. Rucher(?) took the services.
Monday	September 6	Stayed home all day & got a lot of jobs done. Nadine here – no bother at all. Reg Fowler called in & brought us a salmon. Laddie came down at night.
Tuesday	September 7	Came up to work in morning. Made out power bills. Had Commission meeting at night. Met Laddie after.
Wednesday	September 8	Ab, Marj & I went to Georgian Bay Covention at Midland, left at 8, shopped, had lunch, went to see Martyr's Shrine, then went on boat trip from 1:30-9:00 p.m. – lots of drinks around. Talking to travellers. Met a Mr. Carter from Remington Rand. Danced on boat, chicken dinner, went around 30,000 Islands. Thought Ab would never be able to drive home.
Thursday	September 9	Finished power bills. Half holiday. Anna & I played tennis & then cooked our supper at Flat Rock. Berniece also. Laddie & I went for a walk after.
Friday	September 10	Grand day. Busy. 1 st day of Fall Fair. Gave Institute zinnias for show. Laddie & I went for a walk at night – it rained.
Saturday	September 11	Cold & raining – a typical day for Durham Fall Fair. I was sick in aft. Laddie & I went to play in Hall at night. "Crooks for a Month" was good. Went out to Patterson's after with Elg.
Sunday	September 12	Winnie & Ruby are at our place. Saw all the clothes they bought. We went to church in aft. Laddie & I went to church at night. He had a terrible cold – went right home after.

Monday	September 13	Laddie is busy studying. I worked on disbursement journal. Went to Young People's. I was elected for secretary again. Real cold.
Tuesday	September 14	Lovely day but cool. Wrote up minutes & sent out notices. Rained at night. Laddie came over for a few minutes. He is busy studying this week.
Wednesday	September 15	Rained all day. I have a terrible cold. Tried on my fall clothes at night & shortened some of them.
Thursday	September 16	Still cold & wet. Half holiday. Anna, Aunt Eva, Mother & I went to Owen Sound to shop. I got a new brown dress & hat for wedding – so did Mother. Didn't get home till after 8. I got rust goods for a dress also.
Friday	September 17	Laddie writes the two exams he missed to-day. He went down with Ruby yesterday. Ab was away to-day. Winnie got a silver Sheffield reproduction dish from Bowling Green – listened to radio.
Saturday	September 18	Cold & wet. Anna got me some goods for a suit in Toronto yesterday. Laddie & I picked out a present for Winnie at night – a cushion & we also picked out a suit for Laddie. He found one exam quite hard. Dad came up for me.
Sunday	September 19	Looked over presents & talked wedding. Went to church & Sunday School. Laddie, Elg, Florence & I came down to house at night. Laddie & I drove Elg to Mt. Forest. Real cold.



Monday	September 20	A little brighter to-day. Schools are still closed on account of infant paralysis. Auxiliary had a shower for Winnie. Laddie & I went for a walk. Still cold.
Tuesday	September 21	Warmer to-day. Studied bookkeeping. Choir gave Winnie a presentation. Laddie & I went for a walk & then up to dam.
Wednesday	September 22	Lovely & warm, did some more bookkeeping. Ruby was up for supper. I got my hair finger-waved. Met Laddie after.
Thursday	September 23	Lovely day. Mother had a trousseau tea for Winnie. Half holiday. Ruby & I served. Winnie got some beautiful things. Rehearsal at night. There was a dance in Durham. Laddie, Geo. & I sat in car outside Hall –ate after.
Friday	September 24	Still nice. Laddie came up in aft. – brought me a chocolate bar. We went to a paper chase at night – Young People's – had bonfire in park after & ate hamburgers, apples & marshmallows.
Saturday	September 25	The Wedding! Great excitement. Rained all day. Had wedding inside at 3 o'clock – 47 guests. Mother looked lovely in blue with a corsage of red roses. I wore a brown dress & hat with white trimmings. Nadine was darling as flower girl, swell eats, didn't know in which car they were going away in, lots of confetti, sewed up Winnie's suit, followed them to Durham. Laddie & I took car to show at night.
Sunday	September 26	What a dirty house we have! Mother & I had a great time cleaning up. Anna & family were down in aft. to see presents. They stayed for supper. Uncle Irving was here also. Laddie & I went for a walk at night.
Monday	September 27	Nice day but cold. Typed names on bills. Went to an executive meeting at seven & then went to Young People's. Alec Sim spoke on his trip across Canada. Very interesting.
Tuesday	September 28	University should have opened to-day but was postponed a week. Lovely day. Busy. Nice day. Laddie & I went for a walk at night & to library. Ruby stayed up here all night.
Wednesday	September 29	Laddie got his results to-day. He passed – quite tickled. He came up to Aunt Eva's at night & we helped Ruby make up an address for the presentation Fri. night. Sent Mother sherbets for her birthday.
Thursday	September 30	Real busy. Half holiday. Cleaned room & then I went down home with Ruby. We are silo filling. Came home after supper. Laddie & I went for a walk. They had a presentation for Janet & Mrs. Kerr tonight.
Friday	October 1	Raining. Took off controls. Went to political meeting in Hall with Ruby. Dr. Brad spoke. We then went to a reception at Petty's. Laddie went. They danced most of evening. Gave them a studio couch.
Saturday	October 2	Tired but did a lot of work. Cleaned office. Laddie, Elg, Marg Leith & I sat in car & talked at night. I went home with Elgin.
Sunday	October 3	Mother was sick to-day. Ruby & I went to Knox church in morning – communion. Stayed home in aft. with Mother. Laddie, Elg & I went out to Florence's at night.
Monday	October 4	Lovely day. Ruby went back to school this morning. I made

