

Tommy Miller Diary  
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January 1, Wednesday. Mercury above freezing point. Rain fell most all day. We intended to finish husking corn today had the day been fit. I paid Dave (Reavis) and he went to Chatham. I tried to prune some trees but found it too cold. This rain has caused most of our snow to ice.

January 2, Thursday. Just cold enough this A.M. to cause formation of ice. Very muddy but the sun has shone most all day. The Goddard Brothers husked two loads of corn today. The boys and I worked the crib this forenoon making room for more corn. After dinner Elinor, the girls and I went to Springfield. Had to have a horse pull us across the creek flat. We bought the twins a pair each of shoes, also a pair each of overshoes. We went out to the lake a little while and Dorothy stayed in. Henry is feeling better now. Had started a building for Harry Beekman.

January 3, Friday. Mercury at 20 degrees above zero this A.M. The ground frozen quite hard. I did chores and sent Charles over to Bob Southwick's to tell him I would take his pigs in to yards. So, after breakfast we took the team over and did the pigs in wagon and hauled them over to the oiled road and reloaded in the truck. Had no bother from there on. Stopped at Goreys and left Arabelle's shoes to be exchanged for a size larger pair. Then to A & P grocery and home. After dinner the boys and I went over to Bob's and got a Tamworth pig to butcher. Brought him home, he weighed 275 lbs. @ 9.00 per cwt, making him worth \$24.75 less \$3.00 for trip leaves \$21.75. Elinor did a big washing today. The day was fair and remained cold.

January 4, Saturday. A bit colder today than yesterday although the ground was thawed enough to become quite greasy. Did chores and hauled four shocks of corn this A.M. Afternoon I went out to husk some corn, Elinor went along but it became so soft was damaging the rye which is seeded in corn. We did not complete the load. I then hauled a load of straw for the straw and then trimmed the big trees east of the house. Fred Goddard and Brother stopped a few minutes for a check for the corn husking this A.M. Charles and George walked over to Mr. Southwick's to bring home the pig. I got him yesterday. He got out and went home. Had a letter from Father at Indus. today. They are having fine weather there at present.

January 5, Sunday. A fine day, the ground was frozen this morning but thawed enough during mid day to make it greasy on the surface. Elinor led "Old Low" this A.M. to stone boat for shock corn while I scattered corn for the stock. I let her stand down near the timber and we walked near creek and looked at the scenery awhile. I have been at home all day. One car passed about 5 o'clock but traveling quite slowly. A light cool breeze has been blowing since about noon.

January 6, Monday. Rather mild and cloudy this forenoon. Roads are quite muddy. Afternoon I went to the Trumbo sale held on the Old Trumbo farm. The sale went very well but consisted of a very poor (quality) of stock and machinery. It started drizzling rain about two o'clock. Rained real hard about 6 to 7-30 P.M. and turning colder.

January 7, Tuesday. Mercury at 20 degrees above zero this A.M. Very much colder. Everything coated with ice. After chores I went over to Louie Wallner's and helped him prepare for butchering tomorrow. I then came home and went to Chatham, taking with me about ½ bushel of parsnips to Mr. Megredy's, a can of lard to Fred Danner's which I sold Dave Reavis. I stopped at Mr. Megredy's and had dinner then to Goreys store then to the elevator and purchased a bbl. salt @ 3.00 and came home. Dave Reavis was here, asked me to bring him some gloves from Goreys. He is husking for Mr. Dickey. It has remained cold all day. The coat of ice did not melt away. Roads are very bad for horses and are likely to be worse before they are better.

January 8, Wednesday. Snowed and sleeted during the night to the depth of about an inch. Very slick under foot. Mercury at 20 degrees above zero this A.M. at 5 o'clock. No wind at that hour but a cold northwest wind blew

some during the day which made it very hard on ones hands while butchering. Elinor and I took a pig and went over and helped Louie Wallner butcher today. Mr. Runge, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Schrull, Bob Southwick and myself helped including Louie. Louie butchered five hogs. It was cold work. But the longest day has its end.

January 9, Thursday. It rained during the night and froze which made it very slippery out this morning. I had intended making an early start to the mine for coal but gave up the trip as it was dangerous to take horses out. Arabelle and Mildred had great difficulty in keeping on their feet in going to school. But about 8-30 A.M. it began a light granular snow and covered ice about ½ inch which made it possible for the horses to walk with ease so I put the wagon on bob sleigh and left at 10-20 A.M. and back at 12-40, with 29 bushels. Roads were fine for sleighing. After having dinner I went to Dickey's to phone Mr. Megredy. Then came back, unloaded coal and fed stock some shock corn and hauled a load of beans. Bob Southwick came over to say he had given up notion of going to mine tomorrow for coal, as a load was delivered to him by truck when he had not expected. Which will give me the use of the sled for hauling a big sow to Chatham. Snow fell quite heavily from one o'clock to about 2-P.M. Very cold north wind tonight. Ruth has not felt well today. Two little Wallner children stopped a minute and left us some sausage. Mercury at 18 degrees above at 8-P.M.

January 10, Friday. Mercury 8 degrees above zero this A.M. and a cold wind. Dave Reavis came this A.M. from Mr. Dickey's where is not husking to help me load a hog (large sow) which he is buying for his brother-in-law hitched to sled and took her to Chatham. Called at Mr. Megredy's and left a bale of clover leaf and a basket of meat. Bob Southwick went with me and we stopped at Rohrer's on the way home and loaded a boar and brought him to Bob's place. I came home and ate dinner. Louie Wallner came a few minutes to tell us he was through with the kettle. I then went to Springfield mine for coal, on the way out sled broke down. Came to Mr. Murray's, borrowed a wagon, loaded on most of the coal, brought it home, and returned wagon, was then dark. Came home, did chores. Very tired. Threatening rain.

January 11, Saturday. Mercury about 20 above zero this A.M. The boys and I went with two teams for the balance of load of coal and the broken sled. After dinner I brought a large kettle from Louie Wallner's intending to render lard this afternoon. But owing to the rain since about 2 o'clock gave up rendering lard. We went out and put the wagons in the machine shed and hauled two shocks of corn. Is very slick out. The mercury is almost at freezing point if turns cold will be very slick, in fact it will be dangerous on both people and animals. The boys and I had to change all our clothing after finishing evening chores as we were very wet. The wind is blowing some now at 9-P.M.

January 12, Sunday. At home all day. Owing to rain yesterday I rendered a kettle of lard this A.M. The children went over to Mr. Wallner's awhile this afternoon and were forced to return in the rain. Looks as though would rain all night.

January 13, Monday. I walked over to Bob Southwick's after breakfast. He is going to a sale near New City with me tomorrow if weather permits. Elinor and I went to Springfield and Bob went with us as he had some cream and eggs to dispose of. And it was well he did as we needed him to get over the hill. Elinor drove and he and I pushed. Left Ruth at Clara's, went to Cora's for Dorothy. Stopped at Dr. Owens for medicine for Ruth to dispel worms. The roads are getting quite soft as it has been warm enough to thaw some all day. There was a car having difficulty north of our house at dark. Left our clock at Stouts to be repaired today. At 9-30 P.M. it is raining.

January 14, Tuesday. Mercury about the freezing point this morning. I did chores early and took the children to school as I went by school on way to Hadgin's sale south of New City. Bob Southwick went with me. It has been a very disagreeable day and cold west wind all day. Everything is fairly well. Cows not as high as a few months ago. I bought two jersey heifers at \$41.00 per head. The wind is stronger and colder this evening. Mercury at 20 degrees above zero all day.

January 15, Wednesday. Mercury 8 degrees above zero and a very cold raw day with a strong wind. I went to the Hadgin farm 2½ miles south of New City with a team and wagon, brought the two jersey heifers home. It certainly was a cold trip and as roads were frozen and icy made it very hard on horses, especially unshod as mine were. I left over there at 11-50 and arrived home at 2-20. Bob Southwick came over to look at the heifers. The weather grew colder toward evening.

January 16, Thursday. Mercury about 3 degrees above zero this morning. This day has been exceptionally cold. I worked about the stable and yards all day. Hauled shock corn and beans and reinforced the pump platform and stock well to keep pump from freezing. Also rechecked the water tank where the horses had eaten straw and did other jobs. The children walked to school as usual although it is very slippery. Arabelle and Mildred both fell yesterday and skinned their knees. Arabelle's new yellow shoes came today by mail from Mr. Gorey's. Mercury 4 degrees above zero at 9-P.M.

January 17, Friday. About an inch or two of snow at day break and started snowing again about 9-A.M. and continued snowing most of the day. I hitched four horses and drew a log to the saw mill. It was a cold day to be out. I did not realize the wind was so cold or would likely have stayed nearer home. I returned about 1-30 P.M. and enjoyed a good hot dinner which was awaiting me. Elinor went down to the timber with me and helped load the log or swing it rather to back axle. It grew colder during the late afternoon. The mercury stood at 6 degrees below zero at 5 P.M., was 16 degrees below at 8-P.M. and 20 below at 10-30 P.M. It is hard to keep the house warm as doors fit so badly.

January 18, Saturday. Mercury 20 degrees below zero this A.M. at sunrise. This has been the coldest day we experienced in Illinois in the past year but I will not say it has been the most disagreeable day. There is about 3 or 4 inches of snow on at present and it drifted slightly last evening about 8-30 or so. The stock which were mostly in the stable did pass the night very pleasantly. I had some trouble getting the pump in the barn well thawed out but by use of hot water succeeded. I talked with Louie Wallner today as he came past with his mail. It is not nearly so cold this evening. Mercury about 6 below. I think this cold spell will be of short duration.

January 19, Sunday. This has been a fine day. The mercury was up about 20 during the day. We have been at home all day. There have been four or five cars passed, the roads are in good shape for traveling at present. The mercury was at 17 above zero after sun down. Elinor went down with me while doing the chores.

January 20, Monday. This day has not been cold although there was no thawing. It began snowing shortly after noon and snowing yet at 8-P.M. I looked after the motor on the Maytag and carried the water and Elinor washed a large washing. After the washing I hauled in two loads of fodder and shucked off some shock corn. Louie Wallner came over for his cross cut saw as he had left it here when cutting a bee tree.

January 21, Tuesday. This day started out much warmer than the latter part proved to be. We did think of going to Springfield today but the car was too cold to start without horses. It snowed most all afternoon, heavier after sun set. I trimmed up some brush in front of the house, and clipped the limbs into stove length.

January 22, Wednesday. The mercury is now 2 degrees below zero this A.M. It was quite cold all day. The children did not go to school. I did no work besides the chores except make a hand \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen. This has been an extremely cold week for Illinois.

January 23, Thursday. Mercury 10 degrees below zero at sunrise. Was quite cold all day. I drove over east of Toronto to a sale held by a Mrs. Skinner. I went with intentions of buying a cow but found them very poor in quality. I purchased a drum containing about 10 gallons of cyl. oil \$1.70 also a house tank for coal oil and a copper kettle. I met Vern Dragoo, the Auctioneer, for the first time in over 25 years. I came home and hauled out a load of beans and shock corn.

January 24, Friday. Mercury 5 degrees above zero and I believe it would have been a much warmer day had it not been so windy from the west. I had difficulty in getting the car started and had to use horses and Louie Wallner came along for his mail and helped me by driving the team. We went by Chatham. I stopped at the bank and ordered my car license then on to Springfield for some groceries then home. Not so cold tonight as at day light and I think the next few days will be a warmer period. Papers state the past ten days have been the coldest period in twenty-five years.

January 25, Saturday. Mercury 5 degrees above zero this morning and about 20 degrees above at sun down. I have spent the day husking shock corn. The boys hauled the fodder in this afternoon. This has been a fine warm day. There was hardly a cloud in the sky but a cool west wind most of the day. There were many planes flying about.

January 26, Sunday. Rather cloudy today, mercury almost reached the freezing point 32 degrees. Did not thaw any. Dave Reavis stopped a few minutes. I rode to Mr. Dickey's with him. After dinner I went to Chatham to see the Wright Brothers as I want them to take two cows to the stock yards tomorrow. I stopped at Mr. Megredy's awhile. Mrs. Ingels was there.

January 27, Monday. The Wright Brothers came for the cows this morning (May and Nig) and took them to the stock yards. Elinor and I then got ready, and just at that time Acton and Jones stopped to look at the live stock. We then drove in and had dinner with the Hanson's and drove out to the Stockyards for the check for the cows. \$157.17. Then we got our groceries and came home.

January 28, Tuesday. Mercury at zero today or I should say a while before sunrise. It did not get warm enough to thaw any. I went to Mr. Snell's sale between Auburn and Chatham. I purchased a roan heifer @ \$72.00. Mr. Wrights trucked her home for me. Mr. Hohimer rode home with me. I stopped at Mr. Megredy's awhile on the way to the sale this morning. The mercury was 6 above zero at dark. I saw Ern and Lloyd at the sale today.

January 29, Wednesday. I went to Chatham and brought Mr. F. Megredy out to Charles Vaughn's sale. We did not stay long at the sale. I brought him on over by the place to see the live stock. Was a fine day today.

January 30, Thursday. Helped Mr. Dickey butcher.

January 31, Friday. Elinor, Ruth, Dorothy and I went to Mr. Megredy's today. He and I then started to Prentice which is north of Alexander on a hard road to Beardstown. But as we were in the edge of Springfield a back axle broke letting a wheel off. We spent the next 4 hours in the repair shop, afterward returning home. Thawed quite a bit today.

February 1, Saturday. This has been a very good day. Thawed some. The boys and I went to Springfield for some groceries and the boys a new pair of shoes each. Elinor had one of Mr. Dickey's daughters help her today as she is expecting Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Coonfer on Monday. I husked shock corn during the afternoon.

February 2, Sunday. Ground hog's day and he will see his shadow as the sun has been shining and water from melting snow running everywhere, but snow is not all away yet. Malford and Mr. Bradley came out awhile this forenoon.

