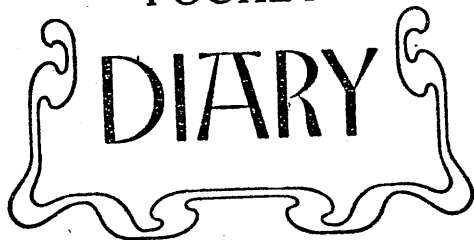


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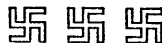
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Memorandum from 1925

January

Friday 1

1926

Started the New Year at Mr. Cochran's by having lunch and then three dances with Ernie. Marjorie & Mildred came home with us and stayed till after breakfast. Cousin Eva, Melville & Uncle Tom spent the day with us. Cousin Melville, Lou, Dan & I went to Hisharts at night. Eleanor was there.

Saturday 2

Cousin Eva, Lou, Dan and I were to town this morning and got there in the car, although there is a snow-bank at our gate. Lou & I went to bed about 8 o'clock and Cousin Eva didn't come up until half-past one - Radio, I guess.

Sunday 3

Lou went to church with Jack to night & Cousin Melville was there. Marjorie & Ernie came later and brought some Gubrey milk. It sure is good. He went with Dan & I to take Cousin Eva & Uncle Tom in. Used the car once more this winter.

January

Monday 4

1926

Ernie gave me his last year's Diary to read last night and I have been reading it between jobs to-day. Lou and I cut up citrons this afternoon.

Tuesday 5

Received letters from Margaret and Jessie. They write as if Bill were not going back to Chicago. The weather was quite mild to-day, almost like spring.

Wednesday 6

Colder to-day again. Heard selections from Chu-Chin-Chow over the radio to-night. Just before I went to bed, Cousin Melville & Eleanor phoned. They were at Burrell's.

January

Thursday 7

1926

Lou, Dan and I were to town this afternoon - in the car again. Saw Mary DeFew. Jack came after supper with an invitation for Lou & I to go to Mrs. Johnny Hutchinsons tomorrow night.

Friday 8

Jack came for Lou and I and took us to Hutchinsons. Had a good time but missed Ernie. Snow-storm coming home. Got to bed at 3.45.

Saturday 9

Did the dusting this afternoon and there was the largest flock of small birds in the field, south of the house. Heard a fine band concert from K.D.K.A. after supper. They played "The Kelly Copper Smith", also part of the "Mikallo".

January Sunday 10 1926

Carl phoned about noon to-day, saying Ernie was sick with the cold, so wouldn't be down to-night. He went home with Roscoe last night. Jack came as usual.

Monday 11

Mother received a card from Mrs. Webster at Winnipeg so they have started on their journey. Started to make a dress for Lou after dinner.

Tuesday 12

Stayed up at night to hear the old time dance music from New York, over the Radio from 10 till 11. It was fine but not much fun just listening to it.

January Wednesday 13 1926

Went for the mail to-day for the first time in days. After dinner, Lou, mother and I went up to Mrs. McCrow's to see Bob.

Thursday 14

It was just like fairy-land this morning outside, when everything was covered with frost and the sun came up. Didn't get to bed until almost midnight, so Mother & I listened to a good Radio Concert. Heard "All Through The Night," twice.

Friday 15

Put the car in the far barn for the winter. Phoned to Mrs. Buck and Ernie has been sick all week but was out of bed when I called so he talked to me for a few minutes. Heard some good Radio again and got to bed at 11.40

January Saturday 16 1926

Went to town with Dan about dinner time and we brought Eleanor home with us. Marjorie phoned in the evening and Mr. Stebbin let Papa know that we got 2nd in the Oat Competition.

Sunday 17

A lovely mild day. Cousin Melville walked out in the morning and Ernie came down after dinner. They took some pictures. Roscoe came down in the evening to take Ernie back to work, so Dan took Eleanor & Cousin Melville and Lou, Jack, Ernie & I drove Roi's horse to Bendmere. It knows how to go slow alright.

Monday 18

A nasty wet day but mild. Mr. Black was up for a while after supper. He expects to get a job next month.

