

Tommy Miller Diary  
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January 1, Tuesday. A fair day but rather cool. Dickey children were here in the afternoon. We all went to Lanterman's in the evening. Dela in bed. Stanley recovering from sprained ankle.

January 2, Wednesday. Temperature at A.M. 30 degrees. Fair today. Elinor and I went to Springfield. Stopped at Aunt Lillie's, Lewis was home from San Antonio. Called at Cora's. They were well. Myra and Family living there. Met Hoat Harrison on the street. He did not look at all well. Children all in school today.

January 3, Thursday. Mild early in the day but became colder during the day. N.W. wind. I helped Frank Poor butcher today. Walked over with Dickey. M.F.M. was here during the day. The boys caught a fox this morning. Elinor was here alone and fried down meat and cleaned the woodwork.

January 4, Friday. The mercury was 10 degrees above this A.M. Has been cold all day. We intended to attend Mr. Isaac Campbell's funeral but too cold for the car. The children all went to school. Mr. Runge intended to butcher. Mr. Dickey husked corn. I helped Elinor wash and I also split wood.

January 5, Saturday. The boys cleaned the hen house and helped me finish the scratch pen. I also repaired the roof and repaired the exhaust pipe on the Ford. Warmer this evening.

January 6, Sunday. Very foggy early in the day but cleared during the afternoon. I went to Springfield and brought Aunt Lillie, Edgar, Louis and Helen out for the day. Aunt Kit and Lloyd came also. Louis went home with Aunt Kit. Above freezing, quite muddy. Looks rainy this evening. I took Aunt Lillie and Edgar and Helen back home. Frank Poor came for the male hog.

January 7, Monday. Very foggy this forenoon. Elinor and I had dinner with Sid and Clara. I went to Virden with Sid. Elinor helped Clara prepare to butcher tomorrow. I brought Sid's male hog home with me. Oiled roads are soft. Dirt road very bad. Our lane bad. Raining at 8-15 P.M.

January 8, Tuesday. Very wet and foggy today. The children went to school. Elinor and I went to Loami and I built a cow stanchion for Aunt Kit. Will go back tomorrow and complete it. Roads are very soft. Wet weather hard on the oiled roads. Charles went to dedication of the new gymnasium tonight. Warm today.

January 9, Wednesday. Elinor and I went to Loami and completed the cow stanchion for Aunt Kit. Finished at 3-15. Went to Uncle Tom's awhile. Also stopped at Uncle Will's awhile. Has been damp all day. Roads are soft. Uncle Tom suffers constantly. Mr. Mathews sent his bride away.

January 10, Thursday. Today is much better than it has been for some days. I helped Elinor with the washing machine. I cleaned and bedded the stable. I mailed a yearly statement to M.F.M. Warm today.

January 11, Friday. Fair and mild today. Elinor and I went to Springfield this afternoon. I subscribed for the Journal for six months @ 3.00. Also had the Register stopped. I also called on Dr. Lockwood. Met Lewis Baucom on the street. Weather is a bit cooler this evening. Left watch at 1620 So. 5th to be repaired.

January 12, Saturday. The boys and I spent most of the day sawing wood. Put a tongue in a wagon and also went to the school house to get the school lamp as ours is out of repair at the present. The weather has been mild and cloudy today. The mud has settled a lot now.

January 13, Sunday. Mild and cloudy today. Paper says rain or snow. Growing colder. George rode Nick to Chatham for the mail this A.M.

January 14, Monday. Mercury at 15 degrees above zero A.M. After doing chores and some odd jobs, Elinor and I went to Springfield. We saw W.R. while there. Arrived home before the children came from school. Has been a damp, chilly day.

January 15, Tuesday. Quite cold today. Elinor and I started to heat water to wash, but Mr. and Mrs. Megredy came and stayed so long we did not wash. After noon we started in the car to Lanterman's but the axle broke so we finished the trip walking. They were laying pipe and meter. Stanley brought us home as he wanted a wrench.

January 16, Wednesday. Quite foggy and rainy today. Rather icy early. Elinor and I walked to Dickey's this A.M. Mr. Dickey was operated on yesterday for relief from hemorrhoids. I repaired the locks on the smoke house and cellar doors. I also barred the windows and resalted the meat. Elinor fried down four sides of meat.

January 17, Thursday. A very pleasant day. A bit cool but not disagreeable. I helped Elinor with the washing and after dinner took the rear wheels and axle to Blakley's garage beyond Woodside to have two new axles installed. George and I hauled a load of hay to the calves feed rack this evening. Talked with Stanford on the way.

January 18, Friday. Cloudy today. SE wind looks stormy. Charles at home today. He and I sawed wood most of the day. The boys went to a Basketball game at Ball High School this evening. William Dickey, Jr. was here for a few minutes. His father is feeling fine and may come home Sunday.

January 19, Saturday. Mild today, very muddy. A good rain during the night. Frost mostly out, very muddy. Blakley brought the rear wheels of the car home. The boys and I went to Glenarm. Stopped at Lanterman's and Bunn Matthews on the way. Also stuck and Stanley pulled us out. Stanley and Paul here this evening to spend the night.

January 20, Sunday. A very wet disagreeable day. Heavy most all day and very muddy. Stanley and Paul L. here all day. Also the Bell boy. Mr. Dickey came home today. Elinor and I walked down there awhile. Stanford stopped awhile this evening. Starting to freeze and fine snow at 7-30 P.M.

January 21, Monday. 3 degrees above and windy. Mailed school order No.91 for 93.27 to H.T. Beekman. Very sudden change in the weather during the night from above freezing point yesterday at noon to 3 degrees above zero this A.M. and a bitter north wind west wind which made it very cold. Children at home all day. Hard to keep house warm with wood as fuel. I walked to Dickey's awhile this afternoon. He is feeling better. Temperature almost to zero this evening at 9-P.M.

January 22, Tuesday. 3 degrees above, quiet. Not so disagreeable today as no wind. George went to school. Charles did not as his cold holds on. I contracted a cold myself and feel quite tough this evening. We intended to help the Lantermans butcher tomorrow. Stanford was here today to look at the fox. He also tried to shoot one crossing our field. 17 degrees above at P.M.

January 23, Wednesday. 7 degrees above zero all day. A very disagreeable day and me having a cold and aching all over made it seem worse, as I have been in a chill all day. Elinor received a letter and pictures from Maggie Colwell. They were expecting the stork at any time. She quoted the temperature at 36 degrees below at Calgary. Lantermans intended butchering. I did not go.

January 24, Thursday.

January 25, Friday. 20 degrees above zero. The weather was warmer this morning but a mean wind. I went to Lanterman's to help butcher but found Howard in bed. They most all have the flu. On my way home, I met Otte and got 5 gallons of gas. I am glad there was no butchering as my cold has reduced my pep. All the children to school but George and Ruth.

January 26, Saturday. Cloudy and warmer today. Looks like it would snow. After chores I sawed, split and housed wood. Charles went to Chatham on Frank for bread. I made a double tree. A Register man stopped. My cold is hanging on. Most of the children have it.

January 27, Sunday. Warmer today but below freezing point toward evening. Boys drove Frank to the Lanterman's. Aunt Kit and Lloyd were here after noon. Lantermans think they will butcher tomorrow.

January 28, Monday. Elinor and I went and helped the Lantermans today prepare for butchering, as Mrs. Lanterman is half sick and their hired girl is also sick.

January 29, Tuesday. Elinor and I helped Mr. Lanterman butcher. Wm. Bradley, Wm. Axline, L. Wallner, F. Poor, H. Black, E. Withers, F.E. Runge, S.T. Drennan consisted of the help. Was rather chilly most of the day. Received a roll of papers from Father today.

January 30, Wednesday. George and I took the cows to Runge's stalk field today. I then helped Elinor with the Maytag. I changed a tire on the car and after dinner we went to Springfield, out to Cora's for awhile. Stopped and paid Blakely 6.25 on my way to town. Got some cold remedies. Our colds are getting worse.

January 31, Thursday. Mild and cloudy today. After taking the cows to Runge's field I helped Elinor until noon with the washing. After dinner I went to Chatham and got 5 gallons of lamp gas and found I could get no Kor. clover from Ladage or Virden. Came home and made eveners and singletrees. Charles went to Dickey's this evening.

February 1, Friday. I worked in the shop most all the day making eveners and neck yokes and doing repair work.

February 2, Saturday. The early portion of the day was cloudy but the sun came through toward noon so the ground hog saw his shadow. Lloyd brought Fred home and Oliver Greening drove his car. They both had dinner with us. The boys and I sawed wood before noon and cleaned the stable and put in fresh bedding. Also hen house.

February 3, Sunday. A fair day. We were at home all day and no one came. I walked down to the lake awhile after dinner. The water is reaching out in the bottoms in the low spots.

February 4, Monday. Cloudy. Elinor, Ruth and I drove to Clara's south of Lowder today. I took home his boar and bought 5 bushels and 29 lbs. of corn for seed, as Sid has a crib of old corn. Elinor helped Clara and Hazel make some mince meat. The dirt roads are bad. Learned of Mr. Jas. Milner's death.

February 5, Tuesday. I cleaned and bedded the stables and other jobs before noon. After noon we went to Springfield. Received Corn Hog check No. 2 for 49.32. I also got the car license for the Ford 10.00. Drove by H.T. Beekmans and came home by Robb Jones' farm.

February 6, Wednesday. Some wind and colder. A Mr. Tobin came and tested the cattle for T.B. I helped him with Mr. Dickey's and Mr. Wallner's as well as our own. I then took the cattle to Mr. Runge's stalk field. After dinner Elinor and I went to Mr. Runge's and spent the afternoon. Charles and I put a load of hay in the calf feed rack this evening. Stanford stopped awhile this evening.

February 7, Thursday. Very cloudy, rain in the evening. I helped Elinor with the Maytag and I then husked shock corn and did other jobs. After supper George, Dorothy, Ruth and I shelled about 4½ bushels of seed corn. Elinor baked a cake. It is raining lightly this evening.

February 8, Friday. Cloudy and foggy. At home all day. I worked in the shop most of the day making eveners and singletrees. Also shelled corn for hominy. Ruth did not go to school.

February 9, Saturday. Cloudy, damp. At home all day. The boys and I sawed wood most of the day, cleaned the stables and other jobs. The vet, Mr. Tobin, came and inspected the cattle for the T.B. test and found them all OK. Stanley Lanterman was here this evening.

February 10, Sunday. We went to the Church of the Nazarene at Monroe and New Streets, Sunday school and preaching. Mr. Parrot is the preacher. Text God is love, spirit and life. We and Mr. Lanterman then went to Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard's at Curran and had dinner and an enjoyable visit. The twins stayed with them. George and Charles spent the day with Stanley.

February 11, Monday. Mr. Dickey came early and asked me to take two hogs to the yards for him. Elinor went with me and I attended a meeting at the Y.M.C.A. in the interest of farmers in regards to insects. Elinor got a pair of shoes at Barkers. We stopped at Cora's on the way out. I have to help Dickey butcher two hogs tomorrow.

February 12, Tuesday. I helped Mr. Dickey butcher two hogs today. Louis Wallner also helped. The two hogs I took in for him yesterday weighed 600 and brought 8.00 per cwt.

