

March Monday 29 1926

April Thursday 1 1926

Feeling better again, thanks to the
Swissmilk, I guess. Had to go to town
with Dan in the afternoon to get a registered
letter and also one that was left at Burns.
Burns.

Woke up before mother, so made up for
yesterday morning. Another stormy,
windy day and rather cold. Had
some sewing to do in the afternoon and
at night finished "The Keeper of the Bees", by
Gene Stratton-Porter, her last book.

Tuesday 30

Friday 2

Received a letter from Jess in the mail
and she wants to come up if the boys
can't go down, so answered it and wrote
to Helen in the afternoon. Read a little
after supper but went to bed in good time.

The weather was a little better but
not much warmer. Good Friday, so I
didn't have to go for the mail. The radio
works as long as the wind isn't blowing
to move the aerial, which broke at the barn and
we enjoyed the concerts at night. Didn't go
to bed until 11.30

Wednesday 31

Saturday 3

Had to be called for the first time in several
weeks but such a morning, ice all over.
Telephones, radio out of order by night
one of the telephone poles is over. Jack came
the evening and we had a good laugh
when we tried to fool the boys after 12 o'clock.

A regular snow-storm again in the
morning, rain later on, then quite a
wind storm began about 4 o'clock so we
couldn't hear the rest of the afternoon concert +
Buffalo. Did some reading after supper
not for long.

April Sunday 4 1926

ter Sunday, so I went to Church
th. Dan in the morning. More like
istmas than Easter some were in
ters at church. Robert was in the choir.
ie & Jack came at night and we got
in Radio concert of Oratorio stuff. Was
led by 12.30

Monday 5

I finished the morning's milking,
ame tearing to the barn to tell Dan &
at three deer were in our old
ard, so I left the cow I was milking & we
them. Last Wednesday 7 wild geese stopped
's field south of the barn. Saw the deer again
t. 6.30, they were back for another feed.

Tuesday 6

ice clear day but not very
rm. Mother and I started out for
n after dinner but had to come
k as Dolly went lame.

April Wednesday 7 1926

Received a card in the mail, from
Mary H. wanting me to go to Salt with
her to-morrow afternoon. Wish I could
but with Dolly lame, there is no chance.
Have seen the deer several times
since Monday.

Thursday 8

Another rainy morning so no chance
of going to town and we are trying to make
part of a loaf of bread spin out until we can.
But - In the mud and scum of things.
Something always, always sings", so I read
while it was raining. ~~The~~ weather cleared in the
afternoon and Jack spent the evening with Lou, etc.

Friday 9

Woke up to find the sun shining once more
it was a lovely day. Papa lost a sheep & lamb
in the morning but we had the pleasure of
seeing the other lamb come to life. Stayed up until
nearly twelve to feed it, then got up again about
half past three.

April Saturday 10 1926

real nice day at last. Mother & Dan got
town, as the bread famine is over, also our
phone was fixed in the afternoon. Have
d some fun trying to mother our lamb
rich we call "Sally". Was to bed at 11:15
& woke up at 3 as went down and gave
a feed.

Sunday 11

lder again. Heard a good sermon from
uffalo in the morning. The lamb sleeps
ost of the time and about supper-time, she
emed quite weak but picked up some later.
ack came and then Ernie. A year ago
day he got home from the States.
ieda Hempel was the Atwater-Kent Hour artist.

Monday 12

then called me at 5 for Sally was raising
roof. Tedler then went back to bed for a little
hile. Heard from Eleanor at noon and she
aid that Mary St. came home with
a diamond.

April Tuesday 13 1926

Well, our lamb died this morning but
one of our sheep had a pair of lambs in
the night. Eleanor phoned again to tell us
some more news that Jeanne Burt and
Marcus Adeney were married in New York
on Sunday.

Wednesday 14

A wonderful spring morning but
before night the ground was freezing
once more. Lon and I washed the
kitchen walls to-day.

Thursday 15

Rather a cold day. Ernie phoned after
dinner and said he would be here at
night. Jack never showed up but we had
some fun playing Crokinole & 500, Ernie & I
winning all the games. Then after lunch, I had a
couple of rice dances with him before he left for home.

April Friday 16 1926

Woke up before morning to hear the sleet hitting our windows, then at 6 o'clock it was raining. Finished milking the 6 cows before papa got to the barn. Went to town with Dan in the afternoon & got the battery for the car. Mr. Webster was here trying to fix the Delco & at night Jack came. To bed shortly after one.

Saturday 17

Had to use the handle on the separator to save power and it certainly is awkward after the other way. The weather was still cold, wish it would warm up some.

Sunday 18

Saw a car coming down the road in the afternoon and it was the Telfers' Margorie was with them. Went to church with Ernie at night & heard Frances Nickawa. Had my ride behind Jean of Bendemere it was really acting at Taylor's bridge. Jack was here when we were

April Monday 19 1926

As cold as ever but I started the car and brought it over to the other barn. Lou and I spent the afternoon painting the wood-work in the kitchen. Had supper late, so went to bed as soon as we finished the dishes, a little before nine.

Tuesday 20

Mr. Webster was here in the morning and fixed the Delco. After dinner, I drove Lou, mother & Dan to town in the car. Gave Melbourne a ride up the road, coming home.

Wednesday 21

One perfect day at last and so warm I was able to go for the mail without a coat & hat. Had to take a rooster to the Express office after dinner. Ernie came at night & took me to Canning to see the play 'Always in Trouble', which was fine. Had a wonderful ride there & back. Home at 11:30

April Thursday 22 1926

Another lovely warm day. Lou and I cut the staining on the kitchen wood-work to-day. Late in the afternoon, we had to go to work for the setting of eggs from the States so went to say "good-bye" to Cousin Carrie, as he expects to leave for home Saturday. Took the two boys for a short drive in the car.

Friday 23

Lou and I got all the front lawn raked to-day. The weather was still warm. I even was able to milk at night without a hat or sweater. Heard a good radio concert after supper. The Kingler's Crescent Park entertainers were exceptionally funny. Hopped into bed at 10.00.

Saturday 24

Lou answered the phone in the morning and it was Aunt Clara saying Jess & Bill were coming up in the afternoon. They got here about 4.30 in Bill's new car. Just one year and a half since he was here last, some changes since then. He sang a little before we went to bed.

April Sunday 25 1926

Was the first one up but papa was on the job earlier and helped me milk. Bill took us kids to church and we were late. Roseoc came down in the afternoon and the 6 of us went for a drive, jays?? of tobacco smoked. After supper, we had a good laugh when Jack came & Bill went to the door. Jess & Bill left for home about 8.30 & while we were doing dishes, Ernie came - the best part of the day, then.

Monday 26

Wash day and not very warm. Did a little sewing in the afternoon, milked the six cows, had supper, read a little, then to bed early.

Tuesday 27

Still rather cold and raining at night. Went for the mail in the morning & got a letter from Mary Deepew, also a note from Jess saying they got home alright. Did some aluminum polishing in the afternoon & made the kitchen stove look some better.

April Wednesday 28 1926

Such rotten weather! Nothing but cold. Ernie phoned at noon saying he wouldn't be here at night but could hardly hear him, the phone was so bad.

Thursday 29

Woke up at a quarter to six and had the milking done when papa showed up. Drove Lou & Mother to Brantford in the morning and caught a glimpse of Ernie's new milk-wagon as we went through town. Were home at dinner-time. Finished reading "To Him That Hath" by Ralph Connor at night.

Friday 30

When we had finished our work late in the afternoon, Lou & I went for a walk to the river, the first this year, and got just a few hepatics. Ernie took me for a drive when he went up home at night & we were there a little while & a feed of maple syrup. Jack was here when I came home.

May Saturday 1 1926

One perfect first of May. Helped wash the car before dinner and had the dusting etc. to do in the afternoon. Our other sheep had a lamb, making 3 for Lou & I this year. Went to town at night, even papa went with us & had a good time even if Eleanor didn't go down. Ernie was there, though. Home in bed at 11:35

Sunday 2

Another lovely day & real warm. Aunt Clara, Uncle Tom & Jack came for dinner & Melbourne was down to see Jess. The folks left right after supper & when Ernie came we heard the Atwater-Kent artists then the two of us drove Melbourne home. Jack left as soon as I got in so we were to bed at 11:30

Monday 3

Cold again. Did some house-cleaning in our bed-room to-day. Mr. & Mrs. Webster were here for a few minutes in the afternoon. They had their new car.

May Tuesday 4 1926

I helped do some more cleaning and in the afternoon got all ready to drive papa to Mrs. Patton's sale, when the men came to fix the spray-pump. Heard a dandy Radio concert at night. The Gold Dust twins sang "Oh By Jingo" and the Ever Ready Hour was a Golden Wedding celebration & they sang all the old pieces.

Wednesday 5

Dad & I were to town in the morning and were late getting home as we had to have the oil in the car changed. Cousin Andy, Donny & Lloyd were out in the afternoon. Donny stayed with us while the other two were fishing & they all had supper here.

Thursday 6

It was a wonderful warm day. Went to town in the afternoon after a setting of eggs. At night, Mr. & Mrs. Berley, the two boys and Ernie were here, then about 9, Jack arrived. Spent the evening listening to the Radio & talking. The two boys were real quiet.

May Friday 7 1926

Another lovely day and the buds have begun to swell. So I had some fun getting boxes ready as we attended our first box social at the Plain's school. Marjorie McCrow went with us & we left mother & papa at Telfer's. Ernie had to act as chairman & sure made a good one. I had to eat my box with some Jarvis fellow.

Saturday 8

Helped do some baking in the morning, went for the mail & did some cleaning up in the afternoon. Dan drove the car when we went to town at night. Eleanor went down with us. Ernie was down, too & he treated me to my first milk shake & Roscoe & Ernie Cochrane were with us. Home and to bed at 11.10

Sunday 9

Free lecture at the breakfast table delivered by Lou. To Church in the morning. It was Mother's Day. Ernie took me up home right after dinner, then Roscoe, Carl & the two of us went to their Uncle Art's for supper. A holiday for me with nothing to do & I had one grand time, also a ride home, part way in the Ford, then behind Jean.