		out cheques. Laddie goes away to-morrow. We had our last night.
Tuesday	October 5	Started to make out bills. Went to dress-makers, rained all day. Had Commission Meeting at night. I only have to work until 5 now – they discussed raise.
Wednesday	October 6	Election Day. Dr. Jamieson vs. F. R. Oliver. I had my first vote. At night I went down to Whitmore's to listen for results. Hepburn & the Liberal govt. were returned by a large majority. Oliver won by a majority of 1200.
Thursday	October 7	Trying to snow. Cold & wet. Half holiday. I shortened my dresses & went to dress-makers. Started a white sweater for Laddie at night.
Friday	October 8	Ground is covered with snow. Still making out bills. Started a white sweater for Laddie to-night. Winnie & Jack were in.
Saturday	October 9	Nice day but cold. Ruby & Cy came up & also Reg & Mary Fowler. They came up for me at night. We shopped & then came home & talked.
Sunday	October 10	A grand day – warm. We all went up to McGirr's for a chicken dinner & then went out to Eugenia & the Kimberly Valley for a drive. Read at night & chatted. Wrote to Laddie.
Monday	October 11	Thanksgiving Day. Cold & wet. Ruby & Cy were here for dinner, we had stuffed heart. I baked. Fowler's & Ruby left in aft. Lorne, Barbara & I went to a show in Mt. Forest at night – saw Barbara Stanwick & Anna Shirley in "Stella Dallas".
Tuesday	October 12	Raining. Typed arrears on bills & did other jobs – real busy. Had letter from Laddie. Went to Young People's at night. I got my knitted suit back – had it altered – charged \$1.
Wednesday	October 13	Snowing again – finished bills to-day. I got my hair shingled after four. Knit at night & listened to radio.
Thursday	October 14	Terrribly cold. Half holiday. I went home in afternoon. Baked a cake, wrote to Laddie as I got a letter. We went out to Winnie's at night – talked & had lunch.
Friday	October 15	Still cold. Made out power bills & other jobs. Went to dentist. We picked out characters for play & then I went up to Glenna's. She is to be married in two weeks - showed me her things.
Saturday	October 16	I started to type out a play for the Rebecca's & what a job. Worked at it until nearly six & didn't get half finished. Went home early as Sat. nite. Got my dresses in Miss Tory's - \$3 each.
Sunday	October 17	Mother was sick – she hasn't been feeling well lately. I went to church in aft. Wrote to Laddie. Anna & I went to church at night.
Monday	October 18	Rained all day. I worked on play. Radio car was up – there was a fire also. Went to dentist after work. Knit at night.
Tuesday	October 19	Much milder – finished play & did other odd jobs. Went to dentist. It rained at night. Knit, read & listened to radio.

