

## Velma's Diaries - 1938

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DAY	MONTH	COMMENT
Saturday	January 1	I went home in morning. Laddie came down on train. We played cards, had New Year's dinner at night. Mother & Dad went to show. We were alone.
Sunday	January 2	Laddie went back with Ruby & Cy. Ruby & Cy were here for dinner. Read & went to church at night. Have a very interesting book.
Monday	January 3	Cold. Real busy. Took off controls. Vera Fowler died to-night, heart trouble. Listened to the Lux program & read.
Tuesday	January 4	Took off a trial balance. Interesting work. Finished a book. Went to an executive meeting at Bailey's. Planned more interesting meetings. Went to library.
Wednesday	January 5	Busy at trial balance – came out O.K. Cleaned up room. Had letter from Laddie. Went to a bridge at Berniece's. We are going to meet every Wed. night – each puts in a dime.
Thursday	January 6	Cold. Made out hydro reports. Mother & Dad went to Vera's funeral. Read at night. Vera & I went up to a moccasin dance in rink – not many there. Came home & had bath.
Friday	January 7	Frosty. Finished reports. Wrote to Laddie. Fixed clothes at night & read.
Saturday	January 8	Nice day but cold. Took off water controls. Busy. Went to Mt. Forest with Mother & Dad, got purse changed. Elgin came home – he changed his boarding house – likes it much better.
Sunday	January 9	Read the McCall's magazine that Laddie is sending me this year. Elg & I were invited down to Kerr's for supper, great chat. Bill & Burnett came up for Elgin. They brought me up to Durham.
Monday	January 10	Real frosty. Closed Waterworks books. Had letter from Laddie. "At Home" is on 21 <sup>st</sup> so I guess I wont be able to go to it. Went to Young People's.
Tuesday	January 11	Auditor came up on bus to-day. Got ready for a Commission meeting at night. I got along fine with Mr. Ferguson as usual. Allan Bell's first night. Auditor stayed for meeting – some time after I left over an increase in wages.
Wednesday	January 12	Felt tired to-day but had to get going. Worried over last night. Wrote to Laddie. Mother came up at five. I went to bridge club at Anna's – swell time – had cinnamon toast.
Thursday	January 13	Made out power bills. Reg Steeds is auditing town books & borrows adding machine every day. Read at night & went to bed early.
Friday	January 14	Real cold. Finished power bills & looked over journal. Laddie wrote. Vic, Sally, Nadine & Mrs. Hope were in for supper. Read & had a bath after they left.

Saturday	January 15	Vera went to Toronto with Glasses. Real cold, below zero – quite busy. Mother, Dad & Lorne were up at Aunt Eva's for supper.
Sunday	January 16	Elgin is going to be home this week. Real winter, lots of snow. Had chicken supper. Went to church in aft. & at night. Was in at Berniece's after church.
Monday	January 17	Very cold. Finished Waterworks books. Read & listened to Lux program. George Arliss played in "Disraeli".
Tuesday	January 18	Below zero. Made out Workmen's Compensation and another report. Read at night.
Wednesday	January 19	Not quite so cold. Did odd jobs. Went to bridge at Ethel Hargrave's. I won first prize. Got a lovely vase. Ross didn't go to bed last night – some time.
Thursday	January 20	Felt tired as I didn't get much sleep last night. Looked over financial reports etc. Laddie called up at night to see if I couldn't come down to the At Home.
Friday	January 21	Real mild. Typed names on water bills. Went to the hockey game at night – a tie. Durham 7, Kincardine 7.
Saturday	January 22	Still mild. Finished typing names on bills – last day for arrears. Went to show in Mt. Forest at night with Elgin.
Sunday	January 23	A grand day – like spring. Winnie & Jack were down for dinner, went to church in aft. & at night.
Monday	January 24	Terrribly windy & raining, slippery. Bob Campbell was up telling us who to cut off for water & light – some list. Laddie sent me some poetry. Went to Young People's at night. We entertained Hanover – good time.
Tuesday	January 25	Terrribly windy. Cut off all those in arrears. Went to library at night. Had letter from Florence & Ruby. Ross stayed up to-night again – he's the limit.
Wednesday	January 26	Real frosty. Started to make out water bills. Reg Steeds was auditing the books. Went to bridge club at night at Norma Kelsey's.
Thursday	January 27	Real frosty. Reg here to-day again. Real busy. Went to military bridge in Hall, good time.
Friday	January 28	Bridge at Niagara, went down – ice jammed up against it. Laddie wrote. Finished water bills. Washed & had my hair finger-waved at night, had bath & wrote to Laddie.
Saturday	January 29	A little milder. Put arrears on water bills. Jim Sullivan & Reg were auditing books – they don't know a great deal about it. Went home at 5. Read at night.
Sunday	January 30	Raining all day. Terrribly slippery. Mother wasn't feeling very well. No church in Varney. Read L.M. Montgomery's new book, good. Went to church at night. Mr. Perdue died suddenly.
Monday	January 31	Colder to-day. Took off controls. Listened to Lux program at night. Lloyd C. Douglas' play, "Green Light" was on, good.
Tuesday	February 1	Took off hydro controls & got ready for meeting. Reg was here. Had Commission meeting. Made some chocolates for bridge to-morrow night.

Wednesday	February 2	Real cold. Busy after meeting. Douglas Cameron landed in at noon to-day. Entertained bridge club, served hot dogs.
Thursday	February 3	Rained all day – terribly icy – real busy. Read at night. Had letter from Laddie. Tired so went to bed early.
Friday	February 4	Colder to-day – still terribly slippery. Wrote letter & typed names on light bills. Went for a walk & to library with Berniece – had bath.
Saturday	February 5	Rained all day. Made out light bills. Went home at five. Read at night.
Sunday	February 6	Still raining – terrible weather. Mother isn't feeling a bit well. Read nearly all day. Went to church at night.
Monday	February 7	Colder to-day. Made out light bills. Ab went to Convention in Toronto. Went to Young People's. Mrs. Dargavel spoke. Went up to hockey game after.
Tuesday	February 8	Grand day. Terribly busy. Had letter from Laddie. Went to show in Owen Sound with Helen Young & other girls. "Stage Door" was on.
Wednesday	February 9	Raining all day. Felt tired but was busy all day. Went to bridge club at Barbara's, nearly went to sleep.
Thursday	February 10	Colder to-day. Did all of ledger 2 light bills. I stayed with Nadine at night, they went to the show. Wrote to Florence.
Friday	February 11	Ab came back to-day. Finished bills. Got ready to go to Toronto to-morrow.
Saturday	February 12	Went to Toronto on bus. Laddie & I had dinner. Went down town to shop. Went to show. I was sick & had to come out. Ruby, Cy, Laddie & I went to Old Mill to dance. Ate after. Grand time.
Sunday	February 13	Rained all day so we stayed in house. Had grand time together. Came home on bus – it just poured all the way home. Bus was an hour late. Laddie called to see if I got home O.K.
Monday	February 14	Cold to-day. Made out power bills. Young People's went to Hanover to Valentine social, swell time. Laddie gave me a box of chocolates.
Tuesday	February 15	Real frosty. Wrote Laddie. Finished power bills. Read McCall's magazine & knit. Went to bed early.
Wednesday	February 16	Took it easy to-day for a change. Went to bridge at Clara Traynor's. Had fruit salad, nice time.
Thursday	February 17	Cleaned out desk drawers & tidied up. Terribly icy. You can hardly get around at all. Anna & I went to play practice at night but no one came.
Friday	February 18	Still mild. Laddie wrote. Aunt Eva & I went over to Vic's. Terrible accident. Jackie Pierson, 8 years old, was killed & another girl badly hurt when they were sleigh-riding. Ran into Frank Irwin's car.
Saturday	February 19	Lot in to-day. Everybody talking about accident. Wrote to Laddie. Went home at five. Played cards with family & knit.
Sunday	February 20	Grand day. Aunt Mary Ann was down. Elgin took us for drive in aft. Went to church at night. Mr. Smith spoke on the 4 hardest words to say, please, thank you, good-bye & no.