January Tuesday 19 1926

Well, we got a surprise to-day when Dan came up with a load of wood and said Black's had moved out! And he never said a word last night. Jack phoned to Lou in the afternoon and if I didn't have to answer the phone, for the first time since we've known him.

Wednesday 20

The 22nd anniversary of Cousin Myrtle & Hill's wedding and they celebrated by spending it here. Cousin Myrtle enjoyed the Radio concert from Buffalo. Heard Jack Little from 4.00 to 4.30 Jack & Eva were here in the evening and Eleanor & Cousin Melville phoned.

Thursday 21

Went to town with Dan this morning and saw Olive at the junction. He also saw Ernie delivering milk. He phoned at night to see if we were going skating Saturday, as Eleanor had told him we were.

January Friday 22 1926

Tried out our new ice cream freezer and had some ice-cream for supper. Didn't get to bed until 12:15, was listening to the Radio. Heard the Hewitt Hummerists from Buffalo again, also Jack Little.

Saturday 23

The usual programme of baking, etc. I didn't even have to go for the nail, as Dan went after it. Heard Jack Little's last performance at Buffalo for several months over the Radio.

Sunday 24

Started to read "Ben Hur" over again. Jack & Ernie were here in the evening. Ernie brought the pictures he took a week ago and a couple were rather funny.

January Monday 25 1926

There is a pond in the field by the barn, so Lou and I tried let out after dinner and skated for a while. Was tired at night so went to bed early.

Tuesday 26

Mother invited Mr. & Mrs. Pipher and the family over for the evening and they seemed to enjoy the Radio. To bed about one o'clock.

Wednesday 27

A nice clear day but cold. Lou and I were skating again in the afternoon.

January Thursday 28 1926

An awful stormy day and so cold. Mother and papa were invited to a party at Mrs. Cochrane's to-night but she called it off.

Friday 29

Almost as cold as ever. Dan went for the mail but didn't get any. Stayed up for the Hewitt. Humorous concert on the Radio at night and then went to 11.15 on account of International Test. Week. Also heard some songs from the "Mikado".

Saturday 30

Some surprise when I got up for it was like spring. Went to town in afternoon with Dan and mother in the bob-sleighs. Saw Eleanor and mother and I walked up the hill with her as Dan had to go on and get a load of oil-cake. Mother brought some new music.

January Sunday 31 1926

Ernie phoned at noon, wanting me to go to his mother's for supper, Mrs. Miller from the States was there. He came after me with "Aileen" and I surely spent a pleasant evening with them all. Ill storm coming home. Jack was here so Ernie came in for a little while, we were just in time for the ice-cream!

February Monday 1

Wash day as usual. Went for the mail over the snow banks but came home through the field. Put some pictures in my new album after I finished the old one. Didn't go to bed until I got to the end of "Ben Hur".

Tuesday 2

Had to answer the phone before I was dressed. It was Ernie wanting us to go to Mr. Birley's to skate at night. Jack and Roscoe took Ben and I, and the rest of the family went to Cochrane's. We had a dandy time skating on the river and after at the house, dancing some, eating chocolates & lunch.

February Wednesday 3 1926

Went for the mail and received one of those "Good-luck" letters, which have been going around lately and which I immediately burned, and also fifty cents for the small bundle of Carpet Rag Balls, low and I sent on Saturday.

Thursday 4

Finished the night chores without having to put on the lights for the first time since last Fall. Ernie phoned to let us know that the Show, "The Freshman", is to-morrow night.

Friday 5

Jack came for low and I and we met Ernie in town then went to see Harold Lloyd in "The Freshman", which was good but not quite as funny as "Hot Water". After the show, Jack took Ernie part way home & we were home before mother & papa had gone to bed.

February Saturday 6 1926

Did some baking, then went for the mail. After dinner, I had to write some letters for papa and listened to the Radio while I was doing it. Somebody phoned & wanted to know if "Lester", the pianist at Buffalo, was a man or a woman so he had to speak for himself.

Sunday 7

Cousin Jim and Josie, Irene and Miss Nelson came as far as Mrs. McCrow's in their car, then walked down for dinner. Jack came in the afternoon and the folks didn't leave till after 5. Ernie got here for supper and we spent the evening listening to Radio.