February 13, Wednesday. Rain. Started raining about 6-30 A.M. I took the children to school in the spring wagon. Worked in the shop the balance of the day. The creek is getting out over Pyle's pasture.

February 14, Thursday. Fair, some wind, South. After doing chores Mrs. Dickey came and she, Elinor and I walked down to the creek which is out over the bottoms. I then cleaned the horse stable and hauled hay to the calves. We then went to Wallner's and I helped Louie top a large maple. Elinor helped Mrs. Louie make hominy. Mrs. Hubbard became stalled in mud south of Dickey's. We moved mail boxes west.

February 15, Friday. Cloudy. Threatening rain. We all went to Ball High School to the school contest. Had to pull the car to the road with a horse and went by way of Woodside.

February 16, Saturday. Cloudy. George and I after helping Elinor with the washer, butchered the brown swiss steer. George and Elinor took half of it to Chatham after dinner. Charles and I sawed wood and husked shock corn. Paul Lanterman came home with Charles at noon. Roads very muddy.

February 17, Sunday. Cloudy and cooler. After dinner we went to Lanterman's in the big wagon. Drove Fred and Frank. Roads are a bit better but soft in places.

February 18, Monday. V.D. cow fresh this A.M. Fair. Elinor and I went to Springfield and stopped at Frank Seiz on the way as we learned he had purchased a farm. But he is staying where he is for three more years. We saw Mr. and Mrs. M. F. in city. Arrived home at 1 P.M. Elinor washed and I cleaned stables and other work. Ruth and Dorothy went to Lanterman's.

February 19, Tuesday. Fair and windy. I worked at the barn and shop during the forenoon. I repaired harrow evener and made some eveners. After dinner I husked shock corn and did repair work in the shop. Also doctored

the roan V.D. cow. The wind dried the roads and fields very much today. Elinor heard four large blasts from the Peerless mine tonight.

February 20, Wednesday. Fair. Worked at the stable and shop and took the meat out of the salt and washed and sunned it. After noon I helped Elinor cut the beef to cold pack. I also shelled corn and doctored Nelly's leg and other jobs. Charles stayed at the high school for a game tonight. Dorothy at home today.

February 21, Thursday. Worked with the cow and calf most of the forenoon. The roan heifer sired by Hunn's bull freshened having a white bull calf. I also doctored Nelly and cleaned the stable. After noon I husked shock corn and then took Elinor to Cora's. She stayed in for a day or so. Clarence Rhoads gave Dorothy a little kid goat.

February 22, Friday. I took a red calf to the stockyards. Stopped at Sale Barn on the way out. I also stopped in town and got a pair of Good Luck shoes for myself and a 25 lb. box of prunes. I stopped at Cora's but E.H.M. was at H. Harrisons. Started snowing about 11 o'clock and turned to a mist by sunset. Is freezing this evening.

February 23, Saturday. Fair. The ground was frozen this A.M. but thawed later. After the chores Charles and I sawed wood the balance of the day over in the hog pasture. We walked over through the timber and watched the ducks on the lake. Were at least 500 Mallards and Pintails. Malford and Henry brought Elinor home while we were at the chores. Elinor spent last night with Mr. and Mrs. Hoat Harrison.

February 24, Sunday. At home all day. No one there. Threatened rain before noon and rained during the late afternoon. Elinor and I walked to the lake and brought home some hazel bush and two hard maple trees which I planted.

February 25, Monday. Snow, cold, wind. George, Mr. Dickey and I went to Stahr's sale on the J.J. Megredy farm. Livestock and implements sold well considering condition. Farm in very poor repair, bad day for a sale, snow and cold wind. Mildred and Dorothy at home sick. Ruth came home from school sick. Quite cold this evening. Will freeze hard tonight.

February 26, Tuesday. Cold but less wind. I worked in the garden after doing chores. Cleaned up the weeds and vines. Took down the beaupoles. I also cut the pop corn stalks and tomato vines loose with a hoe. After noon I cleaned all the stables and bedded them. The mercury was about 20 degrees all day. I will try and break the stalks tomorrow morning. Mrs. Hubbard stopped this evening.

February 27, Wednesday. Cold. George and I broke the stalks south of the house before noon. Charles walked to high school as we had to use his horse. Stalks broke good as the ground was frozen hard. Did not thaw much today. There were great flocks of ducks in the fields today and they went to the lake this evening. Mrs. Dickey was here after dinner. Mr. Shearburn here at noon. Mildred not very well.

February 28, Thursday. Fair and warmer. I helped Elinor start the washing. Mr. M.F. then came and suggested we seed the sweet clover. I got the seed ready then went to Louie's and got the seeder cart. After noon I took Mildred to Dr. McLaughlin. Then I drove to see S.T. Drennan and found him at J.W. Poors. The home and to the school house to help Louie establish a line for the pipe. I got 100 lbs. of lespedza at the elevator at 8¢ lb.

March 1, Friday. I sowed half the wheat land to sweet clover this A.M. It thawed too much for further seeding. I then walked to the school house where Louie W. had the men at work on the water line. After dinner I went over and burned the cemetery grass. I also burned along the south fence. I went to Mr. Runge's a few minutes. Also husked shock corn.

March 2, Saturday. Very mild today. Charles and I sawed wood all day. We attended an oyster supper at the school house during the evening. Charles went home with Stanley. Paul home with us. Mrs. Hubbard, the teacher, supplied the oysters, the ladies the pie and coffee. A nice attendance. All seemed to have a pleasant evening.

March 3, Sunday. Cloudy. At home all day. No one here except Paul L. The girls and I walked to the lake during the afternoon. We saw the quail at the Old Wallner place. We also walked through the evergreen forest on the east of the Southwick farm, the tallest trees about, seven or eight feet tall.

March 4, Monday. Cloudy and rain. I seeded the remaining half of the sweet clover on the 33 acres of wheat. I went to Runge's and borrowed his tin spout seeder. Too soft for the horse seeder. After noon, while it was raining, I worked in the shop. Mildred did not go to school today. Butterfly had a roan heifer calf today.

March 5, Tuesday. I went to the school house to find what was needed for the pipe line. George, Charles, Elinor and I went to town after noon. Brought out 52 sewers, four lengths of pipe and some parts. Elinor and the boys attended the Orpheum.

March 6, Wednesday. Very windy. I worked in the shop this forenoon. After noon Louie came and we made some shut off rods for the pipe line at the school house. We walked down to the lake a few minutes.

March 7, Thursday. Today has been very disagreeable - a cold northwest wind. After the chores I took Louie's seeder and cart home. I came home and hauled two jags of hay to the cows and calves. Afterwards I worked on a road drag. Have felt very bad all day, have a throat ailment. George also came home with some trouble. Arabelle at home all day.

March 8, Friday. Partly cloudy. I helped Elinor start the washing and afterward worked at the barn and split wood and husked shock corn. I also cleaned the stables and put in clean straw. An east wind became very cold toward evening. A letter from Mother this A.M. stating that Walter had traded his truck and oil station.

March 9, Saturday. Cloudy and rain. We sawed wood and sowed lespedeza and the boys, Elinor and I walked to the timber awhile looking for young squirrels but found none. Rained lightly most of the afternoon.

March 10, Sunday. A very damp and cloudy day. Has looked as though it would start raining at any time. We were at home all day. No one came except Mr. Dickey and William who came by to see the lake. I walked down with them.

March 11, Monday. Was very cloudy at sunrise and turned to a heavy wet snow which lasted until noon. I took wire to Runge's and took the bridge out of the road drain near S.W. corner of the farm. I also repaired the fence. Sharpened the buck saw and sawed wood after dinner. All the children went to school today. Very muddy.

March 12, Tuesday. Water in school today. Milder and warmer today. Hauled hay from across the road to both the cattle in the north pasture and to the calves in the feed lot. I then cleaned the stable out and did some repair work in the shop. Afternoon I husked shock corn.

March 13, Wednesday. Elinor and I went to Lowder and had dinner with Clara. Sid was away. After dinner we went to Virden. I went to see Dr. Morgan. And then over to the store, and visited with Charles Beasely. He was putting a tractor together. Elinor visited Mable and we said hello to Mrs. Wallace. Cold heavy wind on the way home.

March 14, Thursday. South wind today and partly cloudy. I helped Elinor wash and sawed wood before noon. After noon I put a new handle in the spade, planted three maple trees and sawed some wood then walked to the creek awhile. Water is as high now as I saw it in 1929. There are many ducks about the lake.

March 15, Friday. Very heavy wind. I worked in the garden all fore noon, cleaned it all off and ready to plow. After noon I fixed a neck yoke on the plow tongue. And then I went to Louie's and on to the school house and adjusted the drinking fountain. Looks very rainy tonight.

March 16, Saturday. Very windy. We dehorned several calves and hauled two loads of hay and rolled up some old wire before noon. After noon Elinor and I went to Springfield and took in the cream and bought 300 lbs. of potatoes @ 85¢ per cwt. I also called at Harry Beekman's and paid him the balance for the school plumbing 25.62.

March 17, Sunday. We were at home all day. Rather cool and windy. We walked down to the lake awhile. Henry, Cora, Sandy, Malford and his Mary came out awhile.

March 18, Monday. Rather disagreeable today. Cold S.E. wind. I plowed the garden and also planted 19 rows of potatoes. Mace Brunk was here today. Looks rainy.

March 19, Tuesday. Warmer. I went to Chatham to get a disc polished but the blacksmith was away. I then went to Glenarm and had Stradley polish and sharpen it @ \$2.40. Came home and dragged the road before noon as it looked so rainy. After noon I plowed the old road from the drive north to the lake fence. A heavy mist fell during the afternoon.

March 20, Wednesday. Rain. Charles celebrated his 17th birthday by breaking out with the measles. I worked at the shop in the forenoon and planted some potatoes in the afternoon. About 4-20 P.M. we had our first thunder storm of the season. Arabelle did not go to school today. Lantermans and Louie Wallner were caught out in the storm this afternoon as they were seeding oats.

March 21, Thursday. Fine spring day. I hauled out two loads of hay and then repaired the hand seeder for Bob Southwick. I then put the disc together. After noon Uncle Will and Aunt Nora came. We walked to the lake and later dug some shamrock sprouts. Henry Jacobs came late this evening. He is running for Supervisor. Charles in bed all day but feeling better. Looks rainy. Dickey started discing.

March 22, Friday. A summer day. I helped Elinor with washing machine. I then took down the fence south of the shop. Also dug post holes east of shop. Louie W. came awhile. After noon I repaired the fence west of the barn and fixed the approach into the horse stable, cleaned the horse stable and spread the manure in the field. Charles is feeling much better tonight.

March 23, Saturday. I tried discing the stalks but it was too damp. I then plowed the old road again, disced and dragged it then seeded and rolled it. After noon I harrowed the potato patch and hauled some straw to some washes. Elinor and Charles raked in the yard.

March 24, Sunday. A fine day, partially cloudy. Sid and Clara came today. After dinner we walked to the old Wallner place and then home and drove to Fox bridge and on to the dam. We saw Frank Coble and Junior there. The lake is large, beyond Cotton Hill. There were many cars out.

