

Velma's Diaries - 1933

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Village View Farm, Varney, Ontario



Blyth(e) family home

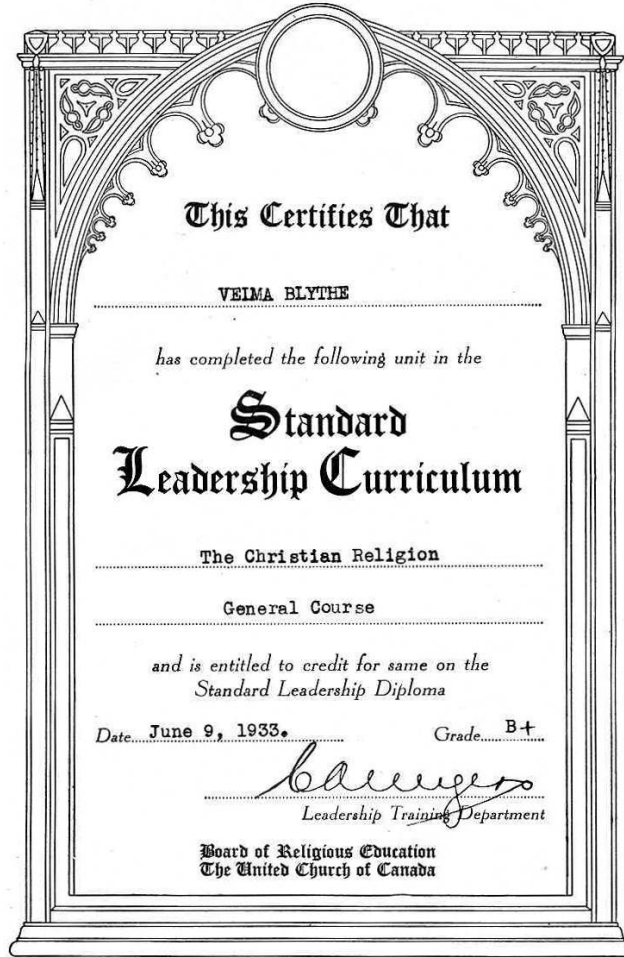


Sarah (Ritchie) and Wilbert Blyth(e) – Mother and Dad

DAY	MONTH	COMMENT
Friday	September 1	Baked for Sunday. Went to Anna's in afternoon & to the Tennis Club dance at night.
Saturday	September 2	Went to Owen Sound with Mother & Elgin. Got a new pair of shoes, decorated the church at night.
Sunday	September 3	Alie Sim spoke at the Anniversary services, was real good. Ruby & her boyfriend were down for dinner, just back from California. Went to church & for ride at night.
Monday	September 4	Was busy all day preparing for supper & play in Hall. Went to dance at Boothville after.
Tuesday	September 5	Started to school. Came home with Alma Kress at noon as we were threshing. Went out to Anna's at night to get books.
Wednesday	September 6	Started to school, great disappointment, couldn't take U.S.Fr. Went to Teacher Training at night, was made secretary.



Knox United Church, Durham



Thursday	September 7	Winnie had institute. Aunt Lillie was up. Went to ball game at night, walked home with Allan MacL.
Friday	September 8	Winnie decided to go to Nova Scotia on Saturday. Went to dance at Ayton with Schenk's. Had a swell time.
Saturday	September 9	Got up about 8 & baked. Had a sleep in aft. & then went to town at night.
Sunday	September 10	Uncle Irving was here, read the "Gold Shoe". Anna came down in aft. & went to Anniversary at night with Wallace & James.
Monday	September 11	Started staying at Aunt Eva's as Winnie was away. Stayed home at night & went to bed early.
Tuesday	September 12	Very cold. Had to wear coats in school. Went to Teacher Training at night.
Wednesday	September 13	Durham Fall Fair. We got a holiday so I went to fair with Berniece & Elizabeth. Went down to Ries' at night for awhile.
Thursday	September 14	Just a usual school day. Aunt Eva & I went over to Sally's in evening.