Wednesday	October 20	Rained all day. We have had terrible weather lately. Quite busy making out water bills. I got a box of Laura Secord's from Laddie. Went to a surprise party for Glenna at night. Lots of fun – I gave her a silver mayonnaise dish.
Thursday	October 21	Wrote to Laddie. Had to get money ready for bank – lots of work. Half holiday but couldn't take it. Had a grand letter from Laddie. Went to play practice at night for Young People's with Anna.
Friday	October 22	Still raining & cold. Last discount day. Real busy. Knit at night & Aunt Eva & I went to library.
Saturday	October 23	Snowing & cold. Money came out O.K. Busy all day. Went home at five with Dad. Wrote to Laddie & knit at night.
Sunday	October 24	Mother is not feeling very well yet – is going to get a girl tomorrow. Read in aft. & prepared supper. Went to church at night with Anna.
Monday	October 25	Real cold. Started to make out water bills. Young People's had a musical at night. Listowel Salvation Army band, a girl to swing illuminated clubs & others. Gave them lunch after – peas on toast.
Tuesday	October 26	Still making out bills. Anna, Vera, Ross, Bertha & I went to a goose supper at Varney. Lots to eat, big crowd. After it we went to the Rebecca birthday party. They have a good program – chalk talk & play.
Wednesday	October 27	Cold. Real busy. Laddie wrote – was disappointed in letter – talked all the time about a girl he was going to take to Halloween dance. Went to practice for a dance in the Red Cross play.
Thursday	October 28	Wrote to Laddie. Last Half holiday. Finished one half of sweater, did other jobs then Aunt Eva & I went over to see Sally & Mrs. Hope. Went to practice for dance & then went up to play practice in church.
Friday	October 29	A little milder to-day. Went to dentist at 11 & got my teeth nearly all fixed. Cleaned office windows. Went to dance practice at night. Elg was up.
Saturday	October 30	Busy to-day. I got a letter from Laddie that took the heart out of me. Wrote one in reply. Hallowe'en night. Didn't feel much like celebrating, however Geo., Elg, Florence & I went to dance in Mt. Forest – had lunch after.
Sunday	October 31	Felt terrible all day. We went for a long drive to Mildmay, Clifford & home by Mt. Forest. Mother is feeling better. Anna & I went to church at night. Laddie called up, felt a whole lot better after he called.
Monday	November 1	I got my fur coat to-day – they charged me \$2 storage. Did odd jobs. Went to practice at night. They have changed our dance. We are now in one called "Go (?) Your Dance".
Tuesday	November 2	Got ready for meeting. Anna was operated on to-day for appendicitis – took it all at once – getting along fine. Went to practice, to Com. meeting & to library.

Wednesday	November 3	Cold. Busy after meeting. Had another letter form Laddie. He is coming home this week-end. We will see then if we can get things straightened out. Went to practice.
Thursday	November 4	Cold but bright. Busy making out reports. Went to practice at night & then went over to play practice.
Friday	November 5	Finished reports & did odd jobs. Laddie came home & we went to the dance (fireman's). Had a wonderful time. Everything is O.K. now – we stayed out until three (we were so happy).
Saturday	November 6	Quite busy – a lot of people in. At night Laddie came down home. We were alone until Elgin came home. He brought Laddie up to town.
Sunday	November 7	A wonderful day – so warm. Aunt Mary Ann was down all day – we had lots of fun. Laddie went back on 6:30 bus. I went to church. Berniece & I went for a walk after.
Monday	November 8	Last discount day. Raining. The engineer who was burnt at the buttermilk factory last week died to-day. I went to practice & then to Young People's.
Tuesday	November 9	Wrote to Ruby. Nice day but cold wind. I washed my hair & got a permanent at McArthur's - \$3.50. Cleaned up room & clothes.
Wednesday	November 10	Lovely day. Busy, making out power bills. Elgin was going to Toronto to-morrow. Tried to get him to take me but he wouldn't. Got a box of fruit for Anna. Went up to see her at 5. Went to practice at night & to library.
Thursday	November 11	A holiday – grand day. Slept in morning – did some knitting, read. Went up to hospital to see Anna. Had letter from Laddie. Vera & I went to Winnie's in aft. Her sitting room is lovely. Stayed for supper. Played cards at night.
Friday	November 12	Another beautiful day. Did odd jobs, wrote to Laddie. Went to practice at night & to dentist. Did some knitting.
Saturday	November 13	Raining. Ab went to Toronto to-day. Laddie sent me a picture of himself, a snap he had enlarged – real good. Mother, Dad & I went up to hospital to see Anna at night. Went home – had a bath.
Sunday	November 14	Raining & dull. Washed out some clothes & read. Winnie & Jack were down. Went to church. They stayed for supper. Marjorie was up. I came up to town with Winnie. Read poems of Dr. Watson – our cousin.
Monday	November 15	Still wet. Studied bookkeeping, not so busy to-day. Had a letter from Laddie. Went to practice at night. Listened to Lux program.
Tuesday	November 16	Cold. Wrote to Laddie. Sent out collection letters. Ritchies moved to-day. We got our costumes. Ours are very brief. Red & white skirts & halters. Had practice to-night again. Went to library with Jean. Had hot bath.
Wednesday	November 17	Raining. Finished collection letters. Had rehearsal, play is shorter & doesn't seem to be as good as last yr. Isabel Jamieson is Darky Maid. Ray Wiggins is Darky too – they are real good.
Thursday	November 18	Snowing. Got off early to go to matinee. New fire truck

