

Velma's Diaries - 1935

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DAY	MONTH	COMMENT
Tuesday	January 1	New Year's – terribly stormy. Elgin & I went up to Winnie's in morning. McGirr's were down for dinner. Ruby only got as far as Arthur & had to stay there all nite. Some weather.
Wednesday	January 2	Quite mild. Came up to Durham in aft. Read – finished a book. Winnie, Ethel Hargrave & I went to hockey match. Milverton & Durham. Durham won 9-2.
Thursday	January 3	Cold, stormy & blustery – such weather. Started to school again. Sure feels funny to be back again. Not altogether pleasant. It was so cold stayed in at night & did some homework.
Friday	January 4	Real frosty. Anna came down for week end with Elgin & I. Went to dance in Hall. Stayed up & talked till 2:30 discussing things & people.
Saturday	January 5	Didn't get up very early. Played rummy in aft. Listened to hockey game & played "500" till 12.
Sunday	January 6	Anna intended to go up in time for church but didn't get up till 11. Went up in afternoon & called on Marion House. Went to church at nite. Came home with Laddie. Great. Read.
Monday	January 7	A thaw. Raining. Norman Marshall's funeral. Didn't feel very well – had terrible headache. Did homework, looked over a magazine, went to bed early.
Tuesday	January 8	Rained all day. Had a busy day. Went to Mission Circle at Mrs. Alder's, had ice cream again. Came home & read "Guarded Walls".
Wednesday	January 9	A lovely day. Got my subscription. Best ever to-day so sort of encouraging. Did homework, listened to radio & read some more of my book.
Thursday	January 10	Colder to-day. Snow almost gone though. I washed my hair after 4. Did homework & listened to radio – Lindbergh trial on.
Friday	January 11	Got 37 in Typing test. Cecil is going out west. I came home with Elgin after 4 & read at night.
Saturday	January 12	Worked in morning & did homework in aft. Miss Heard was over for supper. We played cards at night.
Sunday	January 13	Terribly stormy. Went to church in aft. & at night Mr. Smith spoke on being yourself. I went up to Marion H. after.
Monday	January 14	Real frosty. Did some typing for Mrs. Alder. Winnie & I ate a whole dish of scalloped potatoes for supper. Went over to Hargrave's at night & played "500" some time.
Tuesday	January 15	Almost slept in too late. Snowed heavily all day. Went to Young People's & took part in discussion – planned to have a skating party on 7 th .

Wednesday	January 16	Mount Forest High School Girl's & Boys played hockey here. Blanche, Anna & I went to game. Girl's lost 5-0 & Boy's won 5-0. Some fun to watch them.
Thursday	January 17	A terribly stormy day – the worst yet. I didn't go up to school in aft. Was glad to stay in at nite. Studied for Shorthand Exam & listened to Rudy Vallee program. Elgin started Baschess (?) Course.
Friday	January 18	Had my 5 th theory Shorthand exam, got 80. Went over to Schenks's for supper. Donnie & Peggy are certainly cute. Had some more of those good bits. Schenk's dinner. Barber's were down at our place at nite – played cards.
Saturday	January 19	A lovely day. Mother went uptown in aft. & I did homework. Mother & Dad were away at nite, so we had a few kids in, listened to radio & around until till 1:30.
Sunday	January 20	Thawing again. Didn't get up till 10:30. Went to church in aft. & night. Dad wasn't feeling very well. I went to bed early as I was sure tired.
Monday	January 21	Raining all day. Mrs. Schenk, Mrs. MacLean, Mrs. Hargrave & Ethel were over for tea. We played cards after. They sure are a jolly bunch.
Tuesday	January 22	Real cold again. Started to type out a play for institute. Went over to Sally's after four. Nadine is 11 months old to-day & sure lively. The more she is tossed about the better she likes it.
Wednesday	January 23	Real cold to-day – below zero. Winnie was up at McGirr's for supper as I was alone. Eva Derby was in. I did a lot of Shorthand. Trying to finish book.
Thursday	January 24	Still cold to-day. Stayed at school till nearly 6. Did a lot of homework at night. Winnie & I popped some corn.
Friday	January 25	Got 41 in typing test to-day. Came home with Elgin after four. Intended to go to Holstein but it stormed so read instead.
Saturday	January 26	Cold. Baked a cake in morning. Did homework in aft., finished Shorthand book, some kids were in at night. We had a good game of "500".
Sunday	January 27	Real frosty. Went snowshoeing for some exercise. Went to church in afternoon. Sally & Vic & Nadine were down for supper. I came up with them & went over to their place for awhile.
Monday	January 28	Very cold. Typed at the play all day. Winnie had Auxiliary, a large crowd & certainly jolly.
Tuesday	January 29	Finished the play. Aunt Eva asked me to go to Walkerton to hockey game but it was terribly cold so went to Young People's instead. My side won in Membership drive.
Wednesday	January 30	Wasn't feeling very well. Had a letter from Cecil – likes it. I stayed home at nite & studied for Shorthand exam.
Thursday	January 31	Had 3 exams. Got 84 in last Shorthand exam & 95 in Grammer exam. Started on legal work. Winnie & I went over to Sally's & played contract till late.
Friday	February 1	Lovely day. Felt terribly sleepy. Do nothing but Shorthand in my sleep ha! Am home with Elgin, read & went to bed

		early.
Saturday	February 2	Thawing. Did homework in afternoon. Went skating at night. Varney bunch went up to skate, had nice time – went out to Anna's after.
Sunday	February 3	Did some French in morning. Went to church in aft. & Anna & I went to church at nite. I went for walk with Laddie & Bill Renwick.
Monday	February 4	A lovely day. I took Nadine out after four. We were all over to Sally's for dinner at night. Played cards.
Tuesday	February 5	Had French Comp. exam – not too bad. Studied at night & went to bed early.
Wednesday	February 6	A busy day. I was invited to a party at Schenk's but didn't go as I had a terrible cold. Studied French. Harriston beat Durham 5-0.
Thursday	February 7	Had a letter from Ruby. Uncle Charlie disappeared. Went to our Young People's skating party – nice time.
Friday	February 8	A salesmanship exam in morning. Harriston played Durham. Durham had to overcome 5 goal lead or they would be out of it. Winnie & I went at 7:05 to get a seat. Rink was jammed – score 9-2 for D, some excitement.
Saturday	February 9	A lovely day. Went down to see Elva Stewart's baby in aft. Choir practice here at night.
Sunday	February 10	Colder to-day. Got up Mission Circle program. Went to church in aft. & to Anglican church at nite. Wallace was up at night.
Monday	February 11	Berniece was home. I typed out work Mission Circle. Winnie & I were up to Aunt Marion's for supper. Did homework after I came home.
Tuesday	February 12	Nice day. Went to Mission Circle at Towns. Sally started. Planned ball. Blanche Boyce & we did rapid cal. together.
Wednesday	February 13	Warm again. I kept Nadine while Sally went to a tea. Went to hockey match – Arthur & Durham for district championship. Durham won 3-2 – exciting.
Thursday	February 14	Thawing. Hanover invited us over to Valentine prom. Didn't know I was going until 7, Fred & I went over with Allan, Laddie, Ronald Rudd, Mr. Sharpe. Had swell time, went to dinner in Durham after we came home.
Friday	February 15	I got 91 in Salesmanship but only 39 in Fr. I served at supper in church – some menu. Went to Wilton's to his practice after. Bill Firth called up for me about to go to dance in Hanover, but wasn't home.
Saturday	February 16	Colder again, didn't get up very early. Did homework in aft. Came up to Durham at night as Winnie was sick. Sore throat.
Sunday	February 17	I went to church in morning. Winnie was better but can hardly speak yet. Read in afternoon. Anna & I went to church at nite.
Monday	February 18	Lovely day. Washed my hair after four. Did homework & then Winnie and I had a game of cribbage. Took lemonade and aspirin as I have sort of a cold.