May Monday 10 1926

was rather cold again but I went
and out the pantry in the afternoon & moved
the junk & old silver ware for another
day. I hope. Had some run after one of the
cows at milking-time then failed to find her,
papa went & she was over in Mr. Bond's.
Washed bed soon after nine for a change.

Tuesday 11

Did some more house-cleaning, have
up stairs curtains all down now.
While I did the milking, Dan drove papa
town in the car. A nice change for me
to have to go all the time. Mrs. D. Kelly
needed at night, wanting me to go in the debate
next week, but I refused.

Wednesday 12

Woke at 5 & up at 5:30. Drove Lou to town & had to
wait while she was at the dentist's. Saw Ernie at
Munroe's & was home at noon. Lou & Jack went to
shore & Ernie came & took me for a drive. Called
at his place for a few minutes & afterwards he told
about his investment, which I hope turns out well.

May Thursday 13 1926

Woke up at 6 o'clock. Washed the up-stairs
windows and did the vacancies shut out-
side, although mother said not to. Our old friend
the oriole, furnished music while I was doing it.
Cousin Melville spent the afternoon here, then stayed
all night. Saw the latest dance, a rabbit hop when I
went to the cows, done by two young rabbits. To bed at 10

Friday 14

Was out milking when Cousin Melville got up
& went to work he didn't see him. Lou & I
got the back-room cleaned to-day. About
9 o'clock we heard a car coming & if it wasn't
Harron, Maggie, Betty & the baby as we didn't
get to bed until 12.

Saturday 15

One beautiful spring day. Helped do some
baking, cleaning and in the afternoon
raked up the back lawn. He all went to town
straight and saw Mary & George Michart. Ernie
was down too and I went with him to have another
milk shake. Rosee drove to the end of the road with us

May Sunday 16 1926

Another wonderful day and we all started it up by going to church. After dinner, Jack came & the four of us went for a long walk, didn't get back until milking-time. Just before supper, Bill drove in with Mrs. Lunn, Harry & his girl & on account of a flat tire stayed for supper. Ernie got here just as they were going to brush the dishes, then took me for one of the nicest drives

Monday 17

I thought it was ten minutes to eleven when I awakened but it was six only, when I looked at the clock a second time. Wash day again & Lou & I spent the afternoon running the vacuum cleaner. The cherry blossoms are out once more. Was in bed by 9.

Tuesday 18

Was house-cleaning all day & we got some of the curtains put up again. The three of us were down to Cleaners at night. Cousin Maxwell was there & we played a game of 'Monkey', he trying to cheat all the time. Got home before eleven o'clock.

May Wednesday 19 1926

Up at 5:10, drove to Brantford in the rain & were there by 8 to have the car inspected. Left Lou in town, she had to go to the dentist's. Gordon drove us to Mrs. Webster's where we had our dinner & stayed until after 4. Florence was there & she looks fine & white after her operation. It was after six before we got home, then had to get to work. Went to bed early.

Thursday 20

Colder again but got some more cleaning done. Mother, papa, Dan & I went to Harry's & spent the evening there. Left Lou at home as she was expecting Jack & he was still here when we got back after twelve.

Friday 21

Didn't awaken until 6:15. Did the usual morning work & in the afternoon, took down all the electric light bulbs, etc. & got them washed. The 3 kids went to the U. F. of P. O. meeting at night to hear the debate & called for Ernie. Mildred is home so we saw her. Ernie is elected President & I had the honor of eating lunch with him.

May Saturday 22 1926

Was fooled when I went for the mail as it didn't get there until after dinner. But I didn't have to go out again as Harold brought it when he came in on the wheel. Went to town at night & had some fun with the bunch. Great excitement putting out a bon-fire past Mr. Munro & when the K. K. Klan burned a cross on the hill.

Sunday 23

Lou, Dan, Harold & I went to church in the morning & were kept awake by a bumble-bee buzzing in the window back of us. The rest of the Telfer family all came for dinner, Marjorie was home too. At night, Ernie brought Marjorie McCrow down with him, then he took me up to his place for a little while. He had the old stand-by "Queen", as they traded "jean" off the vactor wild.

Monday 24

Once I argued the point all morning about me going to Brown's dance at Salt but I decided to go when Dorothy phoned. Had a cold ride there & back in their car and didn't feel like dancing for me. Didn't get home until it was getting daylight & the birds were wakening, waited for him to bid adieu.

May Tuesday 25 1926

Up a little before seven and it was one sleepy day. Went fishing in the afternoon and found out I don't like it any more the way I used to. Did the supper dishes and to bed right after at 8.35

Wednesday 26

Had to take papa to the station & back home, then be to the dentist's at ten. Called at Cousin Bertha's on the way home but they can't come on to-morrow. Washed windows in the afternoon. Did a little reading after the supper dishes were finished & went to bed about half-past

Thursday 27

Was busy baking, fixing curtains & washing floors and developed a sore eye at night. But Dan went with me to a U. S. Y. P. C. directors meeting at Carr's anyway. Was to plan about having the play from Beulah. On my way home, we met Jack coming out

May Friday 28 1926

May Monday 31 1926

Woke up soon after four with my eye shut. Cousin Melville walked to work and Lou & I took
 tight and didn't get to sleep again before getting up. Cousin Eva home about mail time I got a
 time. Did the usual morning work & after dinner letter from Alberta mother & I got an invitation team
 helped wash the car. She finished in good time. Home at Crombie's. The Sinclairs were out for a
 hour & I went to the river to pick flowers & ferns green. Minutes after supper soon after they had gone,
 Came back around by the other house to get some. Ernie came and took me for a drive, the first behind
 apple blossoms off the tree on the hill. Radio concert at night the grey horse. A lovely warm night with some lightning.

Saturday 29

June Tuesday 1

My eye was better to-day. Mr. Gow came Papa didn't get up very early so I had the fun
 to shear the sheep and was here for dinner of teaching the new calf to drink. Six cows to
 Went to town at night and I had to attend a milk show. It rained some during the day.
 special meeting of the directors of the U. F. P. O. about Mr. Leishman has cut down all the old
 having the play in Mr. Ben's barn, which lasted until cherry tree on the side-road, they had most of it
 10.30. Cousin Eva & Melville came home with us down when I went for the mail in the morning.
 and it was midnight before we got to bed.

Sunday 30

Wednesday 2

Didn't get up so very early and had an Drove mother to town in the morning and
 audience while I milked, etc. Orville Bond came she gave me a good scare in the Dominion Store
 over after their cow. He all went to Aunt Joie's for when she took a faint spell. Jack came at night
 dinner, leaving Cousin Eva & Melville here. Saw and took Lou for a drive & he told her that he has a
 'air' Bertie once more. Raining at night & both Ernie job at the Creamery to drive one of their trucks.
 & Jack phoned but didn't come.

June Thursday 3 1926

An awful cold day for June. Lou & I went after fern greens as soon as we finished the dinner dishes and got a basket full although most of them are up now. Listened to Radio for a little while after supper but went to bed at 9.

Friday 4

Not quite so cold but not very hot. Phone out of order, one wire is down, which I found out when I went for the mail. Lou, Dan & I went to Mr. Lee's at night to see the play, "The Path Across the Hill", put on by the Bethel young folks. Had my first experience selling in a booth. Waited for our dishes after, got a feed & took Ernie & Andrew Telfer to the end of the Salt road.

Saturday 5

Woke up early and did the usual Saturday's work. Had the pleasure of finding a perfect Luna Moth and carrying it to the house on my finger to show the rest. The whole family went to town at night. Walked up to meet Lou & Eleanor & Cousin Melville was with them. Saw Eleanor's new

June Sunday 6 1926

Went to Church in the morning with Dan & papa and when we came home, the Cunninghams were here. They had dinner & spent the afternoon with us. Ernie arrived as I was finishing the dinner dishes we had a quiet time as it was raining out so couldn't go for a walk. Cleaved at night so Lou took a picture even if it was late. Ernie & I went for a drive after. A cool night but one wonderful time & the first —?

Monday 7

Woke up at day-break and didn't get to sleep again on account of thinking about last night. Wash-day and in the afternoon I scrubbed a couple of floors then before milking time. Lou & I went for a last lot of greens. Some excitement when Ernie killed a snake. Had some more rain towards night. To bed in good time at 9.10

Tuesday 8

Rain again at intervals. The phone is in ~~use~~ ~~more~~, they fixed it in the afternoon. Lou & I went to Mr. Tennant's recital at night. Both Irene & Donny played, also Eyllis Simmons, Harold Wheeler & Lylla Foulke. Lylla's piece was "Where My Casavan Has Rested".

June Wednesday 9 1926

To town with Lou in the morning but back so early I had to walk out for the mail. Mr. & Mrs. Webster & Forrest came in the afternoon. Jack took Lou & I to the show where we met Ernie. The picture was the Prince's trip to South Africa so it was good but rather long. Ernie brought me home after he gave me a dandy picture (enlarged) of his train & his diary to read, then...

Thursday 10

A beautiful June day and we left for Euclid about ten. Got Cleonor in town and were to the College by noon. Had lunch then walked till the rest were nearly done for. Some surprise when we all were weighed & I went only 12.9 lbs. Home in good time & Mrs. Elmer, Dorothy with the baby, called just as I was going to milk. Am still raving over the picture Ernie gave me, it's a peach.

Friday 11

Did the usual weekly dusting & cleaning in the morning, hung up my new picture, then washed the dining-room windows as I didn't have to go for the mail. Cleonor took the wool down. Lou & I spent the afternoon at our old job of spudding thistles & at night Webster's came in case we met Ernie's man and called him. Finished Ernie's

June Saturday 12 1926

It was raining when we got up but cleared up later and was real warm. I helped do the baking in the morning and after dinner cut the back lawn. Margorie Mc Crow phoned while I was cutting them & she went to town with us at night. Cleonor was down but soon left for home with Bill Morrison. Had a good time in the ice cream parlour when the boys took Lou & I.

