

April

Tuesday 23

1918

Milder & lovely weather
Ella saw a bumble-bee
today. Turned colder
after dinner and started
to rain at about five
o'clock. Turned to snow.
Walter was sowing
oats and Clarence was
harrowing.

April

Wednesday 24

1918

Snowing and blowing.
The ground is covered
with snow this morning.

Walter hitched up Pet and
drove to St. Jacobs and got his
supply of twine. He took the
train from there and went
to Waterloo and had his
tooth fixed at Mr. Eckel's.

Cleared up by evening.
Walter got home at 11.30
Cora S. had a baby boy.

April

Thursday 25

1918

Beautiful day.

Ella did her washing
and Walter was choring
around the barn.

Clarence started to
plow in the field behind
the orchard.

April

Friday 26

1918

Nasty, cold east wind
blowing.

Walter and Clarence
were working in the
field sowing & harrowing
Ella did her baking and
ironing.

Sport is missing.

April

Saturday 27

1918

Cloudy and dull.

Irvine Suider was
over in the afternoon
playing with Vernon
after supper Walter
Ella & Vernon drove
up to Troutier's. We
found sport there.

Ego came over and
stayed with Clarence.

April

Sunday 28

1918

Fine day.

Krauter's got some more
company - viz. Lincoln,
Edna, Willard and Mildred
Mr & Mrs Menno Bantack,
Walter and Curtis. Lincoln,
Edna, Walter and I went
to Heidelberg church in the
afternoon.

Charlie Bert fetched the
car and Freddie Boss, A
Affeldt were also here.

April

Monday 29

1918

Rained last night when
we drove home but this
morning the weather is
grand. Started to rain
again at 5 o'clock.

Ulla & Vernon went over to
Enoch Sniders in the after-
noon and stayed for supper.
Walter left in the morning
for Cone Top to get a load of feed
and stayed at Isaac
Holler's for the night.

April

Tuesday 30

1918

Cloudy & dreary all day.

Walter got home from
Lonestogo at about 4.30

o'clock this afternoon.

He brought Tommy

home with him.

Charlie has traded his
old bus off on Eph. Betzner's
Ford car. Walter has a
strong notion to invest
in a new Ford.

May

Wednesday 1

1918

Cold and windy.

Walter's father was here
this morning and brought
the butter and fetched
his wine. Walter is

sowing mixed grain
and Clarence is cultivating

Joe Miller called here for
a drink and gave Ella some
B.S. about the war but he
left her unconvinced.

Great Britain forever!

May

Thursday 2

1918

Changeable weather

Emerson came down & brought
us four gallons of maple
syrup and went over to
Otto Miller's for seed wheat.

Walter was sowing
mixed grain and

Clarence was cultivating.
Emerson was here for
dinner.

May

Friday 3

1918

Beautiful day.

Walter & Clarence worked
in the fields and Ella
didn't do much of
anything as she felt
too blooming tough. She
hasn't felt very well
all week.

May

Saturday 4

1918

Cloudy & dreary.

W. C. Quickfall was here
and Walter bought a
new car from him.

Walter & Clarence were
plowing and harrowing

We dug one bed in
the garden after supper
and Ella sowed some
cabbage, lettuce and
radishes.

May

Sunday 5

1918

Lovely day and very
warm.

Father and mother, Mr
& Mrs. Albert Scheifele
and children, Peter,
Madeline & Howard
came up and stayed
all day.

May

Monday 6

1918

Hot. Very summer like
Ella feels sick
Ella planted the small
bed in beets, carrots,
peas, beans and parsley
Also sowed marigolds,
verbena, nigronette
and wallflower.
We all worked in the
garden after supper

May

Tuesday 7

1918

Rained during the night.

Blocky and windy.

Walter and Clarence

were plowing. Ella planted

her onions today also

sowed onion seed.

Charlie Reisker was

here and renewed our

fire insurance policy.

Worked in the garden

after supper.

May

Wednesday 8

1918

Very cold and windy

Ella was sick all day. Walter helped her with the washing after supper.

Mrs. Geo. Schwindt died this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

May

Thursday 9

1918

Ascension day.

Changeable weather.

Ella sowed some more peas,

beans, lettuce and parsley.

Also phlox, stocks, balsam,

candytuft, pansies, garden

geraniums, nasturtiums &

portulacas. Mr. Algier

came up from Elvira

and gave Walter his

first lesson in repairing

the car.

May

Friday 10

1918

Thunderstorm last night
Rained all forenoon
but cleared up after
dinner and turned
very cold and windy.
Ella did her ironing
darning and mending

May

Saturday 11

1918

Very cold and raw
Walter Ella and
Vernon attended the
funeral of Mrs George
Schmidt in the after-
noon. Clarence left for
his home in Bridgeport
after dinner.