Tuesday	February 19	Cutis Dale, Murray Hays have a son – been married about 14 yrs – ha! Got word of Uncle Charlie’s death, found in garage, missing a month. Bill Renwick’s brother died – only 25. Went to Young People’s - Miss Edge was here.
Wednesday	February 20	Got 50 in French Authors, sort of disappointed. Mrs. Schenk, Peggy and Donnie were here in aft. Donnie is a dear. Went over to Renwick’s.
Thursday	February 21	Had a sore eye. Wrote a letter to Renwick’s. Winnie & I went over to Sally’s at night. Took cradle over for Nadine – stayed till 12:30.
Friday	February 22	Typed 250 tickets for Institute. 75¢. I think 1 st money I ever earned. Nadine’s Birthday. Went over after school. All the relations were there & had tea. She sure is a dear.
Saturday	February 23	Baked some cream puffs & Butterscotch Squares. Did homework in aft. Went Skating at night & went to Anna’s after.
Sunday	February 24	Went to church in afternoon. Aunt Eva’s were down for supper. I went to church at night. Mr. Smith spoke on “Meaning of Marriage”. Great.
Monday	February 25	Vic is sick – has flu. I went to see Mrs. Whitmore after four – she is real sick. I went to hockey game with Laddie. O.S. & Durham – D. won 8-3.
Tuesday	February 26	Cold to-day. Rebecca’s had a party, had Hanover & Mount Forest, had a swell time. Came home with Bill Firth.
Wednesday	February 27	Cold again, 22 below last nite. Didn’t feel very well all day. Went in to talk to Barb in telephone office after four. Did homework & went to bed early.
Thursday	February 28	Durham beat O.S. Rangers 7-0. Got 87 in 60 speed in Shorthand. Did homework at night – took a book up to Mrs. Dargeval.
Friday	March 1	Lovely day – real warm. D. played with O.S. Olympians. O.S. 4-2. I came home with Dad & went to choir practice at Morris’.
Saturday	March 2	Swell day again, like spring. Did homework in aft. & went down to store. Read at night.
Sunday	March 3	Real warm. Went to church in aft. & night. Mr. Smith spoke on “Can one fall in love intelligently?”. Grand.
Monday	March 4	So slippery you couldn’t stand up. George Hahn fell with tray of dishes on Main street, ha! Went to play practice in Hall in afternoon. Anna & I went to hockey game, O.S. & D. Most exciting game I ever was at – overtime. D. won in out round by one goal.
Tuesday	March 5	Everyone talking about game last night. I was there. I stayed home at night & did quite a bit of homework, had bath & went to bed.
Wednesday	March 6	Colder. Washed my hair & had it finger waved after four. Went to rehearsal for play in Hall.
Thursday	March 7	The play (Trusts Accomodalis)(?). Had a swell night for it. It went off fine. Ethel did us up and I certainly had lots of grease on – a full house.
Friday	March 8	Terribly tired. Had a Rapid Cal. exam. I went to hockey

		game with Laddie. Rink was packed again. D. beat Ayton 4-3 which isn't a very big lead to take tomorrow nite. Uncle Cameron doing well.
Saturday	March 9	Was in bed nearly all day. I think I must have the flu. Ruby & Cy came home. Certainly did a lot of reading.
Sunday	March 10	Feeling better. Did homework. Went to church at night. Mr. Smith spoke on "Courtship". Went over to Sally's after church.
Monday	March 11	Got 100 in Rap. Cal. – was only one who passed – not bad. Stayed over at Sally's as Vic was away. A lot went to Ayton to game. D. won 5-1. Spectators had a fight – took 5 policemen to stop them.
Tuesday	March 12	Nadine walks now, a darling, never woke up all night. We made banana ice cream at noon. Sally had the Mission Circle. Hemmed draperies and finished vale.
Wednesday	March 13	A lovely day. I came home to-day. Did quite a bit of homework at night as I was getting sort of behind. D. plays in Clinton tonight.
Thursday	March 14	Clinton won 5-4. Winnie went to bridge at Elsie McGirr's. I stayed home, listened to radio & did homework.
Friday	March 15	Real soft, like summer. Went to lit(?) in Hall in afternoon. Blanche, Winnie & I went to hockey game. Water on ice was terribly sloppy. Rink was jammed. Durham won 2-1. A tie on round playoff next week.
Saturday	March 16	Mild again. Mother went up town in aft. I did homework. Stayed home at night & read magazine.
Sunday	March 17	Read in morning. Went to church in aft. Marjorie was up for supper & we went to church. Mr. Smith spoke on "Cause of Happiness in Marriage".
Monday	March 18	Lovely day. Went to Young People's at night and went down with Miss Edge to Leith's to play bridge. A Mrs. Anderson – young kid who boards there played with us – a good time – we won.
Tuesday	March 19	Didn't go to college in aft. Durham plays off with Clinton in Galt. A lot went down. I stayed with Jean & Vera. Went downtown. Mrs. Anderson was with us. Heard score – Durham lost 3-2. Hockey over.
Wednesday	March 20	Everyone talking about game. Sure tough that they lost out. I stayed home at night & did homework. Mrs. Schenk was over.
Thursday	March 21	Winnie had the Ladies' Aid. We had 2 tables of bridge at nite. Mr. & Mrs. Rutherford, Frank Goodchild & H. Anderson, Eddie McQueen & Edye. Good time.
Friday	March 22	I finished the typing book. Swell day. Spring certainly is here. Mr. Anderson was down after & going home tomorrow. I came home with Elgin at nite.
Saturday	March 23	Lovely day. Studied some French in aft. Elgin went to Toronto. I intended to go to show but Elgin didn't get home in time, read.

Sunday	March 24	Studied some Fr. Went to church in aft. and nite. Mr. Smith spoke on "Mixed Marriages". Miss Heard had an accident on Main Street with a new car, in hospital.
Monday	March 25	Colder to-day. Had Fr. Authors exam. Got fruit after four to send up to hospital to Mary Leeson who has a new baby. Did homework at night – Mother was up.
Tuesday	March 26	Lovely day. I went up to Whitmore's after school & after supper Anna and I went for walk. Talked to George Glass and fooled around for awhile.
Wednesday	March 27	Vic phoned and said he was going to Toronto in morning. So Winnie & I got ready to go with him. Anna had a party, played "500" – good time. Elgin, Allan, Bill, Laddie, Freda, Evelyn B., Anna & I.
Thursday	March 28	Got up at 5. Had breakfast at Hope's. Got a Joan Bennet permanent in Joan's (4hrs.). Went to Imperial in aft. To see Roberta (good). Ruby called for us after 4 and we ate & then went to see Shirley Temple in "Bright Eyes" (wonderful) & also "Women in the Dark".
Friday	March 29	We stayed at Wilf's (?) all night & Winnie & I went shopping in aft. & went to Hope's for dinner. Came home at nite. Sally drove and we minded Nadine.
Saturday	March 30	Combed my hair a bit – think I will like it. Did homework in aft. to make up for school missed. Went to bed early as I was tired.
Sunday	March 31	Went to church in aft. & nite. Mr. Smith spoke on "in-laws". Allan, Bill, Russ Drimmie, Earl Hast, Mack(?), Freda, Mr. Allen & I were out to Anna's – had some great arguments on religion & so on.
Monday	April 1	Had a Shorthand exam, got 98 but only 29 in my Fr. Alix Edge(?), Hugh Anderson, Eddie McQueen were over for bridge. Stayed till about 2. I was sick in night.
Tuesday	April 2	Snow on the ground, much colder. Had another Shorthand exam. Wasn't feeling very well so did some studying & went to bed early.
Wednesday	April 3	Got 93 in Shorthand exam. Anna, Blanche & I went to Auxiliary Contest program, good. I walked home with Hugh A.
Thursday	April 4	Sort of chilly. Winnie went to institute so I got my own supper. Studied filing at night.
Friday	April 5	Had filing exam. Mrs. Dargavel went to Toronto so we had holiday in aft. Went up to college & had some fun. Went to dance in Holstein – had a great time. Kids were there from Mt. Forest.
Saturday	April 6	Winnie stayed over the week end. We went to sugar bush in aft. Read at night.
Sunday	April 7	Cold wind. Mr. Mercer's birthday, 50. Went to church in aft. Laddie, George Glass & I went up to Grace MacDonald's at Chatsworth for Elsie Hunter & then we went to O.S.

Monday	April 8	Didn't go to school in morning as Mrs. Dargavel was away, studied some though, bookkeeping. Went over to Sally's at four & to Hargrave's at night. Played "500". Oscar Moon was there. Didn't get home until late, about 2.
Tuesday	April 9	Nice day. Had a Shorthand exam & started Bookkeeping exam. Betty Rudd & I looked for present for Mrs. Alder who is going away. Anna & I went up town at night. Allan McLean walked home with us.
Wednesday	April 10	Mr. Wilton dropped dead this morning. Went to Mission Circle. Ladies gave a supper. We gave Mrs. Alder a Sheffield relish dish, \$6.50. I made the presentation. Allan, Anna, Hugh & I went out to Anna's & played "500".
Thursday	April 11	Had 5 th theory. Took Nadine after four, went up to see Dorothy McFarlane. Stayed at Sally's for supper. When I came home Hugh called up & wanted to come over. Winnie was away & we danced & fooled around.
Friday	April 12	Rainy. Had 6 th theory exam, got 92% on whole & 96% on rules. Winnie started my dress for the Easter dance, red & white organdie. I didn't go home this week end as I have an exam tomorrow.
Saturday	April 13	Studied in morning. Vera was down – some girl. Had Shorthand Theory exam in aft. – hard. Went up to library at night. Got "The Silent World".
Sunday	April 14	A lovely day. Went to church in morning. Winnie & I went up to Aunt Eva's for dinner. Went to church at night. Mr. Smith spoke on "Divorce".
Monday	April 15	Snow on ground. Winnie went to Hanover with Rebecca's so I had Hugh, Blanche, Allan in for a game or bridge – danced.
Tuesday	April 16	Had a Business English exam – final. Got 85. Winnie & I went to Mission Circle concert at night.
Wednesday	April 17	I didn't go to school in aft., studied for Fr. Mother was up and they finished my dress. It looks pretty. Anna wanted me to go to show with her but thought I better study.
Thursday	April 18	Got diploma for filing – 93. The highest. Wrote Fr. Comp in aft. – hard. Hugh, Alex Edgar were over for bridge. A Mr. Burner called for Hugh – some guy, a regular comedian.



