

Ernest Buck (1906–1976)

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IDENTIFICATION {Printed form with responses handwritten}

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In case of accident or illness please notify

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Number on case of my Watch

" movement "

Automobile License No.

Engine No. H.P.

Size of Tires

Number of my Bank Pass-book

My accident insurance falls due on }

My life insurance policies fall due on {

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{There is a twelve-month calendar for the year 1927. Above and below the calendar there are three swastikas in a row.}

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January Saturday 1 1927

Started off my second New Year with Jean but this time my head was resting peacefully in Jean's lap while we were, at least I was thinking of the things that were before us in the year 1927, instead of dancing. After a dainty lunch I had a few nice dances with Jean and then homeward after helping Jack up the hill. Home and in bed at 3 A.M. After such a fine start 1927 ought to be a great year for Jean and I.

Sunday 2

Went in to see Dr Munro in morning with a sore foot and found that I had falling arches. Later than usual getting home as it was 11 o'clock when I left the doctor's office. Roscoe and I had our first cutter ride of the season when he went up home and I went after Jean and

took her up too. Had a nice drive together and a pleasant evening with Mother and Dad even if we were later getting home. Jean and I to read diaries for a while.

Monday 3

My feet were pretty sore so I hired Lloyd Ross to stay out of school and help me peddle the milk. Bought new pair of shoes and got a pair of arch supports at Geo Inkeaters. Maybe my feet didn't ache at night after wearing them in the afternoon. Read part of Jean's diary and retired at nine o'clock.

January Tuesday 4 1927

Alex took the milk in my place and got home at two-o'clock. Drove the boys to school, in the cutter when I had "Dollie" hooked in it for the first time. Got her shod while I was shopping and getting information about "marriage licenses". Called around by Taylor's for lumber on way home. Worked in dairy in afternoon and my thoughts all day were about where I would be two months from today.

Wednesday 5

Roscoe took the boys to school with the team when he went after a load of coal so I helped Andy with the chores. Drew out two loads of manure when we got the coal off. Busy afternoon in dairy. Called Jean at night about ten but she was upstairs. Finished reading Jean's diary. It is certainly a wonderful book.

Thursday 6

A cold frosty windy day. Did some shopping when I drove the boys to school. Got a shave and hair cut and had a chat with Jean at noon. Took Jean with me when Roscoe and I drove to Clara Fischer's party. Didn't dance on account of my feet but had a nice chat with Jean while we listened to the music. Lovely drive home and oh how we hated to part.

January Friday 7 1927

Up in pretty good time even if it was 3.30 when I rolled on to the hay. Took the boys to school and after fixing up horses helped Roscoe draw out manure. Mr. Francis, R.O.P. cow tester came the night before and will be here till Sat morning. All day long a song "When the One that You Love, Loves You" kept rushing to my mind.

Saturday 8

Didn't have to take the boys to school so did up the chores across the road after breakfast, hooked up the "Greys" and we took out two loads of manure before our mid-day meal. Wash-day in the dairy made it a busy one for me. A dandy clear bright winter day made it one day closer to March the third.

Sunday 9

A dandy bright frosty day. Did chores all morning and got fire on and things in good shape in the dairy. Roscoe helped me wash up right after dinner and then we drove up Keg Lane. I helped Jean milk and then took her up home for tea Had a very nice time and left for home early. Stopped at Barker's for a while and had a pleasant chat with Jean while we were sitting in the big chair together.

January Monday 10 1927

A nice bright day for me to start back on the milk {written above line: route} after not having peddled for six days. Got along pretty good even if Charlie Birley who was supposed to help me didn't show up till I was nearly through. Finished up at 12.15. My feet were pretty tired at night after being on them all day so retired a few minutes after 8.

Tuesday 11

Charlie helped me peddle the milk and we had a great time and were home by 12.20. He washed the bottles in the afternoon and Alex and I drove to town then went to Brantford with Dad where did some business then went to a sale just outside the city. I went after a horse but didn't buy any as they didn't fill the bill. Paris defeated Hamilton 4-3 in an O.H.A. hockey game.

Wednesday 12

Another dandy day and a little milder. Made good time all by myself and was home from town at 12.30 or sooner. Had a shave and called Jean up at noon. Charlie and Roscoe went up as far as Dean's with me at night. Had a nice time with Jean when we looked at some letters of hers before she burnt them, and we had the kitchen to ourselves. She showed me part of her trousseau and her new quilt.

January Thursday 13 1927

The number "thirteen" is said to be an unlucky number but the 13th of January 1927 proved to be a lucky day for me when I had a "never to be forgotten" drive with Jean in the cutter behind Dolly on a mild night to a U.F.Y.P.O. {United Farmers Young Peoples' Organization} directors meeting at Les. Kellys and home again. The only unlucky part was that I had a chilly drive home all alone but the 3rd of March will soon be here and then Oh Boy! I'll be home before three in the morning.

Friday 14

I'll bet there were two "Somebodys" who were lonely after their drive early in the morning Won't we be glad when there are no sad partings and we will be together always. Retired at 8.15 at night as I got my feet wet and my legs were tired out from wading through the heavy snowfall during the night.

Saturday 15

A very frosty but bright day and I almost froze on the milk route. Charlie and Roscoe went skating at night but I wrote a letter to Harry instead and went to dream land in good time. Wiped the dishes after supper for Grace so I wouldn't get out of practice.

January Sunday 16 1927

Another cold but a busy day for me. Just think only four more Sundays to peddle milk. Had a very nice time with Jean on Sunday evening even if I did have a sore throat and stayed so late that it was two o'clock when I rolled into bed.

Monday 17

A milder day. Didn't feel very good in the morning, ate part of my breakfast and shortly afterwards vomitted it up. Took the milk to town but didn't make very fast time on an empty stomach. Laid down for a while in afternoon, then Charlie helped me with the work in the dairy. Was nearly all in when I rolled into bed after supper.

Tuesday 18

A 7 pound baby girl arrived at Bendemere early in the morning and she has dark hair. Maybe the boys weren't tickled and did want to go to school. Dr. Jeffery gave me some pills to take and I laid around the house all day feeling pretty tough. Somebody was lonely so I played that piece on the phonograph.

January Wednesday 19 1927

A very mild wet day and I can be thankful I didn't have to peddle the milk as I wasn't able. Had a chat over the phone with Jean and told her I couldn't come at night. Washed bottles and worked in the dairy all afternoon. Felt pretty tired at night so I retired at eight o'clock.

