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(insets in front of journal:)

What a lovely sunshine

What a day of beauty

How calm the air is

When a storm is ended.

The fields so varied

Like a first day, splendid

What lovely sunshine

What a day of beauty.

Chorus:

What idol sunshine

Lovely sunshine

My heart doth thrill

My heart doth thrill

Teacher asked "what kind of a mark is this?" pointing to a ! mark.

Wanda raising hand

Teacher "well, Wanda."

Wanda "It's a constipation mark."

Talking about Mrs. Biddy and the rooster:

Chester Cone. "The girls are biddys and we are roosters."

I just looked at him.

“Well, that’s so!”

January 1918

Just a book to write down the experiences I have, the thoughts I wish to express, or anything else that comes into my head.

I will begin tonight at four-thirty o’clock on the sixteenth of January (Wednesday) 1918. Why I choose this day, I do not know but I do simply because I wish to keep a journal or rather a diary of my doings and of those of my friends.

School has been out for an hour. It is growing dark. The other girls, teachers, are preparing to leave the building so I shall go with them.

There are four teachers in this school including myself. The Sheridan School is the newest ward school in this city, was built fifteen years ago. It really is a nice school, has large rooms, plenty of light in them. There are four, two on each floor and a large hall. My room is the Kindergarten room. Very light, and pleasant. I love my room.

January 17

I presume by this time you have come to the conclusion that I am a teacher.

Tonight is report night. It’s always late when we get out on report night. I had a late start. Had to keep nine second graders after school for spelling. I teach Kgn. in the morning and the 2nd and 3rd division of the first grade and the 2nd division of the 2nd grade in the afternoon.

I hear the coal situation is grave. There is some talk of closing the schools. Some of the cities have done so. I know the transportation isn’t any too well carried out. We have awful times getting our mail. Down in the southern part of the state there have been severe storms and blockades. We don’t seem to get the severe cold they do down home. Ester received a letter from Andy Leake (Lima Ohio) that it was 26 degrees below last week. It has been 11 degrees below here I think. At least I haven’t heard of it going lower. But we have plenty of snow – about seven feet. Had a real snow storm today. Reports are all made, guess I’ll go home. Stop at the P.O. on my way home and see if there is any mail. I haven’t had mail for a week.

Jan. 18.

It’s very cold today. Mr. LaMain the janitor said he put a thermometer out on the S.E. corner of the school, (that’s right outside of my room,) at 5:30 and at 6:30 it registered 18 degrees below. The storm, a cold spell, is coming up from the South evidently. I nearly froze coming to school this morning.

I haven’t received any mail yet. I wonder what the trouble is. It took four days for Ester to get a letter from home.

Poor little youngsters. One is crying down stairs. He froze his fingers.

Jan. 21.

Friday night I received a letter from my Jim. Said they had shut off power in their factory Monday, which made more work for the office force.

Saturday I got a letter from Jake. He's at Camp Grant, Ill.

The coal situation is getting serious. Schools are closed down home. Mr. LeMain is having some time here getting coal.

Last night – rather yesterday afternoon, May Youngs and Sherwin Overholt were over. Sherwin has enlisted as mechanic in the aviation section. He left this morning.

Jan. 25

Mr. and Mrs. Wheat (Don and Margaret) were over for dinner last night. Went to the show afterward to see Sessue Hayakawa in "The Call of the East."

Today we practiced the minuet with a few children who are going to give it before the mothers next Fri. at Mother's Meeting. Martha Blanchard and Milton Pagle are too cute for anything. They are two Kgn. children, Martha's a brunette, Milton, a blonde, little sturdy youngster. Look so cute and also act it.

Margaret heard last night that Don Sooy, Dick and Bob Cutting, boys from Great Lakes Training Station (Navy) were in Ft. Leavenworth, serving from 8 to 10 years. She didn't hear what for. Not so. Found out later.

I heard Marjorie Smith's brother Chester died of spinal meningitis at Camp Custer yesterday. The Club of '17 are sending pink, or red roses. Marjorie is the Vice Pres. We are each giving a quarter.

Heard they think Germans have planted pneumonia and meningitis germs in the Containments. It's terrible! Nearly all the camps are under quarantine. Jake is still in quarantine at Camp Grant.

Sherwin had to go to Georgia because the Columbus Camp was in quarantine. It's just a recruiting station for the Aviation Corps tho.

Jan. 30. Wednesday.

Well, we have had two days of Teachers Institute (County). Mr. French and O.F. Corson were the principle speakers. Corson was just fine. I feel quite inspired to day, feel as tho I could do almost anything in the way of teaching.

Monday the trains were annulled on account of the severe snow storm.

Received a letter from home yesterday. Pete – my kid brother, has graduated from the High School. At present he is helping at the office. I am glad as it will help Betty a good deal. Betty has been working hard and trying to run the printing co. ever since father died. Of course Jake helped – but he's enlisted now. Mr. TenBuschen's there and certainly helps very much. He's the advertising manager. But

Pete can help Betty with the books, etc. Pete wants to go to Chicago to school later on, he has told me.

Jan. 31.

January is certainly celebrating her exit. It is very cold today. The gov't. thermometer down at the depot registers 18 ½ degrees below, and in town it's anywhere from 21 to 28 degrees below depending on the location.

My room here at school registers 60 which isn't very warm.

One of the little youngsters, Albert Tellner, cried pitifully this morning, his hands were so cold. I think I froze my left ear again. This is the third time within the month.

At the house both hot and cold water were frozen, even the gas was having a hard time to burn. The gas has been frozen once. Oh, this is the life! Living in Petoskey in winter.

Feb. 4th.

We had our mother's meeting last Friday. Only fourteen came. We had planned on at least forty-eight. It was 32 degrees below zero out so I suppose it was too cold. They elected officers and planned to have another meeting within two weeks. Oh gee!

We had a pretty good program. Four couples, dressed in old fashioned clothes, dossed the "minuet." Five little boys dressed as soldiers sang a flag song. I had to play for both pieces. We also had a Victrola for the occasion. Served black tea, and lemon snaps and wafers.

Received a letter from Jim Sat. I am worrying about him. He wrote they, he, Nick and Fred were going out Sunday afternoon and doing things they hadn't ought to do. If it's just going to the movie, I don't mind – much – but if it's other things, I do. I suppose it's foolish of me to feel this way but I can't help it.

Feb. 7th.

Mr. LaMain just told me that he heard down town they had received a wire that a transport with 300 of our soldier boys had been sunk by the Germans. Why it just gave me the queerest feeling. It's too bad to be caught in like rats in a trap.

Well I have had a happy day in school at least. I have started all my Kgn. children into the First grade which eliminates the Kgn; that part I don't like. But I love my little beginning reading class. The children are so eager and they sit there with their big eyes sparkling and wide open. Especially Jack and Martha. They are such dears and Milton and Raymond. Oh they are all such darlings.

Mr. Kelder (the Superintendent) was up to see us this morning. When we were in such a hubbub too.

Must hurry home. Ester isn't feeling well and wants me to go with her to the doctors. I went last night and am going tonight to the court house to work on the questionnaires, have to copy them onto cards which are sent to the government at Washington.