February 3, Monday. A fine day, warm, thawed all day. I went to Chatham by way of school this A.M. and took the children to school. Also took Dorothy and Ruth to Chatham with me. I attended to some business at the bank and went by blacksmith shop and got a pair of shares which I ordered last summer. Called at Mr. Megredy's to see how they were. Took his mail along. Came home and helped Elinor during the day. Then about 5-30 the boys and I went to Chatham and met Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Coonfer and sister. They were on their return from Kansas to Chicago. Traveling in a Chrysler 75. They were tired from continuous driving for the past 48 hours. We had

supper and Mrs. Frudy then went to see Mr. and Mrs. Coonfer and Elinor and myself sat and talked until after 11 o'clock. Roads are quite greasy.

February 4, Tuesday. We were late getting up this morning owing to retiring late last evening. The twins went to school, but the boys stayed to play with Russell. We visited until noon and then Mr. and Mrs. Coonfer and her sister departed for Chicago. The boys and I went across the creek as they did to pull them up the hill if needed. But they went over with no trouble. After dinner I cleaned out the box stall and hauled a load of straw and put it in. We then put the roan cow in for the night.

February 5, Wednesday. The mercury was above the freezing point until after sun up this morning and then turned colder. I helped Elinor with the washing today and also cleaned the hen house and put in clean straw. Also cleaned the horse stable and put in clean straw. Our roan cow (Snell cow) had a nice heifer calf this morning when we went to the stable. It looked like rain or show all day. Was quite foggy at times. Mercury was at 32 degrees in afternoon.

February 6, Thursday. A mild day. Thawed quite a bit, became quite muddy. I helped Elinor start the washing machine as she washed some bed clothing. I then went out and husked eight rows of corn. Elinor helped me and we got 12 rows in the afternoon. Bob Southwick came over and husked out five shocks of corn today and took a load of fodder home with him. We got a nice long letter from Mrs. Hiatt today. The roads are getting bad, a car passed after dark- was having a pull.

February 7, Friday. It thawed today and became quite muddy. I husked corn all day. Bob Southwick came and husked 4 shocks of corn. Then he came back in the afternoon and helped me awhile so that I could take his Durac sow to the yards tomorrow. I got out two good loads today.

February 8, Saturday. Mercury at 20 degrees above zero this A.M. I took Bob's old sow to the yards today. She weighed 620 and brought 8¢. We had no trouble going over the hill as it was frozen when going in. Bought some groceries and came out. Afternoon the boys and I husked and fed shock corn. Talked with Louie awhile as he passed on his way to Chatham. A cold chilling wind from the south this evening.

February 9, Sunday. A partly cloudy day. Sun tried to shine at times. Mercury at about 38 above zero at A.M. We prepared for Uncle Will and Aunt Nora today but they did not come. Guess they were afraid it would be muddy across the creek. After dinner we went over to Mr. Wallner's for awhile. The mercury was at about the freezing point at sun down. A chilly wind has been coming from the west all day.

February 10, Monday. Mercury at 32 degrees above zero at 5-30 A.M. We took the children to school and went on to Chatham. Elinor stayed at Mrs. Megredy's. Mr. M.F. and I went to Prentice, stopping at the Sangamo stock farm operated by Mr. George Horn. We looked his shorthorn herd over. Then after much tire trouble we arrived at Mr. Adkin's place and looked his herd over but bought nothing. We came back by the Beardstown route to Springfield arriving at Mr. Megredy's residence about 3-30 or 4 P.M. and had dinner. The dirty roads were better today than yesterday.

February 11, Tuesday. I husked corn all day. Elinor went out and helped me in the afternoon. Bob Southwick came over and sharpened his axe on my grindstone. Very! Very! muddy in the field today.

February 12, Wednesday. Very cloudy before noon. Looked as though it would start raining any time. I husked corn this morning and started to Bob Southwick's with a load but owing to mud I left the load by the road side. I husked shock corn this afternoon. The fields are very muddy. A person can hardly extract their feet once they step in the mud. Elinor became stuck in the mud near the back porch and fell over and got her hands and knees muddy and also her good disposition.



February 13, Thursday. Quite warm today. I shucked shock corn all day. Louie Wallner came over while I was at dinner, he looked Buck over and bought him at \$65.00. After Charles got home from school I had him ride Barney hitched to the end of tongue with Nellie and Buck on tongue. We took a load of corn over to Bob Southwick's corn crib. We were rather late getting home.

February 14, Friday. Rather cool today. The ground was frozen quite hard but became greasy during the day. I hauled some shock fodder out to the sheep in the timber pasture. Dorothy went with me. Louie Wallner came over for Buck this A.M. After dinner Elinor, Dorothy and Ruth and I went down to the northeast corner of the farm, I sided the big hedge and Elinor drew the staples and we removed the woven wire and barbed wire. We intended to cut the big hedge. It started snowing about 3 or 3-30 P.M. Louie Wallner went to Chatham in the afternoon and brought us five loaves of bread. Is snowing now at 7-30 P.M. Children received valentines both at school and by me.

February 15, Saturday. Bought Red Ball calf of Mr. Horn today. Rather stormy today. besides doing chores the boys and I went over to the timber pasture during the afternoon and sawed a log into which had fallen across the fence.

February 16, Sunday. At home all day. No one here.

February 17, Monday. I went over and unloaded a load of corn in Bob Southwick's corn crib. Got a letter from Mr. Horn of New Berlin stating he would sell us the calf so I went to Chatham first to depot and got money. I ran post digger (cypress 52¢) Then we decided that had just as well go for calf this afternoon, so left Chatham at 3 P.M.. Arrived at Horns farm west of New Berlin at 3-40. Arrived home by way of Springfield at 6-P.M. It rained some during the day but was fairly clear during the afternoon. Big fire in New Berlin early this morning, burned four business buildings.

February 18, Tuesday. Bob Southwick and I hauled shock corn off the field today.

February 19, Wednesday. Hauled shock corn today also, but owing to getting too muddy will discontinue the job until later.

February 20, Thursday. Elinor and I went to Springfield this morning and bought some groceries and had dinner at Henry's and Cora's. After coming home I loaded the wagon with corn to take to Chatham.

February 21, Friday. Elinor celebrated her birthday by washing. Took a load of corn to Chatham. The roads are a bit soft but as I used four horses I got along OK. Came home and reloaded the wagon and went over to see Mr. Pyle about selling them the corn as it would be a shorter haul. After noon Homer came over and looked at the corn but was afraid it would effect the cattle in making the change. I cleaned the stable and hauled away some manure and put in some bedding.

February 22, Saturday. I went to Chatham with the corn this A.M. It started raining shortly after I left home. Fairly poured at times. I came home and changed to dry clothes then sent over to Mr. Pyle's to see if I could sell them eight hundred bushels of better corn, along with the 800 poorer grade. The creek rose 3 or 4 inches while I was over there. Mr. Pyle came over and had another look at the corn but decided it was in too bad shape for them to use. It is spoiling some in the crib. No mail today. I went over to Louie Wallner's this evening to see if he would help me haul the corn next week. He said he would. Creek almost bank full. No rain since about 2-30 or 3 o'clock.

February 23, Sunday. I prepared for butchering a hog tomorrow. Elinor and the girls went over to the timber with me to shuck off some shock corn for the sheep and cows. We walked over to the mouth of the lake and found it carrying water to full capacity. The creek is rapidly rising.

February 24, Monday. A fair day today. Louie Wallner, Bob S. and Mr. Dickey came to help me. We only butchered one sow which weighed probably more than five hundred lbs. Louie left before noon as he had to go to help Mr. Blielnick move.

February 25, Tuesday. It rained hard during the night and most all day. I hitched horses to the wagon and loaded it but as it was raining so hard I drew it in scale house and left it and did other jobs until noon. Then I started to Chatham but traveled in rain both ways. I stopped at the blacksmiths to have four horse equalizers made but his iron had not come. I stopped at Mr. Schrull's on way home to look at a calf but he had no heifers for sale, but I can get the irons I want for my eveners off of an old plow he has. Very cloudy this evening. Will likely rain tonight. Arabelle was very sick last night. Her temperature was at 104 degrees, a very rapid pulse. She has been in bed all day and seems to be much better today.

February 26, Wednesday. The boys and I went to Mr. Schrull's this A.M. as I helped him dismantle an old sulky for the frame. After dinner I took a load of corn to the elevator and went on to the blacksmith shop to have my 4 horse equalizers made. I helped the smith all afternoon but we were not able to complete the task.

February 27, Thursday. I hauled two loads of corn to Chatham today. Stopped at the shop and had my eveners completed. Also bought two bushels of potatoes and a dozen loaves of bread.

February 28, Friday. Much cooler today. I made two trips to Chatham with corn. I pulled a truck loaded with furniture through the mud near Ben Rohrer's house. Jersey calf born today.

March 1, Saturday. A very cold, raw, west wind. I went to Chatham this A.M. with a load of corn but as it was so cold did not go this afternoon.

March 2, Sunday. At home all day. Mercury 14 degrees above zero.

March 3, Monday. I went to the mine for a load of coal this morning. Returned home about 1-P.M. Louie Wallner hauled one load of corn today. After dinner I unloaded my coal and did some repair work on my wagon then loaded it with corn and then hauled in two shocks of corn and husked it and scattered it to the stock. Windy today but not quite as cold as it was yesterday. The children were not at school last week on account of the teacher being sick, but they went this A.M.

March 4, Tuesday. This has been a fine day. We hauled four loads to Chatham. Louie Wallner helped me. We each made two trips. The roads are much better than they were a week ago. Mr. Megredy came out this forenoon. Dorothy is having attacks of pains in her lower abdomen. Am afraid she has symptoms of appendicitis, but hope not. [NOTE: Tom Miller's son George nearly died from a ruptured appendix in 1925]

March 5, Wednesday. A fine day. Ground frozen this morning. Louie and I made two trips each to Chatham with the corn. After our second trip Elinor and I took Dorothy to Springfield and left her at Clara's. Got some groceries and came home.

March 6, Thursday. Another fine day. We took four loads to Chatham. Elinor washed after noon. Mr. Megredy brought two men out to look at the big hedge to cut it. Looks stormy tonight.

March 7, Friday. A bit cooler today. Quite windy from the north. I got away about six A.M. with first load. We made three trips. Bob came over and helped us load our first loads. Mr. Megredy was out today. The men started cutting the hedge today. It threatened snow today but otherwise no sign of storm. Wind is strong tonight. I sent a check for 11.50 to Mr. Simpson for taxes today.

March 8, Saturday. A very good day. I hauled two hogs to the stock yards today for Bob Southwick. Came back by Clara's to see how Dorothy was. Clara wanted her to stay a few more days. Stopped at the A & P, also Sears Roebuck's and exchanged tire pumps. During afternoon I finished removing wire from hedge and rolled it. Then took Elinor and Ruth and went by Mr. Megredy's a minute then on to Mr. Baumgardner's and bought the calf and back by the elevator and weighed the calf. It weighed 94 lbs. and loaded in three bags of clover seed and came home.

March 9, Sunday. A wonderful day. Uncle Will, Aunt Nora, Francis, Lloyd and Aunt Kit came for the day. Mr. and Mrs. Megredy stopped awhile this afternoon.

March 10, Monday. A fairly good day. Louie Wallner came over to help me, so we spent the forenoon seeding clover seed. After noon we worked on the big hedge. Mr. Megredy came out awhile.

March 11, Tuesday. A rather stormy windy day and quite cool in the afternoon. Louie and I seeded the oats across the road from the house. It started snowing about 1030. We kept going until a little past eleven. I started the tractor and disced the land and then hitched to harrow. Mr. Megredy out awhile.

March 12, Wednesday. I broke some stalks early this morning so we could survey for tile, then made a bunch of stakes, and then took 90 tile down across the road to where the men were making a new outlet. And then harrowed the balance of the oat ground across the road by noon. Mr. Megredy came just as we were eating dinner. We then went west of the house about to try to locate a tile which should run south from the spring but were unable to find it, although we did much probing and digging. After that we then went up and resurveyed the two south laterals. After supper Elinor and I ran over to Louie Wallner's to see if he will help me tomorrow. Will now go to bed at 8-15 P.M. This day has been a fine day, could not have been better. Elinor washed.

March 13, Thursday. Louie Wallner and I started setting the post on the fence between our field and Pyle's, but owing to congestion we decided to burn the hedge brush. So, Elinor went out and helped us drive the horses. We finished burning it by noon. After noon we sawed some post and dug holes and set the end posts in. Mr. Megredy came out this afternoon. Has been a fair day. Wind in the northeast.

March 14, Friday. Louie and I set the post on the fence today and put the braces in and chopped away the stumps which were in the way of the wire. We then went over and loaded in Louie's calf and came over and loaded in our black sow, ate dinner and went to the stock yards with them. Called around at Cora's for Dorothy then home. Mr. Megredy was here when we got home. Boys and I went over to Bob Southwick's to see if the corn crib was OK. Then home and chores.

March 15, Saturday. A fine day, warm and balmy. I went to Chatham early this A.M. with the team and wagon, plow and harrow. Plowed Mr. Megredy's garden then went up town to the bank and paid them one hundred dollars. Then to station and waited awhile for the freight which arrived at about 11-A.M. with 100 rods of woven wire which I brought out to the farm. Louie passed as I finished dinner with a large log on the wagon headed for the saw mill. I hauled a load of shock corn. Put in a new axe handle and Elinor and I then went over on Stout's land toward Cotton Hill and dug some sassafras roots. We put the cows back to the cow shed tonight. The ground was frozen some this morning. Pyles had a steer stolen last night.



March 16, Sunday. We were at home all day. The boys and I made some measurements during the morning on the boundaries of this farm. Mr. and Mrs. Megredy came during the afternoon. They had been to Mr. Mack Cloyd's funeral.