Sally and Vic Blythe

Sally Hope's and Vic Blythe's wedding 1932



Ruby on left, children are Jean Lauder and Lorne Blythe

Friday	September 15	It is Fri. so came home at night. Dance at Rav (Rahn de Voo) but did not go. Went to bed early.
Saturday	September 16	Busy in morning. Went to Sunday S. Picnic at Knox in aft. & to a corn roast at Bogle's at night. New teacher was here.
Sunday	September 17	Got up about 10:30, helped Lorne with writing for School Fair, went to Church and S.S. & up to town at night with Elgin.
Monday	September 18	Rained all day. Lorne got 3 rd prize for writing at school fair. Went to Mission Circle at Mrs. Alder's at night. Had swell eats & I ate too much.
Tuesday	September 19	Wasn't feeling well all day – went to hospital & then up to Hodge's at night. Saw all their house & had more to eat.
Wednesday	September 20	Wasn't feeling very well, but however, I went to Teacher Training Class, & then to wiener roast at Allan Morrison's cottage.
Thursday	September 21	Rained again, a dreary day. Went to Hanover after 4 with U. Cameron. Stayed home at night & did homework & wrote a letter.
Friday	September 22	After school I got a present for Charlotte Patterson & came home. Went to Young People's at night.
Saturday	September 23	Was busy in morning. Mother & I went to Charlotte Patterson's shower in aft. Jean Allan's were over at night.
Sunday	September 24	Finished reading book. Went to Church Sunday School. Anna & I were out with Orville & Freddie & Arnett at night.
Monday	September 25	School again! Went down to Berniece's at night & made candy & played bridge.
Tuesday	September 26	Had a busy day. Aunt Eva went to lodge. I stayed home and did a lot of homework.
Wednesday	September 27	Went to Teacher Training at night. Anna came up to help me with Trig., but after working an hr. on 1 question, we gave up.
Thursday	September 28	Rained. It has been <u>wet</u> all week. Went over to see Sally & Mrs. Hope after 4. Went up to Library at night to get Sally a book but it was closed.
Friday	September 29	Holstein Fall Fair & Mother's birthday. Went to play "Apple Blossom Time" in Holstein with the family & Anna. Stayed for dance after & came home with Earl Hunt. Had a good time.
Saturday	September 30	The day after the night before, slept all afternoon. Went up town at night.
Sunday	October 1	Church & Sunday School as usual. Came up town at night with Elgin & went to bed early.
Monday	October 2	Went to Young People's. Reorganized, decided to have a membership drive.
Tuesday	October 3	Worked hard to try & have homework done as went to Charlotte Patterson's reception. Some time – didn't get home till 3.
Wednesday	October 4	Rained. Had to go at 8:30. Sure was hard to get up. Went to Teacher Training, decided to have a banquet for Dr. Mc.
Thursday	October 5	Berniece & I went to Anglican Bridge. Peter Ramage & Miss Scarf got the prize.

Friday	October 6	Went home with Uncle Cameron. Winnie & Ruby came home & were at our place for supper. Went to Leeson's at night with Marj.
Saturday	October 7	Worked hard. Mother was trying to get my suit finished. Washed my hair & went up town at night.
Sunday	October 8	Thanksgiving Day. Went to church. Mr. Maut (from Drew) spoke. All of us went up to Winnie's for supper.
Monday	October 9	Had Thanksgiving dinner at Aunt Eva's. Elgin got a duck at shooting match. Went to dance at nite with Allan. Had a very good time.
Tuesday	October 10	Everyone was sleepy at school. Mission Circle – Norma was away so I was president.
Wednesday	October 11	A nice day. Teacher Training at nite & Anna & Eliz. & Barb came down. Did some trig. questions & then played bridge. Winnie was up to Owen S.
Thursday	October 12	Took the day off to go to Plowing Match at Owen Sound. Was terrible cold. Went to play "Turning the Tricks " with Woodburn & Schenk – best ever seen.
Friday	October 13	Finished all my homework. George Schenk asked me to go to a dance in Ayton but didn't go.
Saturday	October 14	Mother made my blouse. Stayed home at night.
Sunday	October 15	Had a duck dinner for Rev. & Mrs. Mather from Caledon. Went to bed early as Wil. Ross was here to see Winnie.
Monday	October 16	Lovely in morning but rained all aft. Winnie went to Zion. Went to bed early & read "Game & the Candle(?)" by Hocking.
Tuesday	October 17	Martin Lauder got 5yrs. Saw a bear after 4. Mother & Aunt Lillie & Sally & Vic were here for supper.
Wednesday	October 18	Went to show in Hanover, "Voltaire" with Jean Webster. It was great – think I will always remember Fr. Rev.
Thursday	October 19	An ordinary day. We went up to see Uncle John after 4. It rained so I went to bed early.
Friday	October 20	A swell day. Winnie, Anna & I went to dance in Holstein. Dorothy Foster's orchestra – had a swell time. Wil. Ross brought us home.
Saturday	October 21	Didn't get up till late. Winnie stayed all day. Vic & Sally were down for supper.
Sunday	October 22	An inspiring day. Dr. Mc. spoke to Teacher Training class at both services. He was wonderful, speaking of the challenges of youth. Had a social hour after. Zion was there also.
Monday	October 23	Went up to Library with Winnie.
Tuesday	October 24	The day of "Rebecca's Birthday Party", had a good time, came home with Freddie Arnett – no key, went back & got ride home with Bill Firth.
Wednesday	October 25	Tired. Got nearly all homework finished in school. Went over to Sally's for dinner at night. Mother was there.
Thursday	October 26	A Community Party. I stayed up at Eva's all night. Read "Coming Thru the Rye", a great book.
Friday	October 27	Snowed & very cold. Our Young People had a Halloween Social.