Mr. Geo. Rice has given the school plenty of coal, nearly a car load so we won't have to close our

schools.

Feb. 8th.

We have a new Victrola in the school. I brot up a few records from the house as the school has no records as yet.

Feb. 11th.

Signs of Spring are appearing. I have seen more spiders this last week. Also heard different people have seen robins. It is thawing today. Since Saturday we have had beautiful weather for February.

May, and Leonard Paige were over for dinner last night. Leonard's a joke-right.

Feb. 12th.

Esther and I saw Julian Eltinge in "[blank in journal]" at the Palace. He impersonates a woman. My he is clever.

Had a teacher's meeting yesterday. They are going to start a "Junior Red Cross" in the schools. Also have to ask the children about field glasses, binoculars etc. for the Navy.

Feb. 15th

Wednesday we held another Mother's Meeting. Dr. P. D. Miller talked on "Care of the Teeth." Mr. Kelder and Miss Barton talked also. There were over twenty five ladies present. An entertainment committee was appointed. Eight of my "kiddies" played "Bean Porridge Hot" that afternoon at the meeting. They did fairly well. It pleased the mothers anyway.

Yesterday was Valentine's day and the last part of the p.m. Grace Hawley and I had a Victrola concert for the children.

Yesterday was a terribly stormy day. Last night it was a regular blizzard. Just terrible. It was report night and after I made out my reports I went home at 5:15. Didn't care to wait until it got dark. Today it is cold but the sun is shining so it brightens it up.

Received a letter from Anne yesterday, she wrote Nick and Jim had a "falling out," they were such good friends. I wonder what it was.

We are sewing for the Belgium Babies at the Club. Went Tuesday to Marjorie Smith's.

Wednesday went to the Court House to fill out cards concerning questionnaires.

Today is what we teachers call "Good Friday," meaning payday. I received my raise and can say I sure am glad to get it.

Feb. 17th.

Blue Monday! Oh, gee!

Saturday Esther and I went to Margaret's (Mrs. Wheat's) in the afternoon. At night we saw

Marguerite Clark in "Bab's Burglar." Very good. Tonight we expect to see Emily Stevens in "Sleeping Memory."

Sunday we went to Sunday School and were invited to Mr. Chilian Smith's for dinner. He's our Sunday School teacher. Mable Knecht (Central Kgn. teacher) was invited too. On our way home we stopped at Dr. & Mrs. Sitter's.

Feb. 21.

Cold again. 10 degrees below.

Esther and I had the Club of '17 (a club of seventeen girls which was organized in Nov. 1917 for the purpose of a sociable time and also to do some Red Cross work) over last night. There were only eight of us. Too stormy a night I guess for the others to come.

We received our contracts for next year. All received a fifty dollars raise so far as I've heard. Marie McGoogan, Bertha Ireland and myself are going to apply for schools in Southern Michigan. Grace Hamley (principal) said if we girls were going she guessed she'd to back to school. She is thinking seriously of going anyway. We have a month to decide whether we wish to stay here or not.

Feb. 22nd.

Esther and I with the other girls went to a Presbyterian party at Rice's (Mr. and Mrs. George E. Rice). They are some of Petoskey's millionaires. We had the best kind of a time. After a musical program, we went to the end of hall and got little red hatchets. (We put a piece of silver on a tray for some Red Cross fund as I understand it) The men received red, white, and blue hatchets. They were numbered and we had to match numbers. It certainly is funny. I found Mr. Bernard Klise was my partner, and as fate would have it, Esther fell to the lot of Mr. Reusch. How we laughed. Mr. and Mrs. Reusch bot Mrs. Clark's home six weeks before school was out last June and we didn't have a pleasant rooming house those last six weeks. Now we avoid them like poison. Esther can't bare them. My! We girls laughed at Esther's luck.

I received a letter from Anne last night. She wrote that Nick Haverkamp was there over Sunday (in Kalamazoo) also Fred. Oh! Anne wrote the boys had made up. Had a falling out about some girls.

Also wrote that Mr. and Mrs. Corneil Cappon (Corneil's my half cousin) had a baby girl Winifred June born Jan. 16. So I have another third cousin. She is Uncle James' and Aunt Nettie's first grandchild. How happy they must be. She makes the sixth second cousin. Second and third cousins are the nearest we come to having babies in our relationship.

Bessie Van Haaften told Anne that Ed, one of our boy friends, wrote from France. He is in Southern France – his letter had been censored and a part cut out, most likely pertaining to the war.

They have sugar now. A half a pound a week for each member of the family.

Esther and I have eight sacks, 2 lbs. of sugar, some are a quarters worth about 2 ½ lbs.

Today May Young's sisters are coming. E. and I have invited them for dinner tonight. Oh such a busy week end this has been and will be. There will be seven of us tonight and tomorrow afternoon we go to Paige's and tomorrow night to the show. I hope by Sunday I can rest a little. I seem to be all tired out. I caught cold last night at the party and am hoarse this morning. It seems I have been rushed to

death all week.

Feb. 25th.

I have been suffering with laryngitis this week end – oh I could hardly talk and going to those parties too. My I felt miserable.

Received a letter from Jim Friday night, and one Sunday. He's evidently working overtime trying to clear his conscience.

Feb. 27th

I went to see Mr. Kelder last night to ask if I could use his name in applying for other positions. He was very nice didn't want to see me go. Said "you and Miss Rose had better come back next year etc. etc." I have written several applications. Received a blank to fill out from Kazoo today.

Leila Schilling entertained the Club of '17 last night. E. and I went to it. I finished the baby booties I was making for the Belgium Babies.

I read in the paper today of the death of Mr. H. Oudbeak, my Kalamazoo Sunday School teacher. I was very surprised to hear of it, as I had just heard recently that he was ill. Dear Mr. Oudbeak how we girls use to try him and he tried so hard to be patient. He was such a good man, and his wife was so nice too. When I was little and lived on North St. he had a grocery store in the block where we lived. We children used to go to it and call him "Uncle Henry" and go with him to deliver the groceries with old "Maizie" the horse. Mr. O sold the store last May and was living on a farm six miles from K. near Brownell Station.

March 1st.

Some excitement! A swing was put in my Kindergarten room. The children are tickled to pieces. They keep yelling about turns. Oh how different the expression of their faces as they swing. Jack Cone "says" Oh that's fast enough in such a frightened way. How his eyes sparkle! L.B. looks like a little monkey and when he swings it looks so funny when he stands up and "pumps." When he swings it makes me think of "back to nature." In putting up the swing the janitor cut the wrong rope and it made the swing too high for the children. I teased him about it, told him it looked like woman's work etc. Now he has lengthened it with wire. Declares he will fix it better someday, to make it look nicer.

March 4 – Monday.

Saturday night Esther and I went to card party with Lena Burhley, Mac McRae and Mrs. R. F. Sitter gave at Mrs. Sitter's home on E. Mitchell St. We played 500. Third time in my life that I played it. But I made 1500, so I didn't fare so badly. There were several with lower scores than I had. Mary Murphy won the prize, a corsage bouquet of sweet peas, very pretty. The girls there that night were nearly all teachers, a nice jolly crowd. Had a good time.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Chillion Smith, May Young and Mable Knecht came for dinner – at noon.

