

# The Diary of Mary HALWEG RUDA

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January 1939 – December 31, 1939

The Diary, a Christmas gift from son Henry RUDA, details daily farm life in Merrimac and Greenfield Sauk County

Sons, William (Will); Clarence; Henry and Daughter Eleanor. Husband Henry Christof (Pa).



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**January 1, 1939** - 8 above, southeast wind. I went to Hermans for dinner, the Halwogs were there, too much to eat. Went to Nicoloy's in evening, Kerns, Kurtzes and us were there. Had a nice time, cake and coffee were served. Saw xmas presents, Chrleys birthday, Pa got best at cards.

**January 2, 1939** - Charley Nicoloy's birthday. 15 above N.E. wind, very nice. Washed and ironed. Mrs Leucks barn burned in eve. Henry Leuck in hospital, broken ribs. Butchered beef in A.M., Clarence & Will cut wood in P.M.

**January 3, 1939** - 22 above, wind in E. Did Henrys washing and ironing. Everybody is under the weather headache & backache. Gordie has croup.

**January 4, 1939** - 26 above South wind, foggy & rainy. Went to town in P.M. Cleaned parlor for (Ladies) aid. Dressed 3 chickens.

**January 5, 1939** - 32 above west wind. Emma came and helped get ready for (Ladies) aid. Made 2 cakes & doughnuts, salad. Rained nearly all day

**January 6, 1939** - 26 above South Wind. Entertained Ladies Aid had large crowd, menu noodles with chicken, salad, rolls, rye bread, cheese cake, doughnuts, peppernuts, pickles, coffee.

**January 7, 1939** - 24 above South wind. On the sick list stomach flu, Emma (Sister Emma Ruda) still here, Clarence & Will cutting wood up to Ernies (Ernest Ruda).

**January 8, 1939** - 22 above West wind. Went to Eleanors for dinner, stayed with the kids, Pa & Will took Gordon (Caflich) & Eleanor to church. Gordon (Caflich Jr.) was confirmed & baptized. Emma went with us. I didn't feel very good.

**January 9, 1939** - 40 above South wind. Raining & foggy, washed today, hung clothes inside. Pa & Will hauled cream. Clarence butchering at Meisels. I don't feel a bit good.

**January 10, 1939** - 30 above, ironed in A.M. Cut up beef in P.M. Pa ground some. I made meat balls and fried it & put in cans, feel better.

**January 11, 1939** - 18 above, North wind. Canned meat balls 11 qt., also canned 12 qts. for Marie, and cut up and put more in cans. Eleanor Schubring was over in the P.M. Went to Annas in evening, took her some meat. William cut wood all day. Eggs 14 cts (cents) today!!!!!!!

**January 12, 1939** - 20 above North wind. Finished canning meat 14 qts. Done some mending, got letter from Henry.

**January 13, 1939** - 30 above South wind. Snowed all day, light snow. Pa don't feel good, in bed all day. Got 57 eggs.

**January 14, 1939** - 28 above Sough wind, foggy. Cleaned up house. Baked rolls. Pa feels little better, snowed this A.M. Got 68 eggs today. 16 cents per doz.

**January 15, 1939** - Sunday 18 above Northwest wind. Clear & bright. Was home all day, didn't do anything. Got 71 eggs. William went after Eleanors washing.

**January 16, 1939** - 10 above Northwest wind. Washed and ironed Henrys shirts today. Pa & Will hauled cream. Nice wash day, got a card from Henry

**January 17, 1939** - 18 above, Northeast wind. Light snow all day. Finished ironing, baked bread, coffee cake. Pa & Will went sawing wood in Ernies woods. Walt Meisel was here for dinner.

**January 18, 1939** - 20 above Northeast wind. Snowing a little, Emma & I went to Eleanors today. Sewed an apron this P.M. on Eleanors sewing machine. Had a nice time, wrote a letter to Henry tonight. Got 65 eggs today 16 cts (cents) doz today 32 doz.

**January 19, 1939** - 20 above Southeast wind. Light snow this morning. Done some mending this A.M. and made peanut squares. Reamers house burned down this A.M. on the Zauft place. William bought his overcoat.

**January 20, 1939** - 16 above Northwest wind. Lovely day, like spring. Sewed a apron this P.M. Cleaned the bedrooms.

**January 21, 1939** - 18 above, nice and bright. Baked bread and cleaned. William played in Merrimack with Gleach & Stackman. Clarence & Marie went to Kurtz's party. 68 eggs today.

**January 22, 1939** - 6 below Northwest wind. Awful cold, such a change. Went to Church this A.M., went to town this P.M. to look at Clarences rooms, real nice in city Hotel building, Kurtz & Ruda Implement Co, Wilva & Art, Walt R. & Walt Meisel were there.

**January 23, 1939** - 2 above South wind. Blowing strong, nice & clear this A.M. we washed and clothes dried nice. Cloudy this P.M. started snowing about 5 o'clock. Got a letter from Henry. Pa & Will hauled cream. I ironed this P.M. Marie sewed a apron, real pretty.

**January 24, 1939** - 20 above, Northwest wind, snowing & blowing awful hard. This morning finished ironing, baked doughnuts, rolls. Real nice this P.M.

**January 25, 1939** - 8 below zero North wind. Real cold, started snowing this P.M. Today was John Deere day. I helped the ladies with the brunch, served over 500 people had rye bread, cheese, rolls, boloney, doughnuts, coffee, good moving pictures. Kurtz & Ruda Implement Co. Sold 31 doz eggs today 14 cts.

**January 26, 1939** - 2 below North wind. Baked bread & coffee cake, sewed a pair of pillow cases and a sheet. Pa & Will hauled cream. Will hauled out wood in P.M. broke sled tongue.

**January 27, 1939** - 6 above South wind. Nice this A.M. started to blow in P.M. Is it ever blowing & drifting. Driveway is all filled up, can't get out with car. Wrote to Henry today. Baked chocolate cookies this P.M. also cream pie.

**January 28, 1939** - 30 above South wind. Baked bread & coffee cake, cleaned up house. Helped Marie tie a quilt. Road all drifted shut. Pa & Will shoveled all P.M., not done yet.

**January 29, 1939** - 16 above North wind. Pa & boys opened road. Eleanor & Gordon & kids came out in P.M. Clarence & Walt went butchering to Dahlkes, Marie went too.

**January 30, 1939** - 10 above Northeast wind blowing strong. We washed, too windy to hang out clothes. Arnold T and another boy came about 5 o'clock stayed for supper. Will hauled out wood.

**January 31, 1939** - 4 above this morning, Northeast wind. Wery nice & warm this P.M. - 30 above. Just like spring. Marie and I went to Lenas this P.M., helped get ready for aid (Ladies) Pa & Will sawed wood this P.M. up to Ernies place. Got our new Montgomery catalog today, washed my hair P.M.

**February 1, 1939** - 20 above Southeast wind, snowing and blowing. This morning went to Ladies Aid, this P.M. had a nice crowd. Stopped snowing at noon, roads quite icy. Pa hauled wood in P.M. Ladies aid was at Lenas, served 2 kinds sandwiches, cream puffs, pickles, goulash, coffee and cake. 55 eggs.

**February 2, 1939** - 8 above Southwest wind, clear & bright, cold wind. Groundhog saw shadow. Washed some mash sacks, done some quilting, made cream puffs for supper, very good. Eleanor had Carlton (Caflich) vaccinated for small pox

**February 3, 1939** - 6 below North wind clear & bright, quite cold. Cleaned up house, washed mash sacks A.M. baked cookies in P.M. Pa & Will went to town, took 42 doz eggs, 14 1/2 cts doz, terrible cheap. Sewed on quilt.

**February 4, 1939** - 2 below zero, South wind, clear sky. Baked bread, cleaned kitchen, sewed on my quilt. Pa & Will split wood. Clarence took L. Lee & father to Madison to look at tractor. Clarence had telephone put in. Got card from Henry

**February 5, 1939** - 28 above zero South wind. At noon, Pa & Will went to Church. I stayed home, got dinner don't feel very good, headache. William & I went to Eleanor's in P.M., got her washing. Gordie was out shoveling snow in his little wagon. Carlton was sleeping.

**February 6, 1939** - 26 above South wind. In A.M. washed this morning, hung clothes inside, awful damp out. Herman Ruda's and Kern's were over tonight, played cards had a nice time, served sandwiches, pickles, date pudding, coffee, ironed Henrys clothes this P.M.

**February 7, 1939** - 2 above zero, North wind. In A.M. clear and bright, awful cold. Pa & Will went to Leland to Mill. Bought some vanilla from Wintermantel today. He gave me a bar of toilet soap. Sewed on quilt this P.M.

**February 8, 1939** - 15 above this A.M. North wind. Baked bread, coffee cake, raised doughnuts, patched Pa's jacket. Will & Walt sawed wood to Aug Roese's. Marie made two aprons, awful cold 4 above tonight, helped Will with chores, milked 2 cows.

**February 9, 1939** - 10 above zero, Northeast wind blowing this A.M, sleeted and rained this P.M. Just terrible icy, can hardly get to barn, so slippery. 28 above this evening. Canned 9 1/2 qts mince meat this P.M. & sewed sheet, also on quilt. House on Harvey place burned down this noon, Simmonson place.

**February 10, 1939** - 6 below Southwest wind blowing strong. Blew hard all night and all day. The roads are all ice, hard to travel. Tree's all covered with ice. I made some towels and sewed on quilt today. Pa went to town. Will & Walt went to H Putz to practice tonight. Got a letter from Henry. Sold 30 doz eggs 15 1/2 cts doz.

**February 11, 1939** - 13 below North wind clear sky. Baked bread & coffee cake, date cake, cleaned up house. Went to Anna's in evening. Roads awful icy, stayed with Anna all night. Will & Walt played for shower dance at Eagles Hall.

**February 12, 1939** - Lincolns Birthday 18 above, South wind, clear sky lovely day, ice nearly all gone. Anna & I went to Church in the morning. Went to Schudlicks in P.M. had a nice time. William came after me in afternoon. Edna Kindschi & Merton R & Mrs Kasdorf were there when I got home.,

**February 13, 1939** - 30 above South wind in A.M., in North in P.M. Washed in A.M., ironed Henry's clothes in P.M. Pa & Will hauled cream in A.M. Will split wood with Ernie in P.M. Pa hauled a load of wood to town. Frank Emhoff awful sick with pneumonia.