March 17, Monday. Elinor and I went over by Mr. Yate's place, east of Cotton Hill to see if he had potatoes for sale, as he did not we then drove north and east from there until we came out on the Pana Hard-road eleven miles east of Springfield. We bought four bushels of early Ohio potatoes for \$7.10. We came home and after dinner I harrowed stalks near the hen house and raked them and did some plowing. After school the boys and I took a load of tile to the field. Dave Reavis who is helping Tanner do the tileing came to the house for a drink.

March 18, Tuesday. Rained during the night. Quite heavily. Louie Wallner and Bob Southwick came over this A.M. and we dehorned our cows. Also did some at Southwick's and at Wallner's. After dinner I hauled manure and scattered it on the potato ground. In the evening I hauled out a load of shock corn to the stock and put rings in the noses of the cows. Threatened snow just at sun set and is colder tonight. May freeze up some.

March 19, Wednesday. I moved tile out to the two south ditches this morning and picked up all the stray tile. I helped Bob load his fodder and he helped me with the tile. After dinner I hauled manure and put it on the land just west of the hen house. The boys and I went over and helped Bob Southwick feeding his pigs in the evening.

March 20, Thursday. A good day but windy. I hauled manure this forenoon. Louie came for his seeder cart before noon. I stretched the woven wire between us and Pyle's in the afternoon. Mr. Megredy came along. Also Joe Evoy. Wind blowing hard at 8-P.M. May storm.

March 21, Friday. A cold raw windy morning although this is supposed to be the first day of spring. The children did not go to school as teacher institute was held today. The boys helped me repair the fence today, we worked on the barn yard gate before noon and the pasture fence during the afternoon. Fences on this farm are in a deplorable state. Hard to keep the stock anywhere. Charles Beasley stopped a few minutes this morning on his way out from Springfield. George Southwick brought the hay rake home for Mr. Dickey. Weather grew colder toward the evening. Elinor did a big ironing today. Dave Reavis called a few minutes. He had finished tileing,

March 22, Saturday. Quite cold this morning. Mercury at 24 degrees Ground frozen quite hard. But no wind. Charles broke stalks all day with four horses on the harrow. George and I rebuilt the fence northwest of the barn. Elinor and the girls came out to where we were working this afternoon. The tilers finished the south ditch near the sycamore stump this evening.

March 23, Sunday. A nice day but rather cloudy. It rained some about 5 P.M. We have been at home all day. No one came.

March 24, Monday. Up early, rained last night, cloudy and foggy, chilly all day. I plowed the potato patch this A.M. Bob Southwick came over just as I finished to borrow a coal chisel. Elinor, two small children and I went to Chatham and got some seed potatoes from Mr. Megredy's, had dinner with them and came home about 1 P.M. then went on to Springfield, tried to get some piping for brace posts, but was too high. Bought some groceries and came home. Was home by 4 P.M. Bob Southwick came over and brought the chisel back, talked awhile then I took the team and went to Louie Wallner's to get his seeder. Strong north- west wind tonight. Feels like snow. Is cold.

March 25, Tuesday. A real blizzard was on this A.M. when we got up and continued snowing and blowing all day. The children went to school and seemed to enjoy plowing through the drifts. Elinor and I cut potatoes most of the day.

March 26, Wednesday. Quite stormy today, very windy and considerable snow moving and drifting. Louie Wallner came by in his democrat on the way to Chatham. I went with him and mailed a package of sassafras to Father and Mother. Also, a letter to L. C. Hiatt. The roads are drifted very bad in places. The hard road through Chatham was out of use today on account of drifts. The boys and I hauled in a load of beans during the afternoon. Quite cold this evening. High wind.

March 29, Saturday. Bob Southwick and I went to Springfield today. Drove Nick and Nelly to wagon. Took Chuck in to sell at Highmore's sale but he did not bring my price so I brought him home. We started out in Louie's Democrat but a large tree had fallen across the road the flat we broke the tongue out in getting by it. I stopped and talked to Myrtle a few minutes on my way home.

March 30, Sunday. A fine day. The snow drifts are leaving, slowly. We were at home all day. Mr. Dickey came awhile after dinner.

March 31, Monday. I seeded timothy seed on the wheat north of the cemetery this A.M. and also on the stalk ground adjoining the meadow which is seeded to rye. Afternoon I took Louie's seeder and democrat home and brought the log wagon back. Louie came with me and helped me fall two trees and cut off three logs and split some posts. We broke the sledge so had to quit the splitting of posts. Our first lamb was born today.

April 1, Tuesday. We had two more lambs this morning. I did chores and after breakfast awhile Mr. Dickey and Bob Southwick came by for me we went to the Ball township hall to the election. I cast my first vote. After noon I dug two stumps and plowed the potato patch at the timber, cleared the garden ready for plowing.

April 2, Wednesday. A rather cloudy day and cool. I plowed the garden this morning. Then Mr. Megredy, Clark and Jefferies came. We spent the balance of the day hunting for tile and surveying. I disced the potato patch late in the afternoon. Bob Southwick came over and borrowed my plow.

April 3, Thursday. A fine warm day. I planted potatoes today and distributed a load of tile to the tilers. Mr. Megredy brought the tilers out at noon. Mr. M.C. Miller of Chatham stopped with Mr. Pierz two stallions. Served May. I went down and disced the timber truck patch late this evening.

April 4, Friday. A very good day, warm and sunny. I planted the timber patch in potatoes this A.M. first thing. Then I scattered two loads and 100 extra tile. After noon Elinor, Ruth and I went to Springfield for groceries and a pipe for the tile outlet. I got a broken metal lamppost for the tile @ \$1.50. Hauled a load of shock corn after coming home. Bob Southwick came over and brought the plow home, as I want to use it to plowing tile ditches tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Megredy were here when we got home from town. Dorothy went to school today with the children. We stopped at Cora's and Clara's. Henry was feeling better. Sid was at work. Louis was not working on anything.

April 5, Saturday. The boys and I plowed in the tile ditches all forenoon also a while in the afternoon. Charles dragged the ditches over with the harrow and three horses. I then harrowed and dragged the garden. After that Elinor, Charles and I went and stapled the woven wire fence between Pyle's farm and this one. Also stretched barbed wire on the top. Louie Wallner came along and helped us awhile. He was returning the hay rake. Quite warm and comfortable today. Mr. Megredy was here before noon.

April 6, Sunday. A fine day, but was made a bit less comfortable by a rather cool wind from the west. We were at home through out the day. No one came. The boys and I tagged the sheep this morning.

April 7, Monday. This has been an unusually windy day. Dust and corn husks blowing across fields. I started Charles out on the hay rake, raking stalks. I disced standing stalks with the tractor outfit. Charles disced with the

four horses after noon. Elinor and George burned stalks after 4-30 P.M. Fred Jeffries tilled alone today. Mr. Megredy was out over the farm during the afternoon. Elinor finished her usual large washing by 11 A.M.. We had three new lambs this morning and six new pigs during the day.

April 8, Tuesday. A beautiful day. No wind and not too warm. I spent the day discing the stalk land west of the house. Charles also disced with the horses. We stopped at five P.M. and hauled in five shocks of corn. Several planes passed over today. Elinor and George not feeling at their best tonight.

April 9, Wednesday. A fine day. I spent the entire day on the tractor and plow. Charles disced with the horses. Elinor, Charles and the twins went out late this evening and husked about 15 or 20 bushels of corn. Today was Father's birthday, he is 70. Elinor planted some garden today. Brantley brought out 95 gallons of kerosene and 10 lbs. of cupgrease. Came to 13.65. The Wright Bros. hauled out about four truck loads of posts today.

April 10, Thursday. This has been a very warm day, too much so to be comfortable. I have spent the day on the tractor, plowing. I put a section of harrow behind the plow at noon, which will save the horses a job. Mr. Megredy stopped at the south end today and talked awhile. Bob Southwick borrowed my hay rake. Charles disced before noon and harrowed after noon. The smaller jersey heifer had a calf last night and it got in a mud hole in branch and drowned. One of the gilts had eight pigs today. Elinor feeling very bad. Arabelle's ear has been bothering her again, discharging continually. A rain is predicted for tonight but I doubt if it comes here.

April 11, Friday. Plowed with the tractor this forenoon. After noon Bob Southwick and I went by way of Glenarm and stopped at Plummers to try and buy some seed beans. Could not so then went through New City to Clarks, Bob's brother-in-law, and purchased 725 lbs. @ \$2.00 per bushel. \$24.00 Came home and plowed two and one half hours after four o'clock. Charles spent the entire day on the disc and finished all the stalks to the east road.

April 12, Saturday. Charles and I put three large hedge posts at the corners, south and southwest where the Wright Brothers intended setting them next week. Mildred and Dorothy went to Wallner's awhile this morning. Elinor, Arabelle, Dorothy, Ruth and myself all went to Springfield. Took Arabelle to the doctor. I had two teeth pulled. We took Henry and Cora some sassafras root. Henry was feeling better. Able to be up town. I bought 30 angle irons for the brace post for Mr. Megredy at 8¢ each.

April 13, Sunday. A fine warm day with a fine breeze. Elinor, Charles and I moved the two sows and 13 pigs over to the timber pasture this morning. They liked the grass and sunshine very much. No one came during the day.

April 14, Monday. Spent the day plowing on the tractor. Quite warm.

April 15, Tuesday. This has been a day of showers and a very heavy rain or two. I put in about seven hours on the tractor in spite of the rain. I picked out some seed corn, repaired the scale gates and put the shoats in scales as we will ring them tomorrow morning. Charles and I also brought a sow up from the timber with seven new pigs. George is having car trouble.

April 16, Wednesday. A fine long warm day with a nice shower at the beginning. Charles and I put rings in the twelve shoats and the male hog this morning. We then took the male hog over to the timber pasture. Charles then took the team and wagon and picked up some corn where we had shucked shocks out. I made a front yard gate and swung it and repaired the front fence. I then set 4 or 5 posts in the garden fence and trimmed up last year's fallen peach trees and loaded the brush and Charles and the girls unloaded it in branch. I then moved a little chicken house for Elinor and then set 4 more posts in the yard fence and then repaired the trough leading from the well. And then castrated five lambs and cut the tails off of ten. And then finished chores and got milk separated by 8-20 P.M. None of the children went to school today. Mildred and George were in bed most of the day. I have a bad cold.

April 17, Thursday. This day proved not so bad but kept us guessing. I built a fence until noon, worked on the fence between pastures. Mr. Megredy came out this morning awhile but didn't stay long. Afraid of the rain. At noon George was feeling so bad and has been suffering so from ear trouble I took him in to see the doctor, but it was a fruitless trip as we found that the doctors are all taking Thursday afternoons off from now until October. We had George's shoes sewed and got some groceries and came home. I did some more fencing after I got back. Heavy storm passed around to the west this afternoon. Quite stormy in the south and east tonight. Much lightening.

April 18, Friday. I built the fence today, and gathered up extra tile along the ditch and hauled up a load of stone and helped the tilers finish and place the pipe at the tile outlet. George had a bad day. Rather cool and windy today. Tilers finished today.

April 19, Saturday. A very pleasant day but a bit more sunshine would have helped. Charles, Elinor and I stretched the fence this morning and afternoon until 3 o'clock. Elinor and I then took George in to an ear specialist, Dr. Jones. Upon examining him he found that he had five boils in his ear canal. We went to Krells and purchased some garden seed (1.30), a sledge (2.50), two cream pails (2.75), qt. sep. oil (.55). The Wright Bros. finished setting the posts on the south and east road today at noon. Charles took the team and drew some logs up to put in the branch under the fence. Cora sent out a box of Easter stuff for the children.

April 20, Sunday. Very rainy today. We were at home all day.

April 21, Monday. I worked on the fence near the stock well before noon and filled in the water gaps under the fence during the afternoon. Rather cool today.

April 22, Tuesday. Quite cold this morning. I went to the mine for 40 bushels of coal @ 12 1/2 cts. per bushel. After noon George, Elinor and I plowed in the tile ditch, hauled out a load of old post from the south side, and also a load of shock corn.

April 23, Wednesday. I plowed with the tractor this forenoon and until 3-20 P.M. and as I had to change tires on the car and shave to prepare to go in to the doctor this evening at 7 o'clock. It is now 9-20 P.M. George and I have returned from the doctor's office. George's ear is doing very well. The boils in his ear are coming to a head. He also gave me a treatment for my ear. Have to go back again Friday. It has been quite cool today and cloudy tonight.

April 24, Thursday. I spent about ¾ of today rolling up the old discarded wire along the road and put it in washes in the pasture. I also hauled in the old posts. Late in the afternoon I went to Mr. Dickey's for the road drag which I used to level down the tile ditch west of the house.

April 25, Friday. I plowed with the tractor until 2-15 and then Elinor, Dorothy, Ruth and I went to Springfield, as I had an appointment with Dr. Jones. I got a pair of scrapers for the corn planter wheels. Got Dorothy new shoes. Also, sold a can of cream for \$5.67.

April 26, Saturday. I spent 13 hours and 40 minutes on the tractor today plowing. Did not leave much over on the west side unplowed. Charles and George harrowed the potatoes and helped their mother clean the yards. Also, brought the frame out to the field and I loaded on the last four shocks of corn. Rather cool today.

April 27, Sunday. Has drizzled rain most all day. At home all day. Had a new lamb this A.M. Bob Southwick came by this evening. Had been down in the timber hunting mushrooms. Was raining lightly at sunset.

April 28, Monday. On account of dampness I did some repairing and spraying in the hen house, then spent the balance of the day shelling seed corn (Krug).

April 29, Tuesday. Took the log to the sawmill this forenoon. After noon I went to Chatham and got some pine tar and turpentine and put some on the calves horns which are at Mr. Megredy's place. I then went to the elevator and got the five sacks of clover seed which have been in store there and came home then jumped on the tractor and plowed until almost dark.