Monday 8

Just as we were eating dinner, Roscoe came in after the apparatus to set saws. He is helping Mrs. Pipher get some wood cut. Low and I raked out our old knitting machine and spilled all the junk off the table putting it down the back stairs.

February Tuesday 9 1926

Dan walked out for the mail while I was trying to make some cookies. He brought us a letter from Jessie. I got the big number of one sock knit in the afternoon. Some speed, but I was late starting and then had to count stitches. To bed early but Lou & I got laughing. Joke??

Wednesday 10

Didn't go for the mail again, as Dan had to track the road after the snow storm. Went to Cunningham's at night to skate, but we were too cold so played cards instead. Had a good time and a wonderful drive there & back with Ernie even if it was cold. Home about three o'clock.

Thursday 11

Real cold but went to town in the afternoon with Lou & Dan. Took the bob-sleighs. He bought several Valentines and another new piece of music, "Moonlight and Roses." Didn't stay up to hear all the usual Thursday night Radio concert of the Clifton Club.

February Friday 12 1926

Made two trips to the mail-box before dinner. Mr. & Mrs. Buck and the family came down for the evening, Andy Leishman was with them too. The Radio worked pretty good but there were a lot of speeches, on account of Lincoln's birthday.

Saturday 13

Went for the mail at noon and got a pretty Valentine from Ernie, the first fancy one I ever got. Jack came after four and I to go to the rink at night. Ernie went too and I had several good skates with him. The four of us walked to the sheds after and had a feed of chocolate bars on the way.

Sunday 14

St. Valentine's day once more. Ernie Cochrane phoned in the afternoon and tried to fool me, as to which Ernie was speaking. Jack and Ernie were here in the evening and we heard a sermon on "Real Heroes" from Buffalo, also Anna Casareg.

February Monday 15 1926

Received another Valentine but I do not know who this one is from. Did some more knitting in the afternoon and have two pair of socks done.

Tuesday 16

Still another Valentine but the one this morning was from Hamilton, from Jess, I suppose. He each got one. Heard the actor John Drew, over the Radio from New York during the Ever-Ready Hour at night.

Wednesday 17

Now found out from Eleanor that she and Cousin Melville were the ones who sent the Valentine I got on Monday. Used the old knitting machine again in the afternoon.

February Thursday 18 1926

Some snow-storm during the night and it snowed all day. Jack and Ernie were here at night and the five of us played "500". After we had some ice-cream, we sang the new pieces, then Lou, Jack and Ernie & I danced a little bit before they left for home.

Friday 19

Did some baking in the morning, Dan drove the team for the mail, to track the road. The usual cleaning and dusting after dinner and listened to some good Radio concerts at night until eleven then tried to get to bed without Lou leaving me.

Saturday 20

Got a letter from Alberta when I went for the mail. Only four cows to milk now, some holiday. Went to town with mother & Dan in the bob-sleighs in the afternoon & brought out Eleanor, Cousin Melville & Carrie. To bed about one after playing cards & dancing some

February Sunday 21 1926

We weren't up very early this morning. Eleanor woke me by coughing in the room, she couldn't sleep. Spent a quiet day and Jack & Ernie were here at night. Dan took Eleanor & Cousin Melville in, then Ernie took Cousin Carrie home later when he went. To bed shortly after one.

Monday 22

Received a nice letter from Mary D. and she seems to be having a good time but - I wouldn't trade places with her. Finished knitting socks in the afternoon, started one of the books Eleanor brought out, "Under the Country Sky" by Grace Richmond. To bed at 9.30 for a change.

Tuesday 23

Mother and papa went up to Mr. Buck's for the evening to a Euchre party, leaving us three kids alone for the first time in a while. Read a little, talked to Marjorie over the phone for a few minutes and listened to Radio.

February Wednesday 24 1926

A wonderful morning and I had a nice walk to the mail-box. Got a letter from Helen Milne. Finished the book I was reading and went to bed at 10.35 but woke up at half-past one so went down to hear some of the all-night concert of popular music from Buffalo. Mother listened until 3, then to bed again.