Monday	February 21	Lovely day. Busy. Went to Young People's at night. Mrs. Rice, a missionary from Africa, spoke.
Tuesday	February 22	Still nice but wind is cold. Quite busy. Laddie wrote. Started the pattern in my green sweater at night. Vera & I went for a walk.
Wednesday	February 23	Wrote to Laddie & got ready for bank. Colder. Went to bridge at Rita Willis'. Good time.
Thursday	February 24	Nice day but cold. Not so busy to-day. Laddie sent me flowers (roses & a lovely card for our anniversary). Knit at night.
Friday	February 25	Nice day. Cleaned up office. Went down to Anna's at night. Played dummy bridge. Laddie telephoned on our anniversary.
Saturday	February 26	Nice day – real mild. Wrote to Laddie. Florence came up in aft. We stayed at Aunt Eva's for supper. Florence went home with me.
Sunday	February 27	Terribly stormy. Florence thought she had better go back to her school in aft. Went to church at night. Aunt Eva & I went over to Sally's after.
Monday	February 28	Real frosty. Made out municipal report for waterworks. Laddie sent me an anniversary letter. Fire to-day over Aljoe's store – 2 apartments burnt. Listened to Lux program at night.
Tuesday	March 1	Snowing. Mrs. Grant called & asked me to buy a ticket on a hope chest for I.O.D.E. Had Commission meeting. Knit after I went home.
Wednesday	March 2	Real cold. Busy after meeting. Laddie wrote. Went to bridge club at Helen Young's. Mrs. Hay read our cups – told me I was going on a trip.
Thursday	March 3	Frosty – below zero. Took off controls. Washed my hair & had it finger-waved.
Friday	March 4	A little warmer to-day. Busy. Laddie came home with Ruby & Cy. We were together – sat in car.
Saturday	March 5	Raining a little. Busy to-day. Turned out nice at night. I stayed up all night. Laddie was up at Aunt Eva's. Ross wouldn't leave us alone – some time.
Sunday	March 6	Lovely day. Elgin & I both took out an accident & sickness policy with Cy in the Continental Casualty Co. Bill Evans was up for week-end. Ruby & Cy were down for dinner. Winnie & Jack came down in aft. Ruby went back to Toronto about 4. Went to church at night.
Monday	March 7	Windy. Took off water controls. Went down to Whitmore's at night & planned bridge. Listened to Lux program.
Tuesday	March 8	Finished water controls & changed records. Nice day. Finished back of my sweater. Winnie & Jack were in after lodge. Played cards. Jean's birthday – she had some girls in for supper.
Wednesday	March 9	Lovely day but cold. Cleaned out desk drawers. Made salad and peppermint candy at night for bridge. Read.
Thursday	March 10	Lovely day. Made out power bills. Berniece & I had bridge club. We both got prizes – great hostesses (toothpowder). Laddie wrote.

Friday	March 11	Lovely day. I went to a motion picture travelogue in the church on "Colourful China" by Dr. Gogarth.
Saturday	March 12	Swell & spring like. Cleaned out cupboards. Ab went to Toronto. Went home at five. Talked & read.
Sunday	March 13	Wonderful day. Elgin took us for a drive. Nadine was down all night. Went to church at night & for walk with girls.
Monday	March 14	Ab didn't come home. I tried to put fire on but finally had to call on Mr. Innes. Did arrears. Went to Young People's. Vera & I stayed with Nadine.
Tuesday	March 15	Ab came home. Finished cleaning cupboards. Went to bridge club at Ethel's. Berniece & I got the prize again. I got a picture.
Wednesday	March 16	Raining. Did hydro arrears. Harry Aldred is here – we had him for supper. Knit. Thunderstorm.
Thursday	March 17	Dull to-day. Changed meter sheets. Wrote Laddie. Anna & I went to St. Patrick's dance in Hall – good time.
Friday	March 18	Dull all day. Changed meter sheets. Reg & Bob Campbell were up in aft. Fixed clothes at night. Phoned Laddie as I was supposed to go down but George couldn't go – going next week-end.
Saturday	March 19	A grand day. Went to Owen Sound with Mother & Dad. Got a new green dress, brown hat & gloves & new scarf. We were away all day. Tired at night so went to bed early. Had letter from Laddie.
Sunday	March 20	A dull day. Elgin didn't come home. Went to church in aft. We had spare ribs & dressing for supper – great feed. Went to church at night & for walk with girls.
Monday	March 21	A beautiful spring day – real warm. Changed meter sheets. Warmest first day of spring for nearly 100 yrs. Went to Young People's at night, a social. Geo. & I are going to Toronto on Sat.
Tuesday	March 22	Real warm – 70 in shade. Don't need a coat on. Wrote to Laddie. Mr. Colclough was here to fix typewriter – also Reg Steeds. Called Florence at night – she is going to Toronto with us. Berniece & I went for a walk.
Wednesday	March 23	Raining. Felt lazy. Went to dentist & had tooth filled. Went to bridge club at Helen Young's.
Thursday	March 24	Laddie's birthday, sent him a Waterman's pen & pencil. Nice but cool. Went up to see Uncle John at night. Fixed up my clothes & finished front of sweater.
Friday	March 25	Cool. Did water meter sheets. Florence came in to go to Toronto to-morrow. We went to Presbyterian play in Hall, "Don't Darken My Door". Florence stayed at Aunt Eva's all night.
Saturday	March 26	Still cool. We went to Toronto about 10 with George. Berniece went too. Florence & I went shopping & then met boys. We went to see "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" – great. After came back to house & then went to the Savarin to dance.

Sunday	March 27	We stayed at Mrs. Greenwood's. Got up and went to People's church. Had dinner. Went through Hart House, took pictures in front of parliament bldgs., went back to house & then went out to eat. Left about 7 – had radio on in car all the way home.
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**University of Toronto, 1938**



Laddie in centre, Velma on right



George Glass and Laddie in rear, Velma on right



Laddie in centre, Velma on right



Laddie and George

## Queen's Park, 1938



Velma on left, George Glass in centre

Monday	March 28	Had to get down to work again. Typed names on bills. Knit at night and listened to Lux program.
Tuesday	March 29	Raining. Fire at Holstein last night. Typed names on bills. Got my green dress. Fits fine. Went to dentist, knit & went for walk with girls.
Wednesday	March 30	Grand day. Ab took Vic Noble to Toronto to-day. He got a piece of steel in his eye. Wrote to Laddie. Went to bridge at Anna's – the last one – had good time.
Thursday	March 31	Cold. Took off controls. Mother was up at night. Knit & made candy. A Hulme's boy was killed last night – fell off truck.
Friday	April 1	Real cold. Did odd jobs. Finished knitting my green sweater. I went to a dance in Holstein with Elgin & George. Had a grand time. Kids were up from Mt. Forest.
Saturday	April 2	Cold. Started to make out bills. Went home at 5. Mother sewed my sweater up. Fixed clothes. Dr. Brad called up for Aunt Eva – going to take Ross to a specialist on Tuesday.
Sunday	April 3	Still cold, snowing. Went to church in aft. Layman Ritchie was down with Lorne. Read at night.
Monday	April 4	Snow on ground. Mac Graham got a move to Stratford. Made out bills. Had letter from Laddie. Went to Young People's.
Tuesday	April 5	Aunt Eva & family took Ross to Toronto to-day. Mother stayed up & got meals for us. Made out cheques. Wrote to Laddie. Had Commission meeting at night. They got back from Toronto – Ross came back.
Wednesday	April 6	Cold. Mr. Ferguson came to-day. Gave me a coin to keep for good luck. Vera & I went to library & then over to Sally's.
Thursday	April 7	Still cold. Real busy. Had letter from Laddie. Mr. Ferguson called me up from Mt. forest & wanted me to come up that night but I said I had to go to meeting. Went to executive meeting at Bailey's.

Friday	April 8	A real snow storm. Roads drifting. Busy making out bills. Fixed my clothes at night.
Saturday	April 9	Still lots of snow. Busy. Vera & I went out to Winnie's for week-end. Marion is home. We both slept in a single bed.
Sunday	April 10	Nice day. We sat around all day, read & talked. Came in at night – went for walk with girls.
Monday	April 11	Nice day but still cold & windy. Finished bills. Washed my hair & had it finger-waved at Ethel's. Got a flower embroidered on my sweater – nice.
Tuesday	April 12	Lovely day – real warm. Put arrears on bills. Berniece & I went for a walk. Came in & read. Mother was up. Laddie wrote – coming home Friday.
Wednesday	April 13	Real warm. Made out power bills. Fixed clothes at night & then Aunt Eva & I went to library to see Mrs. Hay & Aunt Marion. Uncle John's operation was quite successful.
Thursday	April 14	Still mild. Did odd jobs. Went home at five. Fowler's came up. Busy fixing clothes. Laddie called up – he came home on bus – wasn't expecting him until to-morrow.
Friday	April 15	Good Friday. Baked in morning. Came up town in aft. Laddie & I went for a walk & then for a ride with Elgin. Ruby came home. We went to "consecration" service at night & then out to Patterson's with Geo. Stayed out late.
Saturday	April 16	Lovely day. Didn't do much all day. Laddie, Geo., Florence & I went to dance in Mt. Forest – had good time.
Sunday	April 17	Nice day but it rained a little. Easter Sunday. Wore my new dress. Laddie came down in aft. for supper. Bob Gardiner was in. We were alone at night. Dad brought us up to town.
Monday	April 18	Mild. Settled down to work again. Laddie went back on bus. We had a terrible time with Ross, didn't get hardly any sleep. He has an incubator on his mind. We had to get Ab to come up.
Tuesday	April 19	Colder. Typed names on water bills. Aunt Eva's & Ruby went to Owen Sound in aft. Terrible time to-night again but got more sleep. They filled out the papers to send Ross to Whitby.
Wednesday	April 20	Colder. Busy. Mr. Ferguson was in – wanted me to go to show – dealing cars. Ross went down to our place to get incubator – threw it out window. I had letter from Laddie. Went to dance in Holstein with George. Not a bad time.
Thursday	April 21	Still cool. A lot of people in to-day. Felt tired. Wrote Laddie. Our bridge club went to Owen Sound. Had dinner & then went to show "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs" – saw it twice.
Friday	April 22	Cold. Quite busy. Last day. Tired at night so stayed in & read. I am reading a swell book, "The Citadel" by A.J. Cronin, a story of a doctor. Laddie called me. Told me to burn a letter I would get to-morrow.
Saturday	April 23	A beautiful day. Wrote Laddie. Put money in bank. Went to show in Hanover with Ruby – saw "Rosalie". Went home after.
Sunday	April 24	Cool to-day. Elgin & Burnett were up for dinner. Went to church in aft. & at night. Raining so read my book.



