

Tommy Miller Diary
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Januray 1, Thursday. 4 dergrees above 0 7A.M. A very nice day, but colder than during the past week. Bill Southwick came and helped me butcher a spring lamb. Afternoon I cleaned stable, hauled out manure to field. Also wrung 13 shoats with help of Charles & George. Hauled in some shock corn. Then went in truck with Louie Wallner to Sam Drennan's for the butchering table, as Louie intends to kill 4 hogs tomorrow. Henry, Cora, Malford and Mr. Hoat Harrison came out during the afternoon. Henry went hunting but found game scarce. This is certainly wonderful weather. Sent order tonight to Montgomery Ward for \$11.98 for clothing.

January 2, Friday. A fine day for the season I spent the day helping our neighbor Louie Wallner butcher five hogs. At times it was too chilly to be comfortable with our coats off. I feel very tired tonight.

January 3, Saturday. This has been an ideal day, much warmer than yesterday. After doing chores and repairing some fence over in timber the boys and I decided we would take the Hampshire boar back to Jack Smith's so had an early dinner. Left home at about 12-10, went to Smith's and then on to Loami, arriving at Uncle Will's at 12-55. Got up their heifer and loaded her and back home at 1:45. Aunt Nora was alone. Uncle Will at work at Suddith's. Roads are very good, like summer.

January 4, Sunday. Very mild today. Mercury above freezing point. We spent the day at home, but the atmosphere feels as though a stormy period was near at hand.

January 5, Monday. Quite warm out early this A.M., but cold wind started after sun up. I did chores and then went to Tremane's and hired Wes to help me a few days, as I want to cut some trees for post and build fence. Wes came at noon. We then cut five oaks in the middle pasture. After that we hauled in shock corn and did chores. I went to Louie's at noon and borrowed his cross cut saw. I went to Dickey's this evening and phoned Wrights to take a load of hogs to market for me tomorrow. Wallner girls with us tonight. Very stormy at 9 P.M. snowing.

January 6, Tuesday. This day has been a surprise as we expected it to be at least zero from general appearance yesterday eve. But instead it was above freezing greater part of day. Wesley husked 14 shocks of corn today. Elinor and I left Dor. and Ruth at Cora's and went out to Noah Harrison's sale. A large attendance and prices good. Sale held on Elinor's great grandmother's-grandfather's farm. Roads were good. Just a light snow fell during the night less than 1 in. Louis Wallner stopped tonight and said their baby was born dead. As they took Mrs. W. to hospital during the night. I sent 17 hogs to yards this A.M. by Wright Bros.

January 7, Wednesday. This day grew colder during the day. Wes and I split about 25 posts in forenoon. Had an early dinner as I went to Springfield with Louie Wallner as we brought their infant out to Chatham Cemetery and buried it at 2-P.M. Elinor kept Mr. Wallner's little girl for them. Wes husked shock corn this afternoon and I built fence after my return.

January 8, Thursday. A very warm day for January. Quite cloudy. Wes and I worked on barn yard fences all day. Built from barn south and from south gate east. Trains and other sounds were so plain. I think it may storm soon. Two Tremane boys came by where we were at work. They were hunting.

January 9, Friday. Mercury above freezing point today. Foggy and cloudy most of day. Sun came through awhile during the afternoon. Wes and I ground corn and oats during the forenoon. I also subscribed for the Register this forenoon. We built fence during the afternoon near scale house. It was a bit cooler towards evening. I could feel myself taking cold. The bull and ram had an encounter this evening, the ram being knocked out and took the count and then got to his feet groggily.

January 10, Saturday. Mercury was 24 degrees above zero this A.M. It was quite foggy and a frost on everything. Elinor and I went to Chatham as I wanted to cash the check for hogs and was also out of nails. I got 8 lbs of nails @ 5¢ = 40¢. Wes hauled fodder and put some beans at west end of alfalfa for sheep. Wes and I spent about 3/4 of day on barnyard fences near scales. It is threatening snow and rain tonight at 9-P.M. We had a letter from Mrs. Brink today.

January 11, Sunday. Not very cold today but drizzled rain most all day. We were at home all day.

January 12, Monday. Mercury 26 degrees above zero this A.M. I finished and mailed a letter to the folks enclosed an Oregon map. Wes and I husked twenty four shocks of corn this A.M. After noon we ground the corn and also a large quantity of oats. Hauled out shock fodder and hauled straw for bedding. Charles and I weighed Samson the steer. He weighed 595 lbs. Major weighed 970. Very disagreeable Northwest wind. Colder tonight.

January 13, Tuesday. Mercury 14 degrees above zero A.M. Elinor and I went to Springfield this morning. Took in a can of cream and brought back some groceries. After noon Wes and I cut some sugar trees for wood down on branch in center pasture. Also split some posts. The weather is colder this eve.

January 14, Wednesday. 10 degrees above. Very cold this A.M. and a nasty northwest wind. Wes and I cut some trees for posts in forenoon. Afternoon Wes hauled cobs from driveway of crib. We there husked then shocks of corn. It has been anything but a pleasant day. My cold has made me miserable. I sent Mr. Meg. a letter this A.M. containing a description of the Indus farm.

January 15, Thursday. 25 degrees above A.M. This has been a very disagreeable day. A cold south wind. Wes and I cut two trees north of the house, one oak for posts and the old red elm to get it out of the way. Wes went home at noon as its too cold to build fence and we have such colds. Do not feel like heavy work.

January 16, Friday. 32 degrees A.M. A very good day, although a strong wind blew part time. After doing chores and hauling shock fodder, I helped Elinor with washing-machine, which gave us considerable trouble. I made a wash feeder for the hens and also a stand for the water trough. Mr. Staver, the Raleigh man, stopped during afternoon. Our daily Journal did not come today.

January 17, Saturday. Very mild today. I felt so bad with a cold I did nothing much but chores. Wes Duncan came by today and I gave him a check for four dollars.

January 18, Sunday. Very cloudy all day. Rained lightly part of day. We were at home throughout the day. No one came. the wind began to blow toward evening and looks as though it would blow all night.

January 19, Monday. 30 degrees A.M. Very windy, the wind blew a gale all night and has blown most of day. I hauled shock corn this forenoon besides the usual chores. Bob Southwick came to borrow the wagon. I went for a load of coal. I had to help him up the hill with my team. I spent the afternoon working in the pantry. I put tin over the chimney where the mice have come in so badly. It is colder this evening. We expected the Southwicks over this evening but they did not come.

January 20, Tuesday. 25 degrees Cloudy, windy and cold this forenoon and also snowing. But snow stopped about 1-K Otte the oil man came by. I ordered 5 gal. cyl oil box, 10 gal. gas. He towed my car to help me start it. We then went to Springfield. Took in cream. Got some groceries. Our first lamb arrived this morning. We are not expecting many before April, but may have 10 or 12 now from some ewes which we purchased.

January 21, Wednesday. Rather chilly today but quite a bit warmer during afternoon. I worked in pantry and also washed house. Went to Louie's for the butchering equipment as we intend to butcher 4 hogs tomorrow. I have

kettles all set up and will be at it early if everything goes as we hope it will. Bob Southwick brought two pigs over. Will kill them tomorrow.

January 22, Thursday. 26 degrees A find mild day. We butchered four hogs today. Bob Southwick brought over two and butchered them also. We got lard rendered and sausage ground on ours. But did not get Bob's done. Mr. Dickey, Louie W., Bob and I did the job. Mrs. Southwick and Elinor did inside work. We could not have picked a better day for the job.

January 23, Friday. It was quite sharp and frosty out this morning. Louie came back and helped me trim the meat and render the lard. Bob also came over. He and I finished the sausage. I put on the head bones to cook in a large kettle. While that was cooking Bob and I stuffed the sausage in casings and cloth sacks.

January 24, Saturday. 42 degrees The mercury reached 60 degrees today. It was like a spring day. I worked about cleaning up after the butchering job. I helped Elinor make some liverwurst and scrapple. I spent most of the afternoon trying to get the washing- machine to go. Otte the Standard Oil man brought out 5 gal cyl. oil this evening. Charles and George hauled out shock fodder this for noon for me.

January 25, Sunday. 42 degrees

January 26, Monday. Very warm today. I spent the forenoon dismantling and cleaning the motor of the Maytag washer. It had become so badly clogged with carbon it could not run. After noon I completed the pig pen south of barn. Joe Evoy and Job. Gorey stopped awhile. This is wonderful weather. No snow and roads like summer roads.

January 27, Tuesday. 50 degrees above at noon. After doing chores I cleaned the pig pen and scattered the contents and then cleaned the hen house. I then helped Elinor with the meat. We put some jars of meat to cook in large kettle and then I removed the exhaust pipe from the Ford and repaired it. We caught the eight youngest pigs this morning and put them in the box stall and moved the little hog house in pen south of barn for the 13 to sleep in. The sky became quite cloudy this evening.

January 28, Wednesday. 30 degrees This has been a very good day although it grew some colder about noon. Bit did not reach the freezing point. We went to Uncle Tom Hatcher's today for the first visit since being here that we took a meal with them. Uncle Tom is aging quite a lot but his eyes bother so much. We stopped at Aunt Kit's on way home. They were both sick. I bought a sow of Uncle Tom for \$25.00. We stopped in Chatham on way home and got eight loaves of bread. We had our second lamb today.

January 29, Thursday. We went to Frances Greenings for dinner today. Aunt Nora there also. Carson was hauling logs. I rode to saw mill with him to unload a load of four logs. Carty Colburn operates the saw mill near Uncle Tom's. We went to Uncle Tom's after noon for the sow. Wayne helped us to load her. It has been a little cooler today than usual but nobody has ever seen a winter like this before. So dry and warm. Dorothy visited the school today.

January 30, Friday. Very warm today. We went to Springfield afternoon to take in cream and left a drum for buttermilk. I went to the Hanson's and Henry and I went out to waterworks, as I am thinking of hauling some lime from there to put on our garden. It is a wonderful plant. Nothing to be compared to what it was in 1914 when Elinor and I saw it last. Temp. far above freezing.

January 31, Saturday.

February 1, Sunday. A very nice day. Quite like summer. Uncle Will and Aunt Nora came for the day. They bought the boys a duck. After dinner they and Elinor and myself all went for a ride in their car. We went by Ball

High school, New City Cascade and The John Able farm through to hard road and back to Springfield and out to the water works and then home. And just as they were leaving Henry, Cora and Malford drove in for an hour. They took Dorothy home with them.

February 2, Monday. I went to the water works for a load of lime this forenoon. After- noon Elinor cleaned all the vines and stalks from the garden and buried it before putting any lime on.

February 3, Tuesday.

February 4, Wednesday. Mild today. Went back to the water works this fore noon for a load of lime. Shucked shock corn after dinner.

February 5, Thursday.

February 6, Friday. It was damp and foggy today. Also quite chilly early in day. I went to waterworks for my fourth load of lime. Back home by noon. After dinner I went to Chatham and brought Mr. Gorey out to look at the steer and sold him, the four remaining fat hogs at 7.25 per cwt. He wants them next week. He cannot use the steer just now but can use him in three weeks. I then brought Dr. Southwick out to see Mildred.

February 7, Saturday. Rain. Had a good rain during night. The roads were quite muddy. I brought 42 bushels coal 5.96 this A.M. Charles met me at pavement with extra team. The traffic was very heavy on 6th street road. After dinner the boys and I picked up 20 bushels of corn where I had shucked it and we also hauled out six shocks of corn to cows and horses and a load of beans to west end of alfalfa for sheep. Has been very damp all day. Mildred feeling better tonight. Arabelle and Ruth feeling bad. I feel rotten myself.

February 8, Sunday. Mild today. We were at home all day. Cora, Clara, Henry and Malford came out during the afternoon. Brought Dorothy home. Malford brought the boys each a kite. Mildred and Arabelle are sick with the LaGrippe.

February 9, Monday. Cooler today. I felt so tough did very little work in fore noon. I helped Elinor with the washing in fore noon and husked shock corn during afternoon. We also hauled fodder out to the stock.

February 10, Tuesday. 16 degrees above 0. Ground frozen quite hard this morning. I first made out an order to Sears, R. for 3 qts. of paint @ 1.11 for the cultivators. I then went out and husked 11 shocks. We now have 115 shocks to husk. As we were finishing dinner Mrs. Gorey stopped in and asked me to bring the four pigs tomorrow. I went to Ideal Creamery for a barrel of buttermilk. Dorothy went with me. The only stop we made was at the Creamery. A large dirigible passed over the city while we were there. It came south over our house. Quite chilly tonight.

February 11, Wednesday. 28 degrees This has been a fair day for this time of year. Threatened rain awhile in for- noon. Afternoon fair. I took four hogs to Mr. Gorey. They weighed 1100 @ 7 1/4¢ per lb. I called and paid Dr. Southwick \$3.50 for a call out here. I called to Kerry's Garage to see if he had ordered by license. Also at Dr. James. Afternoon I grubbed out five or six peach trees. The boys dragged them to the branches in pasture with May and Lou. Mr. Dickey came for the butchering things. He intends to butcher two hogs tomorrow. Ruth is not so well tonight. The twins seem better but weak.

February 12, Thursday. 36 degrees Went to Mr. Dickey's and helped him butcher two hogs. Bob and Louie were also there. We had lard rendered and sausage made by dinner time. It was cloudy all forenoon. I cam home after dinner and dug out one of the old apple trees out in the back yard. It began raining quite hard about 3 P.M. and

has been raining lightly since and is now raining at 7-30 P.M. I pulled the apple tree over with the tractor after digging around it but the tractor could not move it after it was down.

February 13, Friday. 16 degrees Muddy today from yesterday's and last night's rain. I spent the day in dragging out and digging out the old apple trees in the back yard. It turned colder during the afternoon. The mercury is below the freezing point tonight. The boys went to school today and brought home a lot of valentines. There were no cars passed today. The mail carrier had quite a pull. Wind is blowing now at 9-P.M.

February 14, Saturday. A fine day. Thawed some which caused some mud about noon. The boys and I did chores and hauled out nine shocks of fodder. George and I went to Springfield after dinner, got some groceries and a barrel of buttermilk at the Ideal Company. The hill was muddy where going but was dry on return. I cleaned the hog pens and coops and scattered the manure and put in clean bedding.

