

Velma's Diaries - 1936

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DAY	MONTH	COMMENT
Wednesday	January 1	Went up to Aunt Eva's for New Year's. Swell day, played cards all day (great day). Laddie, Jim, George, Florence, Jean Brown & I went to New Year's dance in Mt. Forest. A wonderful time. Never missed a dance. Lovely dances, mistletoe, ginger ale. Bad roads.
Thursday	January 2	Washed in morning. Went down for mail – felt tired so went to bed sort of early.
Friday	January 3	Marjorie & I went up town. Stayed at Marj's for supper. Roads icy so we sleigh rided till 10 & then went to hockey game with Milverton. D. beat 11-2 – didn't pay – thought it was 3 rd period instead of 2 nd .
Saturday	January 4	I fell off the sleigh last night & skinned my cheek and chin. Saw an ad for a stenographer in O.S. paper so went right up. I got the 1 st interview – asked a lot of questions.
Sunday	January 5	Glenna came home. Glenna, Susie, Marion & I were around town in aft. I went out to Anna's for supper & to church with her. Laddie, George, Earl, Anna & Barb came down home after & we had lots of fun. Sang.
Monday	January 6	Laddie went away to-day. Started some knitting & began studying. Went down for mail. Mother was sewing on my windbreaker.
Tuesday	January 7	Lovely weather – so warm. Was to town to Marj's in aft. & over to Leeson's. Mary & I went to Mission Circle. Planned to have a sleigh riding party with horses.
Wednesday	January 8	Mother had the Ladies' Aid. I had to amuse the kids. We went up to Vera's after for dinner & then played cards.
Thursday	January 9	Aunt Mary Ann sprained her ankle so I went out there & baked & cleaned the upstairs. Knit at night. Had letter form Laddie – more poetry.
Friday	January 10	Did some scrubbing & cleaning for Aunt Mary Ann. Went over town in aft. Marj & I went to exhibition hockey game with Fergus. D won. Good game. Sat in reserved seats, had lots of fun.
Saturday	January 11	Did some baking. Knit in aft. & then Mother & I went for a walk. Real warm & soft. George Glass, Marj, Elg & I went to show "Here Comes the Band" – good.
Sunday	January 12	Wrote to Laddie. Went to church. Went for a ride with Leeson's. Marj & I were in to Rhan's for awhile. Went to bed early.
Monday	January 13	Washed in morning. Knit some more at my scarf. Read at night.

Tuesday	January 14	Cold. Mother finished my jacket – looks real nice. Got a letter from Laddie – lonesome. Marjorie was up at night – made candy.
Wednesday	January 15	Did the ironing in morning. Went up town in aft., talked to Barbara in telephone office. Knit at night.
Thursday	January 16	Was to serve at bridge at Sally's but Ritchie's were coming down for fowl dinner. We played "500".
Friday	January 17	Finished my scarf – looks nice. Went down to Rahn's (Rahn de Voo) in aft. Got letter form Lad. Went to crokinole at McCabe's, got 1 st prize – a table reflector.
Saturday	January 18	Had fun about the crokinole as the only game I lost was the one I played with Dad. Elg said he gave me the last game. Went up town in aft. – to Winnie's.
Sunday	January 19	Real cold, went to church. Elg moved radio downstairs – listened to Major Bowes Amateur hour at night. Wrote to Laddie while Elg made up poetry about crokinole party. Sent it along.
Monday	January 20	King George the V died. Ed VIII made king. Finished a brown hat with white angora. Marjorie & I were at Leeson's for supper. Got letter from Laddie. Had church meeting here. Vic smashed demonstrator.
Tuesday	January 21	Went up to Durham. Went to school in aft, stayed with Nadine. Young People's entertained Hanover – played crokinole – Granby boys were over. Bill Renwick, Anna, Barb & I cleaned up after.
Wednesday	January 22	Real cold. Below zero. Miss Moore is at Winnie's. Went to school in aft. Took down Mr. Harrington's speech at Poultry Association at night. Mr. Richardson gave me a quarter.
Thursday	January 23	Cold. Typed out speech & went over to station to get Mr. Thomas to censor it. Typed all day- a lot of work for all you get out of it - \$1.00. Came home at night- got letter.
Friday	January 24	Went up again & finished the 15 copies – worked till after 5 – had supper at Aunt Eva's. Went to hockey game with Anna. D. beat O.S. 5-3 – great game.
Saturday	January 25	Ran over 15 copies. Went up town in aft. – down at Winnie's. To cold to go skating so stayed home & read – popped corn.
Sunday	January 26	Cold & stormy. Went to church. Wrote to Laddie at night & listened to radio. Amateur program was good.
Monday	January 27	Washed in morning. Baked. Went down for mail in aft. Miss Heard, George, Mansfield, Jamie were over for supper – played games.
Tuesday	January 28	Washed my sweater & scarfs. Had letter from Laddie & Evelyn. Went down for mail. Elg & I listened to the radio till late.
Wednesday	January 29	Went up to school in aft. Stayed at Winnie's. Took down speech at poultry meeting. Went to a hockey game with Palmerston – 9-3 for Durham – goalkeeper tight.
Thursday	January 30	Typed out speech & Mr. Harrington corrected it in afternoon. Elgin came up for me at night, knit.
Friday	January 31	Had a sore foot. Did some baking & stayed in all day. Got

		letter form Laddie- also a sweater instruction folder, knit.
Saturday	February 1	Real stormy – didn't feel very well. Baked a Banana Cake – lovely. Wrote 3 letters. Read paper & Chatelaine.
Sunday	February 2	Lovely day but cold. Read in morning. Went to church. Mr. Mercer & Marjorie were here for supper. Listened to radio.
Monday	February 3	Went up town in aft. Finished some typing over at station. Read funnies & a magazine & did some knitting.
Tuesday	February 4	A terrible storm – all roads are blocked – no school – terrible wind. Started at my bookkeeping. Art McCabe was up at night. Played "500". Had letter from Laddie.
Wednesday	February 5	Even worse than day before, as much colder. Did more bookkeeping. Mother made me some underwear. Knit & wrote a letter.
Thursday	February 6	Went down to Marjorie's. She started her harebell sweater. Stayed for supper. Came home & did some bookkeeping.
Friday	February 7	Mother worked on my underwear. Went down for mail. Worked at my bookkeeping. Pipes got on fire – some time. Durham beat Arthur 11-2.
Saturday	February 8	Terrribly cold & stormy again- roads blocked again. Washed my hair & fixed my clothes. Knit some on my bed socks. Listened to hockey game.
Sunday	February 9	Mother had a terrible cold. Read in morning. Went to church. Terrribly cold & stormy. Listened to radio at night.
Monday	February 10	Frosty. Did the work as Mother wasn't feeling well. Got my yarn for my sweater – pink. Did some bookkeeping.
Tuesday	February 11	Went down to Marjorie's in aft. Marjorie & I went up town – went to Mission Circle at D. McDonald's & then to Anglican skating party. Stayed at Anna's.
Wednesday	February 12	Went out town at noon with Anna. Went to school in aft. Stayed at Winnie's. We went up to Alec Hayes at night – played cards. Got our cups read.
Thursday	February 13	Came home in aft., bought some Valentines. Mrs. Schenk & I sent 4 to Winnie. Started my sweater. A terrible storm.
Friday	February 14	Stormy – huge banks of snow, cold. Dolphie Lawrence was here to cut wood. Finished ribbing in my sweater. Got box of chocolates for Valentines.
Saturday	February 15	Prepared for wood bee. Just had them for dinner. Knit. Marjorie & I, Elg & Dave Rahn went up town at night – got pattern for a dress.
Sunday	February 16	Frosty. Went to church. Claire was up for supper. Wrote a letter & read at night.
Monday	February 17	Washed in morning. Knit in afternoon & did bookkeeping at night.
Tuesday	February 18	Another storm. Made a mistake in my sweater – ripped it out. Had letters from Evelyn & Laddie.
Wednesday	February 19	Cold and stormy. Elg & I went up town in aft. Saw Mrs. Dargeval. Knit at night.
Thursday	February 20	Mother finished my underwear. Baked. Marj, Miss Heard & I knit till 12 o'clock at Kerr's & then had lunch.