April 30, Wednesday. I finished plowing for corn this A.M. and got the planter ready and Elinor took the team and harrow. We got out at 12-30 and put in a long afternoon. I did 38 rows. Had some planter trouble. Mr. Megredy came along two or three times today. Mr. Lenhart, the assessor, came by the field this afternoon.

May 1, Thursday. I planted 132 rows, a little over 99 rods long, which used a fraction over 17 acres. Old May and Barney were on the planter and very tired. Elinor harrowed between the times that Charles went to school and he took the team on his return. Dorothy and Ruth played at the end of the field all afternoon. Elinor and I shelled seed corn until 10-10 P.M. Looks rainy. Think it will storm as there is lightening in the west and northwest.

May 2, Friday. This has been a fine day. We had quite a storm during last night and it rained quite a bit. Charles and I moved some corn to the barn crib this A.M. We then emptied the hay rack of the shock corn and loaded the rack with baled hay which has been stored in the buggy shed. After noon I planted 8 acres of corn. Charles harrowed ahead of the planter. After we came in this evening I corded the bales in the entry way of the barn.

May 3, Saturday. A fine day, warm. I planted until almost noon. Ran into some solid ground so I had to start both the horse disc and the tractor disc. We had an early dinner and finished the discing by 10 minutes past five. Elinor and I then took the cream to Springfield and got groceries and tomatoes and cabbage and a few cauliflower. We hurried home getting here by dark. The boys had two cows miled and the work done.

May 4, Sunday. Fine warm day. Threatened rain during the forenoon but only sprinkled. Elinor and I worked in the garden most all day. There were dozens of cars passed. Looks as though it could rain during the night but I hope it does not. A light breeze stirring at 8- 10 P.M. No one here today. A lad from Auburn stopped to ask permission to fish in the creek but as it is not my creek permission was withheld.

May 5, Monday. Fine warm day. I planted corn all day. Did considerably over 100 rows. Was hot on the horses but not serious. Charles harrowed before and after school and Elinor drove the harrow during the school hours. It threatened rain during the forenoon but not enough to wet a person. Charles finished the harrowing this evening. Otte from Chatham stopped this evening and filled one of my drums with 50 gallons of kerosene. Bob Southwick came over this morning to weigh some seed corn.

May 6, Tuesday. Finished planting. I finished planting corn today. Ran out of seed corn during the forenoon and went to Dickey's for some but after getting it home I was afraid to use it as it was of none too good quality. I then ran the ends of what I had shelled through the grader. Mr. and Mrs. Megredy came along the south end just as I was planting across the end. He left a wool sack and a ball of wool twine. Elinor helped me plant across the north end and to roll up wire. It has been very windy and dusty today.

May 7, Wednesday. This has been a very, very windy day. Made me think I was back in Alta. I plowed with the tractor on the bean ground south of the house.

May 8, Thursday. I went over and helped Bob Southwick castrate a big boar this morning. Started plowing after coming back. Mr. Megredy was here quite a while. He also went over to try and buy some shoats of Bob. This

was the last day of school. They had quite a picnic and dinner at noon. Elinor, Ruth and I ran to Springfield at 11-A.M. as I wanted to see the Sang Dairy about a horse. We went out to the Hanson's awhile.

May 9, Friday. A very good day, quite warm with a light breeze most of the day. I built a sheep proof gate into the pig pen this morning. Then I hitched to sulky and finished the bean ground south of the house, then to harrow and harrowed the headlands. Then hitched to the cultivator and plowed both patches of potatoes. Charles rant he roller all day. George went fishing this morning and caught his first fish about 4 or 5 inches long. His mother dressed it and fried it for him. Elinor went to Mr. Dickey's this afternoon and phoned Aunt Nora Baucom that we would be over on Sunday. Elinor also painted the front porch floor after dinner.

May 10, Saturday. A very good day and warm. Elinor and George helped me load a log which George and I hauled to the saw mill down on the Ingels farm. We got back in time to take the wagon back to Louie Wallner's. After dinner I hauled the shock corn out of the yard south of the corn crib and plowed and disced, also rolled it finishing about 6-30 P.M. Charles spent the day rolling. He and George did their chores early and went to the creek fishing. They each caught a cat fish which they were quite proud of.

May 11, Sunday. A fine day, although it sprinkled some during the day. We got up early and went to Uncle Will's at Loami for the day. Aunt Kit and Lloyd were also there. Also, Frances. Aunt Nora gave the boys some duck eggs.

May 12, Monday. A fine day and cool and breezy most of the day. I disced the sweet corn patch by the barn. Then let George take the roller and put Charles on the harrow with Nick, Nelly and Lou. I then started dropping the sweet corn by hand, finishing about 4- P.M. Mr. Megredy and wife were out awhile this afternoon. Bob Southwick was over this morning, he borrowed the seat spring off my sulky plow. After I finished dropping the sweet corn I went over to the west hedge and replanted a few missing hills of corn. I surely wish it would rain. We need it so badly.

May 13, Tuesday. Mr. Megredy came out early this morning to get me to come help him get the calves back in the pasture as they got out during the night. They were in Mr. Tom Reed's little cow pasture. We the repaired his fence. I came home and replanted corn the balance of the day, with exception of an hour or so in the afternoon which Elinor and I took to run around by Mr. Tremane's place near John Stout's, as I wanted to see Wes Duncan. He is to come over to work on the 15th. Charles harrowed most of the day and George rolled the bean ground. Weather cool.

May 14, Wednesday. Charles and I ran to Springfield this morning. Took the cream in and got some dope to inoculate the beans. Two bottles at one dollar each. I also got the lever to Mr. Dickey's drill welded at Ingels, cost 50¢. Quite cool today, wore overcoats to town.

May 15, Thursday. Very cool today. Wes Duncan started to work this morning. He replanted 54 rows of corn. Mr. Megredy came out early this morning as he was afraid I would start seeding beans and it is too cool for beans. The boys and I replanted corn until noon and went to the sawmill west of Caldwell's place in the afternoon for a load of fencing lumber. It was a long trip and too cool to be comfortable. Got home about 6-30. Bob Southwick was here when we returned as he wants some seed from Mr. Megredy's Krug corn. We surely do need rain so badly.

May 16, Friday. This has been an ideal day. Charles and I made a trip south to the saw mill in the forenoon and went to the mill on Caldwell land for fencing lumber in the afternoon. Bob Southwick was over and picked seed corn from Mr. Megredy's crib of old corn. Mr. Megredy was out this A.M. Wes planted corn all day.

May 17, Saturday. A very cool day, really too much so to be comfortable. Wes and I spent the forenoon replanting the corn, finishing about 12-10. Charles harrowed the bean ground. George helped his mother and cut



some burdock and put salt on the roots. After noon Wes filled in the tile ditch across the alfalfa. I put four posts around the fencing lumber in the barn yard and some tin to turn off the rain and sun. I then put new tongue in the surface cultivators, also the neck yoke. I then hoed in the garden until six o'clock and talked with Louie Wallner a few minutes on his return from Chatham. He informed me of a fire which took place at Freeman's residence but only burned the smoke house. Has threatened rain this afternoon and also in the forenoon but has not amounted to much as yet. But looks rainy tonight.

May 18, Sunday. Started plowing corn 20. A foggy drizzly day. We were at home all day.

May 19, Monday. Elinor and I went to Springfield first thing this morning. We got our chickens which we had hatched at Krells also bought 24 buffs of Krell at 10¢ each. After dinner Wes and I sawed the hedge poles in the post lengths. Also filled in the tile ditch down near Pyle's pasture. It looks quite rainy tonight. Wes greased the two discs and cleaned the stable before noon.

May 20, Tuesday. An excellent day with fair breeze all day. Charles ran the roller over the twelve acres of bean ground. Wesley cultivated corn today. He began over next to the hedge, worked Barney and May. George and I loaded roan cow's calf in the truck and took it to Mr. Megredy's pasture in Chatham. We stopped at Dickey's on the way and put the lever on his drill. I worked on the surface cultivator most of the day, putting new tongue in and getting them all in shape. George and I also went to Louie's and got Buck, as we are going to work him awhile. We also went to Bob Southwick's for his seeder. I repaired the garden plow and did some work in the garden. Mr. and Mrs. Megredy were out this afternoon. Elinor washed today.

May 21, Wednesday. This has been a clear hot day, but the heat was broken by a rather strong wind. Charles harrowed the bean ground in the forenoon. I worked in the garden and went to Louie Wallner's a few minutes in the forenoon and did seeding of beans in the afternoon. Wesley cultivated corn all day. Mr. Megredy brought my surface cultivator blades out this afternoon. Worked Louie's horse one full day.

May 22, Thursday. A very good day, with a breeze which was a wind at times. I finished drilling the beans this morning and then put an extra seat on the Moline cultivator for George to sit on and started the boys on their first cultivating job. I then worked on the surface cultivator until noon and plowed all afternoon. I like the surface cultivator fine if not better than shovels. Wesley cultivated all day. Looks as though it could rain this evening. I hope it does, would be much benefited by it.

May 23, Friday. Very cloudy this A.M. We went out to plow corn but were driven in during the forenoon twice on account of rain. But were able to plow in the afternoon. I had Charles hitch to the roller during the afternoon, which made it plow much nicer. Has been cool today.

May 24, Saturday. We plowed with all three cultivators until noon. I plowed until 3 P.M. The boys and Wes finished the field about 4-30. Over it the first time. Elinor, the girls and I all went to Springfield for groceries. Wes unloaded the hay rack of manure.

May 25, Sunday. We were at home all day. We took some blankets, sandwiches and magazines and went over to the timber for the afternoon. Uncle Will, Aunt Nora, Frances and Carson came about 7 o'clock this evening and stayed until almost 9-P.M.

May 26, Monday. I mowed the alfalfa this morning and also brought the hay rake and Bob's manure spreader over. I put a tongue in the spreader and Wes used it. Charles rolled.

May 27, Tuesday. I sheared 12 sheep today. Charles rolled. Worked Nick and Nelly. Wes ran the spreader all day. Mrs. Wallace, Mable and Edith and Mable's two children were here this afternoon. It is thundering and much

lightening this evening. I hope it rains. Heavy storm went north of Springfield. Has been a fine corn day, hot with a breeze.

May 28, Wednesday. A fine day but not enough sun to thoroughly cure the alfalfa. I finished shearing the sheep today. Louie and Bob were here at different times in the forenoon. Charles finished the rolling today. Wes worked on the spreader most of the day. We put one load of alfalfa in the barn but it was too damp.

May 29, Thursday. A very good day. Rather cool. The boys and I went to Springfield this morning. We shipped wool to Sears Roebuck and Co. 186 lbs. via C&A @ 4.50 each. Also suit undies at Sears Roebuck. Forgot cream can and check so Elinor and I ran in for some at 5-30 P.M. Wes hauled some manure today and raked the hay. We put the balance of the alfalfa in the barn. We also rebuilt the water gab on branch between this farm and Shepherd farm.

May 30, Friday. A fine day but cool to be comfortable. The boys, Wes and myself cultivated corn all day. We almost suffered with cold this forenoon. After dinner, Henry, Cora and Elwood H. and wife, Harry Beekman, Mr. A. Cummings and son came for awhile. We certainly need rain, although the corn is growing.

May 31, Saturday. A fine day, quite warm during the forenoon, but a fair breeze in the afternoon. The boys and Wes plowed corn in the forenoon and Wes and I hauled in a lot of the hedge post and sawed a lot. The boys dragged in several with the team. We also put the discs in the old buggy shed and then pulled several bales into the barn loft. Mr. Tremane and son came for Wes this evening. I let him go today. Louie came over today and borrowed my sheep shearers. I went over there this evening and took Buck over as we will only be working four horses now. Will not need him. I surely wish it would rain as everything is so dry.

June 1, Sunday. We spent the day at home. We intended driving to the Hanson's this evening but I broke the car this A.M. so we stayed at home.

June 2, Monday. The boys and I plowed corn all day. Mr. M.F.M. came out this morning. The corn is growing but rain would help so much. Louie Wallner stopped in tonight and took the manifold off the Ford to Chatham to have it welded. Has been quite warm today.

June 3, Tuesday. A very warm day with some breeze stirring. The boys and I plowed corn all day (crossing). I plowed the sweet corn this evening. Elinor washed today.

June 4, Wednesday. Quite warm. The boys and I plowed corn all morning and about two hours afternoon finished crossing corn. Louis brought Henry, Cora, and Clara out for awhile. Henry stopped at the creek and fished awhile. Clara and Cora brought out some flower plants which we planted. Louie Wallner then stopped with my repair for the Ford and I then put it together.

June 5, Thursday. Charles and I repaired the fence between the timber and meadow before noon. After noon I worked on the car and then hoed in the garden. We had a shower of rain which dampened our hopes but did not wet the crops much.

June 6, Friday. This was a rather cool day. Elinor and I went to Springfield this morning, took in cream and got some groceries. Talked with Edgar a few minutes at the Ideal Creamery. He said he had been out through Kansas and Kansas City. He said the crops were poor in Kansas. Edgar said Aunt Lillie was going to Loami this afternoon to Mr. Mart Park's funeral. After dinner Elinor went with me and we caught the sour Dock out of the meadows which was quite a job. We then did chores and I shoveled a wagon load of cobs out of the pigs' feeding pen. It is cloudy tonight but I think it will not rain. I also got ten angle irons for braces today and also some wire. Irons cost 80 cts.

June 7, Saturday. Quite cool today. We went over to Aunt Kit's and had dinner and borrowed their corn sheller. It sprinkled some today but no rain. We came home and I unloaded a wagon full of cobs.

June 8, Sunday. We went to Bertha's for the day by way of Farmersville and Route 126.