February 15, Sunday. There was some frost the A.M. The sun has shone all day. Very few cars passed. No one here today. Elinor and I took a walk over in Shepherd's timber. They have cut twenty or thirty trees and made posts of the.

February 16, Monday. This has been a day of continuous rain. Just a heavy drizzle. I took the children to school in Ford and came home and spent part of time in shelling seed corn. I then started out for the children in car. Hit the mud, was so stiff I stuck beyond Mr. Dickey's and had to put on my chains and return home. The girls rode with Mr. Wallner. The roads are frightfully muddy but this rain should be of great help to those short of water. Read in paper today of Bob Chalmers wedding February 3rd.

February 17, Tuesday. Mercury above freezing. I did chores and some repair work about the stock well in forenoon. Afternoon I built a temporary fence from barnyard east to road so I would be able to build a fence from barnyard to mailbox. I drew the staples from the old woven wire and rolled some of it.

February 18, Wednesday. Very mild today. I drew the posts out of the old fence row this morning with the team. Louie came along as I began and helped me. Louie and I then planned to go to Springfield this afternoon to attend the Lake trial. Louie pulled my car to oiled road with his team. Bob S. went along. We attended the trial. Arrived home at 5-30. Letters from Fred H. and Aunt Kit today.

February 19, Thursday. A very cloudy and foggy day. Had appearance of rain all day. Sprinkled some about 5-P.M. I took the shoulders of pork out of the salt and resalted the _____. Talked to Louie and Bob awhile this forenoon at the mailbox. I hauled six shocks of corn to livestock. The Charles and I picked up 30 bushels of corn where I had husked shocks. Elinor started painting the kitchen woodwork this afternoon. Ruth spend entire day in bed. She had a temperature most of day. Elinor helped me to ring sows this A.M.

February 20, Friday. I got my days mixed and wrote on wrong pages. Elinor washed today. I helped her get the water and machine going and I shelled seed corn in forenoon. I husked eleven shocks of corn in afternoon.

February 21, Saturday. The ground was frozen this A.M. Mud later thawed which caused much mud and very slippery. The boys and I hauled out shock corn and I husked some. As the boys are in need of new rubbers and we went to town. Took in cream and brought out a barrel of buttermilk. Went to Dudley's and Highmore's sales for only a few minutes. Stopped at Aunt Lillie's awhile then home. Louie Wallner came over this morning to borrow my plow equalizer. The Wallner girls were here this afternoon. Had to use Old Barney to tow car across creek.

February 22, Sunday. At home all day and glad to be here. It has rained since about noon. And raining now at 8-30. Mr. Dickey came today to tell us that the cow testers will be here tomorrow.

February 23, Monday. We tied all the cattle this A.M. before the boys went to school as we were expecting the cow testers. So muddy I guess they were unable to come. The mail also failed to come today. I ground oats most of the day. The barnyards are very muddy. There were no cars on this road today.

February 24, Tuesday. A fine day. The boys and I tied all the cattle up in preparation for the cow testers but they did not come. I went to field and picked up some corn which I had husked and spent about 3 1/2 hours grinding corn. After 4 P.M. Charles and I hauled and scattered six shocks of fodder to stock. Elinor washed during the afternoon.

February 25, Wednesday. Warm and drying today. The ground was frozen slightly this morning which caused some mud when thawed. After finishing chores I went out and shucked shock corn until noon. And spent the afternoon helping Elinor paper the kitchen ceiling with the glazed tile paper. Talked with Louie this evening as he came from Chatham with his disc. (And also a pup.)

February 26, Thursday. A fine, mild day. The land and roads dried a lot today. I went to Louie's in truck and took his calf to yards. The twins stayed at Wallner's. Elinor, Ruth and Dot went with me to town. We were at Clara's and Cora's. Henry was quite lame as he has a pain in his foot. Malford was at Henry's.

February 17, Friday. A fine day. I shucked more shocks of corn this forenoon. The ground froze some during the night so became very muddy about 11-A.M. Afternoon I went to Chatham to see Mr. Gorey about the calf. Said he could use him next week. I then met Mr. Dickey who was going to Auburn to a sale so I went with him. Back by Chatham and offered Dr. Southwick 6.50 per acre for use of the 35 acres but he refused. Elinor put some side wall paper on the kitchen today.

February 28, Saturday. A fine day but turned cooler during afternoon and evening with an increasing Northeast wind. Looks as though March would come in with a bang like a lion. the sun had a big circle around it today. I spent the day shucking shock corn. The boys hauled out about 15 shocks to the stock. They also helped me pick up the corn and I put it in Mr. M.F. crib. Have now put in 42 bushels and 40 lbs. Owe him 7 bushels-30 lbs. Elinor worked all day at papering the kitchen. Have 72 shocks of corn to husk. The township tractor was around dragging roads today.

March 1, Sunday. We found everything white this morning with a half inch of snow. It has been our second snow of the winter. The other one of similar depth came about latter part of October. We were at home all day. Many airplanes passed over but no cars except Louie W.

March 2, Monday. A very good day. Quite a frost this A.M. Elinor washed this forenoon. I spent forenoon putting the wall board on the two chimneys which was quite an improvement. Mr. Cris Jacobs came about noon to get permission to go through this farm to haul out post from the timber. I husked ten shocks of corn this afternoon.

March 3, Tuesday. A good day but rather chilly. I built stone boat this forenoon. Jacobs men hauled post through this place and got stuck in meadows. Aunt Kit and Lloyd came in their Ford about 11-30 and spent the balance of the day here. We got a card from the cow testers saying they would be here to test our herd tomorrow. It is cool of nights now so the ground freezes and thaws and becomes greasy during the day.

March 4, Wednesday. Very cool this A.M. The ground was frozen quite hard. The boys and I tied all the cattle early this morning. The vet, Dr. Alexander came about 10 K and vaccinated them and put in ear tags. He will return on Saturday morning. Ben Rohrer was with him. I moved fifteen shocks of corn to timber pasture and six out to live stock during afternoon. Elinor went over to timber with me. I took the hams out of the salt and washed and hung them. Also put liquid smoke on the shoulders. Louie Wallner helped Schrull move today.

March 5, Thursday. It was cool and cloudy until almost 3-P.M. then started raining and turned into snow. the ground is white now at 9-P.M. Elinor, Dot, Ruth and I went to Bertha's and spent about four hours and had dinner. Stopped on way and sold the steer to Mr. Gorey @ 7 cts. Will deliver him tomorrow morning. Wind is blowing quite heavily tonight.

March 6, Friday. It has snowed and blown all day. I took the steer to Chatham this A.M. Took children to school on way. The steer weighed 660 on the elevator scales. Received 7¢ for him. the hard road was in a bad shape today. The mail came today. The snow was soft before noon. Louie W. stopped awhile when he came for mail. The children walked home from school. The wind is increasing now at 9-P.M. and snowing.

March 7, Saturday. The wind roared and drifted all night. And has snowed and blown all day. Has been a very disagreeable day. The vet was supposed to come and test the cows today but roads are impassable. The mail did not come.

March 8, Sunday.

March 9, Monday. Shoveled snow.

March 10, Tuesday.

March 11, Wednesday. I attempted to go to stockyards this forenoon with team wagon and sow but could not get through to the North. I then came home and put on water for Elinor and she did a washing. I cut wood as our coal is low. Louie W. went to Chatham. After he came home I went over and borrowed his seeder cart and storm buggy as Elinor and I want to go to Chatham on Friday. I then seeded about eight acres to clover across the road.

March 12, Thursday. A clear day over head but not very good under foot. I took the black sow to the stock yards this forenoon by team and wagon. She weighed 400 lbs. brought 6¢. I had to go by John Stout's and over to route four. The pavement has been badly drifted but is open for double traffic in most places. I stopped at the Klondike mine and got about 15 or 16 bushels of coal. Today's paper quoted Calgary as at 0 and Edmonton at 26 below 0. Mail carrier unable to get through any farther than the southwest corner of this farm.

March 13, Friday. After doing chores I came in and shaved and took a bath then greased Louie's buggy and harnessed and fed the team. We had an early dinner then Elinor and I went to Chatham. Had Mrs. Pereloon witness our signatures then went to Dr. McLaughlin's office and I was examined for a straight Life Policy. Then home and I took Louie's buggy home. Charles was sick today. His first day out of school this term. The carrier made it over his route today for first time since snow.

March 14, Saturday. I seeded clover seed on the land west of the alfalfa field. It was windy to seed across the road. I then cut wood until noon. Afternoon I trimmed the mulberry tree and maple near garden. And trimmed up the limbs. George met the mail carrier today at the corner and brought ours and Wallner's mail. I sent the Policy away in today's mail.

March 15, Sunday. At home all day. Did not see anyone. We are all having a second series of colds. My ear and head are bothering. Charles' eyes are in bad shape. Need attention very much. Roads are very muddy. Barnyards are in bad shape as there are so many drifts to melt. Snow is gone except drifts.

March 16, Monday. After doing chores I hauled out shock fodder and then got the car ready and took the can of cream to town. Had to go by way of Chatham. Roads very bad near Mr. Milners. We dropped around to see how the Hansons were. Myra was at home. The boys found their first duck egg today. Tire from S.R.Co. @ 4.39 No.e 6983370273K All-state

March 17, Tuesday. I helped Elinor with her wash water and the machine and spent balance of day handling shock corn. Elinor came out this afternoon with a lunch which tasted good. We then walked down in Stout's timber where Stout's men were cutting some corner posts. They have cut many logs down in the flat in preparation for a saw mill to come in. Elinor had her wash and ironing finished by 3-P.M. Charles did not attend school today. Dorothy feeling bad tonight. Some wind today did much drying.

March 18, Wednesday. This has been a fine day. I cleaned up shop some and then built three big gates and a smaller one at sheep pen and installed the small one. Charles went to school today but Mildred stayed home. We had a rain during the night which made it muddy today. Louie W. must have gone to Chatham today as he passed in buggy. Received paper today in regards to policy as I did not sign name in full. Letter to be sent to E.H. Howbert Agency Organizer, N.Y. Life Insurance Co., Kansas City, MO 9th and Baltimore Streets.

March 19, Thursday. A rather chilly day. A very few snowflakes fell early. I hauled out shock corn and then put a gate in position on north side of barnyard leading to pasture. After that I hauled three loads of cinders down to barnyards to make places to walk on. Louie Wallner went to the Brooks' sale north of Chatham. He bought me 50¢ worth of fencing nails. Paper says possibly rain tomorrow.

March 20, Friday. Elinor, Ruth, Dot and I took Uncle Will's calf home today. We saw Uncle Will at Suddith's scales near Lick. We stopped at Aunt Georgia Jensen's awhile during the afternoon. Called Aunt Kit but she did not answer. We saw Lloyd in his car on streets. Talked with Aunt Sarah. She was not feeling very well. Lelah was there, has a _____ on a finger.

March 21, Saturday. The boys helped me haul out shock corn this morning. Afterwards we strengthened the fence around the alfalfa patch and made a shelter of the scale house doors against the bean stack and put the white sow in. The boys then cleaned hen house and put in new straw. I swung two gates. The tractor (steamer) was stalled in mud across the creek today as the hill is yet blocked with snow. It slid into a ditch. It was on way to John Stout's to start a saw mill. Rained lightly this evening.

March 22, Sunday. We spent the day at home. This has been an unusually fine day. There were several cars passed here today. The first day any cars have gone over the north hill as it has been under some feet of snow. The boys and I bolted the separator on the porch this morning. Elinor and I took a walk over to the timber during the afternoon.

March 23, Monday. I helped Elinor with the wash water and machine and then hauled out the balance of the shock corn. Jack Smith came with a double box of oats about noon. Afternoon I stretched a strip of woven wire from the barnyard east and then turned the pigs in the pasture. Charles and I picked up about fifteen or twenty bushels of corn this evening. George and I went over to Louie's this evening to see when he wanted his seeder. Dr. Southwick came today and want me to plow the land north of the orchard @ 2⁰⁰ per acre.

March 24, Tuesday. Elinor, Ruth, Dorothy and I went to Springfield afternoon. We got cloth to cover the meat or make meat sacks of. Also Elinor five house dresses @ 77¢ each and myself a pair of overalls. Tan colored without bib. We left the children at Clara's. May, Sid and Louis were at work. this was our first trip over the hill north of creek since snow storm and we almost stalled as the track was wet with the light rain which was falling.

March 25, Wednesday. I worked about the buildings today. I first took down the meat and went over it with liquid smoke. I then cleaned the horse stable and scattered the manure and put in fresh bedding from straw stock. I then hauled a load of brush from garden and yards where I had trimmed trees. I then hauled some rotten wood and brush from the pile near stock well and put it in washers and then brought a load to the house to be cut. I then repaired the horse disc and shortened intake pipe on the tractor so it would go in shed. This eve Elinor and I ran up Chatham to have Otte bring out smoke Kerosene.

March 26, Thursday. A very disagreeable day. I seeded a few oats this morning. The ground is to damp to disc very well. I disced what I sowed but think I will wait until the ground is in better shape.

March 27, Friday. Rain during the night and has rained most of the day at intervals. I built two new gates today and rebuilt a third one and then repaired the cellar steps. The boys carried the limbs from the mulberry tree and then took the piece of wood from under separator and went fishing.

March 28, Saturday.

March 29, Sunday. At home all day except an hour this evening when Elinor and I walked over to Southwick's and then drove over to Tremane to see if Wes was there but found he was out to Cantrall.

March 30, Monday. Elinor, Ruth, Dot and I went to Springfield this morning and left cream then out to Cantrall to get Wes D. but found he lived southwest near the river so had to drive over there. We found him and brought him home with us to run the tractor on Southwick's plowing. Wes plowed a half day and I worked on fence.

March 31, Tuesday. I worked on the fence all day. Wes worked on tractor on Southwick's.

April 1, Wednesday. A rather cold breeze today. The sun tried to shine part of time. I spent the day working on the fence on south side of garden and little pasture. I cleared the old fence all out. Also pulled some sprouts. Wes spent day on the tractor. the children all went to school. Elinor and I went to Chatham this evening for five gallons of cyl oil @ 83 3/10 per gallon.