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Friday	April 19	Good Friday and a lovely day. Washed & pressed my clothes in morning. Sally, Mrs. Hope & Nadine came down in aft. & took Mother & I for a drive. Cy & Ruby also called. Went to Br(?) at night– a choir practice.
Saturday	April 20	Warm & sunny. Baked in morning. Went up to town in aft. Got a new brown hat. Elgin, George Sockette, Berniece & I went to show in Hanover at night “After Office Hours”.
Sunday	April 21	Easter Sunday and a lovely day. Went up to Mary Leeson’s in morning. Went to church in aft. Cy, Ruby & Winnie were down for supper.
Monday	April 22	Myrtle Kerr was in an accident – hurt her back. I went up to town with uncle Cameron & went to Easter dance – wore my new dress. Had a wonderful time, a swell dance. Stayed at Winnie’s.
Tuesday	April 23	Came home in morning with Vic & Sally. Mother went to Toronto with them. I had a sleep in aft. Elgin & I went up to Durham for Mother at nite.
Wednesday	April 24	Lovely & warm. Raked up the lawn in aft. Anna was down at night & we went for a walk & talked.
Thursday	April 25	Uncle Harry Burnett died. Ruby, Winnie, Eva & I went down in aft. Ruby & I minded Nadine till 9:30, then went to Hockey Boys dance – a wonderful time. Lot there from Mt. Forest & Hanover.
Friday	April 26	I came home in morning. Did some ironing. Had an hour’s sleep in aft. Went to Rebecca party in Hanover with Winnie & Ruby. Came home with Roy Coburn.
Saturday	April 27	Raining. Mother & I went to Uncle Harry’s funeral. Slept in aft. George, Marg & Al Constable, Winnie & Ruby were down at nite – had great chat.
Sunday	April 28	Al stayed all night. Went to church at night with Anna. Earl Hart, Art Hoss, Laddie, Allan, MacN, Freda & I were out at Anna’s. Had a great time – some discussion.
Monday	April 29	Started to school again. Mrs. Dargavel wanted to know if I would be Miss MacPhail’s secretary for this week. Didn’t know whether to go or not, told her I would. Went to Oddfellow’s At Home & dance.
Tuesday	April 30	Blanche Raynor didn’t come home so I had to take her part in play. Stayed home in aft. as I wasn’t feeling well. Put on play in Williamsford at nite. Didn’t have to be prompted – had dance after.
Wednesday	May 1	Went over to Miss MacPhail’s in aft. Drafted a letter – neither typewriter would work so had to call in a mechanic. Went to Flesherton at night.
Thursday	May 2	Did I work hard? Spelt poll “pale” ha! Sent 2 wires. Typed nearly all day & my back certainly ached but Miss MacPhail was great. She gave me \$2.50 for the day – not bad & brought me back for the High School Banquet. I stayed alone at Winnie’s.



DON CROSBY For The Sun Times

Jean Clunas, left, and author Donna Mann at the unveiling of a plaque commemorating Agnes Macphail as a person of national historic significance. The plaque is located outside Macphail's former home in Ceylon just outside of Flesherton.

Friday	May 3	Brought over some work to do here. Mrs. Dargavel said that I got a great reputation, only thing was that I worked her too hard. Snowing. Stayed at Aunt Eva's. Went to Masonic dance with Laddie – a lovely swell party.
Saturday	May 4	Went to Owen Sound with Elgin. He got a new suit & I got a new dress – green & brown. Elgin & I went uptown at night. Jimmy Sullivan, Laddie, Allan were in car with us.
Sunday	May 5	Didn't get up till noon. Went to church & Sunday School. Was terribly tired – too many late nights. So went to bed right after supper – raining.
Monday	May 6	Nicer today. A holiday. 25th anniversary of reign of King & Queen. Washed my hair. Went up to Sally's at night. As Winnie is away, I am staying there.
Tuesday	May 7	Sally & Vic went to Toronto. Worked hard at school. Took Nadine out after four. Went up to Library at night with Anna.
Wednesday	May 8	Sally came back with Ede, her sister & baby & Mrs. Palmer. I went to show "David Copperfield" with Elgin, Anna & Earl, liked it very much.

Thursday	May 9	Running all day. Sally took her company back to Mona Mills. Got my own supper. Did homework.
Friday	May 10	Miss MacPhail was over – got another \$1.50 & she wants me Tues. & Wed. Elgin came up & I went home with him. Read at nite.
Saturday	May 11	Studied most of day. Went uptown with Elgin. Elgin, Florence Patterson, Jean MacGillvary, Ronald Rudd, Laddie & I went to Holstein. Sure had fun. Took Florence home – such roads.
Sunday	May 12	A lovely day & Mother's day. Went to church & Sunday School & up to Aunt Eva's for supper. Bob Christie was up. We went out to Freda's. Had lots of fun.
Monday	May 13	Cold for this time of year. Nothing much happened to-day. Went up to library and came home with Allan.
Tuesday	May 14	Sally's went to Toronto so I stayed at Aunt Eva's for dinner and supper. Mrs. Kennedy (Aunt Marion's daughter) died & left 5 children.
Wednesday	May 15	Lorne Reis died today – 24, very sad. Alex Edge & I went over to Miss MacPhail's. Took 16 letters down at once & typed them. Arranged forms in envelopes. Worked till about 9.
Thursday	May 16	Miss Edge came home but I stayed. Answered some more letters. Miss MacPhail brought me over at night. Went on ride to McGirrs with Young Peoples. Had a great time. It was a gorgeous night. Came home with Laddie.
Friday	May 17	Went to school in morning. Had speed exam. Went to Lorne Reis' funeral in aft. Elgin, Ronald, Laddie, Bill Renwick, Anna & I went to dance in Holstein. Never missed a dance. Home at "4".
Saturday	May 18	Didn't get up till 11. Did some work. Fowler's came up. Went up town at night. Kids were around. Talked over night before. Bill Firth asked me to a dance.
Sunday	May 19	Was out driving the car in morning. Went to church & Sunday School. Went to church at night with Anna. Stayed out for awhile.
Monday	May 20	Cold. Vic came home this morning. Went to Aunt Eva's for dinner. Went to dance (Canadian Cowboys with Bill Firth) – lots of fun.
Tuesday	May 21	Still cold. Worked all day & did homework at night. Mr. & Mrs. Smith were over. Went to bed early.
Wednesday	May 22	Lorne's birthday – bought him some scribblers. 9 today. Went over town at night but it was so cold, didn't stay long.
Thursday	May 23	Took Nadine out after 4. There were two fires – Kennies and church shed. Shirley, Jean Murdoch, Anna, Elgin, Jim, Laddie, Bill went out to Anna's and played cards and danced.
Friday	May 24	Warmer. Fowlers came up. Anna, Evelyn, Elsie, Barbara, Berniece & I went fishing. Had horse & buggy ride, also flat tire. Elgin, Jim, Laddie, Shirley, Anna & I went to dance in Flesherton, had wonderful time, lot from Durham there.