Monday	April 25	A grand day. Made out water bills. Had a nice letter from Laddie – sorry he wrote the other one & doesn't mind me going out with Geo. Listened to Lux program at night & read book.
Tuesday	April 26	Real warm. Finished water bills. Got proofs to-day, very good. They didn't get the forms at Whitby so things are delayed. Have to fill out new forms. Went to show in Mt. Forest with Mother & Dad. Saw Shirley Temple in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm".
Wednesday	April 27	Grand day. Wrote Laddie. Typed arrears on bills. Ross cut his hand across knuckles on some tin. Terribly cranky. Had to get 3 clamps in it. Went to library at night & for walk with Berniece.
Thursday	April 28	Rained. Didn't do much all day. Ross is terrible. They had some trouble with flowing well – had to take water from another spring – read at night.
Friday	April 29	Raining. Read & did a little work. Worked for awhile at night putting circulars on bills – telling people to lock their water. Went to band concert with Anna, good.
Saturday	April 30	Cold to-day. Real busy. Took off controls. Mother & Dad came up for me at night. They are taking Ross to Hamilton on Monday – Whitby is filled up.
Sunday	May 1	Grand day. Elgin & I went for a drive. I was driving. We called on Winnie & Jack. Went to church at night & for walk.
Monday	May 2	Lovely day. Real busy. Vic took Ross to Hamilton to-day. Had no trouble. Mother was up. Went to Young People's at night.
Tuesday	May 3	Terribly busy to-day. Made out cheques. Had Commission meeting at night – think they will have to drill a well.
Wednesday	May 4	Busy. A lot of men to pay. Went to Markdale at night to Summer Camp Alumni with Reg Ries & a load of girls. Laddie wrote & sent snap shots – real busy now.
Thursday	May 5	Grand day. The first half holiday but I worked as bills are coming in – took off controls. Wrote to Laddie at night & went for walk.
Friday	May 6	A little colder. Finished controls. Read at night & fixed clothes.
Saturday	May 7	Real cold. Last discount day for water. Went to show in Mt. Forest & to dance with Patterson's. Saw "Big Broadcast of 1938". Florence won bingo in show.
Sunday	May 8	Mothers Day & a beautiful day. Mother & I went to lunch in morning. Went to church in aft. Winnie, Jack & Aunt Eva were down for supper. Went to church at night & for walk with Berniece.
Monday	May 9	Raining all day. Changed records. Mrs. Hope & Nadine were over for supper. Went to Hanover at night to Young People's meeting. Went over in George Glass' car.
Tuesday	May 10	Real cold. Finished records. Aunt Eva went to lodge. Vera & I were alone. Read & then had lunch.
Wednesday	May 11	Still very cold. Made out power bills. Open night. Went to library & then Aunt Eva & I looked at some dresses.
Thursday	May 12	Cold & wet. My first half holiday this year. Went down to

		Anna's – stayed for supper. Aunt Sadie is still in bed.
Friday	May 13	A little warmer. Cleaned office. Wrote Laddie. Aunt Eva & I went to a concert in church. 60 voices from Walkerton – good.
Saturday	May 14	Windy. Mrs. Caswell washed & waxed the floor. I varnished chairs & desks in aft. Went down town at night & home with Mother & Dad.
Sunday	May 15	Nice day. Elgin, George, Shirley, Jean McGirr & I went for a drive. Fished for awhile & then went to see fish hatchery. Went to church at night & then for walk.
Monday	May 16	Mrs. Caswell polished floor. Finished cleaning – office looks nice now. Aunt Eva had letter from Ross – wants to come home. Went to show at Mt. Forest, "Victoria the Great" in Helen Young's car, real good.
Tuesday	May 17	Nice day. Worked on meter book. Washed my hair at night & got a permanent at Vollett's for \$3.50. Laddie wrote. Coming home Friday.
Wednesday	May 18	My hair is terribly short. Sent out arrear notices. Went down town at night – for first open night. Vera & I played tennis.
Thursday	May 19	Raining. Half holiday. Got Avon powder, perfume & cream to-day. Went home at noon. Mother painted woodwork in my room & I did Hall. Went to two meetings at night for wiener roast & 24 <sup>th</sup> .
Friday	May 20	Raining. Percy Willis papered my bedroom at home to-day, \$3. Aunt Eva went to lodge at Chesley. Vera went to high school banquet. Jean & I were alone. Expected Laddie home but he didn't come.
Saturday	May 21	Nice day. Fixed meter books. Florence was up at office in morning. I called Laddie to see why he didn't come home – he didn't let me know – finances didn't permit. Went to Rav (Rahn de Voo) with Geo., Elgin, Bill R. & Jean. Ate after. Stayed in town.
Sunday	May 22	Elgin came up for me in morning. Beautiful day. Gave Lorne socks & sweater for birthday. Fowler's were up. Went for a drive with them. Went to church at night & for walk.
Monday	May 23	Rained all day. Typed names on bills. Young People's wiener roast – had to have it in the church. Laddie started Summer Course to-day.
Tuesday	May 24	Terribly cold. Laddie wrote. Went on fishing trip with girls – 2 cars – cold but we enjoyed our supper. Went to show in Mt. Forest, "The Awful Truth" – real good. Ate in "Paradise Tea Gardens" after. NOTE - Christmas card from Vera (Lauder) Ries 2003: "I remember spending a 24 <sup>th</sup> of May with Velma near Holstein – fishing. It started to snow, no one could care less – just to be together outdoors, cooking our dinner, was the highlight of the day."
Wednesday	May 25	Still cold. Wrote Laddie, typed names on bills. Read at night & went down town for a walk.

Thursday	May 26	Raining in morning but turned out warm in aft. Went home at noon for half holiday. Ironed while Mother fixed my clothes. Went up to see Uncle John at night & then for walk with Berniece.
Friday	May 27	Nice day. Shirley and I played tennis at night. Laddie came home with Ruby. We went down to Anna's for awhile & then went up town & saw other kids.
Saturday	May 28	Warm. Finished typing names on bills. Ruby & I played tennis. Laddie, Geo. & I went to dance in Mt. Forest. Ate after & then went over to Norma McIntyre's.
Sunday	May 29	Nice day. Aunt Eva's & Ruby were down for dinner. Geo. & Laddie came down in aft. Went for a drive. Laddie went back in aft. with Ruby. Went to church at night.
Monday	May 30	Warm. Not feeling the best to-day so didn't do very much. Vera & I played tennis at night & then listened to Lux program.
Tuesday	May 31	Lovely day. Got ready for Commission meeting. Had letter from Laddie. Played tennis & then went to Com. Meeting. Berniece & I went for a walk.
Wednesday	June 1	Real busy. Wrote Laddie. Played tennis & then Aunt Eva & I went down town – open night.
Thursday	June 2	Raining. Half holiday. Barb took our car to Owen Sound. Nice in aft. I got a pink suit, goods for 2 dresses & a white hat. Tired at night so went to bed early.
Friday	June 3	Nice day. Took off hydro controls. Had letter from Laddie. Played tennis at night & then went to tennis club meeting. Elgin came up & took me to dance in Holstein.
Saturday	June 4	Raining. Took off water controls. Went out to Florence's for week-end. They came up for me at night and we went to dance in Mt. Forest. Ate after.
Sunday	June 5	Lovely day. Went to Sunday School & church at Dromore. We took minister to Knox. Told us a lot of humorous stories. Went to town in aft. & to Lake to take pictures. Lois & Pat were out for supper. Came home with them to-night.
Monday	June 6	Raining. Wrote to Laddie. Started bills. Mr. Ferguson called in to see me. Got a report of Ross – improving. Aunt Eva & I went up to see Uncle John. Laddie phoned to say he got all his subjects.
Tuesday	June 7	22 to-day. Wrote Laddie. Mother gave me book-ends & Lorne a cup & saucer. Didn't hear from Laddie. Berniece & I went for a walk at night.
Wednesday	June 8	Laddie sent me a card – present to come later. Busy doing bills. Went to library – finished a good book, "I Dare You" by Wm. Danforth. Aunt Eva & I went down town.
Thursday	June 9	Lovely day. Busy in morning. Half holiday. Got 2 dresses tried on at Eileen Miller's. Went out to Aunt Mary Ann's in aft. Went to show, "Old Chicago" in Hanover with girls – swell. Ate after.
Friday	June 10	Still at bills – finished them to-day. Played tennis at night. Read & had bath.