Friday	February 21	Frosty. Mr. Morice died suddenly. Went up to Durham in aft. Saw Glenna. Went up to Mrs. Dargeval's. Miss MacPhail was there – went up to Queen St. Skating Party.
Saturday	February 22	Applied for hydro job. Came home in aft. Aunt Sadie was here. Went down to Morice's. Knit. Marj & I went to hockey game – Palmerston vs. D. D. won – got group title. 20 below zero.
Sunday	February 23	Aunt Sadie was here. Read. Went to funeral in aft. Murray & Maude Layman were here for supper. Wrote a letter.
Monday	February 24	Went up to Durham in morning. Worked all day typing for Mrs. Dargeval. Knit and read all night.
Tuesday	February 25	Worked hard all day, typed till six – statements for town (audit books). Anna and I went to Rebecca "at home", played euchre & danced. Bill & Alba were there.
Wednesday	February 26	Thawing. Typed on Mr. Thomas' machine. Came home at night. Had letter from Laddie. Helped Lorne with Composition.
Thursday	February 27	Mother was sick - had Dr. Burnett, has secondary anaemia. Not to do anything. Lorne sick also & stayed at home. Real stormy. Worked all day.
Friday	February 28	Mother in bed all day. Baked. Finished front of my sweater. Had a terrible cold, Lorne & I took lemonade & went to bed early.
Saturday	February 29	Lorne helped me with the work. Mother got up in aft. Marj was up, had her sweater finished. Claire Bogle & Aunt Mary were here, stayed for supper, got letter. Knit & listened to hockey game.
Sunday	March 1	Cold. Listened to King Ed. VIII's 1 st radio broadcast. Wrote a letter. Went to church. Listened to radio at night.
Monday	March 2	Did the washing – scrubbed. Mother doesn't seem to be much better, weak. Knit on my sweater at night.
Tuesday	March 3	Baked. Aunt Sadie came down in aft. Knit at night. Cold. Got goods (tea rose) for a dinner dress.
Wednesday	March 4	Mild. Baked a banana cake for Ladies' Aid. Went to Ladies' Aid at Janie's. Marj & I went to hockey game with O.S. Reyner's. D. won.
Thursday	March 5	Ironed. Went up town in aft., took Aunt Sadie home. Finished my sweater, all but sleeves – fits well. Miss Heard & Marj were up to knit.
Friday	March 6	Baked. Mother got a box of fruit from Ladies' Aid. Started on one sleeve of my sweater. Listened to radio & read at night.
Saturday	March 7	Cleaned the house. Lorne helped me. Got letter. Marj & I went to hockey game, wonderful game. Clinton 1, Durham 1 in finals. Our Mission Circle sold hot dogs. Brought leftovers home.
Sunday	March 8	Jim's birthday. Went to church. Had a lot of company at night. Aunt Eva's & Winnie & neighbours. All came over at once to see Mother.
Monday	March 9	Lovely day. Milder. Baked. Went down to Marjorie's in aft.

		– knit. Marj & I went to Leap Year Party in church – played crokinole. D. vs. Clinton tied again 2-2.
Tuesday	March 10	Baked tarts for Mission Circle in morning. Marj & I went up town in aft. Mission Circle at Winnie's. Sally resigned – some meeting.
Wednesday	March 11	Finished my first sweater. Aunt Mary Ann & Aunt Jane came down early in morning. Cut out a dress (tea rose crepe). Mother feeling a little better but not able to do anything.
Thursday	March 12	Worked in morning, had sleep in aft. Elg, Ethel Hargrave, Barb, Winnie, Shirley & I went to game in Galt – 3 rd game between D. & Clinton. D. winning 6-2. A wonderful game. A swell trip. Marvellous rink.
Friday	March 13	Felt tired. Cleaned the house. Read some of book "Visitors to Hugo" & went to bed early. Stormy.
Saturday	March 14	Colder. Baked. Went over to Leeson's in aft. & made arrangements for St. Patrick's supper. Read at night.
Sunday	March 15	Finished my book. Myrtle was up for dinner. Went to church. Marj & Dorothy Bogle were here at night. Listened to radio.
Monday	March 16	Swell day. Took my washing up to Leeson's, tried out their new machine, works great. Worked at my dress & went down to Hall to decorate in aft. Ironed at night, had a bath & went to bed early. D. lost 7-2 to Ayton.
Tuesday	March 17	Baked in morning. Went down to Hall in aft. to prepare for St. Patrick's Irish Stew Supper. Sally & Nadine were down. Went to supper- served. Got letter.
Wednesday	March 18	Mother was up to Aunt Mary Ann's. Ironed & started sweater for Nadine. Laddie sent me his picture. Elgin didn't come home till 8. Couldn't go to game. So disappointed. D. Beat Ayton 7-1 (exciting game).
Thursday	March 19	Went up to town. Everybody talking about hockey. D. now enters finals. Great comeback. Wrote a letter & knit at night. Went down to Keller's for awhile.
Friday	March 20	Baked in morning. Worked at my dress & went up to Marj's in aft. Knit at night & went to bed early.
Saturday	March 21	Cleaned the house – lovely day. Knit all aft., finished back of sweater. We went up to Catton's at night, played cards & had lunch. Anna came home with us.
Sunday	March 22	Anna & I slept in. Lovely day. Went to church & for walk. Wrote a letter, wrapped up Laddie's birthday present. Anna & I went to bed early.
Monday	March 23	<u>I got the hydro job.</u> Ralph Catton called up about 11 – I was in bed. What a shock. \$45 a month with increase if suited. Start Apr. 1 st . Hardly slept rest of night. Great feeling.

Hydro Positions Awarded Monday

**Albert Noble Appointed Outside Man,
While Miss Velma Blyth Engaged
As Secretary.—Duties to Commence
April 1.**

So far as Durham is concerned, a new idea is being tried out in connection with the Public Utilities Commission with the appointment of Mr. Albert Noble as outside man and Miss Velma Blyth as secretary. Since 1915 the secretarial position was held by the late C. C. Elvidge until the time of his death, who acted as secretary-treasurer and general manager. When needed, Mr. Elvidge secured linemen for the outside work. With the death of Mr. Elvidge, the position was thrown open, and for some days now it has been mooted that a change would be made.

In the opinions of the Commission, an outside man was an important factor in view of the fact extensive changes and repairs are to be made in the local system in the near future, and there has been an agitation for this among the members. It was felt, also, that the employment of a lady secretary and bookkeeper along with an outside man, would, at this stage, be in the interests of the town's system. With this in view, at the meeting Monday night, Mr. Noble received the appointment as full-time lineman and general superintendent at a salary of \$80 a month. Miss Blyth is to receive \$45 a month.

So far as Durham is concerned, this is a new departure. With the introduction of hydro in 1915 the late C. C. Elvidge was appointed secretary-treasurer, and held the position until his death a month or so ago. Since then the work had been carried on by his son, Mr. Clarence Elvidge.

Mr. Noble is fully qualified for his position, having held similar positions with the Ontario Commission.

Tuesday	March 24	Laddie's birthday. Wrote to Laddie to tell him the good news. Several called up. Went over to Hanover & got my eyes tested. Short sighted. Anna & I went to Rebecca's euchre & dance in Hall – stayed at Anna's at nite.
Wednesday	March 25	Terrribly tired. Slept a while in aft. & also in morning. Knit some on Nadine's sweater. Went to bed early. Hoarse – sort of lost my voice. Harry Aldred home.
Thursday	March 26	Laddie wrote to congratulate me – everybody tells me I am lucky so I am beginning to think I am. Finished Nadine's sweater, cleaned out my drawers.