Thursday 20

Made good time on the milk route even if my legs were weak. Saw Eleanor and see {she} informed me that Jean had gone to bed the night before at 8 P.M. also. I wonder if she were lonely because I couldn't come and thought that sleeping would be a good way to pass the time away.

Friday 21

Paris defeated Port Colborne in an O.H.A. game after two overtime periods by the score of 3-2. A number of the U.F.Y.P.O boys went to the game so our annual supper was rather broken up until they appeared even if we had a good feed. Officiated as president for last time and Carl was elected as my successor. Jean wasn't there so I was glad when the meeting adjourned.

January Saturday 22 1927

The weather turned colder early in the morning and maybe it wasn't slippery. Maybe my feet didn't ache after being on them the night before and up late. Had a nap after supper then woke up and had a bath and retired again at eleven bells.

Sunday 23

Roscoe and I drove up home after we had things fixed up in the dairy. Helped Jean milk and had supper with her. Had a pleasant drive up home afterwards and a nice chat with the folks. Stopped in at Barker's on the way home and had a lunch so didn't get home very early. Only three more Sundays to peddle milk.

Monday 24

Felt great even if I didn't get much sleep the night before. Alex, Roscoe, and I drove "Dollie" to town at night to see U.F.O. League hockey games. Great sport watching them whack at each other. Dumfries defeated Kitchener 4-0 and {Mayloss?} beat Glenmorris 3-2.

January Tuesday 25 1927

Another busy day as usual in the dairy. Read a couple of chapters in a book and rolled into bed at ten o'clock so as to get slept up for the next night.

Wednesday 26

A terrible frosty morning with the mercury registering 12 below zero. Was home in less than four and a half hours from the time I left so I had to run to keep warm. Froze both my cheeks coming home but I put a scarf over my face and drove up to see Jean just the same arriving there at 9.15. The kiss I received when I left more than repaid me for my cold drive let alone the pie and the nice time I had.

Thursday 27

Another cold day with the thermometer registering about the same but moderating considerable before night. It just began to dawn on me that it is only five weeks until my wedding day and I kept wondering from time to time what I would be doing in five weeks time at the same moment.

January Friday 28 1927

Roscoe and I attended the Telfer girls party at night and I had a dandy time. Had a few nice dances with Jean, my first since the early hours of the first morning of 1927 and we had a nice chat and lunch together on the kitchen sofa even if they did throw paper at us Home at 3 A.M.

Saturday 29

Felt fine considering the fact that I only had three hours sleep. Lloyd Ross came out in afternoon and helped me wash bottles so I was through work in good time at night. Retired at eight o'clock right after supper for a real nights sleep.

Sunday 30

My third last Sunday as an M.P. was rather a quiet one for me, until night when I drove into town; spent a few minutes at Eleanors, then Jean and I faced a cold strong north-west wind up home where I made a short call and then down the sideroad to Calamity Farm for lunch. It sure was an interesting and happy drive and evening for me. Home at 1.30 after a fast buggy ride.

January Monday 31 1927

The weather was considerable colder and maybe it wasn't slippery. Sleigh broke down by Grandma Sinclairs and I waited for over an hour before Alex came in with the truck and we peddled the rest of the milk. Left the team at "Hicks" to get shod, bought Skelly's sleighs and had them attached to the box. The end of a happy month and only a few more days to peddle milk.

February Tuesday 1

Had a busy day collecting accounts on the milk route and used the new sleighs for the first time. A dandy mild day and the snow and ice melted fast.

Wednesday 2

A dandy bright day and the bear saw his shadow. Six weeks now of cold weather but what do I care with only a few more weeks at Bendemere. Used Dolly on the milk wagon. Had a dandy time at Jean's at night. Saw the wedding cake and a piece of the cloth Jean's wedding dress is to be made of. Oh! Boy how I hated to come home.

February Thursday 3 1927

Had another ride behind "Dollie" in the milk wagon when we peddled some more "Golden Guernsey" in the town of Paris. Saw Jean and cousin Eva for a few minutes when I was in the Bank of Commerce.

Friday 4

Roscoe and I drove his coupe to a U.F.Y.P.O. club meeting in Maus School. Mostly a business meeting. Took part in an impromptu debate, "Resolved that the automobile is a curse instead of a benefit to humanity." I was in the affirmative and we won.

Saturday 5

Drove coupe to town right after dinner, met Dad, Mother and Jean and we went to Brantford. Dad gave Wiles & Quinlan a cheque for \$64.xx/100 for part of my wedding costume. Jean bought a new coat too and we had a busy day looking at dresses gifts, and buying a wedding ring. My first days shopping with Jean was a wonderful one. An ice storm at night.

February Sunday 6 1927

Very icy in the morning so took the team and sleigh and made great time. Busy afternoon with my books and in the dairy. Left here at 5.45 to go up to Jean's for tea. After we washed the dishes we drove up home for a while. Home in good time after a pleasant evening with Jean.

Monday 7

Ernie Cochrane went with me on the milk route when we drove the team. He received his initiation when he fell three times as it was very slippery. It sure was a busy day for me explaining things to the new milk man. Got a lot of teasing from some of the customers when I introduced my successor.

Tuesday 8

Ernie and I took the team again and made better time peddling milk. At night Roscoe, Ernie & I rode to town in the coupe and attended an interesting "Father & Son" Banquet in the Community Hall. Called at Dr. Munro's on way home and got my wart doctored.

February Wednesday 9 1927

Roscoe and Ernie attended a U.F.Y.P.O. executive meeting at Maus School but I drove up and spent the evening with Jean. They had been to Brantford so she showed me some additions to her trousseau which included a hat that made her look more becoming than ever.

Thursday 10

Just 15 months this morning since I started working at "Bendemere" and I celebrated it by a holiday from peddling milk as I completed my term as an "M.P." the day before. Put in the day helping Alex doctor ring worm on the cattle in the morning and helping Ernie in the dairy in the afternoon.

Friday 11

Went to Burford in the afternoon for the first time with Alex after a load of pea ensilage which weighed 25.70 lbs. Attended party at Geo Telfers at night and as Jean was there to dance and as my feet were much better we sure had some nice dances together even if we were tired later. Home and in bed at 3.15 A.M.

February Saturday 12 1927

Felt pretty good with only a little sleep. Alex and I went after another load of ensilage and brought home 2725 lbs this time. Had to stop twice coming home to adjust truck and then coming up the subway hill a porcelain in the no 1 spark plug blew up caused by a short circuit in the magnets. Drove into town with Rock at night and received final treatment on my wart at Dr. Munro's office.