Saturday	June 11	Warmer to-day. Typed arrears on bills & called all those with ranges. Laddie gave me a suitcase for my birthday. Had a scratch on it when it came. Lovely. I got my suit to-day & also two dresses that I was having made at Miller's, \$4.50. Went over to Sally's at night & then went home.
Sunday	June 12	Cool. Tried on dresses. Have to be fixed. Went to church in aft. & at night. Winnie & Jack were in.
Monday	June 13	Nicer to-day. Aunt Eva, Sally & Mother went to Hamilton to see Ross. They think he is a little better – wants to come home. Anna & I played tennis at night.
Tuesday	June 14	Warm. Made out power bills. Wrote to Laddie. Anna & I played tennis at night & then went for walk.
Wednesday	June 15	Lovely day. Filed away records. Went to show in Mt. Forest with Sally, saw Bing Crosby in "Doctor Rhythm". Shopped in Durham after. I had a long letter from Laddie.
Thursday	June 16	Busy. Half holiday. Aunt Eva & I went down home, fixed clothes. Electric storm. Berniece & I went for a walk at night & had milk shake in Calder's. Laddie wrote.
Friday	June 17	Rained in morning. Ab planted flowers. Wrote Laddie. Filed away records. Florence called on her way home from school. I went out with her & went to dance in Holstein. Had a grand time.
Saturday	June 18	Rained all day. Ab went to Toronto. Did odd jobs. Florence & I were around town at night. Went home with Mother & Dad. I got my Beginner's permit.
Sunday	June 19	Nice day. Went to church in aft. Morlock's were up for supper. Went to Knox anniversary at night. Rev. Moore from Walkerton spoke – good. Went over to Twamley's after.
Monday	June 20	Real warm. Wrote letters concerning arrears. Ab was in Toronto. Played tennis at night. Aunt Eva & I went down to Mrs. Schenk's. Played cards & had lunch.
Tuesday	June 21	Hot. Real busy. Had letter from Laddie. Played tennis at night.
Wednesday	June 22	Hot. Busy. Had our new fan going. Played tennis at night. Open night. Went down town.
Thursday	June 23	Still real warm. Busy in morning. Wrote Laddie & put money in bank. Went to Thornbury to tennis tournament. Had grand time. We won the set we played. Went to show in Owen Sound after.
Friday	June 24	Hot. Typed names on water bills. Went to executive meeting at Bailey's about picnic. Washed my hair & had it waved.
Saturday	June 25	Cooler. Rained all day. Sent out arrear notices. Had bath. Vera, Florence & I were down town at night.
Sunday	June 26	Cool. Geo., Elsie & I went to Toronto, went by Hamilton. Got Laddie. Ate. Went out to Centre Island on boat. Came back & went through "Casaloma". Ate & then went home by Barrie. I called in at Geo. Constable's but they were away.

Monday	June 27	Still cool. Terribly tired & stiff after climbing 87 winding stairs in "Casaloma". Got ready for Commission meeting. Had meeting. Went up to tennis courts. Listened to Lux program. Went to bed early.
Tuesday	June 28	Still tired. Real busy after meeting. Played tennis at night. Laddie & I went for a walk. Had fight but made it up.
Wednesday	June 29	Terribly busy. Started power bills. Played tennis. Went down town at night.
Thursday	June 30	Made out power bills. Half holiday but worked awhile in aft. Played tennis with Laddie. Ruby came home. Rained at night. Laddie was in.
Friday	July 1	Dull but fairly warm. Terribly busy fixing clothes. Played tennis. Went to U.F.O. picnic. For awhile with Laddie & then we went to Rav. They had floor show. Swell.
Saturday	July 2	Lovely day. Terribly tired but I had a lot of work to do. Took off controls. Worked till six. Laddie & I were together at night. I came home with Fowler's. Packed for trip.
Sunday	July 3	<p>My Holidays! Aunt Eva, Mother, Ruby &amp; I started on out trip. Picked Mrs. Fulton up in Toronto. Had lunch in Lakeview Park, Oshawa. Lovely drive along Lake Ont. Drove around Kingston. Had dinner. Stayed in Gananoque all night.</p> <p><i>Travel Diary July 3-7/38:</i> Saw beautiful homes in Falkingbridge Crescent, Toronto. Went via Whitby to Oshawa. Had lunch in Lakeview Park, Oshawa. Went through Port Hope to Cobourg. Saw birthplace of Marie Dressler. Had a sleep by the wayside. Went through Brighton where they were having an Old Boys Re-Union. Saw Air Port in Trenton. Went via Bellville to Kingston. Had dinner in Kingston. Drove around Queen's University Buildings. All the buildings are of white stone and are beside the water. Saw Royal Military College. Went up hill to Fort Henry. From it you can get a wonderful view of Lake Ontario and of Kingston. Stayed in Gananoque all night in Thompson's tourist home.</p>
Monday	July 4	<p>Had breakfast in tourist home. Took pictures beside St. Lawrence. Had lunch on shores of Lake St. Francis, Montreal. A guy took us around city for 3 hrs. Went to Palace Theatre. Stayed in tourist home.</p> <p><i>Travel Diary July 3-7/38:</i> Had breakfast in Thompson's tourist home. They were related to Robb's in Durham. We saw the lovely residential section in Brockville. A grand drive along the St. Lawrence. Took pictures. They were having an International Peace Celebration in Prescott – banners flying – midway on street. Went through Cornwall. Had lunch on shores of Lake St. Francis, Quebec. Went past Lake St. Louis &amp; Lachine Canal &amp; Rapids. You can take a lovely boat trip up St. Lawrence &amp; through the Thousand Islands. Get boat at Prescott, Cornwall, etc. Toll bridge - 25¢. In Quebec Province the streets are very narrow, houses &amp; stores near street, schools are white frame. Lots of shad flies. We got a guide</p>

		<p>to drive our car around Montreal. Saw skyscrapers, Queen Victoria's monument, the Port of Montreal, where grain is loaded, 5 Lachine Locks. We were through an ocean liner, the Duchess of Richmond. You can travel cabin, tourist or third rate. It is just like a hotel inside. It holds 1200 people. The cooking utensils were enormous. We saw the market in Montreal. It is very large. There are a lot of horses and carts around Montreal. We saw the Jacques Cartier bridge which was built in 1930, cost 20 million &amp; is 2½ miles long &amp; 160 feet above water. It goes across to St. Ellen island. We were through a fur store – furs are 30% cheaper than in U.S.A. We saw the largest pharmacy in the world. We went through Notre Dame Cathedral which is 109 years old. It seats 6000. The carving is all hand done. The building is put together with pegs – no nails. Wonderful carving of prophets &amp; painting of priests. Montreal is built on an island and is 30 miles long and eleven miles wide &amp; is built on an island. There are two different divisions – Outremont &amp; Westmount – residential sections for French and English respectively. They each have their own mayor etc. Saw shrine (cost 13½ million) and LaFontaine Park. Plenty of playgrounds for children. Winding stairways on outside going up to 2 &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> stories. There are 260 churches in city. We were up on Westmount Mountain. We were in Mount Royal hotel. We ate in Diana. Went to Palace Theatre after. Took picture of Soldier's Monument. Tax on everything. Stayed at Brown's tourist home all night on Sherbrooke St.</p>
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St. Lawrence River, 1938



