

1943-1945 Diary of Fanny Frances Fearman Martyn

(note: born Sept 26 1885 so in her 58th year)

Jan 2 1943 Miss Mariann Natress, a girl Jean Brought up to T.T.S. From Rock Cliff. She had to go back to the school after expect to stay all night because their leave was cancelled New Years Eve.

We went around to Harry's for New Year dinner. Had a good goose dinner. Berta, Marjorie's Arthur's were there, too. All had a good time.

Dad fixed the radio to-night put in a new wire to move the dial. Mary Ann called up tonight. She thinks a lot of Jean. Was in a hospital help had to wash her first patient yesterday which she dreaded.

Arthur has given up being navigator & going to be a bomber.

Sun Jan 3. Wrote to D McTavish a signal man on board a destroyer off Halifax who got one of our ditty bags. Were alone today, just Dad and I.

Jan 5. Cold. - packed a box of pork, chicken, eggs etc to send to Dorothy to-morrow. Mail man got stuck in the snow up the road & could not get through. Walked down for Dad to help him out. Murray had his grey horse here to match with ours. They are a perfect match. Clarence G. Sain & Chester G were also here.

Jan 8 Were down to Harry's yesterday. All well. Roy E. is getting a job up with at 40c an hour. G of fix and with repair the pump at the other place. 0* zero this morning. Vic went over to see Bruce Charlton's cattle yesterday.

Mon Jan 11. Butter is rationed. We have a pouond a week between us. I cut the pound into 7 slabs and each day cut a slab into six even pieces. We are allowed ½ lb sugar per peson per week, an ounce of tea or 4 oz. of coffee. Gasoline is also rationed. Thelma Evans & her sister got stuck up by the Elm tree. Had to walk to the corner while their folk came after her car. Grant Summers also got stuck in the snow bank south of us. A few airplanes came out to fly but have quiet now at 11. Not many out to church yesterday.

Jan 16. Church annual meeting last night. Sold the grey colt \$170. Grant Summers for the Lumber woods. Got a sick sow this morning. Had 15 pigs lost 7 of them so far. Had vet out. It is storming again today. Roy Evely started to work in British American yesterday. Clare began teaching at Virgil at the beginning of this year. Eggs sent by express are omelet when they get there. Sow died raising pigs by hand.

Jan 17. Hazel & Bill & family came down Fri. night & went back today. Rented their house to Mitchell on the R.R.

Jan 18. Storming awful today. Roads filled up.

Jan 19. Roads getting worse. Can't plough them out.

Jan 22. Broke a road for horses through the fields. Art Dunlop went to town with chop on sleighs.

Jan 24. Did not get out to church. Have 6 piglets left. Roads bad all over the county. Sending clothing to Russia. Had a letter from Natress at Rock Cliff.

Jan 29, 1943. Still closed in by snow. Dad took a grist out to the highway on cutter and Murray took it to St. Thomas on his car. Grandma Gwin came from Art's to Chester's Wednesday night after her fall and time in the hospital.

Jan 31. Sunday. Did not go to church as we have had colds. The road was ploughed out yesterday after being snowed in for two weeks. Dad has his 5 little pig eating out of a trough now. Dorothy sent us a pound of butter by mail for a wedding present.

Feb 7. Sunday. Did not go to church again because of the storm which filled the roads all in again. Gladys was out to see us on the 5th. Charles has passed his exams and expect to finish his flying by Mar 1st. Bill and Barbara came down Fri 5 and went back Sat. Bill getting his trailer fixed. Barbara had a birthday party for her 3rd birthday in Thedford. Andy Windson was killed in a crash near Montreal was buried Tues 9 in St. Thomas the roads had to be kept open.

Feb 11. Dad took a grist to St. Tomas in the trailer drawn by the tractor. It rained so hard the tractor stopped and Arthur Dunlop went for him in our car.

Feb 14. Received 4 valentines from the girls Jean in Ottawa expect some change soon expect may come home or leave in March. Very cold today. Wind in North. Did not go to church. Wrote to Birdie Evans Sp. The road are drifting full again.

Feb 17. Road's full again. Letter from Hazel says children sick from Dorothy very cold. Hoping to move March 1st. sewing for R.C. want 500 jumpers 300 boys shirts & boys pants.

Feb 20. Left the snow plough in our back lane last night waiting repairs. Weather turned warmer ground almost hear. People from Luton here to see the farm today.

Feb 21. Went to church first time in 7 weeks. Greta Matthews got Jean's cape for \$5 today. Mild today & foggy tonight

Feb 22. Gladys spent today with us here.

Feb 23. Went to Hall expecting pot lunch dinner but it had been changed ahead for a week. I went down to the parsonage & had dinner with Mr & Mrs Morrow. She is not very much better if any. Has had sores on her legs .Went to R.C. after dinner . brought home shirts to make & a bundle of sewing & knitting for Mrs Roy Evely and Miss Evely.

Feb 24. Went to WMS meeting at Mrs Geo Evans. Got a ride home with Mrs. C. Gloin and Mrs Hagdon Mrs N. Martin & Esther who is home on a 2 week leave from Rock Cliffe.

Feb 25. Jean came home tonight having brought home a runaway girl of 14 back from Rock Cliff. She went back home Fri. morning.

Feb 26. Bill & Hazel & family came down this night and stayed till Sunday night. She had a tea for Helen, Irene, Beulah, Jean Smith & all the children on Saturday. Another snow storm & road filled up again. Did not get out to church today.

Feb 28. Both Esther & Jean are expecting to get a commission. Jean to be a nursing sister.

Judges 4 & 6 Faith and Care

Dunkirk

Deborah ancient Jewish judge
With Barak went to fight.
Against the evil Sisera's host
Her faith alone was bright.
The Lord sent rain to blind the foe
And hail to freeze his arm
And flood-rush overturned their wheels;
To save His own from harm.

Deborah sang this hymn of praise
"The stars in their course did fight
Against the hosts of Sisera."
And put that curse to flight.
That same God does in this late day
Protect his own from hurt.
As fog and clouds did so protect,
Our men at England's Dunkirk.
And as prostrate she lay
Before that raping boar
The Lord unseen held back its rage
Till she could stand once more.