**February 14, 1939** - 25 above, Southwest wind. Pa & Will sawed wood to Lena's today. Emma & I went to the cleaning Bee at the Implement Co., cleaned the whole upstairs, looks good - washed walls, & got a valentine from Will & Henry, very nice.

**February 15, 1939** - 9 below, strong North wind, awful cold. Finished ironing, baked bread and coffee cake in A.M. Sewed on quilt in P.M. Pa hauled 2 loads of wood to J. Nicoloy. Bought some frozen fish - 90 lbs.

**February 16, 1939** - South wind 8 below, very cold. Done some mending, sewed on quilt. Eleanor & Edgar S. were over tonight, bought some fish 5#, are they ever good. Will Walt & Marg played at Eagles hall tonight, townsend meeting.

**February 17, 1939** - 1 above, West wind, bright & clear quite cold, South wind in P.M. - blowing and drifting. Clarence & Marie moved today, we will miss him. Baked bread today, cleaned fish for supper.

**February 18, 1939** - 30 above South wind, clear & bright, Just like spring. Went to town this A.M. 38 doz eggs 15 cts a doz. Went to Eleanors & to Clarences. Got home at noon, baked cookies in P.M., cleaned bedroom. William went to town in evening.

**February 19, 1939** - Southeast wind, rained hard last night went to Church this A.M. Clarence & Marie came for dinner. Had raspberry pie, Eleanor & Gordon & kids came in P.M., went back with Walt. Sleetng & snowing out bad night.

**February 20, 1939** - Zero North wind blowing hard. Washed this A.M. Ironed in P.M. Cleaned fish for supper. Got a card from Henry. Done mending in evening.

**February 21, 1939** - 5 below North wind. Finished ironing, sewed on quilt. Pa went to auction Breezy Hill. Will hauled wood, cleaned chicken coop. George Koerth's tavern robbed last night. Will, Clarence & Walt butchered at Aug Roese's today.

**February 22, 1939** - 7 below North wind awful cold. Henry came home last night looks good. Henry & William went after Eleanor & Gordie this A.M. we sewed on my quilt. Made a chocolate pie for dinner, William took Eleanor & Gordie back tonight. Lena enjoyed her electric lights first time tonight.

**February 23, 1939** - 4 above South wind, snowed all day, light snow, quite windy. Henry went back on eleven o'clock bus. Pa hauled cream. I sewed on quilt this P.M. Forrest Hewitt & Donald Stieve robbed G Koerth's tavern Tuesday night, got caught next day.

**February 24, 1939** - 2 below South wind. Baked bread. Pa took a load of wood to Clarence. Art Kurtz's moved to town, City Hotel, Implement Co. William was to H Schubrings A.M. Donald Stieve was taken to Green Bay.

**February 25, 1939** - Gordons Birthday 8 below North wind, clear & sunny, pretty cold. Done cleaning, went to town P.M. went to see Marie & Clarence. Pa took in a load of wood, went in to see Gusta, pretty well settled. Saw Maries new stove, very nice. Mrs Davis (Maries Mother) was there had ice cream.

**February 26, 1939** - 5 above Northeast wind, clear & bright. Clarence left for Waterloo Iowa this morning. Donald Kurtz took him to Portage, is going to ride with some body. We went to Church in P.M. I went to Annas in evening. Martha from Beloit was there - Will, Walt, Marg. went to show.

**February 27, 1939** - 14 above South wind, nice & bright. Washed and ironed today, lovely wash day. Wills bull calf died. R. helped skin it. Pa & Will hauled cream took in wood. Will went to Schubrings.

**February 28, 1939** - 20 above, Northeast wind, snowing and blowing drifting. February going out like a lion. Baked bread today, sewed on quilt in P.M. Leah & Alger came after eggs, got 3 doz 16 cts doz.

**March 1, 1939** - Eva Giermans Birthday 2 above zero, North wind, bright & sunny. Washed my hair in A.M. Went to Aid in P.M. at Mrs W. Steinke's, nice crowd, swell lunch. Martin took us over, Walt got us. Pa & Will opened our road, drifted quite bad.

**March 2, 1939** - 12 above, South wind, quite nice. Marie & Emma came out for dinner. Eleanor Schubring came over in P.M. we sewed on quilt and visited, served chili, crackers & cream puffs. Had a nice time, Marie & Emma stayed for supper.

**March 3, 1939** - 22 above, South wind, nice day. I cleaned upstairs this A.M., baked chocolate cookies, sewed on quilt. Pa went to town to unload machinery. Will went to H. Schubrings.

**March 4, 1939** - 31 above, Southeast wind, cloudy, rained in night. Baked bread & coffee cake, wiped up floors. Quilted in P.M. Pa & Will sawed wood for Ernie.

**March 5, 1939** - 16 above, strong wind snowed in P.M. We went to Church in A.M., not many there. Ferd Belter's baby baptized, Robert. Clarence came out in P.M., didn't stay long.

**March 6, 1939** - 14 above, North wind, quite cold, I washed and ironed today, lovely wash day clear & sunny. William took harness apart and washed it. Clarence has the Grip today, Will took in some pills tonight for him.

**March 7, 1939** - Zero, South wind (cold). I went to Eleanors while Pa took a load of wood, then went to see Clarence. He is in bed with Grippe, feels some better. Pa took 2 loads of wood for Clarence. Will greased harness. I done mending this P.M.

**March 8, 1939** - 34 above, Southeast wind, quite nice. Sewed up mash sacks, in A.M., quilted in P.M. William hauled wood to H. Schubrings, Reg M & Ernest Mueller were here with some horses, but didn't do anything, no trading.

**March 9, 1939** - 16 above, strong North wind. Baked bread, coffee cake; sewed on quilt. Will & Pa hauled cream in A.M. Pa went to auction on Marquardt place Priebe. Will hauled out wood for H. Schubring in P.M. Pa traded horses with E. Mueller (Babe)

**March 10, 1939** - 17 above, East wind. Cleaned in front room and bedroom, baked cookies in A.M. Quilted in P.M. Pa & Will sawed wood to H Schubrings. Pa traded horses, Babe for Goldie \$75 difference. Pa went to town this morning, paid E. Mueller.

**March 11, 1939** - 30 above, Northeast wind foggy. Cleaned floors, baked cake & raisin bread A.M. Quilted in P.M. Pa sawed wood to Meisels. Will & Ernie hauled wood to School house. William has bad cold.

**March 12, 1939** - Northeast wind. Sunday didn't do much. Clarence & Marie, Eleanor, Gordon & children came out for dinner stayed for supper. William cut Clarence's hair, Gordon & Gordie's.

**March 13, 1939** - 32 above, North wind. Washed & ironed today, lovely wash day. Pa & Will hauled cream. Pa took in a load of wood for Art Baily.

**March 14, 1939** - 32 above, East wind damp out. Pa & Will went to Sauk to the dentist, I went along & stopped at Ochners to see Marie N. had a nice visit. Roads awful bad, all cut up. Saw 2 flocks of wild geese go North, sign of Spring.

**March 15, 1939** - 8 above, Northwest wind, snowing & blowing much colder, real blizzard. Done some mending in A.M. quilted in P.M. William & I & Lena, Marg. Walt went to Merrimack last night to see Uncle Louie, very good, awful funny.

**March 16, 1939** - 2 above zero, Northwest wind, clear sky. Aug Roesse & H Schubring are 69 years old today. Pa & Will hauled cream A.M., I sewed. Will don't feel good, awful cold & sore throat.

**March 17, 1939** - Zero, Northwest wind, didn't do much in A.M., went to town in P.M. took 40 1/2 doz eggs 16 cts doz. Will in bed all day. I helped Pa milk.

**March 18, 1939** - 4 below, West wind, baked bread & cookies & doughnuts. Cleaned up house. Will still in bed but feeling better. Got a card from Henry. Pa took in two loads of wood in A.M.

**March 19, 1939** - 20 above, wind in Southeast, awful windy. We went to Church in A.M. with truck. Will got up went outside a little. I went to Lenas in P.M. Emma was there, had a nice visit, not so windy this P.M., nice & warm, awful muddy.

**March 20, 1939** - North wind, clear sky, washed and Ironed. Henry came home, and went back in P.M. Pa took in first calf. Will saw blue bird, heard wild geese fly over. Edna & Walter K came over tonight, played cards, had nice time.

**March 21, 1939** - 25 above South wind, froze hard last night. Swell day for 1st day of Spring. We went to Sauk this A.M., Pa went to Dentist, car wouldn't work, bought new fuel pump at Sauk, then it went good.

**March 22, 1939** - 45 above, South wind, no frost over night. Lovely day, awful muddy under foot. Pa in bed with flu, sore throat. Will got pigs from H. Schubrings, I washed mash sacks, baked bread. Will don't feel so very good. Ernie here for dinner, Will took in wood in P.M.

**March 23, 1939** - 45 above, 50 above at 9 o'clock, no frost. Blue birds are singing, kill deer and robins, also black birds. Just like Spring. Awful warm, swell day, didn't freeze at all over night. Clarence came out last night, he hauled cream. Pa still in bed - our road awful soft, Will got stuck with car last night, had to pull it out. I don't feel so good.

**March 24, 1939** - West wind 70 above, awful warm, no frost over night, just like summer. Pa got up this morning, throat still sore. Will & I went to town with truck, 44 doz eggs 16 cts doz. Our road is awful, had to pull in truck with horses. Marg was up P.M. Marg & I quilted. Walt & Will hung our meat in smoke house. Guy's birthday.

**March 25, 1939** - 55 above Southwest wind, no frost, lovely day, awful warm 70 above at noon. Baked bread, cleaned, made cake. Pa still don't feel good. Will hauled stones in our road all day, awful bad, guess Spring is here, all spring birds are here. Grass is getting green, ice all gone.

**March 26, 1939** - No frost last night. 50 above, Northwest wind. Lovely day, clear & sunny. Birds are singing so nice. Didn't do anything, stayed home all day. Pa went to Dr. in A.M., awful sore throat, pills don't seem to help.

**March 27, 1939** - Walts birthday. I milked 5 cows this morning, got up at four o'clock, cream day. 20 above, North wind, quite cold, froze hard last night. Walt helped haul cream, Pa still in bed with sore throat. Walt brought up some powder to gargle with, seems to help some. I don't feel good, backache & sore throat, Lena done Henry's washing.