Montreal, 1938



Ruby and Velma

Tuesday	July 5	<p>Shopped in Montreal. Ate lunch in Point Fortune. Lovely drive along Ottawa River to Ottawa. Went through Parliament Buildings. Drove along Rideau Canal. Went through Chateau Laurier. Stayed in cabins. Ottawa lovely city.</p> <p><i>Travel Diary July 3-7/38:</i>  We had our breakfast in Eaton's &amp; then shopped after. There are few stop lights in the city &amp; very few street lights. Beer plentiful. We had lunch in Point Fortune, on the border of the two provinces. It was a grand drive along the Lake of Two Mountains and Ottawa River to Ottawa city. We went through Parliament Buildings. We were in Memorial Chapel. The Stories of the battles in the Great War were written on the walls &amp; scenes of the actual battles were carved underneath. Guide took us through Senate Chamber. Party in power sits to right of speaker. We were up to tower. You can get a lovely view of Ottawa, of the river, and of Hull across the river. The Parliament Buildings are beautifully situated. There are 53 bells weighing from 10 tons to 10 lbs. The chimes ring from 1:00 to 1:15 daily &amp; Thurs. &amp; Sun. night. The bells are all rung from a keyboard. There is a clock in tower. The Confederation Room is beautiful. Marble floor. Pictures of kings on walls. We took a picture outside of the Parliament Buildings. There are statues of the Fathers of Confederation outside of the Buildings. The Buildings look very beautiful lit up at night. There is a Justice, Confederation and Library Building outside main Parliament Building. We were all thrilled with Ottawa. There are beautiful residences. You can drive along a Dominion Driveway for 35 miles beside the Rideau Canal. There is about 5 miles of park beside the Rideau Canal &amp; also the Experimental Farm. Ate at Carson's Grill. Went through Chateau Laurier Hotel. Went through Britannia park on outskirts of city. Dancing there every night. Stayed at cabins about five miles out of city beside Ottawa River. Ruby left her purse there.</p>
Wednesday	July 6	<p>Ruby left her purse in cabin. Had breakfast in Arnprior. Lovely drive to Callendar. Nice trees, lakes &amp; Ottawa River. Saw quintuplets. Cy's restaurant, North Bay, Movies, stayed in cabin on shores of Lake Nipissing.</p> <p><i>Travel Diary July 3-7/38:</i>  Had breakfast at Arnprior. Went through Renfrew, Passed Muskrat Lake. Mountains, thickly wooded and water along both sides of road to North Bay. Beautiful trees on both sides of road – very few houses. Log school houses. Calton Lake, French's Lake &amp; MacKay Lake along road. Took pictures at Deux Rivieres lookout. Collected beechnuts. Had lunch at Mattawa. Corbeil. Dafoe Hospital. Callendar. Saw quintuplets twice. Cute. Making mud pies and scrubbing.</p>



Deux Rivieres, 1938



Thursday	July 7	<p>Rained in morning but had grand weather so far. Saw quintuplets again. Went through Souvenir places &amp; works of wood carver. Had lunch in South River. High Falls at Bracebridge. Muskoka Lakes. Had diner in Orillia. Arrived home about 11pm.</p> <p><i>Travel Diary July 3-7/38:</i>  In morning it was raining so they just stood at door. Went through Souvenir places &amp; also saw the works of the wood carver. You could have your picture taken with a cart and bull. We stayed in a cabin beside Lake Nipissing all night. There was a cute little island with 3 trees on it in Lake Nipissing. We also saw the sunset on the Lake which was grand. We were at North Bay. Saw moving pictures on French River, Callendar and drive from Toronto to Callendar. Had lunch in South River on way home. Sundridge – Lake of the Bays, Huntsville, Bracebridge – drove out to see High Falls – 5 miles from Bracebridge. Drove all around Muskoka Lakes. Saw boats going through locks at Port Carling. Gravenhurst. Had supper in Orillia. Arrived home Thurs. about 11pm, tired after a glorious trip.</p>
Friday	July 8	<p>Inez &amp; Mrs. Fulton were here until afternoon. Ruby came down for them in aft. Laddie was here for supper. Talked about trip. Went for a walk.</p>
Saturday	July 9	<p>Real busy washing clothes. Went to tennis tournament in aft. Thornbury played. I played with Laddie but we lost. Bought goods for beach. Laddie &amp; I were together.</p>
Sunday	July 10	<p>Lovely. Elgin brought Bertha, Vera &amp; I up to Wasaga beach. As the people were still in Peter's cottage we stayed in Mrs. Fallis' all night. Were in swimming. Rained at night so we read.</p> <p><i>Travel Diary July 10-17/38:</i>  Spent 2<sup>nd</sup> week of holidays in Ramage's cottage at Wasaga Beach with Marg Leith, Florence Patterson, Dorothy Taylor, Bertha Glass &amp; Vera. Wonderful time.</p>
Monday	July 11	<p>Nice day. Had morning dip. Florence &amp; I got the meals today. Dot Taylor, Marg Leith &amp; Florence are here. Wrote to Laddie. Moved over to Peter's cottage. Went swimming in aft. Had sundae in Red Door Knob at night. Went in for midnight swim. 2 of the girls fished – no vest. Stood out in our bathing suits for hours.</p>
Tuesday	July 12	<p>Nice day. Got up early and hitch hiked down town &amp; saw parade – a very long one. Had our dinner there. We were all stiff from strenuous night before. Went to dance at Cedargrove Inn. Lots of fun!</p>
Wednesday	July 13	<p>Real hot. Didn't get up until nearly noon. Went in swimming twice. Read. Went up to roller skating rink at night. Vera &amp; Bertha were skating.</p>

Thursday	July 14	Had morning dip. Rained in morning. Florence & I had to do work to-day. We went down town to post office in aft. Went swimming – waves real high. Talked at night.
Friday	July 15	Cooler. Went up town in aft. for mail. Had letter from Laddie. Went through gift shop & Slim the Whittlers. Swimming. Went to dance at night. Had grand fun. Dot & Pat had boyfriends.
Saturday	July 16	Real warm. Had morning dip. Lay out in sun. Went to post office. Had dinner & went for swim. Rained at night so stayed in and talked. Made candy.
Sunday	July 17	Nice day. Had morning dip. Made sandwiches & packed. Have had wonderful week. Pattersons & Taylors came up for dinner – had 13. Glasses, Geo., Laddie & Elsie came up in aft. Had lunch in Collingwood Park. Came home by Owen Sound.
Monday	July 18	It seems months since I started on my holidays. Cleaned office. Went to bank. Felt tired. We were with Geo. & Elsie at night – planned next week-end to go to Wasaga.
Tuesday	July 19	Real warm. Busy. Played tennis at night & then Laddie & I went for a walk. Lorne is up this week.
Wednesday	July 20	Mr. Ferguson & a University student were here auditing books. Left after dinner. Played tennis at night. Elsie & I planned eats for next week-end. Laddie & I went for walk – open night.
Thursday	July 21	Typed names on bills in morning. Vera & I went down home in aft. for half holiday. Laddie took us down. He got his permit to-day. Skeltons came up to Aunt Eva's – stayed all night.
Friday	July 22	Nice day. Real busy. Played tennis at night. Washed & Ironed some clothes. Went to library & then for a walk with Laddie. Winnie & Jack were in. Had ice cream.
Saturday	July 23	Skeltons went home this morning. Got up early & had bath & packed. Ruby came home from trip at noon. Laddie & I left about 4:30 for Wasaga with our car. Geo., Elsie, Jean McGirr & Bill Sullivan were there – had a cabin, ate, swam. Went dancing at Strathcona & Dardanelles(?). Midnight drive.
Sunday	July 24	Hardly any sleep last night – some time! Had breakfast. Went up town & in gift shops. Went in swimming. Lay out on sand. All got a sunburn but me. Cooked our dinner at night & then left for home.
Monday	July 25	Hot. Started making out water bills. Laddie & I went to ball game. Had ice cream. Came home & had more ice cream with Ruby, Vera & Aunt Eva.
Tuesday	July 26	Hot. Aunt Eva, Ruby & Vera went to Hamilton to see Ross. I got the meals. Anna & I played tennis at night & then Laddie & I went down to Anna's. Mother & Dad were there. Came home & sat out on veranda.
Wednesday	July 27	Ross isn't much better. Raining. I have a terrible cold. Finished water bills. Laddie & I went down town. Talking to Florence. Took hot lemonade.

Thursday	July 28	Hot. Typed arrears on bills. Mr. Ferguson was in. Laddie, Vera & I played tennis in aft. Half holiday. My cold isn't much better. We went for a walk at night. Ruby went to Callendar to-day.
Friday	July 29	Cooler. Real busy. Took off water controls. My cold is better. Washed my hair & had it finger-waved.
Saturday	July 30	Nice day but warm. Real busy – took off water controls. Ab went on his holidays to-day. Florence, Bill Patterson, Laddie & I went to Rav, had good time.
Sunday	July 31	Real hot. Anna, Berniece & Florence were down for supper. Florence & I went to church. Alex Sim spoke. Florence stayed all night. We were going out but it rained all night so we went to bed early & talked.
Monday	August 1	Civic holiday. Still warm. Washed clothes in morning. Florence & I had car in aft. – came up town & got Laddie. I took a driving lesson. Florence, Anna, Barb, Laddie & I took our car to Mt. Forest. Went to dance.
Tuesday	August 2	Hot. Got ready for meeting. Had meeting at night. Mr. Bell wasn't there. Laddie & I went for a walk after. Vera & I slept out on porch.
Wednesday	August 3	Terribly hot. Delivered cheques. Open night so Laddie & I went down town. Sat in Patterson's car.
Thursday	August 4	A little cooler. Started hydro bills. Went to church picnic at Holstein with Anna. Went in swimming. Good time. Laddie & I went for a walk at night.
Friday	August 5	Real busy & is it ever hot. Anna & I played tennis at night & then Vera & I walked down with Anna.
Saturday	August 6	Still hot but it rained early in morning. A lot in the office. Had bath and then went down town with Laddie. Ate in Vollet's & sat in car. Went home after.
Sunday	August 7	Lovely day. Elgin was home. Lay around all day. Laddie & I went to church at night. Queen St. & Knox have united. Walked home with Anna & stayed for awhile.
Monday	August 8	Hot again. Last discount day so busy. Played tennis at night with Laddie. We went for a walk & then sat out on porch with Aunt Eva & Vera.
Tuesday	August 9	Still hot. Put money in bank & changed installed loads. Went to girls ball game at night & then Laddie & I went to a lacrosse game in rink. The first one I've ever seen.
Wednesday	August 10	Cooler to-day - thank goodness! Made out power bills. Rained at night. Laddie & I took a test & got my first permit – was I ever glad to get it.
Thursday	August 11	Grand day. Changing installed loads – some job. Half holiday! Mt. Forest played tennis here. Had my supper at tennis courts. Laddie & I went for walk.
Friday	August 12	Lovely day. Typed arrears on bills. Laddie & I played tennis at night. Read a good story in McCall's magazine.
Saturday	August 13	Got up early and did some washing. Another beautiful day. George & Marj. Constable, Ern Polk & Leslie Fleming came in by surprise. Laddie was supposed to call but didn't.
Sunday	August 14	Real hot. We had a family picnic out at Winnie's. Jean & I went to church at night. Ate in Vollett's. Laddie, Anna & I

