

DIARY OF
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Dec. 25 - 1935

Dec. 25 Christmas day - every one home except Bob and Elizabeth, Jean and children drove over. Elizabeth had to work, has charge of 2nd floor, is very busy. She sent a postal telegram Xmas morning sending Xmas greetings to all. Had a nice dinner and Santa Claus came after dinner - we all got such nice presents - Ray and Rodney had a present for every one and they bot and trimmed the tree with Philips help. Mary came home Sat. Dec. 21 - Joe the 20 - Lyle the 24. Lewis took the children to see "In old Kentucky" Will Rogers. Esther stayed here with me. Phil took Ruth to hospital in Elgin - got there about six PM, John arrived about 8:30, weighed 7 1/2 lbs, looks like Virginia. Shirley is going to take care of Ruths family while she is gone. Pretty cold today. Shirley and Chuck Mills stayed here.

Dec. 26 - Cleaned up the usual Xmas wrappings - ironed and mended - Phil drove to Elgin to see Ruth. I went with him - she is fine. It was pretty cold today, 10° below zero, and a cold wind - Chuck + Philip and Rodney went skating - there is quite a lot of snow. Joe drove to DeKalb. He had an invitation to a dinner dance at Baker Hotel, St. Charles tonite. Got a letter from Dorothy Vandewert today. *side note* Went to see Ruth at Elgin with Phil, baby looks like Virginia.

Dec. 27 - It was 16° below zero last nite at mid nite - 10 below this morning -but warmed up today to 16 above - Called on Mrs E Fleming - I took care of her from Dec 16 to 23, Pneumonia - young folks all went tobogganing at the Lake. Shirley Mills is staying at Ruths with Shirley R. We all went to Alumni game with C.L. - twelve of us went, boys and girls stayed to dance afterwards.

Sat. Jan. *Dec.* 28. Baked 6 loaves bread. Mary finished ironing - kids all went skating + playing hockey + tobogganing in after noon, I sewed on my quilt in eveing - about midnite the phone rang and "the Lady across the street" told dad she was getting very sick and wanted some one to come over. She was unconcious when I got there. She had taken poison. Took her to hospital. Sent Elizabeth a dollar for her birthday.

Sun. Dec 29. Went to church after being at neighbors all morning - Bob + family were here in afternoon + eveing. Sarah went home with them + Douglas stayed here with Chuck.

Mon. Washed baked etc - kids all went to Lake skating. Went to see Ruth at nite. She is fine - Mrs Dalrymple went too. Mrs Delcado home from hospital, is O.K.

Tues. Dec. 31 - Esthers anneversery, bot her a green tea pot - drove over - took Chuck + Douglas home. Went to Deerfield, grandpa is fine. Irene not so well, is going to hospital soon - went to Bobs - brot Sarah home - Marjorie came back with us. Sarah not so well, her face all broken out. Mr + Mrs Ewing were visiting at Bobs. Sarah went to city with Jean + bot goods for a dress. We got home about 6 P.M. All the young folks went out for New Years eve. Joe has a friend to stay all nite.

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Wednesday, January 1, clear.

New Years day - a lovely day - Shirley brot Virginia and Seth here - young folks all went to Walkups hill to toboggan. Phil went to Niles to meet Elizabeth and Ceil - they got here about 4:30, we had dinner about 5. Martha Wobdbury was here and Joe's friend, Mary Stecklac, Phil + family, Nancy, Jean + Shirley Mills + Marjorie McFarlane - .after dinner Phil, Elizabeth, Geo + Martha went to see Ruth, she is fine - Sarah is pretty sick. Breakfast 14 Dinner 24

Thursday, January 2, snow.

Elizabeth left on the 7:32 - lots of snow - Sarah pretty sick all nite. Dr. came, he called it a erysipelas streptococcus infection. He came twice + I had to send for him at 3 AM again - he gave her antitoxin serum - was very sick all day - her leg was pretty stiff by nite. Lyle left for camp this afternoon - we sent Nancy + Jean to Ruths to stay - because of infection.

Sat. January 4, clear.

Mary left this Morning, took train to city and then bus to Ottawa - It is a lovely day - Sarah is better but the eruption still is spreading - baked bread and Rodney H- Dorothy cleaned. Philip played basket ball in morning, C.L. played Waukegan. Dad, Shirley M. + Marjorie went to see game in afternoon. Dad took all the grand children home. Phil brot Ruth and John, Philip home. Dad + I went down in eveing to see baby, he is so nice - Virginia is quite excited about him.

Sunday, January 5, snow.