Thursday 25

One nasty wet day and windy too. I cut and sewed 16 carpet rags between jobs all day. Went to bed in good time.

Friday 26

Radio was dead when we tried it in the afternoon. The whole family went to a dance at Mr. Buck's at night. Had a good time and some nice dances, especially with Ernie. Didn't get home till late or early. Ernie gave me 2 pictures of him at the

February Saturday 27

1926

Was awake at 6 o'clock but needless to say, didn't get up that early. Did the usual Saturday morning work and went for the mail. Mother and Dan went to town in the afternoon and I was all through milking and had my dress changed before they arrived home.

Sunday 28

Spent a dead day without the Radio. Was reading most of the time. At night Jack and Ernie came and that made up for the rest of the day. Saw the end of February and the beginning of March and to bed at 12.30

March

Monday 1

It was raining when I got up but it didn't last very long. Eleanor phoned at noon and she didn't feel any the worse for going to the dance the other night. Did some sewing in the afternoon.

March

Tuesday 2

1926

Mother phoned to Bernice about the Radio when she was in Paris to-day so I'm hoping we get it fixed soon. Have started to read "Light of the Western Stars" by Jane Grey.

Wednesday 3

A cold stormy day and Dan got the mail when he tracked the road. Went to Eleanor's at night, left the horses at Burrill's. Cousin Carrie & Ernie, Martin, Roscoe & Ernie were there & we played cards, etc. Cousin Carrie got the prize in "500". Had a good time and we all walked as far as Burrill's together after. Home at 2.15 after a cold drink.

Thursday 4

A bright clear day but cold. Was sewing all afternoon. Mr. Morton arrived at night with his wood-sawing machine. He three kids received an invitation to a surprise party by Ruthies for to-morrow night.

March

Friday 5

1926

Up earlier than usual, which isn't saying much. The men finished cutting wood late supper-time. Gordon Webster came and fixed the Radio, then went out with us to the corner where his car was, when we went to the party at Suther's. Only ten girls there and I had a junk time, except during lunch. Home at 2:25.

Saturday 6

The weather was a little milder to-day. Went for the mail in the morning and we got a letter from Jessie. She wants to come up at Easter again. Mother and Dan went to town in the afternoon, leaving Lou & I to keep house. Went to bed about half past eight.

Sunday 7

Finished reading "Light of the Western Stars" and it was a lot different to the show that Ernie took me to see last Fall. Jack and Ernie were here in the evening and we heard Josef Hoffman over the Radio from New York.

March

Monday 8

1926

Wasp-day again. Spent the afternoon sewing, then cut some carpet rag while we listened to the afternoon concert from Buffalo, once more. Mother and papa went up to Mr. Cochran's for supper and the kids had music with ours. Read a little after and went to bed in good time.

Tuesday 9

Mother received a long letter from Mrs. Webster written on the boat near the Fiji Islands & we kids got letters from Jess. wanting us to go down at the last of the month, Lou & I for one week and then Dan with Melbourne & Robert. Have the first cold this winter. Ernie phoned before I went to bed & expects to go to the oyster supper to-morrow night.

Wednesday 10

Capture black calf at the barn in the morning. Went to the big oyster supper at Mr. Kellogg's straight with Mr. & Mrs. Buck & their sleigh-load altogether. I held Marie Taylor on my lap all the way there & back. They played cards first but I got out of it, then danced. I had supper with Ernie but we didn't stay. It was such a crowd. Home at 3:30.

March Thursday 11 1926

Lon and I drove over to Telfer's and had dinner, then brought Marjorie home with us to stay a few days. Some exciting ride when a dog scared Dolly and she nearly got away from me. Jack came in the evening and we played "500", although we were all sleepy. It was rather a long day. To bed at 12.30.

Friday 12

Spent a quiet day as we were all sort of sleepy. I wrote a letter to Jess in the afternoon, telling her we won't be able to accept her invitation. Listened to Radio after supper until 9.30 then went to bed.

Saturday 13

Didn't go for the mail till after dinner as the mail-man is sick and they had a new man on the job. Had to do some dusting the rest of the afternoon. Played cards in the evening and was in bed a little before ten.