**March 28, 1939** - 20 above, North wind froze hard. Pa feels better, he helped milk this morning. I stayed in bed, back aches & sore throat. Will is splitting wood. Margaret was up in P.M. brought a coffee cake. Very good, she was looking for their dog, been gone for a week.

**March 29, 1939** - 25 above, East wind, looks like rain. Pa & Will took in a load of wood. Pa went to Dr. got some medicine. Mrs Warne is papering the house up town. My throat is still sore. Started snowing this P.M., its coming down fast, ground is white, real snow storm.

**March 30, 1939** - South wind bright & sunny. Snow nearly all gone. I am feeling better, cleaned pantry this A.M. Pa & Will hauled cream, roads quite bad.

**March 31, 1939** - 28 above, Southwest wind. Froze hard last night, clear sky. Pa & I went to town this A.M., got me a dress and hat (birds nest) Anna has a bad cold. March going out like a lamb, rained a little shower and thundered, first thunder this year.

**April 1, 1939** - 20 above Northwest wind blowing strong quite cold out. Baked bread, oatmeal cookies & coffee cake. Al Koerth came in P.M. Pa went after him. Kerns and Herman & Marg were here in evening men played cards, we quilted, had nice time.

**April 2, 1939** - Edna Kindsche's birthday, froze hard over night 22 above, North wind quite nice, we went to church this morning. Al Koerth went too, and we went to Eleanors for dinner. So much to eat, very nice graham cracker pie for desert. Koerth went home on 3:15 train, we stayed for supper.

**April 3, 1939** - Hard frost, 22 above North wind. Clear sky, very nice washed & ironed. Pa & Will hauled cream. Will dragged our road, in P.M. Pa split wood made a stone boat.

**April 4, 1939** - Froze hard S Wind. I washed the kitchen walls. Will don't feel good, in bed nearly all day, awful headache & neck awful sore (shingles), Pa split wood.

**April 5, 1939** - No frost this morning 8 o'clock 40 above South wind, raining nice & slow, winds turned to North about 10 o'clock, much colder, snow flurries, went to Aid in P.M. at Rieglers. Pa & Herman took our pigs to Madison. Got 7 cts for mine, 650 for little one.

**April 6, 1939** - Froze hard 16 above, North wind blowing strong, awful cold, clear sky. Pa hauling cream. Henry came home in P.M. surprised us. Walt & Ted Miesel were here for supper, sharpened fence posts.

**April 7, 1939** - Froze hard West wind, 20 above. Good Friday, we went to Church. Henry went to communion. Snowed quite hard in P.M. Henry went after Emma, we had oysters for supper, I baked cookies in P.M. Emma stayed over night, Susie too.

**April 8, 1939** - Froze hard over night 15 above North wind. Cleaned up house, baked bread, cake in A.M. Went to town in P.M. Took Henry to train 2:15. Had 50 doz eggs, 15 1/2 cts doz. Pa & Clarence sawed wood to Charlie Nicoly this P.M. Clarence & Marie stayed all night, Emma too.

**April 9, 1939** - Froze hard J Nicoly's birthday, snow flurries in P.M. Wind in West, clear sky, nice Easter morning. Emma, Anna, Eda (Sisters) were here for dinner, also Clarence & Marie, had ham, beans, parsnips, lettuce, cream pie. Susie bit Clarence. Walt, Lena came P.M.

**April 10, 1939** - Hard frost, 9 o'clock Northeast wind, 35 above, cloudy, looks rainy. Washed & ironed, done mending. Pa hauled cream. Clothes dried nice, saw wild geese went west, didn't rain after all.

**April 11, 1939** - Froze hard, 25 above Northwest wind blowing hard. Pa & Will hauled manure to H. Schubring's, awful cold & windy snow in P.M., so damp out. Will & Walt & Marg played at Townsend meeting at Merrimac to night. I quilted a little.

**April 12, 1939** - Froze hard over night, 12 above, Northwest wind, blowing awful hard, awful cold out, just like in the winter time. Pa & Will hauled manure to H. Schubring's in A.M. to soft on field in P.M. Will dragged road.

**April 13, 1939** - Froze again quite hard 8 o'clock 35 above South wind, clear sky, very nice. Pa sick, called Dr. Farnsworth out at 5:30 this A.M. Stone in bladder awful painful. Will hauled cream. Pa feeling some better, P.M. Pa feels awful sick. Dr. came again gave him hypo., came again at 5 gave him another hypo, went to sleep.

**April 14, 1939** - 35 above South wind, cloudy foggy, rained sleeted and snowed last night. Ground is white, awful sloppy. Clarence & Marie, Eleanor & Gordon came out last night. Pa slept all night. Gordon stayed over night, helped Will with chores. Pa feeling better, I didn't do much didn't get much sleep.

**April 15, 1939** - 31 above South wind. I cleaned up house. Pa still in bed. Will went to town got more pills & medicine for him.

**April 16, 1939** - No frost over night, 35 above, East wind, cloudy, rains off and on. April showers. Pa still in bed. Al Kern was here to see him, also Herm R. & Walt in A.M. In P.M. Fred & Marty R. & Julius & Martha & family. Clarence & Marie in evening. Will went to meet 10:30 train to get Henry.

**April 17, 1939** - No frost, raining awful hard Southeast wind, turned to North by noon. Getting colder, rained hard all night, terrible muddy. Will on cream route. Henry came home, helped with chores. Pa still in bed, had Dr. out again this morning. Says he is coming O.K. feels awful weak, no appetite.

**April 18, 1939** - No frost, 8 o'clock A.M. 34 above, Northeast wind, raining & snowing all day. Pa feeling better, sat up a little. Henry went back this morning I sewed on quilt.

**April 19, 1939** - No frost, 8 A.M. North wind, 35 above, quite nice, cloudy, cleared up in P.M. I washed & ironed. Will took up snow fence, dragged road. Pa, was up part of time, cleaned eggs. Will, Walt & Marg went to H. Putz to practice to night.

**April 20, 1939** - Herr Hitlers Birthday, 50 years old. No frost, 8 o'clock south wind, 35 above, cloudy, showers. Will hauling cream. Pa feeling pretty good, cleaning eggs, got 29 little pigs, 15 from 1 and 14 from the big one. Had 16, 2 died, we got 9 in box in house, feeding them with bottle, awful job.

**April 21, 1939** - Froze quite hard 32 above, North wind, quite cold. Will & I went to town in A.M. 47 doz eggs 15 1/2 cts doz. Cleaned broader house in P.M. Pa feeling little better. Roads awful muddy.,

**April 22, 1939** - South wind clear & spring like, quite windy. Cleaned up house in A.M., raked in garden in P.M. Pa walked around all day, fixed broader stove, C Nicolys came over in evening, stayed till after midnight, every body tired. Will played in town.

**April 23, 1939** - South wind, awful warm, terrible windy. Pa up and around, Will went after Eleanor & Gordon in A.M. Gordon & Will took out parlor stove. Anna & Eda stopped in a few minutes this evening. Anna is at Woods at Cemetery, doesn't like it.

**April 24, 1939** - South wind, 8 o'clock 60 above, washed & ironed. Will hauled cream. Pa feels pretty good. The hired man came this noon. He & Will picked off stones in P.M> Let chickens out for first time. Fed little pigs every 2 hours, milked 4 cows.

**April 25, 1939** - Awful windy. 1 o'clock Southwest wind 64 above, awful warm. I baked bread & coffee cake & pie, raked yard in P.M. Sowed our first oats this P.M. Started to rain about 5 o'clock, thundered real hard. Fed little pigs every 2 hours, milked 4 cows night & morn.

**April 26, 1939** - 60 above West wind. Will & hired man sowed oats. Roy Tupper.

**April 27, 1939** - Rained in A.M. 44 above, Northwest wind. Will hauled cream. Pa went with hired man (Roy Tupper) split wood & helped me feed little pigs. Will & Roy picked off stones in P.M. Anna & Lena came in P.M. Anna's birthday.

**April 28, 1939** - 40 above, North wind, cold, cloudy. Pa took hired man back, couldn't use him, no farmer. Pa & Will sowed more oats.

**April 29, 1939** - 33 above, North east wind, nice and clear. Sowed oats got 6 acres sowed here by the house. I baked bread and coffee cake, cleaned up house.

**April 30, 1939** - 5:30 morning 45 above, North wind, clear. We went to church in A.M. Pa & Will went after the other hired man (Albert Breitzke) big blow. Gordon & Ernie went along, I stayed to Eleonors. Will cut boys hair. Clarence & Marie came out in P.M., we were gone.

**May 1, 1939** - Froze ice last night, 8 o'clock 40 above, North wind, clear nice. Cleaned bedroom. Will hauled cream. Breitzke ploughed for oats, will sowed in P.M. Will went to meet 10:30 train, Henry coming home for a week.

**May 2, 1939** - North wind. Washed this morning. Henry came home last night, taking a vacation.

**May 3, 1939** - 7 o'clock, 50 above, South wind. Went to Aid in P.M. Sowed oats. Alger & Leah & Mr. Krueger were here in evening. Aid was to Fred Zuck's swell lunch.

**May 4, 1939** - 9 o'clock, 50 above, South wind, rained little. Pa hauled cream again.

**May 5, 1939** - 70 above, Sough wind, awful warm. Finished sewing oats. I cleaned raspberries. Pa uncovered strawberries. Cut early potatoes.

**May 6, 1939** - 9 o'clock, 70 above, South wind, awful strong. Ploughed garden, planted early potatoes, put in some garden seeds, not all. Albert planted potatoes.

**May 7, 1939** - 70 above, South wind, blowing awful hard. Took ride in P.M., took Albert B too. Ableman, Emma went along.

**May 8, 1939** - Northeast wind, rained & misted all day. Done mending, Henry & Walt went to Buffalo Lake fishing , didn't bite. Albert went along to Portage.

**May 9, 1939** - 45 above, Northwest wind, lovely day. Washed in A.M, put in peas & onions. Pa & Will hauled stones. Albert hauled manure.

**May 10, 1939** - 50 above, Northwest wind. Cool & dusty in air. Went to town in A.M., made more garden in P.M. Let little chickens out for first time.

**May 11, 1939** - 8 o'clock 48 above, North wind, quite cold, clear. Cleaned front room. Anna came out for dinner, went to Julius's in evening. Robert got his first car Sunday. Lena went with us.