April 2, Thursday. Snowed some this A.M. Rained during afternoon a little some thunder about sundown. Wes plowed on tractor all day. I dug 19 post holes, tamped 29 post and stretched 330 feet of heavy woven wire. Put the big white sow in the barn this A.M. Had two more lambs today. Mrs. Wallner Jr. stopped in a while this A.M. when after the mail.

April 3, Friday. I worked on fence all day on west of garden and near hen house. Moved the toilet at noon as Wes helped me with the tractor. I took a cobbler over to Bob Southwick's at 11-25 that I had of his. Wes plowed all day did not quite finish on the north end. Sprinkling rain this evening. Had two more lambs this eve.

April 4, Saturday. The forenoon was fine but turned cool during latter half of afternoon and is quite cloudy and dark tonight. Wes finished plowing the 39 acres on Southwick's at noon. He then ran disc and tractor in afternoon. I seeded oats after noon and after finishing the seeding put horses on disc and Charles drove through. I then finished stretching and nailing the poultry netting. Bob S. came by this A.M.. They later went to Springfield. Got a parcel of Easter eggs for Elinor. Two new ewe lambs. Mrs. walked to Tremane's tonight.

April 5, Sunday. At home all day. It threatened rain in late afternoon.

April 6, Monday. Fine day. Very spring like today. Wes started plowing on the ten acre field at Southwick's and lacked about 1 1/2 hours of finishing. Elinor washed before noon. I sacked the meat. The assessor, Mr. Bails, came. George Southwick asked me to help him with the colt this afternoon. Charles harrowed all day. I cut potatoes this afternoon. Also harrowed the north potato patch. Elinor and I went to Dickey's after supper. I phoned Aunt Kit as Mr. D. has a cow or two for sale.

April 7, Tuesday. Charles and I planted the north patch in potatoes this morning. Mr. Drennan came along. Then scattered the lime over the garden and Charles took the picket fence down. Mrs. Stout came for Wes to vote at noon. Otte brought out 85 gallons of Kerosene, 10 lbs. gun grease, 5 gallons cyl oil. Elinor and I went to

Springfield this afternoon. Took cream in and got some groceries. Went out to Cora's a few minutes. Wes plowed on bob's all day.

April 8, Wednesday. Wes plowed on Bob's land today. I worked all day constructing a fence from coal house west. Mr. Drennan and Steve Workman came this A.M. and dug out a maple in the back yard. I also put a front gate on hinges and put a weight on to pull it shut.

April 9, Thursday. The forenoon was fine but cloudy and showers afternoon. Started Wes on tractor and drag this A.M. Also started Charles on roller on oats. I plowed garden. Afternoon took up the grapevines and set new posts for them. Elinor went to funeral with Louie and his mother. Bob and wife left little Bobbie here while they went to the funeral of Mrs. Milner. Bob got a Fordson tractor today.

April 10, Friday. A bit muddy this morning from yesterday evening's and last night's rain but was dry by this evening. Wes hauled 14 loads of manure today. I first tried to make a ewe claim a lamb by putting skin from one on another. I worked on grape vine posts some and planted some onion sets (6 qts). Also planted tomatoes, cabbage and cauliflower seeds in boxes for plants. The big jersey cow had red calf today. Black sow also had nine pigs.

April 11, Saturday. A very good day. Louie came and borrowed the pig crate. I pumped the tire up and Elinor and I went to Chatham. Wes hauled seven loads of manure from straw pile. After dinner we planted the patch by hen house to potatoes. I seeded some clover seed late this evening and the oats. We had another pair of twins today and an ewe that had a lamb two days ago and lost it had another today.

April 12, Sunday. Aunt Kit and Lloyd came afternoon. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Lewis Barnes and two sons and nephew came for the afternoon. Elinor and I walked over to the timber this morning awhile.

April 13, Monday. Very warm. I finished seeding clover this A.M. Afterwards I went over and stopped some holes in the hedge as sheep were getting into Stout's wheat. I then transplanted several grape vines. After dinner I dug out six stumps and a big lot of raspberries and raked and burned a lot of trash. Trimmed up an apple tree. Wes dragged with tractor this afternoon. Homer Pyle stopped a few minutes looking for stray hogs. I saw two men making ties over in Stout's timber.

April 14, Tuesday. Fine, warm. I worked in garden resetting raspberries. Wes dragged the corn ground with the tractor. Finished shortly after dinner. He then hauled some manure and then we had to repair the spreader. I took Elinor to town to see Dr. Owen as a bee stung her on the hand yesterday and it had swollen out of shape and very painful. We left children at Clara's. We had eight new lambs this morning from three ewes - two sets of triplets.

April 15, Wednesday. Wes hauled manure this afternoon. I worked in the garden and repaired or rebuilt a panel of fence at the sheep pen. Before noon Wes and I spliced and restretched a portion of the woven wire at the southwest corner and put in a new panel of boards. Also laid some logs to prevent washing at the corner south of the house.

April 16, Thursday. The boys and I went over and spent an hour on the west hedge to keep the sheep in. I then worked on the garden until about 10 A.M. West was hauling manure and the spreader failed to function so we found a bearing badly worn. I went to Sikkings and ordered repairs. Afternoon we finished plowing the new portion of the garden and planted seeds, two dozen cabbage and two dozen tomatoes. We then carried water to all the raspberries. I went over to Bob's and received a check for \$50.00 for plowing. It looks rainy tonight.

April 17, Friday. Fine day. Wes and I cleared away the old fence and rubbish and also dug out the old hedge stump near persimmon trees and sawed the tops off the garden fence posts. After noon Wes took the big white

sow over to timber with her ten pigs. He spent the balance of time hauling rock up to spring. Elinor and I went to town for some groceries and brought Wes out a pair of shoes @ 3.98. We ran up to Chatham after noon and got the sheep powder at the station. Mr. Runge came today for _____. Mr. Dickey also here.

April 18, Saturday. Find day. Helped Wes get plow started on piece south of the house. We put harrow behind the plow. Did not quite get done today. I then changed the clothes line and removed the old posts. The morning mail brought a check from New York Life for \$338.08. I then went to Chatham and paid the bank \$185.00. The I went to Dr. Southwick and received a check for \$30.00 and turned it to Otte the oil man. Afternoon the boys and I cleaned the chicken yard and hauled up some old posts to woodpile. I cut some wood. The boys went fishing.

April 19, Sunday. Fair forenoon. We expected a bunch here today with baskets for a picnic dinner but as it looked a bit cloudy the Loami people did not come. Henry, Cora, Sid and Clara, Malford and Myra came and we had a dandy time. But as it threatened rain about 3 P.M. they went home.

April 20, Monday. Fair forenoon - rain. The weather was fair during the forenoon and had a fine rain during afternoon and evening. Wes finished plowing the 12 acres south of the house in the forenoon and harrowed afternoon. Elinor and I ran to town this A.M. I got some powder to treat the seed corn @ \$1.75. Also my trace at Blukes @ 65¢. The spreader repairs did not come. Bought the children a pair of shoes each and the boys two pairs of overalls each and Wes a pair of overalls at 95. Was raining when we went to bed. Will be of great benefit.

April 21, Tuesday. Chilly, cloudy. Very chilly today with Northwest wind. Had a fine rain during last night which will help so much. Wes and I painted the two cultivators that I intended to sell and then painted the corn planter with some of the left over paint. I covered out tomatoes and cabbage plants this evening as it is cool enough for frost should the wind lay and clouds clear.

April 22, Wednesday. Pt. cloudy. We spent forenoon grinding corn and oats. Afternoon worked on fence at the west end of alfalfa and put a gate at Northwest corner of alfalfa between two pastures. The boy's shoes came today from Sears Roebucks, sizes George 5 1/2 and Charles 6.

April 23, Thursday. Cloudy. I took the two cultivators to Highmores sale stable this forenoon on the hay frame. Wes sawed wood while I was gone. Afternoon Wes and I stretched the fence across the west end of alfalfa. Wes then cut the lower branches from the west hedge and Elinor and I ran to Springfield. We were gone 75 minutes. I got the repairs for the spreader. They cost \$3.75. Ernest Campbell stopped awhile to see if I was hiring the sheep sheared. He told of his trip to Florida during the winter months.

April 24, Friday. Cloudy. Wes and I worked on the car first this morning. We then cut a rack load of limbs from the west hedge. Afternoon we put two slide gates up - one at each corner of the alfalfa field. We then hauled a load of junk to the ditch. Wes then put the repairs on the manure spreader. The boys and I stretched a strand of barbed wire from the front yard around the front pasture to the garden to the hen house. Elinor and I went over to Southwick's this evening. I wanted to look at a cow he has but he had traded her on a tractor. Sprinkled rain today.

April 25, Saturday. Rain. Rain has fallen almost continuously throughout the day. Wes and I stopped and stretched a barbed wire on the fence between the cornfield and pasture in the forenoon. Afternoon we put fresh bedding in the hog and sheep shed and then oiled the harness the balance of the afternoon. We also docked and castrated the lambs this morning. Louie Wallner stopped awhile this evening as he came for mail. This day's rain has come quietly and all soaked in. Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Meg. today. They are thinking of home soon.

April 26, Sunday. Partly cloudy, cold. A rather chilly day. At home all day. Elinor and I took a walk over in the Stout timber this morning, we dug up some violets, ferus, and columbine. We also moved the white sow and nine pigs to the timber pasture. There are 41 pigs over there now. Our roan cow had a nice red heifer calf this morning.

April 27, Monday. Fair. Very cold during last night. Heavy frost and ice this A.M. Wes and I moved the beans this A.M. Then moved the pig shed up to calf pasture for calves. Then finished repairing spreader and Wes hauled manure all day. Elinor and I went to town. Took in a can of cream, got 22¢ for it (\$1.40 Test is very low of present) We bought the boys each a suit of clothes today. We met Myrtle on the street.

April 28, Tuesday. Fair. This has been a much better day than we have been having. Wes finished the manure hauling (63 loads) I dug and set a gate post at the corner of the barn yard and put four gates on hinges. Elinor washed. The boys, Wes and I went over to Southwick's this evening. Wes started Bob's tractor for him. Mr. Smith who sells the Miller products was here this afternoon.

April 29, Wednesday. Fair. A fine warm day. Wes harrowed 12 acres south of the house this forenoon and disced with the tractor on the west side during the afternoon. The boys and I went over and docked and marked Bob Southwick's lambs before school time. I then repaired the fence west from the cemetery. I then disced the old fence row near the garden. I then graded and treated some seed corn and started planting corn south of the house this afternoon. Bob S. came for Wes to start his Fordson tractor. We bought a 6 1/2 lb. fish from a fish peddler and had it for supper.

April 30, Thursday. Fair, warm. A very nice day, Elinor went to Chatham this A.M. and asked Mr. Otte to bring us out some fuel oil, then to Dr. Southwick's to get him to transfer our bees but he said it was too cold. I planted corn south of the house, finished by noon. Went to Springfield in the afternoon and back home, planted 8 rows on the west side. Wes disced with the tractor in the forenoon and dragged with the tractor in the afternoon. Our red and white heifer (Tiny) had a big red bull calf this afternoon.

May 1, Friday. I spent the day on the planter. Wes ran the tractor on disc and drag. We put the harrow behind the drag at noon.

May 2, Saturday. Sunny but cool. I spent the day on the planter. Wes finished discing and dragging at noon. He then helped me shell a bushel of seed corn. Wes left after dinner as I had no more work for him now. Have about 75 or 80 rows to plant yet. Bob Southwick came this evening and asked me to repair a broken lever on his plow.

May 3, Sunday. Fine day. Aunt Kit and Lloyd came this morning. They had intended to stop in Chatham at Dr. McLaughlin but he was away. Lloyd had a very bad cough. After dinner Charles and Mable and the children came and spent a couple of hours with us.

May 4, Monday. Fair. I finished planting corn at noon. Elinor washed. Afternoon I harrowed the two potato patches and then plowed the patch by scale house with the walking plow. Bob S. came and borrowed the walking plow and drag this morning. Wes started to work for Bob this morning. It is quite pleasant out this evening.

May 5, Tuesday. We went to Springfield about noon today. I disced the patch by the scales and also one in the alfalfa patch. I got a sack of salt at Krells for 1 dollar. Also a lb. of cigar clippings @ .75. I planted some watermelon seed this evening just before it rained. We stopped at Mr. Hoat Harrisons awhile today.

May 6, Wednesday. Cool, muddy. Very muddy this morning. After doing chores I put chains on the car and we went to Virden. Had a hard pull to Woodside where we took the pavement. Found Mr. and Mrs. Beasely OK. I also enjoyed looking over the store of Mr. Wallace and Alderson. Mr. & Mrs. Megredy arrived home today. They had Mr. Kerry of Chatham meet them in Springfield. We stopped at Mr. Megredy's in Chatham awhile as we came through this evening.

May 7, Thursday. This being the last day of school, we all went to the exercises and had a big dinner and a good visit with the neighbors. A letter from Myrtle in morning's mail asking us in on Sunday. We went to Mr. Jacobs across the creek and phoned her that we would try to get in. Looks rainy in west tonight.

May 8, Friday. Cloudy. I went to the mine for a load of coal this A.M. Got 35.00 of nut coal. The boys and I went over and helped Louie castrate his lambs after dinner. Fixed a place for the pigeons and then made a vine trellis for the pantry window. It rained a shower during the late afternoon.

May 9, Saturday. Cloudy and rain. this day has been very damp. Quite a heavy shower about noon and showers at intervals during the afternoon. I repaired the barn loft windows this morning and as Louie came for the mail he asked me about grinding chick feed. So, after dinner he brought 3 bags. Also ground some for ourselves. The red, "Lamb" heifer had a red and white calf this morning (heifer). Went over in timber pasture and counted the pigs this afternoon. Tried to shoot a crow but failed.

May 10, Sunday. Cloudy and rain. We intended to go to Myrtle's today but owing to showers and muddy roads we stayed at home. It rains in slow showers and is all soaking in. I was at the mouth of the big tile yesterday but it had not yet started flowing.

May 11, Monday. Cloudy and rain. The boys and I work on the cow stanchions all day. We are rebuilding them so they will hold nine cows instead of six. We completed five of them today. It rained quite hard at times today. Elinor sent by Louie to Chatham today for some bread. Bob came over this A.M. to borrow the manure fork and wire brush. Dr. Alexander came today and relisted the cows. He had a muddy trip. Saw an airplane headed to St. Louis tonight after dark.