Lots of snow this morning - Sarah some better, slept better. Dad and Ray went to church - Joe went back to DeKalb in after noon - Philip went to Freddie Marsh in afternoon - Esther called up to ask about Sarah. Kept pretty busy nearly all day. Have to disenfect every thing used around Sarah.

Monday, January 6, snow.

Still snowing, not very cold - done a big washing with Dad + Rodney's help - Sarah better, sat in chair a while - Dorothy + Philip went back to school - got a tin box of English toffee from Mary Stecklac (Joe's girl friend) in mail today, and a letter too - I wrote to Dorothy Vandewert, Elizabeth + a thankyou note to Mary S.

Tuesday- January 7, clear.

A lovely day - baked 6 loaves bread - took care of Sarah - cleaned kitchen etc. Sarah better but her face still looks bad. Went garden club at Mrs Armstrongs. Dr. Pfleuger here*wanted me to nurse a pneumonia case - my knee is pretty lame. Rodney took his model T ford over to Bobs - traded it in on a Studebaker, we are going to have, ^correct*

Wednesday, January 8.

Went to Dr Hensley about my knee; am to keep off it for a while and use a light on it. Dad went to P.T.A., they appointed me refreshment chairman - started to read Honey in the Horn.

Thursday, January 9.

Shirley came home and done the ironing. Knee no better.

Friday, January 10.

Still laying around. Dad went to annual church meeting. Shirley + Hazel went to movies with Ray, he won \$5 and Hazel \$1 - screeno.

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Saturday, January 11.

Shirley came home from Ruths*and done Sat. work. Dorothy went to Ruths. Sarah is getting much better.

Sunday, January 12.

Dad, Dorothy + Philip went to church. Sarah broke out with hives last nite - effects of serum. Read Exile by Pearl Buck, very good, much better than "Good Earth."

Monday, January 13.

Sarah went back to school - lots of work to make up - knee not much better, still using the light. Dad drove to farm today to see about barn they are repairing. Mr + Mrs Keldar + Sammy called this eveing. Elizabeth send a white turtle neck sweater to Shirley - that she made for her Xmas present - it lovely.

Tuesday, January 14.

Went to Dr. again, made adjustment on my spine, told me keep on useing light - Shirley came home and Rodney helped her do washing - it was a lovely day. Womans Club Day but didnt go - Ruth went, said.it was very good 7 started to do some mending, it's about time, when I get that done am going to finish rug & quilt.

Wednesday, January 15.

Shirley will be at home now - just helps Ruth to wash and clean - Rodney is sawing wood at Wallaces. Ruth came home and brot the children - baby is so nice, (first time she was home since Xmas), and he is so good - Virginia stayed to supper -Seth is beginning to talk - I wrote a long letter to Mary - and got one from her. She is fine - weather like spring there. Esther called - Lewis went to Farm + Home week for 2 days - Esther + family all fine.

Thursday, January 16.

Got a card from Viola - Irene to be operated on for gall stones at St Luke this morning - Eliz telephoned Phil at eveing. She was as good as you would expect -Eliz was with her all day and eveing - Bob was home - stayed to supper, brot his Boston Bull - Jean could not come - Got a letter from Joe - he is busy since he went back - had a cold too.

Friday, January 11, snow.

Lots of snow and windy. Am feeling better, went to Dr. this afternoon - in eveing Shirley + Ray went show. Shirley won a dollar - all the rest went to H.S. basket ball game. I was alone all eveing, which was unusual. I popped corn + listened to radio + sewed.

Saturday, January 18, snow.

Sarah, Dorothy + Rod went to a high school party, a leap year party. Philip went skeing in afternoon. Shirley helped Ruth. Rudyard Kipling died today.

Sunday, January 19.

Went to church, read and popped corn. Went to church in eveing to a meeting, the deacon called to organize a fellow ship committe. Rodney + Philip drove to DeKalb to take Sanford Walkup back. Saw Joe, he is fine - may come home next Sun, we sent hime bread, coffee cake, jam + vegatables.

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Monday, January 20, cold - 6° below.

Shirley + Rodney washed - Esther + Carol Lou came about ten - stayed to lunch. Went to see Ruth. First time Esther had seen John Philip - Carol Lou is very shy and is afraid of us. She is so sweet - got a letter from Mary - King George of England died today.

Tuesday, January 21, snow.

Dad was at Roberts today watching the foxes until they have a sale - Rodney went rabbit hunting - am finishing a rug, I started for Esther last year - lots of snow - snow plows are clearing roads - Rodney went to Woodstock to sign up for work on a new highway. Shirley played basket ball tonite in C.L.

Wednesday, January 22.