Sunday 13

We, Bendemere boys, all slept in until 6.35 A.M. Helped Ernie on the milk route and were through delivering just 3 hours and a half from the time we landed in town. Spent a busy afternoon in the dairy. Spent a very pleasant Sunday evening with Jean which more than made up for the pleasant drive???? I had going home. My last Sun. night drive back to Bendemere and by all means the worst as I looked like a snowman and was good and wet when I landed home at one o'clock.

Monday 14

Helped Roscoe draw out manure in the morning and in the afternoon Alex and I cut logs down at the Vanatter farm and Roscoe drew a load of them to town. Rather tired at night so retired early.

February Tuesday 15 1927

Alex and I cut logs all day between chores and Roscoe drew two loads to the sawmill in Paris. Had my last cutter ride behind Dollie when I drove up to help Jean fix up the wedding invitations. Posted them on my way home in the moonlight and was home in good time after a dandy evening.

Wednesday 16

A nasty wet morning so Alex and I took the boys to school in his car and then peddled the Upper Town and Flats as far as the Walker Press for Ernie. It faired up in the afternoon so we cut logs and Roscoe made another trip to town.

Thursday 17

Spent a few hours in both the morning and afternoon sawing pine logs in the bush next to Paynes even if it was kind of sloppy under foot.

February Friday 18 1927

Alex went to St. Catharines with Mr. Telfer. I helped Roscoe load some logs after breakfast and then drove his coupe to Edgars Churchills and got his front spring repaired. Helped load another load of logs after dinner and then helped Mac & Ernie in the afternoon.

Saturday 19

Put in my last day at "Bendemere" by choring around in the morning. In the afternoon Roscoe, Ernie, & I drove into Knowles studio to have our pictures taken along with the rest of Mrs. Laughlins Sunday school class. Rode out home with Terryberrys. It seemed funny for me to have nothing to do so helped with the chores and milked two cows.

Sunday 20

My first real Sunday for ages. Didn't get up until 8.20 after more than sleeping the clock around. Nasty east storm so none of us went to church. Helped with the chores then as it was Verna's 9th birthday we had ice-cream for dinner then I walked down and spent a wonderful afternoon and evening with Jean and came home with Jacks at twelve.

February Monday 21 1927

An ideal winter day even if it was quite snappy. Slept in until eight o'clock then peeled potatoes and helped Mother wash, and assisted Dad with the chores in the morning. Dad and I took a load of articles to blacks-mith shop at Canning and walked over to see Uncle Ern's horses. Tuckers were here for supper but I retired at nine o'clock.

Tuesday 22

Dad and I did the chores in the morning then we motored to Paris after we got Jean. Jean and I got our Marriage License at the town clerk's office. Had dinner at the Dominion Cafe in Brantford and it was a real one. Dad & I went out to see Franklins horses in afternoon. Ordered my flowers and did other shopping afterwards. Had supper with Jean and then walked home after a wonderful day.

Wednesday 23

Dad & I drove to town in the morning and then out to "Bendemere" after my buggy. Had dinner when we got home, did the chores, and then went to see horses at Elmer Barsons, and Camerons. Bought my first horse from A. Cameron for \$140. She is an iron grey mare and is rising five years old and her name is "Fly". A real experience for me leading her home.

February Thursday 24 1927

Spent the day cutting wood with Mr Barker and Dan at "Hazel Grove" Cleaned "Gyp" off for the first time and lead her home with me at night. Mrs Barker told me about the shower for Jean on Saturday. I hope next Thursday is as nice as it was to-day until five o'clock.

Friday 25

Mother went to town with me when I hooked "Gyp" up for the first time and got her shod at "Hicks." Spent the morning in the Dentists chair. Had dinner at Barkers and then Jack Dan, Mr Barker and I went to Brantford in the Dodge to see the Better Seed Train. Helped Jean

separate when we came home, had supper, helped moved the piano and then drove to J R. I. {boaters ??} to practice the play and back again through a nasty snow storm.

Saturday 26

Jean and I drove to Paris in morning. Completed my appointments with the dentist, got a haircut, and purchased gifts for the singer, pianist, and the best couple. Ladies of the district gave Jean a surprise shower of wonderful gifts and I had to open them. Tea and a pleasant time after. Helped draw two cars out of snowbanks after and then drove home after the chores were done.

February Sunday 27 1927

My last single Sunday. Attended Sunday school at the Mission with the boys then drove down and helped Jean milk then brought her up home for tea. Roscoe and Aileen were here too. If all my double Sundays are as happy as my single ones have been in the past I will surely be a happy man. Fast ride home behind Gyp in the cutter.

Monday 28

Started to shovel out sideroad in morning then Dad drove down and we got Mr. Barker then drove over to Hyndmans to see some cattle. Went to town in the afternoon, did some shopping, and then out to "Bendemere" to help Ernie fix up his books. Home and in bed about 11.30.

March Tuesday 1

Spent the first day of March down at Barkers. Broke road through side road in the morning. After dinner Mr. Barker, Dan, and I brought the cow and 2 stockers Mr Barker bought for Jean and I home to Hazel Grove. Came home early at night and went right to bed.

March Wednesday 2 1927

Spent the last day of my boyhood at home helping Carl haul out manure. Upset a big load at the end of the lane. Jock Lushman came up in the afternoon and we had an unique experience with Pifhers dogs. Had my last car ride when I spent my last evening and danced with and kissed Miss Barker good-bye for the last time. Even so it was the happiest evening I ever {written above line} spent with Jean.

Thursday 3

A wonderful day for our wedding and lots of sunshine made it the greatest day of my life. I'll always have a picture in my mind of how sweet and charming Jean looked when she left her father's arm and pulled upon my left side before the ceremony commenced. I sure was a lucky boy.

Friday 4

My honeymoon or rather ours was too short and sweet and too wonderfully happy to write about so I'll omit it.

March Saturday 5 1927

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Monday 7

Dad met us in Paris at the station after our train was 37 minutes late and we had a dark and muddy drive home. Jean and I spent our first whole night together at my home and had a real sleep as there wasn't any noise to bother us.

March Tuesday 8 1927

Arrived back and took up my new abode at Hazel Grove just before dinner time. After we had our pictures taken I changed my clothes and went out to help load up a load of turnips. Left my horse at Lushmans when Jean and I went to Galt and helped present the play "Robert and Mary" at Wesley United church.

Wednesday 9

Helped milk in the morning for the first time on Calamity Farm. Dan took the last load of turnips and the price was thirty cents per bushel. Drove Jean and Lou up home for a while in the afternoon to see Mother about the reception.