Friday	March 27	Went over to Hanover in aft. Got my glasses fitted & went into hydro office to get some pointers. Got a new pair of brown oxfords. Got goods for a new swagger suit.
Saturday	March 28	Baked in morning. Washed my burgundy dress. Went to dentist in aft. & talked to Glenna & George Glass. Lawrence's sold their farm – moving into town.
Sunday	March 29	Marj & I went over to Leeson's in morning. Went to church. Was at Marj's for supper. Elg, Marj, Dave & I went to Mt. Forest for drive, swell night, talking to Burnett.
Monday	March 30	Cut out my suit & made skirt. Marj was up in aft. Went to Galt to see Durham & Whitby play finals. D. won 3-2 in overtime – great excitement.
Tuesday	March 31	Got my clothes packed. Went up to Winnie's in aft. & to dentist. I thought I would have to start tomorrow but Ralph called & said not till Mon. or Tues.
Wednesday	April 1	Snowing. Colder. Went up town for Winnie in morning. A Mr. Black & Cliff James were here talking stocks, Winnie having trouble over stocks. Went up to Ralph's at night, had great talk, made out forms.
Thursday	April 2	House cleaned. Raining all day. Winnie went to Institute. Went up town in aft. Boys played in Whitby – won 6-3 to get to O.H.A. championship – 1 st time ever in this district.



Friday	April 3	A great time in the old town to-day. Band and a lot of cars met players at Mt. Forest. Celebration in Durham in aft. A great victory. Winnie worked at my dress – did shirring at night & we listened to radio.
Saturday	April 4	Worked at dress. Mother came up. They finished my dress and started on my suit. Got my hair cut at night. Elgin came

		up for Mother & I.
Sunday	April 5	Wrote a letter and read in morning. Went to church in aft. Elg & I went up town at night. Stayed at Winnie's.
Monday	April 6	Winnie worked at my suit in morning & went to Hanover in aft. I did some baking for her and read. Elg was up at night – got offer of a job with Lorne Smith.
Tuesday	April 7	Winnie finished my suit. Snowing and real stormy. Read & listened to the radio at night.
Wednesday	April 8	At last I started to work. Mr. Conn, auditor, started me off. Began making out hydro bills, got along pretty well. Had my hair finger-waved.
Thursday	April 9	I got a big kick out of the auditor – very droll and witty. He went home in aft. Laddie came home and we went to the Easter dance together – wore my new dress. Ruby & Cy came home.
Friday	April 10	Good Friday. Didn't get up till noon. Went up street in aft. Glenna, Susie, Marion, Jean & I were around together at night. Hiram(?) Dean treated us!
Saturday	April 11	Worked all day. Arrears started to come in so I was busy. \$255 came in aft. Laddie, Anna, Barb, Elg & I went to show in Mt. Forest, "Cardinal Richelieu" & "Curly Top".
Sunday	April 12	Easter Sunday and a lovely day. Wore my new suit to church. Went to Durham church at night. Laddie, Earl & I went out to Anna's – went for a drive, talked & had lunch.
Monday	April 13	Elgin started to work to-day. Worked all day. Laddie, Anna, Earl, Mac, Barb & I went to Easter dance in Hanover. Had a very good time but there was a terrible crowd there.
Tuesday	April 14	Laddie went back to-day. Worked hard all day and had Commission meeting at night. Certainly kept me busy.
Wednesday	April 15	Snowing. Winnie & Ruby called in to office in aft. to see me. I am getting to know where things belong by now. Listened to radio & went to bed early.
Thursday	April 16	Didn't feel quite so tired to-day. Winnie, Ruby & I went up to Aunt Eva's at night – played bridge & had lunch.
Friday	April 17	Ground covered with snow – terrible weather for this time of year. Glenna had a party. Shirley, Susie, Marion, her girlfriend & I played poker (with Matches), danced, gossiped & had a great lunch.
Saturday	April 18	Real busy to-day. Bills are coming in now. Ruby & Winnie & I came down home for supper. Went to Mt. Forest for Elgin at night.
Sunday	April 19	Elgin thinks his job is great & also his boarding house – has talked of nothing else. No church so slept most of day. Marj was up for supper & we went up to Anna's at night. Jim Sullivan went with us.
Monday	April 20	Came up in morning. Real busy as money is coming in now. Went to Aunt Eva's for dinner. Winnie was in Toronto so stayed alone at night, rained.

Tuesday	April 21	Couldn't get money to come out right in till (\$1.94 out) not so good. Went to Aunt Eva's for dinner. Winnie came home in aft. Real cold. Went to bed early.
Wednesday	April 22	Men who had been entrapped in Nova Scotia mine for over a week were rescued to-day. Last discount day so terribly busy. Went to party at Ethel's at night – for Reg Arnett. Good time. Played cards & danced.
Thursday	April 23	Sort of tired. Days go in so fast. Read some of my book “The Sheik” at night. Winnie gave me some lessons in bridge.
Friday	April 24	Lovely day but not very warm yet. Winnie had a bridge. Very good time – 4 tables. I filled in for awhile.
Saturday	April 25	Made out the water bills. Always someone in the office so not a bit lonesome. Went to Mt. Forest at night to show – good.
Sunday	April 26	Elgin went to Toronto in morning. Went to church in aft. & night. Went down to Mt. Forest with Anna and Earl – picked up another kid and went out to Anna's.
Monday	April 27	Made a list of the arrears. Went to Mission Circle at night at Middleton's. Mrs. Wright, Owen Sound, the special speaker.
Tuesday	April 28	Warmer. Mrs. Dargavel was into office on way home. A swell spring night. Anna & I went up town at night, waited till Barbara & Winnie came out of lodge.
Wednesday	April 29	Real warm. Anna brought a salesman up to try to sell me a fur coat. He called around at night. I ordered a muskrat coat \$85\monthly payments. Anna & I went up town.
Thursday	April 30	Terribly warm. Winnie, Barbara, Ethel & I went to show in Mt. Forest, “Broadway Melody of 1935” – good.
Friday	May 1	Changed office around. Moved stove out: Can see everything that goes on. Anna & I went up town at night. Was with Bill Renwick. Barb took us for ride. Jim came along & wanted me to go with him – some time.
Saturday	May 2	Raining. Balanced my books and they came out O.K. All ready for auditor. Terrible accident last night. Ed Sweeney killed. Went up town at night.
Sunday	May 3	Elgin was home. I drove over to Hanover for the first this year. Went to church & Sunday School. Elgin, Jim, Marjorie & I went to Holstein for a drive & then went out to Anna's.
Monday	May 4	Wrote to Laddie at noon. Wasn't very busy to-day. Went to Young People's at Queen street. Played games.
Tuesday	May 5	Lovely day. Went to Commission meeting at night. Made arrangements about arrears. Elgin & Bobby Gardiner called but I was away.
Wednesday	May 6	Terribly busy, didn't know which way to turn, making out cheques, writing up minutes etc. First open night but rained. Went up town with kids for awhile.
Thursday	May 7	Had letter from Laddie. First half holiday. Got my fur coat fitted. Had sleep in aft., knit & read a book. Real hot.