Very cold - and a blizzard - kept getting worse all day - Rodney went to Roberts - roads blocked so he staid all nite - Howard Roberts + Warren Moffett stayed here all nite - Ray stayed in Woodstock. Worst storm in years. Teacher saw that all the children had a way to get home - no grade school the rest of week, no high school tomorrow.

Thursday, January 23.

26° below this morning - no school - Sarah went to Ruths, cut out a dress and helped Ruth - snow plows have been clearing roads all day, bitter cold. Boys stayed all nite again. Seth had a convulsion about 8 P.M. I went down - had to call Geo from Marthas - He thot it was something he ate on his teeth. *?*

Friday, January 24.

Still cold and a strong wind blowing - Seth pretty weak and pale, staid in bed all day. Sarah, Dorothy + boys that stayed here went to H.S. All went to basket ball at nite - C.L. won. Rodney came home from Roberts.

Saturday, January 25, snow.

Dad went to city - went to see Irene. She is fine - going home Sunday - Hazel and Austin have a 9[^] Ib boy, Friday nite Jan 24. Roads are open, but not many people are out.

Sunday, January 26.

Shirley's birthday.- still very cold - but sunshine every day - went to church - quite a few out - a good sermon - Phil and Ruth took Dad and me to show at El Tovar - "Muntiny on the Bounty" - Shirley went to Lake Geneva with Kings to see ice boats - Boys played out in snow until they froze - Freddie Marsh froze the backs of his hand, Richard Speaker his ears and Philip his cheeks and ear + Rod his ears - they were making tunnels in the snow banks.

Monday, January 27.

Still 10° below zero - worked on my rug - in eveing Shirley + boys played cards and popped corn - got a letter from Mary. She said it was 10° below in Kansas one day. Virginia calls us on the phone every day. She can tell us all the news. Seth is feeling better but pretty weak.

Tuesday, January 28, clear.

Shirley + Rod are washing. Dad had to go to city again - Rodney took children to school. The sun is shining but it's pretty cold - Womans Club at Mrs Keldars - Mrs R. ?Work - gave a book review it was my meeting.

Thursday, January 30.

Ray layed off for a half day - All went to Woodstock to basket ball except Dad + I.

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Friday, January 31.

Lyle came home. Ray worked half a day.

Saturday, February 1.

Clows house burned this morning around chimney - It is still very cold - Dad and boys all down there helping get things out etc - All went to basket ball at nite except myself - Elizabeth came home this after noon. She is through with her three years training - begins for herself Monday - will work for hospital for a while - gets 40 per month and board, room + laundry - Ruth drove to Deerfield took Virginia + John - all the great grand children were to come, the day before his birthday, were all there except Seth (he staid with us) -- and Hazels new baby. She named him Wm Geo.

Sunday, February 2.

We went to Church - 106 there - hurried home - got dinner - and all drove to Deerfield. Stopped at Esthers on way over - children all excited to see Eliz. Martha went with Geo. It was a lovely day not as cold. Irene was able to be down stairs and grandpa is fine. Over seventy people called there that day on his 95th birthday - his picture was in Chi. Tribune. He is much thinner than usual. We had such a nice visit with every one - left about 7 P.M. stopped at Barrington to see show.

Monday, February 3, rain.

Much warmer today - rained and at nite turned to snow and wind - and much colder. Young folks planned a toboggan party + candy pull at church after - they went in all the snow - but it wasnt so cold - Philip went skeing with Davis - came home late, pretty tired - Dad went to trustee meeting.

Tuesday, February 4, snow.

Lots of snow, roads blocked - snow plows going all morning - it keeps drifting in as fast as they clear it - no school in grade school. Philip sick all day, a tem of 99° - and pain in stomach, he got too tired the nite before. Ray went to Woodstock to play basket ball with 5 other boys - it drifted so they couldnt get home, so stayed all nite in Woodstock - Finished the rug I started for Esthers birthday - we were to go to Mrs Duffs garden club meeting but it was postponed, all the country roads are blocked.

Wednesday, February 5, 20°below.

Very cold this morning but wind has gone down, snow banks six feet high along the highways - Philip is better. Dorothy went to a sleighing party + supper afterwards at H.S. It was a Orange + Black Staff party. She brot a girl home with her to stay all nite. Rodney shoveled snow yesterday + today for the railroad. Shirley at Ruths all day. I baked, made cheese + butter + cleaned kitchen - worked on my quilt.

Thursday, February 6, 12°below, clear.

Still plenty cold - Shirley is at Ruths takeing care of children, Ruth went to meeting at Mrs C. Miller. Dad was pall bearer this after noon for Miss Laura Fitch - she died Mon. nite - she was 80 - born on this place in a log cabin. Called at Ruths in eveing - baby is growing so nice.