**May 12, 1939** - White light frost, 6 o'clock 34 above, North wind awful cold, clear sky. Cleaned bedroom. Planted dahlias. Pa planted first corn, next to H. Schubring's back of hill. I made oatmeal cookies.

**May 13, 1939** - 6 o'clock 50 above, North wind. Cleaned floors, baked bread & coffee cake. Took Henry to train in P.M., went back to Madison. Will went to town in evening.

**May 14, 1939** - Lovely Sunday morning, South west wind. Went to church in A.M. Clarence & Marie came out and went with us. Had confirmation today. Russell was confirmed also George Meisel Jr. Real nice, rainy in P.M., not so bad.

**May 15, 1939** - 7 o'clock, 40 above North wind, clear cold, windy. Washed, sewed more peas, spinach, went to Lena's in evening.

**May 16, 1939** - 8 A.M., 50 above, Southeast win, partly cloudy. Pa & Will & Albert hauled manure to H Schubring. Anna & I went to town, we bought some flowers for cemetery.

**May 17, 1939** - 7 o'clock, 42 above, Northwest cold. Pa planted sweet corn to H. Schubring's. Henry came home in P.M. Walked out, surprised us. He will be home for sometime.

**May 18, 1939** - Pentecost. 50 above, South wind, quite cool, clear. Went to church in A.M. to town in P.M. Went to Dr. Pearson, got lame hip, gave me some pills for Arthritis.

**May 19, 1939** - 8 o'clock A.M. South wind, 76 above, real warm. Baked bread, coffee cake, called on Mrs. W. Kasdorf in P.M., had nice visit. Marie came out in P.M. Gordie came out in A.M. with Ernie. Henry cut lawn, cleaned chicken coop.

**May 20, 1939** - South wind 75 above, awful warm & dry. Turned cows out for first time in pasture. Had a little rain in P.M. Pa planted corn. We went to Arleen Holsupple's shower in evening, married Stewart Hoege. Had nice time, lots of presents.

**May 21, 1939** - North wind, quite warm. Pa & Walt went fishing to Mirror Lake, Will & Henry went to Madison in A.M. Henry got his clothes. I went to school picnic at Oschners park, had nice time went with Nicoloy's, lots to eat, ice cream, cake, pie beans.

**May 22, 1939** - 9 o'clock 60 above, South wind, foggy. Cleared up later. I washed in A.M. Hoed in garden, Pa finished planting corn to H. Schubring's in A.M. Henry went fishing to Gallus slew, no luck.

**May 23, 1939** - No rain yet, 50 above North wind, quite cool. Ironed and baked bread.

**May 24, 1939** - Awful dry, 50 above, Southeast quite cool. done mending in A.M., went to town in P.M. Went to Dentist, Tinkham. Pa finished planting corn in A.M., all done. Mrs. Jessee died in A.M. 86 years. Went to Lawrence Gleash & Alice Graves shower - nice.

**May 25, 1939** - Awful dry 7 o'clock A.M. clear and bright, South wind, 70 above. Pa hauled cream in A.M.

**May 26, 1939** - Awful hot Ma's birthday. Went to cemetery in A.M. Cleaned up, looks nice. Went to Dentist in P.M., stopped at Clarence's.

**May 27, 1939** - North wind, rained in A.M., nice rain, need lots more. Baked bread & coffee cake. Cleaned floors. Went to Mrs. Jessee's funeral in P.M. Went to Nicolys in evening - nice visit.

**May 28, 1939** - Quintuplets birthday, Dr. Farnsworth birthday 73 years old. Quite cool, went to Church in A.M. Got Eleanor & Gordon & kids out for dinner. Emma came too. Anna & Eda came for supper. Eda stayed until Tuesday. William & Henry took Eleanor back in evening.

**May 29, 1939** - South wind, 60 above, quite cool I washed in A.M. mended in P.M. Went to Lena's in evening. Eda went too. William done first cultivating today, behind the hill, corn up nice.

**May 30, 1939** - Decoration Day, West wind, awful warm & dry. Baked bread & coffee cake and ironed in A.M. Went to Baraboo cemetery in P.M. Will cultivated corn & Pa plowed for potatoes in A.M.

**May 31, 1939** - South wind, awful warm. I hoed in garden in A.M. Went to town (Baraboo Day) with Mrs. Walter Kasdorf in P.M., got me a house dress. Albert B. came after his clothes in P.M. Mrs. W. Kasdorf called up to see if the men folks were home. There was a big snake by their door step., so Will took the gun and ran down to kill it and lo and behold it was a little grass snake. He killed it so all is well.

**June 1, 1939** - Awful warm, had little rain in A.M. Pa & I went to town with Feed in A.M. Took 42 doz eggs at 14 cts per doz, awful cheap, got some every day shoes, real nice. Stopped at Clarences.

**June 2, 1939** - Quite cool, hoed in garden in A.M., baked rolls, canned rhubarb, set out house plants, had a nice rain in evening. Henry went to Madison to have eyes examined.

**June 3, 1939** - N. Wind 55 above quite cool, rained during night, everything looks fresh and green. Baked bread, coffee cake, oatmeal cookies, cleaned floors in A.M. Hoed in garden in P.M. Pa & Will cultivating corn.

**June 4, 1939** - Lovely day South wind. We went to Clarences for dinner, lovely dinner, apple pie & ice cream for dessert. William took Henry to Madison in P.M. Marie went along. Clarence helped Pa with chores. Went to Lena's in eve.

**June 5, 1939** - Awful dry. Awful warm, S.W. wind. I washed in A.M. Pa hauled cream. Lena came in P.M. and helped cut potatoes for planting. William cultivated corn. I picked a few strawberries, not very good, too dry.

**June 6, 1939** - Awful warm, S wind. Pa & I cut potatoes in A.M. I ironed in P.M. Pa & William planted late potatoes in P.M. on the marsh.

**June 7, 1939** - Ernie Meisels Birthday. South wind, awful hot and sultry. Hoed in garden in A.M. Pa hauled cream in A.M. We went to town in P.M., Baraboo day. Started to rain at supper time, rained real hard, everything looks nice and fresh.

**June 8, 1939** - Alberts birthday, nice day. N Wind quite cool after the rain. Set out cabbage plants in A.M. Went to Aid at Lewis Steinke's in P.M. Large crowd, nice time, swell lunch, ice cream & cake for dessert. Wm took us over. Martin came after us.

**June 9, 1939** - Set out last cabbage plants and hoed all fore noon. Picked strawberries, rained in P.M. Will & Walt went fishing, no luck. Pa hauled cream in A.M., planted corn after in P.M., till it rained.

**June 10, 1939** - Bud Kurtz's Wedding. N.E. Wind, cool. Rained all day and all night. We went to town in A.M. I stayed to Eleanor's, Will cut boys hair. Pa went to Clarences. Emma went with us. Had dinner to Eleanor's.

**June 11, 1939** - Sunday North wind, quite cool, still misting. We went to Church in A.M., went to Julius Nicolys in P.M. HAD a nice visit got home at 5 o'clock.

**June 12, 1939** - Julius Birthday North wind, quite cool. I wahed & baked bread in A.M. Ironed & picked strawberries in P.M. Pa hauled cream. Got a letter from Mildred saying they are coming Sunday on their way to Mercer.

**June 13, 1939** - South wind. Nice and cool. I picked more strawberries this fore noon. Hoed in garden all after noon. Nice hoeing. Pa cut hay in a.M. Will cultivated corn all day. Everything is lovely.

**June 14, 1939** - 8 o'clock A.M. South wind, 70 above, nice & clear, quite cool. Lovely day, hoed in garden. Will cultivated sweet corn. Pa hauling cream in A.M. Will haul hay in P.M. I went to town in P.M. with Edna & Merten, came back with Walt R(Ruda)

**June 15, 1939** - Quite cool, hay doesn't dry very good. I abked bread & corree cake. Sewed on my dress. Pa & I went to town with the truck in P.M. Took 42 doz eggs, got 13 cts doz. I went to the Dentist had a tooth filled. Dentist Tinkham.

**June 16, 1939** - South East wind, awful warm and muggy. Rained a little last night. Pa hauled cream. William raked hay. Don't dry too good, too damp. I cleaned front room & bedroom.

**June 17, 1939** - Quite cool 52 above, East wind. Like fall. Cleaned the floors, made rolls, picked straberries, dressed two chickens.

**June 18, 1939** - Sunday Fathers Day. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Cline and Mrs Duncan were here from Adams. Mr. & Mrs Selbar from Milwaukee came from Hillsboro. South wind, quite warm. Made two pies in A.M. Eleanor & Gordon & boys came in A.M. Mildred & Albert & boys came from Waukegan. We went to Devils Lake for picnic dinner. After dinner they left for Mercer, had nice time.

**June 19, 1939** - South wind, 70 above 8 o'clock A.M. Cool, had a thunderstorm last night. Rained hard, everything looks fresh and green. I washed and Pa hauled cream. Ironed in P.M.

**June 20, 1939** - Pa's birthday 55 years. South wind, hoed in garden. Picked strawberries, made short cake for dinner. Pa's birthday cake. Hauled 4 loads of hay in P.M. Clarence, Marie & Faith Wilcox came in evening.

**June 21, 1939** - Our Anniversary 28 years. N.E. Wind, cool. Rained all day. Pa & Will hauled cream in A.M. I baked bread, coffee cake went to town in P.M. Emma won 85. Went to Meisel's in evening. Stork shower on Hazel, nice time, swell lunch.

**June 22, 1939** - North wind, quite cool, picked straweberries in A.M., Anna came out for dinner. Cracked nuts & and picked out for Mertons wedding cake.

**June 23, 1939** - South wind, clear & cool. Pa hauling cream in a.M. Wm cut hay in P.M. I picked strawberries and made the grooms cake, butternut fruit cake. Got real good. Started to rain about 5 o'clock, rained hard, just a shame..

**June 24, 1939** - Edna & Mertens Wedding SW wind. Edna had pale pink satin dress, fingertip veil, Walter & Janet Roger stood up. Took the grooms cake up to Kindschi's, Margaret & I peeled the potatoes, went to Church at 2:30, real nice, helped with supper after church, served about 35. Menu, mashed potatoes, gravy, ham, weiners, beans, carrots & peas, spaghetti, cake, beer, ice cream.