Saturday	October 28	Reg Fowler called into our place on way up north. I wasn't up ha! Went in to town at night & played bridge at B.
Sunday	October 29	Much warmer. Studied Algebra. Went to Sunday School & came up to Winnie's at night. D. Bogle was over for supper.
Monday	October 30	A lovely warm day. Had our Algebra exam. Wasn't hard but made foolish mistakes.
Tuesday	October 31	Halloween. Winnie & I stayed home & watched door. Put furniture of veranda up on garage roof.
Wednesday	November 1	Had Physics exam. Had Teacher Training class. Alma took us for a ride after.
Thursday	November 2	Another gorgeous day. Indian summer. Got 62 in Algebra. Studied Modern History at night.
Friday	November 3	Mod. History exam. Winnie came down to our place – the Fowl Supper in Knox Church.
Saturday	November 4	Reg Fowler called in on his way home from north & left us 2 wild ducks – played cards for awhile at night.
Sunday	November 5	Uncle Irving came up for Aunt Lillie. I went to church twice – to Durham at night.
Monday	November 6	I got highest mark in Hist. & 57 in Physics which was a great surprise. Heard Rev. Howard speak on conditions in west. Very inspiring.
Tuesday	November 7	Young People's. We had a social & a very good time.
Wednesday	November 8	The inspector called at school. Mother was up fixing overcoat. Teacher Training at night.
Thursday	November 9	Winnie, Barbara, Anna & I went to a dance at Holstein at night. Had a swell time - & never missed a dance.
Friday	November 10	Had Trig. Exam – got 64. Had a terrible cold. Winnie took me home at night & I went to bed early.
Saturday	November 11	Was in bed nearly all day with the cold.
Sunday	November 12	Studied for Lat. Auth. exam. Went to church in afternoon, snowed a lot at night.
Monday	November 13	Cold & snowy. Had our Latin exam, was terrible hard. Winnie & I went over to Sally's at night to play bridge.
Tuesday	November 14	Mission Circle at Rudd's. Came home & read a book.
Wednesday	November 15	The coldest Nov. 15 since 1840. Went to Teacher Training class & then to Red Cross dance – came home with Allan.
Thursday	November 16	Another cold, snowy day. Stayed home & studied at night for Latin exam on Monday.
Friday	November 17	Went home with Mother & Dad. Went to Young People's & a meeting of New Canada Movement in Hall.
Saturday	November 18	Baked in morning. Went down to store in aft. & to Robinson's at night.
Sunday	November 19	Studied in morning. Went to church in aft. & at night. Mr. Smith spoke on "Oxford Movement Sharing".
Monday	November 20	Got 53 in Lat. which was a great shock as I was sure I failed. Tried my last exam. Winnie went to Auxiliary. Charlie Fursman called around for Winnie.
Tuesday	November 21	Went to Young People's. We had a great discussion on Poverty & Wealth.