June 9, Monday. A fine day, quite warm. Charles and George plowed 64 rows of corn today. I cut weeds along the road and also sprouts in the forenoon. In the Afternoon I helped Elinor pick cherries and worked on the corn sheller and then helped Bob Southwick grind a cycle for mower. He borrowed my hay rope, fork, and pulley.

June 10, Tuesday. Warm and sunny today, no rain yet. I finished weeds and sprouts along the road before noon and the boys and I plowed corn in the afternoon. I set the surface plows for Charles and he could run them much easier than the shovel plow and also able to do his own driving, which was a relief to George. Mr. Megredy stopped at the south end a few minutes.

June 11, Wednesday. This day began quite cloudy and did actually rain some. Charles and I plowed some in the forenoon. The Maytag stopped, George came to the field for me to fix it. George plowed with my plow while I did so but they both came in on account of rain before noon. Louie Wallner stopped this forenoon leaving a parcel, containing a nice birthday cake for the twins. After dinner Charles and I went to plow but after two hours were forced to come in or get wet. I then repaired screen door and cut out a pair of wagon hounds. It rained quite a bit toward evening. I hope it continues raining during the night.

June 12, Thursday. It did rain more during last night. This has been a good day for corn plowing. A breeze has been stirring most of the day. Charles and I plowed corn all day doing 125 rows. We started about 8-30 A.M.

June 13, Friday. A very warm day, although there was a breeze and some wind during the afternoon which bothered some in handling clover hay. Charles plowed all day. I plowed corn in the forenoon and Louie Wallner and I helped Bob Southwick with hay. George rode Old Barney on the rope. Elinor's face is swollen badly tonight from a bee sting she received yesterday.

June 14, Saturday. Very warm day. I helped Bob Southwick put clover hay in the barn. We certainly did sweat. George rode Old Barney on the Derrick. Mr. Megredy came to Bob's a few minutes. Had a Mr. Hurst with him. Mr. Hurst being on crutches with an injured foot.

June 15, Sunday. We were at home all day. Had a fine rain after noon, which was much needed.

June 16, Monday. A very good day. Charles and I went to the timber and cut a hundred or so bean poles first thing this A.M. and after sticking the beans, Elinor and I went to Springfield to get some groceries and sell the cream. Charles and I plowed corn in the afternoon. Louie brought Paris Green from Exp. office.

June 17, Tuesday. Charles plowed corn in the forenoon and George and I helped Bob Southwick with the hay. In the afternoon we sprayed the potatoes and painted the screens and shelled a bunch of corn then did chores early and took Aunt Kit's corn sheller home. We stopped at Uncle Will's on the way. We saw a fox on the road coming home. Bought an inner tube of John Richeson for 1.25 on the way.

June 18, Wednesday. A good day but quite hot. Charles and I plowed corn all day. Bob Southwick came and borrowed my corn planter this evening as he has a patch or two he wants to plant. They did not get any of last Sunday's rain at Loami.

June 19, Thursday. Very warm today. Charles and I plowed until 4-30 this afternoon. It began to rain and is raining lightly now at 8-30. I built a place for lambs to eat corn and oats this evening. Louie Wallner brought us two nice fish this evening. The boys had to chase two of Bob Southwick's cows out of our field this evening. A big dirigible passed over our field going north this evening. Looks as though it would rain all night.

June 20, Friday. A smothering hot day. Charles, George and I pulled the weeds out of the north potato patch this A.M. Also cut dock. I talked with Louie Wallner just before noon. Afternoon I hung a screen door at the east side of the house after repairing the screen and putting new wire on it. I then cut weeds and other odd jobs. Bob Southwick came by about 8 o'clock and left us five nice fish as he, Dickey and Louis had been down to the creek, caught 70lbs. It is now a little after 10 P.M. and the mercury is standing at 74 degrees. Certainly hot. Everything is growing fine after our nice rain.

June 21, Saturday. A very hot day. The boys and I drew the binder out of the shed and put it in shape for use in a few days cutting wheat. We then all went to Springfield, left Clara's a fish. Also Henry a pair of them. Left the girls at Cora's. Elinor, the boys and myself went to Strand theater to see Harold Lloyd in "Welcome Darger." Got home in time for chores.

June 22, Sunday. Very hot. Bertha came for the day. Many cars passed.

June 23, Monday. This has been most disagreeable day we have had. So hot and a very hot wind which curled up the corn blades. Charles and I plowed corn all day or until 4-35 P.M. Had to quite on account of a dash of rain. Big clouds are rolling up in the west now at 8-30 P.M. May storm tonight.

June 24, Tuesday. A very hot day. Charles and I plowed corn until noon, Elinor and I ran to Springfield during the noon hour. Back home by 2 P.M. I got a bale of binder twine @ 11½¢ or 5.75 per 50lbs. Elinor got a dress and a pair of shoes. The Charles and I plowed until 6-P.M. Had about 65 rows left near the machine shed to do yet. Had a letter from Aunt Kit saying they, Aunt Sarah & Bess & she would be here this week.

June 25, Wednesday. Rather warm most of the forenoon. Charles and I had to unhitch about 10 A.M. on account of rain. I made and I roned two hounds for truck wagon and dug some dock in the chicken yard. At 8-30 P.M. this evening there are heavy clouds west, north and northwest, very keen lightening. Expect it here in about an hour or two.

June 26, Thursday. The rain came during the night and gave us a down pour which has thoroughly soaked the land. Louie Wallner came by this morning on his way to Runge's to look at his wheat. He said he would help me with mine and I will help him. I started cutting wheat at noon. Louie came over and helped. He had to leave about 3 to go for his wife at Farmersville. Bob Southwick weighed four shoats here today.

June 27, Friday. Has been quite hot today. I cut wheat all day. Louie stooked wheat all day.

June 28, Saturday. I cut the piece of wheat north of Wallner's road this morning and we got it almost stooked before noon. Louie finished stooking south wheat and helped me awhile before noon. After noon Elinor and I ran to Springfield to take in the cream and got a few groceries. I also got a bee hive at Sears Roebucks. It cost \$4.05.

June 29, Sunday. At home all day. I repaired a binder canvas before noon. After noon we sat and read. Ralph Delong's family stopped awhile on the way home from Springfield. Looks quite rainy and stormy this evening.

June 30, Monday. Heavy rain during the night and early morning. I cut weeds this morning and then the boys and I went over to Louie's and went fishing but owing to the creek being up some we had poor luck. After noon I did odd jobs. Also put the bee hive together.

July 1, Tuesday. Up at 3-45, took the binder to Runge's farm. Helped Louie cut wheat, finished at 2-2- P.M. We then did the stooking. Finished at 5-15 P.M. Junior Coble and pal walked out here today. It has been a fine day and not hot.

July 2, Wednesday. Charles and I plowed corn all day. Bob Southwick came over this A.M. to borrow a pair of eveners. Mr. Megredy came out this afternoon.

July 3, Thursday. Plowed corn all day, both plows. Had to discontinue use of surface plow and started other shovel plow. The boys went to Wallner's this morning for pig crate and they took the Richeson gilt over to Louie's this evening. Has been a fine day to work, not hot. Wallner children came over this morning and played awhile.

July 4, Friday. A fair day, we plowed corn today. Mr. Megredy came out awhile after dinner. I was repairing a cultivator, we then weighed the twelve fat shoats, the 12 weighed 2925 lbs. In the evening we ran to Springfield to see the fireworks. We called at Clara's and Cora's. Got home about 11 P.M.

July 5, Saturday. Rather warm today. We plowed corn most of the day. Stopped early on account of a light shower during the early evening. Sid and Louis came out this morning. They brought our cream cans out and a few groceries. Received a letter from Pop today. He stated a bit of news in regard to Raymond which was no surprise.

July 6, Sunday. An exceedingly hot day. We spent the entire day at home. Uncle Will and Frances & Car. came in the afternoon but left early on account of a heavy storm which worked from the north and blew very hard with much dust shortly after they left.

July 7, Monday. This day has been as hot or possibly hotter than yesterday. Charles and I plowed all day finishing about 6 o'clock. I did loose an hour this A.M. as I was expecting a truck out for hogs so I had to put a new floor in the hog shoot. Has been the hottest day on the horses we have had this year.

July 8, Tuesday. I cut the alfalfa this A.M. and some mowing at the road and lane. Then I prepared the binder for cutting and cut the oats during the afternoon. Louis Wallner and wife stopped in their car at the field on their return from Springfield. Very hot today.

July 9, Wednesday. I went to Springfield mine for coal this A.M. Drove Nick and Nelly. Brought out two tons (50 bushels). During the afternoon I finished stooking oats and the boys helped. I then put a new tongue in the hay rake. Mr. Dickey came this evening to see if he could borrow the hay rake.

July 10, Thursday. George Southwick came for the rake this A.M. and he raked my alfalfa before taking the rake. Charles took the mower and mowed for Mr. Dickey all day. Bob Pyle and Homer came this A.M. and tried to make me guilty of driving my Ford over a hog of theirs but they failed. Bob Southwick and Louis Wallner helped me put my alfalfa in the barn. We finished by noon. Elinor and the girls went to Chatham for meat for dinner but the men went home for dinner. After noon Bob and I helped Louis put his timothy in the barn. We finished in the midst of a heavy rain from the northeast about five o'clock. I think today was possibly the hottest day yet this summer. Charles and George went to Mr. Southwick's for cooking apples this evening.

July 11, Friday. Very hot today. I put front hounds in the truck wagon this forenoon and Elinor and I went to Springfield during the afternoon. We stopped at Clara's on the way out. The mercury was then about 100 on the back porch. Got 3 watermelons @ 45 each. Louie stopped this evening to say we would put his hay in the barn tomorrow.

July 12, Saturday. Very hot today. I helped Louie with the hay. We finished about 2-30. Elinor and the boys went to Chatham for the wagon wheels this morning. Elinor and George went back to Chatham this afternoon for a few minutes. Bob Southwick and wife came over this evening awhile.

July 13, Sunday. Has been cool today. A nice breeze from the north. We were at home all day. This should be a fine night to sleep as it is so cool.

July 14, Monday. This has been a fine day to work. Was real cool with a northeast wind. We started thrashing at John Stout's today, had a good run. The boys, "Chas & Geo" moved all the wood from between the shop and the hen house today. Elinor washed today.

July 15, Tuesday. Cool today, but as much so as yesterday. I spent the day helping John Stout thrash.

July 16, Wednesday. Spent the day thrashing at John Stout's. Elinor had a nice birthday cake made for me this evening.

July 17, Thursday. Started thrashing for Bill Skaggs this A.M. Finished at Skaggs about 2- P.M. Ate dinner at Schrull's and finished at Schrull's about 5-30.

July 18, Friday. Spent the day thrashing at Mr. Drennan's. Very hot today. Finished after six P.M.

July 19, Saturday. Thrashed at Mr. Mellingers until about 2-15. Ate dinner at Mr. Mellingers. We then moved to Mr. Dickey's oats and finished them shortly after 6-P.M. Very hot today and I have felt quite sick all day. Elinor, the girls and me went to town this evening for groceries.

July 20, Sunday. A very, very hot day, was almost suffocating. We spent the day at home.

July 21, Monday. They thrashed at Bob Southwick's this morning. Moved to our job about 10 o'clock. Thrashed until 2-30 or 3 when a terrific wind and rain storm swept on us from S.W. It blew my wagon and rack across the pasture and turned it over breaking the standards off.

July 22, Tuesday. Cool today. Elinor and I went to Mr. Megredy's this morning. The roads were muddy in spots. I came home and put the binder in shape and cut some rye as Mr. Megredy wants about 20 bushels for seed on another place. I repaired my bundle rack in the evening.

July 23, Wednesday. The boys and I prepared for a fresh start of thrashing this morning. We placed all the wheat sheaves against the pasture fence to dry. We finished our thrashing during the afternoon. Had 496 bushels of wheat which weighed 523 bushels 10 lbs. at the elevator. One hundred ninety bushels of oats, and nineteen bushels of rye. We then moved to Louie's wheat on Runge's farm and finished by a little after six.

July 24, Thursday. I took a load of wheat to Chatham for Louie Wallner and brought back a load of cobs. Elinor and I went to Springfield during the afternoon. The children went to Mr. Dickey's to play.

July 25, Friday. I mowed weeds along the road during the forenoon, and went fishing awhile in the afternoon. Bob Southwick brought us some fish during the evening. Quite hot during the day.

July 26, Saturday. Very hot today. Mercury about a hundred all day. I cut weeds during the forenoon with scythe and used mower some during the afternoon. We did work early and went to Aunt Kit's for an hour or so.



July 27, Sunday. We went to Aunt Kit's last evening and decided to stay over night with them. We came home this morning after breakfast. This has been a very hot day. We were at home all day.

July 28, Monday. Dorothy celebrated her fifth birthday today. Elinor and I went to Mr. Megredy's this morning. He and I settled our accounts for last year. After dinner the boys and I cut weeds out of the corn west of the house. Was very hot today. Cooler in the evening.

July 29, Tuesday. Has been cooler today. Was really a comfort to work. I mowed hay and after dinner Elinor helped us put a load in the barn. We spent some time this morning driving one of our sows home from the creek flat. Mr. Persyn and his Sep. man called at 3:20 this afternoon and I paid him a check for 38.22 for thrashing. The atmosphere feels cool tonight. Should be good night to sleep. We turned the cows over in stubble field this A.M.

July 30, Wednesday. Was rather hot during the day but cooler this evening. We filled the barn with hay today or finished filling it rather. Bob Southwick came and helped us. Mr. and Mrs. Megredy came out awhile this evening. They brought Mr. Johnnie Neal and his sister. Mrs. works with them.

July 31, Thursday. The boys and I spent the day repairing the fence across the road from the gate north. Was quite hot today. Uncle Will and Aunt Nora came this evening.