Mar 4. Weather has be very cold & stormy since the beginning of the month. Certainly came in like a lion. every body is tired of winter weather.

7th snowed in again cannot get out to church to-day. Had a letter from Aunt Florence. Leota had lost a new baby. Sun shines today. Roy Evely has been working steady nights for two weeks.

Mar 11. A slight earth quake on Monday. Woke us up with the noises it made. Made orange marmalade 11th. Went to W.A. at Mrs. G. Gloinarat came in the house. Dyed some towels red. Arthur D. lost a cow & calf to-day. Dad has bought 4 heifer yearlings 2 at Harvey's and 2 at S. Allen's.

Mar 28. Jean has been home for her furlough had her friend Cpl Sheet of Vancouver here for the week end also a boy from N.Dakota & one from Montreal for supper. Jean & I went to a show last night. Glad's husband Chuck started fro overseas last Thurs.

25. We killed a beef over a week ago and Bill's were down to get a quarter. The weather has been rather nice for a week but is cool to-day. Made 9 qts of mince meat last week. Used up all my sugar. Was able to get 1 lb butter, 1 lb sugar & ½ lb coffee on Jean's ration book.

April 2. Yesterday was a beautiful day. I started to house clean but this morning the ground is covered with snow. I made a ½ lb of butter this morning from some sour cream by whipping it. I'm making boys shirts & knitting sox for R.C. Jean left for Rockcliffe Mon evening going to see about her new uniforms in Toronto.

April 4. Esther was home today. Wore a white banner on her arm to show she was an officer in training.

Ap 7. Had a meeting to here Mr. Morrow again. Agreements to stay as long as he could or until we got a chance to hire someone else after the last of June. Had a little supper after. Began the Jr. congregation in the church last Sun.

Ap 9. Threshed clover seed today and Gladys came home for the afternoon. She feels rather blue since Chuck went away. Not heard from him yet.

Ap. 10 Very cold to-day.

“ 11. Carrie took charge of the Jr. congregation to-day. I take it next Sun.

Ap. 12. Dad traded the little Grey off for another horse one day last week. Murry is here tonight trying to ride horseback. We were down to Harry's yesterday.

Ap. 13. Snow & cold. Expect to have sold the other house.

14. Dad took clover to clean it. Was down to R.C.

15. Mr. H. Small came this morning & paid \$400 & Interest on Jean's car.

Ap. 19. Several inches of snow.

Ap.20. Glad came home has not heard from Chuck.

21. WMS meets at Mrs G L Gloin

22. Hazel & family came down to-night.

23. Dorothy & family came to-night & stayed till 24th when they went to Lambeth for Easter & Clare had to go back to teach the Easter holidays as they missed so much in the winter but Dorothy is coming back there till Glads graduation 14th of May.

27th. Glad was home 2 days left for Toronto to attend the Nurses' conference for 3 days

29. Aunt Florence came up for the afternoon. Had a nice visit. Jim and Leota went up town.

30. Went up to sign the papers for the salae of the 20 ac. Farm. Dorothy was here with the children when we got home. Clare had the mumps at his mother's in Lambeth.

My Grandchildren

For Birdie E. Spens

The first to come was Barbara dear
Over a rough and stormy road
She brought to us unbounded cheer
And lifted up the anxious load.
She grew a lovely happy child
Her curly head and eyes of brown
Let in and out her happy smile
With a tinkly-kinkly happy sound.

The next came crowding sisters ways
She had bigger browner eyes.
How fearful were her baby days

Judy with her baby cries.
But now she's chubby sweet and strong
Her hair is straight eyes quick to see
Her legs are fat not very long
And she is sweet as sweet can be.

Just one year later came the boy
Who's extra good and extra fun
His dad's and mum's greatest joy
Their very ownest little son

A while before young Paul appeared
We had a great surprise
Two wee lads both very dear
Both fair of face and blue of eyes.
Came to live at another abode
Manley and Martyn the twins we call.
Now they are fine and quite a load.
Proud and delighted are we all.

Canning

Boiling and freezing, steaming and drying
And all other ways to keep things from dying
Fruits and berries and vegetable juices
Mixtures you wonder "what the duce" is.
Peas podded and scalded and put in the cold
Corn that when dried will never grow old.

Sugar measured out with a stingy hand
You have to stretch it as far as you can
Peptin that strengthens your trembling jelly
Mixtures with spices so nice and smelly.
Tempering your acides with saccharine sweet
Alum and spices your pickles to keep.

Pears and peaches, grapes and berries
Apples and plums currents and cherries
You top and tail beans and for hours they are boiling
From morn till night all day you are toiling

Dad says there are snow apples still on the tree
Don't you want to make some apple jelly for me?

So I start at it again with many a fret
That I haven't got done with this canning job yet

And there's the blood donors who need to be fed
And in jelly I walking heels over head

Bit the last of my canning sugar is gone
Surely this canning job now is done.
But no! A little from the rations now I steal
And the last of those green tomatoes I peel
I've filled the last jar with sweet pickle and chow chow
Certainly the canning is all done now.

The garden is empty everything is done
Nothing left to waste for the war is won.
And our dear Canada and her rich earth that we love
God keep her and give her more power from above.

Christmas Over

All the ducks and the hens the turkeys and geese
Have vanished and gone both the bones and the grease.
We've had the meat cold both sliced & in salad
From the bones we made soup and stewed up the balance.

The lost green block is found and the red wooden toys
Have been broken and mended for two fat little boys
The doll for Big Sister In the pretty pink dress
So envied by the younger is hugged to her breast.

The candy is all gone the oranges and nuts.
We have the house cleaned are settled in our ruts
The trimming are down, we've kicked out the tree.
Gathered the cards all up and a
Happy New Year to thee.

- May 2. Communion at the church.
- May 4. Dorothy went over to help out at Sadlers.
- May 5. Bought \$200 Victory Bond. 4th Victory Bond.