Friday, February 7, 18°below.

It warned up a lot over nite - nice this morning - went to a card party and desert luncheon at Mrs C. Millers - Ruth took me. Virginia came home with us for supper.

Saturday, February 8, snow.

It cold again - began to snow, and blow about 3:30 PM, it got so dark you couldnt see the road, it lasted about 15 or 20 minites and it snowed and wind blowed all nite. Radio says it the worst on record.

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Sunday, February 9.

No church or S.S. today, still blowing and snowing - roads all blocked - cars stalled all the way to Woodstock, people having to stay at farm houses - Set a hem today.

Monday, February 10.

No school - Ray could not get to work at Woodstock - he and Rodney shoveled snow on highway all day.

Tuesday, February 11.

Two truck drivers stayed here all nite - boys worked on highway shoveling - snow banks as high as cars all along the road to Woodstock.

Wednesday, February 12.

Got road open to Woodstock - boys worked nearly all nite - got home at 3:45 -P.M. had lunch with Mrs Rigby, Mrs Keldar, Mrs Speaker and myself - pretty cold and still drifting - they postponed P.T.A.

Thursday, February 13.

Esthers birthday - sent her a card. Have her rug all finished and pressed for her.

Friday, February 14.

Lyle came home - it was too cold to celebrate our anniversery - got cards from Joe, Elizabeth, Mary, Lewis + Esther, Bob and Jean- the boys + girls at home gave a two pound box of candy - Ruth gave me pair of pillow cases - I gave Ruth a desk blotter.

Saturday, February 15.

Went to card party at Becketts, had a nice time, there were 12 tables - pretty cold nite, roads are still blocked.

Sunday, February 16.

Went to church, not quite so cold.

Monday, February 17.

Made a cake or rather 2 cakes and mailed to Joe - his birthday is the 19th - Ruth sent him a box of candy and a cake too - Shirley and dad washed.

Wednesday, February 19.

Mens banquet tonite for Mothers and daughters - it was certainly fine - they asked me to give toast to daughters - I took Shirley, Dorothy and Sarah - Ruth took Virginia. They served a hundred all seated at once and everything was cooked and served so nicely - had colored waiters wearing white coats + caps - + cooks wore caps + aprons.

Thursday, February 20.

I went to Ladies Aid - first time for a year or more.

Friday, February, 21.

Lewis called this morning - they have a boy - nine pounds - named James Henry.

Saturday, February 22.

Lewis brot Carol Lou to stay with us, Shirley, Chuck, Nancy + Jean came with them I went to Jennie Fords, it was her birthday and she was receiving callers.

Sunday, February 23.

A lot warmer, thawed all day - went to church, Dad, Shirley, Ray and I. Ruth and family drove to Woodstock to see the snow drifts - still have to go to

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McHenry, when you go north - they called here and stayed a while - Carol Lou is afraid of everyone but me.

Monday, February 24.

Still much warmer, snow is going.

Tuesday, February 25.

Still thawing, lots of water everywhere. Went to Womans Club at Mrs Alford's - after meeting, Ruth + I called on Mrs Blakeley, she was celebrating her 100th birthday. She is a frail sweet little lady, looks about 80. She is so bright and *end of entry*

Wednesday, February 26.

Snowed last nite but thawing a lot today - baked bread - took care of Carol Lou - she still is afraid of the boys. Went to Literary Club at Mrs Gold's - Mrs. Yompolsky talked on the life of Franz Schubert - and sang several of his songs in German. Dad + I went to P.T.A. in evening, had a nice meeting. Not so many there, it was so icy and windy - about 30 there.

Thursday, February 27.

Went to Womans Club Card Party at Mrs Vial's - took Mrs Brawner - had a nice time.

Saturday, February 29.

Shirley made candy and I bot candy and a tie clasp for Lyle - Ray bot a tie and I mailed it to Lyle for his birthday. Dad and I drove to Libertyville through Grayslake, saw Bob + Jean - then went to see Esther and new baby at hospital - she is fine now and is going home tomorrow. I left Carol Lou home with Shirley + the rest. She is getting used to them all now. Got a letter from Chester, he is in San Lucia, coming home April 6. We went to see Grandpa + the girls - Irene is feeling pretty strong after her operation and Viola and Grandpa are fine.

Sunday, March 1.

Nice day today - all went to church except Rodney + Philip, they took care of Carol Lou - read and popped corn and played bridge. Have 10 little chickens - going to keep them in basement until it gets warmer.

Monday, March 2.