Sunday 13

Mother, Lou, Dan & I went to church in the morning & I was terribly disappointed when I had to refuse an invitation to a picnic dinner at Bendemere because we were going to Mrs. Crombie's after dinner. Spent a pleasant afternoon, mostly walking, with Bud & Mab. Home late, helped with the milking & finished the most wonderful week by going for a drive with Ernie.

Monday 14

A nasty rainy day with thunder towards night but what does the weather matter when one is happy?

June Tuesday 15 1926

The phone rang "one" soon after six. Guess they were seeing if Harry Hough was up yet as he was supposed to be married to-day. Lou & I spent a lovely afternoon in the oat field, cutting down thistles, etc. & we finished the competition piece.

Wednesday 16

To town with the cream and back before ten. Lou & I were spudding thistles again in the afternoon and they were more numerous to-day. The whole family spent the evening at Eleanor's. Her aunt & Mrs. Armstrong were there besides Margaret, Jack & Ernie. Played 500, had lunch, then some nice dances with Ernie to the music of the new piano.

Thursday 17

Thistles again but it started to rain about 4 o'clock so we beat it for the house & then it stopped. Had some more rain after supper though. Lou & I went to look for a turkey's nest, found it and just nicely got in the house when the rain came down. To bed at 10 to 11.

June Friday 18 1926

Drove mother & papa to Mrs. Bauslaugh's funeral in the afternoon & didn't get home until milking-time. The kids attended the U. S. Y. P. O. meeting at night & took Marjorie & Bob McCrow, and Marie Taylor with us. Marjorie had to sing & Mr. Butcher gave us a talk. Had some fun coming home with the bunch. Mrs in bed by 11.25

Saturday 19

Did the usual Saturday work, baking, dusting, etc. and wrote a letter to Helen Milne. Lou, mother, Dan & I went to town at night & Jack & Ernie took Lou & I to the show to see Harold Lloyd in "For Heaven's Sake." Had several good laughs and were out by 10.15, then enjoyed a Guernsey milk shake each & home at 11.

Sunday 20

Was to church in the morning & heard one good sermon preached by J. M. Kinlay of London, also some good music as it was Sunday School Anniversary. We were down to Peck's for the afternoon & when we got home had the worst job I hope I ever have to do. Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Clark spent the evening with us, also Jack & Ernie.

June Monday 21 1926

The first day of summer and quite warm, also the longest day of the year and it certainly was for me or seemed to be for 'Hattie' meant more to me than the rest. Picked the first wild rose when I went for the mail. In the afternoon, Lou & I finished going through the oats, once.

Tuesday 22

Woke up at 6:20 but went back to sleep and when mother came up, I was dreaming about someone (I wonder who?) Drove the family, except Dan, to Brantford in the afternoon. Cousin Eva & Uncle Tom went with us, then we brought Uncle Tom home with us after. Heard a good radio concert so didn't get to bed until 10 o'clock.

Wednesday 23

I had company when I went for the mail, the three Pipher boys, their dog, and Vivian MacCrow. It was rather stormy in the afternoon so we couldn't go to the oat field. Picked the first lot of strawberries & had them for supper. Was to bed by 9:30

June Thursday 24 1926

Lou & I were to town with some mushrooms just before dinner time. In the afternoon we started through the oats again & found more thistles. Lou took Lou to the Mission Garden Party & Dan & I went along. Not much of a programme but I had a good time as Ernie was there. Came home to find Cousin Jim, Irene, Carl & Bertie all there as didn't get to bed early.

Friday 25

We did some more spudding in the afternoon but before we came up, waded across the river and found some orchids, two lady slippers & some moccasins, I guess they would be, Lou, Dan & I were to a shower for Harry Hough & his new wife at night. I danced only 4 dances, but that was enough, some record for me. Ernie was there until after lunch & we didn't get home till 3:10

Saturday 26

Received a phone call from Aunt Clara & she, Jess & Uncle Tom came for supper then went to town with us at night. I had to attend a committee meeting for a little while brought Eleanor, Cousin Eva & Melville out so there was 12 here all night. The four girls slept in one room & the boys went to sleep as we were all tired.

June Sunday 27 1926

June Wednesday 30 1926

Six of us went to Church, which was held in the congregation Church. Had some ride home in the back seat. After dinner, Jack & Ernie came so we went for a walk & took some pictures. Aunt Clara was sick all day so they went home early. After the supper dishes were done, Ernie washed them, & 7 of us had a ride in Jack's Ford, then Dan drove the folks to town. I met them at Eleanor's after a nice ride behind Dolly.

Monday 28

Don & I were to town in the morning with the team, then at noon I went with Dan up to Mr. Bohran's after some buckwheat. Heard a dandy radio concert at night, the first in ages on account of so many storms. Ernie phoned about the plans for to-morrow, and then I went to bed, so I broke the record of seeing the month's end & begin.

July Thursday 1

Wash. day & in the afternoon, Don & I picked strawberries. We all went over to Cousin Myrtle's for supper as Mildred starts her job in the Brantford Hospital on Thursday. Had some fun playing croquet then crokinole. To bed at midnight.

Tuesday 29

A perfect first of July, weather & everything. Mr. & Mrs. Elmer were out in the afternoon & about 4, Ernie came. He brought me the grandest box of chocolates. We went for a long walk, & got the cows, then he helped me milk 'em up to his mother's for supper, which we had on the veranda & enjoyed immensely. A wonderful ride home after, with Ernie, and memories of a year ago when he took me to the Garden Party at Choburn's Corners.

Friday 2

It was one lovely warm morning but stormy towards night. Picked some more strawberries & I canned a few. Was rather sleepy after the late hours we've been keeping. Retired soon after nine.

A busy day after the holiday. The haying has started and I drove the horses while they unloaded & load. Took Marie Taylor & Elizabeth Taylor with us to the U. S. Y. P. O. meeting where I acted as part of "bum pianist". After the business part they had a spelling match, the first one for me in years.

July Saturday 3 1926

Did the usual Saturday baking & cleaning besides picking and canning berries. Aunt Clara phoned at noon that Cousin Fred Johnson died this morning. To town at night and left Uncle Com. Eleanor & Cousin Melville went down with us but I was too sleepy to have much fun.

Sunday 4

We all went to Church and heard the new minister then I went to DeFews for dinner & spent the afternoon with Mary. Had some feed of strawberries. Arrived home after supper but in time to help milk. Ernie came at night and brought Jimmie, also the dearest little kitten, "Polly". Opened my July 1st box and they surely are good. To bed at 12 o'clock.

Monday 5

Drove the horses on the hay-fork several times in the morning and also drove them while papa put on a load after supper for the first time in a year. Had some fun with the kitten, poor "Bugs" was scared of it.

July Tuesday 6 1926

Woke up when mother held "Polly" by my face or I never heard her come up the stairs. We all went to Cousin Fred's funeral in the afternoon, the first Masonic one I ever attended. Saw Murray & Gladys Keifer for the first time since they were five years ago. Cousin Nellie, also Margaret, Bob and Uncle Com came up, too.

Wednesday 7

I drove mother to town in the morning and although we didn't get home till almost eleven, the mail wasn't there so I had to walk out for it. Jack came and took Lon to a Garden Party at night. I went to bed at 10:15 and slept until I heard the car at 5 to 12 when Lon got home.

Thursday 8

A real hot day at last. I had to help the men by driving the horses on the hay-fork but a lot of time was wasted as the fork wasn't working right. Spent a lovely evening on the porch playing with "Polly" and trying to get her used up until 10:35 to finish "The Drummer's War".

July Friday 9 1926

A busy day for me between driving horses and housework. He even worked after hours at night but finished the one lay-field. Some excitement trying to rescue a baby robin from a squirrel in one of the big maple trees. Was in bed before half past nine but a storm came up at 10.15 and woke me up. Mother was still up so I brought Polly up to us. Some fun then.

Saturday 10

Woke up about 4 to put the windows down for it was raining again but didn't get up for a couple of hours. A wet day and colder at night when we went to town. Had a load coming up the hill, as we took Eleanor, Cousin Melville & Eva home. Heard that Ernie went to the hospital to help out in a transfusion of blood case, instead of Malborough last week.

Sunday 11

We all went to Cunningham's for dinner and in the afternoon went for a long walk. Had another feed of strawberries as we stayed for supper too. It was late by the time we got home & finished the work. Ernie & Roscoe spent the evening...

July Monday 12 1926

Rushed out before finishing the breakfast dishes to pick strawberries before the rain. Clear again late in the day. It was Ernie's 21st birthday and I had the pleasure of spending part of it with him as we were to a reception given in the church for Mr. Wilson and his family. Had some fun eating lunch when we were beside Mr. & Mrs. A. Taylor.

Tuesday 13

A lovely day but not very warm. I had a nice walk for the mail in the morning, took Polly with me for the first time and blue birds were singing all the way. I wonder if they are the same ones which used to sing last year. Lou & I went through the out-field for barley in the afternoon and finished it for one more year.

Wednesday 14

To town in the morning with Mother and saw Ernie in the yellow wagon. The mail wasn't there when we came home so I had my usual walk after it and Polly went too. Our little banta ~~was~~ nearly died on account of her first egg being ~~broken~~ but saved her by breaking it. Some operation!

July Thursday 15 1926

A nice summer day and not very hot. I spent most of the morning canning cherries and after dinner had to help with the hay. Mrs. Crombie and Budge brought a couple of pictures taken the Sunday we were there and stayed till about 7. Jack was here in the evening for a few minutes, then he & Lou went for a drive. No bed at 10.45

Friday 16

Another perfect day. Didn't have to go all the way to the mail-box for once as Mrs. Rippen had been out & was bringing ours, too. Helped with the hay in the afternoon and also after I milked.