- “ 6. Dorothy and I & the twins went to town to buy a present for Glad's graduation. We got a tilt top table & a picture.
- “ 7. Dorothy finished 2 little blue corduroy coats.
- “ 8. Bill & Hazel came down to settle a new tenant. Bought Glad a white fountain pen.
- “ 9. Glad was over this afternoon for a few hours to be Dorothy & the boys & the Blewetts. Jean telephoned from Rockcliffe & Chuck cabled from overseas for Mother's Day received a book from Glad, pair of stocking from Dorothy & card & handkerchief from Hazel.
- “ 12. Dorothy & twins went out to Lambeth.
- “ 13. Colt born.
- “14. Gladys' graduation all family present last night. Dorothy & twins at the afternoon tea. Hazel & Bill, Dorothy & Clare, Jean, Carrie, Dad & I and Mrs Lee were there also. Mrs. McAlster from Brantford. Mary Paddon went over with us. Also Ludera Villa and Irene Cook went over too. Gladys got many pretty presents - \$50 bond, table, fountain pen, many flowers, stockings & underwear.
- 15. Carrie & Jean came home with us. She & Sadler's went to Onadaga today. Bruce Smith died this afternoon.
- 16. Jean went back to Rockcliffe this noon.
- 17,18,19. Been feeling badly but better this morning.

20. Rain, Rain. I washed today. Canned 3 qts. Of Rhubarb. No seeding or work done on land yet.
21. Chas Clarke & Dad trying to finish the work on the kitchen over at Earhart's.
22. Glad came home this afternoon and stayed Sun. night. We packed a box to send Chas.
23. Went to church. It was decided to try to get Mr. Moorehouse to come and show his moving pictures. It is a story of a young missionary which he made himself. Were out to Ollie Smith's in the evening. He works out at T.T.S.. W.L.M. King returns from Washington says Churchill will not be able to visit Ottawa this time while he is in the U.S.A..
24. Victoria Day. A fair day Sat, yesterday & today till noon when it began to rain again. No seeding yet. Men finished up over at the Earharts.
25. Not raining this morning but no blue sky.
29. Working on north field.
Glad was out. Is working nights went back early.
30. Announced that Rev. A. Moorehouse coming to show his moving picture on the 11.

The Stubborn Horsie

He was a stubborn horsie
He would not work at all
He only wanted to eat and rest
Within his wooden stall

They hitched him to a load of hay
But pull or strain he would not
I'm going to stand right here all day
For out of me they'll not get a lot.

Twas like that always with hard work
Though he'd run in the fields day & night
He suffered full many a jerk
But he never showed any of his might

They pelted him & coaxed him
Fed him with oats & hay
But he stubbornly braced each limb
And said Lets call it a day

The horsie said to work so hard
I might as well be dead
The farmer thought he'd best be laid
And gave him a dose of lead.

So they planted him in the field
Not to frisk and play

But now his fate is sealed
He's pushing up the hay.



June 1. Sowed first oats. Hardly finished the field when a big wind & some rain stopped him. A very heavy rain in the night which packed the field so Vic had to harrow it all again today June 5.

June 3. Rebellion in Argentine. Ploughed between the tracks.

4. Been house cleaning all week.

June 6. Lost 2 cattle from poisoning.

“ 8. Lost another head.

June 11. Saw the film of Mr. Moorehouse. It was good.

June 13. Hazel & Bill down had Paul christened. Also Jenny Gloin and Wayne Norton lost 2 more cattle.

“ 14. Ploughed Earharts garden. I went over too.

“ 15. Had 4 vets over to find out cause of loss of 5 cattle. Another sick.

June 20. Went for a ride around the country.

21. Sowed corn.

June 22. Letter from Dorothy saying they are leaving Virgil and going to Arcona. Asked them to stay here for 2 m. Planted potatoes.

“ 23. Went WMS at Mrs. A Mills 24 St. Annas Place. Sowed sorghum

“ 24. Dad started to cut hay around the house & garden.

“ 25. Hot & dry.

“ 26. Went to town. Very hot. Got word Clare & D coming here & sending goods to Arcona. Bill rented a house there for them.

“ 27. Rain & lightening killed a 2 yr. old heifer as if we hadn't lost enough. Beulah went up to see Hazel.

“ 28. Cooler with north wind.

“ 29. Colder. Dad drew out manure & cultivated corn.

“ 30. Still cold. Hazel going to Lake Huron for several weeks.

July 1. Dad cut hay We went to the Kiwanis Carnival in Pinifor Park.

2 & 3. Drew in hay around the house

4. Dorothy and Clare arrive tonight.

5. Drew in hay from garden & field.

6. Reunion.

7. Went to Arcona took lunch. Dad rammed into Ed Smith's car on Talbot Street broke mower cutter hay last night.

8.

9. Men fixing mower. We women washed.

The poor diary got neglected though the summer while the Sadler's were here they stayed till the 1st of September during that time I spent a week at Hazel's and a week in August at Onondaga.

Dooty went to Arkona and straightened her furniture in her house while I kept the twins and spent a few days at Port with Lillian Coats just before they left for Arkona

Gladys finished her training and is taking a month off before going back to work at the Ontario Hospital Oct 1. She went back with Hazel who was down Aug 29. They lost Barbara in St. Thomas that Sat which caused considerable excitement. She was found by Miriam Fishback.

Sept 12. No church because of Crosley Hunter Ann walked up to Roy Evelys. She gave me a basket of tomatoes. Jean came out for a 48 leave.

Sept 13. Washed ironed made 7 qts of tomato juice and canned 4 qts of beans.

Sept 14. Jean left tonight, walked to St. Thomas.

15,16,17,18. Canning tomatoes and juice. Also canned grapes. Gladys came home 18th at night.

19. Church this morning. Geo & Gwen & family brought Jean out for dinner to supper.

“ 20 & 21. I picked up potatoes both days. Was glad to have Gladys here for both days to get meals for us. She made chilla sauce & roasted a chicken. Washed & ironed.

- “ 22. Made grape juice & canned 4 qts tomatoes. Went to a shower for Irene Cook in the S.S. room. Gladys went to Arkona.
- “ 23. Made some more grape juice. Dad started to cut corn.
- 24. cut clover seed.
- 25. raked clover seed. Finished cutting corn & helped Arthur Dunlop cut.
- 26. telephoned for Gladys to come home to help.
- 27 & 28. Filled silo & started Arthur's.
- 29. Finished at Arthur's & started at Norman's
- 30. canned Beets. Dad away silo filling all week.