Thursday 10

Jean and I shipped the cream in the morning and did some shopping while we were in town and were home by noon. Opened a joint account at the Bank of Toronto and deposited \$125.00

March Friday 11 1927

Another wonderful day. Dan and I trimmed up brush along Mrs Pifhers fence in the morning. Drove Cousin Eva and Lou up home after dinner, then had my first experience dressing and cleaning oats for the show when I got back. Mother and Dad gave Jean and I a reception at night. There were 108 present, Melb's orchestra played lovely and maybe I didn't have some of the most wonderful dances with Jean.

Saturday 12

The morning after the night before and a real night at that. My stomach felt kind of funny but Dan and I sawed and split bush blocks just the same after we did the morning chores. Helped look over oats after dinner then about four Dan and I drove to town and shipped them, did some shopping for Mrs Barker and I got some things for my wife for the first time.

Sunday 13

A rainy Sunday when my wife and I attended church for the first time as married folks. We were in church just 29 minutes from the time we left home in spite of the bad roads. Up home for dinner. We received \$3 as a wedding present. 1.5 from both Carl and Roscoe and \$1 from the girls. God bless them all. My first Sunday evening that I remained at Hazel Grove and a happy one.

March Monday 14 1927

Dan and I spent the morning and afternoon down on the flats sawing and splitting up the big elm tree. Finished sawing about four o'clock but not until we had got quite wet as it came on to rain.

Tuesday 15

Hauled Charlie Meggs car out of side road in morning then drew up part of the bass wood tree. Jean and I drove Cousin Eva to town, increased our bank account, and did some shopping in the afternoon. Feed of wedding cake coming home. Harold Fisher backed out of Ford Garage at 12 P.M. going at rate of 45 miles per hour and right over into the river. "Mistaken" alias "Miss Herbie" arrived at Hazel Grove.

Wednesday 16

Finished bringing up the basswood tree after we did the chores in the morning. Trimmed up brush along Pifher's fence after dinner. At night Jean and I drove up home for a couple of setting hens and when we got back Mr. Webster and Bernice were here.

March Thursday 17 1927

Up at six and did the chores so that Dan and I were over to Pifhers ready to saw wood shortly after eight. Couldn't get the engine started until 9.30 so didn't finish until three. Sawed here for 2 1/2 hours {her?} but didn't get through. Jean and I had our first two meals apart since were married.

Friday 18

A wet morning. Jean went with me to post some letters and hold "Gyp" when we took the cream and a crate of eggs to the station. Finished sawing the wood at 11.15 hen {then – page cut off} had dinner and drove to Gibson's sale at Drumbo. Mr Barker bought another cow

for us nd {and – page cut off} two steers. Dad also got two steers. They are to {be? page cut off} shipped in Mr. Meggs carload to morrow.

Saturday 19

A dandy spring day. Dan and I split wood on the wood pile between the chore imes {times – page cut off}. Did the chores up early and were ll {all – page cut off} through by six o'clock. Wrote a letter fter {after – page cut off} supper to send to Pauline along with Jeans {Pat? page cut off} and slept and listed {listened? appears writer attempted to correct} to phonograph while I as {was? page cut off} waiting for the cattle to come in.

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Thursday 21

Plowed in the morning then had some hard work and some queer fun when we fixed the pump in afternoon. It rained so we couldn't finish our job until after chores were done. All of

us went to a shower for Jack and Lou at Cunninghams and had a nice time and a feed of ice cream. Home at three.

April Friday 22 1927

Took away three cattle we had sold to Mr. Meggs in morning and had an interesting race when one red one headed homeward. Red pair weighted 2070 and {brown?} one 1210. Received our first share of the cattle money. Plowed 28 rounds in 4 1/2 hr in afternoon. Five piece orchestra played at shower friends and neighbours gave Lou at night and maybe I didn't enjoy some swell dances with Jean.

Saturday 23

Didn't get up very early, did the chores up and then got dressed and Dan and I made a fast trip to town for some eggs and the ice cream. Lou and Jack were married about 12.10 and the sun was shining. Had a queer feed afterwards and then saw the happy couple off even if we did have to go to Brantford in the Dodge and we took Eleanor with us.

Sunday 24

A nice cool Sunday morning. Jean and I drove our horse and buggy to church and I went to sleep and Mrs Parsons was laughing at me. Up home for dinner and I did the carving. Pleasant afternoon and Rock came up for a few minutes. Websters were here when we got back about five but didn't stay long.

April Monday 25 1927

A fine day including clouds and sunshine and a light shower of snow and rain at noon turning milder towards night. Dan and I plowed all day and finished the big field south of the barn. I finished four lands so no wonder my arms and legs ached at night. Helped Jean wring out my combinations at noon.

Tuesday 26

A wet morning so chored around and pealed one hydro pole. Struck out little piece by the house with the old team about eleven o'clock and finished it afterwards with "Gyp" and "Fly" then plowed in the three corner piece till night. Had a nice walk to the mail box with Jean after supper then she helped me fix ups my horses for the night and I helped with the dishes.

Wednesday 27

Raining in the morning but stopped at nine. Dan and our Dad went to town and I plowed with the old team and helped Robt Geddie bag up his oats. Finished plowing my land and then rolled the nine acres in three hours and three quarters with my "flyers" Dad, Mother, Bob, & the girls brought up some "Spuds"

April Thursday 28 1927

A fine cool day for working horses and I accomplished quite a lot of work when I harrowed the south half of oat field twice and rolled it in front of the drill. Dan sowed all day and nearly finished the piece. Had a delightful walk back and up the flats with Jean after supper in the twilight.

Friday 29

A wonderful day. Harrowed in the four acre piece all morning then in the afternoon the three of us helped the Hunters build a fence across the river. Fell in, got my feet wet, and scratched my foot on the barb wire. Jean brought me home a letter containing good news about the Tretheway-Ossian mines when she came home from town at noon.

Saturday 30

Rolled and harrowed in the three corner piece in the morning. Finished harrowing it when Dan finished sowing it in the afternoon then harrowed the nine acres in the south field in three hours. n {An? page cut off} increase arrived at noon and it has a dark complexion {complexion? page cut off}. Had a bath after supper, then ent {went - page cut off} to town with Jean and Dan but was home early. Through seeding Hurrah!

May Sunday 1 1927

All of us went up to Uncle Arts for dinner and had a great time with lots of good laughs. Grandpa and Elsie came out after dinner so we had a real nice visit. Did the chores in a hurry when we got home and Jean and I attended church together at night for the first time since we were married and it was High School night at that. A dandy day and a wonderful one for me.