I went to Mabel's in the afternoon for a while.

I received an application from Jackson this morning, which makes the third one.

I hear we are to have vacation the last week of March, which is an early one.

March 7th.

J. W. (Sup't.) came up this afternoon and oh gee! We'd been fussing so about Red Cross money and one then another selling rubbers etc. that I didn't have any work on the board. And the children were restless Oh! What a mess. Got thru the day somehow. Of course I got a lot of advice about systematizing my work etc. also some good comps. But children, some of them are such mischiefs, can't sit still a minute.

It must be J. W. received a letter for a recommend as he did the same with Iva Mc last year. I mean he wrote out his criticism. Rather decent of him anyway. Saves your feelings a little. By the way this sounds, you'd think I had gotten my 30 day notice but I haven't.

It's Mrs. S. birthday today.

Mar. 8th.

Esther and I saw Harold Lockwood in "Square Deceiver" last night. We went with Margaret L. Wheat. I had to laugh at Don. I asked him if he was going with us to the show and he said "Do you think I would go to see him after looking at his picture every time I'm in the bed room. I should say not." Margaret has a picture of Harold Lockwood. I teased Don about being jealous.

We girls are going to the Petoskey & Cadillac basket ball game tonight. The band is going to be there and there will be dancing. I know we'll have a good time.

March 9th

We had some time Friday night. Don Mudgett was down from Munising on business and came to the game. (He's manager of Michigan Tanning Extract Co. branch at Munising.) I had a dance with him. He danced with all the girls in our bunch. I wonder if he still cares for me. I don't know why but I certainly don't treat him right. It just seems as tho' I can't and still I like him and don't mean anything by what I say but he always takes me up wrong. I guess I didn't like him at first, and was prejudiced therefore I can't get over that feeling.

Saturday Esther and I worked at Fachtman's for the day, from 8 to 6 for \$2. They started their annual sale Sat. We helped last year too. Had a lot of fun. Saturday was an awful day, so blizzardy that the 3 o'clock train never came in until 8 o'clock at night on Sunday. Just received Sat. mail this morning. Got a letter from home.

The bedroom was buried in snow Sunday morning. The troubles of housekeeping! We have mice again. Caught six last Fall. Got one last night and one this morning and I have to drown them and take them out of the trap. Ugh! How I hate them! But Esther won't do it.

Mar. 13th

Yesterday I hurried home and was hurrying to go to the hairdresser's as I had an appointment for 4:30 and it was then 4:45, and I got to the end of the bridge and thot I would cross over when I slipped in the middle of the road and fell – kerflop! on my right side. My coast slid up and my dress was just

covered with dirt and the inside of my coat and the coat sleeve – wow! I banged my elbow good and proper and maybe I wasn't mad. Of course I had to go home and clean up, and couldn't go to the hairdresser. I sure was a looking sight. Lucky for me we live just over the bridge. When I got home I hardly knew what to do first I was so dirty and wet. Clear throu to my skin. Went to Club last night and had to wear my raincoat over Esther's green suit coat. Some predicament.

We have Mother's Meeting this p.m. and I have to play for Mrs. Hartwick. She is going to sing Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" and "Mother MaCree". Hope I can play them all right.

March 15th

O.U. Hoover.

My Tuesdays are meatless

My Wednesdays are wheatless

I am getting more eatless

Each day

My home it is heatless

My bed it is sheetless.

They're all sent to the Y.M.C.A.

The bar rooms are treatless,

My coffee is sweetless,

Each day I get poorer and wiser.

My stockings are feetless,

My trousers are seatless,

My God! How I do hate the Kaiser!

The children are playing school between bells. They are such perfect imitators. Gee! I had to laugh when Hattie Galinsky, who is the teacher called on Victor to recite. Victor said $3+1=3$. "Wrong" said Hattie "you may stand up here and learn that" in such a teacher's way I just laid my head on my desk and laughed and laughed. – it struck me funny. Children are the limit.

March 18th –

Life certainly is funny. Esther Rose, my roommate, told me last week that Bert Straight was married. Imagine Bert Straight of all people. Nearly a year ago I met Bert (April 1st). He was home on a vacation from M.A.C. I went with him several times then and in June when he came home I went with him until I went home. I really have never seen him going with one girl long enough to know her to marry her. He married a Boyne Falls hotel keeper's daughter. Boyne Falls is a very small place. Bert was

Supt. of Schools there. He left today for some camp. He was drafted. Also heard Seth Smith's married. He has been going with Elsie Sea for about a year, and they've been engaged for a long time. Gee! Esther and Mary Davis both went with Seth last Spring, and talk about fickle and big I and little you, he was it. How we (Esther and I) laughed over the news. Esther said the next surprise would be Ralph (or Wilson), another one of E's beaux. Today we have to return our contracts. Neither Marie McGoogan (4th grade teacher) Bertha Ireland (3rd) nor myself are coming back.

March 20.

Well of all things, I can't stick to my principles – Gee! I didn't sign up and today J.W. came here and asked me to reconsider. I will receive more salary. Well I have reconsidered and I am coming back. I'll probably be sorry. He begged me to come back. I told him I didn't know. Well finally I signed for \$625. Would have received \$595. Am getting \$100 more than I was last Sept. I had a \$25 raise in Jan.

To think I had decided not to stay and then to have more money offered me and stay. Oh gee! I did want to go nearer home. Oh well I hope – no I won't write it. I suppose mother won't like it. And to think I "preached" to Esther about home. Oh! Inconsistency! I feel I like a peanut – small!

Today is my birthday. I am 23 – don't feel it.

Two more days and we go home. But there will be no chair cars until Tuesday. Next Monday two more trains will be put on the 6:45 from the south, the 1:30 from the north. But there is no Sunday night train.

March 21

The girls of this building went to Grace Haraley's for supper yesterday and crocheted the knitted blocks together for the afghan our school is making.

When I got home I had a birthday card from Mrs. Servaas and a letter from Jim. Also a beautiful green leather sewing box which he sent me. Tues. I received a birthday card from Nettie (my cousin) and one from Jake. He has been transferred to St. Paul Training School for motor mechanics. He stopped off at Chicago on his way to St. Paul and Betty and Hennie Meyers went to see him. He couldn't get a furlough as they left that day for St. Paul.

March 22nd.

Hurrah – Vacation begins today. Tonight Esther and I are going out with Ralph Wilson and Lieut. Hugh (MacPhail) McPhail. Esther went with Ralph last year but they had some trouble during the summer so she has been very cool to him. We have never met the Lieut. We wonder if he is the good looking officer we have seen around town. I met an officer this morning on the way to school and he looked at me. I'd laugh if it was the same fellow. We are going to the basket ball game between Boyne City & Petoskey tomorrow. We go home on the 8:35. I am going to see Jim in Grand Rapids and Nick. They are going home with me.

April 2nd. Tues.

Talk about vacation! To begin with I had a good time with that Lieutenant McPhail Friday night. We saw the game then went to Ray Franz's then he wanted to go back and dance so we did. I danced all of them with him. He wanted me to go down to Camp Custer to see him. Wanted me to go to the Post

Tavern last Sat. night to dance but I couldn't.

Sat. 3 – 23.