Friday	May 8	Terribly hot to-day – warmest day in May for 80 years. Auditor was there. Made out power bills. Also last day for water accounts so real busy. Jim, Earl, Anna & I went to dance in Holstein. Good time only terribly warm.
Saturday	May 9	Hot. Got water accounts straightened up. Winnie & I & Mrs. Schenk went to Hanover, got a new dress & blouse, also a new hat in Durham.
Sunday	May 10	Warm. Elgin didn't come home. Went to Sunday School & church & at night. Mother's day. Went up to McGirr's at night with Winnie.
Monday	May 11	Raining. Sent out arrear notices, over \$800 in arrears. Had letter from Laddie. Winnie painted kitchen. Read and listened to radio at night. Went up town for bread.
Tuesday	May 12	Warmer. Put out fountains. People hate to pay the discount as they never had been used to it. Some get quite angry. Winnie went to lodge. I got my hair cut.
Wednesday	May 13	Presbyterial in Knox church. I went up to Aunt Eva's for dinner & went to church for supper & evening program – slides on India. Real cold.
Thursday	May 14	Cold frost last night. Winnie & I went to Hanover with Aunt Eva, got a new pair of white shoes. Washed my hair & had it waved at night. Came home with Bill Renwick.
Friday	May 15	Some time with people settling up their accounts. All kinds of stories & excuses. Anna & I went to library at night. High School Banquet – looked in on it – came home & read.
Saturday	May 16	Did a lot of little jobs, cleaned cupboard & drawers. Laddie came home. Was with him at night. Ate & talked to Anna & Florence for awhile – a lovely night but cold.
Sunday	May 17	Elgin brought a roadster up. He took Mother & I for a ride in it. Went to church & Sunday School. Winnie was down. Marj & I went to church at night & then went to Holstein with Elg & Laddie – had to ride in rumble.
Monday	May 18	Warmer. Read over correspondence file. Mr. Flannery was in. Went up town for awhile at night. Came home & read.
Tuesday	May 19	Raining all day and very cold. Had a headache. Put in the day some way. Winnie & I read & listened to the radio at night.
Wednesday	May 20	Warmer to-day. Laddie called in. Read a book in aft. Laddie, Jim, Mac, Barb, Anna & I went to show in Mt. Forest to see "Tale of Two Cities".
Thursday	May 21	Half holiday. Winnie made a blouse & did some sewing for me. Went to Hanover with Uncle Cameron's in aft. Laddie, Jim & I walked out to Anna's & played "500".
Friday	May 22	Not much doing this week. Mr. Flannery was up yesterday. Glenna often calls in. Mrs. Dargavel, Winnie & I went to banquet at Pres. church. Miss MacPhail spoke on "Our Idiosyncrasies".

Saturday	May 23	Warm. Last day for the arrears. Quite a few people in. Winnie went to Toronto in morning & came back with Ruby & Cy in aft. Was with Laddie at night, had argument on religion with Jim.
Sunday	May 24	Lovely day. Elgin came home. Went to Sunday School & church & then for drive. Anna, Marj, Marg Leith, Frank Cowan, Earl, Elg & Laddie went to Holstein & then out to Anna's – swell time on 24th.
Monday	May 25	Fowler's were up, brought me a tennis racket. Bunch of us went fishing – took lunch. Caught 2 chubs, lots of fun. Anna, Earl, Laddie & I went to dance at Pike – great time.

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Tuesday	May 26	Colder. Felt tired. Mr. Levi washed the walls. Last day for arrears. Went up town at night. Came home with Laddie.
Wednesday	May 27	Real cold. Mr. Levi started to paint office – cream & brown. Have a great time with the two of them – not much work to do. Laddie was down at night – played cards.
Thursday	May 28	Was glad it was the half holiday as the smell of paint certainly gets you down. Read in aft. Laddie got his results – passed. Laddie & I went for a walk.

Friday	May 29	Office is going to look real nice. I polished furniture & cleaned windows. Ab & I went over to Hanover in aft. to look at a typewriter. Laddie, George & I went to dance in Holstein – good time.
Saturday	May 30	Still cold. Mr. Levi finished painting. Winnie went to Mrs. Morice's sale. Bob Gardiner, Alma McDougal, Elg, Laddie & I went to Rav (Rahn de Voo).
Sunday	May 31	Didn't get up till 1pm. Went to church & Sunday School. Marj & I went to anniversary service in Knox. Laddie, Elg, Marj & I went out to Aberdeen for a ride.
Monday	June 1	Rained. Got things ready for Com. meeting. I stayed with Glenna all night as her father was away.
Tuesday	June 2	A thunderstorm. Stated making out bills. Had Com. meeting & it lasted till eleven.
Wednesday	June 3	Busy day. Winnie went to I.O.D.E. tea. I got my own supper. Berniece came home. Went up town with Anna & Berniece – met Laddie.
Thursday	June 4	Still cool. Half holiday. Went over to Sally's in aft. & read. I stayed with Glenna all night. Laddie & Louie(?) were up.
Friday	June 5	A swell day. Made out bills all day. Dad & Jonie(?) were up for dinner. Laddie & I went to library at night.
Saturday	June 6	Warmer. Winnie gave me a white purse for my birthday. Busy making out bills. Went up town at night. Laddie & I went for a walk. He gave me a compact for my birthday.
Sunday	June 7	20 to-day. Got some nice handkerchiefs. Went to Sunday School. Anna & Florence were down for supper, had cake. Went to Presb. Anniversary. Florence, Jim, Anna, Earl, Laddie & I went to Holstein.
Monday	June 8	Auditor was around. He said I was getting along very well with the bills. George & Laddie gave me a ride home. Decided to go out & see Florence tomorrow. Went over to Sally's & listened to radio.
Tuesday	June 9	Real Hot. Busy all day. Tea in church. Laddie, Jim, George & I went out to Florence's school. Went to Neustadt for a drive.
Wednesday	June 10	Raining all day. Busy making out bills. Stayed home at night as it was such a dirty night. We planted flowers at the office to-day – at least Mr. Innes did.
Thursday	June 11	Cold. I washed my hair & had it waved. Anna & I played tennis – first time I tried out my new racket. Went to see Carrie Mitchel. Came home with Laddie.
Friday	June 12	Nice day. Quite warm. Laddie, Florence, George & I went to dance in Holstein. Very good time. Had to take Florence back to her school after.
Saturday	June 13	Terribly stiff after playing tennis. Finished hydro bills. Went up town at night. Laddie & I went for a walk.
Sunday	June 14	Dr. Burnett in accident. Girl in car real badly hurt. Didn't go home until this morning. Went to church & Sunday School & for drive. Anna, Earl, Laddie, Carrie & Berniece & I went out to Haywood Falls.
Monday	June 15	Worked in morning & finished reading book in aft. Went up

		to tennis courts with Berniece – came home with Laddie.
Tuesday	June 16	Didn't feel well all day. Winnie says I am getting terribly thin. We went on a hike to flat rock – gang of girls, great time – came home with Laddie.
Wednesday	June 17	Winnie, Dad & them went to Uncle George Ribey's(?) funeral at Port Elgin. Lot in paying bills – great bawling out from Mrs. Blair. Went to Berniece's for supper – had several girls. Alyna Kress was there – some gossip.
Thursday	June 18	Real warm. Went to church for dinner – Institute rally. Real Hot. Talked to Berniece in Aft. Half holiday. Played tennis. Came home with Laddie.
Friday	June 19	A big celebration for hockey boys, horse races in aft. Laddie, George & Florence sat in office with me nearly all aft. Florence stayed with me for supper. Street dance. Went out to Anna's to eat – took Florence home with Geo & Laddie & Jim & D. Taylor.
Saturday	June 20	Everybody tired to-day. A lot of people in. Terrible time with Mrs. Blair & Mrs. Barbour! Never saw any woman as mad as Mrs. Blair. Went up town at night & was around with kids.
Sunday	June 21	Didn't get up till 11. Evelyn Ross called & I went over to Hanover with her. Went to decoration service in aft. Geo, Laddie, Jim, Florence, D. Taylor & I went to Holst., Mt. Forest, Pike Lake – Durham band concert, etc.
Monday	June 22	Last discount date so I was terribly busy all day. Real cool. I wrote a letter, listened to radio, had bath & went to bed early.
Tuesday	June 23	King's birthday – busy all day. Went up to Berniece's. Came home with Laddie, met Elgin & we came down to house.
Wednesday	June 24	Real cool. Winnie went to O.S. to bowl. Mr. Conn called to-day. Played tennis at night. Open night so we stayed up town for awhile & then Laddie & I came down to house.
Thursday	June 25	Lovely day. I went to Rebecca picnic at Wasaga. Lovely day – went in swimming. Had lunch in Miss Fettis' cottage.
Friday	June 26	Real warm. I got a Remington typewriter up on trial – nice machine. I went to dance in Holstein with Laddie, George, Jim, Dot Taylor & Florence.
Saturday	June 27	Felt a little tired. Made out some water bills. Read a book in aft. Went to Mt. Forest at night with Mother & Dad & Marjorie.
Sunday	June 28	Didn't get up till late. We went to Inverhuron on a picnic, had McCrea's cottage. We went with George, Laddie, Jim, Shirley & Florence – Earl took his car too. Went to Dromore after.