Monday 2

A dandy bright warm day. Struck out three lands and the ends of the root field with the old team then plowed with my own team till 5.30 when I quit to help Jean with the milking. Jean accompanied me when I went up to put a new shoe and landside on my plow after supper. "Stubby" had a colt when I went to the barn in the morning and its a "Miss Stubby" and a pretty roan one at that.

Tuesday 3

It threatened to rain all morning but kept off until after eleven when I had to quit plowing and unhook for the barn. Dan & I changed oil in separator. Rung the pigs before we looked up about three o'clock when it had stopped raining. Jean & I celebrated our 2nd anniversary by helping each other with our work after supper and a walk together. Carl, Bobbie & Scott brought down my buggy wheel.

May Wednesday 4 1927

Plowed root ground all day with "Gyp and Fly" and sure turned over a lot of ground. At night Jean, Dan, and I motored to town and spent a very pleasant evening at Eleanor's and Cousin Melville was there too and feeling full of the old "Nick"

Thursday 5

Spent the biggest part of the day between the plow handles. At night Dan, Jean, and I drove to Paris to get "Harry" the new German police puppy when he came in by express. Read part of the story "King John of the Mesa" in the Ladies Home Journal {a popular women's magazine – story is found in volume 44 issue 5, page 30} before we went to roost. Ernie Laughlin and P.J. Campbell called on me.

Friday 6

Cut and planted five short rows of Irish cobbler potatoes in the garden then rolled until noon. Renewed my Ontario Farmer subscription. Spent the afternoon fencing the river and thereabouts and it sure was a wonderful day for the job.

May Saturday 7 1927

Rolled in the root field in the morning then harrowed in the garden till noon. Then after dinner I scratched away in the sod field by sheep pen and then up along the lane. Jean helped me grass my horses after supper, then we did the dishes, listened to the "Wingers" on the radio and I had a bath and we went to roost.

Sunday 8

Had a hurried trip to the flats with Jean before church time after some flowers. Big crowd at Mother's Day service at church. Honored my mother by having dinner with her and then attending Sunday School with her at the Mission when Jean and I attended S.S. together for the first time. Home and did the chores after and then wrote a letter to Harry Weir at night.

Monday 9

Thunderstorm came up and it started to rain about five and it sure did rain until about ten o'clock when it cleared up for the day. Chored around in the morning. Took "Gyp" to Canning and got her shod and some other work done, after dinner and as I brought two bags of "Spuds" down from home got back just in time to help finish milking and turn the separator.

May Tuesday 10 1927

Heavy hail and rain storm started at 5.45A.M. but hail only lasted for a few minutes even if they were as large as peas and it stopped raining about 9.30. Took "Fly's" shoes off and peeled hydro poles till noon. Dan and I cleaned out box stall, 3 loads in all and spread it in root field and finished manuring the field. Struck out last two lands and helped Jean milk. "Billy" our first lamb arrived.

Wednesday 11

Struck out a land for Dan in sod field then finished the root field except 3 rounds around headlands when I plowed all day with the bay and gray in spite of a nasty drizzle at times in the morning. Plowed six rounds in sod before I quit to help milk and separate. Websters and Sinclairs were here for tea. We all have an invitation to dinner in Brantford on Sunday next. Cut Jean's hair at noon for the first time.

Thursday 12

A nice bright morning and I plowed sod all morning with my team. Dad and Mother, Carl, and Bobbie took Jean and I to Brantford with them in the afternoon and I had the beneficiary of my life insurance policy changed from Mother to Jean. Carl got a new Spring coat and Bobbie his first suit of long trousers.

May Friday 13 1927

Finished plowing the sod field in the morning except for a few rounds around the headlands. Rolled and harrowed in the other root field all afternoon after I helped Dan fill the spray tank. Jean and I drove up home at night and took Mother's plants up. We had an invitation to a dance at Glenmorris given by Melb's orchestra but didn't go.

Saturday 14

Peeled hydro poles until 10.30 when Dan had finished plowing head lands in sod field then started to draw out manure. Took out four loads and spread them all myself in the afternoon while Dan greased the Dodge. Went to town at night even if I did feel tired and we had a good feed of figs too.

Sunday 15

Didn't go to church in the morning as we all went down to Webster's for dinner. Maybe we didn't have a brave feed and I weighed 157 and Jean 140 pounds, afterwards We didn't get to church at night as it was raining and we were too late getting through chores so went to bed early.

May Monday 16 1927

Dan and I drew out four loads of manure in morning and cleaned out two box stalls. A wet fternoon {afternoon – page cut off} so we doctored "Miss Stubby's" horns and tarted {started – page cut off} to repair hay fork track. Dad and Mother drove down about four and Dad helped me o {do? page cut off} carpenter work then doctored one horn we hadnt one {done – page cut off} right on the calf and helped us milk. They tayed {stayed – page cut off} for supper. Dan's and my trip with our own cow to Lushmans was in vain even if we didn't get back until 10. Jean had gone to bed ut {but – page cut off} we had a real chat afterwards.

Tuesday 18

Had a nice long walk when I took our cow back to Holmes right after breakfast and didn't et {get – page cut off} back until after tea. Dan and I drew anure {manure – page cut off} the rest of the day, ten loads in all. Rained at night again so as we were both tired we retired just as soon as we finished the dishes.

Wednesday 18

A real Spring day. Finished manuring the iece {piece – page cut off} in hay field with the 25th load. cleaned ut {out – page cut off} hen houses besides hauling out 3 loads in rning {morning – page cut off}. Rolled sod after dinner then harrowed {peas? page cut off} after Dan finished sowing and then dragged in sod field rest of day. Tired at night but went for a wonderful walk around the flats with Jean. Gee! I'm glad I'm married now.

May Thursday 19 1927

Dan and I plowed with both teams in the hayfield in the morning and I finished the piece for corn after dinner with my team even if it did rain. Jean and I drove to Canning after some work I had done at the blacksmith shop and called in home on the way back.

Friday 20

Had a nice walk back to Holmes in the morning with "Pokey". Back at ten then harrowed the rest of the day in the two root feilds. Rest of the folks went to Mt. Vernon at night but Jean and I drove to Paris and saw the play "Anne, Whats Her Name" presented by Mt Pleasant Dramatic Club under auspices of U.F.Y.P.O. and it was a real play too.

Saturday 21

A wet morning so spent the time fixing the hay fork track and finished it at noon. Harrowed the root field in afternoon and rolled and harrowed piece in hay field. Went to town at night and brought Eleanor and Melville home with us. Great time before we went to roost including pyjama mix ups.