Went with Ruth to look at a house on Douglas Ave. They talk of moving to a larger place May 1. Dad + Rodney cleaned stove pipes and then Rod cleaned kitchen for me. Shirley took care of Ruth's children while she went to Elgin. I made Carol Lou 2 petticoats - she is so cute and feels more at home. Ray had to be at work at 6 this morning on account of Eastern Standard time. Dad went to trustees meeting at the parsonage, hurried home and took me to second show. It was "Magnificent Obsession", very good, I read the book.

Tuesday, March 3.

Went to Garden Club at Mrs Dolles. Nice spring day. Lots of snow yet.

Wednesday, March 4.

Drove to Esthers, took Carol Lou. She didnt remember her mother. Esther not so well - has to stay in bed for a week - got home about 5:30, put Carol Lou to bed and went to Lenten service at church. We had covered dish supper and services after wards.

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Thursday, March 5.

Went to Mrs Brawners for lunch. Carol Lou stays with her grandpa - she loves to go out doors. Sarah has been elected to the Honor Society.- we are all very proud of her. Sent Mary a birthday box, her birthday is the 6th.

Saturday, March 7.

Elizabeth came home in after noon. Phil brot her - she is fine - in eveing the young folks went to Ruths to play Monopoly - Shirley is going in training at Elgin Hospital April 6 - She was at the hospital today with Hazel K. There is such a nice picture in the Sat. Daily News of the old barn on the Rockenbach farm showing how the Davis's remodeled it.

Sunday, March 8.

We all went to church except Rodney and Philip - they took care of Carol Lou. In after noon we drove to Esthers. She is up now but dont look so well - Carol Lou liked the children and walked all around for them - but was glad to go home with us. We took Elizabeth to station at Barrington. Lewis gave us half a pig -we brot it home.

Monday, March 9.

Shirley + Rod washed in morning - in after noon Shirley worked at Malletts - Sarah very busy with her extra work for Honor S. Has to write her autobiography, trace her family tree and write several articles and learn the constitution of Society.

Tuesday, March 10.

Went to Womans Club at Music Room in High School - Ruth took me. Shirley stayed with her children - still lots of snow in our yard and on the road - the caterpillar snow plow cleared the road for two way traffic in front of our place today. It was a nice spring day, south wind - Virginia went about a block from home, took her shoes + stockings off + went wadeing in some puddles - I guess her feet got pretty cold - Shirley saw a robin.

Wednesday, March 11.

Dad has a very bad cold. Shirley + I went to covered dish supper and Lenten services at church.

Thursday, March 12.

Colder and snowing today - Dad feels better - Shirley went to dentist and ?later baked a big batch of bread - Carol Lou likes every one now. She is a very good baby, walks all over and wants to talk on telephone. Dad and I went to card party at Mrs Washburns - Ladies Aid sponsored it - Geo went too - we all,won a prize -guess it's the first time I ever won a prize - it was stationary.

Saturday, March 14.

Virginias birthday.

Sunday, March 15.

Carol Lou has a bad cold - so sorry because she has been so well all the time -all went to church except Dorothy, Rod + Philip - a good sermon. Joe came home last nite - first time since Xmas, is fine - he was wrestling at Wheaton + had a chance to come home with R. ?Nueman - he is going to Chi. next Sun. to Armour Relays-He likes school, gets good grades - he has a chance to ride back with Mrs King early Mon. morning - Esther and family drove over in afternoon - all glad to see Carol Lou + she was glad to see them - Esther feels better, not so strong. Ruth, Virginia + Seth came down too. Seth has a swollen gland. Boys popped corn + they stayed until dark.

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Monday, March 16.

Shirley - Rodney washed - I baked 6 loaves bread, churned etc. Rodney went to work for Read at noon + Shirley went to Ruths while she went to dentist. It seems so lonesome without Carol Lou. We saw four blue birds, lots of robins. Roadmen cut down two dead trees on Mrs Brush's side of road. Dad is going to make fire wood. It stays pretty cold.

Tuesday, March 17.

Done some mending - Shirley went to dentist. I went to Garden Club at Mrs Alford's - in evening Dad + I took Mrs Nickleson to Mrs Kelloggs and we played bridge, while we were there, Jack was roller skating and fell + broke his leg.

Wednesday, March 18.

Mr Dolle called me this morning, he wanted me to stay with Mrs Dolle a few days. She was sick all night - I went and Shirley went to city with Hazel. Corin took them in - She bot her shoes, stockings etc. She telephoned Elizabeth she was taking her state exams for R.N. Went to Lenten services in evening.

Thursday, March 19.

Mrs Dolle feels better. Helen came out to stay with her over night. j

Friday, "March 20.