Inverhuron, 1936



Velma front left, Laddie back left



Laddie



Monday	June 29	Terribly cool. Worked quite a bit all day. Went to show in Mt. Forest – “Rose Marie” with Winnie, Aunt Eva, Mother & Dad – good.
Tuesday	June 30	Christie Levi’s wedding – across from the office. They were half an hour late & Ab had to take them up to church. They gave us a piece of wedding cake. Went to ball game in Neustadt with Schenks.
Wednesday	July 1	Slept till noon. Went to U.F.O. picnic with girls. Ruby & Cy came home. Went to dance at night with Laddie. Bob Gardiner asked me to go to Southampton but refused.
Thursday	July 2	Lovely day. Made out some bills. Had half holiday. Went in swimming. Played tennis at night. Came home with Laddie.
Friday	July 3	Made out water bills. Went to girls ball game with Cy & Ruby. Went for walk with Laddie. Came home & played “500”.
Saturday	July 4	Cooler to-day. Elgin was in to see me. Had a great game of tennis as there was no one else on the course. Sat. night so Laddie & I fooled around up town to eat – great.
Sunday	July 5	Elgin came up for me in morning, drove down to Mt. Forest. Uncle & Addie came up, brought eats galore. Went to church. Laddie, Florence, Elg & I went to Little’s & Ritchie’s - lots of fun.
Monday	July 6	Real hot. Did some more water bills. Got off at 5 – went to Owen Sound with Winnie, Ruby & Cy. Had lunch in park & went to show “Yonder Two Flags”.

Tuesday	July 7	Terribly hot & dry – no rain for ages. Busy getting things ready for meeting to-night. Had supper at Sally's. Bought Remington typewriter. Ab got raise - \$100.
Wednesday	July 8	Sweltering heat – almost unbearable. Hottest day on record in Toronto – 104.7. Did very little all day but tried to keep cool. Went in swimming at night. Laddie & I went for walk - open night – Winnie & I slept on veranda.
Thursday	July 9	No better. Over the 100 mark. I went to Owen Sound in aft. to get a permanent at Miss Dutton's(?). Got a new brown suit. Went down home with Mother & Dad for awhile.
Friday	July 10	Did nothing all day. Heat is terrific. Over 200 dead in Ontario from it. Had some ice cream in aft. Winnie washed & baked about 2. Went to street dance. Came home with Laddie. Ellen Marshall here for supper. Went in swimming at nite.
Saturday	July 11	Still as hot as ever. Ab went to 12 th in Hanover. I read a book nearly all day. Laddie & Geo. brought me up ice cream in aft. We went to Midway in Hanover then Laddie, Florence, Elg & I went in swimming at lake.
Sunday	July 12	Florence stayed all night. Went in swimming in morning. Went to Sunday School, ate out on lawn. 3 bricks ice cream. Went in swimming at night again & then Laddie, Florence, Elg & I went to Hayward Falls.
Monday	July 13	No let up yet. Everything is burnt up. Did some work in morning to try & forget about heat. Laddie & I went to walk out to Anna's, Planned about boat excursion on Thurs. night.
Tuesday	July 14	Cooler to-day – what a relief. Read Openheim's "Jeanne of the Ranches". Played tennis at nite with Laddie, Ruby & Cy. Slept upstairs for first since hot spell.
Wednesday	July 15	Lovely day. Winnie & Ruby went to Sauble. Cy & I kept house, played tennis with Laddie. Florence & Dot can't go on excursion. Anna stayed with me all night. Allan came up & 4 of us had ice cream.
Thursday	July 16	Lovely day but a little warm again. Put screen door on at office. Laddie & I played tennis in aft. Went on moonlight excursion at Owen Sound. Danced on boat – stayed at Anna's all nite.
Friday	July 17	Read most of the day. Cooler. Winnie & Ruby came home. Glad to see them as Cy & I were sort of hungry. Elgin was up & took us for a drive. Anna & I went to library. Came home with Laddie – Read.
Saturday	July 18	Worked in morning – got a lot of little jobs done. Played tennis at night. Elg, Florence, Laddie & I went to Rav at night – ate.
Sunday	July 19	Lovely day. Mother & Dad went to Anniversary at Knox. Went down to Marjorie's for dinner. Went to church. Winnie, Ruby & Cy were down for supper. All the kids came down at night, had a sing song.
Monday	July 20	Cool. Worked hard all day – typing, getting ready for new bookkeeping system. Winnie went bowling. Ruby & I stayed home for a change & listened to Lux Radio Theatre.
Tuesday	July 21	Cool. Worked some & also finished a book. Went to ball

		game at night & then Laddie, George, Elsie Hunter & I went to Southampton to dance. Ferdy Mowry's orchestra.
Wednesday	July 22	Rained hard. First rain for ages & everything was certainly dried up. Played tennis, came home & played cards with Winnie & Ruby. Big thunderstorm. Conn was up & will I ever have to work hard till end of month.
Thursday	July 23	Real busy – changing all account nos. & meter slips. Ritchie reunion in aft. at Holst. Cool & looked like rain all day. Went in swimming. Came home about 6:30, rained. Anna came up with me till 9.
Friday	July 24	Cool. Worked hard all day. Had supper at Sally's. Played tennis & then Ruby, Anna, Berniece & I went to show "Transatlantic Tunnel" in Hanover.
Saturday	July 25	Still real cool. Worked hard changing meter slips. Laddie, Elg, Florence & I went over to Hanover. Elg & Florence went to show & we put in time.
Sunday	July 26	Went to Sunday School & church – went for a drive – another lesson in driving. Went to church at night. Laddie, Elg, Florence & I went out to Anna's.
Monday	July 27	Worked hard all day. Time goes in fast when busy. Ruby, Winnie & I went to supper meeting of the Auxiliary at Myrtle McKechnie's.
Tuesday	July 28	Real cool. Busy all day. Played tennis at night. Laddie & I went for a walk after.
Wednesday	July 29	Cool. Finished meter slips. Played tennis and then Ruby, Winnie & I went up to Aunt Eva's. Played cards, had lunch.
Thursday	July 30	Busy all morning. Real cool but we went to church picnic at Brigham's Grove. Played at Anna's after – came home with Laddie.
Friday	July 31	Still cool. Ruby went to Toronto this morning. Conn was in. had Commission meeting at night.
Saturday	August 1	Terrible traffic on road to-day. I was real busy & the whizz of the car certainly drives you nuts. Elg, Laddie & I were around town at night.
Sunday	August 2	Civic holiday tomorrow. Went out to anniversary services at Dromore. Stayed at Patterson's all day, went in swimming in aft. Boys came out at night. Went for long drive.
Monday	August 3	Civic holiday. Went to Owen Sound in truck in morning with Elgin. Had sleep in aft. Fowlers were in. Went to play at Dromore, "Girl From Out Yonder". Came home with Laddie.
Tuesday	August 4	Conn came up in morning & we started a new bookkeeping system. Remington man was here too. Busy. Played tennis at night. Laddie & I went for walk.
Wednesday	August 5	Conn still here auditing books. Started typing bills. He took me down town and had malted milk in aft. Played tennis at night. Open night. Laddie & I fooled around.