May Sunday 22 1927

A wonderful day and just like Summer Jean and I and our family attended church in the morning. Cunningham's came right after dinner then we went for a walk around the flats. Three Cayuga young men and the Telfer family were here for supper including Cousin Eva with her diamond. "Fly" got quite badly cut up when Dolly and Prince put her over the wire fence.

Monday 23

Another wet Monday and we spent the day housecleaning at the barn and at night I started to build a rack for my team harness. Had my first experience helping a sheep to lamb. Had to call Fasken to get him to remove a pair of ewe lambs and they are all right.

Tuesday 24

Fixed fence along the lane in the morning and then after dinner we hooked "Prince and Gyp" together for the first time and celebrated Victoria Day by working on the highway. Jean and I had only been in bed a few minutes when we had to get up as Charlie and Irene came over.

May Wednesday 25 1927

Jean and I had a pleasant ride to town in the buggy when we shipped the cream. Back in an hour and ten minutes from time we left home then worked on road till noon. After dinner we caught a crate of fat hens and Dan & I shipped them to Wallers when we brought home 3020 lbs of chesnut coal with Prince and Gyp from the U.F.O. consignment. Roscoe & Eileen were here for supper and Websters for a few minutes later in the evening.

Thursday 26

Rolled oats, repaired eave troughs, and unloaded coal in the morning. Helped plant strawberries and worked on road after dinner. Warren and Maggie came over after supper and brought over two pigs Mr. Barker had purchased from them the week before.

Friday 27

Harrowed piece in the hayfield four times and then Jean helped me move harrows to field west of barn and I worked there till noon. Had my first experience driving the team on the spray track for half an hour after dinner. Got Pifher's disk and disced rest of day. Jean and I had a nice drive up home at night.

May Saturday 28 1927

Dan drove the team for a while in the morning and again at night but I worked them on the disc myself the rest of the day. Four of us went to town at night and Jean and I had our first Guernsey Milk Shake since we we married with Eleanor and Melville.

Sunday 29

Dan, Jean, & I attended church in the morning and heard Mr. Story, a missionary from South America, deliver a fine address. Mr. Wilson was back for first time since his illness. All of us were up at Cunning hams for dinner and supper and had a nice visit and two wonderful meals.

Monday 30

Worked the disc all morning and then took it home just before dinner. Harrowed and rolled in front of the drill when Dan and his Dad sowed the mangels and some of the corn. "Fly's" knee was all better when I brought her up from the pasture.

May Tuesday 31 1927

Up at 4.45 A.M. as Warren and Maggie came over and drove Mr and Mrs Barker and Dan to Toronto to see Lou in the Dodge Brothers. They arrived home a little after nine. Jean and I spent our first day alone since our honeymoon and had a great time feeding chickens and keeping things straight and I disced in between times.

June Wednesday 1

Disced the corn ground west of the barn crosswise in the morning and then in the afternoon I harrowed and rolled ahead of the drill while Dan sowed corn. Mr and Mrs. Cochrane and the Websters came about four o'clock so we had lots of company for supper when we had a good feed of chicken.

Thursday 2

Uncle Arts 18th Wedding Anniversary. Finished harrowing and rolling corn ground about ten then dug post holes until noon. Fixed fence all afternoon at end of orchard and Jean and her Mother attended afternoon tea at Crombies but were home in time to milk. Drove up home at night and didn't get home until almost 12 as {Roscoe? the rest of the wording is cut off from bottom of page, unable to read}

June Friday 3 1927

Jean took me to town with her in the morning to help ship the cream and do some shopping while Dan disced turnip ground. Spudded thistles in the strawberries till now and then spudded thistles in oats and hoed spuds after dinner till Mr. Webster was ready to go to work. Laid out line of poles, roofed them and planted the first one.

Saturday 4

A wet morning, Filled tank in attic after breakfast then helped fix latch on doors and then spent most of the day housecleaning in the cellar. "Hot Dog" we had some time Dug my first hole for hydro poles before milking time. Had a feed of figs at town at night along with Eleanor & Melville. Katie Birley's wedding day.

Sunday 5

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Monday 20

Did a little work on fence until Mr Pifher came over and four of us went down after posts to mosquito alley. Busy morning. Had dinner along with other 8 men at Bee. Did all kinds of jobs when we set up fence around the barn yard in afternoon. Had a nice ride in Dad's car when I drove Jean up after mail around five. Maybe I wasn't glad she was there too. We sure had a heart to heart talk in bed at night.

June Tuesday 21 1927

Had my first experience with a sick sow for a few years when I took ours for a visit up to Jack Hardy's. Called in home for a few minutes on way back. Jean came out to help me spud thistles about 3.30 and we worked until 6.15 and finished the big {piece?}. Jean Gregory's wedding and a nice warm one after the heavy mist cleared up in the morning. Mr Barker decided to shingle the barn.

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Sunday 10

Attended church in the morning and then we all went up to Cunninghams for dinner and Supper, The Telfers were there and maybe we didn't have a good time and a great feed of strawberries etc. It was 7.30 when we got home so it was late when we finished the chores.

Monday 11

Had a "raring" time when I had "Gyp" & "Fly" on the mower for the first time, Took Pifher's cultivator home just before dinner.

July Tuesday 12 1927

My 22nd birthday and a fine day. We drew in hay most of the day and about milking time Mr. Barker & Dan went back after another load. Terrific windstorm came up just as they got in the barn doing damage here and there and was later followed by a heavy rain. U.F.Y.P.O. Garden party had to be called off. My darling wife presented me with 2 pairs of silk socks and a nice tie for my birthday at bed time.

Wednesday 13

Put some new shingles on the barn where wind took them off by the ventilator last night. after dinner then pitched off a load of hay so the other two could gather up the hay blown around the field. I hoed turnips for awhile till milking time and Dan started to cut the timothy hay near the house.

Thursday 14

Sharpened my first mower knife in the morning when Dan turned the emery while I touched two of them up. We went up to Cunninghams after dinner to see some cattle. Called in home on way there with some cherries. Bought 4 cattle for \$240.00 and brought them home with us. Maybe it wasn't hot. Picked cherries with Jean till chore time while Dan went after Jack {last line cut off}

July Friday 15 1927

A wet day so we didn't do much but clean up around and do chores at the barn all day. Jean & I cut each others hair in the morning. I cut thistles in the pasture for a while after supper.

Saturday 16

Dandy warm muggy morning when Dan and I both plowed hay ground. Hoed turnips in afternoon. Dan had to take his operator's exam so had to go to town early. Consequently Jean & I didn't go but went for a swim at dark when I had finished cutting five rounds of hay with the old team.