March 25, Monday. Rained and thundered during the night, and rained quite a shower before 9 A.M. I worked in the shop and fixed some fence before noon. After noon I dug post holes south of the sycamore tree. George helped me string out wire and posts. Charles only one attending school today.

March 26, Tuesday. Warm and mild. I dug post holes and set posts before noon. After dinner I took Arabelle to see Dr. McLaughlin. He suggested she see an ear specialist. I then took her to Dr. Jones'. He found her in serious condition. He performed two operations. She has symptoms of an abscess back of ear.

March 27, Wednesday. Colder. I went to school and phoned Dr. Jones in regards to Arabelle. It started turning colder about eleven o'clock. Cloudy and cold northwest wind. Fred Pulliam came this afternoon. He is electioneering for road commissioner. Charles stayed with Stanley tonight. Much colder this evening.

March 28, Thursday. Windy. Has been windy and hazy from western dust clouds. I worked all day on the fence and gate east of the shop. Craig, the lake forester, came by when I was getting the gate out of the city fence. Arabelle in bed all day. Louie Wallner called late this evening.

March 29, Friday. Very windy upper full dust from the western prairies. Charles helped Louie Wallner with four horse team and disc today on the Runge land. I spent the day building a fence and swinging gates east of the shop. Elinor washed. George helped her. Mail was some hours late.

March 30, Saturday. Cooler today, cloudy. Elinor and I took Arabelle to see Dr. Jones. He found her mastoid trouble better but finds her heart rather bad. Also called at Cora's. She loaned us five dollars until we get some from north next week. Has rained lightly since noon. Charles and I planted the balance of the potatoes this afternoon. Light mist tonight. Some wind.

March 31, Sunday. At home all day. Mr. Lanterman, June and the boys came early in the day, the boys remaining balance of the day.

April 1, Monday. Cloudy. I cleaned the coal house and also cleaned the chips from where we had been cutting wood. Then I husked shock corn and greased the disc and harnessed the horses and pumped water. I ate dinner and disced the stalks south of the house during the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Meg. were out to see Arabelle. Mrs. Hubbard stopped this evening.

April 2, Tuesday. Fair, cool. After the chores I worked on the car awhile and we then took Arabelle to the doctor. He found her much improved in conditions. She should be in pretty good shape in another few days. We drove by Cora's but only a minute. Aunt Kit and Duffy came over and took us on So. 6th Street. Bell Lanham very low.

April 3, Wednesday. Cold, east wind. I disced the south of the house all day. Mr. Megredy out this A.M. Howard Williams came for two cows and two calves at 1 P.M. Also took a roll of wire fence. Arabelle feeling fine.

April 4, Thursday. Spent all day discing stalks. Charles brought the bull home from Lanterman's and we went to the Ball High School to the Father and Son Banquet. Had a very enjoyable evening. Home at 11 P.M.

April 5, Friday. Cool. Elinor, Arabelle and I went to Loami. Had dinner at Uncle Will's then went to Uncle Tom's during the afternoon. He was able to be up but looks bad. Mr. and Mrs. Runge came this evening to visit awhile.

April 6, Saturday. Cold east wind. George drove the disc all day. Charles and I sawed wood and cleaned the chicken yard. Dorothy broke out with the 3 day measles today. Arabelle is feeling very well.

April 7, Sunday. Rain and snow. Rained during the night. Started snowing about 8 A.M. and continued snowing in very large flakes until noon. Misty and cloudy afternoon.

April 8, Monday. Cloudy. I hauled hay to calves and did other jobs before noon. After noon I dragged logs and stopped washes in the little field west of the crib. I also set the hedge posts to hold wash. Elinor and I walked down to the lake after dinner. Lots of ducks. Lake has 3 feet to rise yet.

April 9, Tuesday. Cloudy. I cut sprouts, briars and brush in the fence row northeast of the house. I hauled brush to the ditches in the pasture. Art and Clarence Rowden came, sold them two cows and two calves for \$80.00. Roscoe Hilgenberg came this afternoon to look at the cows. Today is Father's birthday. He is 75. Looks rainy tonight. Elinor washed. George went to Chatham. He gave M.F.M. \$13.00.

April 10, Wednesday. Rain. I finished cutting the brush and hauled it out. Mr. Megredy came out early and selected one of two cows. It started raining about noon. Rained quite hard for over one hour. George and I then went to Glenarm. I had the bell frame fixed. I paid for disc sharpening (2.40), also for a set of shovels (3.00). To Lanterman's this evening to use the phone.

April 11, Thursday. Dust fall and cloudy. The western dust storm reached here this forenoon. Rained some during the afternoon and heavy during the night. George and I put the dinner bell up before noon. Afternoon I worked on gaug plow. Art Rowden came for the cows. Check for 95.00. Howard L. and Bob Jones here in regard to corn hog. Mr. Megredy out early this A.M. Fields quite muddy. Remaining this evening.

April 12, Friday. Elinor, twins and I went to Springfield to see Dr. Jones. He suggested bringing them in next Sunday morning to have their adenoids removed.

April 13, Saturday. George and I back to Springfield this A.M. At home by noon. To school election at 3 P.M. Mr. Will Trimble elected as director. Then on to Chatham and a stop at the elevator and paid 4.50 for flour purchased some time ago.

April 14, Sunday. Cloudy and cool. We took the twins to Dr. Jones' at 11 A.M. and had adenoids out. At home the balance of the day. Became very windy during the evening.

April 15, Monday. Ice, very strong wind. A very heavy west wind has blown all day. quite cold this A.M. Ice thickness of window glass formed. I worked on gaug plow most all day and with the livestock. Aunt Kit and Duffy came this afternoon. Waves rolled very high on the lake. The twins feeling better.

April 16, Tuesday. Ice d inch thick this A.M. A much better day than yesterday. I worked on the gaug plow this A.M. After dinner we took the twins to see Dr. Jones. He thought they were doing well. But Arabelle has to have a sinus washed out on Friday. Went to Henry's. Found them OK.

April 17, Wednesday. Cloudy, cold, rain. I harrowed potato patch and brought harrow to the house and harrowed the garden, using Fred and Frank. Afternoon, I disced stalks and chilled all afternoon. The boys' fox escaped today dragging a long chain and in their search for it they caught a smaller one. It is raining now at 8-30 P.M.

April 18, Thursday. Cloudy, warmer. Had heavy rain during last night. quite muddy today. I took a sow to Lanterman's this A.M. Stopped at Louie's on the return for eveners. Afternoon I cleaned the stable, crib drive way and cow stable putting fresh straw in for bedding. Cleaned and greased the blades of the disc. Too wet to disc any this week.

April 19, Friday. Charles and I cleaned up the hay stack bottom, also the posts and wire and some other jobs. After dinner we took Arabelle to see Dr. Jones. She was not doing as well as he wanted her to do. Charles found the lost fox. I got Charles a hat and he and George each a summer cap. The sow east of the house had 12 pigs.

April 20, Saturday. Warmer. Charles and I went to Lanterman's in the truck for the sow but did not get her. We then took the bull and roan heifer over. Howard brought us home in the car. George went to Springfield with Mrs. Hubbard, they stopped awhile on return. Paul L. here this afternoon. They caught two young squirrels. I started the gaug plow after noon. Mr. Lanterman took Stanley to see Dr. Jones.

April 21, Sunday. Easter. Mr. Lanterman's family here during the afternoon. Enjoyed watching the boats on the lake.

April 22, Monday. Warmer and cloudy. I disced all day. Went to Lanterman's for sow about 5-P.M.

April 23, Tuesday. Warm and partly cloudy. I disced all day. Horses were tired tonight. Helped Elinor take heating stove down and store in the closet. Talked to Bob Southwick and Bill Skaggs at the south end of the field. Skaggs took Southwick's bull away this afternoon. Runge returned the hay rake.

April 24, Wednesday. I finished the discing about 2 P.M. and then started the plow. Was rather warm on the horses. Mrs. Dickey and the girls were here this afternoon. Looks a bit rainy this evening. We greased the disc plow.

April 25, Thursday. Spent all day on the plow. Rather warm on the horses. John Stout started planting corn today.

April 26, Friday. I plowed until noon. Charles came home at noon and took the plow but was rained in during the afternoon. Mr. Megredy here after noon. Elinor, Ruth, Arabelle and self went to town to take Arabelle to see Dr. Jones, but he found her improved enough that she won't have to return soon. Nice heavy shower during the afternoon.

April 27, Saturday. Rain during the night. Heavy dust cloud from the west this A.M. The boys and I put some straw on part of the potato patch. Then repaired some harnesses and after dinner Charles made 13 rounds with the plow. George and I planted the garden. Mailed a letter this A.M. to Father and Mother.

April 28, Sunday. A fine day. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard came. We had our dinner in the timber and watched the lake during the afternoon. Paul and Stanley were here also. Rain in the evening.

April 29, Monday. Rained during the night. Elinor, twins and myself went to Clara's today. Took Charles to Ball and then on by way of Glenarm and Auburn. Had shares sharpened 75¢, and plow axle made 35¢ at Stradley's shop. More rain south of Lowder. Roan cow fresh today. (Bull calf)

April 30, Tuesday. Cold. I plowed all day. Elinor washed and ironed.

May 1, Wednesday. Nellie's colt born. Boy, bald face. Harnessed horses, greased plow, ready for a full day but it started raining about 6-30. Took Charles to Lanterman's and went on to Chatham. Got some bread, sugar, bologna and pickles. Then went to school for dinner. A good crowd. Plenty to eat. Rain again this evening. Looks quite favorable for rain tonight.

May 2, Thursday. Heavy rains. I took Charles to Lanterman's. Came home and George and I loaded two logs in the wagon and after noon we took them to the sawmill on John Poor's farm. Rained heavy while at the mill, also rained us in at the Sam Drennan barn. Another heavy rain after we arrived home. The lake reached the 260 ft. level this A.M. Is raining this evening. Fields very wet. Water everywhere. Letter to H. Coffin today. P.P.

May 3, Friday. Cloudy. Elinor, Dorothy and I went to Springfield. Took cream in and Elinor got some things for girls dresses.

May 4, Saturday. Cold and cloudy today. Repaired gaug plow this A.M., sawed some wood, also planted a dozen little evergreen trees and we then went to Mr. Trimble's this evening for six bags of beans. One of the gilts brought 9 pigs today.

May 5, Sunday. Very cloudy today. We were at home all day. We walked along the lake shore awhile but the weather kept the boats in today.

May 6, Monday. Rained quite a shower about 6 A.M. Also rain during the night. I went to So. end of the pasture to dig post holes a 7-30 but the rain drove me in. George and I took sacks to Trimble's after noon then to Chatham and got 5 gallons cyl oil, no. 40 and 10 lbs of gun grease. Stopped at telephone office and paid toll to Springfield over the school phone. George and I tried fishing this evening. No fish. Looks rainy tonight.

May 7, Tuesday. Elinor, Dorothy, Ruth and I went to Pleasant Plains this A.M. We called on Mr. Harry Coffin. Back to Springfield, called at Henry's awhile then to the store and home. Mr. Burtle, the assessor, came shortly after we returned. Three men also were here looking the place over.

May 8, Wednesday. Warmer today. Elinor washed this forenoon. I took the beans I got from Mr. Trimble to Mr. Runge's to weigh them. They weighed 672 lbs. net or 11 bushels 12 lbs. George and I then worked on the fence running west from the Cemetery for the balance of the day. Looks quite rainy this evening. Heavy storm going west of us.