		went down to Ritchie's. Laddie said he couldn't go to garden party – we had a terrible fight.
Monday	August 15	Very hot – hottest day this summer. Felt terrible all morning but Laddie came up in aft. & made everything alright. We went to Dromore garden party at night. Play – “The Girl Who Forgot”.
Tuesday	August 16	Still terribly close. Finished power bills. Started to rain about five & did it ever pour so had to stay in at night. Read. Vera is down at our place this week.
Wednesday	August 17	Rained in morning. A lot cooler. Had card from Ruby. Went up to see Uncle John after work. Laddie & I went to tennis club meeting. Open night. Went down town.
Thursday	August 18	A grand day. Half holiday. Laddie & I played tennis in aft. Aunt Eva was away so got supper. Played tennis at night again.
Friday	August 19	Hot. Uncle Irving & Addie came up. Had corn, ice cream & peaches for supper. Swell feed. There was a big fight on at rink. Aunt Eva, Eva Derby & I stayed home. Had ice cream & cantaloupe. Waited for rest to come home.
Saturday	August 20	Still hot. A lot in to-day. Went down town at night. Laddie didn't come over. Was with Florence. Went home after.
Sunday	August 21	I brought the car up to church in morning. Rev. Hill spoke. Wonderful sermon. Stayed at Anna's for dinner. Rained. Elgin & I went for a drive. Went to church at night again. Rev. Hill spoke again. Band concert after. Laddie & I had a great talk on religion.
Monday	August 22	Grand day. Terribly busy. Laddie & I played tennis at night & then went for walk.
Tuesday	August 23	Cooler to-day. Put money in bank. Reg Fowler's sister died Sun. Laddie & I played tennis at night. I stayed with Nadine after.
Wednesday	August 24	Got word that we have to give a 10% rebate on total 1937 bills so I will be busy. Open night so Laddie & I went down town.
Thursday	August 25	Still cool. Half holiday. Wasn't feeling very well. Lay down in aft. & then had a game of tennis. The Tennis Club dance at Rav. We went over with Geo. & Elsie & came home with B. Patterson. Made about 35. Swell time. Vera went for first time.
Friday	August 26	Cool. Cleaned out safe. Played tennis at night. Laddie had a wiener roast for his S. School Class. Went to bed early. The little garage behind the office burnt down about 1pm. Saw flames from house. Unknown origin.
Saturday	August 27	Quite a few up to look at the remains of the fire. Played tennis at night & then had bath. Laddie & I went down town. Went home with Mother & Dad.
Sunday	August 28	Lovely day. Slept in. Read. Went to church in aft. & then Laddie & I went to church at night. Went for walk after.
Monday	August 29	Nice day. Ruby & Cy came home. Laddie & I went to wiener roast at our other place. I lost \$1.15. Had a good time.

Tuesday	August 30	Real cool. I am quite busy. Ab is taking out meters. I had my hair washed & finger waved. Laddie came up after.
Wednesday	August 31	A terrible storm to-day. We had a lot of trouble. Open night – last one for this year. Laddie & I went down town.
Thursday	September 1	The Workmen's Compensation auditor was here. Half holiday. Ruby, Vera & I played tennis, had lots of fun. Laddie was over at night.
Friday	September 2	The W. C. auditor was here this morning also. Took off hydro controls in aft. Real cool. Played tennis at night & went to library with Laddie.
Saturday	September 3	Cool. Real busy. Ruby & Cy went back this aft. Laddie & I were down town at night. Fowler's came up. Went home with Mother & Dad.
Sunday	September 4	Reg & Mary left this morning. Made 2 peach pies. Florence & Mary Patterson here. We went up town & got Laddie. Skelton's brought Lorne home from Toronto. All stayed for supper – also Winnie & Jack. Laddie, Janet, Vera & I went to Mt. Forest at night.
Monday	September 5	Labour Day. Went out to Winnie's with Skelton's in morning. Saw Marjorie Kerr's things. She is going in training to-morrow. Came up town in aft. Laddie, Janet & I played tennis. Laddie came over at night – swell time together.
Tuesday	September 6	Still cold. School started. Took off water controls – real busy. Played tennis at night. It started to rain so stayed in & finished Temple Bailey's book, "The Enchanted Ground".
Wednesday	September 7	Still raining. Got ready for meeting. The Commission gave Ab & Mr. Innes a great talking to about drinking. Met Laddie after.
Thursday	September 8	Real busy in morning. Half holiday. Laddie & I played tennis all afternoon. Went for a walk at night. Discussed going to Dresden for a week-end.
Friday	September 9	Still bright & cold. Real busy. Laddie & I went to Fall Fair concert in Hall "Home at Ten" put on by an Owen Sound group – splendid.
Saturday	September 10	Durham Fall Fair. It was grand in morning but rained all aft. Worked hard all day. Laddie, Elg, Shirley & I went to show in Walkerton & to Rav – ate after, swell time.
Sunday	September 11	A beautiful day. Warm. Varney anniversary. Rev. Pickering of Hanover spoke & was here for dinner – also Winnie & Jack & Mr. & Mrs. J. Brown. Laddie & I went up to church but were late so didn't go in, went for walk & ate after.
Monday	September 12	Rained all day. Made out power bills. Had chicken for dinner. Laddie & I went for a walk at night.
Tuesday	September 13	Real warm. Lovely day. Started rebate – 10% of 1937 bills – some job. Went to ball game at night. Laddie & I went down to Anna's after.
Wednesday	September 14	Dull all day. Real busy. Uncle John is very poorly. Laddie is going away to-morrow so our last night. Aunt Eva & girls were away so we had the house to ourselves. Lad had on his new blue suit & raincoat. Grand evening.
Thursday	September 15	Real busy. Half holiday. Laddie went away on train to-day. I went down to Anna's for supper. Anna & I went to a

		kitchen shower for Jean McLean. Presents were placed around alarm clocks. Contests - good time.
Friday	September 16	Lovely day. Aunt Eva & Sally went down to see Ross to-day. He looked & was a lot better although in bed. Winnie & Jack were in at night.
Saturday	September 17	Cold. Had letter from Laddie. I am busy at rebates. I went to show at night with family. Saw Shirley Temple in "Little Miss Broadway".
Sunday	September 18	Tried on winter dresses. Went to church. Elg & I went for drive. Riley's were here for supper - Aunt Jenny, Wilmer & wife & Donnie & Elmer & wife. Went to church at night. Went for walk & wrote to Laddie.
Monday	September 19	Cold & wet. Uncle John is very low. Kept Nadine for Awhile in aft. Went to Young People's at night – first meeting.
Tuesday	September 20	Still cold. Busy at rebates. Uncle Irving is to be married 1 <sup>st</sup> week in Oct. to Mrs. Haynes. Went down to Anna's & had game of bridge.
Wednesday	September 21	Nice but cold. Busy. Aunt Eva & I went to Jean McLean's trousseau tea. She had a grand tea & got everything you could imagine. Fixed clothes at night.
Thursday	September 22	Raining. Nadine had her tonsils out (Vic not there). Half holiday. Rained all day. Stayed in & read & fixed clothes.
Friday	September 23	A grand day – real warm. The situation in Europe is very critical, looks very much like war. Chamberlain flew to Germany to have conference with Hitler but they couldn't come to an agreement over Czechoslovakia. Went to Season's Tea in church – executive meeting & walk with girls.
Saturday	September 24	Nice day. Real busy but have finished figuring out rebates. Ruby & Cy came in at noon unexpected. Had letter from Laddie. Went to show in Mt. Forest with Ruby & Cy – swell – "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer".
Sunday	September 25	Ruby & Cy, Jean & Vera were down for dinner. Aunt Charlottes & Aunt Sadies & Barb were here for supper – told us the startling news that Norman Ritchie is going to marry Blanche Boise next Sat. Went to church at night. Mrs. W.H. Hunter died this afternoon. Aunt Eva is at Churchill with Winnie & Jack. Wrote to Laddie.
Monday	September 26	A beautiful day. Uncle John died last night about one o'clock. Hitler made a speech to-day. Things look bad. England & France are getting their army together. Went to Young People's wiener roast at night.
Tuesday	September 27	Nice day. Making out bills. Vera & I went up to Uncle John's after work. Washed my hair & had it waved. Everybody seems to be getting married. Elizabeth Harding resigned to-night.
Wednesday	September 28	Still nice. Busy in morning. Went to Uncle John's funeral in aft. in church. Went to a dinner at Barb's for Blanche. She took us over home after to show us her things.