Sunday 17

Jean and I attended church and heard Mr. Wilson preach a wonderful sermon about children on his last Sunday before his holidays. Cunninghams were here for dinner. And supper. Drove Lou's two "Pa's" down around the flats in my buggy after a heavy shower to see the cattle. Had a nice ride to Paris when we saw Aunt Ruby off on the 5.40.

July Monday 18 1927

Cultivated both pieces of summer fallow in the morning with my team while Dan raked hay. Hoed turnips till Dan finished cutting the timothy hay then drew in three loads after five o'clock. Jean and I drove up home for a few minutes at night and brought home 170 lbs of oats with us.

Tuesday 19

Hoed turnips for a while after I finished picking 2 1/2 baskets of cherries. Drew in hay all afternoon and got in 7 loads including the one we got after supper. Mrs. Webster & sister Gladys came up to spend a couple of days. Warren & Maggie and the girls brought 9 little pigs over for us at night so we didn't get to bed until 10.30.

Wednesday 20

Raked balance of timothy hay in the morning and finished cutting clover piece with my team before dinner. Took a load in after supper again which made 9 loads for the day. At night Dan drove Mrs Webster and Gladys to Brantford and Jean and I had a wonderful ride with them even if I was tired.

July Thursday 21 1927

Dan and I sharpened a mower knife first thing after breakfast and then hoed turnips for a while. Took in the 20th and last load of hay in field by house and one load from other piece before noon. Drew in 8 loads when Mr. Pifher came over after dinner and we had two teams on the go and we finished the second piece. Hydro men finished building our line. Started to rain just at bed time.

Friday 22

We all hoed turnips in the morning even if it was pretty mushy after the heavy rain the night before. Another heavy shower came up at 1.30 so that ended the hoeing. Did some jobs around barn until 3.45 then Dan and I struck out the sod field by the house with the old team.

Saturday 23

Rained all morning until 10.30 while we were looking over oats for the show then we plowed with both teams until noon even if it did come onto rain again. I plowed 11 rounds with "Gyp n Fly" in 80 minutes and there were a few nice furrows in the bunch. Jean and I drove to town in rain after dinner and did some shopping for the company & ourselves.

July Sunday 24 1927

Not a very promising morning and Jean and I were undecided what to do until Mother called up and asked us to go touring with them and the girls. Were up around "Cousin Ted's" and around the old farm in the morning and had dinner and Supper at Uncle Arts. Stopped in to see Frank and Della's new house on way home and when we got home Lou & Jack were here. It sure was a wonderful day.

Monday 25

A fair day and I plowed 30 rounds in a little over four hours in the morning. Then in afternoon Jack Ball and I cultivated the summer fallow. Fell off cultivator seat coming to the house and skinned my nose.

Tuesday 26

Hoed turnips till nine o'clock then we went over to Pifher's to draw hay and stack it. A Shower of rain came up around three and put a stop to that. Started to plow then Mr. Barker took the team after load of lumber for Pifher's barn. Weirs & the folks at home came down for a while and we were up there for tea after.

July Wednesday 27 1927

Turned a lot of nice furrows when Dan and I plowed with both teams all day. Mr Barker officiated in C.N.R. settlement. Uncle Tom & Cousin Eva came over to spend a few days with

us. Had a Keystone Securities man to see me but I didn't bite. Jean & I had a swim at night even if the water was high.

Thursday 28

Weather didn't look very promising but Dan and I got the binder ready and got started cutting wheat just before noon. I shocked all the piece and finished right behind the binder. Rather a windy but short thunder shower came up at supper time and U.F.Y.F.O. garden party had to be postponed again. Leishman's hired man was killed when he fell from beam in haymow.

Friday 29

Plowed all day and finished the sod piece just south of the house where we get such a good view from our bedroom windows. Used Dollie & Fly together for first time in afternoon and they make a steady team. Jean and I went for a walk after supper and salted the cattle.

July Saturday 30 1927

Up bright and early ready for a big day and we had it too. Made good time fixing the west river fence when we were through by ten. Cut the barley and started to shock it before dinner. Then cut the other piece of wheat and had it stooked at 6.20 Didn't go to town but had a shave, helped Jean with the dishes, had a bath and waited for folks to bring Eleanor & Melville home with them.

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Saturday 6

{Trigger Warning. This entry contains a racial slur.}

We plowed all day with two outfits and it was rather warm. Quit in good time as it was "Nigger's Night". Eleanor & Melville went down town with us so we had a few good laughs. Home in fair time and maybe I wasn't glad to get to bed.

Sunday 7

My wifey and I had a swim before we went to Burford with Roscoe in his roadster to celebrate his and Grandma Harley's birthday. A very nice time including a sleep in afternoon for me. A swell feed at dinner & supper time. Home and had our chores done by dark after which we posted a letter at mail box.

August Monday 8 1927

A very warm muggy day and Dan and I plowed all day with two teams. Pretty heavy going but we had queer fun between rests digging out a big stone and burning a pile of brush. Jean and I had a swell dip in the river before we went to bed.

Tuesday 9

Got Dan started on the disc and then I scuffled the mangels with "Gyp" after which Mr Barker and I hilled up the potatoes in both fields. Scuffled 70 rows of corn in upper field with the bay mare in afternoon. Jean and I had a short but pleasant walk together after supper.

Wednesday 10

Finished cultivating corn in the upper field before dinner then after dinner we got the binder out and I had my first experience driving a binder on "Calamity Farm" behind Prince, Dollie, & Fly when I cut piece by house and six rounds around {competition?} oats. Got binder twine at Cochranes and some oats up home in the car at night.

August Thursday 11 1927

Dan finished the {plowing? word overwritten} in {word too overwritten and blotted} fields while I harrowed for a while and then scuffled the turnips with "Gyp" in 2 hrs & 5 min. Cut grain again in afternoon and I shocked up behind the binder.

Friday 12

Doctored some of the sheep up after breakfast and then I had a busy time the rest of the day shocking up oats. Finished cut the prize piece and I finished the shocking after supper.

Folks from up home came down for a while and brought Aunt Fern and Walter with them for a visit.

Saturday 13

Spent a pleasant morning helping get a sheaf ready for the show. Helped Jean pick 3 baskets of apples after dinner and then harrowed rest of afternoon while Dan & his Dad drew in some show peas and oats. Had a nice time in town at night when Jean & I treated "our Mother" & Cousin Eva to an ice-cream soda.

August Sunday 14 1927

Attended morning service at church and heard Mr. Wilson preach for first time after his holidays. Had a picnic lunch for dinner up home. Light shower at noon. All of us kids went for a swim over to the old hole in the afternoon and had a great time diving etc. Then we older folks had a car ride back to the root field and then Carl and his gang brought us home in time for chores after a pleasant day.