August 1, Friday. The boys and I spent the forenoon working on the fence across the road. It was warm but not as warm as it has been. Mr. Megredy came this morning and suggested we go to Cowden this afternoon to see some shorthorn heifers which were advertised in the Prairie Farmer. We started about 1-20 P.M. Found the roads very good, crops about Taylorville looked good but not so good farther south near Pana and Southeast. Returned at 7-30.

August 2, Saturday. Was quite hot today. The boys and I spent most of the day on the fence across the road, especially along Southwick's orchard and at the south end of the field. Later in the day the boys took the team and went to John Stout's to get his wagon as we expect to go to Jack Smith's (Neal farm) for two loads of oats on Monday.

August 3, Sunday. We spent the day at home and were almost miserable on account of heat. Mr. and Mrs. Megredy stopped by a few minutes this evening. Mr. Otto Wallner buried today.

August 4, Monday. Brought 225 bushels 30. The boys and I went with two wagons today to the "Old Neal" farm for Mr. Megredy's share of oats. It was a very warm trip. Arrived home about 1 P.M. We also took over 19 bushels of rye as Mr. Smith expects to seed some. While I unloaded oats after dinner, the boys returned Mr. John Stout's wagon after which we went to Louie Wallner's for the Richeson gilt. It looks a bit like rain this evening. Elinor is badly afflicted with a rash of some kind over her body. Has been generally miserable today. Charles and my poisoning is getting better.

August 5, Tuesday. A very hot day as usually. I went to the coal mine at Springfield in the forenoon for 30 bushels of screening coal for the pigs @ 2.34. Had to detour to eleventh street near the city as they are starting to make an improvement in the pavement north of St. Joseph home. After dinner Elinor and I went to take the cream and brought out some groceries including three watermelons. It threatened rain this morning. In fact, it did sprinkle enough to wet the pavement but did no great good. The corn crop is cut into and growing less each day. The creeks, both Lick and Sugar, are dry and have been for several days.

August 6, Wednesday. Very hot today. George was sick during the night. Charles and I unloaded the wagon bed and coal and mixed pig mineral. In the afternoon I started making a self feeder for the mineral.

August 7, Thursday. Very hot with hot wind. Mr. Megredy came out today before he had breakfast to tell us the calves were getting out of his pasture into the corn field so we brought them home in the truck and then finished the feeder and put mineral in it. Afternoon Elinor and I went to Springfield to get the girls some dresses for school. Very hot this evening. The children spent the afternoon at Wallner's.

August 8, Friday. Very not, mercury went to 100 degrees. The boys and I stretched a barbed wire along south side of the rye field to make a line for post. I then spent the balance of the day digging holes. Elinor washed during the afternoon. The cistern went dry today. We are going to miss the soft water very much.

August 9, Saturday. Very hot as usual, seemed hotter to me than most any day during our long hot spell. I dug 20 post holes during forenoon, came in about 10-30. I took off my overalls, shirt and socks and rinsed the sweat out and hung them on the line to dry. They were dry by 1 o'clock. I went out again afternoon, dug four holes, and came to the house as it was too hot. As it was thundering some the boys and I cleaned out the cistern. It was in a very bad state, much mud and shine. I think it must have been the first time it was cleaned since 1909 when Elinor helped clean it. Mr. Wallner went to a funeral in Chatham during the afternoon and left the children here. We have to go by way of Woodside now to get to Chatham on account of the grading being done in preparation for paving the road between Chatham and Ball High School. Bob Southwick came over during the late afternoon to get his stray pigs.

August 10, Sunday. This has been a fine cool day. We went to Uncle Will's and Aunt Kit's this afternoon. It was real cool coming home.

August 11, Monday. A good day, not nearly so hot as last week. I spent the forenoon digging post holes and afternoon the boys and I went to Springfield. I bought Charles a pair of shoes at the Dixie shoe store @ \$2.45.

August 12, Tuesday. A good day, not too hot. I spent the day working on the fence. Got all the posts set except the end post.

August 13, Wednesday. Cut the alfalfa this morning first thing. After that, I repaired the forge by putting a new belt and lather on. After dinner the boys and I heated some angle irons and made some fence braces. Louie Wallner came over and gave me a check for \$15.00. A light sprinkle today. Looks rainy.

August 14, Thursday. We had a heavy rain during the night which caused several fires in Springfield by lightening. The rain will help the corn and grass but is too late to restore the corn to more than a half crop. The boys and I put in the end posts and braces on the fence today and connected the wire and cut some corn near the fence. Cool today, except during midday.

August 15, Friday. Was quite warm during midday. The boys and I put in braces and stretched the wire on the fence between the rye and corn west of the alfalfa patch. Mr. Megredy came during the afternoon. While he was here Henry, Sid, Clara and Cora came also Aunt Sarah and Bess, also Aunt Kit. They came in Bessie's Star Coupe. I raked the alfalfa and the boys and I loaded it. Elinor helped us put it in the barn. We had trouble with the pulley which delayed us so we did not finish until 9-30, by lantern light. Mr. and Mrs. Seiz came this evening and left school tickets for the children to go to the Fair on Monday 18th.

August 16, Saturday. A rather mild day in comparison to some days we have had recently. Elinor, Ruth and I went to Springfield this forenoon. We left Ruth at Clara's. I got my watch at Stouts. The boys stayed at home. The girls went over and played at Bobbie Southwick's. I mowed weeds during the afternoon and worked on a gate to put at Wallner's entrance as we are now pasturing stubble across the road.

August 17, Sunday. Very cloudy today and threatened rain occasionally but nothing to amount to much. We went to Mr. Megredy's for the day. Elinor dressed two chickens and took them along. Mrs. Megredy was away to church. Mr. M. was asleep on the lounge. The road leading east from Chatham is under construction at present so is very rough. The state is widening it, will gravel it this fall, probably getting it in shape for a slab in a year or so.

August 18, Monday. Cool and cloudy this morning. We are now ready to start to the "State Fair" at Springfield at 9-A.M. We returned from the fair about 7 or 7-30, had a very good day and enjoyed the fair very much. It seemed better than last year to us.

August 19, Tuesday. A good day. The boys and I spent the day cleaning up the cellar and getting it ready for the potatoes.

August 20, Wednesday. We spent this day digging potatoes. I think we have between 15 or 20 bushels. Mr. Megredy came out awhile during the afternoon

August 21, Thursday. A good day. Mostly cloudy & cool but rather warm during midday. We cleaned the feeding yards & hog shed. Also the drive way of corn crib, two big triple box loads of cobs and dust. Ernst Reid stopt awhile during the afternoon. Elinor did sewing.

August 22, Friday. A rather cool cloudy day. Mr. Pointer stopped a few minutes this forenoon as we were almost ready to start to the Fair. The sawmill where he had been working has shut down on account of no water. Mr. Reynolds also stopt to ask us to look after some boxes left at Wallner's box. We brought them to the house. We left the boys to look after the place. They went to Mr. Dickey's during the afternoon. We left the girls at Cora's. Clara is in bed. Been sick since last Tuesday. We learned today that Elinor's brother Fred and wife are to visit soon. We had a pleasant afternoon at the Fair.

August 23, Saturday. We worked at the fencing all day. I took the fence down around the little pasture in front of the house. Mr. & Mrs. Megredy stopt awhile. They had Mrs. Swisher and two boys. with them from Mendota, Ill. They drove down on Thursday. Are to go home next Monday. Louie Wallner stopt and talked a few minutes on his way to Chatham to have his wagon tires set.

August 24, Sunday. At home during forenoon and drove over to the airport during the afternoon. Watched the airplanes awhile and then on to the Barneses awhile. Bought ten watermelons while in town.

August 25, Monday. Worked at fencing entire day. Warm & partly cloudy.

August 26, Tuesday. Today was quite warm, much more so than past several days. Old Settler's picnic was held at Caldwell's Grove today. The boys and I worked on the fences all day. Elinor did a big washing today.

August 27, Wednesday. A very hot day. We noticed it so much. We worked on fences before noon. Afternoon I took the radiator off the ford and put in fan pulley. Then did some work on the gate post northeast of house. I hope tomorrow is cooler than today was.

August 28, Thursday. Elinor, Ruth & I took the red sow we got from Richeson to the stockyards at Springfield. Came back by Cora's & found Fred and Myrtle there. They arrived yesterday about 1 P.M. Their trip from Panhandle to Springfield was 1000 miles. They & Cora came out to our place during the afternoon. It looks rainy this afternoon.

August 29, Friday. It has been cloudy and not nearly so warm as yesterday was. We had a rain storm during the night. I repaired the table for Elinor and made some arms for the binder reel. Afternoon I hitched to mower and cut two swatches around the bean field so I could start with the binder. We then drew the binder out of the shed and have it ready to hitch to. It started thundering in the west about five and came on with a vengeance while we were milking. We all got wet in getting horses out and across the road. Had a very heavy rain. Water everywhere.

August 30, Saturday. A fine day, cool and cloudy although I sweat quite a lot digging post holes. Bob Southwick came for me to help him pull his pump as it would not pump. We went over and priming pump, it was okay. After dinner I worked on post holes.

August 31, Sunday. At home all day. Looked rainy during forenoon and fairly poured during afternoon.

September 1, Monday. A fine day but quite warm during forenoon. I spent forenoon working on post holes in front of house and road. After dinner, Clara & May, Fred & Myrtle came. After awhile we went to Mr. & Mrs. Megredy's and had a good visit. Fred left Chatham by way of Route 4 and took Clara & May back to Springfield. Fred & Myrtle are going to visit us for awhile.

September 2, Tuesday. This has been an ideal day, cool and fine. The children went to school yesterday and got their lists of books. So Fred & I went to Springfield this morning and spent almost \$15.00 for books. Got home then Myrtle & I took books to the school house. Mr. & Mrs. Megredy came for the day. The children all put in their first day at school.

September 3, Wednesday. This has been an ideal day, cool & partly cloudy. The children went to school. Fred & Myrtle, Elinor, Ruth & I went over to Chatham to Lick Creek and gathered a big lot of Paw Paws and some Walnuts. Then went on to Springfield. Left Dorothy & Ruth at Cora's. Then to Kresges for lunch. Then to the Cente\_\_\_\_\_ building through the museum which was wonderful. Then through Lincoln's house, then back to Cora's and had ice cream and cake. Then home. Sure had a big day.

September 4, Thursday. A very hot today. Myrtle & Fred left about 8-20 A.M. They intended to take Cora and go to Athertons of Pleasant Plains for the day. I hitched the binder about 11-30 and cut leaves until about 4-30 or 5. Ran out of twine. Went to Wallner's. Got seven pounds and used it. A Holstein bull came along the road from the creek this A.M. and spent most of the day in the field with the cattle.

September 5, Friday. A fine, cool , partly cloudy day., I went to Springfield early. Intended to bring Henry out but he had to help Harry B. So I brought Clara. I got some groceries, also a pair of overalls and five balls of twine. Fred, Myrtle & Cora also came out. We had a big dinner of fried chicken and ice cream. Mr. Megredy came while dinner was being eaten. We then went over to cemetery and on to look at covered bridge a half mile up Sugar Creek. Elinor & I drove near school house and brought children home. Did our chores and had supper early. Then all drove in to Clara's and stayed until 9-P.M. Fred intends to start early tomorrow morning to go to Sigourney, IA to visit his brother Arthur.

September 6, Saturday. Partly cloudy and quite warm during the middle of the day. I stooked beans all forenoon. and finished them about three o'clock. The boys & I then walked over in timber where Lewis Barnes and three of his friends were doing target shooting. Lewis said his Uncle Fred left their house about 6-30 or 7 A.M. for Iowa. We found the little Jersey calf dead in the pasture this evening. Looked as though she died early in the day probably of black leg. Raleigh man stopt today. We bought a can of menthol salve for .60 and a bottle of Magnesia .35.

September 7, Sunday. At home during forenoon. Boys & I went to Springfield to get vaccine for calves. Came back by Frank Stout's to get his injector but he was away from home. Late in afternoon Elinor & I drove over to get it. We vaccinated the calves during the evening. A mild day.

September 8, Monday. I spent most of the forenoon digging a hole for the jersey calf. I then got the binder ready and finished cutting the beans during the afternoon.

September 9, Tuesday. I spent the day cutting corn. Did 20 shocks today. Louie came for the hay rake & Bob Southwick came for the mower during the afternoon. Mr. Megredy here for awhile. A Mr. Wurtzfall & Mr. Otte also came to the field I was at. I ordered a 30 gal. drum of cyl. oil @ 80 1/3 cents per gallon. Also a 25 lb. pail of axle grease @ 1.85 and 10 lbs. cup grease and one gallon of separator oil @ \$1.00.

September 10, Wednesday. I cut corn until noon (12 shocks). Mr. Meg. came about 1 o'clock. He left about three. Bob also brought the mower home. After that Elinor & I went to Springfield. Took in cream (\$4.18) got some groceries & girls some stockings. And each of them a lunch box, which they were quite proud of. Had a card from Fred today. He found it was 240 miles from Springfield to Sigourney, Iowa.

September 11, Thursday. I cut corn all day. did 17 shocks but as my wrist was quite sore and swollen it was hard to use it.

September 12, Friday. Elinor, Ruth. Dorothy & me went to Aunt Kit's today. I helped Llyod repair some fence & put a yoke on a cow. It was very hot today.

September 13, Saturday. I cut weeds this forenoon & boys & I tied 49 shocks of corn. We went to Springfield in the afternoon, the boys went to Mr. Dickey's. The girls went to Mr. Wallner's.

September 14, Sunday. We intended to take a drive below Waverly today but it proved to be a very rainy day so we stayed at home all day.

September 15, Monday. A fine day but was quite wet and muddy this morning. as it rained most all the night. I sorted the potatoes over during the forenoon and shocked beans during afternoon finishing them. Mr. Pointer came this afternoon and cut thirteen shocks after dinner. I went over to Mr. Dickey's orchard a few minutes during the afternoon where he was making cider, and got a tummy ache.