Saturday 17

Heard the alarm clock in Dan's room at 5.10 then promptly went to sleep again but got up at 15 minutes to 6. Finished getting in the hay that was cut at noon & a storm came up after dinner. To town at night. Cousin Bertha was in the car for a while & we saw her & Frances Munn. Brought Mary N. home with us.

July Sunday 18 1926

Heall, except papa, went to Church in the morning & Ben joined. It also was the first time for Lou & I to take basement. Got a surprise when we went in & Ernie was there, too. He came at night & brought Uncle Tom Bailey then he took me up home for awhile. At ten we got back Jack & Lou had taken Mary home. An attempted hold-up in front of Cochran's on our way down but we got through alright. Ernie gave me another picture, all framed, & seemed a real pretty.

Monday 19

Wakened at 3 by an awful thumping sound which proved to be a mouse in the trap. Saw it to Polly then to bed again. It was a busy morning for Lou & I had to go to town besides picking cherries, canning the berries, Jack brought and baking a cake. We all went to the barn-raising at Mrs. Gayler's in the afternoon. I helped by cutting up potatoes for salad, then had an interesting time watching.

Tuesday 20

Drove the horses on the hay-fork in the morning & after dinner, went through the other piece of oats for Harley, then I helped pick cherries till milking time. Mother & papa wanted to call at Seattle in the evening to see Mr. ... bull, who died Sunday night so we all drove in the evening at Cousin Fredo Barker's.

July Wednesday 21 1926

Went to town with Lou in the morning, came home & canned nearly a basket of cherries, then went for the mail. Some hot day for Mrs. Turnbull's funeral & I drove for the first time in a funeral procession. Stopped at Burrill's a few minutes on our way home. Had the pleasure of going to the Canning Garden Party with Ernie M. & Mrs. Birley. A good programme and a dandy time. Home at 12.

Thursday 22

Had some showers to-day and the weather was much cooler. The Crombie family were here for supper and we went for a long walk as they wanted to see the other house and where they lived for awhile.

Friday 23

Was greeted by a spunk when I went to the barn to milk in the morning, but it was in a trap. Drove to town with a letter for papa & took Mrs. Pipher with me just before dinner. Warren, Maggie & Betty were here in the evening after ch

July Saturday 24 1926

Did the usual Saturday's work and finished my part of the laying. Cousin Melville came out after 5 to do some shingling then went back to town with us at night. Ernie was down for the first time in a long while. Eleanor went to Salt with her mother so wasn't with us. Saw Frank Munn for a few minutes. He & Mrs. Munn came home for the week-end.

Sunday 25

Just Lou, Dan & I went to church in the morning. Cousin Jim & Joie, Warren, Maggie, Betty & the baby were here for dinner and Ernie came in the afternoon. Had some feed of cherries. The folks wouldn't stay for supper but Carl & Ernie Ochrane did. Helped do the milking, then Ernie took me for a long drive around by Canning. A wonderful moonlight night but cool for July.

Monday 26

Wash day again and in the afternoon we picked black currants besides canning 7 qts. of white cherries. Didn't finish the supper dishes until late so went to bed right after at 9 o'clock.

July Tuesday 27 1926

Picked cherries most of the day. Didn't go for the mail till after 12 but had company. Harold & Vivian on the way out, & Harold coming back. Went with Margaret & Jack to a barn dance at Mr. Saules' at night and had a good time in spite of the music, thanks to Ernie.

Wednesday 28

Had some rain during the day but Lou & I got to town with our load of fruit. In the afternoon, the Sunclairs came out for cherries then stayed for supper, and Marcus Adney was here after eggs and thinks married life is the only thing! Received letters from both Jess. & Helen about coming up.

Thursday 29

Lou & I had to go to town about noon with some mushrooms. Phoned to all the Keplame bunch to let them know where the meeting is to be held to-morrow night. Picked cherries all afternoon and Mrs. Webster & Martin came down in the evening after tea. Did the supper dishes after they left & to bed.

July Friday 30 1926

Picked cherries all morning then to town again about noon with Lou. Canbed some sour cherries in the afternoon & picked a few black currants. The three of us went to the U. S. V. P. O. meeting which was held at Carr's and took Bob, Bill, Marie & Elizabeth. It was mostly contests. The boys provided lunch, ice cream & cake & the waiters sure were funny.

Saturday 31

A busy day. Received a letter from Ruth saying that Bert is real sick. To town at night and saw all the gang, Marjorie is home, then Jess. & Bob showed up and came home with us. After midnight before we got to bed so saw the end of July.

August Sunday 1

Jess, Lou, Bob, Dan & I went to church & were late. Rain after but we went to the picnic at Bendmere with Mrs. Buck and the bunch. Lots of fun, especially when Ernie took Ethel, Eileen and myself for a boat ride. The second one for me. A heavy rain at night so we went to bed early. Jockey Bushmann stayed all night.

August Monday 2 1926

Drove over Jess. as far as Eleanor's where we watched the parade put on for Civic Holiday. Walked as far as the old Fair Grounds and saw it again, then came on home. In the afternoon, the bunch of young folks from Mr. Buech's called in on their way home from the races, Alice Harley was with them. Melbourne took us to the street dance at night & Bob went home. I have a bad cold.

Tuesday 3

Felt some better to-day. Canned cherries & raspberries and picked cherries for town to-morrow. Finished the last piece of cake for supper then had to scurry around & make another after, when Helen Delpew phoned that her brother, with Clair Steele, our cousin from the West, were coming. Spent rather a quiet evening & to bed at 12.45

Wednesday 4

Jess. & I went to town with the cream in the morning, then I picked some cherries and had a call from Mr. Smoke while I was doing it, asking for votes. Picked cherries all afternoon, with the help of Polly part of the time.

August Thursday 5 1926

A rainy morning but it cleared at noon, so mother, Jess, Lou & I took the fruit to town. Saw Cousin Bertha and called in there on the way home. Had to attend a meeting of the directors of the U.S.G.P.O. at Mrs. Kellie's and Ernie came and went with me. Drew up programmes for the rest of the year. Had a nice drive home, Ernie ran the car part of the way.

Friday 6

Received word in the mail that Aunt Ruby, Ethyl & Jack are coming Sunday. Jess. & I went to the river in the afternoon for a swim, the first one for me this year and I surely enjoyed it. A storm at night, so we couldn't go out to Wishart's.

Saturday 7

Put in the morning, picking & canning fruit, also baking some and did the dusting in the afternoon also cut Lou's hair. Went to town at night & saw Elmer with Albert & Pete. Some fun in the car, with Jess. & Robert in the front. Then the bunch had some pie & ice-cream

August Sunday 8 1926

Jess, Dan & I went to the station to meet Ethyl & Jack. In the four of us attended Church. Just 8 for dinner out in the afternoon. Got Cousin Mary Johnson, Jimmy Peterson, the Sticklelands; Eleanor, Alberta, Pete & Cousin Melville. Jack & Ernie came at different times making 9 for supper. Had some ride after the milking was done in Jack's car to Brantford & back to Bendemeer. The vanille for folks left after we got home but the driver didn't seem to be in a hurry. Monday 9

Mr. Pipher and his father were over in the afternoon helping the men draw in wheat so I didn't have to. Ethyl and I picked cherries instead. Went to bed in good time at night.

Tuesday 10

Canned raspberries in the morning and went for the mail with Jack. After dinner, I had the fun of drying a dress, also I made out the entries for the Toronto Exhibition. The kids got Eleanor & Cousin Melville. I spent the evening with the Sticklelands. Rained a storm home and to bed at 11.

August Wednesday 11 1926

A flat tire when I went to the barn in the morning but had it fixed when we took the cream down. The Heberts came in the afternoon but Lou & I left about 4 with Jack & Ernie, had supper at Ernie's Uncle Art's then the 6 of us went to the Garden Party at Zenda. A ball game first & a wonderful programme after given by a band, the Heberts Orchestra & 17 performers. A sleep but wonderful ride home and got in at a quarter to 3. Thursday 12

A rainy morning so there was no fruit to pick except a few raspberries. Jack walked out with me to get the mail & there was a note from his mother saying she would be here on Sunday for a few hours. Had several dances with Lou & Ethyl before we started the supper dishes. Got to bed a few minutes before ten.

Friday 13

Picked cherries all morning until time to go for the mail & Ethyl & I took them to town in the afternoon. The kids all went to the U. S. Y. P. O. meeting at Mr. Bueh's at night & passed an accident on the way. A real nice time listening to the boy's programmes & having the mob then several amildances with Ernie

August Saturday 14 1926

Had the usual Saturday work to do, and went for the mail alone at noon. Bob came up in the afternoon and when we went to town at night, he took Ethyl to Mohawk to dance. Eleanor left for Toronto and Marjorie came home for her holiday so saw her for a little while.

Sunday 15

The 5 kids went to church with Aunt Ruby, also Mr. & Mrs. Snell & Mrs. Cooper had come when we got home. They were here until about 5 o'clock. Had supper early then did the milking. Ethyl & Bob went off for a drive so when the boys came home I went with them. Ernie & I drove around the block for the first time in a long while & I was in at 10.45.

Monday 16

Ethyl went with me to get the mail & I received a card from Alberta, also a letter from Helen, saying she would come on the 28th. Rather a stormy afternoon & I spent it mending while being entertained by Jack telling me all the times he had at school. All sleep at night so retired at 9.

August Tuesday 17 1926

Awake at 5:30 but didn't get up until I heard mother Ethyl went with me again for the mail in the morning. A rainy afternoon so couldn't pick fruit. Mended stockings instead. After supper, Ethyl & I had several dances to phonograph music, then read some and to bed in good time.

Wednesday 18

Ethyl and Jack went with me to town in the morning. Too early for the mail so I walked out for it at noon after picking a basket of cherries. Real cold but Jack & I went in the river after dinner & Ethyl paddled. Had a nice time at night when Melbourne came down & Ernie brought Jimmie, playing "I Doubt It" and dancing. Ira Elmes was supposed to be married at noon.