George Snider bought
Brindle and her calf
from Walter for \$130.

May

Sunday 12

1918

Rained all day.
Walter, Ella & I
spent all day at home.
Ella read the Encyclopaedia
of English literature,
and Walter made
sweet music on the
harp.

Clarence got home
at about 9.30

Mother Maurer is 60
years old today.

May

Monday 13

1918

bloudy and dull.

Walter went to the Elmira
Fair and returned home
at 7 o'clock. Father came
up here this afternoon,
with the news that
Emerson got word to
report for military
service in London
on the 23rd. of May.

May

Tuesday 14

1918

Fair with cold wind.

Father went home this morning and Clarence

took a cow (Gertie) to Yation. Walter got \$70 for her.

Walter was crowing and

Clarence was cultivating.

A delegation of over 3000

farmers went to Ottawa

to try to get exemptions

for farmers.

May

Wednesday 15

1918

Clear and cold.

Walter finished his seeding today. In the

afternoon he made a pig box. After supper

Clarence went down

to Beckner's with the wagon

and fetched a pig that Walt

bought for \$4.50. Walter

Ella and Vernon went

over to Maurer's in the

car.

May

Thursday 16

1918

Lovely and warm.
Walter went to St Jacobs
this morning to fetch
his salt. He returned
home at 6.30. Clarence
was cultivating and
harrowing the root
field. Ella made
Vernon a white suit

May

Friday 17

1918

Very warm. Ella
Ella saw a humming-
bird today.

Walter & Clarence were
drawing manure on
the root field. Ella did
her cleaning & baking.

Ella saw a humming
bird today.

May

Saturday 18

1918

Beautiful weather.
Walter and Clarence
were hauling manure.
Walter, Ella and Vernon
left at about 4.30 for
Lonestogo, had supper
at Oliver Scheifeles, called
on Mrs. Oscar Steiso and
went over to Helbard's
for the night.

May

Sunday 19

1918

Lovely day.

We had breakfast at
Charlie's, went over to
Conestogo, took Maie,
Annie, Albert & Percy
along and went up to
Krauter's for dinner
and supper. Lincoln,
Edna, Willard, Mildred
and Mildred Klem
were also there.

May

Monday 20

1918

Today

Walter and Clarence
were hauling manure
and plowing.

Leon Wagner was
here after supper.
also three other men
who were looking for
a driver.

May

Tuesday 21

1918

Beautiful day.

Ella did a big wash
today and cleaned
up the wash-house.

Walter and Clarence
were hauling manure
and plowing.

May

Wednesday 22

1918

Severe thunderstorm
this morning
Cleared up and turned
very warm.

I think I'll stop writing
in this diary. Nothing
ever happens in this
slow place that is
worth recording.
This is a beautiful place
to live in.

May

Thursday 23

1918

Fair with cold wind.

Walter & Clarence

plowed the potato patch

Emerson went to

London today and

received orders to

report for duty on

June 1st.

May

Friday 24

1918

Victoria Day.

Noah Rich was here
for dinner.

Walter sowed the
mangel & a few turnips.
Ella cut the potatoes
for planting.

May

Saturday 25

1918

Raining all day.
Ella & Walter were
mending grain bags
all afternoon and
Ella was trying to
convince Walter to go to
Beaneville next
Sunday but - nothing doing.
Walter went down to
his father's place after
supper.

May

Sunday 26

1918

Rained heavily all forenoon
Cleared up and Walter,
Clarence, Ella and Vernon
went over to N. Hoff's for
dinner and supper.
Mr & Mrs. Knig were
there also. There were
several thunderstorms
passed over here in the
evening and Mr. Liebert
barn was burnt near
Weissenburg.

May

Monday 27

1918

cloudy and sultry
Thunderstorms and
rain after supper.
Clarence took a load of
chopping to Floradale
and Walter helped to
saw wood at Enoch's
at George Snider's

May

Tuesday 28

1918

Clear and warm.
Ella did her washing
today. In the afternoon
Walter & Clarence
planted the potatoes
and Ella cut some
more. The orchards
are in full bloom.

May

Wednesday 29

1918

Sprinkled nearly
all day.

We sawed our wood
this forenoon. N.
Hoffer, Enoch Snider
and Walter's father
helped. In the after-
noon they put new
doors on the dining
shed and grandpa
was here for supper.

May

Thursday 30

1918

cloudy and warm.
Walter plowed the
garden this forenoon
and in the afternoon
they made fence along
the pasture field.
Max the Jew was here
and Walter sold him
four head of cattle for
115.00.