I met Jim and Nick. Esther stayed with us. Esther called her mother up on long distance phone, forgot to tell her mother to call mine up. So Nick said he'd call Anna and it took him so long that he lost his supper & we went to the Connie Collation. We went to the station and Nick wasn't there as he had the checks we couldn't get our baggage – so as we were arguing with the clerk the car pulled out. Talk about angry I was with Nick. Well we went to a movie – "Brass Check." We left G.R. at 9:15 got into Kazoo at eleven. Talk about a disappointed bunch at home. Mr. Rose drove us home.

Sunday Nick and Jim came for dinner. We went riding in the afternoon out West Main St., took pictures, also to Milham Park. Betty and Joe went with us. At night we went to church & afterward we went walking below the Normal. [note: this is now West. Mi. Univ.]

The boys went home Monday. Anne and I went shopping and bought suit-wool, poplin, dark blue, blue hat. Yellow kid gloves to match my shoes.

We went down town nearly every day. Saw a few movies. I had my fortune told with cards at Anna Van Antwerp's Thurs. night. Friday Esther and I went to see Mrs. Roebuck, a fortune teller. She goes into a trance.

She said within 9 days I was going to hear of some good news. She said this spring, summer, and next fall a great change was coming into my life. She said I am to receive a marriage proposal and will accept. She also kept talking about legal documents, said I would have to sign some in three years and to beware of a tall dark haired man. Also talked about a train of cars – a trip in June.

I forgot when I got home Sat.

March 24th

The folks gave me some birthday presents. Mother gave me a hundred dollar stock bond in the Automatic Register Bookkeeping Co. (5 shares at \$20 per – 2 for 1) also a beautiful white georgette waist (6.50) Anna gave me a crochet cap – crocheting is ecru with old rose satin ribbon between. It's very pretty. Pete gave me three handkerchiefs. Betty gave me a silk camisole.

Sat. at 5:30 Anne and I left for G.R. on the flyer – arrived at 6:40. Jim was there to meet us. Poor Jim had the fever 104 degrees so he said. Was having the LaGrippe - said he had lost six pounds during the week.

Anne, Jim and I went to see Mabel Norman-Dodgin, a millionaire, Majestic Gardens. Nick came later as he had to work. Sunday we went to church, had dinner at Haverkamps. Took a walk in the p.m. saw Klise Mfg. Co. went throu it. Very interesting. Make moldings. Jim is secretary there of the co. Took some pictures. Went to Veen's for supper. I met Jim's family, a very nice family. Went to church at night and took a walk. Monday p.m. Jim, Anne and I took in the museum, the library and went to the Pantlind for a while. Monday we went to the "Isis" saw Clara Kimball Young. I don't like her very well. I took the 10:20 out of G.R. for Petoskey, got here at 6:10. They all took me to the train. Jim kissed me good bye.

I missed the train Sunday so came last night and my goodness Esther was on it too. She was

going Sat. night but being ill was unable to leave.

April 4. Thurs.

May Young was over last night for supper. Esther baked a cake for Ivan Parkins (Camp Custer). May was kidding us, Esther about Ralph not tipping his hat and me about Jim. Then Mrs. Paige called May up and told her that Mrs. Overholt received a telegram from Sherwin (Camp Hancock, Geo.) that he is going to France but could have a week's furlough will be home one day first part of next week. He wants his folks and May to go to Grand Rapids to meet him. Poor May didn't know what to do. E. May and I went to see Madge Evans in "The Volunteer" last night. Madge is the little actress of 10 or 11 yrs. old.

Read in Wed. paper Bob Cutting died at Camp Plunkett (Mass) Monday. Died of weak heart left from diphtheria. He was buried today. Bob was a High School friend of mine. He made a fine looking sailor boy. Dick is also a sailor boy.

April 5.

Received a letter from Anne this morning. Said Jim had the blues Monday night after I left. He said to Nick "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." Poor Jim. I had the blues too, especially the next day. Never mind, in ten or eleven more weeks I'll be home again. Then he'll have to come to see me. Anne said she and Betty intend to motor to G.R. today and stay until Sun. p.m. or Mon. a.m. Wish I were going with them.

April 8th

Saturday I went to the hairdresser's had my head shampoo'd. Received the pictures from Jim, which we took last Sunday. Saturday night Lena Burkeley, May Young, Esther and I went to the Palace – "Mae Marsh" in "Fields of Honor," another war story. Sunday May came for supper. We walked to Bay View, then to the Lincoln School after May's ukulele. Esther received another box from Vahan (M.G.) – Margaret Wheat brought it up. Vahan is in St. Aug. Florida so Don Wheat gets them for him.

I read in the paper that Henry Oudkerk Jr. died of heart failure. Just about six weeks ago Mr. Oudkerk Sr. died, there are Mrs. O. Sr., Mrs. O. Jr. and Dorothy living. How quickly family can break up. I feel so sorry for the ladies. They live alone on a farm. I wonder if they will stay there.

April 11th.

Tuesday we started to clean our apartment. We have the living room, dining room and nearly all of the kitchen finished. Seems good to live in clean rooms, not that ours were so dirty. We always clean them every week. May and I made candy Monday night and I sent Jake a box Tuesday morning.

At night we went to Club at (Mrs.) Grace Easton's – A Mrs. Clark talked on Women Registration – She told us our fortunes afterward. Read our palms – Told me I had a pretty hand, lady's hand. That I didn't like to work, had a talent for art. Was going to marry a brilliant man and be very happy. Going to have only one man – which is plenty – and I was going to live until I am ninety – Ripe old age eh? All the ladies in both mother's and father's families live to a good old age – but the men do not. They die in

middle age, around 60. Father was fifty eight.

Yesterday afternoon we had Mother's Meeting. We had a sociable time. I enjoyed myself very much. My children sang a few dramatic songs. Marie McGoogan's (4th grd) sang a two part song and a few danced a folk dance Hopp Mor Anika.

April 15th –

It is very smoky today, there are forest fires at Alanson – north of here. The sun was a red ball this morning when it came up. Too smoky to shine. This spring has been exceptionally dry, we have had no rain so far.

It was Esther's birthday Sat. I gave a little theatre party and we went to Don's Confectionary afterward. We saw Douglas Fairbanks in "Reaching for the Moon." By concentrating the hero that he could have whatever he wished. But he concentrated on things impossible until the last when the heroine helps him out. It certainly was clever, the best I ever saw Douglas Fairbanks in.

Yesterday was Sue Van Henlin's birthday. So we had a pot luck supper at our house. There were Sue, May McRae, Lena Burkeley, May Y., Sadie VandeVeer and Esther and I. We sure had fun.

It's a funny coincident but Sue is a great friend of Mr. Klise, Jim's boss. She was down in G.R. last week. She said to me last night "I said Mary missed her train" Mr. Klise said "Jim misses his train, too." I laughed and said "you and I will have to compare notes." Sue's a lot of fun. She is a good deal older than we are. We are rather an odd bunch, bohemian bunch. I imagine May McRae and Sue are about the same age; Sue said this was her last birthday. Lena and Sadie (one of Sue's assistants, Sue's a milliner.) are next about twenty six or seven or more. Sue and May must be about thirty, thirty five or so. Esther is twenty four, I'm twenty three and May is twenty two.