May 24th, 1935



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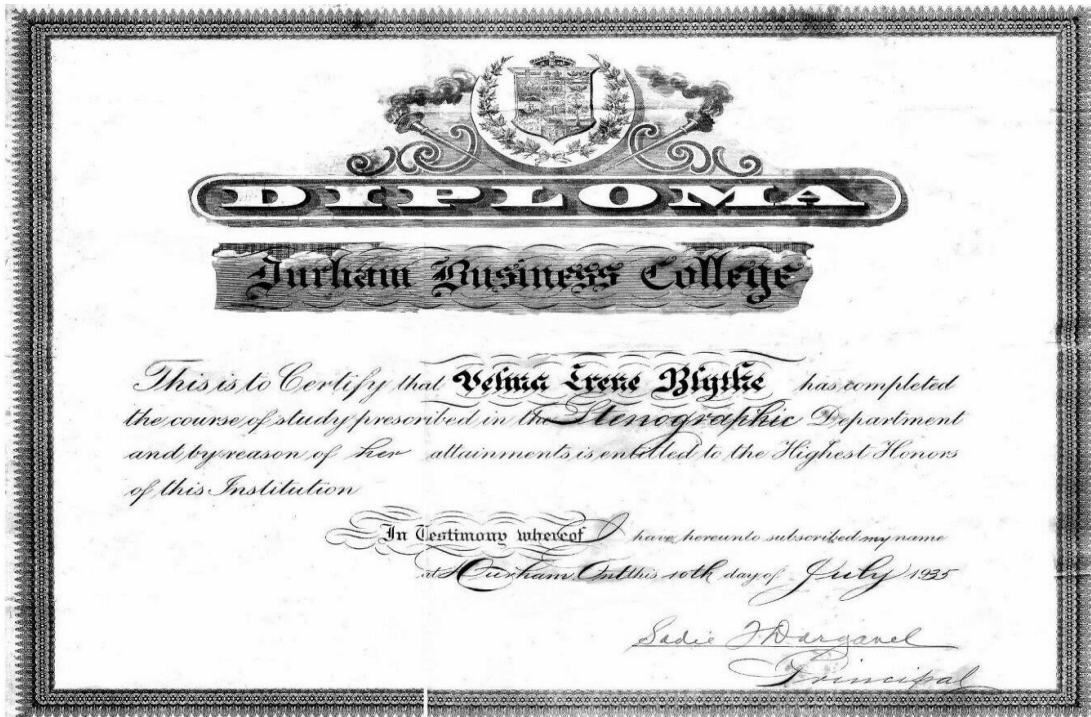
Velma on left

Saturday	May 25	Real warm today. Worked in morning, studied & had sleep in aft. Howard MacDonald died suddenly. Ronald Rudd , Florence Patt., Laddie & I went for drive in Ronnie's car We were in rumble.
Sunday	May 26	Lovely today. Elgin & I were up to Durham in morning. Went to Sunday School. Anna was down. We went to Knox anniversary at night. Rev. Dunn spoke good.
Monday	May 27	Got a nice pair of shoes – brown sport Oxford's. I am staying at Aunt Eva's this week. Felt terrible today but stuck it out at school & went & talked to Glenna for awhile. To bed early.
Tuesday	May 28	Raining all day. Got my working sheet to come out in my bookkeeping exam. Studied at night.
Wednesday	May 29	Nice today. Went over to Mrs. Hope's after four. Anna, Inez & I went down town at night, open night. Bought some cookies & fooled around.
Thursday	May 30	Finished my Bookkeeping exam. What a relief! Winnie came home so we went down to house for supper. We had lots to talk about.
Friday	May 31	Lovely. Winnie sprained her ankle so I mowed the lawn for her after four. What a job! There was a play in town. I went up town & sat in the car with about 6 boys – ha! till the play came out. Then went with Oscar Moon to dance at Holstein.
Saturday	June 1	It was three when we got home but I got up early & worked. Had a sleep in aft. Elgin & I went up town at nite. I was around with Florence & Glenna. Elgin had Shirley to the show so Allan & I went for a walk until they came back.
Sunday	June 2	Uncle Irving & Mrs. Brown came up. We all went on a picnic to Harriston park. 5 cars. Cy, Ruby, Anna & Kay were up. Went to Balmy Beach also. Was out with Anna, Earl & Allan at night. Went to Pike Lake for a drive.
Monday	June 3	Rainy. Did some French. Mrs. Brown was here & lovely. I went up to town with her & uncle about 6. Was up street at night, came home with Laddie.
Tuesday	June 4	Got a 94 in my Bookkeeping exam. Anna started to school in the daytime. We went to look at a present for Inez. I stayed in at night & studied.
Wednesday	June 5	Raining. Intended to play tennis after 4 but couldn't. Anna & I went up town at nite. Were with rest of gang. They brought us home.
Thursday	June 6	Worked hard all day. Winnie went to Warton. Went up town for awhile to Ethel Hargrave's shop, asked Allan to come out to Anna's tomorrow nite. Said he would come if he was the lucky one – ha.
Friday	June 7	Got a new pair of shoes, cup & saucer. Forence, Marg, Inez, Anna & I had a dinner at Anna's about 8. I was 19, Inez 20 & also Inez's graduation. Gave her an evening bag. The boys came out after, we danced & had loads of fun. Laddie bought me a box chocolates (Laddie & Allan not feeling very well sometimes).
Saturday	June 8	Florence stayed at our place all night. We talked in morning & didn't get up until 11. I washed my hair& Florence set int.

		Elgin & I took her home at noon. Elgin & I went uptown at night.
Sunday	June 9	Went down to store in morning. Went to church & Sunday School. Florence came out for supper, we went to Presbyterian dinner & then Allan, Ron, Anna, Florence, Earl & I went for drive. Down to park in Holstein, broke swing.
Monday	June 10	Went up to tennis courts after 4. Jimmie Sullivan & I wrote a Shorthand exam at night, came home & did some studying.
Tuesday	June 11	Nice day. Typed out some chain letters for Barb. Winnie went to Lodge & I stayed in & studied Fr.
Wednesday	June 12	Winnie & I went over to see Mrs. Hope after 4. Anna & I went over to Inez's at nite to see her grad presents. Got a scare in night. Someone ringing doorbell about 2 & persistent.
Thursday	June 13	Had a sore back all day. Did some more chain letters. Winnie & I went over to Elsie McGirr's at night. Winnie knitting me a sweater from pattern, pretty.
Friday	June 14	Mrs. Dargavel was away. I played tennis in morning. Did some Fr. & went up town in aft. in telephone office. Anna & I went to ballgame then whole gang went to dance in Holst. We went with Jim & Laddie in Moore's car – swell time (Wilkinson boy - 2 nd cousin was there).
Saturday	June 15	Got up about 8:30. Did some work. Had some sleep in aft. Went to Rav (Rahn de Voo) at night with Elgin, Evelyn Ross, Glenna, Lawrence, Lewie McComb & Jimmy. Talk about fun, bought doughnuts, date squares etc.
Sunday	June 16	Moonie's came up. We went visiting in aft. and stayed at Aunt Charlotte's for supper. I went up to town about 8.
Monday	June 17	It was raining so stayed home started Madame Thérèse – 30 pages a morning. Went to school in aft. Studied at nite & went up to library.
Tuesday	June 18	Went to school to study in morning. It was raining all day & cold. I worked some old Fr. Papers at nite.
Wednesday	June 19	Raining again. Got over my 30 pages. Went up town at night & sat in car with kids.
Thursday	June 20	Quite cold. Terrible weather for June. Winnie & I stayed home at night & listened to radio & I did some Fr. Sentences.
Friday	June 21	Mrs. Dargavel told me I was the best she ever had in Shorthand. Anna & I went for drive with Bill Firth. Anna, Glenna, Evelyn, Elgin, Lewie, Laddie & I went to dance in Priceville, swell time bankers were there.
Saturday	June 22	Was tired. Had a sleep in aft. & studied some Fr. Went up town at night. Was with Glenna, Evelyn. Met Bill & went to restaurant to eat.
Sunday	June 23	Cold & rainy. Did some more Fr. sentences. Went to church & Sunday School. Went to church at night. Went for a little ride with Earl, Allan, Anna – went home early.

Monday	June 24	Tried Fr. Authors in morning – sight was hard. Fr. Comp. in aft. not so bad. Anna & I went to ballgame. We went for walk with kids.
Tuesday	June 25	Took Shorthand all morning. Mrs. Dargavel told me I was going to get General Proficiency Certificate. Anna & I went up town & sat in Barb's car at night. Kids came along – bought peanuts.
Wednesday	June 26	Warm all day. Rained at night. Glenna, Evelyn, Allan, Elgin were down. We certainly raised the roof.
Thursday	June 27	Lovely. Elgin & I went to Rocky Garden Party (Laddie asked me to go but didn't call). Glenna, Evelyn, Lewie, Elgin, Bill Renwick & I went to dance in Williamsford. Good time.
Friday	June 28	Winnie painted the verandah. We went to ball game. Harriston & Durham girls. There was a street dance after. Stayed till end.
Saturday	June 29	Was terribly tired. Worked in morning. Read & slept in aft. Fowler's called on way up North, wanted me to go with them. Laddie, Shirley, Elgin & I went to show "Kid Millions".
Sunday	June 30	Didn't get up very early. Finished "Hundredth Chance" – wonderful. Went to church & Sunday School. Came up to town at night. Was with Laddie. Stayed at Anna's all night.
Monday	July 1	Anna, Glenna, Evelyn & I went to Mt. Forest for the celebration. Had lots of fun (took lunch into restaurant). Then I was out with the smartest boy at night, Teddie Broughton. There was a street dance.
Tuesday	July 2	Was terribly hot. Glenna & I went swimming after four and went to ballgame at night.
Wednesday	July 3	Hot. Glenna & I went swimming after 4. Went up to town at night, it was open night.
Thursday	July 4	Just had school in morning as it was so hot. Evelyn had car in afternoon and took us to U.F.O. picnic, went to dance at night, had good time.
Friday	July 5	Terribly hot. Just had school in morning. Gang of us went to dance in Holstein at night. It was warm so we stayed outside most of time.
Saturday	July 6	Worked in morning. Walter Baines (a cousin from the West) and another kid came up. Bill Firth & I went to the Rav with them at nite. Ate afterwards, lots of fun. Rode in rumble.
Sunday	July 7	Took pictures. Glenna & I, Elgin & the 2 boys went to Owen Sound in morning. Had lunch in park. Went to church in aft. Came up to Winnie's at night.
Monday	July 8	A terrible houseful, Aunt Eva's are here as they are fixing their house. Ruby home. Was tired, went to bed early.
Tuesday	July 9	Hot. Just had school in morning. Ruby had tonsils out & is resting up. Jean & I went for a walk at night.
Wednesday	July 10	Hot. Tried Shorthand exam. Letters in morning. Got 86. Aunt Eva made me a halter neck blouse in aft. Went up street at night with Anna & Glenna to ball game.
Thursday	July 11	Tried legal exam – passed. Aunt Eva, Ruby, Winnie & I played bridge in aft. Went to wiener roast at night with Allan