May

Friday 31

1918

Very hot

Walter, Vernon & Clarence
took the cattle down to
Max's and made fence
in the afternoon.

Ella planted cucumber,
corn, lettuce, pea, bean
beets, carrots & must melons

June

Saturday 1

1918

Lovely day

Walter took a load of
chopping down to
Elmura in the afternoon
Clarence went to Elmura
after supper.

Ella did her cleaning
and baking.

Jacob King visited
Walter after supper.

June

Sunday 2

1918

Beautiful day.

Ella, Walter & Vernon left at about 7.30 and went down to Charlie's. They were ready so we all started on our trip to Beamsville. We went through Salt Creekton, Dundas Hamilton and a lot of smaller places. Walter had a puncture on the road but we arrived at Beamsville at about 10 o'clock. We went down to the lake shore and had our lunch and then went over to the aviation grounds where we had a dandy view of a flight. We took our supper on the Dundas hill and arrived at Charlie's at 10 p.m. We were all very tired so we stayed for the night. Had a perfectly lovely time.

June

Monday 3

1918

Rare June day.
Ella helped Ida cut
potatoes for planting
and after dinner Walter
went up to Conestogo on
business as Ella helped
plant potatoes. We
left for home after
supper, and got here
at 10 o'clock and found
everything alright.

June

Tuesday 4

1918

Cloudy and cold.

Walter & Clarence were

plowing and Ella worked

in the garden. After supper

Walter, Ella, Vernon &

Clarence went up to

Enoch Snider's and took

them along and went up

the 10th of Peel to see a

cow and calf.

June

Wednesday 5

1918

Lovely & warm.
Walter & Clarence
hauled wood home from
the bush. Ella did her
washing. After supper
Ezra, Alonzo Miller
and George Manner
called on Walter.

June

Thursday 6

1918

So windy and cool.
Ella cleaned the cellar
and Walter & Clarence
finished hauling the
wood home. After supper
the men went down to J.
Bretcher's and bought
a cow. Lin & Ed Weaver
were here to see some
pig. There were several
thunderstorms in the
evening.

June

Friday 7

1918

Very cool and clear.
Walter & Clarence were
making fence all
day. After supper
they went down to J.
Brubacher's and fetched
the cow Walter bought
last night. Mother
called up and asked
us to come home on
Sunday.

June

Saturday 8

1918

Frost last night.

cool and clear this morning
Walter, Ella & Vernon
went to Elmeria after
dinner to do some
shopping. Lawrence
went to Elmeria after
supper. John Schwindt
was here in the evening

June

Sunday 9

1918

blondy and cool.
We all went to N. W. Lusk
church in the morning
took Alice Hoffer along
and went up to Krautes
for dinner. We went to
church at Heidelberg
and after supper we went
home in an awful down-
pour of rain. Did our
chores and Clarence
took Alice home.

June

Monday 10

1918

Beautiful day.
Walter went to Elmira Fair
in the morning, sold a
little pig and didn't get
home till late in the after-
noon. After supper he &
Clarence were out looking
for cows and Jacob King
came over and called
on Ella and the evening
passed very pleasantly.

June

Tuesday 11

1918

bloudy and cool.

Ella did her washing
and Walter & Clarence
cleaned seven rows of
turnips. Ella got a letter
from Emerson ^{(who is} at London

Camp) today and he likes
it fine. Severe thunder and
wind storm in the evening
and Otto Miller's driving shed,
woodshed, kitchen & windmill
were blown down.

June

Wednesday 12

1918

Cold and raining.

Walter went down to
his father's in the after-
noon. Very gloomy and
dreary day. Ella did
her ironing.

June

Thursday 13

1918

Clear and windy.

Walter, Ella & Vernon left
after dinner and went
down to Krauter's, had a
lunch there and went to
Aronson Braubaker's and
bought two Holstein cows
for \$280. Elms King was
here when we got home.

June

Friday 14

1918

Clear and warmer
Walter, Vernon & Clarence
went down to Elmira to
meet A. Brubacher and fetch
the cows home from there.
Max the Jew was here and
got some potatoes and buck-
wheat. In the evening they
went down as far as Kravitz's
and exchanged cattle
with Max.

June

Saturday 15

1918

Beautiful day.

Walter sowed his
turnips. Mr. King was
here in the evening and
entertained us very
pleasantly. Mr. Hillier
called up and made
arrangements about
making my dress and
coat. An aeroplane
flew over our barn this
morning.

June

Sunday 16

1918

Cloudy and dull.

Walter, Ella, Clarence
and Vernon went to N.
Woolwich church in the
afternoon and Ezra and
Mr. & Mrs. King were here
for supper.

June

Monday 17

1918

Lovely day.

Thomas Malleck brought
us 200 Buff Leghorn chicks
this morning and was
here for breakfast.