Sue told our fortunes with cards.

E. and I also received letters from Mrs. Roebuck yesterday telling the rest of our fortunes. She practically told what she had before.

Received a letter from Jake Fri. night. Said he was getting along fine in sail making. Gets good marks in his exams.

Also received a letter from Jim. He talks about enlisting. Oh I wish the war was over. Jim's getting quite sentimental all of a sudden.

April 16

It rained some a little today. We need more. This is the first rain this spring.

April 17th

Goodness – Mr. Knussell called me up from the National Bank and told me that the State Bank said I had no funds. I thot I had at least six dollars. I certainly am having a time this year. This is the second time this has happened. It makes me have the blues. Gosh it's embarrassing to be broke!

We had Club at Patsy's last night. Also had a ride with the House's (our land lord and lady).

This has been a gloomy day and oh! Such a day! Or rather afternoon.

April 19th

Well this is "good Friday" (which we girls call our pay day). And I am glad because I can then straighten out my account. I am going to the bank this noon. Esther loaned me four dollars as I can't deposit my cheque until tomorrow, as we do not get them until this afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon the "Jackie" Band was here. Came at 1 o'clock on a special train from the North in the interest of Liberty Loan. Diekema and VandenBurg gave speeches. The High School was so crowded we went over to the St. Francis Hall. The band and Diekema came there but the band only played "Star Spangled Banner, Stars and Stripes and America." At the High School the "Jackies" sang. The Red Cross gave them all a box of candy and quite a few boys had a bunch of arbutus – the first out. It is quite an event to hear and see a "Jackie" band.

April 22nd.

Of all the things that have happened since Friday.

Friday night we went to the show – ("Sessue" in Hidden Pearls). Well, the girls, May Young, Mae McRae and Lena Burkeley were over to make candy and for supper Friday night. After the show we went to Ray Frances' as we call the Model Confectionary. Dr. and Mrs. Sitter were in there. Also Norm Feldman. Norm came over and talked to we girls, and gave the whole bunch a ride in his car. It's a Peerless "Chummy" – Talk about fun – at 10:45 we went back to Ray's and had a sandwich and a cup of coffee. Then we went riding some more. Got home about 11:30.

Saturday I went to the Bank and had my account straightened. There is an awful mistake somewhere. The girls tease me and say I remind them of Bab's burglar. Bab had cheques everywhere and so have I. I had to bring everything I received from the bank since last Sept. Cheque books, statements, etc.

Saturday night Mrs. Clark of the Clark Tavern invited the Club of '17 up to have their palms read. Ten were there.

Mrs. Sitter (Rose) Mrs. Easton (Grace) Mae McRae Lena Burkeley May Young Mabel Knecht Patsy (Mabel) Nolan Mabel Carmichael Esther Rose and myself and Marjorie Smith. The other members of the Club couldn't come. They are. (Mrs.) Leila Shilling Ethelyn Bowman Grace Carmichael Lula Foster Mary Canfield Sue Van Heulen

Sunday it rained all day. Bee Schmidt came over in the afternoon and May. Both stayed for supper.

Monday we went to Junior Red Cross Meeting for teachers at the High School.

Oh! Yesterday a bunch of us, Mae McRae and I drove over to the Lincoln School with Norm Feldman to take luncheon with May, Esther and Lena Burkelay. After lunch we went out in the country to see the ruins of the fire on Preston's farm. It had been a beautiful model farm and all the buildings burnt down.

We certainly had a good time and a nice ride.

I got the Red Cross buttons for the youngsters and gave them out today. They were delighted to get them.

Last night we went to a Registrar meeting at the Library. All the teachers have to be registrars. Some red tape, I'll say.

I received a letter from Anne yesterday saying she had been to G.R. again – and Jim was going to enlist and she went to the Pantlind to say good bye. My! I didn't know what to think. But she wrote that Jim decided to wait as his Father didn't want him to go. His uncle told him his father would go crazy or get sick. His mother said if anything happened to his father Jim would be responsible. Well Jim said he couldn't go away with that on his conscience so he is going to wait. He told Anne that if he had been examined Friday he was coming to see me Sunday. That would have been last Sunday. I am glad he didn't come as it was such a horrid day, he wouldn't have enjoyed himself.

We go to club tonight at May Young's.

April 25 –

Mr. LeMain, the Janitor, was called to California yesterday by serious illness of his brother. The new janitor is an elderly man, and is deaf. He hasn't got his bearings on the situation yet. Yesterday we were called [cold?] – today the water was all out of the pipes and the rooms were like ice. The floors were flooded. We let the children stay out until nine, things got warmed up so we could have school.

We four girls are going on a hike tonight. Grace Hawley, Marie McGoogan, Bert Ireland and myself (the 4 teachers of Sheridan)

May Y., Esther and I went to B. Schmidt's last night. They have a lovely home. We heard the (Nightingale) Victrola and B's little cousin Ilda Jacob sang. She is a good little singer.

Tonight after supper we have another registrar meeting at the Library.

April 26th Friday.

I rode up to school with Wilbur Zipp this morning. Sheridan School is on such a steep hill there isn't much traffic. I met him just over the bridge and he took me up to school. I sure do appreciate riding up this hill.

Today is the last day of the Third Liberty Loan drive. Central school is going to have a program and Red Cross exhibit. We are going to close school at 2:00 o'clock and go down there.

Tomorrow is the beginning of Woman's Registration week. We have to come to our school, Bert and I in the morning. Grace and Marie in the afternoon.

April 29th –

I registered five ladies Sat. morning. It was quite an experience being registrar.

Saturday afternoon I went down town with B. Schmitt and over to her house. Met her brother Fred. He took us out for a ride. B's dad has a Buick. Fred bought a Ford Limousine Sat. said he'd give us a ride Sunday but it rained Sunday so we didn't go.

Friday night E., May and I went to the movie. Esther and I went to Ray France's (Confectionary)

but May had a headache so went home. Norm Feldman was in there and treated us. Walked home with us and we asked him in. He kissed me – I was very angry. He put his arms around me and I fought. Esther said “Oh, Mary, he’s only teasing you.” He said “Is that so!” I said “Well, I don’t like to be teased.” Real indignantly. He took Esther’s words as a dare and kissed me hard. I was so Mad! Esther said she was sorry she thot he’d behave then. He’s such a big man – that is he’s so fat and strong that I couldn’t push him away. I told him I was mad and didn’t do those things. He said “The Lord hates a coward.” (Wonder who he thot he was.) They laughed at me so, I got over it.

Saturday night a bunch of us went to the movie. The old bunch and B. B and I sat on an iron rail waiting for Esther, who had gone for meat, when Norm came along. I wasn’t going to speak so he came right over and sat down. Then Esther came as we chatted until Mae McRae, May Y. and Lena came. Norm said he’d get his car and see us later. After the show (Marguerite Clark in “Bab’s Matinee Idol,” which wasn’t as good as “Bab’s Burglar”) he picked us up and took us all for a ride – nearly all over – we sang songs and had a jolly time. Went to Ray’s again.