		& gang.
Friday	July 12	Had typing exam (53). I was supposed to try last exam but it didn't come. Glenna, Susie Bell & I with to Flesherton to 12 th celebration. Street dance in Durham at night. I was with Teddie Broughton. Swell time.
Saturday	July 13	Ruby was down for week end. Had lots of fun. Bill Firth, Glenna, Lewie & I went to Rav at night. Elgin took Ruby's car over. We all ate together after. Rode in rumble.
Sunday	July 14	Cooler. We went to church. Elgin took Ruby up at night. I read & went to bed early.
Monday	July 15	Tried Shorthand exam – 80 speed. Finished everything. Mrs. Dargavel is going to give me a dictionary. Came home at noon. Lewie & Jean Rowe were down at night & talked to Elg & I for awhile.



Tuesday	July 16	Vera was down for week. We went in swimming in aft. Washed & ironed. Went down to store at night.
Wednesday	July 17	Mother made my dress & I ironed. Elgin & I went up town at night. Saw the kids & talked in the car for awhile.
Thursday	July 18	Terribly hot. Elgin was sick & also the hired man. Sewed. Elg & I went up for Glenna at night. We had some Pepsi cola & chocolate cake for lunch.
Friday	July 19	Hot. Glenna & I went down to Evelyn's in morning (hitch-hiked down). Came home in aft. Elg, Eva, Joe Noble, Lewie, Glenna & I went to dance in Holst. Teddie B. came in just before I came home.
Saturday	July 20	Suffocating. Glenna went home in morning. Had a sleep in aft. Elgin, Vera & I went up town at night. Were in at Winnie's for awhile.
Sunday	July 21	I went out to Florence Patterson's in morning. Went to church. Went back to lake to swim in aft. Went to church at night. The heat was terrible. They had company after church. Florence & I talked till 1.
Monday	July 22	The heat is terrible. We helped Mrs. Patterson bake. Eliz. Harding came out in aft. Talked. We went to supper, garden party at Dromore. They put on play "The Antics of Ardour". Comical. Florence was in it & wore my dress. I came home with Mother.
Tuesday	July 23	Hot again but not so bad. I went down to see Janet Kerr for awhile in aft. & read. Went down to corner at night.
Wednesday	July 24	Elg's birthday (18). Real hot. Went up to dentist in aft. Got my diploma, lovely. Went out to Anna's for supper. Laddie was up at night. We went for drive (sure like him).
Thursday	July 25	Ironed in morning. Went to church picnic in Holstein with Anna. Played ball. Went to tattoo in Mt. Forest at nite. Elg Wouldn't take us so Marj, Eva & I got down in spite of them (was with Ted/had swell time did not miss a dance).
Friday	July 26	Lorne was sick – summer flu. Had a card from Bill who is on holidays. Claire was up for supper. We went down to corner at night.
Saturday	July 27	Elg & I went up to doctor's to get medicine for Lorne. Was at dentist, with Glenna & then went out to Aunt Mary Ann's for supper. Elg, George Rockett, Susie Bell, Glenna & I went to Rav at nite.
Sunday	July 28	Little cool. This week certainly has been terrible. Went to church. Uncle John & Aunt Myra were down for supper. Read at night.
Monday	July 29	Worked all morning. Was down to store in aft. Anna was down at night & we talked over things (about Teddie being up to Ritchie's).
Tuesday	July 30	Went up to dentist. Finished. Teddie was up at night. We went to show & then up to see Glenna & Lewie.
Wednesday	July 31	Worked in morning. Mother & I went to Laddie's hill at Mountains. Went up town at night. Laddie telling me what he thought about Teddie.
Thursday	August 1	Washed up everything for the Old Boys. Ironed in aft. Was tired at night. Washed Elg's hair & went to bed early.

Friday	August 2	Cleaned house in morning. We went up town in aft. Old Boys starts tomorrow. A kid came up from Mt. Forest & wanted me to go to show but didn't go. Went to bed early.
Saturday	August 3	Registration Day at Old Boys. Worked typing names on badges at Town Hall. Interesting. Fowler's & Uncle Irving's were up. Midway in town (were on swings, merry-go-round & ferris wheel) – went there at night. Had 2 chances to go to Rav (with Laddie), didn't go. Stayed at Glenna's at night during Old Boys.
Sunday	August 4	Went to Pres. Church in morning. Had dinner, went to 4 Square Dipping (a lady 75 dipped). Went out to decoration at cemetery – took pictures. Fooled around town at nite & then went to midnight street dance. Was with Teddie. He took me home, didn't get any sleep at all (Glenna & Evelyn dressed up in men's clothes & sprayed us with pepper & water about 5 in the morning. Belva Noble, Eliz. Vessey, Evelyn, Glenna & I).

Old Boys Reunion, 1935



Velma on left



Velma fifth from right



Velma front right



Velma front centre



Monday	August 5	Went to Calithumpian in Parade, good. Dionne Quintuplets got 1 st prize. Ate in town. For breakfast we had an orange, for dinner a hamburger & for supper a hamburger). Had ride in an old car. Went over to grounds in aft. & then went in swimming. Went to dance again at night. Got home around 2:30 (lost \$1.50 somewhere around house – looks suspicious).
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Velma on left



Velma second left



Velma on right



Tuesday	August 6	Rained all day. As we didn't get up until 5 pm (4 of us in a bed, some time). Got something to eat. Went down town. Ted was up. Went to dance. After they burned an old toilet out on the street. It was wild (Ted took me home. We drove over lawns etc., broke a door off car. Got in about 5. Mr. Lawrence was away).
Wednesday	August 7	Got up about 1. Went down town & to horse races. Ate in town. Came up home & got dressed. Went to dance. Ted was up. We were all so tired didn't know what to do with ourselves. What a jam (Ted, Allan, Eliz., Berniece, Dan O'Connell & I came home together) (Mr. Lawrence told boys to go home).
Thursday	August 8	Got up about 1pm. Old Boys is over & are we ever tired. Laid around most of aft. Came down to midway at night. Elg Came up for me. I went to bed early.
Friday	August 9	Washed up all my dirty clothes. Had sleep in aft. Went to street dance at night. It rained so then had it in Hall – what a jam. Ted was up.

Saturday	August 10	Not feeling very well. George Constable, Marj & Winnie were down for dinner. Ironed. Elg & I went up town at night. Last night of midway.
Sunday	August 11	Went in swimming in morning. Went to Sunday School & church. A missionary, Mr. Storrey, from South America spoke good. Was here for supper. Went down to corner at night & went to bed early.
Monday	August 12	Felt tired all day. Went in swimming & had sleep in aft. Terribly hot. Went down to water at nite. Ted Burnett, Wilkinson, Jack Gibson were up in old truck.
Tuesday	August 13	Cooler. Did up some plums in morning. Mr. (Rev.) Storrey was here for supper. Went to see picture on South America in church at nite.
Wednesday	August 14	Rev. Storrey went away in morning. Marjorie & I lay down at water all aft. & went for drive with Ted Novice. Went up town at nite.
Thursday	August 15	Hot. Washed in morning. Marj & I went with Mr. McCabe in aft. Selling cars. Went to town, Holstein, Woodland Springs, Mt. Forest. Went to garden party at nite at Glenelg Centre. Lots of fun, had a boy (German) from Kitchener with us.
Friday	August 16	Terribly hot, baked in morning. Had a little sleep in aft. Read and went to bed sort of early as the next day was our reunion. Got Fr. Authors & enough in Fr. Comp. to give me my middle.



TORONTO, August 8, 1935.

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to state that the Special Revising Board has reviewed the marks obtained by the candidate, Velma I. Blythe, at the Middle and Upper School examinations and has recommended that she be granted Middle School credit in the additional subject of French Composition. A certificate has been issued in her favour and is enclosed herewith.