I mended things for Mrs D. and in afternoon we took a drive to end of Lake. She is much better. In evening went to show with Shirley + Dorothy - Lily Pons in "I dream too much" rest of family went to Cary to B.B game. Lyle came home - I telephoned Miss H Vettme to be sure she would be here next Tues.

Saturday, March 21, snow. -

Ruth + I drove to a sale, we saw advertised for antiques - but things did not look so good, so we came back + went shopping. It was a lovely spring day - in evening Dad + I went to Ruths, played bridge + had lunch.

Sunday, March 22, rain.

A raw day - still snow banks in our back yard and along the highway - went to church - Ruth, Carl + Donald drove here from Barrington - Bob and family came too - Shirley Mills was with them - they are all fine - Jean + Bob have adopted the children, and they have taken Bobs name. She makes Bob a wonderful wife and the children are grand - we popped corn and passed cookies - and they all copied Sarah's family tree, that is the children did - In evening, went to church to hear Dr. Johnston of Oak Park, who spoke here. It raining about 9:30 P.M. Wrote Mary a letter.

Monday, March 23.

Didn't rain so much - washed etc. First time we put it out doors to dry. It rained at night quite a bit.

Tuesday, March 24. j

Shirley started to clean house - cleaned her room - Ruth and I went to Womans Club at Mrs Vials. Harriet Vettme was speaker, very good - Dad and Rodney finished making the wood across the street - and hauled it home on Geo. old truck. Snow is all gone in our yard now - terrible windy, could see dust in the air from the west.

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Wednesday, March 25.

A beautiful day - Esther called in morning - we went to lunch at Harriet Heths in Lake Bluff - they have a large place 4 blocks from the Lake, and a large yard. Geo + Elma are staying with them for a few weeks - Grace Ott, Viola + Irene were there too - Harriet had such a nice lunch - we stopped for Esther. Carol Lou knew us and would like to go home with us. Shirley cleaned the north bed room and took care of Ruths boys. We took Virginia along. Went to P.T.A. at H.S. in eveing. Mrs Keldar, Mrs Bogee + two teachers helped me serve, Rodney went to work at Terra Cotta at noon.

Thursday, March 26.

Very windy. Shirley cleaned front hall - Ruth + I went to card party at Mrs Bocks.

Friday, March 27.

Colder this morning - awful windy. Shirley cleaned upstairs bathroom. I cleaned dressers in boys room - in afternoon I called on Mrs Dolle. Shirley called on Hazel. We stopped at Ruths - she is making Shirley pajamas.

Saturday, March 28.

Dad got Mr Malone's horses and plowed the pasture - (the base ball field).

Sunday, March 29.

Went to church in morning - Mrs King telephoned that Mr H. Dean, Sup. of schools died last nite. Has been sick a long time. In afternoon Shirley, Hazel, Dad + I drove to Elgin to see about rating of Elgin hospital. In eveing went to church to hear Dr Gammon. Mrs Brush + Mr Dipple called here in afternoon - sorry I was not at home.

Monday, March 30.

Washed - so cold, hung it in attic.

Tuesday, March 31.

Went to Mr Deans funeral - held at High School - very impressive. Ceil called here in afternoon. Mr Keldar drove in for her. Shirley went in with him, she had a visit with Eliz. Ceil is going to nurse in Kenosha in a general hospital -real excited about it.

Sunday, April 5.

Snowed and blew all day - a nasty day - birds all came around the house, we kept putting feed out for them - We went to Ruths for supper, Philip, Dorothy, Dad + I. I stayed with children while they went to church to hear Harry Maw, a Chinese talk. Mr Keldar took Ceil to Kenosha today. She is going to work in hospital there. Elizabeth rode up with them + stopped at Esthers on way home. She made a lovely robe for Shirley - a rose pink with blue. She sent Dory + I each stockings. She may go to Kenosha too.

Monday, April 6.

Shirley and Hazel went to Elgin to Sherman hospital this morning. Dad + I washed. Then went to Mrs Bessey - bot a daded \$3.00, dishes 3.00, silver 1.00 and a chair 50¢ + rug (1.00, not much good).

Tuesday, April 7.

Went to Garden Club at Mrs Duffs, we all went in the bus - so much snow on the roads. While I was gone, boys put rug down in dining room and Ray fixed a chair + the daded - It was Belle's birthday - wished I might have gone to cemetary. Ruth + I went to Mrs Davis to Literary Meeting. Mrs Henniga talked on her trip to Ireland - very good - took Mrs Marsh + Mrs McLaughin.

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Wednesday, April 8.
Quarterly meeting.