Thursday	August 6	Conn left yesterday. Busy in morning. Went to Young People's picnic in Owen Sound. Leith in swimming. Campbell's truck. Laddie & I went to tattoo in Mt. Forest. Sat in car most of time.
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Young People's picnic at Leith, 1936



Anna Ritchie and Velma



Laddie



Laddie and Velma

Friday	August 7	Real busy. Water bills coming in – time flies. Played tennis at night. Came home & read & went to bed sort of early.
Saturday	August 8	Last discount day for water, so busy. Went up to tennis courts at night, local tournament. Elg, Laddie & I went out to Florence's.
Sunday	August 9	Read in morning. Went to Sunday School & to church at night. Went for a drive with car. Anna & Laddie met other kids & we all went down to our other place.
Monday	August 10	Real busy all day. Laddie, Cy, Ruby, Winnie & I went to Owen Sound to see House of David play ball – long beards & hair, smart players.
Tuesday	August 11	Busy all day. Mr. Colclough(?) was in & took electric adding machine away. Winnie & Ruby went on boat trip. Had dinner at Sally's. Laddie was down at night.
Wednesday	August 12	Warm. Worked hard. Florence came in about 4 in aft., stayed for supper. She drew pictures while I worked. Open night. Fooled around up town with kids.
Thursday	August 13	Busy in morning. Half holiday. Went with Elgin in truck to Markdale. Played tennis at night. Came home with Laddie, read after.
Friday	August 14	Looked like rain all day. Worked hard. Went to ball game with Anna. Started to rain. Went to Varney with Elgin. Florence & I drove up a new car.
Saturday	August 15	Just sprinkled last night. Everything is terribly dry. Finished bills. Laddie, Florence, Elg & I went to show in Hanover "Fury" with Spencer Tracey.
Sunday	August 16	No Sunday School or church. Went out to Aunt Charlotte's for dinner. Had picnic in aft. (all the Ritchies). Read a book "Man(?) this world dreams of!". Went to church at nite. Laddie & I went with Anna & Earl (great talk together).
Monday	August 17	Cooler. Busy. Balanced up recap sheets. Played tennis at night. Laddie, Anna, Bill Renwick & I went for walk.
Tuesday	August 18	Little warmer to-day. Ruby & Cy came home last night. Time goes fast when busy. Conn called me up from Chesley. Went up to tennis courts at night. Ate in Calder's. Came home with Laddie.
Wednesday	August 19	Looked like rain all day but kept off. Got my own supper. Went up to tennis courts. Open night. Anna, Berniece & I went around together.
Thursday	August 20	Mr. Flannery was up. Brought me home. Half holiday. Went to tennis tournament with Owen Sound. Had lunch at club house. Tennis club dance at Rav. Laddie & I went. Had swell time.
Friday	August 21	Rain at last – real busy to-day as to-morrow is last disc. day. Conn was in. Aunt Eva was here for supper. Went to show in Hanover "Private Number" – real good.
Saturday	August 22	Busy. Last discount day. Florence & Laddie stayed at our place all night. We left for Tobermory in morning.

Sunday	August 23	Left for Tobermory about six. Had dinner along way. Visited at Mercer's cottage. What roads & barren county, got terrible bumps. Had supper at Wiarton.
Monday	August 24	Terribly tired all day. My back was sore from the bumps. Anna & I played tennis at night. Went over to Inez's after.
Tuesday	August 25	Jim Palmer came over last night. I read a book in aft. Jim, Ruby & I played tennis. It was cool so we came home & played "500" – I had great luck.
Wednesday	August 26	Raining & cold nearly all day. Went up town for awhile & went for walk with Laddie. Then I went up to Aunt Eva's with Jim, Ruby & Winnie, played bridge.
Thursday	August 27	Warmer to-day. Half holiday. Winnie & Ruby went to picnic at Aberdeen. Jim, Laddie & I played tennis. I had 7 sets. Laddie stayed for supper. We played cards at night.
Friday	August 28	Cold and raining. Took off list of arrears. Read in aft. Rained most of day. We had a wiener roast out at Anna's. Played bridge & ate.
Saturday	August 29	Jim went home in morning. Laddie called & wanted to see me alone at night (I wasn't...). I went to show "San Francisco" in Han. Jeanette MacDonald & Clark Gable – thrilling.
Sunday	August 30	Varney anniversary. Church was packed in morning to hear Rev. Hill on "Why go to church", wonderful. Barbara, Anna, Freda, Winnie & Ruby stayed all day. Preached at night on "What Christianity means to me". Came home with Laddie.
Monday	August 31	Worked hard all day. Real cold. Went to anniversary supper at Varney & play.
Tuesday	September 1	Conn was up all day, balancing books. He said I picked up the new system fine. Played tennis at night & then went to Commission meeting.
Wednesday	September 2	Rained terribly hard. Got thing straightened around after meeting. Winnie, Mother, Janet Kerr, Marj & I went to Dundalk – picked out rust yarn for a suit.
Thursday	September 3	Lovely day. Half holiday. Played tennis in aft. Went out to Anna's for supper. Laddie came down at night.
Friday	September 4	Busy in morning. Read in aft. Got my own supper. Laddie, George & I went to dance in Holstein.
Saturday	September 5	Tired in morning. Got off at noon. Mother, Winnie & I went to Port Elgin in aft. Stayed at Ribey's. Went around the town at night.
Sunday	September 6	Went to church in morning. A lady stays there, Mrs. Kelly, who is 81 but very spry & witty. We had a great time with her. Aunt Jenny's sister is there also. Went for drive in aft. to beach, read, talked.
Monday	September 7	Had a good rest over week-end. We came home in aft. Ruby, Cy & Mrs. Fulton had been here. Stayed for supper. Laddie came down at night.
Tuesday	September 8	Worked hard all day. Pressed my clothes at night. Went over to Florence MacDonald's with some notices. Came home with Laddie.

Wednesday	September 9	Went to Georgian Bay Convention at Meaford in truck. Met a Miss Dale in Meaford office. Conn showed me around & introduced me to some people. Had luncheon at cabins. Caught one fish in aft. on boat trip, banquet at night. Sir Arthur Roebuck spoke – grand time.
Thursday	September 10	Mr. Bond, accountant, was in for a chat on his way to Toronto, also 4 travelers talking over Convention. Played tennis at night. Went for a walk with Laddie. Gave him my favour (2 cigarettes & a cigar).
Friday	September 11	Made out arrear notices in morning. Rained. Durham Fall Fair. Winnie & I went to fair – good exhibits. Laddie, Jim & Elgin were down at night, played cards. Started my sweater.
Saturday	September 12	Warmer. Mailed hydro notices. Knit for awhile at night. Went up town. Sat with Laddie & Barbara in car & talked.
Sunday	September 13	Went to Sunday School & church. George, Freda, Laddie, Earl & I went for a drive to Mt. Forest at night & then went out to Anna's & ate.
Monday	September 14	Real hot – a great change. Busy most of day. Started a book "Problems of Youth". Stayed home at night & knit.
Tuesday	September 15	Hot. Finished a book. Anna & I played tennis at night. Laddie came down after. Winnie finished Ruby's skirt – knit it in less than 2 weeks.
Wednesday	September 16	Rained most of day. Not very busy to-day. Read. Knit at night. Went to Library & came home with Laddie, fixed my clothes.
Thursday	September 17	Lovely day. Not very busy. Played tennis at night. Laddie & I went up to Smith's with Anna.
Friday	September 18	Nice day but cool. Played tennis all aft. Laddie, Florence, Elg & I went to hockey club dance at Rav.
Saturday	September 19	Cool but bright. Worked in morning not busy. Read in aft. Knit for awhile. Went up town. Anna had a dinner at night for Carrie Mitchell – is being married next Sat. Swell eats. Played bridge, Wilma (Socket) was there – lovely time.
Sunday	September 20	Went to Orchardville anniversary. Went to Anna's for dinner. Laddie & I went to church at night. Winnie went to Toronto.
Monday	September 21	Lovely day. Am reading "Scarlet Woman" by Joseph Hocking. Catholic Story. Good. Went to shower at Anna's that Auxiliary had for Carrie Mitchell.
Tuesday	September 22	Nice day again. Lot in to-day as last day for arrear notices. Laddie & I went to Library at night.
Wednesday	September 23	Nice day but sultry. Read most of day. Terrible thunderstorm at night. Stayed in & knit.
Thursday	September 24	Turned real cold. Half holiday. I baked a cake & knit in aft. Went over to Schenk's at night & played cards.
Friday	September 25	Busy most of day. Earl, Anna, Laddie & I went to play in Holstein "Sold For a Bargain" & to dance after, real good time. I fell down a hole during the day so had a sore leg.
Saturday	September 26	Busy. Knit for awhile at night & then went up town. Was with Laddie. Ate in restaurant. I came home with Kerr's.
Sunday	September 27	Terrible day. Raining all the time. Mr. Smith spoke at Varney. Laddie was down at night. He goes away