May 9, Thursday. A warm partly sunny day. Lee Parks brought his horse here early this A.M. Afterwards George and I stretched three barbed wires across the east pasture. Also cleaned the stable and scattered the manure. After dinner I repaired a gate and set a gate post east of the house, and spaded the dock and wild parsnip on the road.

May 10, Friday. Quite warm today. George and I dug post holes and set post west of sycamore tree. I also rolled the old woven wire fence. After noon we planted the garden and made flower beds. The land dried today. If no more rain I can work the fields next week. Elinor, twins and the boys went to Ball High School tonight to a play. I bought a gallon of stock dip this evening of Heberling man @ \$1.35.

May 11, Saturday. A bit cooler today. The boys and I finished strawing the potatoes this forenoon. After noon I worked in the garden and cleared some weeds from the yard. The boys went fishing but no fish. Looks a bit rainy this evening. Had a nice shower at 4-P.M.

May 12, Sunday. Rain. Quite a shower of rain while we were milking this morning. We were at home all day. Mr. and Mrs. Dickey came awhile this evening. Looks stormy in the west tonight.

May 13, Monday. Cloudy. The weather does not seem settled yet. Mildred, Elinor and I went to Springfield. Stopped at Trimble's a few minutes. Bell Lanham died yesterday. George and I worked on the fence this afternoon. Looks rainy this evening.

May 14, Tuesday. Raining. Steady rain most of the night and rained all forenoon. The lake is up today. George and I did no work except saw wood. Paul Lanterman came home with Charles this evening. Looks rainy this evening but may be too cool to rain. No plowing for a week now.

May 15, Wednesday. A better day today than yesterday was, but cool. Elinor and I went to Mr. Will Trimble's after 12 and went to Mrs. Bell Lanham's funeral with them, held at First Presbyterian. Large crowd. Afterward we went to see the B & O streamlined train.

May 16, Thursday. It rained again last night. I took a walk over to the timber this A.M. after dinner. I split wood and set out some cauliflower plants.

May 17, Friday. George and I picked the remainder of the corn over and after dinner we took it to Lanterman's and had it ground.

May 18, Saturday. Fair. A very good day, partly cloudy. The boys and I sawed a black oak tree into wood over in the pasture. Also hauled wood to the house. After dinner my tooth ached so bad I took Elinor and went to Auburn. Dr. Hill pulled three. Stopped a few minutes to see Mrs. Lewis Barnes on the way home. Was surprised to find her up and about. She had a stroke.

May 19, Sunday. Raining. We spent the day at home. It rained steady all before noon. No cars on Lake drive today. I had a bad night owing to aching jaws. I slept very little but felt better by noon.

May 20, Monday. Rain. Monday morning and drizzling. Later started raining in earnest and continued until well into the afternoon. I walked to Dickey's for an hour. Came home, read the Journal and repaired some chairs before noon. After dinner I repaired a chair, did some reading and sawed some wood. Sun set almost clear.

May 21, Tuesday. A fine day. We went to Park's this A.M. Stopped at Louie's awhile on return. Came home and helped George set some fish lines. Plowed the garden after dinner and then took Elinor, Ruth and Maytag to Clara's. They had gone to Virden and returned at six. George caught ten fish.

May 22, Wednesday. The girls and I went to Springfield, got some groceries, also a bag of potatoes @ \$1.11 per cwt. George and I planted beans, peas, and sweet corn in the afternoon, about 4-30. George, girls and myself went to the lake to look at fish lines and were caught in a heavy rain. Water raised in the cellar six inches deep.

May 23, Thursday. Very cloudy and drizzly most of the forenoon and rained steady most of the afternoon. I went to Clara's and brought Elinor and Ruth home. Dirt roads are very bad. But trip down there is by pavement.

May 24, Friday. George and I caught nice mess of fish for dinner. Bob Southwick came this A.M. After dinner Mrs. Southwick's little Philomen came. Sid and Clara also came.

May 25, Saturday. Fair and warm. The boys and I tried to scatter a stack bottom but found it too wet. We then stopped some washes and put some straw in some washes. Also hauled in some wood. After dinner I worked on squirrel cage. Also helped Elinor clean the pantry. Boys and Stanley went fishing.

May 26, Sunday. At home all day, no one here except Mr. Wallner's girls. Elinor and I went to Mr. Copelius near Cumberland church in the evening. I got 6 gallons sorghum. Home by way of Glenarm. Got cultivator shovels. Also saw the wrecked car of Mr. Dambacker. Stopped at Lanterman's. They had Edith's body at the house.

May 27, Monday. Rain. I sat up at Mr. Lanterman's last night. Hitched the cultivator this AM to plow potatoes but the rain stopped me. We went with Mr. and Mrs. Wallner to the Lanterman's funeral. Burial at Chatham.

May 28, Tuesday. I tried to plow potatoes this A.M. but it was too wet. Rained quite hard before noon. Won't be able to plow for a day or two more. George and I went fishing but no luck.

May 29, Wednesday. Warm and fair. I went to Dickey's for a hay rake wheel. Paul L. then came and said Mr. Drennan had our logs sawed. We then went after the lumber, returning home about 1-40 P.M. After dinner I put a pane of glass in the south bedroom window and then cultivated the garden. Today was Charles last day in high school. He passed in all his studies. Looks a bit rainy this evening.

May 30, Thursday. Rain. Harnessed horses to plow west of the barn but rained a heavy shower about seven and lasted until noon. The boys and I went to parks after noon. Boys did some fishing. Many boats on the lake.

May 31, Friday. Fair, warm. Saw Aunt Kit and Lloyd. A drying day. I took the cream to town and got some groceries and 30 W.L. chick of Krell. Home by noon. Went to Dr. Southwick's after noon to get swarm of bees but they left too soon for us. Stopped at Lanterman's to leave the ladder. Helped Stanley with his bees. Charles went home with Sid and Clara today to help Sid with the crop.

June 1, Saturday. Started sulky plow west of the barn. George ran it while Elinor and I planted the garden. George also harrowed the field after plowing it. I also plowed the potato patch. Today is the first day we could plow since April 30th.

June 2, Sunday. Light sprinkle. A fair day but partly cloudy. At home all day. Mr. and Mrs. Wallner and Louie's Mother came this afternoon awhile. We walked down to the creek awhile. Looks a bit cloudy in the west this evening. Hope it does not rain.

June 3, Sunday. No rain today. Been a pretty good day. I plowed with gaug in the forenoon. Ran the disc after noon. George drove it after 4 o'clock. I came up and worked on bee hive. Looks a bit cloudy tonight. I do hope it does not rain. Elinor washed this morning.

June 4, Tuesday. Fair. I disced most of the forenoon. George ran it awhile and I helped Bob S. grade his seed corn. Also graded some of my own seed corn. After noon I planted sixty-two rows. George harrowed with Fred and Frank. Looks rainy this evening, is sprinkling some. Heavy dust cloud in the west all day.

June 5, Wednesday. Fair, quite cool. George disced all forenoon. I worked in the garden and a few other jobs. After dinner I harrowed with four horses and planted from five P.M. to 7. A Mr. Gerky from Berry Tractor Co. was here. Also Mr. Morrison.

June 6, Thursday. Rain, cold. Rained during the night and again about 7-30 A.M. We all went to Clara's and Sid's. Elinor wanted to take Charles some clean clothes. A few were working on the land this afternoon as we came home. Sid has 25 acres of corn in, about 12 acres yet to plant.

June 7, Friday. Fair. No rain during the day. Rained during the night. Elinor and I went to Springfield. The girls went to Wallner's for some plants. George and I went to Dr. Southwick's in the evening for stand of bees.

June 8, Saturday. Fair. I plowed until 4 P.M. George then took the plow. I went to Chatham for a bee hive at Mr. Mayfield's. Put swarm of bees in it. Dr. Southwick said he had another swarm in my hive up there. I think I shall plow tomorrow.

June 9, Sunday. Fair. this is a case of the ox being in the ditch so I plowed all before noon and George plowed until 5 P.M. Uncle Will and Aunt Nora came after noon. Louie W. and wife came in the evening to bring hand seeder home. Girls and I went to Dr. Southwick's for a stand of bees.

June 10, Monday. Rain. It rained early this A.M. but quit and I started the plow about 9 o'clock. Plowed until five P.M. then hitched to disc until 6-30. Looks a bit stormy this evening.

June 11, Tuesday. Fair. We ran the disc in the forenoon and I planted after noon. Sid, Clara and Charles were here for dinner. They brought cream, ice and freezer to celebrate the twins birthday. Wallner children also the Dickey children were here.

June 12, Wednesday. Fair, quite warm. We ran the disc before noon and harrow and planter after noon. Mr. Hatfield showed a Mrs. Rapps the farm today. Sikking's man, Mr. Rage, brought out a Coleman Gasoline range and showed Elinor how to operate it. Price 99.50. Planted almost to machine shed.

June 13, Thursday. Fair and warm. Harrowed and planted to the west end of machine shed. then plowed to persimmon trees by 6-20 P.M. George hoed in the garden while I was plowing. Elinor washed woodwork. I carried mattresses out to the sun during the day. Bob S. came for the sickle of the mower to get it sharpened. Looks rainy this evening.

June 14, Friday. Fair and cooler. I spent the day plowing south of the house. George mowed the yard and fished some during the afternoon. Elinor and the girls walked to Lanterman's. Mr. Lanterman Sr. is quite sick but better today.

June 15, Saturday. Fair, hot. I plowed south of the house in the forenoon. It was so hot on the horses and their necks and shoulders were so sore I did not plow during the afternoon, but Elinor, twins and I went to Springfield to take in cream and get a few groceries. Took in two roosters and got credit for 90 cts. Will get some chicks next week.

June 16, Sunday. Showery. Russel Britton, May Barnes and Mrs. Charles W. Hahn came out early for breakfast and also had dinner. We walked to the lake awhile between showers. I took Mr. Hahn home about 3-P.M. May and Russel went on to Sid's and Clara's. Caught a swarm of bees today.

June 17, Monday. Rain. I spent forenoon plowing finished the south of the house by 10-30 and made 2 or 3 rounds over next to the wheat on the bean ground. But rain stopped me about 11-30. After noon I cut the weeds with the scythe along the road. Talked with W.O. Withrow.

June 18, Tuesday. Rainy. I first hived a swarm of bees and then mowed with the scythe along the south fence. Talked with Mr. Runge awhile. Started raining in short showers about 11-30 A.M. and continued throughout the afternoon. George and I took the knotter off the binder and repaired the mower sickle.

June 19, Wednesday. Rain. I worked on a bee hive most of the forenoon. Sid, Clara and Charles came after noon. Rather heavy wind today, which will dry out the land some.

June 20, Thursday. Showers. I mowed along the roadside south of the place. Bob S. then took the mower home to cut alfalfa. After noon we repaired the wagon axle and then we took a roll of wire to Runge's.

June 21, Friday. Rain. I helped George start the sulky east of the road by the sycamore tree. I then picked cherries and planted beans and squash in corn my machine shed. Bob S. came awhile. Paul Lanterman spent the day with us. He and George fished in the afternoon, caught 3½ lbs. Also got wet. I plowed until the rain at five. George, Paul and I went to Lanterman's.