Thursday 19

Had to deliver a basket of cherries so Ethyl & I took them down in the morning. Saw Ernie in the milk-wagon, also Melbourne at Taylor's, his 17th birthday today. The Staffer's, also Scott Turnbull came over in the afternoon and were here for supper. Lou & Ethyl had a party about 9 & I was going when Gordon Webster & Vera landed in with some news & radio batteries.

August Friday 20 1926

A cloudy, cold day. Dan and papa were over to Mr. Pipher's drawing in oats all day as I had the fun of doing all the milking, morning & night. Picked some cherries in the afternoon. Jack C. came to take Lou to a Garden Party at night as Ethyl & I went along. Laughed all the way there, then Mrs. Swan got up & sang a laughing piece to make matters worse. Rain & halting feet into all the way home.

Saturday 21

Still raining when I got up but stopped later. Lou & I drove Ethyl and Jack to the station right after dinner. Eleanor came down while we were waiting for the train so we brought her home with us for supper. He helped me do some of the dusting. Went in to town at night but the weather was rather stormy so we came home early. Saw Ernie for a few minutes.

Sunday 22

A lovely day for a change. Lou wasn't feeling very good in the morning so he didn't go to church. Finished the milking at night then Ernie came for me with the bunch in Alice's car & we had a dandy supper on the lawn. Six of us went for a moonlight walk after, then a drive, had some ice cream & saw Ernie home & got in just ahead of Lou.

August Monday 23 1926

The usual Monday morning work and in the afternoon, managed to go over the berry patch in spite of the stormy weather. Lou & I broke the record lately and went off to bed at 8:20.

Tuesday 24

Lou & I went to town in the morning & brought Aunt Maria & Cousin Bertha home with us. Made some ice-cream then spent the rest of the afternoon down by the river. Alice & the gang called for me at night then we went down for Ernie and I had a wonderful time dancing at Mohawk Park until 12 o'clock. Got home at 1:15 after a nice drive with Ernie & I in the front seat as far as Bondman.

Wednesday 25

Lou had the job of tying up the wool & grain for Toronto Fair & we sent it off when Lou, mother & I went down to take Aunt Maria & Cousin Bertha home. Drove to Brantford & before we left them as they hadn't been there for a long time & they seemed to enjoy it immensely.

August Thursday 26 1926

Lou & I had to go to town again with some corn for Mr. Munn. Got home too early for the mail so had my usual walk after it. All the Munn family, Mrs. Garner & the Snelair's came out for the evening & Gordon Webster & "Vid" landed in too with a new transformer for the radio. Danced a little & some fun when we kids ate lunch in the kitchen. Hopped into bed at 12.30
Friday 27

Had company out to the mail-box and back when Harold & Kenneth Pipher, also their dog went with me. Helped move away a load of seats after dinner, only the second one I have had to help with this year. The whole family attended the U.S. Y.P.O. meeting at Mrs. McCrow's when Mrs. Nelson & Mrs. Davidson spoke. Just 1 o'clock when we got to bed.
Saturday 28

Helped do the baking & went for the mail in the morning and met Helen at the station about 4 o'clock. Called at Eleanor's & I had the honour of eating the first piece of her first pie. We all went to town at night, Connie Melville too. He was out for the afternoon. Ernie treated me to a milk shake when the six of us went to the army.

August Sunday 29 1926

Dan's birthday. He is 19. Jack & the family came for Lou to go to the Fall's just before Helen, Dan, & papa & I went to Church. Drove over to Mt. Vernon in the afternoon but came home in good time & as I was getting ready to milk Harvey Hunt & Lawrence Fowler called in. Some joke when the call lasted until Helen, Dan & I had been up to Mrs. Buck's for supper & got home again. Alice & Helen C. had prepared it as Mrs. & Mrs. Buck didn't get home until we were eating.
Monday 30

Woke up at 1 o'clock when Lou arrived home after her trip. Blue Monday, water system out of order so couldn't do the washing, but the weather was perfect. The Depeur's came at night, just as was changing after milking, then we had to eat supper in front of them. Played cards after though, one game called "Truth" which was a little too much.
Tuesday 31

Helen & I were to town with the cream & some corn in the morning. Saw Ernie working hard & at noon he phoned about going to the show to-morrow night. The girls went for a walk in the afternoon & finished getting stung to swipe some

September Wednesday 1 1926

Was getting ready to take Helen to the station when her aunt phoned & said she could stay until to-morrow. I had to help get the chickens & coops ready to go to Toronto, in the afternoon. Carl & Melburne called for me at night, then Ernie & I went in town & we saw the musical show put on by the Eckardt's. I enjoyed it immensely, also the drive home after with Ernie as far as Sandemee. Beane Cochrane's wedding.

Thursday 2

Once I took Helen to the station and saw her off then had the car looked over, tires pumped up etc. if we go to Toronto next week. Saw somebody driving Dolly on the milk wagon. Jack came & took Lou for a drive at night & I went to bed as soon as I finished the supper dishes but that was 9 o'clock.

Friday 3

Was awake when Polly came up the stairs with mother to call me. Did the usual work & at night, Ernie called with Jimmy & they went with Dan & I to a corn road at Mona Bhebe. A cold night for games outside but a good time, also good feed & a nice drive home.

September Saturday 4 1926

A nasty, wet day so didn't wait until night to go to town. Called for Eleanor & she went with me to take Lou to Mary's to stay the week-end. Came back & I accompanied Eleanor while she did some shopping, then I met mother & we had to hurry home. Dan was threshing at Mc Crow's so there was only 3 of us for supper.

Sunday 5

Some more rain so none of us went to church. Ernie phoned in the afternoon to see if I would go up home with him for supper as Ethel Lackey, her sister & Mrs. Croft were there. He came for me in the Ford with Bob. & the two girls. I spent a nice evening with them all and had a never-to-be-forgotten ride home behind Dolly which turned out to have an unexpected but Oh! a happy ending.

Monday 6

I didn't get so very much sleep, was too happy, I guess. Up in good time for Lou & I had to get the apples ready for Toronto & take them to the Express office. Spent the afternoon getting things ready for the trip to-morrow.

September Tuesday 7 1926

Up at 3.30 and the work done so we were able to leave soon after five. Warren drove all the way & we certainly had one fine day, the weather was perfect. Got a nice lot of prunes, the poultry & a second & a third on the apples. Jack was with Lou most of the time, then she stayed with him to see the night performance & we left at 5 & were home at 8. Lou didn't arrive until after 3.

Wednesday 8

Lou & I went to the station with the cream in the morning. Received a letter from Jess in the mail saying that she, her mother & Margaret are sailing for England on the 24th. Had a phone call from Ernie at noon and he expects he will be able to go to London with us next week. Now feeling too good I guess, for I had to twist my ankle when I went for the cows.

Thursday 9

A rainy day, clearing at night but cold. Spent the day, lopping around, Dan went for the mail at noon & brought Lou & I an invitation to Mary App's on the 17th to a dance. To bed at 9.

September Friday 10 1926

Lou & I shipped the grain & wool to London in the morning. Mrs. & Mrs. Webster were here for a few minutes in the afternoon & she was telling us all about the plans for Florence's wedding. The three kids went to a dance at Mrs. Cochran's at night given in honour of the newly-married pair. Had a good time in spite of my foot but missed Ernie.

Saturday 11

Lou's 23rd birthday and the weather was perfect. Had callers in the afternoon, Bob & Dorothy Melrow & their grandfather. Lou, mother & I went to Brantford after tea, supper to a shower for Florence Webster who is to be married on Monday & had a good laugh when Bernice started being funny. Some experience on the road home with a drunk & his car.

Sunday 12

Lou & I represented the family at Church in the morning & heard a splendid sermon on Prayer. The Websters called in the afternoon but were not here long. Ernie came at night and we had the most wonderful drive yet, up to his place for a "last" then around "to block" once more a perfect evening with one long walk without him.

September Monday 13

1926

Received a letter from Jess saying she would be up on Friday night. In the afternoon, Lou & I took some plums down & had the bumps taken out of the fender of the car.

Tuesday 14

One perfect day for our trip to London Fair. Ernie went with us & we all stopped at the school to vote, Ernie's first one. Had lunch first of all when we got to London, then Ernie & I hunted up the things we had shown. Walked through the cattle & horse stables and Ernie took me on the scenic Railway - some joke - on the sea plane which was thrilling for me. Saw the afternoon performances on the grand stand then home. Ernie helped milk & we listened to the radio returns while Wednesday 15 eating supper.

Lou & I went to town with the cream in the morning and it started to rain before we got home. I wrote a letter to Helen after dinner. According to the papers, the Liberal Government got in but Smokey won over Davidson here.

September Thursday 16

1926

Some more rain again but it cleared in the afternoon, so I could pick some plums. Made out the entries for Paris Fair and there was just \$1. Went for the cows at night for the first time in ages.

Friday 17

Three men were here from Stratford to buy some sheep and stayed for dinner. Then the Hunan boys came in the afternoon & bought some more. At night, Dan went to the corn-roast & Jack came for Lou & I then took Ernie, Cousin McViller & Clean to a party at Mary App's. Not many there but I had one wonderful time and drove home in the mist afterwards. Some excitement when the other pair in the back seat thought we were lost. Got in at 2.15

Saturday 18

Helped do the baking and did the usual cleaning and dusting. Went to town at night, saw Mildred and walked up the hill with her, and came home early as it was misty again.

September Sunday 19 1926

Went to Church in the morning and had to go nearly to the front. Coming home, we met Aunt Clara, Uncle Tom, Jess & her friend Kay Stoddart on the way here. Mr. & Mrs. Buck were here in the afternoon, also the two girls and Melbourne, who stayed for supper then drove up home with Ernie & I. A lovely, warm, moon-light night so we went for a long drive. After we got home at 11:30 just as Jack was leaving. Drove "Queen" instead of "Bobby".