Sunday it rained all day. May came over and stayed for supper as usual. Esther and I were going to walk to the post office with her and we had our things all on when we heard a tooting. We ran to the window and there was Norm with his car. We went down and there were Lena, and Mae McRae, Doc and Rose Sitter (Mr. and Mrs.) as chaperons, well we three piled in and away we went. Again we stopped at Fances’ at 9:30. Sat there nearly an hour, then came home. We sure have fun with the crowd.

I owe Norm a bet – ice cream soda. He was playing solitaire Friday night and I bet him he couldn’t get less than 17 piles of cards. Well he got five that time. That was the lowest. To win you have to play down to one pile but he couldn’t win. Every time I see him I tell him he has a bet coming. When I want to ride again I’ll just go over to pay that bet.

Today (Monday) the rooms were so cold. The children stayed out until 8:45, then as it was raining they came in to the kindergarten room and played games until the rooms were warm. My room didn’t warm up as fast as the others so we sat in the hall until recess. This sure has been a blue Monday and dreary – wow! Children were all so restless, and quarrelsome and out of sorts. Marie McGoogan was sick and Margaret S. Wheat took her place.

May 1.

Went to club at Mary Canfield’s and Lou Foster last night. Yesterday was a blue day – night. Rainy and I have such a cold and I didn’t get any mail – hadn’t for nearly a week. I had the blues right when I got home. Feel better today, the weather is great, a good May day.

Wilbur Zipp brought me up to school again this morning in his car.

I received a letter from Jim. May brought it from the P. Office for me. I thot he had enlisted as it was two weeks ago since I heard from him.

Today is the day Michigan goes dry. Hurrah!

May 3rd.

Club of ’17 is going to give an Old Fashioned Party and I am to make the posters. I made some lettering last night.

The High School students played "hookie" yesterday. A few weeks ago a bunch of boys stacked books and when they found out who they were they expelled them. So the students walked out yesterday and said they wouldn't come back until the boys could come back. The boys were all Seniors.

Last year at about this time they had a row with a Mr. Gibson, and also about the class pennant put up on the flag pole.

I received a fifteen page letter from Anne this morning. She has been in G.R. all week. Evidently they are having a hard time at home with the business. The head linotypist has quit.

Anne said they received word that Jake was in Dayton O.

I had a ride to school with Mr. Royce yesterday.

May 6th –

Friday night Bertha Ireland came to sleep with me. Esther went to a card party and then to Mary's. Bert and I went for a walk and to Ray Frances'. Norm came in, gave us a ride. After the party he picked up Mae and Lena and we went up after May and Esther. We rode until 12 o'clock.

Saturday night, E. and I went to May's, went to Ray Frances' at 9:30. Norm saw and came in. Later the rest of the bunch strolled in and we all went riding again. We sure do have fun. Norm goes to Grand Rapids the last of the week for ten weeks. We girls sure will miss him.

Yesterday B. Schmitt came up and I was going to Mae's so she went along. We met the girls and went to MacRae's for a minute and then to B's. Met her father. He's just full of fun. May called Norm up and invited him over for supper. There were seven girls and Norm. After supper he took us all to Harbor Springs in his car. We called him Corporal and we his squad. It's war times so Norm says as they don't call him he must do his duty by us. Of course we girls are all glad to go riding so we don't mind.

May 7th

I made posters last night for the Old Fashioned Party the Club of '17 is going to give next Friday night. It's some work too believe me! But I love to do it.

Mr. LeMain, the janitor came back today – Am glad as we have had such a time with Mr. Smith. He's old and deaf.

May 10 –

The day of our party. It started out as tho' it would be stormy but the sun has come out and it's beautiful out. I finished the posters Wednesday. It was some work.

Wednesday was Mother's Meeting. Mrs. Chichester sang Mrs. Stone talked on Religious Life of the Child. I had to play while the boys marched.

Wednesday and Thurs. nights we went to the Elk's Temple to decorate. We had an awful storm last night. Norm came up to Temple at 9:30 soaking wet. Said he came from Cheboygan in all that storm. He looked it. He is going to taxi-cab the bunch to the Elk's Temple tonight. He'll see some sights in our old fashioned togs. Mother sent her wedding bonnet which is nearly 40 yrs old and an old paisley shawl. It is over a hundred years old and is very thin.

May 13th

We sure had a lot of fun at the party Friday night. We made over 50 dollars. Cheques came in the next day which helped increased the amount. We danced the Virginia Reel and the square dance beside the fox trots and one steps. Had some time. Everybody liked the posters.

We went to clean up Saturday and Esther broke a big \$1.80 electric light bulb. We are going to replace it – the club.

Lena and May Y. were over for supper last night.

I went to Vesper Service with Lena.

B. Schmitt came over after supper. We all went walking.

May 20th

The Red Cross parade was to be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock but it rained all day Sat. The parade was postponed until Sunday at 7, but we had a terrible electric storm about 6:45. So there was no parade. A young Canadian Lieutenant spoke at the High School on the Red Cross work "over there."

B. Schmitt came up yesterday afternoon to take us for a ride. Esther and May didn't want to go. So I went with B. in her brother's ford "limousine." Met Mr. Oldham he went with us too. We drove around Round Lake and all around Bay View. Went to B's for supper. Her sister, Mrs. Lacey Sergent is here from Boston. She is living while her husband is in service. She is very nice. She took us to the parade in her father's machine but it started to storm so that we went back to Schmidts. Just got there when it began to pour. Regular cloud burst. Rained like that for twenty minutes or more. After it stopped - we sat in the sun parlor during the storm - we saw the man next door – an old man, come out with a pail and dipper and water some plants on the west side of the house – the side which got the rain, if any side did. The plants were these wild June lilies or the white flowers with 3 petals. Laugh I thot we'd split laughing. It certainly looked comical.

We sang songs and listened to the Nightingale (Victrola). When I went home at nine, they loaned me some rubbers and an umbrella as it was still raining. The rubbers were so large I had to tie them on with string. My, we laughed!

I read in my paper which I got this morning that they expected Jake home Friday on a furlough. I wish I could see him. He's at Wilbur Wright Field – Fairfield, Ohio near Dayton, I imagine, as he wrote he was in Dayton.

Some excitement in school this morning. We have a cocoon and it was open this morning. I thot the butterfly had gone but Bert said a moth, which this one is, ougt to be here. Well we hunted all over but couldn't find it. In reading class S.B. Hankins yelled out "Oh Miss Dalm, there's the butterfly" and sure enough he was on the curtain next to my desk. Must have come from some place. We are going to take it to Central High and have them put potassium cyanide on it so we can keep it. It really is beautiful and such a large moth.

May 22nd

Monday E. and I went to see Wallace Reid in "House of Silence" at the Palace.

Last night we went to an organ recital given by Prof. Moore of the U. of M. at the Methodist Church. It began the May Festival which is this week.

Received a letter today. Jake has a 14 day furlough. Came home Fri. Anne also sent paper with soldiers' letters including one from Ed. V.H. Have cut it out. I can imagine Ed having the time of his life. He's crazy about autoes, aero planes etc. When he was a kid he used to make model biplanes – monoplanes etc. He's right in his element.

May 28th Tuesday.

So far this week it's been rainy and tomorrow night we have our program. We want to have it out of doors. Been practicing hard for it.