June 22, Saturday. Fair. George plowed before noon. Elinor and I went to Springfield. I got repairs for the binder knotter \$4.08 and 60 lbs. sudan @ 7¢ 4.15. After noon I finished the plowing by six P.M. George went home with Paul.

June 23, Sunday. Fair. I spent the day discing from the west end of the machine shed to the east side of the garden. Aunt Kit and Duffy came about 11-A.M. George spent the day at Lanterman's. Mrs. Lanterman brought him home and took Ilene.

June 24, Monday. Fair. I finished discing at 10-A.M. then hitched to planter and finished planting about 7-45 this evening. George planted some beans and squash. Elinor washed. Looked stormy all afternoon. George ran the cultivator after noon.

June 25, Tuesday. Rain. George and I plowed the corn on the west side until noon. I also went to Chatham for gas, bread and meat. Louie W. came with four horses and disced the patch west of the barn and also one about the sycamore tree. I started drilling beans but the rain stopped me. Howard Lanterman stopped a few minutes. Very heavy thunder storm went north.

June 26, Wednesday. Rain. George and I repaired the surface cultivator and a few other jobs before noon. After noon we went by Lanterman's for the ladder, then to Hubbard's at Curran picked 6 pails and 4 qts. of cherries. Roads rather muddy. Mr. Matthew brought mower home.

June 27, Thursday. Fair, hot, no rain. Plowed on gaug until 10-30 then finished sending patch west of scales to beans. Then returned Dickey's seeder. After noon George disced and harrowed the sycamore 3 acres. I went to Ball High School to Corn Hog sign up. Then sowed sudan on sycamore field. George and I also went in the lake for a cooling off. Very hot today. Pulled a nail from Barney's foot this A.M.

June 28, Friday. Fine hot day, rain in evening. George finished harrowing the sudan grass seed in. The put horses on gaug plow. I hoed in the garden until noon. After noon I finished the plowing and did some discing. George put up bean poles. Elinor and the girls weeded several rows of beets. Bob Southwick came to get some seed corn. Looks quite stormy this evening. Heavy thunder.

June 29, Saturday. Dorothy, Ruth and I went to Springfield this A.M. and got groceries and a drum of gas @ 12 3/4 per gallon. George disced for beans next to wheat. After dinner we disced, harrowed and drilled the beans. Finished at 8-P.M. and had to borrow a horse of Mr. Dickey as Barney quite lame, nail in foot. Rain in evening.

June 30, Sunday. We were at home all day. Very hot. No one here except Howard Lanterman, Stanley and Paul brought Joe the Bull home.

July 1, Monday. Howard Lanterman came to measure the corn acreage and found we had five acres too much to stay under our corn hog contract. So I started discing out five acres. George and I went for the drill this evening at Bradley's. Elinor and the girls went to Wallner's to birthday party. Mr. Bearden came for Dickey's drill this A.M. Light rain at noon. Heavy rain at Chatham. Got 6½ bushels of beans at Chatham. Also lbs. at Will Trimble's.

July 2, Tuesday. Disced and harrowed and seeded five acres to beans south of the house. Very hot.

July 3, Wednesday. Entry scratched out.

July 4, Thursday. A very hot day until 5-30 P.M. and then had a nice rain from Nor west. George and I plowed corn until noon. I borrowed Mr. Runge's roller, we ran two rollers after noon but it was so hot on the horses we could not make very good time. Heavy lake traffic. Many fishermen.

July 5, Friday. Very hot. George and I went to Glenarm for a collar pad then by Chatham elevator for eight balls of twine. We came home and put binder together. After dinner made almost one circuit of the field but broke a rod and Elinor went with me to Woodside to have Blakely weld it.

July 6, Saturday. Very hot. George and I spent the day on the binder. Wheat cuts very mean. Mr. Kendall started shocking at 9-A.M. and worked until about five. We took Mr. Lanterman's drill home this evening. We all went bathing in the lake at Lanterman's.

July 7, Sunday. George and I spent the day on the binder cutting wheat. Mr. Runge and Mr. Dickey came out to the field awhile. Clara, Sid and Charles came in afterward and brought some ice cream. Wheat has much straw but little wheat.

July 8, Monday. We finished cutting wheat this morning. George and Mildred then finished the rolling with two rollers. Dorothy and Ruth and I went to Springfield. I spent the balance of the day shocking wheat. George plowed corn during the afternoon. Elinor washed.

July 9, Tuesday. Fair. George and I stooked wheat until noon. Mr. Kendall did not show up this A.M. The turns rolled the sudan grass. George and I plowed corn crosswise during the afternoon. A shower would be a great help to everything.

July 10, Wednesday. Fair and hot. George and I spent the day crossing corn south of the house. Could not make much progress, so hot on the horses. Louie W. took his binder to Mr. Runge's farm to cut oats but found them a bit green. Mr. Kendall passed the field, said we hope for his wife.

July 11, Thursday. Fair and a breeze. We plowed corn all day. Lacked about 25 rows of finishing. Howard Lanterman and Paul came at noon to see about getting the mower. Frank Poor came during the afternoon for mower to help Lanterman. Looks rainy this evening. We need it.

July 12, Friday. Rain. We started plowing the corn but rain stopped us at 7-45 A.M. Rained quite heavily for an hour or more. We then dismantled the horse disc, scoured and greased it. Then finished stooking the wheat. Many boats on the lake today owing to the "Dedication Exercises" being held at the "Beach House". The wagon tongue fell on George's hip and hurt him, could easily have broken it.

July 13, Saturday. Fair and cooler. I worked in the garden awhile. George went fishing awhile. We hitched to cultivators at 10-30, finished the crossing of corn. Howard, Stanley and Paul came to let us know they would bale hay. So, we went and helped them bale timothy hay during the afternoon. Stanley came for George at 8 o'clock. They went to spend the night with Charles at Sid's and Clara's.

July 14, Sunday. Fair and hot. We were at home all day. No one here. George spent the day with Stanley and Charles at Clara's.

July 15, Monday. Fair and warm. George cultivated corn today. I helped Lanterman with the timothy baling. We finished at 5-30 P.M.

July 16, Tuesday. Fair and not so hot. George and I cultivated 15 acres of corn today. Have 13 acres left to do tomorrow. Am 45 today.

July 17, Wednesday. George and I finished plowing corn over the 3rd time today. Mr. Coffin and Mrs. Harrison of Pleasant Plains came this afternoon. We all went to Lanterman's this evening. Will Trimble's family was also there.

July 18, Thursday. Extremely hot. George and I cut weeds and repaired floor of hay frame. Elinor and I went to Chatham for a sack of flour. Stopped at Lanterman's for apples on return. My but it has been so hot today.

July 19, Friday. Elinor and I went to Springfield this A.M. Returned home shortly after 12. Afternoon we drove down to Sid's and Clara's. Sid had gone for coal to thrash with. Charles was plowing corn. We arrived home about 7-30 P.M. Drove through a shower on way there.

July 20, Saturday. George, Elinor and I picked about five gallons of blackberries this morning. George and I were caught in a heavy rain. Did no work the balance of the day except cut some weeds. Certainly had a fine rain which has caused temperature to become more pleasant.

July 21, Sunday. We all went to Lanterman's for dinner and afterwards went to Pleasant Plains to look at the Harrison farm. Rather warm today.

July 22, Monday. George and I picked almost six gallons of blackberries before noon. After noon George put blown off caps on the wheat stocks and I cut weeds along 90 rods of fence. Was quite warm. Howard Lanterman and his father came this evening. We brought Ruth home and took Eileen home.

July 23, Tuesday. Cloudy and cooler. George and I cultivated corn today. This is the fourth and last time over it. Louie stopped awhile today. An agent selling sweepers also stopped at the house. Quite a thunder storm went northwest of us about noon. Looks rainy this evening.

July 24, Wednesday. Fair. We all went to Aunt Kit's at Loami today for dinner. The girls and I visited Uncle Tom awhile during the afternoon. Then stopped at Uncle Will's this evening and had supper with them. Uncle Will was trucking feed for Suddith. Elinor not feeling well today. Looks rainy tonight. Rain during last night.

July 25, Thursday. Very hot. George and I spent the day on the cultivators. John Stout was here this A.M. to see about thrashing. We mailed Grandma a birthday parcel this A.M.

July 26, Friday. Very hot. George and I finished the plowing this evening at 5-30. Mr. Coffin called this afternoon to talk about the farm.

July 27, Saturday. Extremely hot. George and I went to Chatham for thrashing coal 29 bushels at \$4.19. Also 200 lbs. salt at 1¢ per lb. Also 10 lb. pail axle grease. After dinner we cleaned out \_\_\_\_\_ for thrashing. I then cut weeds along the south fence. Mr. Hatfield came out and went over the farm. Also talked with Bob S. We got 90 sheaves of oats from Dickey.

July 28, Sunday. At home all day. Sid, Clara and Charles came in evening. Very hot. Lightening in west this evening. Looks rainy.

July 29, Monday. We started thrashing at John Stout's this A.M. I ran a bundle rack. George a box wagon. Wheat is heavy in straw but light in grain. Very hot today. Mr. Megredy went to St. Louis this A.M. to enter a hospital for treatments.

July 30, Tuesday. Finished at Stout's this A.M. Moved to our job about 9-30. By steady work we finished by 6-P.M. Heavy straw but wheat only made 18 bushels. Was very hot this afternoon.

July 31, Wednesday. Started on Dickey's oats this morning. Finished by 11-30 A.M. Ate dinner at Dickey's. Then moved to Runge's farm and thrashed 20 acres of oats by 6 P.M. which made 55 bushels per acre. Dickey's oats made 40 per acre.

August 1, Thursday. Finished thrashing at Wallner's by 9-30 then moved to Lanterman's and finished by 5-30 P.M.

August 2, Friday. We thrashed 20 acres for Nelch in the forenoon and forty acres for Thompson on Frank Allen farm in the afternoon.

August 3, Saturday. We thrashed for Wm. Bradley today. Finished about 3-30 or 4 P.M. I came home and took cream to town.

August 4, Sunday.

August 5, Monday. Thrashed oats for Trimble and Stout.

August 6, Tuesday. Finished the run today at Stout's.

August 7, Wednesday. I helped Louie Wallner mow hay today. Also filled his barn. Mr. Dickey also helped.

August 8, Thursday. Quite warm. I helped Louie today. We moved hay and also put some in his hay shed. We took one load to Mr. Bradley's and helped them get their rope and forks working. Corn needs very badly.

August 9, Friday. Very hot and dry. I helped Louie and Bradley in hay today. Ate dinner at Bradley's. Finished about 4 P.M. I then went to Lanterman's and borrowed their new John Deere mower. Elinor and Charles went to Virden to see a show. A very thoughtless trip.

August 10, Saturday. Very hot and dry. I went to Springfield this A.M. Got the wheat check for 132.04 cashed. Paid Dr. Jones and 12.00 on stove. Boys and I went to Lee Parks in the evening but found no one at home. Also paid Persyn the thrashing bill of \$9.00.