September 16, Tuesday. I went to Southwick's and helped Bill Southwick separate his sheep then brought over four ewe lambs and took four of our weather lambs back in exchange. Also exchanged the back from Raplh Buthr's flock for a yearling ewe. And went to Chatham & brought the buck out to Southwick's. I cut twelve shocks of corn in the afternoon. And after school boys helped me tie about 40 or 50 shocks of corn. Little Helen Goddard became confused on the way home from school and wanted to go north by our house so the boys had to have her mother come for her. It is cooler this evening.

Mr. Pointer started cutting corn the 15th.

September 17, Wednesday. Cool. I cut about 12 shocks of corn today. My wrist hurt so badly I was almost unable to use it. Mr. Megredy came after noon and helped him measure the roof for shingles.

September 18, Thursday. This has been a very nice day although warmer than yesterday but fine for working. Hummel the lumber man from Auburn sent a truck load of lumber and shingles to this farm early today. Two carpenters from Auburn came to put them on. They completed the east side today. The boys and I put a sting of

woven fence across the front yard and put the ewe in yard. Sid Barnes stopped for a few minutes on way to cemetery with some fence material. Mr. Megredy was here twice, once in the forenoon and again in the afternoon. Brantley the oil man stopped and left 5 gals. of gas. Elinor & I went to Springfield for some groceries. Had a flat tire on the way home. Mr. Pointer cut corn. I worked on fence after dinner east of house.

September 19, Friday. I made some fence braces this morning. Elinor helped me. The carpenters (Hub Greenwood and another man) worked on shingling house all day. Mr. Pointer cut corn all day. I worked balance of the day putting in brace posts and braces.

September 20, Saturday. I worked at fence east of house until three o'clock. Then hitched to seeder cart and seeded about ten acres of Timothy. Mr. Pointer cut corn all day. The carpenters finished shingling the house. Mr. Megredy had to go to Auburn two bunches of shingles.

September 21, Sunday. At home all day. Elinor & I walked over to the cemetery in the afternoon. A very nice day.

September 22, Monday. Very hot today. I seeded Timothy early this A.M. until the wind began to blow. I then worked at setting brace posts & put in and wired the braces down at corner south of fence. I certainly did sweat. Elinor did a big washing this morning. Mr. Pointer cut 25 shocks of corn today. Mr. Megredy spent the afternoon loafing where I was at work.

September 23, Tuesday. I set a brace post and brace at southwest corner of the farm this forenoon and suffered with toothache every hour. Afternoon I decided to go to the dentist so Elinor & I went in and had my tooth treated. And an estimate made on what it would cost to have all our teeth put in shape, which was \$72.00. But we won't have it all done now. It rained quite hard while we were in town.

September 24, Wednesday. A cool showery day. Rained in showers all forenoon. I dug out the telephone poles along the road and dug out an anchor iron and also dug holes to pull from near sycamore stump on south side. Mr. Pointer finished cutting corn during the afternoon . 264 shocks.

September 25, Thursday. I took Mr. Pointer to Chatham. It rained quite hard while there. I came home & we went over to Aunt Kit's.

September 26, Friday. Very cool today. was uncomfortably so riding to Springfield in our open car. We went to the dentist. Elinor & I each had a tooth fixed. I got some wire at 10th & Reynolds St. and brought a water tank out from Henry's. The installed a new pressure tank.

September 27, Saturday. Charles plowed the potato patch today and I dug out two stumps & an old apple tree which stood in the middle of the patch. The boys had company this afternoon. Mellinger boys and William Dickey came to go nutting with them.

September 28, Sunday. We made a long drive today by way Auburn, Thayer, Virden, Modesto, Palmyra and back by where we used to live. Then to West Union school and ate our dinner there. On to Ralph Delong's for two hours then home by Waverly.

September 29, Monday. We went to Aunt Kit's and picked pears about 5 ½ bushels and about 4 ½ bushels of fallen pears. Mr. Megredy and Uncle John Harrison were here today and also yesterday but we did not get to see them.



September 30, Tuesday. At home and busy.

October 1, Wednesday. At home and busy.

October 2, Thursday. At home and busy.

October 3, Friday. I worked until noon tamping in fence posts on each side of barn yard. Mr. & Mrs. Megredy & Elinor's Uncle John Harrison came for dinner. We visited during the afternoon.

October 4, Saturday. I went over to Louis Wallner's early & got a calf and took it to Springfield yards & came back by way of city and got some groceries & a check cashed at A & P store. Then home and at work. About 1-30 Mr. Megredy and Uncle John H. came and brought some nails for fencing. Also some stock dip for sheep's lame foot. I nailed about half the boards on east side of barn yard.

October 5, Sunday. Uncle Will & Aunt Nora, Aunt Kit & Lloyd came for dinner today. Big black sow had four pigs today. A fine day but cool. Bob & Bill Southwick and their families went over into our timber today for an outing.

October 6, Monday. This has been a cloudy day and has been threatening rain since about noon. I finished nailing boards on east side of barn yard and dug a gatepost hole and set in a post at north end of barn yard and repaired the gate at the south end. A Mr. Thorne stopped awhile soliciting for cream shipments to Producer's Dairy.

October 7, Tuesday. A very rainy day in fact it rain almost continuously throughout the day but not hard. The children went to school. I helped Elinor with the pears all day. I peeled while she cored and canned them.

October 8, Wednesday. This has been a very good day, sunny but muddy. Mail carrier had a heavy pull. I peeled pears all day. Elinor has about 40-50 quarts canned. Mrs. Southwick came this afternoon for awhile. I went over there and got their kettle and made a stand for it. We intend to go to Southwick's tomorrow afternoon to peel apples to make apple butter the following day.

October 9, Thursday. I finished the stand for kettle and made a stirrer this A.M. and we went to Southwick's & peeled apples during the afternoon.

October 10, Friday. We went to Southwick's this A.M. and made some cider and then put the apple butter to cooking. We cooked it all afternoon finishing awhile after sundown. Mr. Megredy came out telling us the wire was in.

October 11, Saturday. The boys and I went to Chatham this morning for the wire fencing 200 rds. of heavy wire, one roll of chicken wire, and three rolls of barbed wire. After noon the boys and I shucked eleven rows of corn. Then Elinor, the girls and I went over to the timber and picked up some nuts.

October 12, Sunday. A very warm day. We all spent the forenoon gathering nuts. At home balance of the day.

October 13, Monday. Quite warm. Louie Wallner & I spent the day working on the fence on the south side of farm.

October 14, Tuesday. Louie helped me until about 1-30 today. We got the wire stretched up to the mail box. I stretched the balance after dinner to the corner of the yard.

October 15, Wednesday. I spent the entire day nailing staple & wiring the top wire to posts. Mr. Megredy came along awhile this evening. Dave Reavis came this evening to start shucking corn tomorrow.

October 16, Thursday. Warm this forenoon but much cooler during the afternoon. Dave Reavis shucked two loads of corn today. I repaired some fence this morning and took the floor off the scales and shoveled a wagon load of dust and trash from under the beams so the scales could be more accurate. Afternoon we went to Springfield. Got Charles two pairs of shoes, one a high top pair. Also myself a pair but mine are not satisfactory so will be returned. It was very disagreeable riding to Springfield and home. Rained while in town.

October 17, Friday. Dave husked two loads of corn today but decided he could not husk for less than six cents per bushel. So in the afternoon Elinor & I started over to New Berlin to see Mr. Pointer but on way saw Wes Duncan and hired him to start Monday. We went on to Springfield and I exchanged my shoes at Sear Roebucks which were too small. I bought a small Stevens rifle at 3.98 at Sears Roebucks. Also got six suits underwear for the girls.

October 18, Saturday. I went to the mine for a load of coal this forenoon. Mr. Megredy came out at noon and stopped awhile. I went to the saw mill for some boards to build gates and then cleaned the stable when I got back.

October 19, Sunday. It has been fairly cold today. We went to Uncle Will's for dinner. Frances & Carson were there.

October 20, Monday. A very good day. Wes Duncan came and husked two loads of corn. I started the tractor and plowed across the road. Quite cool.

October 21, Tuesday. Louie came over and he and I stacked four loads of beans this forenoon. Afternoon Elinor & I went for meat and groceries and Louie finished digging potatoes. Wes husked two loads of corn.

October 22, Wednesday. Bob Southwick & Louie came today and Wes & I all worked at the beans, finishing them at dusk. We put 17 loads in two stacks. We castrated our big red hog today noon.

October 23, Thursday. It rained slightly last night and was quite dioucef this A.M. Mr. Dickey was unable to combine beans today. Wes and George helped Bob Southwick this A.M. Elinor & I went to Suddith's for bags. We got 3 doz. for ourselves and two doz. for Mr. Dickey. I helped Bob with his beans after noon finishing about 4-30.

October 24, Friday. Wes & I helped Louie stack beans this forenoon finished about 12-15. We came home and Wes ran tractor and plowed across the road. I went to Mr. Dickey's for 10 bus. more beans. We now have 40 bushels. I then worked at stapling wire on posts set in front. Mr. & Mrs. Megredy came awhile for two bags oats for chickens.

October 25, Saturday. We husked corn this forenoon. Boys & I went to Chatham. I got five gallons of cyl. oil and brought the three ewes back from Mr. Megredy's. Stopped at Mr. Milners awhile on way. After noon we went to Springfield mostly to get Elinor's hair cut. Wes did not work this afternoon. Elinor & twins & boys went to the Halloween exercises at school house tonight. I stayed home with the little girls.

October 26, Sunday. A fine day. We were at home all day. Cora, Henry, Malford & Myra came out awhile this afternoon. A strong wind this evening. Feels stormy.

October 27, Monday. A fine mild day. I plowed with the tractor all day across road from house. Tried to finish but was unable to do so. Mr. Megredy came out this morning and left a check with me to pay Mr. Dickey for the

beans. Elinor & I took the check to the Dickeys after supper. Mrs. Wallace, Edith & Mable's little Wallace were her awhile this afternoon. Wesley shucked two loads of corn today. Elinor wrote a letter to the folks today.

October 28, Tuesday. This has been a fine day but too warm for corn husking. I finished plowing across the road and sacked the beans before noon. Afternoon I husked my first load of corn for the season. 24 bu. 65 lbs. Wes husked two loads.

October 29, Wednesday. We husked four loads of corn today. The weather was very good.

October 30, Thursday. Wes & I husked corn this forenoon. It was quite cloudy and cool. Bill Southwick came this morning and bought the loose beans that were left in the field for twelve dollars. At noon it started snowing and snowed most of the afternoon. We did not shuck any corn as the snow was very wet. Elinor & I went to Springfield for some groceries and shoes for the twins. On our way home we came across a Ford sedan upset in ditch near Toronto station on hard road. Car was badly damaged but its only occupant (a man) from Colorado was not hurt. I got a quart of fresh oysters @ 70 cents and some oyster crackers so we had a great feed tonight. The snow has mostly melted as it has fallen.

October 31, Friday. Quite cold this morning. Mercury was at almost 24° above zero. Wes did not shuck corn this morning. I put the alemite-zerk oilers in the coulters on the tractor plow. And straightened the draw irons also on the plow. Afternoon we husked two loads of corn.

November 1, Saturday. We husked corn all day.

November 2, Sunday. We were at home all day. It was a very good day.

November 3, Monday. We husked corn all day. Warm.

November 4, Tuesday. Very foggy until noon, corn stalks wet. But cleared away after dinner. I prepared the northeast crib for corn in the afternoon.

November 5, 6 & 7, Wednesday-Friday. We husked corn all day.

November 8, Saturday. Started Wesley on the tractor this morning plowing under the corn stalks. Charles & I finished husking the remaining six rows of corn. Mr. Megredy stopped at the end of the field for awhile.

November 9, Sunday. We were at home all day. Henry, Cora, Sid, Clara, also Malford & May came out during the afternoon. We all went down in the timber and picked some walnuts. Elinor and I ran to Chatham late this eve. to blacksmiths for shares. I stopped there yesterday but did not know the Blacksmith was injured on Friday so was in bed.

November 10 & 11, Monday & Tuesday. We spent both days plowing, Wes with the tractor and myself with four horses on the sulky plow.

November 12, Wednesday. Very foggy this forenoon. We plowed all day but did not quite finish west of shock corn.

November 13, Thursday. A fine day, mercury far above freezing point. We plowed all day or until four o'clock when we finished. We then put the implements in the machine shed. The field looks much better by being plowed.

Mr. Megredy came out this A.M. He said they were leaving next week for the winter season. Would probably visit South America in their wanderings.

November 14, Friday. A rather cloudy, murky day threatened rain at times but did not rain any. Wes & I finished putting machinery in shed this morning while Charles went to Wallner's to borrow his wagon and rack. As Wes and I then went to Mr. Megredy's for the two hog sheds. I went in car, Elinor went also. We loaded the sheds and half the brick then went back afternoon and loaded the balance of brick and put largest piece of concrete slab on skids ready to go for it on tractor tomorrow morning. Think I will also take both \_\_\_\_ along and bring back both pieces at one trip. Sid & Clara came out just after dinner. Sid and I had done some hunting and shot two rabbits which we had for dinner tonight. Was good. This was Ruth's birthday. She was three today. Elinor made her a nice birthday nut cake with three candles on it. She had lots of fun tonight blowing out them out. Mr. Megredy came this evening for some corn for the chickens.

November 15, Saturday. A cloudy day and a mist at times but no rain. The boys, Wes & I went to Mr. Megredy's, Wes taking the tractor, I took four horses and wagon. We brought home both pieces of concrete slab at one trip. It drew rather heavy but we came in about one hour and 40 minutes. After dinner Mr. Megredy came out awhile to measure the corn in the crib. After that Elinor and the girls & I went to Springfield for some groceries. We stopped at Henry's awhile. Henry & I went down to the city hall to the engineer's office & was told that the lake would not take away any of this farm in their project. [Note: in fact, the northern part of the farm was used by the Lake project.]