Oct 1 & 2. Murry filling I cleaning garden of beans etc

Oct 3. Hazel came down with her little ones to a party at Longs for Brenda. Bill came down to-day. Glad left to take up her work at Ont. Hospital.

- 4. Started to fill silo at Evelyn at noon
- 5. Went to Red Cross. Gertie Mrs Rose & I.
- 6. Filling silo at Dells
- 7. went to town got new shoes and sugar for threshers.
- 8. Dad went to John Cooke's silo.
- 9. Herb Cooks to-day
- 10. Anniversary at church, Mr. Bright spoke in morning & Mr. Roulson at night. Glad and Jean and Miss Brant(Sarg) were here.
- 11 & 12. Threshing clover at Art Gloins.
- 13. Threshed our clover seed about 7 ½ bu.
- 14. slight rain last night first since before we dug potatoes.
- 15. Arthur Dunlop threshed his clover seed. Mrs. Ray Evelyn walked down their lane to Mrs Harry Norman's Mrs Ralph Normans and Mrs Dil Evelyn's
- 16. Rain nearly all day.
- 17. First snow last night and to-day.
- 18. Rain Bill and Barbara were down for supper.
- 19. Pot Luck dinner at hall. Quilted 3 quilts.
- 21. Went to WMS meeting at Mrs Wm Cooks.
- 22.
- 24.
- 25. Washed and ironed. Got the last of the garden in the cabbage & carrots.
- 26. Mrs. Dunlop not very well.
- 27. WMS evening meeting here. Mrs. Dunlop died.
- 28. Help Mac Fish draw corn
- 29. bought bull & a sow at Corenth sale
- 30. Mrs. Dunlop buried.
- 31. went down to Geo Pettmans He had gone hunting.

The Twins Are Gone

Their clarion cry rouse us no more at early dawn
And start us sleepy forth to tread the dewy lawn
The drive-barn-door stands open wide
No danger now for little hands or finding insecticide
No need to rush to overtake those sturdy legs that climb the barn-bridge
Nor hasten out to save those same feet from swiftly passing rigs
The play-pen where we could fasten them
Is rolled and put away
And apples on the window sill can stay there all the day.
The twins are gone.

Eggs can be safely set upon the panty floor.
The loaf of bread is left alone and bit into no more.
The drooping birch trees branches are seen through the window pane
Because the rolling door can be rolled open once again.
The cover and the pillows of the lounge stay off the floor
Only the sting still ties fast the side board door
The boards are off the steps being driven with their nails
Our household goods no more are hoisted o'er
The twins are gone.

No more diapers no more pants to wash out every day
No more musses and no more spansks for pay.
The pablum box stands waiting on the pantry shelf
But the old red broken plates with those twins are gone.

I washed the quilts and sheets and folded them today
And things are trim and neat, the high chairs put away
And now its quiet around the home
Kind of quiet and kind of lone
Because the twins are gone.

- Nov 1. Banquet for Kiwanis – farmers. Jean came back from Montreal & Ottawa & went to Chicago.
2. Finished ploughing. rain.
3. Jean Smith married in Guelph. We went to Thedford & Arkona.
4. Sold 6 pigs. Len. Norman got one.
5. Kept cattle in for first time at night. Help Ollie Smith buzz wood.
6. I went to town & bought some Christmas presents
7. S.S. & church. Went up to Roy Evely's for supper. Marion & Bill home. Glad was home when I got back.
9. Glad went away at noon. Jean got back from Chicago. Dad building hen's nests. Rain today.
10. Ironed today. Got 106 eggs today. First snow to stay.

11. Was up to Mrs. Rose's for W.A. meeting. Dad helped Herb Cooke tear down his old house.
12. Dad went to Wellington Shivley's sale of cows etc.
13. Cold. Got 112 egg yesterday. Snow last night.
- 14.
15. made 2 shirts. R.C.
16. have a sore side & stayed in bed till the 21st.
19. Hazel & Bill came down stayed till the 21st.
21. Art Martyn came out from Fingal.
22. - 26. Just did housework.
27. went to town. bought some Christmas presents
28. went to S.S.
29. washed first time in 3 weeks. Jean came out and brought a cake.
30. getting ready for turkey supper Dec. !.

Dec. 1. Went to town. Turkey supper at night.

" 2. Felt only fair after the turkey supper which was a decided success.

" 3. Jean & Gladys were both home for supper then they left for a show "This is the Army... before going back to the hosp.

" 4. Went up town this morning & got a pound of hard candy which is hard to get. There are plenty of oranges at present.

" 5. Dads birthday, got a letter from Hazel her children are sick with colds.

6. Ed Pettman trying exams in St. Thos. To get on the railroad. M.C.R. came out for supper & the night. 103 pu ? 129eggs

7. Don Vaughn helped Dad draw up some corn he had bought from Fish on Ken Mann's place.

8. Went down to Uncle Harry's with Ed Pettmans and Jean Martyn. Put I new window in dining room.

9. Thurs. the W.A. met here anda held the election of officers. Mrs. Ronson President.

10. Ed did his trial trips and started working in the yards,

11. First snow of importance. Jean was out for supper. Cold. Uncle Harry in for a few minutes.

12. Lieutenant of the F.A.A. was here for supper. Sargt Sheets W.D. and Sgt Ellington here for evening.

13. Jean had Drs, nurses & others out for a party tonight. Very cold.

14. Cold. Herb Cook bought rope over for Vic to make halters.

15.

16.

17. Dad & I were down to Uncle Harry's. Louck's sale.

18. Went to town. Bought books for children.

19. Jean was out.

20. Washed.

21. Went to Matthews for a Christmas & one for the church

22. Christmas tree in the church. Got 3 ducks.

23. Sadlers came.

24. Glad & Jean home for the evening.
25. Christmas supper. All the family at home. Blewetts came at noon. Bill brought Jean home.
26. Sadler's went home.
27. Bill & Dad made a barn door.
28. Blewetts went home in afternoon.
29. Went to Andy Paddons for WMS meeting. Made president.
30. Jean got her holidays.
31. Jean went flying got sick – went back for party.