Monday 15

Dan cut and I shocked all the three cornered piece of oats in the morning and then we worked the rest of the day at the same jobs in the big field. Dan and I took a walk over to see Pifhers barn after Supper. Cunninghams came down for a visit and I had some nice dances with Jean.

Tuesday 16

I shocked oats all morning and Dan finished cutting the oat crop for 1927 a little after twelve. Drew in ten loads of oats in after-noon when Mr Pifher and his two men came over and we drew with two teams. Went back to finish shocking oats after milking and maybe I wasn't pleased to have Jean come back and help me in the twilight. Through at {8.40? cut off}

August Wednesday 17 1927

Put in one of the heaviest days work in my life when I pitched hay all day over at Pifhers when we got in 21 loads. Had a nice walk over home at noon after a hook when Jean who had been helping Mrs Pifher with the dinner came home with me.

Thursday 18

Dan went threshing at McCrows in the morning so Mr Barker and I got in three loads of oats ourselves and Jean pitched back a load for us. Drew in with two teams again after dinner and got ten more loads stowed away in the dry. There were 18 loads from the competition field.

Friday 19

Spent the day over at Pifhers helping draw in grain. I loaded and drove the team all day when we got in 7 loads of rye, 3 loads wheat, and five loads of oats putting our neighbours harvest in pretty good shape. Dan & I got in a load of oats when we came home as we had supper at five.

August Saturday 20 1927

Dan and I got in four loads of oats in the morning and made four trips after dinner and finished our harvest for 1927. We had 7 1/2 loads wheat, 1 load of barley, and 33 loads of oats. Had a nice shower of rain about 7.30 so none of us went to town. We are thankful to have all our grain in in such good shape. Had a nice bath and retired early. Mr. Wilson & wife and his sister called on us in afternoon.

Sunday 21

Attended church in the morning home for dinner and then afterwards we all went over to Cousin Jims for afternoon and tea. Dark when we got home. Marge and Bob McCrow & Andy Lushman came down when we were just starting chores and we drove them home later on in the evening in the Dodge with Dan as chauffeur.

Monday 22

Spent practically all day getting grain ready for the show. Jean and I got the mail with car and had a little ride up home after the "flail". Had my first experience using it threshing barley after dinner. Mr. Watson came to look at the apples.

August Tuesday 23 1927

Got the cows up early in the morning and then got my team ready, had breakfast and was back harrowing at 7.15. First morning I haven't help Jean milk or eaten breakfast with her since we were married. Bees attacked Fly so had to unhook. Spent rest of day preparing grain for the show. Rained considerable of the afternoon so Jean & I didn't go to "Bendemere" as we intended.

Wednesday 24

After I finished my chores I spent the rest of the morning looking over oats for the C.N.E. and had Jean to help. Finished the oats and most of the barley in the afternoon. Drove up home at night after some oats. Cunninghams from Canning and Toronto were here while we were away.

Thursday 25

Finished getting the grain and wool ready and then Jean and I shipped it. Drove the disc from 10.30 to noon. Moved the cattle from our pasture to another and harrowed in afternoon. Jean went up after Grandma & Aunt Amanda so they were here for tea. Mr Webster came with motors so we were unable to attend U.F.Y.P.O. meeting at Scotts.

August Friday 26 1927

Spent most of the morning digging the early potatoes in the garden and after dinner I picked them up with Jean's assistance and put them away in the cellar. Helped Dan get in a jag of hay and then coiled second. cut alfalfa till 7.45. Websters were up again but the motor wouldn't work on the separator.

Saturday 27

Put in practically all morning in the sheep industry when I caught and held the sheep while Mr. Barker trimmed them, pared their feet, and gave them pills for worming. Took in three jags of hay and some peas and pitched them all off in afternoon. Apple buyer from Kitchener came so Mrs. Barker didn't go to town so Jean & I did up the family business.

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Sunday 18

Helen Milne, Dan, Jean & I went to church in the morning and then up home for dinner where we met the "Gobles" family from the other side of Woodstock. Came home about three o'clock and Alex Birley and the boys were here. Had a nice visit with them and then after supper Dan went to church and took Helen to the station and we did the chores.

October Saturday 1 1927

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Sunday 2

My Dad's 47th birthday and Jean and I had dinner with him and the rest of the family after we attended Communion services at church in the morning. Came home in time to have a nice walk down around the flats and brought the cows up with us.

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November Tuesday 1

Mr. Barker's 64th birthday and we celebrated by working at the turnips all day. Drew in 12 loads and pulled besides. A wonderful day for the first day of a new month

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November Saturday 12 1927

My Mother's 49th birthday. Rather a cool windy day. Plowed corn stubble all morning. Melville came out for dinner and we worked all afternoon putting up a new litter carrier pole. Eleanor came out in afternoon so we had some wild times before we went to roost. Called Mother up at supper time & wished her many happy returns.

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MEMORANDA

Bought 2795 lbs barley @ 85 ¢ per bus {bushel} and 2 bus rye at \$1.10 on Dec 23, 1927.
Total \$51.65

MEMORANDA

Bought 11 head of steers from Chas Meggs on July 1. Weight 9310 @ 6 1/2 ¢ per pound – \$605.15.

Bought 4 head steers from Hugh Cunningham on July 14. Price \$240.00.

Bought 9 little pigs from Warren Barker on July 19. Price \$42.50.

Sold 13 head steers to L. Hyndman on Aug 5/27. Weight 14170 @ 7 1/4 ¢ less \$5.00 – \$1022.32 –

Five little pigs were born on Oct. 14th. 1927.

Bought 50 Barred Rock pullets from Fred Anderson on Oct. 29/27 – \$50.00

Bought 3 tons of oil cake from Robt Geddie, Nov. 21st – \$146.75

Taxes for 1927 –\$233.33

Paid \$30.45 for grain at Guelph Fair

MEMORANDA

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Miss Herley was born on March 15th

Blackbird " " " April 30th

"Miss Stubby". " " " May 2nd

"Eleanor" " " " July 31st

"Susanna" " " " Aug 3rd

Nigger White Sox. " " " Oct. 11th

Mabel " " " Nov 5th

MEMORANDA

Our Roan Cow was served on {2 dates stroked out} June 24.

"Poky" " " " ~~May 20~~ June 9.

"Sow" " " " June 21.

"Poppy" " " " June 24

"Stubby" " " " {June} 26

Milande " " " Sept 15

Long Legs " " " Sept 25

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