November 16, Sunday. Mercury above freezing. It rained during the night, but not enough to make it real muddy. A heavy wind has been blowing most all day. We spent the day at home.

November 17, Monday. Mercury above freezing. I cleaned the hen house & sprayed it this morning. And after that I started shingling on east side of the shop building. Louie stopped awhile as he came for his mail. After dinner Bob came to borrow the crank on my binder as he thought of putting his in the shed. I laid six courses of shingles. Elinor washed today.

November 18, Tuesday. I worked all day on the old shop roof but could not finish it. A fine warm day.

November 19, Wednesday. I worked at shingling until noon. Afternoon we went down to Mr. Megredy's and helped them prepare for their departure tomorrow. They are to leave Springfield for Chicago at 6-30 P.M. Due to arrive N.Y.City Saturday morning 6-A.M. Will go by way of Havana and make a stop or so at a South American port then two days at the Canal and after making several stops on the Mexican coast will arrive at Los Angeles December 18, Mr. M.F.'s birthday.

November 20, Thursday. We had quite a heavy wind during the night and today's paper states that part of Oklahoma and Kansas were visited by a tornado yesterday. It was very cloudy here today and threatened rain most of the day and did rain two or three heavy showers during the forenoon. I finished shingling and put on the metal ridge covering and gathered in the shingles to the coal house. I took the children to school this A.M. but it was not raining this evening so they walked home. Cooler this evening.

November 21, Friday. Rather cool this A.M. but not quite down to freezing. The sky is almost clear with a bright sunrise.

Elinor & I went to Springfield this afternoon. We left Dorothy and Ruth at Clara's. Sidney is idle at present as Vredenburgs have laid off some men. We bought some Cello-glass 4 yards @ 1.25 per sq. yd.. Also an Aladdin lamp at \$10.50. It is colder this evening.

November 22, Saturday. The mercury was a few degrees below freezing this morning. There was a heavy frost and some ice. I worked all forenoon on her house and afternoon cleaning the back yard. Wes Duncan, Frank Tremane & brother-in-law came by hunting during the afternoon. George took two of Southwick's chickens home this evening. (Windy)

November 23, Sunday. We were at home all day; it was mild. Lewis Barnes & another young man came during the afternoon and did some hunting. Louie Wallner came during the afternoon. He said Mr. Dickey's baby was very low. So Elinor walked down there awhile. It was very sick so she sent them two pies and a cake to help them out.

November 24, Monday. Cold and snowing with a strong wind. Real blustery. I boarded up west end of corn crib drive way. Also worked in hen house. The children went to school. We got a great roll of literature from different points in Oregon today.

November 25, Tuesday. Very blustery, mercury 15°. The children went to school. I worked outside during the forenoon and spent most of time in house helping Elinor put new glass in curtains on car, afternoon. It was quite cold all day but late this evening the mercury ran up to 45.

November 26, Wednesday. Very windy, some snow. 18°. A very disagreeable wind has blown all day. I did chores today and a few odd jobs but disagreeable to do fencing or other work. I am late getting to bed tonight. The mercury is 6° above zero at 11 P.M.

November 27, Thursday. Last night & today have been the coldest days we have had so far this fall. The mercury is 15° above this A.M. The children did not go to school today as it is a holiday. The mail carrier did not come but Louie Wallner went to Chatham and brought our mail. The boys and I went over to Mr. Shepherd's timber and cut some dead logs to make a feed bunk, as Mr. Jacob's gave me permission to do so. On our way back we killed a rabbit which we had for supper & found it very good, especially the gravy, cranberries & the best biscuits. The children are coughing very bad. Guess they have the whooping cough without a doubt.

November 28, Friday. A fairly good day & cold with very little wind. I went to the mine at Springfield for coal this morning. Got back 1-20. Had to wait 30-45 minutes at mine. There were many trucks and teams at work. Roads are fine for hauling. But I found the hill this side of the bridge quite slippery. I unloaded coal, worked in cellar some and bolted the separator to the floor in the kitchen. Looks stormy this evening.

November 29, Saturday. It rained during the night and there was a crust of ice over the ground at daylight. But it grew warmer and began raining and had been drizzling most all day. Now at dark or 5-30 it is raining steadily. The boys and I pulled the logs from the Shepherd's timber over into our pasture, then brought them up near the stacks where we will use them for a feed bunk. Elinor clipped Ruth's hair today as she has been bothered with a light scalp disease. Bill & Bob Southwick & Louie Wallner weighed some pigs here today.

November 30, Sunday. We were at home all day. Roads were muddy so no one came.

December 1, Monday. (Cold wind) Elinor washed today. I helped with machine. I husked and hauled four shocks of corn.

December 2, Tuesday. (Very cold wind) I went over and helped Louie load his bull and 12 hogs in Wright Brother's truck. I then cleaned hog pens in stable, also horse stable and scattered the manure. Also placed wagon at shoot in preparation of taking the big stag to Stockyards tomorrow. Louie came over to borrow my rifle to shoot a pig with.

December 3, Wednesday. Mild & warm. The mercury was at 28 this A.M. The ground was frozen some this morning. I left house at 7-40 with the Duroc pig. Took him to the yards then back by the shaft and brought home 55 bus. of coal. The roads thawed some which made it hard getting up the hill with barefoot horses. Mr. Dickey, Pogue & Skaggs were her this evening to weigh a sow which Mr. D. had sold to Mr. P. It weighed 475 lbs. Mildred & Arabelle did not go to school yesterday or today, their cough is bothering them quite a bit. Looks rainy tonight.

December 4, Thursday. Mercury above freezing. A very mild day. Cloudy and looks rainy. I worked on the log feed bunk in forenoon. Afternoon I went to Chatham with Louie Wallner. I got a roll of building paper to put on the screen doors. Also my plow shares & some bread & meat and a spool of thread. I think it will rain before morning.

December 5, Friday. Rain most of the day. We had a steady rain most of the night. Today has been a continuous drizzle. The mail man had a heavy pull this morning. I shucked shock corn this morning, hauled out some this afternoon. Then worked on feed bunk awhile. I then put up no hunting signs at the northeast corner of the pasture.

December 6, Saturday. A mild, damp, cloudy day. The boys and I shoveled the cobs in a wagon from the drive way where the hogs feed and hauled them out to ditches in the meadow. After dinner I worked on the feed bunk. We also doctored a sheep which has been having a cough for a couple of days and found it had been bitten by a dog. The roads are very bad. A car passed today and a couple of the occupants were walking.

December 7, Sunday. George 11 years old today and had a big walnut cake. At home all day. Cloudy and damp but no rain.

December 8, Monday. Very frosty this morning and quite chilly although the mercury was not much below freezing. I went to Jack Smith's with team and wagon to get his boar but Morse Elliott was using him so I took the trip for nothing. I talked with Uncle Will on my way home as he was weighing corn at Suddith's scales west of Chatham.

December 9, Tuesday. Fine day, warm. I went to Springfield for groceries this morning. I also brought out a Coleman gas lamp. Am going to try it out and probably trade the Aladdin for it. As we do not like the Aladdin at the price. The clay hill cross creek was almost dry. Hill on this side fair. After dinner I helped Elinor repair the curtains to car and then I hauled out shock fodder to cows, sheep and horses. The weather today was too good to last. Was like Spring.

December 10, Wednesday. This has been a very good day, but not as nice as yesterday was. Elinor, Ruth, Dotty & I went over to Aunt Kit's today by way of John Stout's & borrowed his horn clippers and dehorned three of her cows. And then we decided to butcher a pig. John Jensen came just as we shot it so gave us a hand. We then pulled in the north end of their cow shed and blocked it so it would not push out again. Stopped at Chatham and got 5 gals. of lamp gas.

December 11, Thursday. Elinor & I went to Springfield today. It was a very good day. We called at Cora's but she was away. We returned the Aladdin lamp to Krells today. We find the Coleman lamp much better.

December 12, Friday. Mild. Elinor washed today. I helped her with the water. I worked on the stock well platform and put a new fence and posts around it.

December 13, Saturday. I spent the morning working on the barnyard fence and about the well. A mild day, cloudy and threatened rain about 3-30 P.M. but not much. The boys went to play with the Mellinger boys this afternoon. (No snow, ground bare)



December 14, Sunday. The day spent at home. Mild & cloudy.

December 15, Monday. Colder today. I took the children to school then on to Morse Elliott's for the boar but no one was at home. So I came home. We then got ready and Elinor, two girls and I went to Springfield. It is much colder tonight.

December 16, Tuesday. Mercury 12° above 0. This has been a sunny day but cold. I went to Mr. Dickey's & phoned to Morse Elliott, found he would be at home so went over and got the Hampshire boar. Took children to school on the way. Returned home 11-30. After dinner I took John Stout's horn clipper home. Elinor & girls went with me. Also by Chatham & got some stamps. I then worked on the water tank, packed straw around it to keep it from freezing.

December 17, Wednesday. A very nice day, quite warm. I worked on barnyard fence during the forenoon and took the old roof off half the hog shed in preparation to put on a metal roof.

December 18, Thursday. 10° above zero at A.M. I put roof on the hog shed in the forenoon and hauled shock corn and straw bedding and cleaned the stable during the afternoon. It snowed about an inch during early afternoon. Letter from Aunt Kit today wanting us to come there on Xmas day.

December 19, Friday. A very good day but a bit chilly for nail driving. The mercury reached 32° at noon. I worked on hog house all day. I also helped Elinor with wash water. The snow did not melt any today, about an inch on.

December 20, Saturday. Much colder toward evening. Not very cold today but a very disagreeable wind from the west. The boys and I put false floors in two stalls in barns so we could tie Major the bull & Samson the steer inside to feed them grain and hay. Louie Wallner stopped awhile as he came for his mail. Afternoon I shucked out some shock corn and the boys picked up corn which I husked before.

December 21, Sunday. Rather chilly. At home all day, no one here.

December 22, Monday. We went to Springfield today and got the children a few presents. I also got two bags of sweepings at Pillsbury mill. Roads are fine, no snow. Many people in town. Stores full. Streets full of cars. We went out to Cora's and Clara's. Bob Southwick & I went to Springfield this evening and helped Bill Southwick castrate pigs. I was trying to trade him some baled hay for shoats.

December 23, Tuesday. I just loafed about the place today. It was rather cold all day. I husked out and hauled out four shocks of corn to cattle and sheep. Cleaned the stable, both sides, and scattered the manure. Also gathered manure near barn and scattered it. Hauled in three loads of bedding from stack. Moved a hog shed & separated three sows & boar from barnyard bunch. And usual chore jobs besides. Got three eggs today, Mercury 10 above zero tonight.

December 24, Wednesday. Warm & mild. I did chores and husked shock corn and scattered several shocks so the stock will have plenty tomorrow while we will be away. Elinor did her baking today and cleaned after 2 or 3 spills in the kitchen as Dorothy upset a crock of cream & Ruth upset a slop jar. Hope tomorrow is as nice as today.

December 25, Thursday. A bit cool, but hardly freezing. The wind blew quite heavily during the night. We were afraid it would storm today but it was a fair day. We got away early to Aunt Kit's. Lloyd was delivering milk but returned shortly after we arrived. Aunt Kit was stirring about finishing her mornings work. She certainly had a dandy dinner of chicken and ham with all the trimmings. They had purchased a Ford sedan a week ago much

against her judgment and she was worried over it as the car is in need of repairs & Lloyd cannot grease a wheelbarrow without written directions.

December 26, Friday.

December 27, Saturday.

December 28, Sunday. Very mild, no snow. We spent the day at home. Just as we finished dinner, Uncle Will, Aunt Nora, Frances and Carson came.

December 29, Monday. I spent day, after finishing chores, hauling out shock corn and digging out post holes and setting posts around pig pen in the barn yard. Had to start the tractor to move cement slabs which were in the way. The Mellinger boys came during the afternoon to play with the boys. The spent part of the time working Sangamo Major (the bull) to the shed. There has been a violent wind blowing all day. Eyes full of dust, made me feel right at home. Just as it was in Alberta. Bill Southwick brought out 6 shoats which I traded some baled hay for. Elinor washed today. I carried water and started the machine for her. The boys spent forenoon with the team and hay frame gathering up kindling wood where I had torn down old fences.

December 30, Tuesday. Mercury 10° above zero this morning but grew warmer during the day. I delivered a load of hay to Bill Southwick in Chatham this forenoon. He came and helped me load it. I spent the afternoon getting bales out from under loose hay in barn loft and weighed it on the scales. We then hauled out shock corn. The winter is fine for live stock as it takes so much less feed. Also easy on the coal pile. Weighed our hogs. They averaged 292 lbs. Will sell them in a few days. The top on our kind today was \$7.75.

December 31, Wednesday. A bright sunny morning with the mercury 20° above zero. The ground is bare and no cloud in the sky. Our live stock consists of 52 head of hogs, 38 sheep, 13 head cattle, 5 horses. Total 108 head. Lots of feed and a short winter ahead. After doing chores this morning, Bill and George Southwick came and helped me load the baled hay on the frame. After that the boys and I hauled out some shock corn. I then opened a bbl. of slat and after mixing some Potassium Iodide with the salt put some out for the sheep. We then ate dinner after which the boys & I took the load of hay to Chatham and helped put it in a loft. After arriving back home, I cleaned a hay frame load of rubbish from the south end of shop and car shed. First time I had ever cleaned that building. Louie Wallner came by for the butchering kettle as he was going to butcher on Friday. The weather is colder this evening than earlier in the day. We are planning on butchering a wether lamb tomorrow.

This year leaves us 12 months older and nothing else.