Monday 20

Spent a busy day getting things ready for the Fair to-morrow but for once were through in fair time at night for we were in bed by ten.

Tuesday 21

Louise took the load of fruit, grain, etc. to the show & had things placed early for once, then had to go down to the Express office after the grain from Bondow. Louise stayed home at night to entertain Jack but the rest of us went to the show & took Marjorie McCross with us. Got a nice lot of prizes. To bed about 11:30.

September Wednesday 22 1926

Louise took the cream to the station in the morning, came home & had an early dinner, then we all went to the show. Ernie was helping them show the Guernseys and we watched a couple of classes shown. Gathered our stuff up and were home in good time so I did all the milking while Dan & papa made their second trip. Jack was here for supper. Sir, Dan, Eleanor & I ended the day at Marjorie looking at all her treasures. Here home at 11:10.

Thursday 23

A misty wet day and a dull afternoon to look over fruit for the show at Balt to-morrow. Finished in good time and got to bed real early.

Friday 24

Went to Balt with our load and had things placed in good time. Some fun trying to put up an "artistic collection" of fruit standing on a chair. Dan and papa came home with Louise in the Dodge. Rain all afternoon & I did some baking. Aunt Clara & Margaret were supposed to sail for England to-day.

September Saturday 25 1926

A rainy day for Salt Fair. We all went though and got a fine lot of prizes, even a first on our artistic collection. Jack came up in the afternoon and helped us load up, then drove the car home for me while I played "gooseberry" in the front seat and watched one of the prettiest sunsets as the rain stopped when it was time to come home.

Sunday 26

A nice bright day but real cold, a frost last night. Mother, Lou, Dan & I went to church in the morning and heard a fine sermon on "Three things we ought to know." Was there at night again with Ernie, Carl & drove us down & back in the car. Rev. Simon Edwards preached. Got dinner, then Ernie & I drove around the block and he came in for a few minutes when we arrived home. Save me a letter from Karen to read into a couple of good pictures in it.

Monday 27

Finished the morning's work, then Lou & I had to take a couple of pies to the booth at the School Fair. Delivered some pears at Eleanor's and Mrs. Edwards gave us our dinner. Spent the afternoon getting the fruit ready for Drumbo Show.

September Tuesday 28 1926

Made two trips to Drumbo Show, had to take papa back with a pair of chickens he forgot, to see, right time. Had the honour of meeting Mr. Cooby from Smithville, who was to judge the poultry. In the afternoon, Lou & I had to go down with the car, as mother phoned to Mr. Bosworth about it in the morning. Nothing much wrong but it takes the hills better now.

Wednesday 29

Lou & I took the cream to the station, then came home & got a lunch ready for the show and were at Drumbo by noon. Stuck in the mud for a few minutes so parked our car in another place. Some surprise when we saw Ernie back of us in Mr. Birley's truck with a load of sheep on, so the afternoon wasn't a bit slow as I expected it was going to be. Mrs. Cunningham came as far as their place with us on the way home.

Thursday 30

A perfect autumn day. I picked and canned plums in the morning, also went for the mail and after I helped with the dinner dishes, picked 4 baskets of plums, then went at my old job of picking apples. Jack came at night so it was after midnight when I got to bed. In the Paris paper - Effie Hawthorn is married.

October Friday 1 1926

Never thought until I was doing the milking that we were awake again at the end of another month & the start of a new one. Heard some more news when Eleanor phoned. Wade Watson is married. Lou & I were to town in the morning with a load of plums & apples. Did some baking & dusting after dinner.

Saturday 2

Rather dull & rainy looking in the morning but it cleared in the afternoon, so that it was perfect for Mary's wedding at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Wickhart phoned afterwards, wanting us to go out & see the flowers, which we did. Eleanor went with us. Tasted the wedding cake & had some ice-cream. Came back to town & saw Ernie for a few minutes.

Sunday 3

The whole family attended church in the morning as it was Communion service. Cousin Myrtle & Hill, Bessie, Harold's Uncle Tom had dinner with us & stayed until milking time. Lou went to the Presbyterian Church with Jack & Ernie came for me later with Dolly's. We had one long, lovely drive and didn't get back until twelve.

October Monday 4 1926

Blue-birds for happiness & one was singing when I went out to milk first thing in the morning. A nice, warm day but we got a storm before the day was over. Had a hard trouble with his truck coming from town so Jack came home with him to fix it & had on account of the rain. It stopped all night.

Tuesday 5

For the first time in years I didn't go to Burford Fair with any fruit. Dan & papa took the grain & poultry over and managed to get there with it, although they were stopped on the way for a while. Had the pleasure of Polly's company to the mail-box and back. Sweet memories of a month ago.

Wednesday 6

Papa drove to town with me when I took the cream down & shipped some chickens to Brumpton. We all went over to Burford about dinner-time. We saw Ernie in town as we went through, and had a break time all afternoon at the Fair. Late getting home at night and Mr. Churchill with his tub was waiting for supper.

October Thursday 7 1926

Don & I had a wild goose chase to the station after Mr. J. Scott as he didn't come on the train. Ernie busy delivering milk, on Danfield Street. Just 16 men for dinner but the oil was filled in record time, as they were all in for supper again soon after four. Some rush in the afternoon getting things ready.

Friday 8

Ernie clear day but cold. Don & I delivered some fruit in town about noon then I did the weekly cleaning up in the house & finished the afternoon picking apples. Mr. Wilson and his wife were here for supper. Don, Dan & I left right after for the 25.4 P.O. meeting which was held at Cousin Myrtle's. Marie & Elizabeth went with us. A nice time and a couple of dances after, or should I say one, with Ernie.

Saturday 9

Read some more of Ernie's diary which he let me have last night. Cousin Melville came out at noon as helped pick apples in the afternoon. Mr. Kent and the youngsters were out after some snows and later the man came from Kitchener who bought some applied years ago so papa is going to let him have them this year. To town at night but came home early.

October Sunday 10 1926

Made a grand rush and went to church before we went to Princeton for dinner at Mrs. Hewitt's. Mr. & Mrs. Hess and their little girl, Grace were there, also Tom Hewitt's little girl, Beatrice. Jack came after here to take Lent's Church at Richwood and Ernie & I drove up for his clothes then once more spent a most enjoyable evening, coming home to find the Ford parked.

Monday 11

A certain song kept going through my head all the time I was doing my work in the morning and it was "I Love You Truly." Don & I had another trip to town after dinner when we clipped some Bantams to Norwich. Was going to bed in good time but didn't get there until after eleven as Mrs. Prime & some fellow selling baskets handed in.

Tuesday 12

A real nice day and I spent the afternoon in the orchard. At night, Jack came for the three of us and we went to Eleanor's to celebrate Cousin Melville's & my birthday, which is coming. Ernie arrived about 9.30 after practicing the play. Then opening up parcels. Mine was an atomizer.

October Wednesday 13 1926

Nearly gave "something" all away when Lou surprised me by asking if I knew what Ernie was going to give me for my birthday and I had the misfortune to blub.

Mrs. & Mrs. Webster, Forrest & Dorothy May, Edith's little girl, called at night after Lou & Dan were in bed.

Thursday 14

Mother went to town with me in the morning to see about Dan having an operation. Saw Ernie for a few minutes to talk to while mother was at the doctor's. Once more on Thursday, Oct. 14, I said good-bye but this time it was to Dan when we left him at the hospital at 6.30. Did the milking when I came home then listened to Radio until 10.0. wondered if Dan were sleeping.

Friday 15

Dr. Munroe phoned as soon as the operation was over to say that Dan had come through it alright. Picked up potatoes after dinner, then mother, Lou & I went down to see him. Only stayed a few minutes as he was quite "dopey" yet. Jack came in the evening to see Lou.

October Saturday 16 1926

A nasty, wet day. Mother received a card from Aunt Clara, which was posted in Liverpool. Paid Dan a visit in the afternoon, then Lou & I got Eleanor and did the Saturday shopping while mother stayed at the hospital. Eleanor told us about another wedding, Edith Martin is going to marry Hilfred Gurney this month.

Sunday 17

Took Marjorie McCrow to church with us & left mother at the hospital while we were there.

Jack came in the afternoon & was here for supper, then he and Lou took mother down to see Dan again. Ernie was in to see him in the afternoon & came for me at night and we spent the evening at his place. Saw a certain birthday present coming from Lou & I was in a hurry, although not half as nice as he gives. Monday 18

Rain again. Went for the mail about noon and there was a letter from Helen, also one for Dan from her. Mother, Lou & I spent part of the afternoon with him and he seemed a lot better, perhaps the letter had something to do with it.

October Tuesday 19 1926

Was down to see Dan in the afternoon he had some pretty carnations to look at but Mrs. Webster brought him last night. Had the Webster and Harbin, Maggie & Aunt Josie here in the evening after they visited Dan. Was more than pleased when Ernie phoned to let me know he made out in the Brant County Flowering match. He got first and he also invited me to the feed ill; are giving the detour after the play to-morrow. Wednesday 20

Thursday 21

Rain at first then the first snow storm of the season a rather day and Harry Mann & Miss Mattie were supposed to be married in the afternoon. I had two trips to the Express Office in the morning the second one after Mr. Nelson who was here for dinner. I was terribly disappointed when we couldn't go at night to see the play Ernie was in so spent the evening burning up the certain amount of letters.

He managed to get down to see Dan in the afternoon and he's beginning to want to come home. Dan has I received letters from Jess, also some pictures of England. Ernie called up and he came first in to-day's match & won a first for the best crown, for the first time.

October Friday 22 1926

Rain, nothing but rain! Didn't get down to see Dan, did some baking and dusting, etc. instead.