Thursday, April 9.
Last Lenten service - Candle lighting service, a good attendance.

Friday, April 10.
Esther drove over with Shirley, Chuck, Nancy, Jean and Carol Lou - stayed for dinner, it was good to see them all. Chuck and Nancy both have glasses - Carol Lou remembers me. She is a sweet baby. Ruth came here in afternoon - children had a good time together. Shirley came home in after noon. She lost four lbs, she likes it pretty well. Not much to do so far. Sarah got a pr. white shoes. She fixed Shirleys yellow dress to wear to alumni. Esther gave me three dollars for Easter. I gave Nancy + Jean some little cups that were in dishes I bot.

Saturday, April 11.
Joe came home for a few days. Voted school etc. Mrs Kellogg invited Dad + me to dinner. Mr + Mrs Barnbridge there too - had such a time, only hated to be away from home when the bunch were getting ready to go to alumni dance, which is always exciting. The boys have ordered corsages for their ladys, gardenias + sweet peas - Al Levy took Shirley - Geo took Martha, Ray took Hazel, Rodney took Michaels - and ----- took Sarah. They plan to go to a breakfast at Algonquin. Sarah + Dorothy cleaned the living room.

Sunday, April 12.
A lovely Easter - all went to church except Rodney - he had to work at Terra Cotta. Philip joined church with others. Ruth had her children christened, I held John Philip - The church looked so nice with so many flowers. 235 there. Elizabeth came home on 3 PM train, looks fine and is well - she had to go back early - She likes her work there but may go to another hospital. She gave Philip a monopoly board for his birthday. Shirley, Sarah + Dorothy went to sunrise Easter service at Algonquin.

Monday, April 13.
No school today - girls helped me. Wash dried nicely out doors and got most of it ironed and put away. Sarah cut out a blouse - Dad made garden - Joe took Hazel and Shirley to Elgin - he had dinner with Al Pinnow.

Tues. April 14.
Voted + shopped in morning. Went to Womans Club at Mrs Roberts - Dad hauled voters for Mr Lumley. Katherine King went with him - Ceil was home, likes her place very much.

Wednesday, April 15.
Baked etc. Dad, Dorothy + I drove to DeKalb to take Joe + Sanford Walkup back to school. Mrs Dolle brot me some blue violet plants - I dyed the chair + dabed covers - look fairly good. It blew a perfect gale this afternoon - Am reading "Gorgeous Husey" by Adams.

Thursday, April 16.
The bees died in one of the hives, so dad brot in the honey - all the boys + Dad went to Fathers and Sons banquet at church - about 100 there. Sarah staid at Ruths, so Dorothy + I were alone for supper.

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Friday, April 17

Rodney extracted the honey this morning and Ruth + I baked quarts of beans and sold them for church - we looked at Miss Geers house but Ruth didnt like it so well - Lyle came home - went to see Melvin Nelson at Woodstock Hospital. I wrote a long letter to Mary - Phil said Elizabeth was at his office and she is pretty sure she will go to Rock Island as nurse in a Sash + Door Factory.

Saturday, April 18.

Ray went to city - is going to see if he can get work as a gardener or care taker.

Saturday, April 25.

Dad had to go to Wheeling so I rode along and stayed at Esthers - all are well and Carol Lou still knows me, she is so sweet. I had dinner there and we went to Bobs in afternoon, stayed there for supper. Jean feels better, Bob has an awful cold - the children are O.K., they are having their yard fixed and planted some shrubbery - we got home about 7 P.M. Dorothy had done all the house work nicely. Sarah had field day at High School, so wasnt home - Joe came home and Shirley too. They all went to a dance at Recreation Bldg. that Georges club gave - Shirley went with Milton.

Sunday, April 26.

Shirley + Hazel had to be at work at seven so they drove Rays car back to Elgin in morning + then came home again in afternoon, they are both pretty tired, are working on the floor now and have 3 classes - Sarah baked pies + I fixed vegetables + lamb roast - then we all went to church - Ray Stevenson brot his father and mother + grandpa Taylor to Phils today - grandpa Taylor went right to bed, the trip was pretty much for him - he fell sick before he left home. Blanche and Loren came too, so Ruth had a big dinner to get.

Monday, April 27.

It was Rainy this morning so didnt try to wash.

Tuesday, April 28.

Washed and went to Womans Club at Mrs Hulings - Mr. Huling talked - an interesting meeting. Mrs Keldar went with me. It rained a little and was warm in afternoon. Have had very little warm weather. Went to Open House at High School - over a thousand people there and it lasted until eleven o'clock. A very good program but awfully long. Dorothy was in a play, it took the place of the regular PTA meeting.