		tomorrow. Earl & Anna called so we went out there.
Monday	September 28	Laddie went away to-day, felt sort of lonesome. Worked hard all day. Knit at night & listened to radio.
Tuesday	September 29	Busy. We took out meters to be tested. I went to Rebecca birthday party – played euchre – had contests, lunch, entertained Owen Sound.
Wednesday	September 30	Real cold. Frost last night. Had letter from Laddie. Busy. Anna & I went to Young People's conference in Queen st. Rev. Mr. Parks of Elora spoke – good.
Thursday	October 1	Bright in morning but rained in aft. Half holiday. Anna came home in aft. & we knit. Rained at night so knit also.
Friday	October 2	Real busy. Very nice day but cold. Knit for awhile at night then went to library & to Aunt Eva's.
Saturday	October 3	Terribly busy. Made out reports to send to Toronto. Winnie & I walked to Varney & went to play in Ayton "Nothing but the truth", real good.
Sunday	October 4	Brought Winnie up in morning. Read. Went to church in aft. & for drive in aft. Went to church at night. Barbara, Berniece & I sat up town & talked after.
Monday	October 5	Nice day but I had a terrible cold along with other things. Stuck it out in morning. Came home in aft. Knit for awhile. Went to bed early & took hot lemonade.
Tuesday	October 6	Cold not much better, felt miserable. Real busy making out bills. Went to Hear Ellsworth Toll speak & show slides on his trip around the word hitch-hiking – wonderful.
Wednesday	October 7	Had a letter from Laddie, not coming home for Thanksgiving. Terrible headache & cold – got ready for meeting. Meter inspector came. Got my hair cut, went to bed early.
Thursday	October 8	Lovely day. Half holiday. Mother, Lorne, Winnie & I went to Owen Sound. I got new hat, shoes, etc. Mother stayed for supper. I got my hair waved, at night came home and knit.
Friday	October 9	Busy all day. Winnie went to choir practice. I finished all my sweater except neck. Winnie finished my skirt.
Saturday	October 10	Raining. Ruby & Cy came home. Finished suit. I didn't think Laddie was coming home but he landed along about 8. Florence & Elg came down to Winnie's also, some played cards.
Sunday	October 11	Terribly cold. Thanksgiving Sunday. We bought a new radio \$40. Went to church twice. Laddie, Barb & Mac were down at night.
Monday	October 12	Thanksgiving Day. First snow – terribly cold. Geo. & Laddie were down in morning. He went back in aft. Washed clothes & did odd jobs. Went to show "Little Lord Fauntleroy" in Mt. Forest with Uncle Camerons.
Tuesday	October 13	Cold. Started to work again. Busy. Knit at night. Anna came in & we went to library.
Wednesday	October 14	Busy all day. Miss MacPhail was here for supper, also Mrs. Dargavel. Had Commission meeting at night.
Thursday	October 15	Lovely day. Half holiday. Went over to Schenk's in aft., read. Community Party – I played at Calder's. Had lunch & dance after. Blaine McFarlane wanted to bring me home.
Friday	October 16	Winnie went to Missionary meeting in Hanover. I wrote to

		Laddie at noon. Real busy. Went to library at night.
Saturday	October 17	Terrible day – raining, did a lot of work. Went up town at night. Came home with Mother & Dad. Listened to radio. Elg came home also.
Sunday	October 18	- Got mixed up in this book so will start again.
Monday	October 19	I was elected sect. of the 2 Young Peoples – 1 st joint meeting.
Tuesday	October 20	Started a dress for Nadine to-night.
Wednesday	October 21	Real busy to-day. Knit at night & then went up to Aunt Eva's for awhile.
Thursday	October 22	Last discount day so real busy. Cold. Knit at night & wrote to Laddie.
Friday	October 23	Got money ready for the bank. Don Flannery called. Went to executive meeting in church.
Saturday	October 24	Busy. Real cold. We were just eating our supper when in walked Geo. & Marj & Mr. Stack. I went up town at night & then went home.
Sunday	October 25	Geo. & Marj were down for dinner. Read in aft. Went to church at night. Raining so went to bed early.
Monday	October 26	Snowing & terrible cold. Busy. Mother was up to help Winnie with a quilt – nearly finished it to-day. She stayed for supper, & listened to Lux Program.
Tuesday	October 27	Busy making out water bills. Cold. Went to Young People's at night. Mr. Smith said minutes were very well written & very well read. I came home with Bill Renwick.
Wednesday	October 28	A lot of travellers in to-day. They all stayed a long while & talked so I didn't get much done. Knit at night. Went up to Ethel's for awhile with Winnie, listened to radio.
Thursday	October 29	The last half holiday. Knit & started my first fancy work – a card table cover. Went over to Schenk's for awhile in aft. It rained at night. Wrote to Laddie.
Friday	October 30	Real busy – finished water bills. Elgin was in. Anna & I went up to hospital to see Wallace Adam who was hurt in an accident.
Saturday	October 31	Real busy. Halloween. Winnie & I bought candy but no one called on us. Went to show in Hanover with Elg & Florence to see Robt. Taylor & Barbara Stanwyck in "His Brother's Wife".
Sunday	November 1	Sunday is a great day – lots to talk about. Went to church in aft. & at night. Mr. Smith spoke on "Why it pays to be honest". Rained so came home & read.
Monday	November 2	Terribly busy – getting ready for meeting. Had long letter from Laddie – he thinks I'm not writing often enough. Started my purse at night & wrote to Laddie.
Tuesday	November 3	Busy – the Red Cross are putting on a play "It's a Knockout". I am a chorus girl in it – about 100 in it. Got off at 5 to go to practice. Had com. meeting. Had letter from Addie.

Wednesday	November 4	Busy making out reports to send to Toronto. Went to practice. We are "Sweethearts" in the play & have to dance.
Thursday	November 5	Busy. Water bills are coming in. Ab went home about 5. Had headache & chills. Went to practice & stayed out with girls for awhile & then did fancy work.
Friday	November 6	Ab had pneumonia – is in hospital. Real busy. Bill McTavish is helping us. Baufont(?) is sick too. Went to practice & then to dance in Hall. Community Club put on swell time – old time dance.
Saturday	November 7	Last discount day – real busy. I got my fur coat yesterday. Winnie went over to George's. Bill Renwick, Florence, Elgin & I went to show "Piccadilly Jim" in Hanover & came down to house to eat after.
Sunday	November 8	Real tired to-day. Slept in late. As Winnie was away I didn't come up at night. We took Elgin to Mt. Forest – listened to radio.
Monday	November 9	Ab is still in hospital. Busy all day. Had letter from Laddie. Went to practice at night. Came home & listened to Lux program, did fancy work.
Tuesday	November 10	Busy. Went to practice at night, then Berniece, Anna, Freda & I played bridge. Wrote to Laddie.
Wednesday	November 11	Armistice Day – we had a holiday. Fixed up my clothes, washed my hair & had it finger-waved. Anna & I went to service at monument. Played bridge at Berniece's after.
Thursday	November 12	Busy. Ab came home from hospital to-day. Went to practice at night. Came home & did fancy work. Tony Rahn turned our car over last night, a great looking wreck – take \$70 to fix it.
Friday	November 13	Lovely day. Warm. Ab came up to office for a little while – terribly thin. Went to practice & then Anna & I went to dance in Holstein with Mac & Barb.
Saturday	November 14	Raining & dull all day. Winnie went to Toronto in aft. I got my clothes ready to go up to Aunt Eva's next week. Barb drove me home.
Sunday	November 15	Mother & Dad went to Hamilton this morning. Elg & I went to church. Barb, Marg, Carl & Anna were here for supper & the evening.
Monday	November 16	Came up in morning. Busy. Went to practice & then to Young People's after. We are going to get our costumes tomorrow.
Tuesday	November 17	Mr. Conn came in to-day. We got our costumes – black & white striped pinneys, white skirts & bonnets. Had first rehearsal. Play is great. Rennie, Tom Webb, Norman Gagnon, Cassidy & Jean Rowe in it.
Wednesday	November 18	Busy all day. Quite a few travellers. Had a dress rehearsal at Hall. Didn't go over as well as night before but never does. Laddie sent me a box of Hunt's chocolates.
Thursday	November 19	Working on waterworks books. Got off in aft. for matinee & then had first performance at night. It went over big. What a rush! Had to get make up on.