Saturday 23

A better day than we've had lately and we went to town in the afternoon. Lou & I did the shopping while mother was with Dan, then Eleanor & Lou & I spent some time with him before we had to go after Cousin McMiller. He & Eleanor came out with us. Ernie phoned after supper and I had a chat with him while the rest were in the kitchen.

Sunday 24

Another dark, wet day as far as the weather was concerned but Ernie came for me early in the afternoon and we went with his folks up to Uncle Art's where my birthday present but no one noticed it until we got home at night & Lou spied it when Ernie came a few minutes. One wonderful day for me.

October Monday 25 1926

Just 25 years ago at about 9 o'clock in the morning I appeared on the scene, only it was on a Thursday. Cow and mother had to have another look at the ring and mother never said a thing only asked what Ernie intended to do for a living. While I did the milking at night, I was composing a letter to Ernie but lost nerve when it came to writing it.

Tuesday 26

Drove papa up to Mrs. Wells' about noon to see the thresher there as didn't have to walk out for the mail. Managed to get down to see Dan in the afternoon and wore my ring for the second time but didn't have Ernie to put it on. Dan looked a lot better than he has for a long while.

Wednesday 27

Mrs. Adney was in after eggs so I had a ride out to the mail-box. A lovely day for a change. Some run when I went for the cows at night after old "igger" and a heifer but with the help of Mr. Taylor & his father got them back in the pasture. Jack was here & spent the evening with Dan.

October Thursday 28 1926

Dan phoned from the hospital in the morning. He was out in a chair. Went down to see him after dinner & took Mrs. Elmer & Cousin Bertha with us. While there, Mrs. Webster came in, then she came out home with us and Mrs. Webster came after her at night with Bernice & Forrest. He made the Radio work once more, and didn't sound fine.

Friday 29

A real nice day and spent some of it getting ready for the Masquerade dance of the U. S. Y. P. O. Club, held at Cochran's. Ernie and Roscoe came after cows and Ernie got a red. at the N. Dumfries Plowing match. Some rare costumes at the dance as it was my first Masquerade party, I surely enjoyed it, especially the dances with Ernie. Also my first ride in the truck, with four of us in the front seat.

Saturday 30

More rain but mother and I managed to get down for Dan in the morning and brought him home once more. Dusted in the afternoon with the aid of Polly. Have to use lamps at night but they are not so bad, especially when the Radio is working good as it was to night.

October Sunday 31 1926

Sam and I went to Church in the morning & heard a great sermon on "How God works in a round about way". Called at Eleanor's on the way home. Sam spent the afternoon, etc. at Cunningham's & after he left, the Selfer family, Cousin Ernie & Uncle Tom called. Ernie came later and had company while I milked. Listened to Radio a little while after the dishes were done. Ernie helped me wipe them then he took me for a drive up home and around the block. One wonderful ride with a perfect ending.

November Monday

Milked old "Nigger" for the last time in the morning as she and the young cattle went right after dinner. Then Sam & I had a trip down to the junction after paper. Was 63rd birthday and a nasty wet day. A lonesome job milking at night after last night.

Tuesday 2

Mrs. Webster and two Hydra men were here in the afternoon to see about us getting Hydra. Started making some Christmas gifts and amused Dan by the way I was doing things.

November Wednesday 3 1926

Sam and I were to town in the morning with the cream and had the November interest put on our Bank books. Saw the Golden Gurnsey milk wagon last better still, saw Ernie himself at night, when he and Rose spent the evening with us. Jack was here too and Archie's milk who is going to truck to-morrow. Some real awaking candy, they dancing with Ernie, although Sam was trying to tell me how rude I was.

Thursday 4

The threshers were here all day so we were busy getting meals ready most of the time.

Friday 5

The threshing was done by noon and we had only 2 extra men for dinner. I helped pick over some peas for the Royal then Sam & I took them and the oats to the Express Office. Mrs. Pipher went down town with us. What wonderful 2 months of my life have just passed.

November Saturday 6 1926

Cousin Melville came out at dinner time & Lou & I helped him pick up potatoes until time to go to town. Took Elsie down with us while we did our shopping. Marjorie Sclerphoned at night. She is home for the week-end.

Sunday 7

Went to the reopening of our church in the morning and it certainly is beautiful now. Some crowd there. Uncle Sam Van Brocklin & his sister were here when we came home & the Webster family all landed in in the afternoon. To church at night again with Lou & Jack but didn't come home with them. Instead, I had another wonderful drive with Ernie after having tea at the Salt road bridge.

Monday 8

A nice sunny day and Marjorie, Bessie, Harold & Cousin Evie came over for dinner. Had a good laugh when Marjorie asked about my ring. I had my ring day again and a real one for me with so much to be thankful for, but most of all, Ernie and all the killing times were

November Tuesday 9 1926

A mould wet day with a thunderstorm at night. I had the job of helping papa get the chickens ready for the Winter Fair at Toronto and that took up most of the day.

Wednesday 10

Washed some more chicken's feet in the afternoon and as the weather was much colder, it wasn't much fun. Jack came in on his way home from work so was here for supper and the evening.

Thursday 11

Papa shipped the poultry to Toronto so took the cream down with him and Lou & I didn't have to go. Ernie came at night and we spent a great evening listening to an Armistice Day program from New York of such pieces as "Katie", "Till We Meet Again" & "I wish I could stay here".

November Friday 12 1926

Mrs. & Mrs. Russell drove out in the morning with some cabbages, carrots, etc. for us and stayed for dinner. Lou & I received a letter from Jess in the mail, written before she received mine.

Saturday 13

Mother, Lou, Dan & I went to town in the afternoon & took Marjorie McEwen with us, also Mrs. Elmer & Eleanor. Some load! Lou drove as far as the corner with Jack in the truck coming home.

Sunday 14

We all were over to Aunt Jessie's for dinner and the afternoon. Irene had to play at church so we had a quiet time. Came home rather early as finished the work in good time. Evening I had one more wonderful drive around the block, then stopped at the black on the way back.

November Monday 15 1926

A beautiful morning but showers after dinner. Mr. Buckland Melbourne were down pulling turnips for us so we got them all in. I helped load one load and got a soaking doing it.

Tuesday 16

A rainy night, so didn't decide to go to Toronto until Warren phoned. One mad push but we were off a little before 9. Had the good-luck to see Eric on Benfield St. on our way. Ate our lunch before we went into the show, then spent the afternoon seeing things. I learned something about canning fruit, I didn't know before. Left for home soon after 4 when we got back, Jack had finished the milking. U. S. Y. P. C. meeting but we were too late to go.

Wednesday 17

A nice, clear day once again. Had lots of odd jobs to do. Received an invitation at noon from Mrs. Crombie to a dance here on Friday night.

November Thursday 18 1926

November Sunday 21 1926

Rain all day then snow at night. Drove
papa to the station in the morning as he
went to Toronto again to buy back his grain.
Helped Dan clean some grain by turning the
flaming mill. Jack, Lou, Dan and I started leaving
to the station for papa but I got out when I met
Ernie coming over. He came home with him. Told him
something I thought of during the week.

Friday 19

10 years or two ago, it would have taken a
lot to have kept me from going to the dance
at St. Ambrose but things have changed some
since then and stayed home, even after papa
said we ought to go if the roads were not so
bad. I wonder why?

Saturday 20

Mother and I went to town in the
morning so had to do the Saturday's
baking after dinner. Had a "anti freeze"
put in the car as the weather is colder
again. Called Ernie up at night to see if
he had to work tomorrow night or not.

The whole family managed to get to Church
in the morning. Marjorie Mc Crow went down
with us, then we had dinner at Cousin Myrtle's.
Ernie came after me there and we had a nice
snowy drive home. He helped us milk after we had
a good laugh at his costume. Then the copper dishes were all
done, I took me up to his mother's and we spent the evening
sitting around the stove then an enjoyable drive home!

Monday 22

The usual Monday's work, then in the
afternoon I helped Lou pick over some of
the show oats. Mrs. Kelly phoned at noon
to find out if I could go with the bunch to
Guelph on Friday to a conference.

Tuesday 23

Baked some pies, etc. for mother in the
morning then put in another afternoon
hand-picking oats. Heard some good radio
while we were doing it, which helped out some.

November Wednesday 24 1926

Spent another day doing the grain for Suelph. Had a phone call from Ernie at night about going on Friday. Just one month ago, I wore my ring for the first time.

Thursday 25

Son, mother, Dan & I went to town in the afternoon and sent off the grain to Suelph besides doing some shopping. Ernie phoned & said he was going up home for the night.

Friday 26

Awake at 6 but didn't get up until 20 after it was raining. Ernie came for me and we left his car at Mrs. Kelly's & went with Harold & Hilma to Suelph. An interesting day for me listening to speeches, etc. Had dinner & supper with the boys in the Cafeteria. Joe Sykes came home with me on a wonderful ride, even if there was a flat tire & it was raining. Finished the day by attending the dance at Williams where I had a very swell time with Ernie. Home at 3:45 after a cold drive in Jack's car.

November Saturday 27 1926

Spent the day picking chickens and turkeys for Suelph Fair and it was a real cold job. Went to bed early at night, was there by 8:30

Sunday 28

We all had dinner and spent the afternoon at Warren's. Betty's birthday, she is 3 years old. Mr. & Mrs. Webster called in the evening but I went with Ernie when he came, for a ride "around the block", then called for Roscoe & brought him down with us. The boys came in for a little while before going on home. Some argument in the kitchen on speeches, etc.

Monday 29

Up rather early to get the dressed poultry packed, then I did the milking & separating while Dan & papa did the other work and they went to the Express Office. Received, or at least papa did, his bronze medal for best collection of mail at the C. N. S.

November Tuesday 30 1926

Drove mother to town in the afternoon since we didn't get down on Saturday. Sat up and listened to a good Radio concert until 10 o'clock.

December Friday 3 1926

Found out a few things from papa while we were milking on the morning. Had company at night, Mrs. & Mrs. Cochrane, Isabel, Scott & Donald were all here. Kept wishing it were last night, again.