Wednesday, April 29.

Elizabeth came home this morning, she is going to Rock Island tomorrow morning to be an industrial nurse in Sash + Door Factory, it is a new set up, and she is to organize it. She will get \$125 a month and will have to do some clerical work too. She made herself a rust colored suit and bot a nice coat, she looks real nice - Ruth called here in afternoon. Geo went to a Standard Oil banquet in Rockford - Martha went with him to visit her friend. Ray took Eliz, Sarah + Doro to Elgin to see¹ Shirley - She is OK. Philip, took care of children across the street. Alice + her husband called here to see *if any* of the girls wanted to work there this summer.

Thursday, April 30.

Its Dorothys birthday - Elizabeth gave her a nice sweater - I made her a cake and gave her a dollar. I hoed in the flower beds a while - tulips have buds and every thing looks pretty - had a little rain Mon + Tues and every thing grew

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after that. Dad planted some sweet corn today. Philip ditched school today with Mason + Etling. I couldnt believe it, I havent said much to him, he said he was tired of school - he came home about 4.

no further entries till Christmas

Christmas 1936 -

Everyone home - Grandpa Taylor with us, which made 30. Had a wonderful day. Phil arranged a clever program and Rod was Santa. Ray was refreshment chairman, so we had ice cream + cake. Everyone helped bring the dinner. The family gave Dad a nice overcoat + I got a lovely print dress. Eliz gave me such a nice leather bag. John Taylor + Jimmie Mills enjoyed their first Xmas. Jean gave me an afgan she made, I shall enjoy it so much. Boys gave us a electric coffee drip. Shirley Mills + Marjorie R. stayed for the vacation. Mary came home Dec 20, Rod + Lyle 18 -Joe the 24, Eliz Xmas eve. It was grand to have them all home.

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Thurs. Jan. 1.

Just our family home for New Years. Miss Wallace had a stroke Mon nite and am going there every morning - started yesterday - she is perfectly helpless. Am to stay there all the time beginning next Monday - was at Miss Bennetts Tues. and Wed. She has the flu and Miss Grove, lumbago - Was at Horns every day for a month - to bath + get her in wheel chair.

Saturday, Jan. 3-37.

Mary left this afternoon, went back on train - this is her last year - start practise teaching the first of Feb.

Sunday, Jc^n. 4.

George took Joe + Rod back to DeKalb, he had a car full - S. Walkup + W. Lorimer went with them and Martha rode along - her folks left for California to nite, so they hurried back to see them off - Boys took all the eats they could - Lorimer is with them now.

Mon. Jan. 5.

Dorothy + Philip back to school. I went to Miss W. at 7:45 - she is about same, needs a good deal of care and lots of washing to do - Lyle left early this morning went back on bus - (he is at Michigan State - E. Lansing). (I am so sorry I quit writing in this diary - so many things have happened - I'll try this year to keep it up).

Tues. Jan. 6.

Sarah got letter from Eliz - her room mate left + she wants Sarah to come and do some sewing for her - So Sarah + Dad washed and she plans to leave Friday - Went to first of series of Literary Club - Mrs. Philips of Woodstock reviewed "Man the Unknown", "Live alone + like it" and Gone with the Wind". Phil bot "Gone with the Wind" and every one is reading it - thats the most talked of book this year. Sarah, Dad + Philip went to a B.B. game.

Sun. Jan. 11.

Shirley came home, said Herman Koppen died this morning.

Tues. Jan. 13.

Called at Heislars to see Betty Koppen.

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Sun. Jan. 24.

Went to church - Geo. got Shirley - roads are still icy - Sarah, Doro + Shirley went to show in afternoon - Philip spent afternoon + evening with Freddie. Dad, Geo + I popped corn + read - Geo took Shirley back and drove to Hebron to get Martha.

Monday, Jan. 25.

Sarah went to work at Telephone Co. this morning - Miss Wallace pretty sick - invited to a luncheon + shower for Crystal Scoville, Fri.

Tues. Jan. 26, 1937.

Shirleys birthday, had Mrs Miller take her a cake + D. Alford took it to her, gave her \$5 - Ruth went to club meeting at Mrs Dolles - bot C.S. a bridge cloth + napkins - am piecing a quilt - want to make two for Sarah + Dorothy for their twin beds - Dad + I spent evening with Mrs Kellogg. She was planning to go to Florida but roads and bridges are closed on account of floods along Ohio - river is rising every day.

Wed. Jan. 27, 1937.

Miss Wallace better - pretty busy today - Geo, Martha and Doro + Phil all went B.B. tournament at H.S. - got a card from Lyle.

no further entries