May 12, Tuesday. Partly cloudy. The sun tried shining this A.M. First time in several days. But grew cloudy in the afternoon and gave us a light shower. We finished the stanchions today and had eight cows in them tonight when milking. We now have two calves on one cow and 3 calves at pails. Elinor washed today. We also had another lamb today.

May 13, Wednesday. Fair, warmer. A very good day, as the sun gave us several hours of sunshine. Elinor and I went to Mr. Megredy's this A.M. Also Ruth. Took them some butter and eggs and a side, shoulder of lamb and a can of lard. I got 5 lbs. of 2½ nails @ 5¢ per lb. Also, 5 lbs. of 3 inch nails @ 5¢. After dinner I went to the mine for a load of screenings for hogs. After unloading it Charles and I brought the spotted sow from the timber pasture to the pen near the stable.

May 14, Thursday. Fine, warm. This has been a real growing day. I finished fixing the pump platform at the house this A.M. then put a pole upstairs in a closet for Elinor. By that time the vet came to read the results of the tests on the cows. They were OK. Had 11 females and the bull tested. I then worked in the garden until noon. Afternoon I disced the patch by the corn crib, also the one in the alfalfa. Charles harrowed them. I then set out 150 sweet potato plants. Have 50 more to put out tomorrow evening. Elinor drove to Chatham and saw Dr. S. about changing bees back by Tremane's. Children saw first lightening bugs tonight.

May 15, Friday. Just right. This has been an ideal day. The wind blew a little to much for one of the jobs we did which was to transfer the bees from barrel to hive. Elinor went to Chatham for Dr. Southwick. He did the bee job. I sheared five sheep this afternoon. But owing to a badly swollen hand from the bee stings I could hardly work the shears. Elinor took a letter today from Mother for Mr. Meg. to read. They are having a very windy period in Alta. Our roan heifer (Lamb) had her first calf today. A heifer.

May 16, Saturday. Warm. A very warm day. I helped the boys get started, George with old May and Lou on the roller and Charles with Barney, Nick and Nelly on the harrow. The corn is just getting through nicely. The harrow

breaks the crust and puts a mulch around the corn. I spent part of the day shearing the sheep and put out some sweet potato plants. Also some pop corn. The girls picked bugs off the potatoes during the day. A very pleasant evening, I sat out on the front porch until 9 P.M. listening to Whippoorwills and watching fireflies.

May 17, Sunday. Ruth put all her clothes on by herself this morning for the first time. We were at home all day. It was warm today but comfortable. Uncle Will and Aunt Nora Carson and Frances came during the afternoon. Louie Wallner and family also Gramma Wallner came in evening. The boys caught four large gophers today.

May 18, Monday. Fine day. I sheared sheep until about 4 P.M. and as we got a shipment of plants today, Elinor and the girls and myself put out about 300. Mr. Megredy was out this morning for first time since their return. Charles and George rolled and harrowed all day. They are both tired tonight. And so am I.

May 19, Tuesday. Raining. This has been a very rainy day. I did no work today. Just rested my broken back from that miserable sheep shearing.

May 20, Wednesday. Fair. A fine day but a bit cool. I finished hearing the sheep today and am all in tonight from the effects. We intended to take the wool to Springfield tomorrow morning and ship it to Sears, Roebuck. As the wool was a bit damp this A.M. I cleaned the stable and put some large flat stones in some of the stalls and hauled a load of cinders and put over them. Quite cool tonight. It may frost. Tied Major in the stable today.

May 21, Thursday. Fair. A very nice day. Mr. Meg. came out early this morning. I sewed the wool sacks and took them (2) 320 lbs. to the C & A freight office and shipped them to Sears, Roebuck. We also took in cream, ten gals. which brought 6.27. We called at Hanson's awhile. I bought new tires at Sears, Roebuck. All State no. 721020-293K. Planted a number of plants this afternoon. Also hauled up some posts. Will take a load to Mr. Megredy's. in Chatham tomorrow morning.

May 22, Friday. Cloudy, cool. I went to Mr. Megredy's with a load of hedge posts this A.M. then hauled a roll of wire from station to his house. Talked with Louie Wallner on the way home. Roads quite muddy. Heavy rain during the night. After dinner I went to the saw, took red elm log. Wanted a cultivator tongue but they had none. Stopped at Dickey's on the way home. Cleaned hen house and scattered contents across the road. Boys worked on the roof of the hen house.

May 23, Saturday. Frost, cool. Cool today. There was ice on a hog trough this morning. It did not seem to hurt our plants very much. Did not show on potatoes or garden vegetables. The boys and I spent the forenoon building a stanchion for the calves. Afterwards we went to Sharp's mill northwest of Chatham for cultivators. I put one in the Moline plow this evening. The boys found it much easier to feed the calves this evening with the stanchion.

May 24, Sunday. At home all day.

May 25, Monday. Very warm. The twins and I went to Chatham this A.M. awhile at Mr. Megredy's. To blacksmith to get some hooks made for cultivators. Afternoon the boys harrowed and rolled the corn. I disced the bean ground across the road with the tractor. Had a shower during the night.

May 26, Tuesday. Very warm. I finished discing at noon. The boys also finished harrowing and rolling during the middle of forenoon. Charles harrowed on the bean ground until noon and then finished about 4-30 P.M. Elinor and I went to Springfield after dinner. Took yearling wether to stockyards. Girls went to Wallner's. I went to Bob's for his seeder this evening as I want to seed beans tomorrow.

May 27, Wednesday. Very warm. The boys helped me treat the beans this A.M. and I finished seeding them by 6-P.M. Louie stopped and talked awhile. He wanted the drill for tomorrow. Also, some beans.

May 28, Thursday. I got the surface cultivator all set this morning and started Charles on it south of the house. He did quite a wide strip today. George rolled the bean ground today. I made single trees and meek yoke for the Moline D. cultivator as Charles built a shank on the Tower cultivator, I borrowed a shank from Louie. Mrs. Bob came at noon wanting beans, also Dickey. Looks rainy tonight. Received check for wool today.

May 29, Friday. Fair, hot. Charles plowed corn all day. I plowed potatoes first thing. We then finished the field south of the house afternoon and plowed some over on the west side next to the hedge. Looked rainy all day.

May 30, Saturday. Raining. We moved the balance of the seed beans to the scales and cleared out the south end of shop then cleaned and oiled the tractor disc and stored it for the winter. Then did some repair work in the shop. Afternoon laid up awhile on account of a heavy shower. Also cut off seven lamb tails. Then ground about 10 or 15 bushels of corn. Then put tractor plow in the shed. Took hay rake out and put it in the tractor. Very muddy this evening.

May 31, Sunday. Fair, cool. Roads very muddy this forenoon but dried fast and were in very good shape this afternoon. We went to Mr. Megredy's after dinner.

June 1, Monday. Fair, warm. A very nice day. Mr. Meg. came early for a case of staples. Charles and I plowed corn all day. I had some trouble with my plow in forenoon but got it set OK this afternoon. Elinor washed this morning. George hoed in the garden and also shot a sparrow with the 22. The Wallner girls came this afternoon to play with our girls. Bob Southwick started planting some corn over today.

June 2, Tuesday. Fair today, but clouded up and sprinkled a little at noon. Charles and I plowed corn all day.

June 3, Wednesday. A strong, tiresome wind blew all day, very drying. We plowed corn all day, finished in the evening then plowed sweet corn patch. Elinor and I walked over to Bob Southwick's after supper.

June 4, Thursday. Fair today, strong wind. Boys and I went down to Louis Wallner's to see about the hog. Came back and Elinor and I went to Chatham. On the way home came by Bob's to look at a sow. Then home, unloaded some junk we've put on crate and drove over to Bob's and brought sow back. She weighed 115 lbs. 7¢. Elinor and I went to Springfield after dinner. Brought repair for Bob's sep. Very stormy tonight.

June 5, Friday. Rain. We had a fine rain this A.M. The boys and I were out in a lot of it hunting the black sow. I then dug dock until toward noon. We changed the fat hogs to another pasture. Shut pigs from three cows, castrated three or four lambs. Also two calves. Also hoed out the truck patch by the corn crib. Looks rainy tonight. Much lightening all about.

June 6, Saturday. Cool. A very cool day. The boys and I hoed in the garden during the forenoon. A Mr. Kuntz came for the remaining 19 bushels of beans before noon accompanied by Mr. Pereloon and George Rohrer. Afternoon we brought Louie's boar over, then splayed some potatoes. I then put a handle in a hammer for Bob S. and loaned him a set of harnesses. Also paid him for the spotted gilt. Sow weighed 115 lbs. seed corn 4.00 deducted left check of 4.05. Repaired Ford and changed tires. Mr. and Mrs. Meg. came out to see if beans were sold. Threatening rain now at 9-P.M.

June 7, Sunday. Cool. We left home at 8-A.M. and spent the day at Aunt Kit's. I walked over to Uncle Tom's awhile. Our children all went to Sunday school with Lloyd. We brought home a nice bunch of strawberries. Stopped at Dr. Southwick's and borrowed his bee smoker.

June 8, Monday. Warmer. A very nice day. Charles and I plowed 12 acres of corn south of the house. I then hitched to the mower and mowed a swath inside the fence on the south and west sides of the field. We went to

Southwick's for an ewe and two lambs which made us very late with our chores. Just now finished at 9-45. Elinor washed today.

June 9, Tuesday. Fair. Charles and I plowed corn over next to west hedge before noon and Charles plowed also during the afternoon. Mr. Meg. stopped at the road and talked awhile. Elinor and I took cream to town afternoon, got 30 lbs. of sugar. We stopped at Cora's but no one at home. We also stopped at Myrtle's a few minutes. Got home at 3. I then cut weeds along the south side of the farm. Prepared my wagon tonight for an early trip to the stockyards with hogs tomorrow morning. Looks a bit rainy.

June 10, Wednesday. Mild. Up at 5 A.M. George and I took 8 hogs to stockyards in the wagon and also three head by truck. They sold @ 6 to 6.20. The eleven head brought \$157.19. Charles plowed corn all day. I plowed this afternoon. Had a light sprinkle this forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. Megredy came out this evening. Louie W. came over and got 1/2 gal of harness oil.

June 11, Thursday. Fair. This is the twins' birthday. And they have had a day of it. Mr. and Mrs. Meg. brought a nice fish for dinner and had dinner with us. Elinor had a cake for them with 9 candles. The Dickeys and Wallner children came with cakes. I plowed awhile this forenoon then started George on roller balance of the day. Charles plowed corn all day. Elinor and I picked over 3 pails of cherries at Mr. Megredy's this afternoon. They gave the children a big feed of ice cream.

June 12, Friday. Fine day. Elinor and I went to Chatham to pick cherries. It sprinkled some this morning but not enough to wet one. Back home at 10, hoed sweet corn until noon, finished plowing corn second time by 4 P.M., mowed alfalfa for first time this season during the afternoon. A letter today from Myrtle C. wanting us to come in Sunday.

June 13, Saturday. A very good day. The boys and I picked cherries until almost noon. Elinor did some washing and I also went to Chatham. Afternoon we hoed in the garden and prepared ground for a shipment of plants we received today from Tyler, Texas. Louie brought over some corn and got it ground for chickens this evening.

June 14, Sunday. We spent the day at Myrtle and Frank Coble's house. Had a fine visit and a fine day for it. Aunt Lillie and Helen were there.

June 15, Monday. Hot. A very warm day. The boys and I picked cherries today and I put the mail box back on the post after painting it. Also sprayed the hen house. Crushed a load of corn, buried a dead shoat, and planted about 200 onions and 100 cabbage. Looks a bit rainy tonight.

June 16, Tuesday. Very warm. The boys and I sprayed the potatoes this fore noon and pulled the weeds from them. After noon we repaired the fence from the west end of alfalfa north. We then set an anchor rod at the south end of the barn to hold the hay rope pulley. Then went to Louie's to see if he would help me with the hay tomorrow. Louie was picking his beans. Mr. Meg. came out awhile.

June 17, Wednesday. Quite hot. A very warm day. I repaired the surface cultivator this forenoon. Straightened one shank and the head block. This afternoon we put the alfalfa in the barn. Louie helped me. Finished about 7 P.M.

June 18, Thursday. 94 degrees A very warm day. Elinor and I took the cream to town this early A.M. Brought house some groceries and 200 lbs. of sugar @ 4.90 per cut. After dinner we started crossing the corn. It is the 3rd plowing. I plowed the two potato patches and also the corn near the scales.

June 19, Friday. 94 degrees in the shade. A very warm day with hot wind. The corn blades were curled up. The garden vegetables were wilted. Were delayed this A.M. by having to aid a heifer in calving. Plowed corn until noon, finishing the field south of the house by three. Elinor and George went to Chatham for the eaves troughs after dinner. We picked cherries after 3-30 until 6. Herschal Reynolds came out this evening to show us a car. Cooler this evening.

June 20, Saturday. Very hot. Charles and I crossed corn on the west field all day. I picked a few cherries for Elinor early in the day. Cloudy this evening. Looks rainy.

June 21, Sunday. We were at home throughout the day. Had a very heavy rain during the night and a heavy one early this morning. The oats are down some but the moisture was needed so badly it will make the potatoes and garden grow. Corn looks so much refreshed. Mr. Dickey stopped in and made quite a visit during the afternoon. Also William.

June 22, Monday. Very hot. As the stock well pump became disconnected we had to take it out and repair it. We then got tools and posts ready and went to Mr. Megredy's and built a fence across his garden so sheep could be turned in north end. Had a fish dinner which was very good. They have a man painting their house. The boys and I came home and got three ewes and ram and I put them in Mr. M. F.'s pasture, then brought Elinor and the girls home. Louie came today asking to take some sheep to the yards tomorrow.

June 23, Tuesday. The boys and I took Louie's spotted boar home this morning and loaded five wether lambs and two fat ewes and Charles and I took them to the stock yards. I got a sack of lime @ 1.15 at Schucks on return. A heavy cloud was rolling in from the northwest as we were enroute home. It broke with a deluge of rain and much thunder shortly after we arrived home. I helped Elinor scrub the ceiling and walls of the back porch during the afternoon. The creek is 2/3 full this evening.