1 Jan 1994 Jean went Arkona

Jan 2 Glad was out today went to Ludoras for supper

Jan 3. Washed

“ 4. Jean came home from Arkona last night. We did not hear her & she frightened me when she came down. Heard Rev. Geo Dunlop over the radio. Walked out to the centre with Jean at night.

“ 6. wrote to Carrie. Snowed last night. Vacuuming stairs.

“ 7.

“ 8. Went to town. Got a new dress. Mrs. Sutton fell several days ago.

9. went to S.S.

10. Painted window for the front of the house. Dad drawing home corn from Ken Mann's.

“ 11. Painted window for front window.

“ 12. Dad took egg to town. Getting 90 – 100 a day. S.S. meeting hear to-night. Mr Sutton fell about a week ago & dislocated his shoulder.

“ 13. W A met at Mrs. Bodkin's

“ 14. Arthur and family called to-night leaving for overseas in two weeks.

“ 15. Went up town got very cold. Quake in Argentine. Had pain in my side.

“ 16. S.S. and presenting of seals for 1943.

“ 17. Washed.

“ 18. Bought coat at sale. Went to Red Cross.

19. Killed a beef. Sold ¼ to Dorothy, Bub Cook & Jack Evely. A. Ronson

20. Glad was out all day.

21. Took beef up to Arkona. New church annual meeting.

22. Jean went to New York for x 48 very warm.

23. Sunny cooler. Church.

24. Bought 3 pigs from Mr. Branton for \$24. Sold 14 pigs - \$98.

25. Went to Uncle Harry's for family dinner. Arthur going overseas. 28 mild. Sold ¼ beef to A. Ronson.

26. Took eggs and potatoes to town. Rain.

27. Got 1 ½ T. Chop %55.55. Got furnace grates fixed. Rain.

28. Bought 7 pigs from Ev McGieggor for \$35.

29. cut up oranges for marmalade.

30. Mr. Burwell spoke on temperance at Church.

31. Washed but did not hang out – Too stormy.

February 1944

Feb 1 Hung out clothes. Finished drawing stacks from Mann's place.

“ 2. The old bear saw his shadow.

3.

4. Si Brady bought 10 pigs, cow & Bull \$185 & \$90.

5.

6.

7. bought 10 pigs H. Martyn \$44. Sold Martyn pigs for \$60. Wilcox took 2 cows \$225

8. went to hall for Ass. R.C. work meeting. Glad came at night from Kincardine.

9. bought 9 pigs from Clare \$85

10. stormy. Jean and Bob Colegate were out.

11. very cold and stormy. 20* this morning.

12. Blewetts came down.

13. All went to church

14. Received 2 valentines from Blewetts and Glad. Glad said she had a letter from Chuck written Christmas. Went to Lewis Gilberts funeral. Washed.

15. made curtains for front upstairs & cut out 4 aprons. Ironed

16. W.M.S. at Mrs. Ronson's & annual meeting in UC? Church. Committee made to see about new minister.

17.

18.

19. very cold 10* below this morning.

20. Jean & Bob were out for supper & evening.

21. Sold Shaw 2b pigs fro \$325 post 300, went down with 5 to deliver

22. Dad bought 19 pigs for 257.50

23. Sold them to Shaw for 310

24. Shaw got 18 pigs.

25. World Day of Prayer in the S.S.

26. Rained very hard.

27. Cloudy. Mr. Monow brought me home from church. Mrs. M. been sick in bed for 2 weeks. I gave him a qt. can of chicken.

28. Washed.

29. Margaret Pettman's baby born. 3 grandchildren born to Art Pettmans for 1944 before Mar. 1.

Note: Birth – 26 Jan 1944 a daughter to Mr and Mrs Robert Pettman, Ostrander

Birth – 27 Feb 1944, a son to Mr and Mrs Hugh Pettman, Ostrander

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Mar 1. Cold & windy. Tem. about 8*

2. Got 5 cords of short wood. 10 in all.
3. A crokinole party in the church. Cleaned hen house.
- 4.. Very cold and windy.
5. Glad, Jean & Bob were out for supper.
6. Lost my address book.
7. Glad went back. Began painting kitchen green. Got 2 cord of cord wood.
8. Dad went to town with eggs. Adv. 5 holstein heifers.
9. W.A. meeting at Mrs. Morrisons. Visited the parsonage.

Ap...

Dad bought 6 ewes in London and 2 heifers.

Later one ewe lost 2 lambs

One ewe had 1 lamb.

3rd ewe had 2 lambs.

Jean introduced Bob Colgate to the family. They have been out several times and announced their engagement. On the 12th had a shower for her in the church. She received a nice lot of presents. There was a tea at the T.T.S. in her honour and a silver dish presented. Carrie came up Fri. 14. Dorothy came down Tues night to help me. The wedding took place on Sat. 15 at T.T.S. chapel. M/S Rainsforth was bridesmaid and F.Lt. Renolds best man.

The reception was in the home. They were married by Padre Nemo. And went to a place near Guelph, Eden Mills, for a honeymoon.

Ap. 16. Dorothy's left for home & Bill & Hazel came for supper from Baker's. Glad went back Sat. night. We (Carrie & I) went to church & took two baskets of flowers. Marie Ferguson spoke.

Mon. washed today & Tues finished it. Ironing Wed.

Thurs cleaned attic. & Fri the front room.

Building new bridge at the track.

Mon. Apr 22. The bride & groom came home Sat. night, were out here Sun night and packed up their presents and things. Dad took them up. Spent honeymoon at Eden Mills...