March Sunday 14 1926

Listened to concerts from Toronto, London & Cleveland all afternoon, then at night when Ernie & Jack were here, we heard a sermon by Canon Cody in Toronto & the end of one from Buffalo. During the Sturtevant-Kent Hour, Edward Johnson, tenor and Joan Ruth, soprano, sang. The boys went home at twelve. Ernie had the new horse.

Monday 15

Was awake at 6.30 & dressed when mother came up. Milked all the 5 cows, washed the separator & breakfast dishes, wrote 4 letters for papa, then went for the mail. After dinner, Dan took Marjorie to town & I did the dinner dishes. I hemstitched curtains in the afternoon, milked 4 cows at night, had supper, washed dishes again, read some & listened to radio, then to bed.

Tuesday 16

Well, wonders never cease! Mother answered the phone and if it wasn't Mrs. Webster. They are home again, came back on the same boat. Went to town with Dan in the afternoon & saw Alberta Bondor Mr. Lawson's wedding. Marjorie phoned after supper.

March

Wednesday 17

1926

Walked out for the mail in the morning and Lou & I got a St. Patrick's card from Aunt Maria & Cousin Bertha. We all went to a Euchre party at Mrs. H. Kelly's. Cousin Carrie went with us. Had a very nice time, even if I did win the booby prize, a paper basket full of green & white candies.

Thursday 18

Something like a spring day at last and I had a dandy walk to the mail-box. Lou & I were getting ready for bed a little after eight when I heard a cutter and if it wasn't Jack so we went down again until midnight.

Friday 19

Not so nice a day, rather wet. Lou, Dan & I went to Mrs. Nellie Crokinole party at night. Had a wonderful time. The rest had a good laugh when Ernie & I started together at the head table staying there for 8 games. He & Ernie C. were my partners for lunch, then we danced a little & home at twenty.

March

Saturday 20

1926

Didn't have to be called in the morning and beat Dan to the barn. The usual work, baking & dusting, etc. to-day so was ready to go to bed in good time.

Sunday 21

The first day of spring and a wonderful morning. There were twelve of us for dinner. Warren & Maggie & the babes and M's. & Mrs. Webster and Forrest, all were here. Warren drove their car to the first gate. At night Ernie & Jack came, Ernie arrived first and we spent a nice evening, although the Radio was no good.

Monday 22

I heard and saw my first kill-deer when I was coming home from the mail-box, also heard blue-birds & saw a song-sparrow. After dinner, Lou & I took a trip to the other house and it sure is a wreck, also ward, truck all over the place.

March

Tuesday 23

1926

One nasty wet day and I got rather damp when I went for the mail at noon. Made an apron and part of a dress for mother. At night I stayed up to hear the Ever-Ready Hour over the Radio, so it was almost half-past ten when I got into bed.

Wednesday 24

Did some baking & made some candy which surely was taffy but not the kind I intended. Went for the mail and saw a flock of black-birds but so far I haven't even heard a robin. Finished mother's dress & cut out another in the afternoon. Heard some radio and to bed at ten.

Thursday 25

Well, I certainly was fooled to-day, a whole week ahead of time, by Mr. Cuck, Ernie's Uncle Art. He phoned and I thought it was some old woman for quite a while, from the way he was talking. Ernie phoned at night to find out how we were going to Hutchinson's party to-morrow.

March

Friday 26

1926

Saw the first robin of the season, at last - also a pair of red-winged black-birds when I went for the mail. Was doing some more spring sewing in the afternoon. Ernie came at night to take me to Hutchinson's party where I had a lindy time. Roscoe drove me home and I was in the hoise at 2.30. Had been asleep when Lou came in.

Saturday 27

Dad took Lou in to Eleanor's in the morning where she is going to stay until to-morrow night. I spent a quiet afternoon without her and to bed early at night.

Sunday 28

Have another cold so felt rotten all day. Ernie came at night & brought some buttermilk with him. It was quite late when Lou and Jack arrived as Jack had come into Eleanor's for a while. After the boys left, Dad told us all the news, although Dervey was shot!