Thursday	September 29	Lovely day. Half holiday & Mother's birthday. Elg & I got her 6 water glasses. Went home in aft. Went over to Tennis Club dance at Rav with Elgin. Good time but small crowd. Had letter from Laddie.
Friday	September 30	Nice day. Florence & I had planned to go to Toronto tomorrow but her grandfather died. Munich Conference of Hitler, Mussolini, Chamberlain & Premier of France was held in Germany yesterday. A Peace Act was signed – great news – wrote Laddie.
Saturday	October 1	Another Grand day. Real busy. Terribly frosty at night. Went home with Mother & Dad. Elgin came home.
Sunday	October 2	A beautiful autumn day. Mother & I went for a walk. Had a boat ride on Bryan's pond. We took Elgin down to Mt. Forest in aft. Went to church at night & for walk.
Monday	October 3	Nice day – took off hydro controls. Harvey Voisen was killed to-day at Sand & Gravel plant at Paris. Went to Young People's in church.
Tuesday	October 4	Grand weather. Mr. House started a dairy. Expected a letter from Laddie but didn't get one. Met Mrs. Grant on street & she said Laddie wasn't coming home for Thanksgiving, going to spend it with a friend near Mitchell. Terribly worried. Went to Commission meeting at night.
Wednesday	October 5	Raining & dull all day. Busy after meeting – didn't get a letter. Aunt Eva, Sally & I went out to Winnie's for Dad's birthday at night – 50 to-day.
Thursday	October 6	Cold, finished bills in morning. Ab didn't show up this morning – Bob Campbell took truck out, was he ever mad. Went to Owen Sound to shop with Sally. Got black suede shoes, \$5.95, red sweater, \$1.75 & blue skirt, \$1.75. We started our bridge club again. At Berniece's. I won prize, evening in Paris perfume.
Friday	October 7	Made out power bills. No letter from Laddie to-day either. I had bath & fixed clothes at night.
Saturday	October 8	Rained in morning but turned out to be a grand day. Ruby came up. I had letter from Laddie & he says he is going to Dresden for Thanksgiving with Ivy. Very disappointed. Went to show in Hanover with Ruby "Four Daughters" – real good – got hat after, \$2.50.
Sunday	October 9	A beautiful day. Real warm. Thanksgiving Sunday. Mr. & Mr. Dave Watson came over from Paisley, had chicken dinner. Fowler's were supposed to come but didn't. Wrote to Laddie and I told him that he had to choose between Ivy and me & let me know in his next letter.
Monday	October 10	A beautiful day, just like summer. Thanksgiving Day. Mother & I sewed in morning. Ruby was down in aft. Went for walk & got some leaves. Went to Young People's at night & then played bridge in telephone office.
Tuesday	October 11	Real warm. Marked rebates on bills. Vera & I went for a walk at night. Read.



Wednesday	October 12	Still real warm. More rebates. I had a letter form Laddie. He says he can't make a choice yet. I decided to go down this week-end. Went to bridge club at Anna's. Went to doctors for acne.
Thursday	October 13	Raining. Half holiday. Mother & Dad & Aunt Eva went to ploughing match at Minesing. Nadine came over in aft. Went to executive meeting in church. Wrote to Laddie & told him I would be down.
Friday	October 14	Grand day. Finished rebates. Got ready to go to Toronto. Went to Rotary Carnival in Rink with girls. Good time. Boys & all kinds of games, dancing, lucky numbers.
Saturday	October 15	A beautiful day. Left at 8:41 for Toronto on bus. D. Boyle & Dan Firth on bus. Arrived at 1:10. Went to Greenwoods. Laddie has a nice room this year. We went shopping, ate at Simpson's down town in aft. Ate at Mrs. Greenwood's. Went for walk along Bloor St. Listened to Laddie's new Philes radio. Laddie has made choice – so happy – together forever.
Sunday	October 16	Real warm. We are certainly having lovely fall weather. Laddie & I went Avenue Road United Church, had dinner at Mrs. Greenwood's. Listened to radio in afternoon. Went to bus station at 5:25, alone until I got to Guelph & then I had company.
Monday	October 17	Grand day. Terribly tired & not felling very well. Didn't do much. Went to Young People's at night.
Tuesday	October 18	Still warm. Typed names on water bills. Mr. Ferguson called in. I went over to Markdale at night with Elgin & Norma in truck.
Wednesday	October 19	Raining. Wrote to Laddie. Typed names on bills. Went to bridge club at Ethel's. I was high but couldn't get prize, got gold locket for my green sweater, \$1.25.
Thursday	October 20	Colder. Half holiday but I worked. Made notes for myself all aft. Read & washed clothes at night.
Friday	October 21	Cold. Real busy. Aunt Eva & I went to an I.O.D.E. Euchre in Town Hall – very good time. Aunt Eva had letter from Ross' doctor – they suggest giving him insulin treatments – have to sign form, \$8.
Saturday	October 22	Cold & windy. Lots in to-day. Mother & I shopped at night & then went home. Had bath & listened to Lucky Strike program.
Sunday	October 23	Mild. Planned eats for bridge club, etc. Went to church in aft. & at night. Winnie & Jack were up at Aunt Eva's after church. Had lunch.
Monday	October 24	Cold & wet. Put money in bank & did odd jobs. Went to Young People's at night. Planned to go to Walkerton & Mt. Forest. Went to a missionary meeting after – he spoke on Caribou district.
Tuesday	October 25	Cold. Made out water bills. Shopped after 5. Read at night & Vera & I went for a walk.
Wednesday	October 26	Finished bills. Ab was away fishing to-day. Had bridge club. Had oranges in the form of Jack-O-Lanterns for lunch & cookies. Vase & Giraffe for prizes.

Thursday	October 27	Cold. Took off controls. Last half holiday. Aunt Eva, Mother, Winnie & Sally went to Hamilton to-day. Ross' birthday – Ross is about same. Had my hair washed & finger waved.
Friday	October 28	Lovely day. Typed arrears on bills. Had letter from Laddie. Went to Halloween social in Walkerton with Young People's. Good time.
Saturday	October 29	A grand day. Did odd jobs. Went home at night with Mother & Dad.
Sunday	October 30	Beautiful day. We came up to Anna's for a chicken dinner to celebrate her birthday. We went for a walk in aft. Went to church at night & then wrote to Laddie.
Monday	October 31	We are certainly having the most wonderful fall. The Workmen's Compensation auditor was here to-day. Went to Young People's Halloween party at Mt. Forest – good time.
Tuesday	November 1	Lovely day. Made out cheques. Commission meeting at night. I got up enough nerve to ask for a raise. Bob Campbell & Girlie in favour. Mr. Bell wanted to wait until end of year. They are going to decide at next meeting.
Wednesday	November 2	Real busy. Still grand weather, can wear your summer clothes. Went to bridge club at Rita Willis'. Fruit salad (butterfly – pineapple, banana & lettuce) for lunch.
Thursday	November 3	Grand day. Took off hydro controls. Washed clothes & read & then Berniece & I went for a walk.
Friday	November 4	Lovely day. Not very busy to-day. Went to Fireman's dance at night with Florence, lots of fun – real good time.
Saturday	November 5	Quite windy. Tired. Mother & Dad came up for me at night. Shopped for awhile.
Sunday	November 6	A beautiful day, like summer. Went to church, communion. Sally, Vic & Mrs. Hope & Jack & Winnie were down at night for a chicken dinner.
Monday	November 7	Lovely day. Went to Young People's Social at night. About fifty there. Worked zig saw & cross-word puzzles.
Tuesday	November 8	Raining & much colder. Real busy. I had the grandest letter from Laddie - 10 pages. Told Ivy. Wrote to Laddie at night. Tired so went to bed early.
Wednesday	November 9	Nice day but cool. Mr. Ferguson was here in morning. Travellers in. Went to bridge club at Clara's. I was high again.
Thursday	November 10	Lovely day. Elizabeth Harding was married in church. Cleaned offices. Went down town at night & then Winnie & Jack were in.
Friday	November 11	Armistice Day. Holiday, slept in. Got up & had bath. Laddie came home with Ruby – a surprise. We went for a walk in aft. – lovely day. Laddie was over at night. Rest were away so we were alone – lovely time.
Saturday	November 12	Ab broke 3 ribs. Mrs. Caswell was here cleaning office. Laddie & Jim came up in aft. Laddie came over at night – rest went to show. I went home later with Fowler's – Harolds.
Sunday	November 13	Laddie came down for dinner. Harold & Violet & kids were here also. Elgin came home. Laddie went back with Ruby about four. Went to church at night.