		came. Our dance was a flop. However we did better at night performance. We had to get make up on. Hall not filled – everything went off fairly well.
Friday	November 19	Snowing. Had to get Motor boats out. Worked at some bookkeeping. Wrote to Laddie. Went to dentist. Ruby & Cy came home. The last night of the performance. Had lunch after & then a dance – had a good time. Dorothy Foster orchestra.
Saturday	November 20	Snowing. Tired to-day. Did some more bookkeeping review. Went up to hospital to see Anna with Barbara. Went home with Mother & Dad – tired.
Sunday	November 21	Lots of snow. Elg & I went up to hospital to see Anna & also Mrs. Russell Taylor. Ruby & Cy were here for supper. I went to church at night.
Monday	November 22	Real frosty. Busy all day typing names on bills & doing bookkeeping. Finished at the dentist, he only charged me \$4. Had a nice long letter from Laddie. Went to Young People's at night & listened to Lux program.
Tuesday	November 23	Still cold. Busy all day. I got my picture taken at noon by Mayfair Studio. \$1.69 for coloured & framed picture. Knit at night & went to library. Got 2 books, one was "Wake Up & Live".
Wednesday	November 24	Lots of snow. Mr. Solclough(?) brought us a new adding machine. Might buy it. Did some shopping after five. Vera & I went up to hospital to see Anna at night – coming home to-morrow.
Thursday	November 25	Busy all day, filing away records. Had letter from Laddie. I stayed with Nadine at night, got her supper & put her to bed.
Friday	November 26	Mr. Ferguson & another auditor were here to-day. Came at 9 & left at 11:15 – quick work. I got lots of praise. Got clothes ready at night to go to Toronto to-morrow.
Saturday	November 27	Left on 9:20 bus for Toronto, got there at 2:00, met Laddie. We had a chicken dinner, went around university buildings & then went down town to shop. Got goods for an evening dress. Rose satin with a silver stripe & silver goods for jacket. Went to show at Lowe's, then ate & came home. Had Connie's room. We had a wonderful time, saw Santa Claus.
Sunday	November 28	Got up in time for church in morning. We went to Bloor St. United. Dr. Pigeon spoke. Stayed in room after church, then we went for a walk. Had dinner. Got caught in rain coming home – got dried up. Ruby & Cy called & took me to bus depot.
Monday	November 29	Real cold. Had to get down to work again. Busy all day. Went to Knox fowl supper at night. Church has just been re-decorated. Started a green angora scarf. Mrs. Hope was in & also Mother & Dad.
Tuesday	November 30	Wrote to Laddie. Terribly frosty. Real busy. Went down to see Anna at night. She is feeling much better but is still in bed. They have moved into town.