June 24, Wednesday. Very hot. We all, excepting Charles, went to Springfield this morning. We left the girls at Clara's. We took George to the dentist and had two teeth pulled. Elinor got 190 chicks at Krells. Charles went fishing but they were not biting. I worked about the shop and garden this afternoon. A very heavy thunder storm passed south of us today. Must have rained heavy around Virden and Girard.

June 25, Thursday. The boys and I wrung the pigs and dipped them in a barrel this morning. Also put a split in left ear of each. We then went to Louie's for a load of manure and brought the bull home. Plowed corn this afternoon. It was too wet for the shovels but the surface blades worked better. Sent the blades to the shop late this afternoon to be resharpened by Elinor. She went to see Mrs. Lewis Barnes while waiting on the blacksmith.

June 26, Friday. Very, very hot. Charles and I plowed corn all day. It seemed to be hotter on the horses than any other day we have had this year or last. Mr. and Mrs. Meg. came out a few minutes this evening. I found some chinch bugs moving to our corn from Stout's wheat this evening. So will have to start fighting them tomorrow morning. Bob S. came over this A.m. to get zinc pad.

June 27, Saturday. Mercury 100, extremely hot. George and I went to Gas plant early for a bottle of tar. Came home and made about 80 rds. line by noon to head the chinch bugs. Charles plowed all day. I did some plowing during the afternoon. I was real sick and hardly able to go tonight. My clothes were soaked all day. Roy Hatcher's wife died today at 10- A.M.

June 28, Sunday. Aunt Kit and Lloyd came today. It was a very hot day. Louie Wallner stopped awhile this evening.

June 29, Monday. Another scorcher. I took the tractor to Ruuges farm and pulled Louie's binder through the wheat. I drove it until noon and Wes drove it afternoon. Wes and Charles plowed corn here this forenoon. I renewed the tar line after dinner and then laid by corn south of the house until 8-P.M. Wes brought the tractor and binder home. He then returned from Bob's with an evener which I straightened for him. A bee stung Elinor under the nose yesterday. She looks so funny today - lip and nose swollen.

June 30, Tuesday.

July 1, Wednesday. 98 degrees Plowed corn south of the house. Very hot on horses. Changed teams during the day. Sid Barnes stopped a few minutes during the afternoon on his way to town.

July 2, Thursday. I helped Louie finish stocking. The Elinor and I went to Springfield to market cream. I go 50 lbs. of twine at 5.25 or 10½¢ per lb. Mr. Meg. came out this A.M. I sent cultivator shovels to shop by him. Louie and I went to Mr. Dickey's at noon with tractor and binder to cut wheat. Somewhat cooler toward evening.

July 3, Friday. Cooler. A very good day. A bit damp this A.M. owing to a light shower during the night. Elinor and I ran to Chatham for the cultivator shovels. Came home and started Charles on the cultivator. Louie and I then went to Mr. Dickey's and finished the wheat by 10-30. Afternoon I put horses on the binder and cut quite a strip of oats. Was cloudy and cool all afternoon. A light shower fell about 6-30 so I unhitched. Mr. Meg. out a few minutes in the afternoon. Louie and his wife stopped a few minutes this evening on their way to Chatham.

July 4, Saturday. This has been a rather cool day, compared to what we have had for the past week. I finished cutting the oats by one o'clock. Charles plowed during the afternoon. I stooked oats. Henry, Cora, Sid and Clara came out during the afternoon and stayed for supper. They brought the children out some fire works. Mrs. Sam. Drennan buried today.

July 5, Sunday. At home all day. No one came. Not so hot today as it has been. There was a light mist in the air early this morning but it cleared away.

July 6, Monday. About 90 degrees. I stooked oats all day. George helped me after dinner. Charles plowed corn all day. We finished the stoking about 6 this evening. Louie W. came for his binder this morning. Elinor washed today. Mr. Fred Seiz came this evening to see about thrashing. There was some breeze today. Rather hot about noon.

July 7, Tuesday. Moderately warm. A very good day to work. Charles and I plowed corn all day. The surface plow would not give satisfaction owing to ground being so solid so I borrowed a cultivator of Mr. Dickey. Mr. and Mrs. Megredy came out this afternoon. We hope to finish plowing corn tomorrow.

July 8, Wednesday. Charles and I plowed corn all day. We did not quite finish. Have 12 rows to do yet. The painter brought out his ladders today to start painting tomorrow. Mr. Dickey and Dwain brought the binder home and borrowed the mower. Was not hot today. The horses stood up fine but were tired as the ground is so hard. The boys went to Southwick's this evening to get a lamb.

July 9, Thursday. A very nice day. Charles went out and plowed the remaining twelve rows this morning. He finished by eight o'clock. I repaired some fence and the twins and I picked about 4 or 5 quarts of blackberries. Mr. and Mrs. Meg. stopped a few minutes on the way to Springfield. Elinor and I went to Springfield. Took the cream in and got some groceries. Also seven window shades at Voghts store at 50 cents each. After dinner I plowed the sweet corn and potatoes, cut weeds, and unloaded _____ of roofing paint off of hay frame. Heavy dust and wind about 6-P.M.

July 10, Friday. Not very hot today. Charles mowed hay for Mr. Dickey and I took the team and rack and helped to haul bales from the baler to the barn and double corn crib. We got out 630 bales. The two painters worked on the house today.

July 11, Saturday. Warmer today. The temperature ran up a bit higher today than for the past 3 or 4 days. I worked on the box wagon most of the day. Had to put a narrow bed on wide gear. Also, make new rods and end boards for the top sideboards. Did some repair work on the mower and Charles mowed the alfalfa. Dwain Dickey brought the hay rake home and took their cultivator back with him. Poitners, Mr. Mudd and so painted on the house today. Heavy cloud in the north and west tonight. May rain. Is needed badly.

July 12, Sunday. We went to Uncle will Baucom's this afternoon.

July 13, Monday. Warm. Elinor and I went to C.C. Colburns at Loami this morning to get the white pig and I also bought a calf of Mr. Colburn. We stopped at Aunt Kit's a few minutes on the way home. Afternoon Mr. Dickey and Louie came and helped me put the alfalfa in the barn. It was two loads. After that we all went fishing down at Louie's. We caught about 35 lbs.

July 14, Tuesday. Quite hot. I went over to Louie's this morning and helped to fill his barn with Timothy. Bob also helped. Afternoon I went to the mine for 44 bushels of coal. Will use a part of it to thrash with. Wes here this evening to see about helping us trash. Mildred has been sick a day or two. Elinor went to Dr. Southwick's for some medicine for her.

July 15, Wednesday. We put a hog ring containing a rivet washer in the right ear of 37 lambs, in upper portion of ear.

July 16, Thursday. Elinor and I went to Springfield this A.M.. Took in cream and got some meat and groceries for thrashers. After dinner I worked on the granaries awhile then a rather heavy cloud came over from the southeast and gave us quite a shower. We got wet getting the chickens in under shelter. Mr. Piersen came and said we would thrash tomorrow so I went around and notified the bunch. Went to Mr. Megredy's to ask him to bring out the meat tomorrow morning.

July 17, Friday. Very hot. The thrashing outfit came today and started about 10 A.M.. Finished shortly afternoon and thrashed Louie's oats then moved to Louie's wheat on Mr. Ruuges' farm. The men ate dinner with us. Elinor and I went to Lelah Dodd's funeral today at M.E. church at Loami, burial at Sulphur Springs Cemetery. Looks a bit rainy tonight. Our oats yielded quite well today. We had ten hundred and forty five bushels on 17 acres. An average of 61½ bushels per acre. Wes Duncan helped me today.

July 18, Saturday. Very hot. This has been a very hot day. Almost stifling. I worked about the place all day. We put rings in balance of pigs and split their left ears and castrated them. Elinor helped Mrs. Dickey cook for the thrashers. The machine finished at Louie's about eleven then moved to Dickey's but did no thrashing before noon. Wes drove my box wagon today. Mr. Mellinger used my team and rack. We got some ice off the ice man and made ice-cream this evening.

July 19, Sunday. At home all day. The twins went to Sunday school with the Wallner's. I put a bunch of straw on the metal roof of the hog house to ward off heat from the sun. A short but heavy shower came in the late forenoon and caused us to become soaked in rounding up the chickens. Looks very rainy tonight. Heavy clouds in the north and west. Much lightening.

July 20, Monday. Had a very heavy rain during the night which was worth so much to the corn as it is well along in the tasseling stage. I went to Mr. Dickey's and fixed their washing machine (Maytag). After that the boys and I

picked a bunch of blackberries. After dinner we went over to timber and picked the berries. After that had a light shower. I then worked on my spring seat until chore time.

July 21, Tuesday. Charles and I stretched a wire from the mail box east to line for a fence. Mr. Megredy came out with some peaches. Afternoon I dug post holes. Got letter from folks today. Louie stopped and borrowed expansive bit to bore hole in new wagon reach.

July 22, Wednesday. Breezy, cool. Boys and I ground oats this morning. I then finished repairing spring seat and then repaired May and Lou's harness. The painters came and painted until five P.M. We started thrashing at Mr. Dickey's at noon. We finished the wheat, I took two loads=127 bushels to Chatham. A very heavy storm went south of us this afternoon. Was a fine day to work. Looks very stormy in southwest tonight. Would rather not see rain for 10 days.

July 23, Thursday. We helped Mr. Dickey thrash this forenoon finishing shortly after dinner and then went to Mellingers. Elinor helped Mrs. Dickey. I brought home a load of wheat from Mellingers containing 72 bushels and 25 lbs. Elinor spilled some cream in well today. Elinor and boys went to Mr. Megredy's for peaches this P.M.

July 24, Friday. We finished thrashing at Mellingers awhile before noon and then moved to Lanterman's and thrashed some before noon. I went to Chatham with last load of Mellinger's oats and got back to Lanterman's in time for dinner. Shoveled in bin all afternoon, did not go to Chatham. Brought out a 15 gal drum of paint from the station for the barn. Elinor and boys pumped the well out today as the cream spoiled the water.

July 25, Saturday. Been quite warm today. Spent the day thrashing at Mr. Sam Drennan's farm. Owing to a few stops we did not have a big run although we finished on the Drennan farm. Wheat dropped from 41¢ to 39 per bushel today. Oats were 18¢. Hogs 8.10 per cwt. Elinor and Charles went to Chatham for some meat this afternoon. We hope to finish thrashing next week.

July 26, Sunday. At home all day. No one here.

July 27, Monday. We finished thrashing at Actons in middle of forenoon then pulled to Fred Seiz' and thrashed balance of day. There will be finished by middle of forenoon tomorrow if we have good luck. I took one load of Acton's oats to elevator and shoveled every load the balance of the day. Very warm today. Painters worked on the barn and wash house. Mr. M.F. out. Elinor washed. Boys brought the harness home from the Southwick's and moved woodpile.

July 28, Tuesday. Finished Seiz's on Stevens land this A.M. moved south near Beu Drennan farm to Bradley's. Oats finished there by 3-30 P.M. Then moved to Skaggs. Oats finished by six. I took a load of oats to Mr. George Davis' barn in Chatham.

July 29, Wednesday. Unusually hot. Thrashed all day at John Stout's. The boys cleaned the hog house today. My! But we did sweat today. Paper predicts cooler weather soon.

July 30, Thursday. Spent the day thrashing at Stout's. It was very hot. Mercury at 96 at 6 P.M.

July 31, Friday. 105 degrees Very warm today. We thrashed at John Stout's. Finished about 2- 30 P.M. just before a rain storm came up from the west. It rained enough to lay the dust nicely. I took the last of the wheat to Chatham after the shower. I heard they had a heavy rain at Auburn.

August 1, Saturday. Quite hot today. We went to Springfield this morning. Left Ruth at Cora's. The boys stayed at home. The painters finished today. I painted the ridge portion of the barn for them. Boys and I cleaned the cobs out of the pig pen. Mr. Meg. out today.

August 2, Sunday. At home all day. No one here. Threatened storm in southwest during the afternoon by thunder and some lightening but no storm here.

August 3, Monday. The boys and I went to Jack Smith's today for a load of rye. We took the painters ladders over as they are going to paint the house and barn. Loaded the rye and left there for home at 8-25 A.M. Stopped a few minutes at Wayne Gibson's but they were away. After dinner we worked on the machine shed as the posts were rotten at the bottoms. We brought 79-6 bushels of rye, load weighed 5700 at Chatham and 5690 out here. Wagon 1260.

August 4, Tuesday. We finished the job of repairing machine shed this morning. Mr. Meg. and wife were out. We then unloaded the rye in a wagon box in machine shed. We then ground some rye, oats and wheat. We did chores early and went to Springfield and brought Ruth home from Cora's. She had been there since Saturday. We missed her so much. Elinor washed and canned 11 quarts of corn.

August 5, Wednesday. Warm. The boys and I went to Mr. Dickey's for his ladder. it was at Bob's. We spent the day putting up eaves troughing. Got them up on the east and south sides of the house. It tried to rain this evening, partially laid dust. Elinor canned 16 quarts of corn today. I hope it rains soon. Would do so much good.

August 6, Thursday. Hot. The boys and I dug three rows of potatoes this morning after doing chores. After that we put a trough for calves to eat crushed oats from. We then repaired fence along the west side of the alfalfa patch, so that we could keep the pigs out and the boar in. We went to Loami at 3-15. Stopped at Aunt Kit's awhile then by John Dodd's store for some jar lids. Also helped Aunt Kit measure the barn for eaves trough. I made out the order. Got the boys each a straw hat at Dodd's store at 35 each.

August 7, Friday. Torrid. I tried digging some post holes this forenoon but did not get many done as it was so awfully hot. After dinner I mowed _____ along the road with mower and Charles then took the mower and mowed the potato patch. I then helped Elinor core some apples. After that we did chores finishing at 7-30. Paper said showers today but they did not come. Dorothy and Ruth went with me today to Mr. Ruuges to phone Aunt Kit. Elinor became ill today.

August 8, Saturday. Very warm. The boys and I cut weeds a round the garden and dug some onions. After dinner we trimmed weeds in the yard. After that we cut jimson and stampweeds in the cornfield. We also castrated four calves and put caustic on their horns. Castrated one pig also. Lightening in the south tonight. Very cloudy. Elinor washed today and spent part of the day in bed.