August 11, Sunday. Very hot. The boys and I went to Chatham and stopped at Mrs. Megredy's awhile. We found the DeLong family here. On returning we took our lunch and drove to the lake beach house and around by the dam.

August 12, Monday. Hot but became cooler. Charles and I helped Mr. Lanterman put sheaves in the barn and hay shed before noon. We ate dinner there. After noon we came home and mowed hay. A breeze blew most of the day which was quite a relief.

August 13, Tuesday. Cool. I took Elinor to Lanterman's at 6-30 A.M. to go to St. Louis to see Mr. Megredy. The boys mowed hay in forenoon. I repaired rake and fixed hay rope and fork. After dinner Wallners, Bradleys and

Lantermans helped in hay. I went for Elinor this evening. Mr. Megredy is in very serious condition. A fine day to work. Been cool most of the day.

August 14, Wednesday. Cool and dry. Elinor, Dorothy and I went to Chatham early. I ordered 12.40 worth of serum for the hogs. Also paid Mr. Gorey. Elinor went to see Mrs. Megredy. Dorothy stayed with her. Boys mowed hay all day and finished dinner to tell them, no haying. I planted some turnips.

August 15, Thursday. Very hot today. Charles and I cut weeds along the south of the corn. George raked hay. After noon Mr. Bradley and Charles, Mr. Withers and Stanley Lanterman and Mr. Wallner came and we finished the hay. Had one load more than barn would hold. Was a very hot afternoon.

August 16, Friday. Elinor, Ruth, George and self went to Springfield this forenoon. Got George two pairs of shoes at Penneys 1 pr. 2.98 1 pr. 1.49. We went to Mrs. Megredy's this evening. Sid and Clara here today. Will Rogers and Wiley Post were reported killed today.

August 17, Saturday. Cool and cloudy. Showers. Elinor and I went to Chatham. The boys and I worked on scale pen before noon. Howard Lanterman and sons came for the bull. After dinner Aunt Kit and Lloyd came to tell us of two farms for rent. Our serum came today. We had a wind storm from the N.E. Some rain. Enough to lay dust good.

August 18, Sunday. Was quite warm today. We spent the day at home. We went to Mrs. Megredy's in the evening for the girls, Ruth and Dorothy. Mrs. Megredy was rather blue in regard to Mr. Megredy's condition. Mr. Dickey and children were here this afternoon.

August 19, Monday. Quite warm. We all went to the Fair today. Was a fine fair but very similar year after year. We ate dinner at the "Farm Bureau" tent. Wonderful display of farm machinery and live stock.

August 20, Tuesday. Quite warm. Louie Wallner and Mr. Dickey and son come and helped us vaccinate the hogs this morning. We vaccinated 42 head of pigs and seven sows. Afternoon the boys and I worked in the cemetery. it was in very bad shape. And very hot for that kind of work. Looks very much like rain. Everett Kerry here this evening trying to sell us a car.

August 21, Wednesday. Cool and breezy. I took the Ford to McCullough's Garage to be repaired. Walked home, found a 1/4 \$ on the way. Boys and Elinor got 1 bushel of tomatoes and two bushels of (drop) apples at the Southwick farm. After dinner we finished mowing the cemetery. We brought in two baskets of corn for canning. Elinor busy canning all day.

August 22, Thursday. We cut weeds and other jobs in forenoon. Afternoon, McCullough brought out the Ford which he had repaired and I took him back to Chatham. Stopped at Mrs. Megredy's awhile.

August 23, Friday. The boys and I did the chores about 4 A.M. Had breakfast and left at 4- 45 A.M. for Centralia, Ill. to get peaches for canning. We got 10 bushels of second grade peaches at 60¢. Stopped in Vandalia and walked trough the first capital building of Ill. Peach crop quite heavy.

August 24, Saturday. Cool. I went to Springfield this A.M. Took in cream and bought 12 dozen jar lids. Came home and helped Elinor peel peaches the balance of the day. She canned about 12 gallons. Also cold packed 10 quarts of tomatoes. The school board put a new stove in New College school today.

August 25, Sunday. We were at home throughout the day. Dorothy and Ruth went to Sunday School with the Lantermans. Charles went to Chatham for the mail. Stanley and Paul were here for dinner. They were riding the chassis of the Chevrolet. Henry, Cora, Malford, Mary, Myra and Sandy were out awhile. Lorene sold her store during the week.

August 26, Monday. The boys and I finished cleaning the cemetery this forenoon. We helped Elinor peel peaches most of the afternoon. Charles mowed potato patch and some weeds north of the house.

August 27, Tuesday. Cool. Spent most of the forenoon peeling peaches. We finished them. After noon we hauled weeds from the garden. Sid and Clara came and Elinor and the girls went home with her. The boys went to Chatham this evening to get some bread and some wieners. No rain. Very dry.

August 28, Wednesday. The boys went to the high school (Ball) to register this forenoon. I cut sprouts and sharpened some tools. We intended to mow school yard after noon but Uncle Tom and Aunt Sarah Bess, Aunt Kit and Lloyd and Roy's children came so we drove around the lake. Sent red cow to St. Louis.

August 29, Thursday. Cool. The boys and I worked at school yard all day. Mr. Matthews came for the mower this A.M. and returned it at noon. The men were erecting the new stove at the school house. W.O. Withrow was there also.

August 30, Friday. The boys and I went to Springfield. We were there until about 3-30 or 4 P.M. Met Mr. Virdenburgh on the way in. He gave me a check 10.00 for cleaning the cemetery.

August 31, Saturday. Very cool today. Boys and I dipped the pigs and sprayed the sows. Also put rings in sows nose. Elinor and the girls came home. Sid and Clara brought them. Then afternoon Elinor and I went to Virden to see Mr. Wallace in regard to farm. Stopped in Chatham and paid McCullough. Also stopped at Dr. Southwick's.

September 1, Sunday. Rain. This has been a very cloudy, cool, drizzly day. We have been home all day, no one here. This is the second time we have had rain since July 22nd. A light shower on August 17th.

September 2, Monday. Rain. The children all started to school today. I took them in the rain. George and Charles are in high. I helped Louie Wallner do some carpenter work at the school. The M.E. church boys came for two chickens for the chick-fry. Mr. and Mrs. Withers came for second hand books. We dug some potatoes.

September 3, Tuesday. Elinor and I drove to Springfield. I went to see Dr. H. Southwick in regard to a farm. After noon went to Loami and New Berlin but no success. Stopped at Uncle Will's a few minutes. Met Aunt Kit and Duffy at Springfield.

September 4, Wednesday. Elinor and I went to Waverly today. Stopped at Evas and Ervins for dinner. They told us of a place we might get so we went to see it. Then on to Waverly. Stopped at Wemple bank a few minutes. Crops look good toward Waverly.

September 5, Thursday. Warmer today. Elinor and I went to Springfield. Ate dinner with Cora. We then went to see Mrs. Triebel about a farm at 2-30. We then called on Mr. and Mrs. Harrison. She is improving but cannot walk yet. Mr. Harrison is in a very bad shape. Arlene here.

September 6, Friday. Warmer. I mowed weeds on the south side of the cemetery. After noon I mowed weeds along the road. I also walked to Runge's. They were away. I went out to where Louie W. was plowing, also by where Dickey was plowing. Stubble plows very hard and dry.

September 7, Saturday. I helped Mr. Runge shingle his barn today. Mr. Will Trimble also helped. We finished the west side. Mr. C.C. Jones informed us today that this farm was rented to a Mr. Willowby. Was quite warm working on the roof today.

September 8, Sunday. We were at home all day. Uncle Will and Aunt Nora were here all day. Louie Wallner and wife came toward evening to get the forge.

September 9, Monday. Rain. Mr. Dickey came for Elinor about 5-30 A.M. this morning, as they have a new baby. It rained most all night, a steady gentle rain, and is needed to soften the hard ground. Mr. and Mrs. Dickey lost a new born babe today. Elinor and I went to Springfield this afternoon. I called on Mr. R. C. Graham in regard to a place. We were at Cora's. Lorene and Judith were there.

September 10, Tuesday. I helped Mr. Runge shingle his barn until noon and brought home a load of shingles. After dinner we went to Chatham to see Mrs. Clark. Stopped at Dr. Southwick's a while and brought home a gallon of cider.

September 11, Wednesday. I spent most of the day digging potatoes. Mr. Jones came and had Mr. Willowby's man stop plowing. Through a misunderstanding with Mr. Megredy. Mr. Jones said Mr. Megredy is coming home on Saturday. Doctors decided he could not stand an operation.

September 12, Thursday. I went to Mr. Runge's for his cow. I then did some other jobs. We went to Springfield and attended the sale of the Len McGraw farm. It was purchased by S.A. Barker @ \$138.50 per acre. Cora, Lorene and Judith came out this evening awhile.

September 13, Friday. I painted the cemetery gate. After noon I dug potatoes.

September 14, Saturday. Warm. The boys and I finished digging the potatoes this morning and then went to Wallner's to pick up several baskets of apples. Then went to Dr. Southwick's for cider press and later returned it. We made 28½ gallons of cider. Elinor and the girls stopped at Skaggs to see the new twin boys. Ray and Roy. Boys returned Joe to Lanterman's this evening.

September 15, Sunday. The girls and I took a walk over part of the "Nature" trail along the lake this morning. Elinor and I went over to Lanterman's this evening to see what they had heard from the Megredys. They moved him from St. Louis to Springfield yesterday. Quite warm today.

September 16, Monday. I went to Springfield to see Mr. John Gardner. Left Elinor at Mrs. Lanterman to help can corn. I returned and mowed beans west of the crib. Brought Elinor home this evening. Eilene came home with us. Six planes passed over at 8-30 tonight fully lighted flying in formation.

September 17, Tuesday. I mowed and raked the west field of beans and put a few in the shock. Has been warm today. I walked over where Dickey was plowing awhile. We will finish tomorrow. Elinor gathered some corn for drying.

September 18, Wednesday. I started shocking beans this A.M. and put a kink in my back. Did very little before noon. Elinor went to Mrs. Megredy's this afternoon late. Mrs. M.F. is quite worn out. The air feels a bit rainy.

September 19, Thursday. Charles stayed at home and helped me stack beans today. He did 80 large stacks, two rows, 100 rods long. Elinor and Arabelle went to Mrs. Megredy's for some peaches and plums. A Mr. Edd Megredy and wife from Kansas were there.

September 20, Friday. I put up 20 shocks of beans and after noon Elinor and I cooked some peach butter in the copper kettle. Made 7½ gallons. Mr. and Mrs. Lee McLaughlin, auto salesman, came during the afternoon. Looks rainy. We started feeding the steers corn.

September 21, Saturday. The boys and I stooked beans in the fore noon. After noon we took Fred to Louie Wallner's and put shoes on him all around as the boys drive him to school.

September 22, Sunday. A pleasant day, quite warm. We spent the day at home. No one here. I went to Chatham early for mail and some bread.

September 23, Monday. I went to Wallner's and used the forge to make a repair for the mower. I then mowed beans south of the house. The boys and I rolled up corn planter wire this evening. Looked rainy today. turned quite cool.

September 24, Tuesday. Elinor and I went over to Mr. Lanterman's in forenoon. After noon Elinor went to Chatham and to the hospital with Mrs. Megredy. Mr. M.F. was not so well. She came home and then returned to spend the night with her as she was alone. The children and I went to Mr. Runge's to hear Baer and Louis event. 4 rounds favor of Louis.