**June 25, 1939** - Church picnic at Devils Lake. South wind, awful warm. Clear sky. Tired from the wedding, got up at 5:30. Wm, Pa & I went up to Kindschi's for dinner, Emma & Frank were there also Mertens folks, had lots to eat, ice cream, & beer, had a nice time. Margaret came up too in P.M. Edna got nice presents.

**June 26, 1939** - Emma Martins Birthday. Quite cool, rained little shower. I washed & ironed, picked strawberries. Margaret was up in P.M. Pa hauled cream in A.M. William cultivated corn.

**June 27, 1939** - Awful warm, canned strawberries, made jam. Hauled in hay in P.M. Had our first peas from dinner. Henry came home on the 10:30 train. William went to meet him.

**June 28, 1939** - Julius Anniversary. Awful warm. Henry came home last night. Will cultivated corn. I picked berries, Henry helped me. Pa hauled cream in A.M. We went to town in P.M. Marg went with me.

**June 29, 1939** - Having a shower on Edna today at her home. North wind, real cool, foggy, rained little last night. Nicolys were over listened to Joe Lewis, Tony Gelento fight. Tony knocked out. Henry went back on 6:30 train this morning.

**June 30, 1939** - Quite warm, cleaned up house, picked strawberries.

**July 1, 1939** - Sat., Marie's birthday. Baked bread, and cookies. Dressed two chickens

**July 2, 1939** - Clarence and Marie came out in morning. Had spring chicken for dinner, Anna and Eda came out for dinner. Went up to see Edna K in P.M. Eleanor, Gordon and Violet and Glen and kids came in PM

**July 3, 1939** - Monday washed and ironed. Hauled in hay in P.M. 4 loads. I led horse on hay fork.

**July 4, 1939** - Hauled in hay all day, Emma and Susie came out in morning. Clarence and Marie came brought pony of beer, Clarence helped with hay, 6 loads. Eleanor, Gordon and boys and Birdie came in evening.

**July 5, 1939** - Pa hauled cream in A.M. I hoed in garden. Will cultivated corn, went to town in P.M. Last Baraboo Day. Al and Mildred came back from up North, had fish for supper. Emma and Anna came.

**July 6, 1939** - S. Wind, dressed 5 chickens for Mildred. Pa sprayed early potatoes. Will cut hay. Picked raspberries. Went to Anna's in evening, killed a rattle snake in road, 9 rattles, awful big. Rained in evening.

**July 7, 1939** - Arthur Henry's birthday. Cream day, Mildred and Albert went home, left about 7 o'clock. I cleaned up house, went to Ladies Aid in P.M. at Meisels. Nice lunch. Marie went to Hospital, baby boy born 1:30 o'clock, just fine.

**July 8, 1939** - Awful warm. Baked bread, coffee cake. Wiped up floors, hauled in hay in P.M. 3 loads. Will, Walt, Marg, H. Putz played at Lock Mirror, made 3\$ apiece.

**July 9, 1939** - West Wind, went to church in forenoon. Went to Anna's for dinner, had chicken. Stopped at Eleanors. Little Gordie went with us. Pa, Walt and Herman went fishing to Devils Lake in evening. Will went swimming.

**July 10, 1939** - N wind, quite cool and clear. Washed, ironed. Pa hauled cream. Will cultivated corn, we went to the school meeting in evening. L. Steinke was elected treasurer in Archies place.

**July 11, 1939** - S wind, awful warm. Finished ironing, sent Henry's clothes. Picked berries in P.M. awful hot and dry. We went to see Marie in evening, feels good. Mr. Caflish quite bad.

**July 12, 1939** - Awful warm 90 in shade. Canned berries, made two berry pies. Mended in the P.M. Pa and Will hauled in marsh hay.

**July 13, 1939** - N wind clear sky, quite cool. Picked berries and canned 3 qts.

**July 14, 1939** - Eda's birthday. Quite cool. Pa hauled cream in A.M. Cleaned up stairs in A.M. went to town in P.M. Sold 47 roosters, 12 cts pound, got \$12. Went up to see Marie, everything find, got baby a cup, spoon, fork.

**July 15, 1939** - Cleaned up house. Picked berries in P.M., canned 3 qts. Pa helped Ernie on hall remodeling. Will went to town got hair cut. Cut our wheat in fore noon, pretty good.

**July 16, 1939** - Al Koerth's birthday. Real cool, swell day. We went to Madison in morning. Lena went with us, had a nice visit. Got home about seven. Clarence and Art M. helped Will with chores.

**July 17, 1939** - Raining cool. Washed and ironed Henry's shirts. Baked bread. Pa and Will hauled cream, went to Eleanors in evening. Henry came home on bus. Godferd G. came over, also Walt R.

**July 18, 1939** - Grace's birthday. E wind, cloudy. Baked bread, picked raspberries, made shortcake for dinner, had fried chicken. Went to see Marie in evening. Henry went back on bus tonight 11 o'clock stopped at Eleanors.

**July 19, 1939** - Quite warm. Pa hauled cream.

**July 20, 1939** - Awful warm and dry, no rain in sight.

**July 21, 1939** - Friday, awful hot. Anna and Eda came out. Eda stayed, had chicken for dinner. Will hauled cream, Pa went to Dr. Pope about pain in side. Will cut first oats here by the house.

**July 22, 1939** - Alvin Jahn's wedding. Awful hot. Cleaned up house in A.M. Baked bread, done mending in P.M. Anna came out for supper, Eda went back with her. William and Walt, Mag, H. Putz played at N. Freedom.

**July 23, 1939** - No rain, awful hot Sunday - Went to church in A.M. Emma came out for dinner. We went to Carl Wendts funeral in P.M., then went up to Koerths cemetary. Went to Clarences in evening, nice time.

**July 24, 1939** - Washed and ironed, nice wash day. Pa hauled cream, Will cut oats, Pa don't feel so good. I helped Will shock oats after chores.

**July 25, 1939** - Hot and dry. Pa and I went to town in A.M., done mending in P.M. went to Merrimack to Free show in evening, pretty good.

**July 26, 1939** - Pastures are all dried up, 94 in shade. Awful hot. Will hauled cream. Pa fixed grain sacks. I made chunk pickles and sliced pickles, dressed chicken for dinner. Helped Will clean wheat in P.M.

**July 27, 1939** - Mrs Meisel's birthday. Awful Hot. Cut oats, but didn't get done. I cleaned upstairs and done some mending, shocked oats in evening.

**July 28, 1939** - First rain for a long time, N wind, cooler. Rained during night, is still misting nice and cool. Everything looks nice. Will hauled cream. I baked bread and coffee cake, cdressed chicken for dinner. Ted Meisels baby born this P.M. boy.p

**July 29, 1939** - Martha's Birthday. Cool N wind. Swell day, finished cutting oats. Will went thrashing to Meisels first time, in P.M. Pa finished shocking oats. I cleaned up house, washed windows.

**July 30, 1939** - Herman's Birthday, nice weather, cool and clear. We went to Mission Fest, in Thurous Woods. Large crowd in P.M. , lovely speaker. Clarence and Marie came out in evening, Clarence killed Boso, too bad.

**July 31, 1939** - Margaret's Birthday, Monday awful warm, washed in a.M., finished thrashing at Meisels in A.M. Threshed to Lena's in P.M. I went and helped her. Mrs Meisel and Grace were there, had ice cream for supper, and beer and wieners etc.

**August 1, 1939** - Awful hot. Ironed and baked bread in A.M., baked cookies in P.M. and mended. Will went thrashing to P. Gierman in A.M. to Julius and Kindschis in P.M., moved up to Franks, coming here from Franks.

**August 2, 1939** - Started thrashing to Franks, but it started to rain about 8:30 so Will came home. I made two cakes, Pa hauled cream, rained real hard. Don't know when we will thresh now.

**August 3, 1939** - Finished F. Kasdorf this A.M. We threshed this P.M., got through 5 o'clock. Threshed 539 bu(schel), Lena, Mrs. Meisel and Marie and baby were here. Had wieners and cheese for supper, mowed to Marthas.

**August 4, 1939** - Cool and clear Friday. Threshed to Marthas in A.M., had early dinner, moved to Charleys, threshed there. Moved to Kerns about 3. Pa hauled cream in a.M., we went to Mrs Noyes funeral in P.M., Lena went too.

**August 5, 1939** - Saturday quite warm. Baked bread, coffee cake. Dressed 5 chickens cleaned up house. Will went thrashing to Kerns. Opening of Ernies dance hall tonight, had large crowd. Henry came home in P.M.

**August 6, 1939** - Willard Carlow birthday. Sunday, went to church in A.M. Clarence had baby christened, Arthur Henry. Eleanor Schubring and Will and Art Meisel's sponsors. Had 24 for dinner and supper. Gerths, Edgar Schubring, Hermans, Emma, Eda, Anna, Davis, Mr and Mrs and. Had chicken for dinner, s. corn, riced potatoes, cake and ice cream and beer. Henry went back tonight.

**August 7, 1939** - Hilda Dahlke's birthday. Monday, washed in A.M. ironed Henry's clothes in P.M. Pa hauled cream. Will hauled out with the spreader.

**August 8, 1939** - Cool, rained in morning. Pa and I went to Leland to mill. got home 3:30 awful busy there. Will cleaned chicken coop. Didn't rain too much.

**August 9, 1939** - Finished ironing in A.M., picked black berries in P.M. Pa and Will went thrashing to Fritz Kastens in P.M. Pa helped thresh to J. Steinkes in A.M., awful windy.

**August 10, 1939** - Cool cloudy. I picked black berries in fore noon. Pa hauled cream. Will hauled out with the spreader. Pa and I went to town with grist in P.M. Took 35 doz eggs. 17 cts doz. Bought a box of peaches.

**August 11, 1939** - (No entry)

**August 12, 1939** - Baked bread, cleaned up house. Will and Walt, Marg, H. Putz played at Wildwood (see page 20), big crowd.

**August 13, 1939** - Sunday - dressed chicken, went to Putz reunion, took Anna along. Stopped at Eleanor's on way home.

**August 14, 1939** - Russell Birthday. Washed and ironed. Pa hauled cream, Will hauled manure.

**August 15, 1939** - Sent Henry's laundry. Went threshing to H. Schubrings. Hulda Mada? Mrs. Hewitt and Florence and kids were there. We got dinner. Al Koerth came, Pa went after him to town.