Wednesday	December 1	Put money in bank & sent out arrear notices. Knit on my scarf at night & read the Can. Home Journal.
Thursday	December 2	Took off both controls. Had letter from Laddie. He is real busy. Aunt Eva wants me to do her X-mas shopping for her. Knit at night.
Friday	December 3	Started bills. Wrote to Laddie. Jessie Grant has been sick so called up to ask for her. Knit at night & fixed photograph album. Talked over X-mas presents.
Saturday	December 4	Snowing but milder. Making out bills. Mother & Dad went to Santa Claus Day in Owen Sound. Finished my scarf & hat. Barb & I went to a dance in Hall put on by Soft Ball Girls team.
Sunday	December 5	Lots of snow & ice. Talked over X-mas presents. Went to church in aft. Elg & I went up to see Anna after. She is sitting up now. We had a chicken supper at home. Laddie called me at night. Read.
Monday	December 6	Wrote to Laddie. He is terribly busy now. Made out bills. Went to Young People's at night. A social. We had a great time.
Tuesday	December 7	Real stormy and cold. Were to have Com. meeting but postponed it. Vera & I went shopping. Knit at night. I got my picture to-day – I like it real well.
Wednesday	December 8	Still cold & snowy. The back roads are blocked. Making out bills. Went to the library at night and knit.
Thursday	December 9	Mr. Carter, a traveller I met at the convention, was in to-day. Mother was up to make my evening dress. Had Com. meeting at night. They bought a new adding machine.
Friday	December 10	Wrote to Laddie. Wrote up minute book etc. Put up X-mas tree. Ross has been terrible this week. Elgin was up at night. Knit. Almost finished sweater.
Saturday	December 11	Still snowy. Vera & I went to Owen Sound in truck with Bill Evans to do Christmas shopping. Santa Claus day in Durham. Bought evening shoes. Laddie sent me "The Varsity". Shopped at night.
Sunday	December 12	Bill Evans came home with Elgin for week-end. Talked over X-mas presents. Read & ate. Elgin, Bill & I went to Durham church at night.
Monday	December 13	Real frosty. Busy. Sent Laddie my picture. Made out power bills. Vera, Bertha & I went sleigh riding. Wore Jean's ski suit. Came home, ate & listened to Lux program.
Tuesday	December 14	Finished power bills & made out reports. Had some knitting to rip out but did wrong half – what a mistake. Will keep me busy to get it ready for X-mas now. Laddie wrote.
Wednesday	December 15	Still cold. Felt tired. Too much knitting. Mother was up to do my dress. Worked hard all day. Knit at night.
Thursday	December 16	Thawing. Worked at financial reports all day. Vera & I went shopping at night. I went down to Anna's, took my knitting.
Friday	December 17	Real mild. Had nice letter from Laddie – he is not so busy now so has time to write. Finished financial statements. Finished body part of sweater. Wrapped up presents.
Saturday	December 18	Mild. Didn't do much all day. Went home at 5. Got new

		adding machine to-day. Made candy to send Vera Fowler & Uncle Irving – all kinds of fondant. Did other jobs – worked until late.
Sunday	December 19	Busy in morning. Wrapped up presents etc., went to church in aft. Vic & Nadine were down. Came up with them – read – went to bed early.
Monday	December 20	Busy all day. Lots of people in. Addressed cards. Someone stole half of the lights off X-mas tree. Washed my hair at night & had it finger-waved. Finished my knitting. Aunt Eva has a terrible time with Ross.
Tuesday	December 21	Cold. Busy doing a bit of detective work – trying to find out who stole lights. Ab went to see Prof. Gladstone at Mt. Forest. Just read at night & went to library.
Wednesday	December 22	Busy, last discount day. Mr. Innes gave me a lovely box of handkerchiefs. Anna, Berniece & I went to Commencement – real good.
Thursday	December 23	Busy most of day. Christmas rush is on in the post office. I delivered some parcels. Were expecting Ruby & Laddie in aft. but they didn't arrive until 10:30 - started at 2 – car trouble. Laddie stayed for awhile, had lunch & Ruby opened her parcels.
Friday	December 24	I have a terrible cold. Ab's father is very low so he wasn't working to-day. Gave me Three Secrets powder & perfume. Laddie & I were together at night. Elgin came up for me Xmas eve.
Saturday	December 25	Christmas day. Lovely day – snow – lots of nice presents. Got books, stockings, dresser set etc. from Laddie. Had X-mas at Vic's. Big feed. Unloaded tree. Played games. Laddie, Dorothy MacD., Elg & I went to show in Hanover.
Sunday	December 26	Slept in. Read. Went to church in aft. Laddie came down for supper. We went up town at night.
Monday	December 27	Holiday. Worked in morning. Mother finished my dress. We all went sleigh-riding in aft. Lots of fun. Had chicken supper. Laddie, Elg, Shirley & I went to Christmas dance – wore my new dress.
Tuesday	December 28	Thawing. Ab's father was buried to-day. Laddie came up to office in aft. We went to Young People's meeting at night.
Wednesday	December 29	Cold wind. Girlie got in again by acclamation. Real busy to-day. Laddie & I went to party at Anna's, played bridge – lovely time.
Thursday	December 30	Made out checks. Had Commission meeting at night. Discussed arrears. Met Laddie after. Went for a walk & ate in restaurant.
Friday	December 31	Terrible day. Sleety & roads are terribly icy. Real busy. Ruby & Cy got all ready to go to dance in Mt. Forest but roads were blocked. Laddie & I went to dance in Durham – grand time.

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