Yours very truly,


Registrar.

Encl.

James A. M. Robb Esq., B.A.,
Principal, High School,
DURHAM, Ontario.

Saturday	August 17	Reunion at Erin. Got towels for 2 nd prize in Boot & Shoe Race. Stayed for dance at nite. Swell time. Mrs. Thornell, Charles & Howard were there from Detroit. They came up here after. I came with them.
Sunday	August 18	Went swimming in morning (Charles milked a cow). I went up with Thornell's while they visited the rest of the gang. Stayed in Durham for supper. Rest went to bed early. Charles & I stayed, up worked on puzzles, went for drive.
Monday	August 19	Thornell' s left in morning. Went in swimming in aft. & also at night. Stayed at Marjorie's for supper. Freda stayed all night.
Tuesday	August 20	Freda was here. We went in swimming in aft. Marj, Freda & I went to Mt. Forest with Mr. McCabe. Saw Ted just as we were coming home. Some other kids wanted to bring us home.
Wednesday	August 21	Cooler today. Just had 7 men to feed today. Fred, Marj & I went to Mt. Forest again. I was with Ted. Just kept Mr. McCabe waiting ½ an hour on me.
Thursday	August 22	We washed in morning. Went down to water in aft. Freda went home at night & I fooled around with kids for awhile then went to bed.
Friday	August 23	Ironed in morning. Aunt Sadie's were down in aft. Anna, Marj & I went to Mt. Forest again & Anna stayed all nite.



Anna Ritchie

Saturday	August 24	Mother was sick so I did all the work. Wasn't feeling very well myself. Went up town at night. All set to go home with Laddie but was so sick Elg Had to bring me home
Sunday	August 25	What a night but feel a little better today. I guess I have the flu too, nearly everyone has. Mother still in bed. I went on a picnic to Crow's bridge & Pike Lake with kids from Varney. Was out in canoe. Went to bed when I came home.
Monday	August 26	Mother still in bed. I feel kind of weak but manage to get work done. Ross is here. I sure make use of Lorne these days. Went down to store at nite.
Tuesday	August 27	Worked hard again. Mother is a little better to-day but still weak. I baked. Lorne went up to Jean's. Went down to corner at nite. Billors(?) were up.
Wednesday	August 28	Canned some tomatoes. Real cool. Elg, Ross & I went to show, "No More Women" with Joan Crawford & Robert Montgomery good.
Thursday	August 29	Anna came down in morning & we washed & ironed. Winnie & Ruby were down in aft. I went to a corn roast out at Morrison's cottage with Laddie.
Friday	August 30	Mother is Feeling better. Had a sleep in aft. Went to dance in Holstein with Anna & Barb & Mac. Came home with Bill. Ate, & had swell time. Anna was with Clark.
Saturday	August 31	Baked in morning. Mother went up to Doctor at night, is anemic & has to take it easier. I went to the Rav with Laddie. 6 of us ate after & had lots of fun.
Sunday	September 1	Cold. Got up & did work & went back to bed again. Went to church & Sunday School. Went down to Marjorie's for awhile at night. Allan McFarlane died, drank poison.
Monday	September 2	Weigh 108 – am gaining. Labour Day. Elg Went to ex. We did some pickling, read in aft. I got the car & Evelyn,, Glenna & I went to street dance in Hanover.
Tuesday	September 3	Real cold. Made chili sauce. School started & it seems funny to be through. Was tired so read & went to bed early; got some books from Mrs. Kerr.
Wednesday	September 4	Did some more preserving. Went up town at night & Barb, Bill, Jim, Laddie, Allan & I ate a basket of apples in about 15 min.
Thursday	September 5	Washed & did most of the ironing. We decided to go on a trip over the week-end. Went down to see Marj For awhile.
Friday	September 6	Ironed. We had a corn roast at night. Jim, Laddie, Bill & Ron were down. Then 8 of us went out to Hayward Falls. 8 in 1 car. What a time!
Saturday	September 7	Left about 10:30 on trip. Aunt Eva went with us. Went up by Eugenia Kimberly Valley. Had lunch in Kimberly, stopped at Cowan's in Collingwood & got to George Constable's in time for supper. Went to show in Barrie & ate afterwards.
Sunday	September 8	George & Marj's new home is perfect. We went down to lake and saw bird houses beside George's. Went up to Al Constable's at night. Children were home.
Monday	September 9	Left about 9. Stopped in Alliston. I got a new hat & pr. of shoes (brown). Got home about 1. Went up to Durham &

		saw Mrs. Dargevel. Stayed at Aunt Eva's for supper. Came home & went to bed early.
Tuesday	September 10	Aunt Sadie was down. Fixed up my clothes for fall. Went up to town in aft. & took Shorthand & typing. Trying to get my speed up. Had supper at Sally's.
Wednesday	September 11	Lorne's School Fair. I typed invitations for Anglican Tea. Elg, Caldwell, Dorothy & I went to show in Hanover & to dance at Rav afterwards.
Thursday	September 12	Went to work in morning. Did 240 invitations. Miss MacPhail was over & wants me to start to work for her. Brings her work over each day. Laddie & I went to wiener roast at Gordon McGirr's cabin.
Friday	September 13	Started to work. Addressed postcards in morning. Went to Fall Fair in aft., cold & rainy. Fooled around with Bill in aft. Went out to Winnie's for supper. Bill, Glenna, kids, Lewie & I went to eat in O. Sound & to dance in Williamsford, wonderful time.
Saturday	September 14	Worked hard all day. Thunder storm in aft. Ruby, Cy & Winnie came up from Toronto. I went up town tonight & fooled around with kids.
Sunday	September 15	Cold. Went to church & Sunday School. Winnie, Ruby & Cy were down. I went at home with Winnie at nite, read.
Monday	September 16	Worked hard all day addressing postcards. Winnie & I went over to Schenk's at nite & played cards. Helen Fortune was there.
Tuesday	September 17	Lovely day. Miss MacPhail has a boy working for her, Jimmy Palmer, a 4 th year McMaster student. He took Sadie, Winnie & I up to a political meeting in Dornoch at nite. Very clever kid.
Wednesday	September 18	Worked in morning. Went to Ladies meeting in Hall in aft. Mrs. Pearce from O. S. & Miss MacPhail spoke & Marguerite Nuttall, soprano sang. Great meeting – got my hair finger waved at nite.
Thursday	September 19	Busy all day. Went down to dance at Mt. Forest with Barb, Anna & Earl, their Fall Fair. Came home with Ted Broughton. We ate in Mt. Forest. Had great time. Doug Grant brought Glenna home.
Friday	September 20	Went to Ceylon, Dundalk & to O.S. with Jimmy. Had dinner in O.S., worked in aft. Went to Tennis Club Dance, marvellous time. Ted Broughton & Ted Bracey were up.
Saturday	September 21	Went to work in morning but didn't have much to do. Jimmy was at our place for dinner. He & Winnie went to Paisley. I didn't have to work in aft. Had a sleep. Went up town at nite with Glenna, came home with Elg.
Sunday	September 22	Didn't get up until 11. Went to church & Sunday School. Went to Durham church at nite. Freda & I stayed up town for awhile & then I went home & read.

Monday	September 23	Worked all day. Winnie cut my hair. I started to knit a scarf, the first I ever did. Winnie went to meeting in Ceylon, so I knit, had bath & went to bed.
Tuesday	September 24	Lovely day, real warm. Anna came up at nite so we fooled around until 1pm. She had to wait till Barb came home from lodge. Elg & Allan were down at house.
Wednesday	September 25	Another swell day. Fooled around with Evelyn in car after work. Miss MacPhail was at Winnie's & Jimmy & I had our supper together. Shirley, Jean Murdoch, Marj & a bunch of kids & I went in and bought 2 kinds of ice cream at nite. Had good time.
Thursday	September 26	Still more cards to do. Raining. Winnie went to another political meeting. I listened to Rudy Vallee. Knit & went to bed fairly early.
Friday	September 27	Cold. Glenna, Lewie, Honey Ritchie, Oleida Hahn, Joe Noble, Pat McComb & I went to dance in Holstein. Their Fall Fair & what a crowd. But I had the swellest time. Nearly all Mt. Forest were there, Ted B., Ted Bracy, Mac Thornhill, etc. It was great.
Saturday	September 28	Had to work in morning. Winnie cut out a dress for me in aft. Brown wool crepe with orange velvet trimming. I made a cake for Winnie. Glenna & I were up town at nite. Came home.
Sunday	September 29	Mother's birthday (50). Went to church & Sunday School. Winnie & I went to Queen St. anniversary at night.
Monday	September 30	Nomination Day. What a crowd in town. Dr. Hall, the Liberal candidate didn't show up. Went to Red Cross dance at nite after Cons. Banquet, good time. Rev. Mr. Harvey was here for supper.
Tuesday	October 1	Terrible weather, rainy & cold. Winnie went to a meeting. Jimmy & I had our supper together. Anna was up at nite.
Wednesday	October 2	Cold. Snow. Worked hard in morning but was off in aft. Knit my scarf.
Thursday	October 3	Didn't have to do much all day. Winnie started to make a dress for me, brown with orange velvet. Knit at night.
Friday	October 4	Cold & snowy. Winnie finished my dress. Winnie went to meeting in Paisley. I stayed home & read & had bath.
Saturday	October 5	Worked all day. Jim was here for dinner & also Vera. Winnie & I went up town at nite.
Sunday	October 6	Varney anniversary, nice day. Winnie & I went down in morning. Rev. Falconbridge was at our place for dinner, wonderful speaker, not forceful but gives you something to think about (was down at Marjorie's for supper. Came home with Anna & Earl).
Monday	October 7	Nice day. Worked hard. Stayed & helped Sadie after. Went down to Varney anniversary. Supper with Anna & Earl. Good supper & program.