**August 16, 1939** - Started with sweet corn. Ernie helped. Eleanor and kids came out, made some chunk pickles.

**August 17, 1939** - Worked in the sweet corn. Walt helped. Pa hauled cream. I went to Ladies Aid to Julius, had nice crowd, nice lunch, nice time.

**August 18, 1939** - Worked in the sweet corn. Got through about 4 o'clock. Ernie, Walt, Herman and Clarence helped. Al Koerth went to Kerns for the day.

**August 19, 1939** - Cool and cloudy. Cleaned up house. Baked bread and coffee cake. Pa, Will, Walt, Herman, Al Koerth and Gordon went fishing to Buffalo Lake, didn't get anything. No luck. Went up town in evening.

**August 20, 1939** - Helen's Birthday. Sunday. Went to church in forenoon. Paul Putz's came in P.M., stayed for supper. Clarence and Marie came too. Kerns and Herman's came in evening, men played cards.

**August 21, 1939** - Rainy. Washed in A.M., went to town in P.M. Took Al Koerth to the train. Got a bushel of peaches to can. William hauled cream.

**August 22, 1939** - Ironed in A.M. Sent Henry's laundry. Canned peaches. Pa went to Shingling bee to school house. Will hauled manure.

**August 23, 1939** - Nice day. Church supper tonight. Had a large crew. Sold 190 tickets. Will, Walt, H. Putz played at Wildwood (see last page).

**August 24, 1939** - Thursday. Margaret, Lena and I went to clean up church basement after the supper, awful mess. Canned peaches in P.M.

**August 25, 1939** - Friday, went to town.

**August 26, 1939** - Cleaned up house, baked bread and coffee cake. Dressed a chicken.

**August 27, 1939** - Sunday. Went to Devils Lake to the Cline picnic, took chicken, baked beans. Lots to eat, cherry pie, chop suey, etc. Clarence and Will kalsomined (stained) school house. Marej, Wilva and baby came too.

**August 28, 1939** - Monday. Washed in A.M. Henry came last night, went fishing in P.M. emma came out in P.M. I pinched my finger in grinder.

**August 29, 1939** - Tuesday. Finished ironing, canned apples and tomatoes. Henry went fishing all day, took Donald along. Didn't get anything. Clarences baby awful sick, took it to Hospital, spinal meningitis.

**August 30, 1939** - Wednesday. Baked bread in A.M. Went to hospital in P.M. to see Clarences baby (getting better). Pa took in sweet corn. Henry went back last night.

**August 31, 1939** - Awful warm Thursday. Pa hauled cream in a.M. Went to the Fair in P.M. William worked on car. Baby came home from hospital, much better.

**September 1, 1939** - Hitler the war maker. Germany started war with Poland, Sept 1, what next. Friday, Cleaned upstairis and front room. Went to Clarences in P.M., Baby feeling better. Will went to Fair in P.M.

**September 2, 1939** - Baked bread and cookies., cleaned up house. Washed windows, went to town in evening. Eleanor and Gordon and boys came along. Will played at Wildwood (see last page).

**September 3, 1939** - England started war with Germany Sept. 3. Sugar is scarce, price went up, also flour and lard. S Wind Sunday. Awful hot and windy. William went to Madison, had awful storm this evening. Wind blew terrible, rained awful hard. Just poured, wind blew tree over at Devils Lake, killed two girls, blew all the tents down.

**September 4, 1939** - Labor Day, nice cool day. Eleanor sewed two aprons for me, some towels. Gordon went on cream route with Pa. Will plowed.

**September 5, 1939** - Nice day, washed and ironed. Emma came out in P.M. Canned apples, made jelly. Sugar going up, awful scarce. War time prices. Sowed wheat today.

**September 6, 1939** - Canned apples, made grape jam and tomato juice. Canned 30 quarts of apples. Cans are all full.

**September 7, 1939** - 97 degrees, hottest day, awful hot. Canned tomatoes, more apples, pickled beets, just awful warm. William plowed. Pa hauled cream. Hottest September day in years.

**September 8, 1939** - Sudden change, quite cool, N wind. William cut clover for seed. I made grape jam, made chicago hot, Emma and I walked up to Martha's in P.M. Pa and Herman hauled pigs to Madison \$7.25 for young ones. 175# \$6 per hundred for sows, going up. Anna and Mrs Potter came in eve.

**September 9, 1939** - Cool Saturday. Cleaned up house. Baked bread and coffee cake. Emma and I picked grapes and bitter sweet in P.M. anna and Mrs. Potter came in P.M.

**September 10, 1939** - Ernie's Birthday, Sunday. Nice day, clear and cool. Dressed a chicken for dinner. Clarence and Marie came for dinner, baby getting big and fat, weighs 12 lbs.

**September 11, 1939** - Monday, washed and ironed, had big washing. Pa went to town. Will hauled cream. Rained in P.M.

**September 12, 1939** - Awful hot. finished ironing, picked tomatoes. Pa and William cutting corn. Awful hot for horses.

**September 13, 1939** - Awful hot 90 degrees in shade. Made tomato juice and jell in A.M. Went to Aid in P.M. at Mrs Aug Steinke's, nice crowd, swell lunch..

**September 14, 1939** - Awful hot 92 degrees in shade. Canned apples, dressed chicken in A.M. Pa hauling cream. Will cutting corn. Terrible hot for the horses.

**September 15, 1939** - Awful warm Friday - baked bread and coffee cake. Henry came home on the early train. Pa and Will cutting corn. Herman is helping them.

**September 16, 1939** - Saturday went to town in a.M. took 15 doz eggs, 20 cts a doz. Henry went fishing in P.M., no luck. Will and Walt, Marg and H. Putz played at Wildwood (see last page).

**September 17, 1939** - Cooler. Went to church in A.M. William took Henry to Madison in a.M. We went to Lena's for dinner. emma and Anna were there. Anna and I went to cemetary in P.M. Stopped at Al Putz's, Edna and Mertin came in evening.

**September 18, 1939** - Cool Washed and ironed.

**September 19, 1939** - Tuesday, quite cool. Eleanor came and helped me can beets, canned 14 qts. dressed chicken for dinner. Pa, Will and Herman cut corn. Took Eleanor back in evening. Gordon cut his hand quite bad.

**September 20, 1939** - (no entry)

**September 21, 1939** - (no entry)

**September 22, 1939** - cool, canned tomato juice, made jell, canned apples. Emma came last night. Picked up hickory nuts.

**September 23, 1939** - cool 37 above. Pickled sweet apples, made crab jell, bottled tomato juice, done some mending. Went to C. Nicolys in evening. Men helped set up Charley's new stove. Very nice, Kerns were there.

**September 24, 1939** - S wind warm. Dressed chicken, made 2 gr cherry pies, cleaned in front room and bedroom. emma mended Wills jacket. Men folks still in the cornfield. Quite warm. Herman still here helping.

**September 25, 1939** - Awful windy, cold and damp Monday. Washed in A.M. , went to town in P.M. Will hauled cream in A.M. Pa bought 50 acres of land from H. Schubring for \$2000, William too. We were to F. Rudas yesterday in P.M. , nice time.

**September 26, 1939** - Quite cool, rained 1st night, not so much. Ironed and baked bread in A.M., Pa took in load of wood for Julius in A.M. Will cleaned both chicken houses, put in straw. I canned apple sauce, made brownies.

**September 27, 1939** - Nice and warm. Picked up hickory nuts in A.M., done some mending in P.M. Pa and Wm are helping dig potatoes to Lena's. Got a letter from Henry today. Shut in our pullets.

**September 28, 1939** - Awful windy and warm. Picked up nuts, Marie and Wilva came out, made jelly. Went to town in P.M. Pa hauled cream in A.M. William picked up corn.

**September 29, 1939** - Friday N wind, quite cool. Cleaned in bedroom, rained last night, thundered and lightning, still raining in A.M. Pa, Wm and I went to town, had dinner to Eleanors, Pa ordered tractor from Clarence.

**September 30, 1939** - Sat. first frost, quite cold. 24 above. Froze quite hard last night. We dug our late potatoes today. 50 bushel, real nice. Herman, Walt and Marg helped, had chicken and custard pie for dinner. Wm, Walt, Marg, play at Wildwood (see last page) tonight.

**October 1, 1939** - Henry Jr. Birthday 20 years old. We went to church in A.M.; went to Eleanors for dinner, Emma went with us. Clarence & Marie were there too, nice dinner chicken, salad, s. corn etc.; nice birthday cake. salad

**October 2, 1939** - Nice day, Clarences Birthday. Washed in the A.M. Wm hauled cream, Pa picked up corn in A.M. Pa bought a John Deere Tractor. Pa, Clarence & Herman went to Madison after it in P.M.

**October 3, 1939** - Strong S. wind. Melvin Ruda's birthday. Ironed in A.M. picked up hickory nuts in P.M. Clarence came out in P.M. Pa bought tractor plow from Clarence. Made pancakes for supper, good.

**October 4, 1939** - Mended in A.M. Picked up hickory nuts in P.M. Pa hauled cream. Went to the aid to Otto Koerths in P.M., large crowd. Swell lunch. Walt took us, Henry came home last night.

**October 5, 1939** - Awful windy. I ironed & baked bread and picked nuts. Pa picked up corn, Will plowed. Walt & Henry went duck hunting, didn't get anything. Henry got two rabbits.

**October 6, 1939** - Cleaned in bedroom & front room, baked bread. Pa picked up corn. Will went shredding to Julius. Henry went back this morning.

**October 7, 1939** - Awful warm Saturday, rained real hard. Will Walt, Margaret & H. Putz played at Wildwood (see last page). I dressed chicken for dinner, made pie. We went to town in the evening.

**October 8, 1939** - Sold 6 doz eggs, 25 cts doz.

**October 9, 1939** - Rained

**October 10, 1939** - Cool, looks rainy, flies are bad. Mary Carlow birthday. I picked up apples and got dinner, had chicken, am home alone this P.M. Pa went to Lena's. Wm went to Clarences, I picked up nuts. Anna and Eda came for supper.

**October 11, 1939** - S.E. Wind, cool. Rained nearly all day, didn't wash, too rainy. Eleanor & boys came out. We done some sewing, shortened two of my dresses. Pa hauled cream, Wm cleaned chicken house.