August 9, Sunday. We spent the day at home. Had a nice rain during the night. Was cloudy all day. Ralph DeLong and family came shortly afternoon. We had a fairly heavy thunder shower while they were here, and a very heavy rain cloud 6-30 this evening. Certainly will do a lot of good to corn and grass.

August 10, Monday. Repaired some harnesses this A.M. and started Charles plowing beans under across the road with the sulky. Mr. Megredy came out awhile we planned to move 20 ewes to his house tomorrow morning as he is supplying Smith with a start. George and I then went over to timber and repaired some fence. After dinner we went to town. The twins stayed at Cora's and Dotty at Clara's. We found eight milk bottles along the road which we will give to Aunt Kit.

August 11, Tuesday. Cool. We sorted the sheep this morning and I took them to Mr. Megredy's. Made three trips. Uncle Tom and Aunt Sarah, Aunt Kit and Lloyd came today and had dinner with us. This is our 16th anniversary. Aunt Kit was bruised up. A cow had fallen on her and hurt her wrist and ankle. Bessie could not come as she had to make a trip to Springfield to see Gracie's husband, Glen. It rained lightly this afternoon.

August 12, Wednesday. Cool. I worked on the fence across the road today. Charles plowed. Mr. Megredy came out and told me he had bought a calf of Cliff van Doren. I will go after it on Saturday. We got a chunk of ice on Monday, so we had ice cream yesterday and today. Elinor and I went to Chatham this evening to see how the hog market was today. 7.25 top. We left some tomatoes and two muskmelons at Mr. Megredy's for them. They were away from home.

August 13, Thursday. Charles plowed all day. I worked across road on the fence. I finished setting the posts and put in the braces and end posts. Talked with Mr. Reynolds our carrier about his vacation trip to eastern Canada. Louie Wallner passed on the way to Virden to S.S. picnic. Our muskmelons are ripening now. Are fine. We had 3 or 4 today.

August 14, Friday. A cool day at dawn and dusk but quite warm during midday. I took the Poland gilt to the stockyards this morning. Elinor and Ruth stopped at Clara's. Dorothy came home with us. Charles plowed all day. George and I unrolled a roll of woven wire and cut a load of brush from trees along the fence between us and Southwick farm. Mr. and Mrs. Megredy and his niece, Jessie Megredy were here this morning.

August 15, Saturday. A very nice day. A bit warm during the middle of the day. The boys and I went to the C.P. Van Doren farm this A.M. for the roan heifer. She weighed 360 lbs. Cost 22.50 or 6.25. Stopped at the bank and deposited the check for spotted gilt. Half for Mr. Megredy. Had plow share sharpened for sulky. Brought wire stretchers from Mr. Megredy's. Also left them some butter, a muskmelon and cucumbers. They were away. We put binder corn planter and cultivator in the shed and repaired some fence.

August 16, Sunday. Fine day. Uncle Will and Aunt Nora came this morning and after dinner we all went for a ride in their car south on route 126 to Farmersville then west to Bertha's home and stopped about an hour. Then on to Girard then to Chatham over Route 4 and home.

August 17, Monday. Forenoon was very hot but heavy thunder clouds formed in the west about noon which caused much cooler weather. The boys and I worked on the fence until 4-P.M. when I went to town for the twins. I bought a bushel of peaches @ 1.09 at A. & P. on Laurel and South Grand. Also played Henry a game of horseshoe and lost. Elinor washed today. She is not feeling well.

August 18, Tuesday. Up at 3-30 this morning and took the eight pigs to town. They brought 122.84. I got back home about 9-30 and we worked on the fence the balance of the day. Got it completed and put the cows across the road. Bob Southwick came over and got a valve core. He brought us a basket of apples. Sprinkled rain today. Old Settlers picnic held at Caldwell's grove today.

August 19, Wednesday. A very nice day. The boys and I ground feed this morning. We put up the balance of eves-trough this afternoon and dug a hole by the cistern to lay a tile but did not find conditions right. Mr. and Mrs. Megredy and his niece came this afternoon.

August 20, Thursday. The boys and I went to the tile factory east of Springfield this morning to get some 4 inch sewer tile to use at the cistern but they did not have what we wanted. The superintendent showed us through the plant which was quite interesting. We then went to the store for a few groceries and then to Vordenburgs and got the tile @ 3.40. In the afternoon I dug down to the cellar tile, then to Chatham for 480 lbs. 70¢ sand. Stopped at

Ed Corns for a trowel. I then laid the outlet or overflow for the cistern. Finished at 6-30. Frank Seiz brought Fair tickets.

August 21, Friday. A nice day, cool morning and evening. Worked on the new lead in to the cistern. Cut a hole in the cistern and laid the sewers in cement. I then went inside of the cistern and brushed a coating of cement in the cracks. I then filled in the trenches and helped Elinor peel some apples and then put up window screens which the painters left off and joined up the spouting near the kitchen door. Quite cool and comfortable this evening. The children went upstairs to sleep. Hog prices dripping daily.

August 22, Saturday. Dug potatoes. Henry, Cora and Lorene came out awhile.

August 23, Sunday. At home all day. Aunt Kit and Lloyd came this afternoon. Henry, Cora, Sid, Clara, May and Lorene came in Lorene's car, which is a Chev. six sport coupe.

August 24, Monday. We went to the Fair today.

August 25, Tuesday. Mr. Dickey came early and asked me to take two calves to the stockyards, which I did. The boys and I dug potatoes the balance of the day. We finished the patch west of the house. We all went up to Mr. and Mrs. Megredy's this evening. Miss Jessie Megredy, who has been visiting them for about two weeks, is leaving tomorrow night. Lightening and some thunder in the west may rain now 9-15 P.M.

August 26, Wednesday. Quite warm today but not hot. We dug the potatoes in the north paten today. Were not many but think we will have enough to do until spring. Mr. and Mrs. Megredy and his niece stopped this evening a few minutes. My good-luck shoes came today.

August 27, Thursday. Light rain. Charles and I went by Chatham and took Mr. Megredy to Morse Elliott's and worked on the corn crib roof until noon. Nailed the L metal sheets on and got some painting done. But a heavy cloud with much lightening appeared from the southwest as we hurried home. But it only rained a light shower. Mr. Hahn and a Mr. Filbrants came out awhile.

August 28, Friday. We spent most of the day cutting weeds and sprouts along the road to the corner and west to the sycamore stump. Also dug some onions. Then went to Southwick's for Mr. Dickey's ladder and picked up a sack of apples.

August 29, Saturday. A fine day, a breeze from the west most of the day. The boys and I went to Mr. Megredy's Oak Grove farm and painted the rooves of corn crib, hen house, and smoke house, and stopped at Mr. Megredy on the way home and painted the roof of his front porch. We left Mr. Dickey's ladder at his house as we came by.

August 30, Sunday. Cool. Elinor and I walked over to the west side of the farm this morning to see what repairs the hedge needed as pigs have been getting through. Walked back by the "Red Haw" tree and picked up a hat full. As we returned to the house Bertha and family drove in for the day. Two heavy clouds passed around to the north today but no rain here.

August 31, Monday. Warm. We took Dorothy to Clara's with the intention of letting her attend school but found the tuition too high. We bought Dorothy a pair of slippers. Also had two of her coats cleaned. Afternoon I loaded 120 tiles in the truck and took them to Aunt Kit's at Loami. Also stopped at Uncle Will's a minute. The twins went with me. Came home by Springfield and got four lists of books. Spent 22.00 for school supplies.

September 1, Tuesday. I took the children to school today as it was muddy owing to heavy rain this A.M. Elinor and I, also Ruth, went to Mr. Megredy's to pick peaches, got about 5½ bushels. Had dinner there. Rained at intervals during the day.

September 2, Wednesday. Rain. We had a heavy rain this A.M. about time I took the children to school. The tracks in the road were flowing full of water. Elinor and I peeled peaches the entire day. She canned 50 quarts. I went for the children this evening. If no more rain they can walk tomorrow. After doing the chores I patched the porch and pantry roof. Elinor has a pain in her side from so long in one position and I have it in the side of my neck. 54 inches of water in the cistern. Raised 24 inches in the past week.

September 3, Thursday. Elinor spent the entire day working with the peaches. I helped until noon then went with Louie W. to school and helped put some new siding on each side of the school house. Mr. Frank Seiz also helped.

September 4, Friday. A fine day but quite warm. Elinor, Ruth and I went to Mr. Megredy's this A.M. Took the children to school on the way. We picked the balance of peaches, four bushels from the big peach tree which made a total of 13 bushels from the one tree. We also picked about three bushels of grapes. After the boys came from school we ground some oats. Wes Duncan passed about 1 o'clock as he had been over to Bob's. Mr. Dickey borrowed the hay rake. Lightening Southeast.

September 5, Saturday. Warm. The boys and I spent the greater part of the day grinding feed. After finishing the boys went to Mr. Megredy's on hay frame for some low wire fence and a bbl. I made a feed bunk or trough for the calves while they were away. I also helped carry the canned peaches to the cellar. Mr. Mellinger was at Mr. Megredy's. while the boys were there. Elinor washed and has worked in fruit all day. Henry, Cora, Harry Beekman and Bertha Elliott came out this A.M.

September 6, Sunday. 90 degrees At home all day. Johnnie Miller, wife, daughter Helen and two sons, and Aunt Georgia and John Jensen all came for an hour or so.

September 7, Monday. 90 degrees I moved the beans today. School was dismissed at noon on account being labor day. Charles drove mower and George the rake and I did some shocking. I quit about 4 as I had a bad headache. Bob came this evening for mower. Wes stopped awhile today. We moved the brooder house to the back yard from in front of the house this evening.

September 8, Tuesday. Elinor and I ran to town this A.M. Left Ruth at Clara's. We went out to Cora's awhile. Got Elinor a pair of shoes at Barkers at 2.95 and Dorothy a pair at Springfield Dry Goods at \$1.29. I stooked some beans after dinner. Went over to Louie's late to look at his calves.

September 9, Wednesday. A very hot day. I shock the balance of the beans today. Afternoon I painted the roof of the corn crib, cow shed and most of the hen house. Very tired tonight. Very hot day.

September 10, Thursday. Very hot. Elinor washed this morning. I finished my painting job. Finished painting roof of hen house, front porch and coal-house. Afternoon I worked on the fence on the west side of the middle pasture. Ruth was out with me. Bob came with the mower and went on to Louie's for my rake. Crane and Hefferine were here to see Bob. Bob brought the rake home this evening. Louie stopped this evening to say he would not send his calf to the yards by me but would get Skaggs and send a cow.

September 11, Friday. 96 degrees This day has been a scorcher. I repaired some fence this A.M. and hauled some stumps and filled a wash to keep the pigs in. After that I worked at cleaning the yards about the barn for the balance of the day and scattered the cleanings on the pasture. Mr. Smith, the Miller medicine man, stopped by the

evening. Charles and I put a bbl. of feed to soak east of the house for the pigs. The house is terribly warm tonight. No breeze stirring. Air is full of sounds of crickets, locusts and katydids.

September 12, Saturday. Hot. Not quite so hot today as yesterday. I worked at cleaning the feeding pens and yards and scattered it out on the pasture. Bob Southwick came over after dinner and I fixed his scythe. We hauled some wood up to the house this evening and helped sweep up the back yards.

September 13, Sunday. Has been fair and warm today but have had a breeze most of the time. Have been at home all day. Uncle Will, Aunt Nora, Frances and Carson stopped a few minutes late this evening.

September 14, Monday. Very warm. A very warm day. Wes came to cut corn. He cut 14 shocks. I cut 10. I did not work much before noon, only did 3 shocks. We had to hurry in on account of a heavy rain about 4 P.M. Thoroughly soaked.

September 15, Tuesday. Hot today as usual. Wes cut corn all day. Elinor and I went to town for groceries this afternoon. I got two balls of builder twine to tie the shocks with @ 11¢. Came to 1.10. Got Wes two cans of tobacco, 1 box of matches, total 30¢.

September 16, Wednesday. Very hot today. Wes and I cut corn all day. Mr. and Mrs. Meg. came out this afternoon. The boys and I tied some shock when they came from school.

September 17, Thursday. Very hot today. My clothes were thoroughly soaked all day. Wes and I spent the day cutting corn.

September 18, Friday. Cool. This forenoon was fine for cutting corn. A heavy dew and damp. We cut corn all day. I finished my row and I cut 58 shocks altogether. Wes just has 4 more to do to have 3 shock rows or 87. Quite cool tonight with a good breeze.

September 19, Saturday. A very pleasant day. We all went to Aunt Kit's. I hung her eaves trough and spouting on the barn. They have a Chevrolet 6 Coupe. Have just had it a few days. We stopped at Dr. Southwick's to have the children immunized for diphtheria? but as it was too late we arranged to go back tomorrow morning.

September 20, Sunday. We went to Dr. Southwick's this morning but he had been called unexpectedly to Glenarm so we arranged to go back tomorrow after school. We came home and spent the balance of the day at home. No one here.

September 21, Monday. Hot and windy. I started discing on the 8 acres across the road this morning. I worked until noon. Flies were terribly annoying to the horses. Old Barney was very much disturbed by them and would not walk, would buck and kick. I did a few odd jobs after dinner until the time to go to Chatham. We then went by depot and got our car repairs. After leaving Drs. residence we went by Mr. and Mrs. Megredy's. and picked some plums.

September 22, Tuesday. A very good day but warm. I spent most of the day discing across the road. George took the disc after school and Charles and I did some grinding. It looks rainy this evening. Elinor washed late this evening.

September 23, Wednesday. Rather warm and threatening rain today. We had a good rain during the night. The roads were quite muddy this morning. We took the children to school and on to Chatham to arrange with Dr. James to vaccinate our pigs. Then went to Mr. Megredy's. to finish picking the plums. As he wanted me to

change his hen roosts, I worked until 4 P.M. Also rehung the garage door which he tore off with the car. Stopped at Southwick's on the way home. Also went to Louie's to have them help me tomorrow with pigs.