September 25, Wednesday. I raked the beans in forenoon south of the house. After dinner Louie Wallner and I measured the school fence. Elinor spent the day helping Mrs. Megredy. Came home about 7-30 P.M. Sprinkling at 6 P.M. Very cloudy.

September 26, Thursday. Rain. This has been a continuous day of rain. I took the children to school and went for them. Ruth Poor came home with the girls.

September 27, Friday. I took the children to school and received by mail W.P. check for \$306.41. We then went to Springfield and called at Cora's awhile. I also saw Mrs. Treibel concerning the farm. As this is Clara's 61st birthday we all drove down there after chores. They were just ready to go to Virden we went with them to the show. Returned to their house about 10 P.M. and had a chili supper.

September 28, Saturday. Our first frost. We left Sid's and Clara's and came around by Evas house. Talked with her a few minutes and then home. After dinner Charles and I swapped a load of corn and Elinor put out a washing. Was frosty this A.M. The first frost of the season.

September 29, Sunday. We spent the day at home. No one here except Stanley Lanterman and his father who were here a few minutes.

September 30, Monday. I spent the day digging post holes and setting posts on the school fence. Put in six and one half hours. Looks stormy this evening.

October 1, Tuesday. Elinor and I went to Waverly to see George Dunseth but found he had gone to a farm south of Rohrer so we went there to see him. Then to Modesto and saw Alfred Dohr, also the fair which was being held there. Stopped at Ralph Delong's on return. Found Cora, Lorene and Judith here when we returned home.

October 2, Wednesday. Frosty. I worked at the school fence all day. Mr. Kendall also helped on the fence. We each worked eight hours.

October 3, Thursday. Mr. Kendall and I each worked eight hours on the school fence today. Wind blew quite hard and became colder. Howard Lanterman borrowed the team to work in the field. Howard got 23 bushels of wheat.

October 4, Friday. Elinor and I went to Springfield today. I paid Sikkings the balance on the stove. Bought 550 lbs. of flour 19.00, one hundred of sugar 5.29, one hundred of cabbage @ 99¢. The Journal announced Italy and Eth. at war.

October 5, Saturday. The boys and I picked some tomatoes for Elinor and then shocked some beans. After dinner we went to Spaulding's for apples. Got 5 bushels for cider @ 25., 6 bushels for apple butter @ 35¢. And 3 bushels to eat @ 60. Albert Trimble brought 103 bushel of coal. We then went to Dr. Southwick's to make cider.

October 6, Sunday. Mr. Lanterman and family and his Father spent the day with us. Aunt Kit and Duffy came after dinner.

October 7, Monday. Elinor and I went to Loami and had dinner with Aunt Kit. Then we went in their car to Webb Workman farm and also to Dora and Bob Edwards to see about farms. Stopped at Evas awhile then by way of Waverly and home by Huffaker district. Warmer this evening. Looks rainy.

October 8, Tuesday. I gathered corn and other jobs. Frank Otte came with 20 gallons of coal oil. After dinner I helped Mr. Drennan and Lanterman hull clover. Been cloudy most of the day. Elinor was sick most of the day. Looks very rainy this evening.

October 9, Wednesday. I picked four and one half bushels of apples in Southwick's orchard today on shares. In the late afternoon Elinor and I went to Mr. Bradley's for apple peeler and stopped at Lanterman's and they decided to come over and help us peel and core apples for apple butter. We peeled and cored about four bushels. Drizzling rain.

October 10, Thursday. Spent most of the forenoon paring and coring apples and cooked about 13 gallons of apple butter. Did not finish until after dark. It drizzled rain some. I took the children to school. Also opened up the coal bin at school. Stopped at Wallner's on the way home.

October 11, Friday. Elinor and I cooked a batch of apple butter before noon. I then helped clean the kettle and things and then snapped a jag of corn for the pigs. Sprinkled some this morning. I took the children to school.

October 12, Saturday. A fine day. The boys and I went to Beardstown today. Bought a fish and a couple dozen watermelons. Wanted some sweet potatoes but they were very scarce.

October 13, Sunday. We were at home all day. Aunt Kit and Lloyd came to tell us of two farms for rent and spent the day with us. It was very warm today. Elinor, Ruth and I walked over to Mr. Burks awhile to get a parcel they brought for us. We later went to Mr. Dickey's. Boys and I rode to Springfield with them. Took Ople in to her place.

October 14, Monday. Warm. Elinor washed today. Stanley Lanterman came and asked me to help with beans. I spent the day over there. We hauled beans to the cattle shed.

October 15, Tuesday. I helped Mr. Lanterman and Drennan finish putting their beans in the barn today. It was quite warm. Wallner, Skaggs, Burke, Bradley, W.O. Withrow called there this evening.

October 16, Wednesday. Elinor and I went to Springfield this A.M. We returned home by way of Cora's and Mrs. Hoat Harrisons. Mr. H. is in hospital, he had a wreck in his car. After dinner I helped Bill Skaggs drill wheat. Elinor and Miller from the McKenzie Motor came to the field to show us a Buick car.

October 17, Thursday. Elinor and I went east of New City this morning to see about renting a farm of Mr. Neal, but he had decided not to rent it. We came home by way of Rochester and Springfield. Called at Cora's and Hoat Harrisons, he being in the hospital as a result of a wreck. Bought 30 gallons of gas for the stove.

October 18, Friday. I worked on the school fence all day. Mr. Kendall and Wallner helped. We put in nine hours. We stretched the fence today. We all went to Clara's and Sid's this evening. Ruth Poor came home with the girls from school. Had a fine rain during the night.

October 19, Saturday. We returned from Sid's and Clara's this morning early and I went to work at the school fence at 8 P.M. Mr. Kendall helped today. He has in 33½ hours. May time tonight is 41 hours. Charles stayed with Stanley tonight.

October 20, Sunday. Warm and mild today. We spent the day at home. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beasley and son were here in the evening. Charles Beasley and I walked down to the lake. May and Russell brought the twins and Ruth Poor home from Clara's.

October 21, Monday. Cloudy and misty. Elinor and I went to Springfield this A.M. Called on a Mr. Wall in P.O. Building in regard to a farm near Carrollton. Did some shopping and returned by way of Ball High School and got the hog feeder which I drew by number. Mrs. Hubbard stopped this evening. I repaired the cream separator.

October 22, Tuesday. Very cloudy. I helped Elinor with the washing this morning. After noon I finished the fence job at the school house. Also set two posts to protect the outside water pipe. Howard Lanterman came by and gave me a check for 25.50 from the school funds for fence work and cleaning the school yard.

October 23, Wednesday. Cooler. Mr. C.C. Jones brought Mrs. Megredy out this A.M. to see about getting our single bed for Mr. M.F. if they bring him home. I husked a load of corn to feed. After noon we went by Lanterman's to Chatham. Stopped at Mr. Milner's house. Gave him 1 quart of apple butter. Stopped at Dr. Southwick's awhile.

October 24, Thursday. Cold morning. Ice formed this morning. Was quite cool. Elinor and I went to Springfield. Got some cotton blanket sheets. Got Charles a pair of yellow shoes and myself a pair of mole skin pants. After noon Elinor went to Megredy's for a bed- stead. I helped Bradley's with bean hay. Charles Jones and Lewis Barnes came for the single bed.

October 25, Friday. I worked about the barn and fences this morning. After noon I hauled a load of beans to feed bunk. Then I took Mr. Runge's cultivator home. Boys and I went to Ball High School this evening to corn hog meet.

October 26, Saturday. Boys and I went to Dickey's and helped him castrate a boar. Mr. Dickey and William then came and helped us with our pigs. After dinner Charles and I husked a load of corn. Elinor and I went to Chatham for a few groceries in the evening. Looks very rainy.

October 17, Sunday. At home all day. No one here. Very cloudy today.

October 28, Monday. Rain

October 29, Tuesday.

October 30, Wednesday. Elinor and I went to Springfield to attend a land sale of the H.B. Hill estate. The farm 246 acres north of Ashland sold for \$69.00. We went to a wiener roast at the school house tonight.

October 31, Thursday. Elinor, Ruth, Dorothy and I went to Springfield today. Bought the girls shoes and O. shoes, and Dot a dress. We left "Tiny" at Clarence Rhodes. I went to see Mr. R.C. Graham.

November 1, Friday. Aunt Kit and Duffy and Mrs. Workman stopped awhile. A fair day but cooler than usual. I worked about the place filling two feed bunks with beans. After noon I cleaned the barn and scattered the manure and put in fresh straw. Talked with Mr. Slirkas this A.M. in regard to conditions of the city fence. Dorothy sick today.

November 2, Saturday. Charles and I husked a load of corn this morning. After noon Elinor, the twins and boys and I went to Springfield and got shoes and overshoes for the girls and caps for the boys. The streets were crowded with people and cars.

November 3, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace and Edith, Mr. and Mrs. Beasley, Marilyn and Wallace came for the day. Henry, Cora, Malford, Mary and Judith also came awhile in the evening. Charles Beasley became stalled in his Buick along the lake drive. I took the Ford over and helped him out. A very pleasant day.

November 4, Monday. This has been a very rainy day. I took the girls to school, came home, dug up two flower bushes and Elinor and I took them down to Clara's and planted them. Sid and his neighbor, Keene, had gone to Jacksonville returning about noon. It rained most of the day.

November 5, Tuesday. This has been a very nice day but cool. Some ice formed about 9 or 10 A.M. I hauled two loads of beans out for the cattle. After dinner Elinor and I went to Chatham, stopped at Dickey's on the way. We stopped at Dr. Southwick's awhile. Children all in school today.

November 6, Wednesday. Cool this A.M. Ground frozen. Was muddy after thawing. I helped Elinor wash this A.M. I husked 8 rows of corn after noon. Elinor helped Mrs. Dickey peel pears. Arlene and Betty Poor came home with the girls.

November 7, Thursday. A fine day, warmer. I husked corn this morning. Elinor and I went to Springfield after noon. Upon our return home Elinor took the Ford and picked up the girls at school and went to the Megredy's. Mrs. Hutchinson arrived today. The moon light is grand tonight. Paper says rain tomorrow.

November 8, Friday. Very mild today. I husked corn in the forenoon. Elinor and I went to Ronee Workmans after dinner. Saw several teams at work gathering corn.

November 9, Saturday. Rain all day. Spent forenoon in the shop and house. After noon the boys and I fixed a watergap under the lake fence. Also hauled out some beans. Paul Lanterman came this afternoon. Charles went to Lanterman's for the night.

November 10, Sunday. We spent the day at home. Stanley and Paul Lanterman were here for dinner. After dinner they went with our boys also over north of Beanington for a mare and colt which Howard had purchased of Jos. Brunk. Louis Wallner and the boys walked by this evening. They had been along the lake.

November 11, Monday. A very rainy, drizzly day. After noon the entire New College school went to Springfield. Took scholars to Central State House and Lincoln's tomb. Elinor and I took our girls. Elinor and the girls stopped at Cora's while I went down town to see J. H. Young.