**October 12, 1939** - Quite Cool, 32 above zero. Clear N.W. wind. Fred Ruda's Birthday, Picked up hickory nuts. I baked bread & coffee cake. Pa hauled cream. Wm plowed all day, has been all week. Eleanor Schubring got jelly crabs Tuesday. We went to E. Schubrings Tuesday evening.

**October 13, 1939** - Friday the 13. Quite cold 26 above. Wm & Walt play at Panaramic tonight. Rained & snowed all day, awful muddy. Pa & I wnet to town in A.M. Clarence & Ernie came out. Emma came last night. Wm shot 4 rabbits, Pa shot one, 2 squirrels yesterday.

**October 14, 1939** - Baked rolls, cleaned up house, dressed a chicken. H. Putz, Wm, Walt, Marg. played at Wildwood (see last page).

**October 15, 1939** - Terrible windy. Eleanor & Gordon & boys came. Clarence & Marie & baby came too. The men went hunting. Pa got a rabbit. Emma went up to Julius; Henry came home in P.M.

**October 16, 1939** - 38 above, N. wind and cold. Gordies Birthday. I washed in fore noon. Had corn shredders in P.M. Lena & Mrs. Meisel came to help me, had meat loaf & scalloped potatoes for supper.

**October 17, 1939** - 16 above. Had shredders for dinner and supper. Had canned meat, beef and apple pie.

**October 18, 1939** - 30 above, awful windy, S. wind. I ironed in A.M. Finished shredding this afternoon, had them for supper. Mashed potatoes, chicken, noodles, squirrel, got about 25 boxes of corn, real good corn.

**October 19, 1939** - 40 above. I picked hickory nuts in A.M. Anna came for dinner. Emma and I picked nuts in P.M. Wm went shredding at Kerns.

**October 20, 1939** - Mrs Cafilisch's Birthday. S. Wind, shredding to Lena's today. Emma and I went down for dinner, had chicken, pumpkin pie. Started to rain about 2 o'clock, had to quit shredding. Wm & Walt & H. Putz playing at Panaramic tonight.

**October 21, 1939** - Baked bread coffee cake, made a applesauce cake. Cleaned up house. Pa & Wm plowed in A.M. Went shredding to Lena's in P.M. Wm, Walt, Marg & H. Putz played at Wildwood i n evening, g ood crowd.

**October 22, 1939** - N.W. Wind, clear cold. Dressed chicken for dinner, made dumplings, graham cracker roll for dessert. Pa & Wm. got 3 squirrels in about 1 hour. Went to Annas in P.M., put on her storm windows.

**October 23, 1939** - Washed in A.M. Rainy. Finished shredding to Lena's in P.M. Picked up nuts in P.M.

**October 24, 1939** - Cleaned bedroom in A.M. Emma done the ironing, cleaned eggs. Frank K. & Emma Martin came after apples in P.M. Pa and William shredding to Meisels. Rained & thundered quite hard.

**October 25, 1939** - 42 above, E. Wind, warm like spring. Had a thunder storm last night . Wm & I went to town this A.M. had 19 doz eggs - 22 cts per doz. 6 doz pullet eggs 16 cts doz. Picked up nuts in P.M. Emma mended. Pa & Wm were shredding to Meisels.

**October 26, 1939** - S. wind, warm. Cleaned front room, Emma done mending. Pa & Will went shredding to Meisels in P.M. Pa hauled cream in A.M., Wm plowed.

**October 27, 1939** - N. wind, cold. J. Nicolys anniversary - married 24 years. Had a thunder shower last night, cooler today. Pa hauling manure, Wm plowing. Took Emma back last night. Stopped at Nicolys and helped set up stove. Kerns were there, got a letter from Henry.

**October 28, 1939** - N. wind, 20 above, cold, snow flurries. Meisels anniversary. Cleaned up house, baked bread, coffeecake, 3 pumpkin pies, put up bedroom curtains. Pa & Wm shredded corn to Meisels in A.M., to Martha's in P.M. No dance at Wildwood, too cold.

**October 29, 1939** - Mrs. Chas Halweg Birthday. Rainy. We went to Church in the morning. Anna came out for dinner, had chicken. Pa went hunting in P.M. - got 1 rabbit.

**October 30, 1939** - Carlton's Birthday N. wind, cloudy, misting. Pa got two rabbits this P.M. I washed in the forenoon, clothes dried good. Pa hauled cream. Wm cleaned chicken house & hog house and hauled manure. Clarence got his foot hurt, tractor plow.

**October 31, 1939** - Snowed in A.M., nice in P.M. S.W. wind, 24 above. I washed windows on outside. I ironed in A.M. Pa & Wm went shredding to Martha's. Wm I & Lena, Marg. & Walt went to see Uncle Louie at Philbricks Hall. Very funny. Henry came home with us.

**November 1, 1939** - 22 above. N. wind, cloudy. I washed storm windows & Wm put them on. Went to Ladies Aid in P.M. to Wm Schubrings. Large crowd, nice lunch, drew names for Xmas. I got Mrs. H. Putz's name.

**November 2, 1939** - 20 above, clear sky N. wind. I dressed chicken for dinner, Anna & Mrs. Potter were out in A.M. I washed dining room curtains. Pa hauled cream in a.M. Henry went back in P.M. Wm plowing.

**November 3, 1939** - 25 above, nice day. 74 eggs. Cleaned dining room floor in A.M. Varnished it in A.M., the rug too. Pa & Wm were shredding corn to H. Schubrings, Emma & Frank came after apples (crabs), baked bread and coffee cake.

**November 4, 1939** - Nice day. 68 eggs. Cleaned in kitchen. Put up dining room curtains, made 3 pumpkin pies. Picked up nuts, cleaned eggs in evening.

**November 5, 1939** - S. wind, quite cold. 72 eggs. Went to Emma's for dinner, Eleanor & Gordon & boys were there. Pa, Wm & Gordon went hunting. Pa got 3 rabbits, went to Meisels in evening (shredder meeting).

**November 6, 1939** - 24 above, clear cold. Lovely wash day, clothes dried nice, I ironed in P.M. Pa hauled cream, Wm plowed.

**November 7, 1939** - 32 above, swell day and clear. N.E. wind, I went to town with Pa in the A.M., bought some paint for kitchen floor. Cleaned stove pipe in kitchen stove. Wm plowed, Wm, Walt & Marg, Lena & I went to Anna's in evening.

**November 8, 1939** - 32 above. I cleaned my kitchen floor and painted it in evening. Pa & Wm plowed made the ditch on marsh deeper. I watched cows.

**November 9, 1939** - 30 above, rain turning to sleet this morning, thundered and lightning. Washed walls in kitchen. I baked bread and coffee cake, baked a batch of ginger cookies. Pa & Wm hauled wood in wood shed. Clarence came out awhile. Wm, Walt, Marg played at Eagles Hall.

**November 10, 1939** - Friday, N. wind cold. Mr. F. Caflich died, 65. Pa & I went to town in morning after Gordie & Carlton, Eleanor & Gordon went out to his place. I stippled kitchen rug in evening. Pa & Wm started to build shed.

**November 11, 1939** - N. wind, cold. Armistice day. Cleaned up the house. Ironed kitchen curtains, put them up. Pa went to town after Ernest to help build the shed by old house. Gordie & Carlton just fine.C

**November 12, 1939** - Nice day. 78 eggs, Donald Kurtz Birthday 20 years. Pa & Wm went to church in A.M., they plowed in P.M. I stayed home with the boys. Eda came out for dinner. Had chicken. Lena came up in P.M. Mrs. Aug Kutzner died this morning age 68.

**November 13, 1939** - S. wind, swell day, warm (Indian Summer). Albert Bentz died age 67. Walt came up in A.M. to help Pa with the shed. Wm hauled cream. Pa & I went to Mr Caflich's funeral, so many pretty flowers. Emma stayed with Carlton & Gordie. Wm took wood to town.

**November 14, 1939** - S. wind, swell day, so nice & warm. 87 eggs today. I washed and ironed, Pa & Wm finished the shed. Clarence & Walt butchered to Roes's today. Charley Nickoly came in P.M., Mrs. Kutzner's funeral this P.M., we took the boys back last night, quite lonesome now.

**November 15, 1939** - 50 above at noon. W. wind, swell day, warm. Marvels Birthday, Walt Meisels Birthday. I went to the cemetery with Anna & Mrs. Potter in A.M., planted tulip bulbs there. Cleaned pantry in P.M. Pa took 12 hogs, 2 calves to Madison. 6 cts for hogs, 9 cts for calves, got \$178.60 for all, pretty good.

**November 16, 1939** - 40 above 8 o'clock A.M., swell day warm. S.W. wind clear. Pa hauling cream. Anna & Mrs Potter came out for dinner, we had potatoe pancakes, Wm set Anna's hair, I mended in P.M. Wm plowed. Pa watched cows, we went to Julius in evening. Got card from Henry.

**November 17, 1939** - S.W. wnd, clear & warm 50 above. I cleaned in bedroom, front room and upstairs in A.M. Mrs. W. Kasdorf came in P.M. brought me some tulip bulbs. Pa plowed all day, Wm & Clarence sawed wood to h. Schubrings.

**November 18, 1939** - S. wind warm. Lenas Anniversary 31 years. Pa & I went to town in A.M. Had 44 doz eggs, 27 cts for large ones, 17 cts for pullet eggs. Dressed a duck & chicken in P.M., baked cookies & cake, 2 pumpkin pies. Pa & Wm plowed in P.M. Caroline Nouman died.

**November 19, 1939** - N.E. wind, clear colder. Had company for dinner. Fred Ruda's, Herman Ruda's, Mary & Walt and Anna were here. Had duck & chicken, squash, dressing, etc. Clarence & Marie came in P.M., had a nice visit. George Premo was buried this P.M.

**November 20, 1939** - 20 above, N.E. wind cloudy and cold. 82 eggs I washed and ironed some, set out some tulip bulbs. Pa hauled cream in A.M., Wm hauled wood in shed. He helped Clarence cut wood in P.M.

**November 21, 1939** - 22 above, N.E. wind, cloudy. 85 eggs Finished ironing this morning. Pa helped Walt move stove wall. Wm hauled a load of wood to Emma's for Julius. Everybody busy.

**November 22, 1939** - N. wind, clear cold, nice day. I sewed on pillow cases. Pa & Charley Nicoloy went to Leland to the mill. Wm helped Walt in A.M., hauled stones, plowed in P.M. with horses.