September 24, Thursday. Dr. James came and vaccinated fifty shoats, one sow and the chester white boar. Cost \$23.00. After dinner I went to Chatham. Came home and repaired some fences. Bob S. and Wes came and helped us with the hogs. The pigs weighed 10½ lbs. each.

September 25, Friday. Cool. Elinor and I went to Springfield this morning. We got some groceries and one cwt. of sugar at \$5.09, one gallon dip @ .75. We called at Cora's. Rained while we were there, just fairly poured. But did not look as though it hardly sprinkled here at home. Mr. Meg., wife and maid were here. He bought 1½ bushels of timothy seed. We gave them a chicken for their supper as a passing car ran one down while they were here.

September 26, Saturday. Very cool. The boys and I went to Carty Colburn's sawmill at Loami for a load of lumber. It was a very disagreeable trip, so cold and windy coming from the Northwest. We walked over to Uncle Tom Hatcher's a few minutes. Got home about 3 o'clock P.M.

September 27, Sunday. Fine day. At home all day. No one here. I took the children to Dr. Southwick's to have their second treatment of serum.

September 27, Monday. Mild. A very nice day. I went to the mine at Springfield and brought home 46 bushels lump coal. Got back home at 11 A.M. Unloaded the coal and spent the balance of the day cleaning and spraying the hen houses. Mr. Meg. came out this morning. Elinor gave him a rooster. Bob S. came over and had me repair his pump and then came back and used mine to pump a tire.

September 29, Tuesday. Fire at Loami this morning. A very nice day. Wes came this morning and started working @ \$1.00 per day. He brought a hay frame load of manure from the Wallner's then helped me dip the hens and the nine pigs. After dinner he harrowed the eight acres and cleaned the stable. I hauled a bbl. of water down to the sows in the west pasture. I then gathered a lot of cockleburs. I then finished cleaning and spraying the hen houses and put up some roosts for the spotted gilt from east of the house to the pen by the shop. Elinor ironed.

September 30, Wednesday. Mild. I mowed the weeds north of the house, also the garden and the patch west of the scales and raked part of it before noon. I finished raking it after dinner and helped Wes scrape up the feeding pen for the pigs. Elinor and I then went to Springfield and got a few groceries and piston rings for the Ford \$1.80 for 12. Stopped at Louie's on the way home but they were away. Wes worked all day. He hauled out the scraping from the yard and also the lay or weeds.

October 1, Thursday. Mild. I seeded the potato patch and patch next to the scales to the rye this morning. Wes disced the same. I then picked about two and one half bushels of tomatoes. Wes went for the wheat drill to Southwick's. We worked on it until noon, getting in shape. Afternoon Wes seeded the wheat. Louie came and he and I worked on our Ford. Elinor canned tomatoes and is not feeling well either.

October 2, Friday. Fine day. Louie Wallner came today and helped me with the car. We finished about 4-P.M. The brake bands gave us considerable trouble. Wes finished seeding the wheat this A.M. and then hauled the oats home from Bob Southwick's granary. Elinor and the girls and me ran over to Loami this evening to get some jar lids of John Dodd. Took Aunt Sara a basket of tomatoes. Called at Carson Greenings to see about the dog. Loami looks bad where the fire swept the buildings. Mr. Meg. out today. White sow (smaller one) 13 pigs today 12 alive.

October 3, Saturday. Charles and I drove the sheep down to Chatham this morning to Mr. Megredy's. Wes and George went over to John Stout's for our five calves and the lamb which had gone astray. Came home rigged up the tractor, harnessed the team and picked 1½ bushels of tomatoes, also a chicken. Had dinner and spent the

afternoon grinding wheat, oats, corn and rye. Aunt Kit and Duffy came down awhile in their Chevy. First time they have had it to our house. Elinor and I took Wes to Springfield after supper. Southwick sow (white) had 10 pigs.

October 4, Sunday. Warm. A fine day. We went to Chatham and Dr. Southwick gave the children their third diphtheria treatment. Aunt Kit and Lloyd met us at Chatham. We then went to Auburn, Divernon, Pawnee, White Oak, Thosville, Glenarm then came by where the work is being done in clearing the Lake Bottoms.

October 5, Monday. Wes and I husked a load of corn this morning (26 bushels). Wes spent the balance of the day cutting brush along the fence opposite the house, around to the cemetery. I stretched a line wire in preparation to building a fence north of the house. Also, I built some pig troughs. Our stock well failed this evening for the first time since living here.

October 6, Tuesday. Warm. Wes finished cutting the brush near the cemetery by noon. We repaired the old spring well down in the pasture, re-laid the wall in mortar top 3 feet. Mr. and Mrs. Meg. came out. Looks rainy this evening. Ruth fell out of the wagon this afternoon and hurt herself quite badly.

October 7, Wednesday. Cool, showery. Threatened rain this A.M. Wes and I went over to Louie's to look at a pump. Came home and we all, including Elinor and Ruth, went down south of the school to see the Lake crew at their labors clearing the creek bottoms. Afternoon Wes and I worked at the spring. Put stone around the wall and also a fence. Elinor and I ran to the city for some groceries. Saw Charles and Dill at the A & P store on Adams. Much lightening and thunder tonight. Looks quite rainy. Found the big black sow, Man-eater, over in the timber with four pigs.

October 8, Thursday. Fair, cool. Wes and I sided the hedge at the west side of the pasture in preparation for wire. Finished it by noon. Afternoon we stretched a short piece of wire and found one roll of wire unfit for use. After that we tied about 60 shocks of corn and picked a patch of cockleburs on the way in. Has been cloudy all day.

October 9, Friday. Mild. I went to Jack Smith's this forenoon for a load of rye. The gross weight was 5270 lbs. Wes cut sprouts along the road north of the house. Mr. M. F. came out during the forenoon. Wes and I hauled in a load of brush during the afternoon. Elinor walked over to Mrs. Southwick's.

October 10, Saturday. Wes and I husked a load of corn this forenoon. 37 bushels. Bob S. came to borrow a log chain just as we finished. Afternoon we hauled out two loads of brush. Mr. and Mrs. Meg. came for an hour or so. Wind has been blowing all day. Think it will storm soon.

October 11, Sunday. We intended to go to Ralph Delong's today but as rain was falling during half the night and part of the forenoon we canceled the trip. Stayed at home all day. Roads quite greasy. Only one or two cars passed.

October 12, Monday. Wes and I started cleaning out the fence row from Louie's gate north around the corner and east. We also hauled out one load of brush before evening. Sprinkled rain part of the day, but we worked through.

October 13, Tuesday. Rain. Took children to school and then Elinor, Ruth and I went to Aunt Kit's. Found them in the field husking a load of corn. We intended to pick some pears and apples but the rain stopped us after picking three pails. Wes stayed here and went for the children in the evening. Roads good to Loami from here, all oiled within 80 rods of our house. Heavy rain during the night.

October 14, Wednesday. The children drove May and Lou to school to wagon. Wes and I walked down to the timber looking for some squirrels but saw none. We picked a few tomatoes before noon. After dinner we took two

sacks of corn, also a part sack of chopped rye and wheat to Mr. Megredy's. Buried a dead lamb (ewe) then went to a sale (Williamson) near Pauther creek mine. Everything cheap. Sky cleared today. No frost yet.

October 15, Thursday. Elinor, Ruth and I went to Hanson's for dinner today. Henry was just finishing Spaulding's garage. Wes finished hauling out the brush from across the road and husked a small load of corn after dinner.

October 16, Friday. I seeded some timothy and rye on land west of alfalfa. Wes disced it, finished by noon. Afternoon we ground a bunch of feed. Brought a tank from Mr. Dickey's to put the feed in. Finished grinding the last of 1930 crop. Bob S. brought over a sack or two of corn to grind.

October 17, Saturday. We all went to Aunt Kit's today to pick apples and pears. Wes went with us to Chatham and to Springfield on Inter-urban. Gave him a check for \$13.50 as payment for that many days of work.

October 18, Sunday. First frost. Quite cool this A.M. Had our first frost. We all went out to Wes' fathers place. Wes went with us. 13 or 14 miles northwest of Springfield.

October 19, Monday. Wes and I started husking corn today. Husked 34 rows. Dave Evans came this A.M. I sold him four cows at \$120.00. Mr. Meg. came out awhile. The Tremane boys also came to see Wes.

October 20, Tuesday. Wes and I went to Chatham and gave the sheep each a capsule for relief from worms. A sheet bit my finger quite badly through the nail. Wes and I picked apples until noon and Elinor and I went back afternoon and finished them. Got about eight bushels. Bought a bottle of turpentine @ 25¢ for the spotted gilt.

October 21, Wednesday. A fine day, quite warm for this time of year. I did not shuck corn today on account of my sore finger. Repaired the crib and prepared a place for apples in the wash house and built a chicken crate as we can take some roosters to town tomorrow. Wes husked corn all day. Was a bit short of 100 bushels today, just lacked 90 lbs. Elinor and I went to Springfield this evening as I wanted to get a pump but it was broken.

October 22, Thursday. The boys and I went to Chatham today. Tried to borrow an extension ladder. Dave Evans brought Mr. Joe Hall to look at the cow. Wes went with Dickeys to the Sangamon Co. corn husking contest held at Mr. Moores south of Chatham. A Mr. Copelin won by husking 1770 lbs. in 80 minutes.

October 23, Friday. Rather cloudy today but warm. Charles and I picked 12 bushels of apples at Southwick's on halves. Wes husked corn all day. Aunt Kit and Lloyd stopped awhile this afternoon as they had come to Chatham on an errand. Spotted Poland gilt died today. Sprinkled rain today.

October 24, Saturday. A very nice day. Quite warm for this time of year. Spent forenoon working about the place. Put two handles in shovels. Also a handle in a hammer. Helped the truck men load the four cows, the two (Hadgin) jerseys, the little Dickey heifer and the red and white one (Tiny). Also helped Wes unload his corn. Afternoon we all went to Chatham and Charles and I brought out sheep from Mr. Megredy's. Wes went to Springfield. I paid Mr. Milner 25.00 as I came by.

October 25, Sunday. A very nice day. We went to Ralph Delong's for the day. We traveled over the Waverly Auburn pavement for the first time. Also over the new pavement south from Waverly but found some gaps in it. The cement was not yet hardened near the Miller & Stice farms. We visited the old place where we used to live.

October 26, Monday. Very mild today. In fact, it would have been warm had it not been cloudy and breezy. Wes and I shucked corn all day. I shucked 61 bushels and Wes 69. This is wonderful weather. Mr. Meg. came out today.

October 27, Tuesday. Husked corn all day.

October 28, Wednesday. Wes and I husked corn all day but it was very windy and dry which made husking very mean. The ears would not drop off quite easily. We quite rather early and Wes went to Bob's for a jug of cider.

October 29, Thursday. Rain. Cloudy until noon. Afternoon it started raining a rather heavy drizzle and kept at it until night. Wes and I husked corn during forenoon and made one round afternoon. And then worked on the corn crib for the balance of the afternoon. Have only four rows left south of the house and seventy in the west field.

October 30, Friday. Cool today, rained during the night. We decided it was too wet for husking before noon so Elinor and I, also the girls, took 20 chickens to Springfield. Sold Clara two and Cora one. Afternoon we both husked corn. Mr. Meg. stopped at the end of the field. Bob S. came to bring the waling plow home and got an old scoop board. As he thinks of starting husking some time. Mr. Inslee left two bags of poultry mash this evening.

October 31, Saturday. Cool today. Sprinkled early this A.M. Wes shucked corn this forenoon while I prepared the crib in the driveway of the double crib. We all husked this afternoon. The boys helped me get my load 35 bushels 20 lbs.

November 1, Sunday. Mr. Meg. came out this A.M. for chicken feed and wanted us to come down for dinner. So, we went and spent the day. A Mr. Job Canham was there for dinner.

November 2, Monday. I husked corn all day.

November 3, Tuesday. I husked corn all day. It was quite warm. Elinor helped me this afternoon. We husked 12 rows. I took two and she one. We were late but we finished all the long rows.

November 4, Wednesday. A fine mild day. I prepared a bin for the beans, which we expected to get today from Mr. Axline but he did not thrash them. Mr. Megredy came out to say we would not get the beans today. I then husked out 5 or 6 point rows south of the house which were not very long. After dinner Elinor and I went to Wallner's as I wanted to see about getting some steel posts. Came home and scattered 68 posts along a proposed fence line between shock corn and stalk field.

November 5, Thursday. We went to Aunt Kit's today. I helped Lloyd shuck corn. I found his field very badly infested with burrs. Worst I ever saw. Elinor bought some wallpaper at Bakers store-quite a lot @ \$1.00.

November 6, Friday. Quite cold this A.M. The mercury was at 24 degrees which has been our coldest morning. The creek had a thin sheet of ice on it. I went to Knotts farm this A.M. to see about bean thrashing. Went on to Chatham then home and dug post holes before and after dinner. Took the black sow to Jones' this evening. The lake men are working near the covered bridge on the south. Letter from Father today containing a check for wheat \$34.25.

November 7, Saturday. A fine day. Wes helped me today. We hauled two loads of beans from Mr. Axeline's farm. A total of 109 bushels and 30 lbs. @ 30¢. After dinner Wes and I went to Mr. Jones' on Cliff McGuinnis farm for the black sow. After that we went to Springfield, meaning Elinor and myself. Gave Mr. Megredy a wheat pool check today of \$34.00.

November 8, Sunday. A fine mild day. Uncle Will and Aunt Nora Carson and Frances came and spent the day with us. Myrtle, Frank, and Jr. stopped awhile. They were out riding with Mr. and Mrs. Osberger and their son. In a Buick 6.

November 9, Monday. A very nice day, quite warm. But a sad day for the Wallner family. Mrs. Louie Wallner became sick yesterday and grew much worse during the night and passed away at 4-20 P.M. this afternoon. Elinor was there half the night and part of today.

November 10, Tuesday. Very damp today and rained some but not enough to be muddy. I did Louie's milking this A.M. Afterwards I finished digging post holes and set most of the posts of fence between the shock corn and the stalk field. It was cooler today.