December Wednesday 1

Saturday 4

Election day, so the four of us went to the school after dinner to vote. Listened to the returns over the Radio at night and Mr. Nixon got in here so we didn't lose our votes. However the rest of Ontario went for Government control of liquor & Mr. Ferguson or rather the Conservatives won by a big majority.

Received an early phone call from Eleanor saying 'Mickey' had disappeared - she was quite worried about him. A cold day and I didn't even have to go for the mail as Dan & papa made two trips, one to town & one to Selp's. They put in the cattle & horses for winter & I had the fun of helping them tie up the cattle after I finished milking.

Thursday 2

Sunday 5

A cold day for our trip to Sulpis. Mother stayed home but Jack & Ernie came & went with us after the car started. Ernie had blistered his hand cranking it. Saw most of the show before lunch & sat in the ring for a while after with Ernie & talked about several things. A nice ride home, especially when they let me sit in the middle, all the way. A nice warm house supper when did the milking. I needed some rest. Ernie home like usual, it was the end of a perfect day.

A real winter day and we didn't get out to church. Ernie came about 4 o'clock, stayed till I helped with the milking, then he took me up to his mother's for supper. Had one pleasant evening, even if we did have a serious talk after Mrs. Bush got the rest off to bed. Memories of 3 months ago. Home at 11:20. Some fun helping talk get the car out of a snow drift.

December Monday 6 1926

Helped papa get some chickens ready for Balt show in the morning and he hired Taylor's truck to take them up in the afternoon.

Tuesday 7

Lou, Dan & I went to town in the afternoon and had some fun getting up the flat hill. Eleanor phoned and the boys found her cat as she was feeling quite gay again.

Wednesday 8

Received our 1925 Income Tax papers so will have to make them out, now, started them in the afternoon. Jack was here at night & Ernie brought Rose and Jimmy to help clip the coupons for us. They were late finishing up so didn't see much of Ernie.

December Thursday 9 1926

Sheep certainly made a big improvement in the cows. Warren, Maggie & her sister called in the morning, just as I was mixing up the Christmas cake so I had to finish my job. Papa went to the Balt Poultry Show in the afternoon & arrived home about 10.30 with me up and some special prizes.

Friday 10

Had to make two trips to the mail-box as there was nothing there when I went out at noon. Jack came & took the three of us to the U.S. Y.P.O. Box Social. Some social, as there were two boys to every girl. Ward Kelly & Nelson Hamilton helped me eat mine. A swell ride home afterwards as Jack drove Ernie down to ~~Baltimore~~.

Saturday 11

Did the usual baking and clearing up and also finished making out the Income papers. Went to bed early at night.

December Sunday 12 1926

Lou, Dan + I went to church in the morning and took Marjorie with us. Called in at Eleanor's on the way home to get the pictures of Mary's wedding, and saw Albert + Pete who were there for the day. Ernie came for me about 9 o'clock and took me up home to get Rose. Had another talk about our plans for next year.

Monday 13

A damp, misty day, a real "blue Monday". Had a call from the Watkins agent just as I was doing the breakfast dishes. Spent the afternoon hem-stitching curtains for the parlour and also talking over different things.

Tuesday 14

Had the job of icing the Christmas cake in the morning and after dinner, finished another curtain besides doing my usual work. Went to bed early at night then Lou + I talked till late.

December Wednesday 15 1926

I might have lost Polly, as she fell in the tank of water while she was hunting in the attic but she was smart enough to hop out. Was to town with Dan in the afternoon drove the pony down + we had a nice cold ride. Jack was here at night to see Lou.

Thursday 16

Lou + I spent the afternoon getting parcels done up for Christmas, then at night I wrote a letter to Helen and addressed the ~~cards~~ ~~cards~~ have to read. Mother received a phone call from Chatham saying that her brother Harry is dead.

Friday 17

A cold walk to the mail-box at noon then didn't get anything so had to go in the afternoon again but got a ride out with Mr. Holmes. He came with one of the tail-less kittens for papa. Lou named it "Bonny". Hung the new parlour curtains with Lou's help.

December Saturday 18 1926

One endless week - but to-morrow's Sunday. Mother went to town with Dan in the afternoon. Eleanor phoned to let us know what she received for her birthday. It was roses and they arrived a trifle early.

Sunday 19

Ernie came early in the afternoon and we went down to have a look at the other house but it was just a look as we couldn't get inside. A wonderful afternoon for me, also evening. Ernie helped milk & after supper about 9.30 we drove up to his mother's after some clothes. He intends hanging in his resignation as 'Sondermore' soon, now. Some excitement when I got back as Lou was wearing her diamond then Jack got his car fixed so Monday 20 was 1.3.1 when we got to bed.

From 10 until 4.30 we picked 17 geese, 3 turkeys & 6 chickens. Eleanor's 26th birthday and she phoned in the afternoon.

December Tuesday 21 1926

Supposed to be the shortest day but it was more like the longest as we were up real early to get the poultry off to town. Did the washing, had an early dinner, went out with Dan to the mail-box & the parcel from England then Dan brought one home from Hamilton. I put up a few decorations & Mr. & Mrs. Webster came in, some more parcels for us. Some fun when mother told her about don't & I & our plans.

Wednesday 22

Busy getting ready for Christmas Day. Mother cooked the cranberries & I made the pudding sauce. Lou went to a concert at Richwood at night & came to bed about 10 o'clock.

Thursday 23

Drove mother & Dan to town with the car & had it washed while we did the last of our Christmas shopping. Saw Ernie & gave us a calendar. He came at night at some time. Helped me with the shopping due to bill after supper, then he took Lou & I to the concert at Canning. Had the wonderful one that I guess - just see what happened! It must have been the 1st of Christmas.

December Friday 24 1926

A real busy day so didn't have much chance to get excited over parcels. Nearly had a fit when I got one from Bill but there was something for Lou & Dan also, inside so I wasn't quite so mad. Received invitations to Marygrove Mc Crow's next Tuesday night.

Saturday 25

Did the milking before we opened any parcels. I got one big surprise when I thought Ernie had given me a diary & Lou came down with another great big package from him which turned out to be the shillest set of white wool in a case of grey blue. Just 17 for dinner - I then had a diarrhoea. The Jelfs left early, the Jack took Cousin Melville down for Eleanor & after the chores were done, the young folks went up to Mrs. Busch's for supper & made 25 there. Helped with the dishes after & spent the evening dancing. Had some wonderful ones with Ernie & as ended the happiest Christmas Day I have ever had.

Sunday 26

Cousin Eva & Uncle Tom stayed yesterday and are going to be here for awhile. I had a guest afternoon sitting around the fire place. Ernie was here in time to help milk & Jack came for supper. Had a good laugh when Eleanor was kissed under the mistletoe. One wonderful evening when for the first time I had somebody laid on my lap in front of the grate. Ernie went home early & took Eleanor & Cousin Melville to

December Monday 27 1926

I kept in some so we had to make up for lost time to get the washing, etc. done by dinner-time. Had some fun in the afternoon, looking through "Hope Chests" and planning. Was in bed by 9 o'clock to get some sleep for to-morrow night.

Tuesday 28

Cousin Eva I spent the afternoon cutting out some of the goods Mother gave me for Christmas. Jack came for us at night to go to Mrs. Mc Crow's. Would have had a fine slow time, as there was such a crowd there if it hadn't been for Ernie. He brought me home so we left rather early and had one perfect ride down the road, planning different things - then the worst part of all he had to go!!

Wednesday 29

Didn't go for the mail until the afternoon. Got several letters written and in the evening Mr. & Mrs. Puffer came over to let papa know about the price of the farm etc. I didn't get to bed until 11.15

December Thursday 30

1926

MEMORANDA

Mrs. & Mrs. Buck came down in the afternoon
& he went with papa to look over Mr. Pipher's
farm while we women folks sewed & mended
etc. and talked over different matters. They seemed
to be trying to prepare me for the worst but I'm
afraid it fell on deaf ears. The kids drove the car
into Cleonora at night and spent a nice evening
playing cards. The Visbart family and Jack &
Ernie were there too & I was lucky enough to get Ernie
as a partner to start with anyway.

Friday '31

Drove the car to town once more in the
morning and got one glimpse of Ernie on his
sleigh. Was home by noon and Lou had
dinner ready. Ernie came in the evening & Jack
didn't get here until late but we spent the
last of 1926, the most wonderful year yet,
in front of the fire-place and I had the pleasure
of having the head of the dearest boy I know on
my lap. Yes, 1926 was even more wonderful
than 1920 and that is saying something.

MEMORANDA

Saw January in & out, February in
& out and March in and also out
then the beginning of April & the end of it.
We were singing "Everything's Gonna
Be Alright" as May started. Jack
was here - but Ernie was here to see
it go and June come in.

Broke the record at the end of June but saw
the beginning of August & October. Some years!

MEMORANDA

MEMORANDA

Duty makes us do things well but love
makes us do them beautifully.

Transmutation

A grain of sand in an oyster's shell
That it could not eject, so it covered it well
With a precious coat which we call a gem,
And deem it fit for a diadem.

A bit of care that the heart lends space—
That love cannot escape, but can outwardly grace
With such royal beauty till all the world
May see how a bare can be empearled.

No longer doubt, nor fear, nor grieve,
Nor in uncertain evils dwell;
Past, present, future calmly leave
To Him who doeth all things well.

Imperishable.

Alone in power, supreme in grace,
With the wings of an eagle, the voice of a dove,
Outlasting death, and time and space—
Love.

WEATHER RECORD

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The Human Touch.

High thoughts and noble in all lands
Help me, my soul is fed by such.

But ah, the touch of lips and hands—

The human touch!

Harm, vital, close, life's eye-balls dear—
These need I most, and now and here.



March 3, 1927

Wedding picture of

Jean Barker and Ernest Buck

at Hazel Grove Farm

Picture given to me (L.B.)

by Maggie Barker June 19/26