Mon 23. House cleaning

25. meeting with Lees? Mr. Newton for a new minister

26. held the W.M.S. meeting at Mrs. G. Gloin. Mrs Neal (Sconig) was the guest speaker

27. House cleaned & painted the S.S. Room

28. Hazel telephoned saying they had got the house to move into.

29. Sunshine. Put in the little garden.

30. Sunday School upstairs.

- May 1. Washed for two days.
- 2. Bought V. bond from Mr. Williams \$300.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF APPLICATION — SIXTH VICTORY LOAN

The undersigned Victory Loan Salesman, Bank, Trust or Loan Company has received from

Mrs Frances Martyn R 3 St Thomas
 (Name) (Address)

an application for \$ 300 of 3% BONDS due 1960 and/or \$ of 1 3/4% BONDS due 1948.
 (par value) (par value)

Bonds purchased for cash will be available one week after payment in bearer form or registered as to principal, or in six weeks in fully registered form. Bonds purchased on the Monthly Savings Plan will be available on completion of payments in bearer form or registered as to principal and three weeks thereafter in fully registered form, at

Bank of Montreal (East) St Thomas
 (Name and Address of Bank, Trust or Loan Company)

Date *May 2* 1944. *C. M. Williams*
 (Signature of receiver of application)

Please call promptly after the time specified above to take delivery of your bonds. This acknowledgment should be presented when calling for your bonds, or when making Monthly Savings Plan payments. Interest will be charged on overdue payments.

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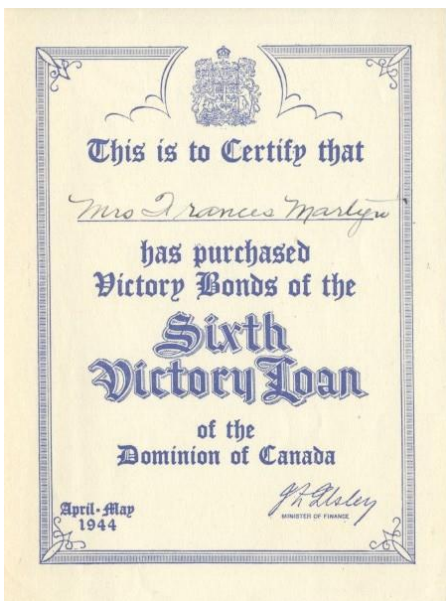
SCHEDULE AND RECORD OF MONTHLY SAVINGS PLAN PAYMENTS

Application No.	Date Due	Monthly Payment	Amount Due for payment in full		Date Payment Received by Bank, Trust or Loan Co.	Amount Paid to Bank, Trust or Loan Co.	For Bank, Trust or Loan Co. named on the reverse hereof
			3% Bonds	1 3/4% Bonds			
	On Application.....	\$10 per \$100 bond.....	\$100.00	\$100.00			
	On 1st June 1944.....	\$18 per \$100 bond.....	90.18	90.11			
	On 3rd July 1944.....	\$18 per \$100 bond.....	72.36	72.21			
	On 1st August 1944.....	\$18 per \$100 bond.....	54.50	54.29			
	On 1st September 1944.....	\$18 per \$100 bond.....	36.59	36.35			
	On 2nd October 1944.....	Final payment per \$100 bond.....	18.64	18.37			

The last payment on 2nd October 1944, covers the final payment of principal, plus .64 of 1% in the case of the 3% bonds and .37 of 1% in the case of the 1 3/4% bonds representing interest accrued to the due dates of the respective payments. On completion of the above payments the purchaser will receive bonds in the form specified. The amount of the first coupon or interest cheque will represent the interest from 1st May 1944 at the full rate payable on the bonds and will be payable to the purchaser of 3% bonds on 1st December and to the purchaser of 1 3/4% bonds on 1st September.

This acknowledgment should be presented to the Bank, Trust or Loan Company when making Monthly Savings Plan payments and surrendered when the Bonds are delivered.

Interest will be charged on overdue payments



- “ 3. Ironing. (sent vacuum to Hazel)
Clipped sheep. Put in oats. Turned out cattle
- “ 10.
- “ 11. Went to Alma’s meeting for W.A. Put cow & two calves between tracks.
- “ 12. Sowed last field of oats.
- “ 13. Went to ???? good while. Lily’s for Church.
- “ 14. Hazel phoned for Mother’s Day. Jean & Bob out for supper gave me fuschia.
- “ 15. Put sheep between tracks
- “ 16. Sheep got out on tracks
- “ 17. W put in garden. Glad was out. Candy and money.
- “ 18. “ in 2 rows potatoes, beets & glads
- “ 19. “ 2/r beans. Bought 8 young cattle from Wils
- “ 20. Carrie & I got lost in the woods (Van Patters).
- “ 21. Youth Sunday went to Church.
- “ 22. Rained
- “ 23. Went to R. Cross dinner & called on Mrs. Morrow.
- “ 24. Rainy. Painted floor & big bedroom
- “ 25. Washed & Ironed a first nice day.
- “ 26. Been painting m room & the downstairs floor.
- “ 27. Carrie & I went to see (Tom Sawyer)
- “ 28. Went to church.
- “ 29. Washed & Ironed.
- “ 30. Jean was out here & took our car to bring some of her stuff.
- “ 31. Jean moved. Dad took her things to new house 27. I bought new suit.

Next page is scrap paper she drew garden plan on. There were several similar sheets throughout the diary. It looks like someone’s business typing practice sheets.



GROSCH FELT SHOE CO. LIMITED

TELEPHONE 1242

Head Office
STRATFORD
ONTARIO

July 29th, 1936.

The Shell Oil Company of Canada, Ltd.
Stratford.

Attention Mr. Shennan.

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Yours very truly,

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LaSalle 1928 "8" Coupe.
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apple trees