November 11, Wednesday. Worked on the Ford this morning after doing the chores. Afternoon Elinor and I went to Springfield, left Ruth at Cora's. We got some flowers for the Wallner family. I took the flowers to Mr. Wallner this evening, rode with Mr. and Mrs. Klein, the Lutheran minister. Very stormy this afternoon. Has rained quite a lot. Am afraid it will be stormy tomorrow for the funeral. Elinor and I are going to Mr. Wallner's to sit up tonight. Elinor sat up last night.

November 12, Thursday. This has been a very nice day and I am so glad it was on account of the funeral which was held this afternoon. A very large attendance. I was one of the pallbearers. Mr. Runge took our family to Mr. Wallner's and then to Chatham and home after the funeral. We certainly appreciated the kindness.

November 13, Friday. A fine day but mild and cloudy. I worked on the fence all day, finishing it at dusk. We put horses and cows in the stalk field this evening. Mr. Meg. stopped and talked awhile at the south road this A.M. Elinor helped me this afternoon which was quite a help as she drove the horses for me. Wes came this evening in Bob's car to get Barney's harness repaired. The Emma Jettick blimp passed over today.

November 14, Saturday. Wes helped us grind feed today. Put wagon box in barn and filled it with ground feed.

November 15, Sunday. A beautiful day. We were at home all day.

November 16, Monday. Rain. Elinor washed this morning. The boys and I went over to Bob Southwick's and brought home our estrayed ram. I then repaired the fence so he could return. Afternoon we went to Bertha's below Girard. Stopped at Mr. Wallaces when coming through Virden but they were not at home. As we neared Auburn we stopped a few minutes at Thos. Cummings' house. He was in the field but his wife was at home. After getting back home the twins and I ran to Cora's for Ruth.

November 17, Tuesday. Elinor and I went over and watched the Lake crew blow out some stumps this forenoon. Showers today. I repaired some fence around the alfalfa field.

November 18, Wednesday. A fine day. I brought Louie's male hog over this morning. I then repaired and greased Barney's and May's harnesses. Afternoon I helped Elinor fit linoleum and rug on the dining room. Dug a hole to bury an ewe in this evening. Has been some heavy blasting through out the day where they are blowing out trees and stumps in clearing for Lake Springfield.

November 19, Thursday. Has been a very good day. Rather cloudy. I started plowing this morning on the stubble but as the plow was slow at scouring in the moist earth, I got little done before noon. But everything went better after noon. Old Lou became so tired so I took her over and exchanged her for Barney. Threatening rain this evening.

November 20, Friday. A very windy day and has rained at intervals. Roads very muddy as we had a heavy rain through out the night. I took the children to school. Also went after them. Bob and Wes were here awhile as I was sorting over the apples. Bob brought me some shoat rings from Chatham. Heavy wind now at 8-30 P.M.

November 21, Saturday. Warm. The boys and I put rings in the pigs' noses, also weighed them. They averaged 170½ lbs. each. The hampshires alone average 165. The chester whites alone averaged 178. We also cut a hickory tree in sections and brought it to the wood pile.

November 22, Sunday. Mild and cloudy today. We were at home all day. Aunt Kit and Lloyd came this afternoon.

November 23, Monday. Quite warm today. Mr. George Inslee stopped this A.M. and as he went on to Mr. Drennan's farm he took our children to school. I plowed 14 rounds this A.M. Afternoon we took the ducks to Springfield and Elinor had a tooth pulled at the White Dental Parlors. Temperature was very warm in the stores. Papers say a snow storm is passing down the Rockies. Probably colder here in a day or two.

November 24, Tuesday. Colder. Some rain during the night. Today was cold and cloudy, growing colder toward evening. I made a feed rack for the calves this morning and hauled a load of beans. Also helped Elinor with wash water and the machine. After dinner I plowed stubble with Barney, Nick and Nelly on the sulky plow. Tried to shoot a cock pheasant but he was to cunning for me.

November 25, Wednesday. Cold. The mercury was 24 degrees above 0 this morning. Was quite cold. The ground did not thaw on the north side of the barn and the ice did not thaw out of the water troughs. Is really the coldest day we have had this fall. I plowed all day. We butchered a wether lamb this evening. I picked a drake for Elinor this noon. The mercury is at 28 degrees now at 8-30 P.M. Will be colder tonight than last night.

November 26, Thursday. 28 degrees I plowed during the forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. Megredy came out for dinner. Started snowing about 1 or 2 P.M. The ground was covered by dark.

November 27, Friday. 28 degrees above 0. Snow. We got out this A.M. with about five inches of snow on. Got a letter from W. R. Mathis A.M. at 488, 20th St. Oakland, Cal. I went to Chatham during the afternoon, brought home a roll of fence from Mr. Megredy's, also a bbl. salt from the elevator. A Miss Hamilton traveling for the Ill. State Journal stopped this A.M. When leaving she became stalled in mud. I pulled her car out with team.

November 28, Saturday. Cloudy. I went to Chatham for a load of cobs this A.M. After returning the boys and I hauled up a load of wood and sawed some for stoves. Elinor and I walked down to the flats in the Mrs. Lewis land where the Lake men had been dynamiting huge stumps. Hauled in some bean hay for the calves, also some corn out to the pigs.

November 29, Sunday. Damp cloudy. A rather dreary day. At home all day and as roads are very muddy no one has passed the house. At 20 min. of three this morning we heard a car out in front. Some one had driven north to our gate and turned back south. Has drizzled rain since about noon.

November 30, Monday. I spent entire day sawing wood by hand. Elinor washed.

December 1, Tuesday. Among other jobs today, I plowed the garden.

December 2, Wednesday. A fine warm day. I sawed some wood this morning. Aunt Kit, Aunt Nora and Lloyd came this A.M. and stayed for dinner. After noon I went over and helped Bob S. butcher a pig. Lloyd and I walked down in the Lewis land at noon where they were blasting stumps for the Lake.

December 3, Thursday. After doing chores Elinor and I went to Springfield. Took a calf in for Bob Southwick. Called at Cora's a few minutes. Henry had just finished a 32 day job of repairing an hotel. I plowed the two potato patches finishing at dark.

December 4, Friday. Rather cloudy today. Some rain during last night. I did chores and sorted hogs before noon. Took the 24 Sept. pigs from their mother. Wes and Clyde came over after noon to file Bob's saw. Elinor and I went to Chatham. I went to the bank also got 5 gal. cyl. oil for tractor and 5 for Ford and 5 gal. lamp gas. We stopped awhile at Mr. Megredy's. Road very muddy to the south corner but from there on the oil is fine.

December 5, Saturday. Temp. about 40 degrees. A mild, cloudy day. The boys and I crushed a bunch of ear corn and oats today. Also hauled enough corn out on the pasture to last the hogs for two days as the yards are too muddy to feed them about the cribs. The boys and I went to Mr. Mellingers this afternoon and bought an old corn sheller off him for 50 cents. Wes brought the old mares home this evening to run until Monday. Looks a bit like snow this eve.

December 6, Sunday. Mild, cloudy. We were at home all day. No one came. The boys went to Wallner's this eve to see if Louie is stacking beans tomorrow but he is not. Wes came for his team and took them back to Bob's. I went to Bob's for his surplus milk for the pigs. As they have no pigs at present. Several cars passed today.

December 7, Monday. A rather cool day today. I noticed it more as I was riding the sulky plow on the oat stubble field. The Wallner children stayed with Elinor today while their father and grandmother went to Springfield. Our children went to school. George celebrated his 12th birthday. He had a cake. Mr. and Mrs. Megredy came out awhile afternoon. Colder tonight.

December 8, Tuesday. Rather cold and cloudy today. I worked about the buildings most of day. I first cleaned the driveway in the corn crib and put in bedding for the fat hogs. I cleaned the box stall and bedded that. Cleaned the horse stable and bedded it, scattering manure on the bean ground east of the road. Also hauled up three loads of wood and cut enough for a day or two. Think it will storm tonight as a mist was falling when we came in. Nelly is off her usual good state of health.

December 9, Wednesday. Light snow on this A.M. Quite muddy. I worked on the corn sheller most of the day. Bob and Wes came for the ram.

December 10, Thursday. Mild, cloudy. A very dreary day. I finished the corn sheller this morning and shelled 4 or 5 bushels of corn. Afternoon I fitted a handle in an axe for Bob S. Mr. Dickey also came awhile. I unrolled 20 rods of fence.

December 11, Friday. Warm. A fine day, quite spring-like. After doing chores this A.M. I hauled in a load of beans and put them in the calves feed bunk. Then fed the horses and harnessed Barney. Had an early dinner then made 13 rounds with the plow. I then hitched to stone boat and hauled two loads of flat stones for a path to the cow barn. Also placed a big concrete slag at cow barn door. Then had to saw off bottom of door, then hauled a load of corn out to hogs, then chores.

December 12, Saturday. Mild. A very good day. Charles plowed this forenoon while George and I built a fence from the barn east across grass. I then sawed some wood until dinner time. Aunt Kit and Lloyd came this afternoon. As they had been to see Dr. as Lloyd is taking cold shots. Melvin Workman stopped here about noon selling Rawleigh's products. A little cooler this evening.

December 13, Sunday. Cloudy. The day started out fairly good but grew cloudier until at evening it rained quite a shower. No one here except Wes, as he came for the team he is using to husk corn at Bob's with.

December 14, Monday. Cooler. 26 degrees Turned colder during the night and snowed some. After doing the chores Elinor and I went to town for some groceries. Stopped at Cora's and Clara's awhile. Had to go around the Woodside road as it was soft in the bottom across the creek. Is cool out tonight. The mud will freeze quite a bit.

December 15, Tuesday. Bob and I walked down to the creek bottoms where the lake crew were working. We were unable to see Anderson or Clark so we decided to go back again tomorrow. I took some shelled corn and straw to Mr. Megredy this afternoon. The road is very muddy south of the place.

December 16, Wednesday. Bob and I went down to see the bosses on the lake work about getting out some wood. They told us we could have all we wanted. We hauled two loads before noon and about 5 or 6 after noon.

December 17, Thursday. Warm. A fine day but quite frosty this morning. Bob S. and I hauled out 15 loads today of wood from the flat down in the Lewis timber. Dr. Southwick and Slivka the land buyer for the lake were here today to see Bob.

December 18, Friday. Mild, warm. A very nice warm day. I worked over in timber hauling out wood and logs from the bottoms where the lake crew are working. They cut the big sycamore this forenoon.

December 19, Saturday. Very warm. A very spring like day. I hauled two big loads of dry walnut wood in from the lake work. The boys and I saw the lake crew blast out a large sycamore tree. Afternoon I went with Elinor and the children down to watch the large tractor pull falling trees out of the creek. Also went over and snapped some pictures of trees in Shepherd's flat, north of our pasture. I hauled a load of beans for the calves, a load of corn for the hogs, and then cut some wood for Sunday. Mrs. Dickey quite sick.

December 20, Sunday. Very damp. I spent the day drawing logs out of the Shepherd land. As they want to start them tomorrow.

December 21, Monday. Very foggy. Fairly heavy rain last night. I walked down to where the lake men were at work but found it too slippery to draw out logs. Elinor, Ruth and I went to Springfield by way of Chatham. Went to Cora's and stopped at Clara's a few minutes. The lake men accidentally fell a tree on the lick creek bridge north of our house this afternoon and caused it to fall. Bob Southwick finished husking corn today. Very heavy misty fog today. Cars ran with lights on.

December 22, Tuesday. Warm. A very nice day. Elinor and I walked down and snapped a picture of the wrecked bridge. After that Elinor went to Mrs. Dickey's and helped Lois until noon. I filed my cross cut saw and sawed some wood. After dinner I dragged out logs with three horses from the Shepherd timber.

December 23, Wednesday. Mild. I started to haul logs from the Shepherd land but a man who was also hauling out props but could not get out in the field with his truck hired me to move 300 props to the road. I hauled some logs afterwards. Clara, Cora and Lewis came out awhile. Two men dismantled the bridge today. Louie cut some wood in the Shepherd land.

December 24, Thursday. Fair. Has been a very good day but some cooler toward evening with a west wind. I hauled out logs this forenoon from the Shepherd land. After dinner I hauled out a load of beans to calves and then loaded the wagon with corn for the hogs then fixed the gates between our land and Shepherd land. Also cut some wood. The children had a dinner at school today and received a nice treat from the teacher Mrs. Watt. Looks as though we will not have any snow this X-mas.

December 25, Friday. No snow. Mild. A mild spring like day. We went to Mrs. Megredy's for the day. Roads are in good shape.

December 26, Saturday. Warm. I sawed some wood this A.M. Mr. Megredy came out and looked the logs over in the creek bottoms. After he left the boys and I sprayed the little pigs and weighed them and then sprayed and

weighed the fat hogs. The 24 little pigs weighed 1000 lbs. The fat hogs weighed 212 lbs. each. I put four gilts out with the white boar east of the house.

December 27, Sunday. We were at home all day. Uncle Will came this afternoon awhile. Has been quite cloudy all day. Has sprinkled occasionally. Think it will rain during the night.

December 28, Monday. Fair. The boys and I spent the day grinding feed. William Dickey came during the afternoon.

December 29, Tuesday. Fair. Today has been fair but an east winds which is colder than usual and I think will bring us a snow or rain. I cleaned the stable this morning and scattered the manure. Charles and I then dismantled the crib in gangway of double crib and put windbreak at the west end. After dinner we hauled two loads of saw dust from where the saw mill was in Lewis timber. Mr. Dickey hauled wood from the Shepherd flat today. Bob and Wes came over this evening awhile.

December 30, Wednesday. Misty and cloudy. A very cloudy day. Rained during the night and quite a rain fell early this A.M. Barnyards very muddy. I put a new handle in one axe and wrapped the other one. Also ground both of them this forenoon. After- noon we hauled in two shocks of corn for the hogs and then cut a load of wood over in the Lewis timber. Looks very rainy this evening. Also very dark. Not cold enough to freeze any.

December 31, Thursday. Rainy. This has been a rainy day as rain fell most of forenoon. After doing the chores the boys and I built some shelves in the cellar. We then hauled a load of beans in for the calves and then a load of corn out to fat hogs. Mr. Dickey brought down a lamb which I dressed for him. We then swung some doors at the east end of the crib driveway. Afterward cutting some wood. Then went over to Southwick's and while there I picked round apples from the trees in their orchard. Went back to Southwick's after supper to arrange for a trip tomorrow to New City for a buzz saw.