Sunday it stormed all afternoon. Lena and Mae were over for supper.

Last night I went to the dress maker's and stopped to see Mrs. George on my way home. We had quite a visit. I like Mrs. George ever so much. She is going to Canada Friday to visit, she says she may see Iva McIntyre in Detroit – Iva taught at Sheridan last year and she and Marie McG. roomed at George's.

May 29 –

We have postponed the school program indefinitely – until drier weather. It's too bad, the children were disappointed. But we can't have it inside.

I bought some white shoes and got my sweater yesterday and with my new dress I'll be fixed for a little while at least – my dress is plaid gingham my sweater yellow silk fibre. French ginghams are 50 cents a yard now – a few years ago they were much cheaper. Linen is over a dollar, and some stores can't get it. Calico is 25 cents and 30 cents. War times are awful on prices. Railroad rates have gone up a cent a mile which makes it \$2.75 more for we girls who go to Kalamazoo. "High cost of living" is getting us I guess.

May 31st.

Yesterday – Decoration Day

All we school "marms" and children marched in the parade. It was quite a parade. Living Red Cross was in it and very pretty. It's hot-hot-hot- today. Whewy! It rained this morning and this noon but now the sun is doing its best to dry and heat things up.

June 3

Vahan Gulesesian came back from Florida yesterday, so Esther is happy. Margaret Wheat came over yesterday and she and I took a walk to Bay View to see the sun set. It certainly was beautiful.

I got my new gingham dress Saturday. It's very pretty. I learned today that Petoskey is only thirty years old.

I took some pictures of my "kiddies" today they are group pictures, and I do hope they will be good.

Dr. Van Leewen is a Lieutenant and has left for Camp Johnson S.C. He was a Lewis Clubman when

we boarded there last year.

June 4th

My kid brother Pete – left for Chicago today. He went from Kalamazoo, my home town. He is going to a Linotype school for a couple of months.

June 7th

I received a letter from Anne yesterday. She said Jake had a five day extension on his furlough. He and Pete both left Tuesday morning, he at 8:35 for Dayton O. Pete at 8:45 for Chicago.

We had our program Wed. night. Had nice weather for it. We collected nearly \$10. Maybe more. Some of the boys stole some of it when the teachers were out of the room for a minute. We have three or four very naughty boys here. We've had more trouble with them.

June 10th

Saturday at 7:20 the Club of '17 left here for Wequetonsing (Weque). Seven of we girls went in the morning, six came out in the afternoon and two came next morning. All of them couldn't come. Saturday we tramped around "Weque" and Roaring Brook and Saturday night we all walked to Harbor Springs. We were going to the "movie" but as all excepting four had seen Mae Marsh in the "Cinderella Man" we didn't go. The four went. The others went to the Drug Store and played "cabaret." We had a lot of fun, we got our ice cream and then we danced. There was a player piano. After that we got some popcorn. Some of the girls did a little shopping and Lena Burkeley and I sent off some post cards after which we all went home. May Young had her ukulele and we sat on the porch and sang. We went to bed at half past eleven.

I slept with Mae McRae. Mary Canfield was sick in the night and the girls were walking around. Esther put cold cream on May's head – thot she had the (Analgeizic Balm). She got half way up the stairs and thot she had the tooth paste. Came down and told May she had tooth paste on her head – but it was cream.

We got up about 7:30. Some girls weren't dressed when Sue Van Heulen and Sadie VanderVeen came out Sunday morning on the 8:00 train.

Oh yes, we had a couple of flashlights taken Saturday night just before we went to bed.

It rained all Sunday morning. Cleared off in the afternoon. We sat around the fire place all morning. Took a few pictures in the afternoon. Left "Weque" at 4:30, a tired but happy bunch. Mrs. Fasquelle was the lady who was kind enough to invite the Club to use her cottage – L'arbre Croche (Mae said it meant "Crooked Tree"). We sure had a good time. We are going to give Mrs. Fasquelle a beautiful pair of silk hose.

Mrs. Miller (Lewis' mother) invited the Sheridan teachers to supper tonight and I had forgotten all about it. I asked Bert Ireland if she were going home and she said "aren't you going for supper?" I felt silly to think I had forgotten it. These last few weeks I've had so much on my mind that I forget the social engagements I have. We girls go home this Saturday.

There is so much red tape in finishing the school year, extra reports etc. that it keeps one busy

every minute in school. And then at home we're busy packing.

June 12th.

Last night the girls of the 3rd and 4th grade gave a surprise party on Marie and Bert (teachers). Grace and I were invited. The girls served their lunch in the new coal bin. It's a good thing they had the party last night as they are putting in coal this morning. We played games for a while and then went home.

Vahan, Margaret and Don Wheat were over last night.

We had a terrible wind storm yesterday. Thot it would rain but it didn't. Is much colder today. Wore my winter coat to school

June 14th.

No school yesterday afternoon, made out reports. We girls went to the Commencement last night. Danced afterward. I danced two with Kiler Baker. Ever so many girls dance together. It's war times, not enough men.

We leave tomorrow, a bunch of us are going to Mackinaw Is. Then to Detroit by boat – then by train home.

Esther and I were invited to breakfast this morning by Mrs. Hause – our landlady. We had a lovely breakfast. She is going to send us up a lunch tomorrow morning. She's been just lovely to us.

June 19th

Arrived home last night at 5:45 (train was late)

In Detroit I went with Hilda Smith and met a Clara Champion who invited us to her home. She lives with her sister Mrs. Don Wilson on 118 Woodland, off from North Woodland. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are young married people. Have a little girl "Bobbie" three and a half years old – Roberta – They have a lovely home on a very pretty street. They teased us to stay over Monday night. So we did. Monday afternoon we did some window shopping and also real shopping. Monday evening Mr. Wilson drove us around Belle Isle.

Saturday (last week) we did Mackinac Isle – To begin with, we left Petoskey Sat. June 15th at six o'clock. Went to Mackinaw City where May Young changed cars for Newberry and Esther Rose for Cheboygan. The rest of us (7) boarded the boat and went to the Island. Arrived there at 8:30. Drove around the Island. Climbed up around the Old Fort. Left the Island at three by boat (City of Alpena II) for Detroit. Had a very comfortable lake trip. Lake was very calm. Arrived in Detroit Sunday afternoon at 4:30. Then went over to Wilson's.

I have heard more news since I've come home. Mrs. John Weenink died and was buried this afternoon. Mother and the girls went to the church to attend the funeral. Roxane Wisner dropped dead in Flint – she was a class mate of ours and a great friend of Esther's. Mrs. Heins (Rose Bousse) died a few weeks ago.

There have been several weddings too. Katherine Servaas – Mrs.' niece to Arthur Early – Anna Weenink and Bill Van Dis. Marie Wisner and John Mulder and several others. Marion Monteith is

engaged to Dick Hudson.

September 14th Saturday

Today is my first day back in Petoskey. And oh so much has happened since I last was here. I had a very happy summer. Went to G.R. several times. Anne and I motored over one time and stayed five days. I went canoeing with Jim on the Grand River, we four, Anne and Nick, Jim and I had a beach party – or rather a “weenie roast” at Bailey Park Rifle Range.