November 12, Tuesday. Elinor and I took the girls by school. We then went to Chatham to see Sam Williams, then to Loami to Uncle Will's for dinner, to Carson Greenings to look at a pig then by Uncle Tom's. Then home by Jesse Dodds.

November 13, Wednesday. I hauled in beans this morning and repaired the car and greased it during the afternoon.

November 14, Thursday. Very cloudy to drizzly today. Elinor and I went to Staunton to look at a farm. Did not find it as described. Arrived home about 4-P.M. Cooler this evening.

November 15, Friday. Elinor and I went to Springfield to see about 2 or 3 farms advertised in the Journal. We also looked at several cars for sale. Decided on a Nash coach at the McKenzie Motor Co.

November 16, Saturday. Charles and I hauled in some beans for the cattle and then husked a load of corn and afterward put a gate at the west end of the crib drive way and built a panel of fence. Miller from McKenzie Motor Co. out today. Had a letter from Mother today. Quite winterish up there. Looks stormy here tonight.

November 17, Sunday. We all went to Aunt Kit's for the day. Rather cloudy and chilly today. Lloyd, the boys and I walked over to the cemetery. (Sulphur Springs)

November 18, Monday. I husked sixteen rows of corn today (two acres). Feel all in tonight. Looks very stormy tonight.

November 19, Tuesday. Very damp, and rainy this forenoon. I worked in the henhouse and other jobs. Also, fixed a frame in the back of the wash house and moved the bees to it.

November 20, Wednesday. Elinor and I went to Springfield to see Mr. McKelvey in regard to the Herron farm near Lanesville. We also drove out to the farm.

November 21, Thursday. I husked corn today. Did 14 rows.

November 22, Friday. 16 degrees above 0. This was the coldest day we have had this fall. Charles and I husked corn all day. Two big loads. 23 rows 100 rds long. George helped Elinor wash. He also cleaned the hen house and put in clean straw.

November 23, Saturday. 18 degrees above at sunrise. Charles and I husked corn most of the day. Old Nelly became sick. I had to go to Springfield during the afternoon for linseed oil and Sloans colic cure. Had to doctor her until late. Bob Southwick went to Springfield with me. He bought a pair of shoes.

November 24, Sunday. Warmer today, cloudy and looks as thought it would rain soon. At home all day. Hard today that Mildred Trimble and Willowby were married yesterday.

November 25, Monday. I husked 8 rows of corn this forenoon. After dinner I only husked four rows as David Dodd came out and we did some hunting but shot nothing. Sprinkled rain some today. Looks rainy this evening.

November 26, Tuesday. I husked eight rows of corn this forenoon. After noon I husked two rows across field and had to come in on account of rain. Later went for the children at school. Quite drizzly this evening.

November 27, Wednesday. A very cloudy day. I took the children to school and Elinor and I then went to Springfield. I bought the Nash of the McKenzie Motor Co. Elinor drove the Ford home, I the Nash. Stanley came over to spend the night with the boys. We had oysters for supper. The mileage on the car is 12,790 miles.

November 28, Thursday. Snow. We were invited to Mr. Lanterman's for dinner today. We all went and a fine day. Cold wind, freezing all day. Mr. Lanterman's men husked corn. The boys went hunting. This was our first trip in the Nash. We were all quite pleased with it. So different to the old Ford. Snowing this evening.

November 29, Friday. After doing chores and other jobs we prepared to go to Springfield, as the boys class at B.T.H. all went on a tour through the Allis Chalmers Tractor factory at the south edge of Springfield. A wonderful sight. We also stopped a few minutes at Frank Coble's. We also went out to the Sadler and Summers sale barn.

November 30, Saturday. Warmer today. The boys and I sawed a wagon load of wood during the forenoon and hauled it to the house. After noon we husked a load of corn and hauled out two loads of beans. Did chores and went to Uncle Will's for the evening in the Nash. Found them about the same as usual.

December 1, Sunday. We all took a long drive in the Nash today by way of Chatham, Auburn, Waverly, Modesto and Scottville. Stopped at Alfred Dohr's home awhile during the afternoon. Also stopped at Sid's and Clara's. Returned home at dark.

December 2, Monday. 18 degrees with a cold wind. I husked corn today. Thawed very little today.

December 3, Tuesday. Husked 14 rows of corn today. Thawed very little today. Was a fine day for husking. Mrs. Megredy and a Mrs. Megredy of Kansas were out this afternoon. Jess Crane drove them out. Looks stormy this evening. I think it will snow before morning.

December 4, Wednesday. Cold and frosty this morning. I finished husking the corn directly south of the house and garden. After noon Elinor and I went to Springfield. I got the new license plates for the Nash. 100-261. I also inquired about a farm advertised out near Ashland.

December 5, Thursday. Elinor and I went to Pawnee this morning and then to Springfield. Stopped to look at the Gatton farm on the way. Had dinner at Cora's. After noon we look at a farm near Ashland or was 11 miles northwest. Then home by way of near Petersburg and Tallula. All together we traveled 133 miles. Found the country much rougher out near Petersburg than I expected it to be.

December 6, Friday. Rain all day. We started to the city this A.M. but met Mr. and Mrs. Maxfield at Mr. Dickey's. Left the Nash at Pawnee and 66 junction and looked at four farms, 1 east of Virden, 1 south of Pawnee, 1 north of Edinburg and 1 west of Edinburg, and then back to the junction. Elinor and I then went to Springfield and met Miss Heiss at 903 S.4th. She went with us to Mechanicsburg to look at 85 acres. Rained on us the entire day.

December 7, Saturday. Hauled in beans and brought a boar from Mr. Dickey's. Also skinned four skunks.

December 8, Sunday. Spent the day at home.

December 9, Monday. I husked a load of corn this morning. Two land men came along, Story and Hughes, and took us to see Jas. Miller farm south of Waverly.

December 10, Tuesday. Went to Waverly this morning and talked with a Mr. Wemple and a Mr. Dennis in regard to land values. Then home by way of Springfield. The boys and I went to a basketball game tonight at Ball High School.

December 11, Wednesday. I hauled in beans this A.M. Howard Lanterman then came to count the hogs. After noon Elinor and I went to Illiopolis to see a farm sale. Land sold for \$131.50 per acre. We then went to Mt. Pulaski to see about another farm but it was rented. By getting off our road we returned by way of Niantic. Saw very good soil, good corn and lots of it.

December 12, Thursday. I husked 8 rows of corn this A.M. Mr. Story from Jacksonville stopped awhile. The Mr. Dennis and Mr. Woods came to have us go look at an 80 acre farm south of Rohrer. So after noon Elinor and I went to Waverly then to the farm. Stopped at Auburn on the way home. The farm consists of fair improvements and good black soil, but all dirt roads which is quite a handicap.

December 13, Friday. I spent the day husking corn. Six rows before noon, 8 after noon. Maxfield stopped awhile in the forenoon. Mr. Dennis and Mr. Wood stopped awhile shortly afternoon. Mr. Wood quite anxious to sell his farm. Many ducks were flying south this evening. Looks stormy.

December 14, Saturday. Charles and I husked corn (12 rows) in forenoon. I ran over to see Maxfield at Pawnee before breakfast. After dinner Charles and I husked 3 rows and rain and sleet drove us in. I then bricked in the old fireplace and puttied in a window pane. Mr. Maxfield and Mrs. Carswell came this evening. We closed a deal for the farm east of Virden at \$7500.00 for 80 acres.

December 15, Sunday. We were at home before noon. After dinner we drove east of Virden, passed by our future home, then west to route 4 and home, stopping at Mr. Dickey's awhile.

December 16, Monday. A very good day for husking. I husked six rows of corn in the forenoon and 12 rows in the afternoon. Elinor washed this afternoon.

December 17, Tuesday. Elinor and drove east of Virden this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Cash's place. Found them very nice people. Then through Virden to Sid's, then to Waverly to Mr. Dennis' residence, then to Jacksonville to see Mr. Kitner about renting their land. Home by way of Loami. Stopped at Aunt Kit's a few minutes.

December 18, Wednesday. We all went to Springfield today to see Santa. We got the boys each an overcoat @ 9.90, and twins some dress goods. The old Gatton farm sold today @ \$113.50. We all went to the Ball High School tonight to Xmas entertainment.

December 19, Thursday. Very windy, cold. I hauled out beans this morning and took the girls to school. I husked corn after noon. Charles and I nailed up west end of crib drive way. Very windy today and cold from the Northwest. Certainly chilled one to the bone.

December 20, Friday. Cold, mercury near 0. I took the children to school then Elinor and I went to Springfield as she had to get more goods to complete the twins dresses. Stopped at Cora's awhile. Returned by school and took Frank Poor's children home as it was so cold. Arlene came home with us.

December 21, Saturday. Not quite so cold. After doing chores the boys and I heated water and butchered the blind pig. Took Arlene Poor home this evening. Also took Louie's shotgun home and borrowed their quilting frames. Boys also took Stanley's steel traps home. Paul came over this evening to stay with the boys. 18 degrees above.

December 22, Sunday. Not so cold. Snow. May dropped by a few minutes but did not come in, left some presents and went on to Clara's. John Jensen and Aunt Georgia then came for dinner. After dinner the boys and Paul Lanterman went to Mr. Lanterman's. The Jensens and we drove over the lake drive. They found much more water than they expected to see. Lake is frozen over.

December 23, Monday. We cleaned the stable and bedded it also where the hogs sleep. I took the children to school. This evening I went for the children and also took Mrs. Trimble home from school. Henry and Lorene came out this late afternoon and had supper and went with us to the Xmas tree at the school house (New College).

December 24, Tuesday. The boys and I did chores and sawed some wood, then ran to Springfield for a few groceries. We also got Elinor a large roaster. We hauled out beans for the cattle and cleaned the hen house and put in fresh straw.

December 25, Wednesday. Zero the A.M. A real blizzard. Mr. Lanterman's family came for the day. Had chicken and oyster dressing and all the fixings. Mr. Lanterman's father also came. Charles went home with them and their June stayed with us. Has blown and snowed all day. About 10 degrees above zero tonight.

December 26, Thursday. Did chores and sawed wood. Warmed the car up and increased the alcohol. The children went coasting and crossed the lake to Frank Poor's residence.

December 27, Friday. Mercury at zero this A.M. After doing chores we went to Clara's and Sid's. Clara had just returned from Springfield. Sid had been batching since Tuesday. Roads open but had been shovelled out in places. Went by Lanterman's and left June. Going to be cold again tonight.

December 28, Saturday. The boys and I went to Springfield. Called to see Mr. Nye in M.W. Building, but talked with Mr. Casler instead. Then called on Mr. Harrison a few minutes. Also called at Cora's. Bought boys overalls each also two shirts each and self. Mittens and socks for each of us. Not so cold today. Mr. Dickey weighed a 270 lb. hog here today.

December 29, Sunday. 12 degrees above 0 in A.M. We were at home all day. No one here. We went to Mr. Will Trimble's in the evening.

December 30, Monday. Staff of snow during forenoon. Warmer today. Boys took Mr. Megredy's bed stead home this A.M. and brought ours home. I went to Mr. Dickey's and look at his hogs. Will \_\_\_\_ buy two of him to butcher. Boys and I butchered a steer this afternoon. Looks very much like snow this evening.

December 31, Tuesday.