**November 23, 1939** - S.E. wind, cloudy. Wm hauled cream. Pa put wood in milk house for tank heater. Henry came home this morning. I dressed chicken for dinner, made butterscotch pie for dinner.

**November 24, 1939** - N.E. wind, misting, snowed little over night. Got out little cat from Arleen Parks. Pa hauled out wood for Clarence. Henry helped cut in P.M., Wm worked on car. Cleaned chicken coop. I patched & baked bread. Clarence was here for dinner, had chicken.

**November 25, 1939** - N. wind, 24 above, cloudy. I helped Marie get dinner for wood sawers. Pa & Henry helped Clarence saw. Emma helped too. I cleaned kitchen in P.M. Wm plowed Pa piled up chunks. Henry didn't feel good. Wm, Walt, Marg & H. Putz play at W.R.C. Hall.

**November 26, 1939** - N. Wind, nice day. Eleanor's and Lena's birthday. Pa & I went to church in morning. Wm & Henry went hunting, no luck. Pa & I went to Eleanor's in P.M. Lena, Herman, Marg & Walt were there for dinner, we all stayed for supper, roast duck. Edna and Merton came in evening.

**November 27, 1939** - N. W. wind, clear sky, swell wash day. 87 eggs I washed in A.M. Wm hauled cream, Clarence came out and helped Pa fix the motor, works good now. Henry went to Madison with Kurtz's in P.M. Marie went too. 85 eggs today.

**November 28, 1939** - S. wind, 20 above, clear sky, swell day. I ironed, in A.M., baked cookies in P.M. Pa & Wm put up snow fence. Henry went hunting, no luck.

**November 29, 1939** - S. wind, cloudy, 30 above, looks like rain. I baked bread, dressed 3 chickens, made 2 pumpkin pies, cleaned the house. Henry helped, stuffed chickens this evening. Wm worked on car, put in new spring.

**November 30, 1939** - Thanksgiving Day, 30 above, foggy, S. wind. Made 2 cranberry pies, roasted 3 chickens. Emma, Anna, Eda and Clarence & Marie and Mrs Davis were here for dinner, also little Arthur Henry. Had chicken vegetable salad, pie, date pudding, cranberries and etc. beans. Anna won a turkey at the bingo game at Eagles hall. she brought it out here for me to roast, then we are all going there for dinner, big turkey.

**December 1, 1939** - S. wind, 35 above, real warm, foggy rained last night, still misting. Wm & I went to town in P.M., done Xmas shopping. Pa went to Madison till Sunday on vacation. Henry went to Dr., has sore arm. Milked 5 cows tonight.

**December 2, 1939** - N.W. wind, 24 above, getting colder, misting. Cleaned up huse, made dressing for turkey, stuffed it in evening, Wm, Walt, Marg & H Putz played at Rex Sawalli Wedding dance (Merrimac). I milked 5 cows this morning.

**December 3, 1939** - Quite cold, N. wind. Went to Annas's for dinner, took the turkey. Herman Ruda's were there also Mrs. Deyhle. Swell dinner. Pa came home on two o'clock train, Wm went to meet him. I don't feel very good, stomach flu, Wm sick too.

**December 4, 1939** - Snow flurries, S. wind, cloudy and damp. Didn't wash, didn't feel good. Wm don't feel good. Pa hauled cream. Wm & Pa put up snow fence in P.M.

**December 5, 1939** - 22 above, getting colder, S. wind turning to N. 90 eggs today, 18 cts large, 13 cts small. Henry & I went to town in A.M. Henry went to Dr. Vandercamp, his arm is getting better. Wm went to H. Schubrings to saw wood. Pa worked to Aug Roesis on barn. Eleanor went up town with us, had childrens picture taken, real good.

**December 6, 1939** - S. wind, 26 above, swell day, like spring with clear sky. Baked bread and coffee cake. Went to Aid at Ott's in P.M. with Mrs. W. Kasdorf, had a Xmas party, got a pillow top from Mrs. G. Steinke, had swell lunch - noodles & chicken, cranberries, etc.

**December 7, 1939** - N. wind, nice day, 22 above, clear sky, quite windy. Walter Kindschi's Birthday, Audrey Meisel's Birthday. Emma came out we sewed and mended all day. Wm hauled cream in A.M., helped Walt Meisel saw wood in P.M. Pa sawed wood to H. Schubring all day. 85 eggs.

**December 8, 1939** - 20 above, N. wind, 7:30 o'clock, clear sky swell day. Ma's Birthday. Henry & I went to Madison with Lena, Walt & Margaret. Had a nice time, done a little Xmas shopping. Pa & Herman took 6 hogs & 1 cow to Madison, got \$41.20 and 71.32 for 6 hogs.

**December 9, 1939** - S.W. wind, 34 above at 7 o'clock A.M. swell day. Cleaned up house went to town. Henry & I went up to Dr. Vandercamp, I had physical exam, everything O.K. Henry's arm is getting better. I stayed to Eleanor's, we went up town in evening, saw Santa Claus. Eleanor's boys went too.

**December 10, 1939** - S. wind, swell day, clear sky. I stayed to Eleanor's, Pa & Wm came in for dinner. Swell dinner. Cafilisch's came in P.M. Henry went hunting with Walt, no luck.

**December 11, 1939** - Strong S. wind, swell day. I washed in A.M., ironed in P.M. Wm hauled cream in a.M. Wm & Henry cut wood in P.M. Pa cleaned chicken coop.

**December 12, 1939** - S. wind, 34 above, swell day clear & warm. 85 eggs. We butchered 5 pigs this A.M. Clarence, Ernie & Walt helped. Lena & Emma helped me. Henry took Emma back this evening. Wm & Pa cut up hogs, ours & Eleanor's. Clarence and A Kurtz took one.

**December 13, 1939** - N. wind 15 above. Eleanor and boys came out to help me make baloney & grind lard. Took her back in evening. Wm & Henry & Walt went to Madison, took Al Koerth's hog down. 77 eggs.

**December 14, 1939** - S. wind, quite cold windy 6 above. Canned meat and made brine to put on hams. Wm hauled cream.

**December 15, 1939** - S. wind, 26 above, swell day like spring. Cleaned took meat down cellar. Pa, Henry & I went to town in P.M., done some shopping. Henry went to Dr. Wm helped Walt Meisel saw wood in P.M.

**December 16, 1939** - 25 above, S. wind clear & warm. Swell day like Spring. I baked bread and coffee cake, wiped up floors. Wm & Henry cut wood in a.M. Sawed wood to Lena's in P.M. Stumps, Mr. Lasuer was here in P.M. fixed our light plant.

**December 17, 1939** - S. wind, 30 above, warm clear sky, swell day. Anna came out for dinner. Pa & Henry got the Christmas tree. Anna & I went down to Lena's. Clarence & Marie came in evening.

**December 18, 1939** - E. Wind, 33 above, real warm, no frost, no snow, like Spring. I washed in A.M. Clothes dried so fast, ironed in P.M. Wm hauled cream in A.M., Pa, Henry & Wm cut fire wood in P.M.

**December 19, 1939** - S.W. wind, foggy, misty this morning 34 above, very warm, no frost. Went to town this forenoon. Emma went with us. Trimmed Christmas tree in P.M. The rain turned to snow this P.M., ground is white, getting colder.

**December 20, 1939** - 16 above, N. wind, snow flurries this fore noon, much colder. I baked bread and Holly wreath cookies & pepper nuts for Christmas. Men folks didn't do much. Wm & Henry went to town tonight. 75 eggs today.

**December 21, 1939** - 16 above. Emma's wedding anniversary. Baked animal cookies in A.M., went to Martha's after the goose in P.M. Wm hauled cream. Wm & Henry cut fire wood in P.M.

**December 22, 1939** - N. wind, 12 above, quite cold, clear and bright. Cleaned front room & bedroom in A.M. Baked bran fruit cake. Wm went to town in evening, Anna has awful sore arm.

**December 23, 1939** - 15 above N. wind, clear sky, swell day. Wm Birthday - 23. Wiped up floors. Baked raisin bread & coffee cake. Wm & Pa cut wood. Snow nearly gone. Went to the Christmas program in Church this evening, real nice. Everyone got an orange.

**December 24, 1939** - N. wind, swell day, 9 above quite cold. Made 2 pumpkin pies & popcorn balls, stuffed the goose. Cooked cranberries. Eleanor & Gordon & boys & Clarence & Marie came in evening, we opened the presents, so many presents.

**December 25, 1939** - 12 above, N. wind, clear & bright. Eleanor & Gordon & boys were here for dinner. Had goose & dressing, pumpkin pie, cookies, etc. Clarence didn't come, baby has bad cold. Emma came for supper, we took Eleanor back in evening.

**December 26, 1939** - N. wind, 17 above, cloudy & damp. I don't feel good. Got sore throat, have had for some time. Eleanor has a bad cold too. Took Anna a Christmas basket last night, Mrs. Potter was there, my throat is quite sore, I've been gargling.

**December 27, 1939** - N.E. wind, cloudy misting. Didn't do much. Wm & I went to town in P.M. I went to the Dr. about my sore throat. Dr. painted it, gave me some pills to gargle. Wm went to the Dentist, roads are awful icy. Took 30 doz eggs 18 cnts.

**December 28, 1939** - N. wind, 17 above, not much snow, clear sky. I done some mending, Pa, Wm & Henry cut fire wood. My throat is a little better, still awful sore, didn't go out all day. 71 eggs today.

**December 29, 1939** - N. Wind 23 above. 72 eggs today 19 cts dz. I done up the house work and then went to Clarence's all day. Pa helped Clarence all day, I held little Arthur Henry all fore noon. Wm & Henry cut wood in A.M., Wm helped Walt haul hay in P.M.

**December 30, 1939** - N. wind, 12 above awful windy, snow flurries in fore noon, nice & clear in P.M. Ground is almost bare, little snow in places. Roy Otts house burned last day in old year. I cleaned and wiped up the floors, baked bread. Men are cutting wood, weather turning colder, 4 below at night.

**December 31, 1939** - N.W. wind, blowing strong, 7 below this morning awful cold, little snow in places. Wm, Walt, Marg, H Putz & Powers played at Merrimac last night. Henry went along, men finished cutting wood



yesterday. Wm & I went to see Lena's Xmas tree in P.M., from there we went to see Edna Kindschi, Rogers Xmas tree and presents in the evening. We all went to Church and communion.