Wednesday	November 22	Got all homework done in school. Got off last period. Winnie had bunch over from Hanover.
Thursday	November 23	A lovely day but terrible ice. Listened to Rudy Vallee. Went to bed early.
Friday	November 24	Winnie, Barbara, Anna & I went to Holstein dance with Arthur. Had a terrible time getting there ha! But some time after getting there.
Saturday	November 25	Didn't get up very early, baked a cake. Uncle Will & Winnie were down at night. We played bridge.
Sunday	November 26	Went to church in aft. Read a book. Miss Cook was over for supper. Mr. Smith spoke on "atheism" – wonderful sermon.
Monday	November 27	A cold snowy day. Winnie went up to church at night. I stayed home & went to bed early.
Tuesday	November 28	Negroes were here to put on concert. We had 2 of them, Dan Davie & Jimmie Stokes for supper & all night. They were great. Concert was wonderful.
Wednesday	November 29	Poured rain all day. Terrible slippery. Losing all snow. We wrote the assignment questions at Teacher Training.
Thursday	November 30	Nothing much doing. Listened to Rudy Vallee & went to bed early.
Friday	December 1	The big night event to Hanover to Speers Hall. Had swell time. Woodburn & Jasper & Anna & I sure enjoyed it. The same bunch as we had over here.
Saturday	December 2	Ruby came home. Ed Millon was here. She had an accident coming home at Mt. Forest. Knocked down 2 gas tanks. Woodburn & I went to Hanover to dance with Ruby & Ed. Ran out of gas coming home – some time.
Sunday	December 3	Didn't go home this weekend. Managed to get up & go to church. Laid down all aft. Went to church at night. Mr. Smith spoke on "Is God a person". Good. Went to bed as soon as came home.
Monday	December 4	Had a terrible headache. Did a lot of homework & worked at assignment questions.
Tuesday	December 5	Winnie went to IODE. Did a lot more homework and worked at questions. Fixed clothes. Aunt Lillie is very sick.
Wednesday	December 6	Colder to-day. Went to Teacher Training & then over to Sally's for a game of bridge. She is leaving for Toronto tomorrow.
Thursday	December 7	Winnie, Eva, Mother & Dad went to Hamilton to-day to see Aunt Lillie who is very sick. I went up to Aunt Eva's & helped kids get dinner & supper.
Friday	December 8	Real cold. Winnie & I took our car & went to dance in Holstein. Had great time, had lunch & went home with Bob Christie. A terrible crowd. Woodburn was there & Earl Hunt.
Saturday	December 9	Winnie stayed at our place. I went down to church in aft. to help practice. Elgin brought us up town at night. Berniece & I went to library.

Sunday	December 10	Got up & went to church & then out to Anna's for dinner & supper. Mr. Smith spoke on "What God is Like" & was good as usual. Wibb was up, so I stayed up & talked for awhile.
Monday	December 11	A terrible windy, snowy cold day. Wibb & Bob Christie were coming up for a good dinner but phoned & said they couldn't come. I addressed Xmas cards.
Tuesday	December 12	Still cold. Mission Circle, I was made President. Went up to ? after for awhile.
Wednesday	December 13	Tried our final Teacher Training exams, weren't extra hard – subject - Message of Jesus for life of to-day.
Thursday	December 14	A nice day but cold. Wibb Ross & Bob Christie were up for goose dinner, played bridge, had a swell time.
Friday	December 15	A terrible day, roads were icy. I came home with Uncle Cam & we were sliding all over. Went to bed early.
Saturday	December 16	Santa Claus Day. The family went up to town but I stayed home & finished the work & read the book "20 dollars a week".
Sunday	December 17	Went to church at Varney & to Durham church at night. Mr. Smith spoke on "Is God law or love?".
Monday	December 18	Everyone is busy practicing for commencement. Winnie & I went to Young People's & took part. Had a real discussion on Xmas.
Tuesday	December 19	Winnie & I went to the Sunday School Concert. It was real interesting to hear the kids.
Wednesday	December 20	Addressed some Xmas cards, did homework & then went up to library.
Thursday	December 21	The day of our commencement. We just had school in the morning. I went to Toronto with Winnie & Vic in aft. We stayed at Lee's apart.
Friday	December 22	Lee & Ruby had to go to school so W. & I went to shop – did very well for greenhorns. I got a new coat, a real bargain. Went to Ruby's concert in aft.
Saturday	December 23	Started home. Called in at Hope's. Roads were terrible & we had a flat tire on road. Didn't get home until 5:30.
Sunday	December 24	Christmas Sunday. Read a book in morning, went to church in aft. Marjorie was up & we went up town & then came home & had lunch.
Monday	December 25	We had Xmas at our place. I got some nice things. Had our Xmas concert in church at night, had big crowd – Helen Socket was there. We went for a ride after.
Tuesday	December 26	Went down to clean church in morning & to Durham in aft. I went to Tennis Club Dance with Allan – terrible cold. Orchestra couldn't get there.
Wednesday	December 27	Didn't get up till 11, a terrible cold, blowing day. Elgin came up for me at noon. I washed my things out in aft.
Thursday	December 28	Elgin & I had a party – had a good time – danced & played games. D. Bogle got nose frozen on way over.
Friday	December 29	The night of dance in Holstein but roads were blocked & terrible cold – read & went to bed early.

Saturday	December 30	Baked & read in aft. Went down to store for walk at night. Got a Xmas present from Bob.
Sunday	December 31	Ruby, Ed Milton & Winnie were down for chicken dinner at night. Went to church. Wrote a letter to Bob thanking him for the bag full of bath salts ha! Read till it was sort of late. The end of another year.

For more information on Velma Irene Blythe, check out the “Meet the Diarists” section under “Discover” on our website: ruraldiaries.uoguelph.ca.