Monday	November 14	Ground is covered with snow & is it ever cold. Went to Young People's at night & then came home & listened to radio.
Tuesday	November 15	Still snowing. Ab is quite crippled up. Had letter from Laddie. Went to library at night. Started to read, "In the Steps of the Master" by H. V. Morton.
Wednesday	November 16	Cold but bright. Elgin & I are going to put the hydro in for Mother & Dad for Christmas – signed contracts. Great excitement. Went to bridge club at Hilda McKechnie's.
Thursday	November 17	Milder. Wrote to Laddie. Did some bookkeeping. Got another bottle of medicine from Burnett for pimples. Read at night.
Friday	November 18	Raining. I went up to Chatsworth at night to meeting of officers of Young People's in Grey Presbytery – Peter Ramage's car. Nice supper – lots of fun – discussion groups.
Saturday	November 19	Lovely day. Filed away stubs. Florence & I were around town at night. She went home with me & stayed until the boys called for her. Had lunch. Laddie was at Elva Greenwood's wedding.
Sunday	November 20	Elgin was in terrible accident to-day with Bill Evans & his wife. Bill was killed but Elgin & Marg escaped with only a few scratches. The car was a total wreck. We were going down for Elgin & just came along shortly after it happened. We went out to Winnie's for supper & I went to church at night.
Monday	November 21	Cold. Filed away stubs. Couldn't help but think of the accident. Bill & Marg were just married in the summer. Went to Young People's at night & then listened to Lux program.
Tuesday	November 22	Elgin was up in morning. Feels terrible. I went down to Mt. Forest with Mother & Dad at night. We were talking to Margaret – I think she is the sweetest girl I have ever met – so brave. Went to auxiliary concert after. Geo. asked me to go to Toronto with him this week-end.
Wednesday	November 23	I couldn't get the accident off my mind all day. Poor Margaret, The funeral went past here to Owen Sound in aft. Had letter from Laddie. Went to bridge club at Anna's at night.
Thursday	November 24	Cold but no snow. Not feeling a bit well. Wrote to Laddie. Went to Presbyterian Fowl Supper. Lots to eat. Berniece & I went to Hockey Boy's dance, Florence Savor's orchestra – good time.
Friday	November 25	Real cold. Typed names on bills. Went to dentist. Washed my hair & had it waved at night.
Saturday	November 26	Snowing. Bathed at night & got ready to go to Toronto in morning.
Sunday	November 27	A nice day. Left about 8am with George in coupe – arrived in time for church. People's church. Had dinner at Mrs. Greenwood's. Elsie & Geo. came up in aft. Ate out. We left for home about 10 – arrived 12:30. Geo. & I ate peanuts to keep awake.

Monday	November 28	Still nice – only a little snow. Went to Young People's at night. A D. Watson measured our place for the hydro to-day & we made out order.
Tuesday	November 29	Quite busy. Real cold. I washed clothes at night, went to library and read.
Wednesday	November 30	Cold. Wrote to Laddie. Went to bridge club at Helen's. The last one until after Christmas, had hot dogs and doughnuts for lunch.
Thursday	December 1	Took off water controls. Went to Young People's Crokinole – a lot of work in connection with it. Made \$9.60.
Friday	December 2	The Chronicle wanted the reports for the Financial Statement so I had to rush around & do them. Anna came up at night & we planned games to entertain Mt. Forest on Mon. night.
Saturday	December 3	Raining. Busy making out hydro reports to-day. Florence & I were together at night. Mother & Dad came up for me.
Sunday	December 4	A beautiful day. Real mild. We picked out the lighting fixtures. We all came up to Aunt Eva's for supper. I went down to Bailey's at night to arrange for Young People's.
Monday	December 5	Raining. Finished reports & took off hydro controls – busy day. Mt. Forest Young People's were up at night. We had a swell time. Elgin was up.
Tuesday	December 6	Got ready for meeting. I got a \$5 a month raise at meeting. They didn't say anything but just handed the resolution to me. It wasn't much but better than nothing.
Wednesday	December 7	Mild. Real busy. Started making out bills. Barb, Anna & I went out to Freda's for evening. Played bridge, had lunch. Aunt Eva got word that Ross can come home on the 16 <sup>th</sup> – treatments helped.
Thursday	December 8	Busy at bills. The inquest of the accident was held in Durham this morning. Had letter from Laddie. Aunt Eva & I went up to see Marion at night.
Friday	December 9	Real mild – no snow. Real busy. Planned Christmas presents at night. Keith, Bertha & Gib were in. Had bath.
Saturday	December 10	Mild. Vera & I went to Owen Sound with Elgin in morning. Got dressing gown for Laddie, \$10, a brush wool jacket, \$3.95. Washed in aft. Went home with Mother & Dad at 5. Baked white Christmas cake.
Sunday	December 11	Mild. Talked over Christmas presents. Had chicken dinner. I went to church at night.
Monday	December 12	Snowing. Typed arrears on bills. Went to Young People's. I had a terrible toothache all night. I broke a piece of the second back one.
Tuesday	December 13	Quite a bit of snow. I went to dentist in morning. Took x-ray. My tooth is starting to ulcerate. Went down town & did some shopping at night.
Wednesday	December 14	My tooth is sore but not aching. Bob Campbell is up – is going to stay on another year. Fixtures came. Hilda & I went to the show in Hall, "You're a Sweetheart". They are having one a week now, 25¢.
Thursday	December 15	We have some snow now. Went to dentist at night & then did some shopping. Bought a few presents.
Friday	December 16	Frosty. Aunt Eva went to Hamilton to-day to bring Ross

		home. He seems to be greatly improved. Hilda & I went to Sunday School Concert in Hall. Had letter from Laddie – he will be home Mon.
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Saturday	December 17	Milder. Santa Claus day in Durham. Went in to get my tooth pulled but it was too sore. Went home. We talked over Christmas presents.
Sunday	December 18	Lovely day. Wrapped up presents. Listened to service on radio. Elgin came up in aft. We had chicken dinner. Read at night.
Monday	December 19	Beautiful winter day. Real busy. Laddie came home to-day. He came over at night. We were alone. The rest went to School Concert in Hall.
Tuesday	December 20	Lovely day. Busy. They started to work at our place to-day. Went to Young People's at night. Election of officers – I have no office now, was Secy. For 2 ½ years. Laddie & I went down to Anna's after & played bridge.
Wednesday	December 21	Busy. Ab Watson is sick so J. Saunders & Albert Becker are wiring. Washed my hair & had it waved at night. Laddie & I went for a walk, came home & wrapped up presents.
Thursday	December 22	Real busy. Grand day. I have finished my shopping. A hard day. Laddie & I went to the Commencement at night. Ruby came home.
Friday	December 23	Real busy. Made out reports for Bob Campbell – he made a speech at the Nomination. Got in by acclamation. Ab & others are celebrating. I got my tooth out at night. Laddie came up & we played bridge.
Saturday	December 24	Mild but ground is covered with snow. A lot of things to do at the last minute. Went over to Grant's with Laddie at night. Came home with Mother & Dad.
Sunday	December 25	A lovely day. I went up to Chatsworth with Elgin in morning as he had to take Marg Evans up home. We unloaded the tree when we came back. Laddie came down for a chicken dinner. Elg & Laddie & I went to church in Mt. Forest. Went over to Marg's after. I got umbrella, Spode cup & saucer, underwear, evening purse, autobridge game from Laddie.
Monday	December 26	Stormy. We had Christmas at our place – 17. Unloaded tree after a Goose dinner. Played bridge etc. I came up to town with Ruby about 9. I thought I was going to dance but Laddie didn't call me.
Tuesday	December 27	The roads are all blocked & it is still storming. Boxing Day. Slept in. Uncle John Ritchie took a stroke yesterday – arm paralysed. Mended & we played bridge & other games. Laddie didn't call to-day either. Vera & I went over & saw Nadine's presents.
Wednesday	December 28	The snow is up to your waist. I couldn't get to work this morning until about ten – until the snow plow got out. Laddie came over at night. He forgot all about dance – was playing Monopoly – did I ever ball him out.
Thursday	December 29	A terrible lot of snow. Highways are open now but back roads are blocked. Ruby took Aunt Evas to show. Laddie came over.

Friday	December 30	Real cold. Got ready for meeting. Wound up business for year. I played autobridge after meeting & went to bed early.
Saturday	December 31	Stormy. Real busy. Didn't go home. Laddie came over. We went over to Grant's & then went down to Anna's. Stayed up to see Old Year out.

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