Friday	November 20	Hard to settle down to work. Final performance & went over bigger than ever. Laddie came home, wasn't expecting him. Also Winnie, Ruby & Ann Constable had dance after – great time.
Saturday	November 21	A little tired. Raining. Came home about 5. Played bridge with Anna, Ruby & Winnie. Then they went up to Aunt Eva's & Laddie came down. Had a very enjoyable evening until Walter called for me about 9:30.
Sunday	November 22	Felt tired all day, stayed in & read. Laddie went back with Ruby. Went to church at night. Mr. Smith spoke on "How to get a thrill out of life" – wore my fur coat for 1 st .
Monday	November 23	Cold. Busy all day. Last disc. day for power. Mother & Dad went to Winter Fair with uncle Camerons. I stayed with Jean & Vera all night.
Tuesday	November 24	Snowing & cold. Office seemed cold. Made out financial statements. Got my hair cut, had letter from Laddie to-day & answered it. Read.
Wednesday	November 25	Real slippy, cars were getting stuck on hill, some travellers were in. Winnie, Mrs. Schenk, Mabel & I went up to Hay's at night. Played cards & had lunch – got cup read.
Thursday	November 26	Busy typing names on bills & making out financial statements. Conn was in. Went to fowl supper in church, good eats. Came home & knit.
Friday	November 27	Busy all day. Lots of snow now. Winnie & I went over to Sally's at night, played bridge & had lunch. Vic is selling Chev's now.
Saturday	November 28	Ab went to Toronto. Typed out financial statements – had letter from Laddie. Came home & went down to Mt. Forest for Elgin. We got our car back but it has a few knocks in it.
Sunday	November 29	It was real stormy yesterday & the snow is real deep. Went to church in aft. and at night. Came home, listened to radio & read.
Monday	November 30	Real busy making out financial statements. Went to Young People's at night – a long program. Mr. Winters spoke, real cold – about 12 below. Laddie wrote.
Tuesday	December 1	What a day! I was rushed to death & felt tired but had to come back to meeting at night. Winnie had I.O.D.E. meeting here.
Wednesday	December 2	Real busy – (3.07) out in receipts so trying to find it. Not feeling very well as seem to be getting a cold. Went to a bridge at Anna's, had lovely time. Elsie Goodchild got prize. Laddie wrote.
Thursday	December 3	Had a terrible cold but stuck it out all day. Joe Tethie(?) was in. I went over to Schenks' for supper, had company from Ayton. A great time in Eng. as to whether King will marry Mrs. Simpson or not.
Friday	December 4	Started to make out bills again. King has to either decide against Mrs. Simpson or give up the throne. Baldwin objects. She has been twice divorced. Flashes coming over the radio all the time. Stayed home & knit & listened to radio.

Saturday	December 5	Busy most of day. Had letter from Laddie. Went to dance in Hall put on by Community Club. What a time! From 8 to 12, had home waltz with Bill Renwick. Barb drove me home.
Sunday	December 6	Talked over Christmas presents. Wrote a letter. Went to church in aft. & at night. Came home & listened to radio.
Monday	December 7	Made out bills all day. Real cold. Winnie & I knit at night & listened to Lux program. King still hasn't given his decision.
Tuesday	December 8	Made out bills. Ab had an X-ray taken in aft. Got my hair done at night as I am going to get my picture taken to-morrow.
Wednesday	December 9	Milder. Went to Mt. Forest in morning & got my picture taken 4 positions, wore a blouse. Worked in aft. Wrote to Laddie at night, knit & went up to drug store.
Thursday	December 10	I got proofs back. Busy making out bills. Listened to radio at night & did fancy work. Ethel & Anna were in. King abdicated for love of Mrs. Simpson – twice divorced. His brother to be King.
Friday	December 11	Finished bills. We finished Pegg's sweater to-day & I took it over at night. I ran over to Mrs. Hay's to hear King's farewell speech – real sad.
Saturday	December 12	Grand day. George the VI crowned King. Santa Claus day in Durham. Saw the parade in aft. Florence stayed with me in aft. & for supper. Mother was here too. We did some Christ. Shopping & then went to show in Han., saw "The Devil Is a Sissy".
Sunday	December 13	Uncle Will has been in hospital. Mother & Dad went up to see him. Elg, Lorne & I went to church in aft. I went at night again with Anna. Went to Mt. Forest with Anna & Earl. They drove. Elgin down.
Monday	December 14	Busy getting ready for meeting. We had meeting at 7 & then I went to Young People's – a social. Had lots of fun. Uncle Will went to Toronto to-day & has to have an operation.
Tuesday	December 15	Grand day – thawing. Made out power bills. Knit on sweater for Nadine. Stayed up till Winnie came home from Auxiliary.
Wednesday	December 16	Got a great surprise this morning when Conn walked in, stayed all day auditing books – lots of fun with him. Went to practice at Renwick's for X-mas concert.
Thursday	December 17	Conn was here all day. Ab got him a Christmas tree to take back with him to-morrow. I finished my fancy work & listened to radio.
Friday	December 18	Uncle Will was operated on to-day. Got along better than they expected. Anna stayed down. Conn called in for tree. I went to Commencement at night – play was real good.
Saturday	December 19	Finished my Christmas shopping to-day. People are coming in with bills. Laddie came home to-day & we went to show in Mt. Forest, saw "Nevada" and "Whipsaw". Florence stayed all night.
Sunday	December 20	Wrapped up parcels and addressed cards. Went to church in aft. & at night. Laddie came down after church.

Monday	December 21	Terribly snowy. Real busy, People coming in to pay bills. I had to go to play practice to-night. Did some shopping. Came home with Laddie.
Tuesday	December 22	Last discount day, real busy. Had to go to practice again for Sunday School concert. Laddie came down for awhile.
Wednesday	December 23	Mild. Ruby came home at noon to-day. Busy getting money ready for bank. Ruby, Winnie & I went to Sunday School concert in church.
Thursday	December 24	Real mild. Mr. Innes gave me a box of handkerchiefs & Ab chocolates. Made out a report for Ralph. Elgin came up for me. Saw Laddie & he gave me his present.
Friday	December 25	Christmas day – rained all day, had it down here – great time. I got a watch from Laddie. Had a big feed – ate fowl, unloaded tree & then had plum pudding. Played cards. Went down to dance in Varney about 12.
Saturday	December 26	I got a holiday – boxing day. Rained all day – didn't get up till late. We went up to Winne's in aft. I got my hair washed. Florence, Elg, Laddie & I went to show in Hanover, "Kamovey" (?).
Sunday	December 27	Still raining. Funny weather. Went to church in aft. We all went up to Winnie's for supper. Elg & I went up town & saw Laddie & then came home & listened to radio.
Monday	December 28	Lovely day – so mild. Laddie & I went out to a goose dinner at Anna's. Played bridge & then went to Christmas dance. Good time. It was nomination night also. Ralph & Bob Campbell nominated for Commissioner.
Tuesday	December 29	Ralph is going to run against Bob Campbell & Sammy Lowe against the old council. Winnie, Ruby & Cy went skating. Laddie was down. We played bridge after.
Wednesday	December 30	Making reports out for hydro. Rained heavy all day – the funniest weather. Uncle Camerons were down for supper, we played cards at night.
Thursday	December 31	Still real mild. Felt tired doing waterworks books. Ruby & Cy went to dance in Mt. Forest. Laddie was down. We went up town for awhile & then came in & listened to radio.

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