green mountains

grape vines

beans

cherry & apple trees

Garden

Garden 1944

2 rows cobbles early

16 rows cobbles June 1st

3 rows Sebagoes

20 rows Katahduns

3 Green-mountains

Potatoes

- June 1.** Put in the potatoes. Carrie & I cut them. Started to paint upper hall.
2. finished putting in the potatoes
 - 3.
 4. Sunday. Church were up to Ray Evelys.
 5. Painting floor finished.
 6. Pot luck dinner of WA. In Hall for R. Cross. Bob & Jean out for Chicken supper.
 7. Washed & Ironed. Meeting of S.S. at Mrs Louch.
 8. Glad was home and banquet up town
 9. fencing putting in posts with Dad
 10. Got my suit from Andersons. Built fence along the road.
 11. Had dinner at Jeans with Padre Neamo. Jean & Bob out for supper. Went Waterworks.
 12. Carrie & I picked wild strawberries on the tracks. Carrie finished painting upstairs. I hoed.
 13. I hoed. Dad built fence in lane. Rained at night. Bob was in Brantford. We were up there for a few hours. Colt born last night. Absent from church.
 14. Rained this morning.
 15. Hazels came down tonight. Strawberries bearing pretty well. Sunburned my arms building fence along lane.
 16. Blewetts went shopping bought a rug. Left 3 children with us.
 17. Blewetts left for home with furniture. Bob & Jean are up to Forest & Thedford & Arkona. On (Sunday) Glad was home.
 18. At church. Down to Vic Pettman's & took Bertie with us. Thunder storm at night.
 19. Washed & Ironed. Picked the strawberries and set out flowers. Dad dug a muddy post hole.
 20. Carrie & I, Mrs. Rossen, Mrs. Cook & Alf Glorn called at the parsonage & presented them with a cheque of \$50.
 21. We papered the hall up stairs.
 22. Waxed the floors. Helped fence.
 23. cleaned hen house. Big rain storm.
 24. Reids here 3 times to see the farm. Started to cut hay.
 25. Rev. Morrow farewell sermon. My text. I've fought a good fight, I've finished war.. Florence & Jim & family.
 26. made slips, canned berries.
 27. very hot 96* in the shade.
 28. Very hot. Carrie went to Caledonia WMS Met at Mrs. Clarks at 8:30. Drew in first Hay. 5 loads.
 29. Much cooler today. I drove the tractor on the hay wagon. Induction.
 30. picked cherries. Began haying at Dunlops.

July 1. Glad was home. Canned cherries. Glad made 4 cherrie pies. Sprayed potatoes here & at Dunlops.

2. Fixed Dunlops barn. Heard Rev. Mr. Newton.
3. Drew hay across road.
4. Haying at Dunlops
5. “ “
6. “ “
7. Finished haying at Dunlops. Started here again.
8. Hayed here.
9. Hot. Church.
10. Hay all day.
11. Picnic finished haying today noon. Went to town in aft. Dad got out binder.
12. Wee shower last night. Dad went with eggs.
13. Dorothy & Clare came down & the twins.
14. Dad & Clare drawing out manure.
- 15.
16. “ “ “
21. Dorothy went to Camp at Ryersin.
22. Glad home.
23. Joe Clark spoke for W.A. today. Rev. Newton on holidays.
24. Washed.
25. 26.
27. Martyn cut his lip. 3 stitches to pull it together.
28. Glad home again.
29. Dorothy returned from camp.
30. Rev. Morrow spoke for WM.S.
31. Colgates stayed all night. Brought out some things. Bob went to Toronto & Jean went to T.T.S.

Aug. 1. Pot luck dinner at R.C. Hall.

- “ 2. Threshed Herb Cooks wheat. Very hot again.
- “ 3. Threshed Art Dunlops wheat. Called at Mrs. Clarkes & Mrs Vaughn.
- “ 4. Threshed our wheat 407 bushels at Art Gloins. Rained very heavy.
- “ 5.
6. Clare & Dorthy went home. Cooler.
7. finished Gloins threshing. Institute serving.
8. Cooks threshed. Saw drogue fall in Morrisons field.
9. Norman’s threshed. Lots of Harvest apples.
10. Everything in the garden fit to use now. Felt earthquake one night which did a lot of damage in Cornwall.

[The 1944 Cornwall-Massena earthquake occurred on Tuesday, September 5, 1944, at roughly 12:40am EST in [Massena, New York](#). It was registered as a magnitude 5.8 on the [Richter scale](#) and was felt for a great distance. This area is part of the Saint Lawrence River Valley and the seismically active zone known as the [Saint Lawrence rift](#)

[system](#). The earthquake is the second largest known in New York's recorded history.
Source: Wikipedia]

Sept. 14. Since last item installed we have threshed oats 680 bu. Nearly 1000 bu crop from 23 ac. Bill & Hazel were down for 10 days. Bill put door on his kitchen cupboards in his house. They took Bob back with them. Tues Aug. 29 – Sept 3 mevorial service for Glen Fishbach killed in Action in France. Canned elderberries 9 qt. apples. Peaches, plums, & tomatoes & juice. Few grapes on our vines. Dorothy & elder Sadlers were here for supper.

Sept 2. Sowed wheat 11, Sept. Garden had lots of squash & pumpkins & tomatoes. Dug the early potatoes about 25 bags. It has been some what rainy this month. Many between here and Tillsonburg have not threshed oats yet. Dad, Glad, Barbara & I spent a Sunday at Aunt Florence's. The minister Rev. Newton is having trouble with Crossley-Hunter church. Was up to see Mrs. Art Gloin last night, Sept 13. She had some snaps of Gilbert.

Sept 14. Dad started to cut corn but having trouble with his binder.

Sept 15. Finished cutting corn.

“ 16. Started to cut clover seed.

“ 17. At church.

“ 18. Filled silo. Jean came out at night. Bill Colgate's little 10 yr son killed by neighbor boy.

“ 19. Hugh Evely going to India. Called on Greens & Earhearts.

20. Arthur D. Filled silo (hot)

21. made chill sauce. Heard Geo & Hazel were married on Sat. last.

22. rainy this week. A little cooler.

Sept 23. Glad was home for weekend.

24. Sunday Rally dat at church. Coll. 6.30

25. went to Jefferies & got a bu of grapes. Mad 17 qts. Of juice.

26. my birthday. Got 2 white silk waists. Change one for hat.

27. Filled silo at Jack Evely's

28. rained. Dad fixed his car. Making some catsup. Got leter from Arthur had located church nearby. Got boxes of wedding cake from Geo. & Hazel.

29. Filled silo at Dale Evely's

30. Filled silo at Dale Evely's.

Oct. 1. Crossley Hunter wants to separate from us. Jean out for supper.