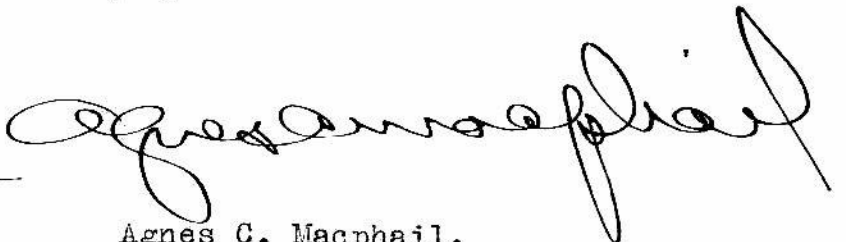
Tuesday	October 8	Not feeling very well, I guess I ate too much last night. Winnie went to a meeting & Anna came up & stayed for awhile. "Harry Anderson", editor of Globe spoke for Miss MacPhail in Walk.
Wednesday	October 9	Did cards all day. Evelyn brought a car for Teacher's Convention so we went over to Rav to dance but there was none so went to dance in Riverdale. Some time.
Thursday	October 10	Raining nearly all day. Finished work to-day. Anna & I went to political meeting in Hall. Miss MacPhail let them ask questions & there certainly were some funny speeches.
Friday	October 11	Sadie & Miss MacPhail had a row but patched it up to-day. Was away with Jimmy all day, took manifests around to post offices & hired orchestra, ate in Hanover. Elgin was up for me at nite.
Saturday	October 12	Nice day. Baked. Elg & I went up town. Marj & Allan sat in car with us – talked & ate bananas. Elg ate 9.
Sunday	October 13	Lovely weather, real warm. Went to church & Sunday School & to Baptist church at night. Heard Jubilee Singers. Anna, Earl, Allan & I went down to Mt. Forest for drive after.
Monday	October 14	Election day. Tom Webb & I took some people out to vote. Went over to Miss MacPhail's about 7 & heard results come in. What an exciting time. She won with a majority of about 1500. We then went on a tour to Markdale, Durham, Hanover, Walk & Chesley (about 50 cars went from Han to Walk. She spoke in each place. Cars blocked the way in Markdale).
Tuesday	October 15	Everything quiet after election. Winnie, Aunt Eva & I went over to Hanover in aft. Aunt Eva got a new coat. Washed my hair. Mrs. Shenck was over at nite.
Wednesday	October 16	Winnie fixed my brown taffeta dress. Went to dentist & up to school in aft. Elg came up for me so went home, read & listened to radio. Mary Leeson stayed all nite.
Thursday	October 17	Fixed my clothes nearly all day. Mother, Dad & I went to Community Party. I played at Kearney's. Had lunch & dance in Hall after.
Friday	October 18	Lovely weather. Went down to store in aft. Stayed home at night and read a book.
Saturday	October 19	Swell day. Went to Owen Sound. Got a dress, & a lovely pair of brown suede shoes, didn't get home until 7. Elg, Florence, Allan & I went to dance in Mt. Forest. Had a lovely time.
Sunday	October 20	Went to church & Sunday School. Had 14 for supper – Morrison's & Wilkinson's, Anna, Barb, Earl, Mac, Berniece, Russ, Gordon Henderson & I were out at Anna's at nite.
Monday	October 21	Washed. Did some studying. Started to rain in aft. Stayed in at night & read.
Tuesday	October 22	Warm. Did some studying in morning. Went up to Durham in aft. Saw Mrs. Dargeval, got a testimonial from Miss MacPhail. Went to Mission Circle, fooled around with kids after discussing dance Thurs.



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Velma Blyth worked with me through
the 1935 election as stenographer and office girl.
Her work was very satisfactory. Miss Blyth is
diligent, efficient and dependable and would be a
most satisfactory stenographer.

Weyburn Ont - 
Oct 22/35.

Agnes C. Macphail.

Wednesday	October 23	We baked in morning. I finished reading "The Soul of Abe Lincoln". Mother & Dad went to reception at Tees. We stayed home.
Thursday	October 24	Thanksgiving day, lovely weather. Had Thanksgiving Dinner at noon. Aunt Jane was here. Florence, Allan, Elg & I went to Thanksgiving dance in Hall. A marvellous time. Laddie was home for it. There was only young people there – banquet first.
Friday	October 25	Aunt Jane & Mother went over to Bogle's. Anna came down & we danced the dance over again. Mother & Dad were away so Anna, Elg & I were alone.
Saturday	October 26	Mother went up town in morning. Did some studying & went down to store in aft. Mrs. Wilton died suddenly. Elg, Laddie, George Glass, Shirley, Glenna & I went to dance in Mt. forest. None of us missed a dance, lots of food.
Sunday	October 27	Glenna went home in morning. Lorne & I went for a ride with Art McCabe. Went to Sunday School & church. Rev. Johnston of Priceville was here for supper,. I went over to St. Paul's anniversary at nite with Marjorie.
Monday	October 28	Studied in morning. Went to Mrs. Wilton's funeral in afternoon. Lorne & I stayed home at nite. Popped some popcorn. Mother & Dad went to crokinole party.
Tuesday	October 29	Went up town in morning, did some shopping – had dinner at Winnie's. Saw Mrs. Dargeval. Went up to Glenna's for supper. Glenna & Evelyn brought me home.
Wednesday	October 30	Washed in morning. Ironed in aft., getting my clothes ready to go away. Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Brown were here for supper – great talkers all, Scotch. Elg & I took them home to Holstein.
Thursday	October 31	Went up town in morning. Put in an application at mill. Got my clothes ready in aft. Halloween. Barb, Anna, Mona, Berniece, Ethel & I went to dance in Mt. Forest. There was an earthquake. We were in car & didn't notice it.
Friday	November 1	Winnie, Elg & I went to Hamilton. Went up to Park Business College, principal's lovely. Went over to Toronto, saw "Top Hat" (Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers) at Beach theatre – good – then went to Ruby's. Stayed all night. She had a couple in for bridge.
Saturday	November 2	I got a permanent in morning. We went to see "Dark Angel"(Fredric March) in aft. Saw Laddie after. Came over to Hamilton about 8pm. Stayed at Raynor's all night.
Sunday	November 3	Elg got a big kick out of Mrs. Reynor & her "land sakes". Went up to Anne's in Morrison in aft. & had supper. Elg & Winnie left for home. Uncle, Addie & I went to Guelph with them & then came home to Ham. Called on Hazel Mosup.
Monday	November 4	Uncle took me to school in morning. It was all strange & I certainly felt lost. Had lunch down town, came home with Uncle about 5pm. Got supper ready, then did a lot of homework.