Clarence finished hoeing
the mangels and started
cutting thistles. Ella
worked in the garden
and Mr. Mogk came
over and offered her some
cabbage plants.

June

Tuesday 18

1918

Rare June day.

Last night at 2:30 a.m. we were awakened by the ringing of the telephone and Mrs. King asked Walter to go over to Alma and get Dr. McQuibban as Elmo was suffering with severe pains in his head. The telephone was out of order and their homes were all out in the bush so Walter went over and got home at 5:30 a.m.

Walter went down to his father's place to help saw wood and Clarence went over to Yaton to get Holly shod.

Eld. did his washing.

June

Wednesday 19

1918

Lovely day.

Walter & Clarence went
down to Mauer's to help
hoe turnips.

Ella did her ironing
and did the milking
alone in the evening
and worked in the
garden after supper.

June

Thursday 20

1918

Cool and clear.
Sunday school Conception
in North Worburgh church
Maurer's had the following
people for supper. - Mrs. a.
Mrs. Anson Brubaker of St.
Jacobs, Rev. Harry Snider of Alice
North Dakota, Emil Snider,
Herbert Snider, Clayton Snider
of Heidelberg, Allan Good &
Vernon Good of Conestoga.

Rev. Shade of Kitchener
gave addresses both afternoon
and evening. The attendance
in the afternoon was rather
slim but the church was
crowded at the evening session.
J. G. Hurst had used an extra
dose of hair dye and looked
real cute.

June

Friday 21

1918

Rained all forenoon and
very cloudy and dull in
the afternoon. Clarence
and Ella went to Elvira
in the afternoon and brought
Bulah up with them she
had been in Elvira since
Wednesday trying her
Entrance examination
and she is staying here
till Monday. Walter's father
and Ego
were here and got a
load of hay.

June

Saturday 22

1918

Cloudy and cold.
Walter, Ella, Beulah, &
Vernon motored up to
Creekbank school and
registered there.

Jacob King spent the
evening with Walter,

June

Sunday 23

1918

Cool and clear
Walter, Ella, Clarence,
Beulah and Vernon went
to N. Woolwich church in
the morning. Walter's
father and mother and
sister Miriam came home
with us and stayed for
dinner and supper.

June

Monday 24

1918

Lovely day.

Ella & Beulah did the washing in the morning and after dinner we took Beulah down home and Mrs. Hilliard Ella and Vera went along

down to Kitchener. We came back to Charlie's for

supper and after tea we took Mrs. Hilliard along

home. She is going to make me a coat and a dress.

June

Tuesday 25

1918

Beautiful day.

Ida made my dress
today

June

Wednesday 26

1918

Lovely weather

I have finished my dress
today and started
my coat. Ida & Ella &
Vernon took a walk
up to the corner after
supper.

June

Thursday 27

1918

Hot and windy
Ida finished the
sewing.

June

Friday 28

1918

Very warm & clear.
Walter, Ella, Eda & Vernon
left after breakfast and
went down to Hilliard's
We stayed for dinner
and supper and
brought Pearl along
home with us.

June

Saturday 29

1918

Very warm.

Pearl & I had a lot of work to do today. Clarence went to Inira in the morning and left after dinner for his hotel in Bridgeport.

Bobson, Edith and Roy came up to Inira with the evening train and Walter went down after supper and fetched them. Mrs. Jack Ellis and baby Georgine of Toronto came up with them.

June

Sunday 30

1918

Changeable weather.
Rain storms in the
afternoon and evening.

We all got up late in
the morning and lounged
around all day. Colson
left for Elmira after
supper.

July

Monday 1

1918

Brizzly and cold.

Walter took Edith, Gertie
and the two young girls

down to Maurer's. At about
12.30, Charlie, Ida, Clayton, Nora,

Bert, Beulah, Vera, Ella and
Mr. Scheifele came up here.

We ate our lunch here and
at 3 o'clock we went over to

Elyra and took in the sights
there and came back

here to eat our supper.

Walter, Ella and Pearl

finished up the chores and
went to bed tired but happy.

July

Tuesday 2

1918

Perfect day.

We got up extra
early and Walter &
Clarence worked on
the road. Pearl, Ella
and Vernon took a walk
back the lane, looked
at the apple trees, and
found some lovely pink
roses along the fence.

July

Wednesday 3

1918

Beautiful day.

Ella and Pearl did the washing and baked bread.

Father & Mother brought us some strawberries

and stayed for dinner & supper. The men went to

Mrs. Geo. Reist's sale in the afternoon and Mrs. Wash

Reist called on us. Walter

took a walk up to Geo. Snider's after supper and Ezra

paid us a flying visit.