[Note: Crossley- Hunter United Church in South Dorchester was joined to the Springfield Circuit in 1944. It was named after Methodist evangelists John Hunter and Hugh Crossley]

2. Filled silo at Norman's

3. Thresher been for Hobson.

4. Filled silo for Jack Cook.

5. Went to John Walkers sale. Started to dig potatoes in the fore noon.

6. dug potatoes

7. “ “
8. Harvest home service. Rev Geo Hammond speaks.
9. Rain
10. Cloudy. Murry Harris filling silo.
11. ~~Jean went to Toronto~~

24. Calla sale but no sale for cattle. Aunt Florence came up & stayed 3 weeks.
 23 – 30. Aunt Florence helped me make 2 quilts for Jean who has gone to Toronto to manning pool for to get out of the Air Force.

Carrie came back about 4th.

6. Banquet

10. Carrie's birthday had a party chicken ice cream & cake.
11. Took Aunt Florence home & looked a Smoke Burnie place.
- Nov.** 12. Hazel & Bill brought Ray home.
13. They went to Toronto. Saw Jean & Bob. Farms Banquet. Banquet for Kiwanis
14. Reids digging trench for water & ploughing.
15. Bill's her for dinner & took Carrie home with them.
16. Got a cold. Raining.
17. Dad took pig to town to be killed.
18. Ronson's bought home up at the Hight's
19. Edworthy preached today. Dad fell in drive barn broke a rib. Art D. took Dad to Dr.
20. First snow an inch thick.
21. Sold 5 cows to Jamison
- 22.
23. Sold 4 calves to Wales
24. Man came to hire. Wanted \$45 a month.
25. “ did not come back.
- 26.
- 27.
28. W.M.S. met in Hall and quilted.
29. Went to Talbotville to see Ray Wallis' house.
30. Out to Ina J's quilting fan “applicayed”.

Dec . 1. Snowed. Mud. Reid filled in ditches.

2. Gwen here wnet up to see Geo. Called to see Beaty Evely.
3. Went up to see Geo. Going home Tuesday.
4. Farewel for Mr. & Mrs. W. Anderson gave them end table & window.
5. Dad's birthday. Warm. Cleaned windows. Jean called up from Toronto.
6. Rainy this morning. Got a parcel. Blankets & handkerchief fro Ed. Expected Carrie but she did not come. Christmas card from Art M. Mrs. Zouck & Miss Morrison down to make out WA programs.
7. Busy knitting sox. For sons-in-law.
- 8.

9. Dug roots to take away with us.
 10. Carrie & Florence Walker came for dinner from Alvinston.
 11. Started a quilt. Stormed and snowed all day.
 12. Storming.
 13. finished quilt.
 14. Expected S.S. meeting. Put off on account of storm.
 15. Geo. Pettman able to walk up town.
 16. All went to Town. Made our puddings.
 17. Roads filled in . didn't get to church. Milk trucks stuck in snow.
 18. Washed. Snow plough.
 19. Iced Christmas cake.
 20. WMS meeting at parsonage. Couldn't go for storm. Snow plough. Carrie went to town & Mrs Roy got throw from Eatons. Mrs Newton mage president.
 21. Got many Christmas cards. Got milk pail back.
 22. Christmas tree tonight. Still lots of snow.
 23. Bill & Hazel & kids came down. Set up C. tree.
 24. Went to church. Glad came at night.
 25. Dorothy came this morning. Bill went home.
 - 26.
 27. Kill young beef. Dorothy got 1/4 . Glad went home. Storm started.
 28. Can't get out. Clare went home by bus.
 29. Dorothy & twins snow bound here.
 30. Mrs. Earhart has scarlet fever.
- 31

Jan 1 1945. Still snowed in

- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6 snowed in
- 7 Charlott very annoyed
- 8 cleaned out East Road on account of scarlet fever.
- 9 sold ¼ to Lautaback's
10. Ray got 45 lbs to Roy Evely
11. Reid drawing in machinery through the other road
- 12.
13. not able to get out for the snow. Finished quilting a quilt.
14. Lots of eggs around. 10 doz. A day.
15. Canded eggs. Mrs. Howell buried in Brantford.
16. " " . Hellen wants Carrie to live with her.
17. Dorothy walked out to Post Office.
18. Dorothy took the boys by bus to Alymer. 5* below. They walked out to the street.
19. Sent sale notices for sale on 26th.

20. Hurrah! They cleaned out the road today. Dad went to town with eggs. Clare came & Dorothy went home. Boys got on the track. Walked over the fence.
21. Was out to church first time since before Christmas. Reids bough some jars etc.
22. Washed. Stormy. Went to S.S. meeting at night.
23. Went to town. Got stick in snow. Had to walk home. Took horse to pull car home. Took beef to cold storage . got bacon from smoke. Got sale bills.
24. roads full. Postponed sale.
- 25.
26. Wedding day. To have had sale. Bright day.
- 27.
28. walked to church through fields.
- 29.
- 30.
31. snow blowing roads full.

Feb. 1. Was to have had sale but had to postpone it again. Auctioneer could not get here.

Feb 2. Eggs sent to Elgin Dairy

3. Glad came out. Stayed the night. Roy E brought basket of apples.
4. Glad & I went to church. Walked through the fields.
5. washed. Ironed & graded eggs. Decided to have sale Wed.
6. Carrie went to W.A. Men worked at the road but with not much success. Tried Springfield plow.
7. Dad worked at snow on road with Army plow but had to give up at noon. Sale came off fine. 300 men walked up from Stuck. Sale was good. Brought \$5500.
8. People drove cattle, horses & pigs & sheep out to the stree to load them. Bad weather.
9. Stormy. Dell Evley died yesterday.
10. Dad went to town with sale notes.
11. Too rough to go to church.
12. Dell's funeral.
13. Dad went to Dr. Currie for radium treatment on hip.
14. Picked over potatoes a lot of rot in them. Cleaned cellar.
15. Sold 6 bags of potatoes to Weaver at the store.
16. Dad went to weavers sale.
17. Dad went to Talbotville. Walked from Talbotville to St. Thomas.
18. Went to Church. Bulldozer opening road. wrks day & night but goes very slow. Bill & family down.
19. Road opened at noon. Farewell party at church.
20. Started to take out grain & hay also. Took trailer loads to Talbotville. Reeds brought in a load of furniture.
21. Washed & Ironed.
22. We took 2 loads to Talbotville.
- 23.