Tuesday	November 5	School again. Took my lunch. Mr. Cowan, the typing teacher, is sort of hard to get along with. Came home with a girl I met, Barbara Cooke. Worked late & then went for drive.
Wednesday	November 6	Got a letter from Mother. Uncle & I went up to Morrison at night & then up to Guelph for a drive. Don't get much time for sleeping.
Thursday	November 7	Changed my time table. You are certainly swamped with homework. Got letter from Glenna. Addie came home & is great company.
Friday	November 8	Had a test in Rapid Calc. Uncle got a new stove, we changed things around in the kitchen at night and did a lot of homework.
Saturday	November 9	Had to go to school in morning. Went up to Thelma's at noon & then Uncle & I went through market. Addie & I fixed up my room, washed out some things, did some homework & Addie & I had game of cribbage.
Sunday	November 10	Real warm. Uncle & I went to Livingstone United Church. Minister spoke on "Can Jesus Count on You", wonderful service. My face burned all day. Went to see mums at Gage Park & for drive. Went to church at night as it was Armistice service. Wrote letters.
Monday	November 11	Armistice Day & lo & behold! I took the German measles. The doctor said I was to stay in bed till Thurs. Addie put on radio & I tried to content myself. There wasn't much of a rash. Got a letter from Marj.
Tuesday	November 12	Feeling a little better. I am the only one who has the measles in Ham. Must have brought them down with me. Mother called at night. I got a letter from Elg to-day.
Wednesday	November 13	Lorne wrote me the cutest letter all himself. Addie dances around in Hall for me. Haven't much of an appetite & have toothache. Read the swellest continued story, "Shining Windows", by Kathleen Norris.
Thursday	November 14	Was suppose to get up to-day but had a temperature, so Addie wouldn't let me up. Got a letter from Anna. Had toothache so put in quite a day.
Friday	November 15	Am going to try all subjects but Bookkeeping. Got 5 letters this morning, 4 pages of poetry from Laddie. Glenna has measles too but wrote a letter to me 2 days after she took them & said she was all over them. Got up to-day. Wrote a long letter to Mother. Feeling better.
Saturday	November 16	Got up for breakfast. Eliz Harding called this morning & wanted me to go to show. She is going to call next Sat. Read in aft. Addie let me do some sewing on sewing machine. Had bath & went to bed.
Sunday	November 17	Feeling fine now. Listened to a service on radio. Had chicken dinner which was lovely. Read & listened to radio. Uncle went to church at night. Wrote letter to Laddie.
Monday	November 18	Rented a typewriter. Went for a walk in aft., my first out. Did quite a bit of typing, tried some tests.

Tuesday	November 19	Raining. Did some more typing & also some quilt chain letters for Addie. Wrote to Mrs. Dargeval & Anna. Mr. & Mrs. Tom Brown & Edgar were killed in auto accident. Came over radio. Jimmy Palmer called me up.
Wednesday	November 20	Had letter from Mother. Started to school & nearly went bughouse. Mr. Park advised me to write only 5 subjects this month. My eyes bother me. Addie & I went to see Frederic March & Greta Garbo in "Anna Karenina".
Thursday	November 21	Didn't feel very well in morning. Had to pay for exams in advance – passed in spelling exam. I am so tired when I get home, I can hardly do my homework! Work! Work!
Friday	November 22	Had letter from Laddie. He has been sick too. Asked me to wear pin & to go to Xmas dance with him. Am rejoicing because this is Fri. Did some homework to-night & wrote a letter to Mother.
Saturday	November 23	Washed some things out & cleaned my room. Had 12 pages in a letter from Evelyn. Went to barber shop in aft. Did some studying. Uncle & I went for a drive at night. Addie & I have a great time.
Sunday	November 24	Went to St. Giles United Church in morning. Uncle & Addie went to Kitchener. I went for a walk then wrote some letters. Uncle & Addie didn't get home till after 11.
Monday	November 25	A very bright day. My eyes were a little better. Came home right after 4. Had cup of tea & did homework. Uncle tried to convince Addie & I that you should plant things with new moon.
Tuesday	November 26	Went to school. There was a letter from Elg & Mother when I got home. Elg was coming down to see me Sat. I wrote him a letter, had supper then started to study. Felt as if I was going blind. I cried, my nerves were terrible.
Wednesday	November 27	Didn't sleep all night. Couldn't try my exams which started to-day. Dr. said I had to take a month's rest & not read. Laddie sent me his pin. It is the cutest thing. Phoned Mother at night – coming tomorrow. Uncle was in bed also & Addie's ankle started to bother her. What a house!
Thursday	November 28	Felt a little better but can't use my eyes. Mother & Elgin came down for me. We did some shopping in Eaton's. Addie came as far as Morrison with us. Had supper there & got home about 8pm.
Friday	November 29	Went up to see Winnie in morning. She wanted me to stay there till X-mas. Anna was down in aft. And told me all the news.
Saturday	November 30	Mother & Elg went up town in morning. My eyes were bad again. Marjorie was up in afternoon & stayed for supper. Went to bed early as I don't seem to be able to get enough sleep.
Sunday	December 1	Went to church. Rev. Facey from Moorefiled was here for supper. Anna & Earl were down at night. Wrote to Laddie.

Monday	December 2	Mother washed in morning. I fixed up my clothes in aft. Not feeling any too good. Went to bed early. Sent in application to Eaton's.
Tuesday	December 3	Mother & I went up town in the morning. Went to Winnie's for dinner & to Sally's & Eva's. Got a letter from Glenna – working in Chatham.
Wednesday	December 4	Mother & I went to Ladies' Aid at McCabe's. Read a little today & went to bed early.
Thursday	December 5	Real cold. Went down for mail. Lorne & I walked up to Leeson's at night.
Friday	December 6	Did some baking in morning. Felt not to bad to-day so I did a little work. There was a dance in Holstein but didn't go.
Saturday	December 7	Had another nervous spell this morning but managed to go up town in aft. Anna came home with us.
Sunday	December 8	Raining. Anna & I went to church in aft. Went up to Uncle Charlie's for supper – Freda, Anna & I went to church. Lights bothered my eyes.
Monday	December 9	Elg & I went up town in morning. Wrote to Addie & Glenna. Went over to Jannie's at night, was learning to tat. Had a letter from Laddie.
Tuesday	December 10	Real mild. Went up to Winnie's. She had 2 of the Southern Singers – Jimmy Stokes & Dan Davies. Great fun. All the singers come down after the concert & we danced & played cards. Small crowd at concert.
Wednesday	December 11	Came home in morning. Mother was doing some sewing for X-mas. Went down to Marjorie's at night.
Thursday	December 12	Mary left Emily & Eleanor here all day. Emily is cute. Miss Heard was over for supper. Mansfield was operated on for appendicitis. Was up town in afternoon.
Friday	December 13	Stormy. Wrote to Laddie. Evelyn came down on bus for week end – she is having trouble at her school. We went to dance in Hall – got a big kick out of it.
Saturday	December 14	Didn't get up very early. Went to Santa Claus day in Durham. Had amateur contest – Hall crowded. Laddie wrote & wondered why I hadn't written him this week. We went up town at night & then came home & sang.
Sunday	December 15	Didn't get up till 1:30. Evelyn & I went to church. Cliff & Sadie were down for supper. We had a sing-song then took Evelyn home & went out to Anna's for awhile.
Monday	December 16	Mother went up to Aunt Mary Ann's. Anna gave me a book by Grace L. Hill "The Honour Girl" so read it, good.
Tuesday	December 17	Went up town. Did all X-mas shopping but Mother's present. Got Laddie a tie. Helped Lorne draw a X-mas card.
Wednesday	December 18	Wrapped up parcels. Mother did some sewing. Went down for mail at night.
Thursday	December 19	Mother dressed a doll & fixed a cradle for Emily. It is too cute for words. I helped by sewing buttons on, etc. Addressed cards at night & helped Lorne get ready for concert.

Friday	December 20	Went to Lorne's school concert – some time. It was real cold. Went to Commencement with Anna & stayed there all night. Laddie was home for it.
Saturday	December 21	Went up to Freda's in morning. Went out to town with them in aft. & Laddie, George, Freda & I stood in post office & talked all aft. It was so cold. Was with the kids again at night & came home with Elg.
Sunday	December 22	Read in morning. Real cold. Leeson's were here for supper. Went to church. Read at night. Elg wasn't feeling well.
Monday	December 23	Cold, went up to Winnie's & got Ruby to do my hair. Met Mr. MacIntyre – Winnie's latest. Helped them decorate tree. Marj was up at night. Helped Lorne buy presents. Got a gold bracelet from Laddie.
Tuesday	December 24	Dad went to school meeting. Helped wrap up parcels – we are not opening any presents until to-morrow. Took cradle & doll up to Leeson's – Went to bed early.
Wednesday	December 25	A lovely day, the best X-mas I have ever had. Got some lovely presents. We were at Winnie's all day. Anna had gang out at night & we danced & had swell fun. Cy gave Ruby a diamond.
Thursday	December 26	Real cold. Changed the colour of the compact I got for X-mas – got red & white. Went down to store in aft. Read.
Friday	December 27	Dorothy McFarlane eloped. Claire came up to see our presents. The night of the X-mas dance Anna, Earl, Laddie, George, Jim & I played cards until time to go. Had a wonderful time at dance.
Saturday	December 28	Was terribly tired. Went down to see Marjorie in aft.as she has the measles. A cold, cold night so went to bed early.
Sunday	December 29	I have a bad cold. Wrote two letters. Went to church. Kids were to come down but it was so cold they didn't come. Took lemonade & went to bed early.
Monday	December 30	Had 16 for supper – all the family. Played cards in aft. & night. Had a good time. Laddie called up. His Christmas present went to G. Grant at Varney.
Tuesday	December 31	Marjorie & I went up town in aft. & fooled around. New Year's Eve & a swell warm night. Jasper & Clara Traynor, Jim, Laddie, Elg & I went to dance in Holstein. A great time – a wild crowd. Last year's dance all kids there from Mt. Forest.

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