Jim told me then at our first stay that he loved me. September, the 5th on a Thursday he asked me to be his wife and on Saturday night, the 7th of September – just a week ago today – he gave me the ring. It is a beautiful diamond in a white gold setting in an engraved green gold ring. The diamond is nearly a half a carat. The girls here all go crazy about it.

Oh I love the ring and am very proud of it – but I love the giver more.

We are not planning to marry until after the war.

I bought some linen on sale today for dresser runners. It's beautiful linen, for my hope chest.

I spent yesterday afternoon in G. R. – Left there at eleven thirty last night. Oh Jim says it may be the last time I'll see him for a long time. Oh, I hope not! He expects to go to war soon.

I heard Grace Hawley's sister Mrs. Bert Van Deusen died a few weeks ago also the baby of a few days old. Poor Grace I feel so sorry for her.

September 20th Friday.

One week of school – it has gone quite fast. I have twenty six “kiddies” – about ten new Kindergarten children and six new beginners 1c. I still have my darlings of last year – Milton Pagle, Martha Blanchard and the others.

Mrs. Kelder has been to our school two or three times this week – We have two new teachers Virginia Hope (Kalamazoo) and Margaret McKay (G.R.) both W.N.S. [?note: Unsure of the initials] I knew Virgie in High School and old class mate of Esther and me.

Tonight we girls (our bunch) the original five – and two more went to see Ann Pennington at the Palace in “Antics of Ann.” It sure was good. How we laughed.

It is cold out of doors but the moon is shining. Full moon tonight – It makes me lonesome. Oh! The sky and water were just beautiful at sunset tonight. It all makes me wish Jim was here to see it. I hope some day we may come up here together to see the wonderful sun sets. I received a nice fat letter from Jim today – Also one Wednesday. He certainly has a bad case of “loveitis.”

Jackie band comes tomorrow noon and stay until sometime at night. A dance at the Cushman for them. May McRae is going. Edith Gregory's father is going to entertain two so Mae was invited to meet one.

September 21

Saw and heard the Jackie band. Also heard Mr. Vanden Berg of G.R. speak on the Fourth Liberty Loan drive, at the High School, also Mr. Fenton, chrm. of the drive. Both good speakers.

Received the loveliest box of candy from Jim. Dear old Jim! He knew I would need one to cheer me up today.

Had dinner with Esther and May this noon. Am invited to dinner tomorrow evening up to their place also. Went to the movie tonight with the girls. Madge Kennedy in "The Service Flag" – best I have seen her act.

Bought some linen for lunch set at Fochtman's this afternoon.

Am writing to Jake. He is in St. Leoma, Vienne Provence, France near Lyon, in southern France.

September 23

Joined a First Aid Class tonight at the library. Dr. George Reycroft teaches it. After the meeting tonight Grace Hawley, Virgie Hope, Margaret McKay and I went to Ray Franz's, or Don's Place as they call it now.

Louie Henkel came home for a ten day furlough yesterday. Lena Burkley sure was tickled. Louie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henkel where I room. I see him about twice a day and I kid him about Lena. He certainly looks well and happy. Lena hasn't any time for we girls now. Lucky Lena!

Oct. 2 –

Louie has gone back to Camp Humphrey Virginia.

Last Thursday I went to a party given for Marjorie Smith at Purvis'. Marjorie is going to Washington D.C.

Last Friday, Saturday and Sunday night I slept with Esther at "La Cross." May went home for the weekend. Monday Sept. 30 was May's birthday. E. and I bought her a pretty pin with red and green sets. Saturday on the way to the store – Jean Hitchins and another boy in a Ford stopped and asked us if we wanted to go riding – but I couldn't think of his name – had sort of forgotten him. He was at Jack's last year, and as we weren't sure whether we knew them or not and we had ever so much shopping to do, we declined the invitation.

We had a surprise for May last night. Mae McRae, Lena B, Grace Will E., Mabel Knecht and myself beside E. and May. I was late but the other girls hid in the dining room. May came from the bed room swinging along and singing "Hello Broadway, Good bye – uh" as she spied the girls standing there. They say it was too funny for anything. We danced a little, played rum, sewed and talked. Had a nice time. Grace Will Easton leaves with her husband for Colorado Springs tomorrow (Thursday). They are going to motor there – for Charlie's health.

There is so much Spanish Influenza in the Camps. Bill Kramer, Pete's friend, died Sept. 26 of it at the Great Lakes He was going to N.Y. to a drafting school but as the Camp was in quarantine he had to wait. Then he became sick and died. He was engaged to the sister of Mabel Grofert's finance. Bill was such a nice kid.

The fourth Liberty Loan went over the top here. I was waiting and all of a sudden the bells began to ring and the whistle at the power plant began to blow. That is the fire whistle and I thot sure there was a fire. The girls here thot the Allies had taken a big town from the Germans. We ran downstairs and

Mrs. Henkle said Petoskey had gone over the top. Hurrah!

Have started to work on my dresser scarf. Esther Rose taught me how to do it. It is cross stitching, a basket in each corner, in colors, with roses.

October 3 –

Took out a bond tonight for \$50. Virgie Hope, Margaret McKay and I went riding with Pailthorpe's to Menoniqua Beach this evening. It sure is beautiful out in the country now.

Virgie's brother was on business in Northern Mich. So has stopped off to see Virgie. Came up to the school about 10:30. My she was surprised. He just opened the door and walked into her room.

October 7 – Monday.

There is so much Influenza here in town – that schools were closed for an indefinite period, about a week some think. Some of the girls are going home. One third of the school children are out today. One hundred and ten cases of it in the High School.

November 9th – Saturday Eve.

Oh so much has happened since last I wrote in you old book. That Wednesday after schools closed I had the bunch over and I told them I thot of going home. They all said "Why don't you." So I up and went Thurs. morning. I really had only twelve dollars in the bank and had to draw it all out. I had received a letter from Anne who wrote the family were going to motor to G. R. Friday and I did so want to see them. Well I left Thurs. and Esther went down too. Her mother had phoned for her to come home. We arrived in G.R. at 4:45 p.m. I had wired Jim I was coming and poor fellow, he was there to meet me, thot I had the "Flu." That afternoon Petoskey had to open an Emergency Hospital in the Chesham House Annex. They say it has been terrible here. Nearly a thousand cases and nearly fifty died of it. Two or three in one family sometimes. Thursday afternoon May Young came down with it. Was sick a week and a half. Mae McRae had a relapse and was very sick.

Mabel Knecht had pneumonia too and was very sick, nearly died. Oh every so many people were sick. Heard about such pitiful things.

Well I stayed in G.R. until Sat. then Jim came with me to Kazoo. He came every Sunday after that until I went back. We had such nice times together.

While home I collected for the paper and made quite a little money. Enough to pay my way back and buy a few Xmas presents, also a pair of shoes.

Received word on a Thursday to be back in Petoskey the following Monday which was Mon. Nov. 4. So I went to G.R. Friday Nov. 1 as I expected to leave there Sat. night. Saturday morning Jim read in the paper there would be no school Monday. Well we didn't know what to do. After much trouble I found Margaret McKay and she said she wasn't going until Monday morning so I said I would go with her. Well, I found Esther and she was going on Sat. so Jim and I met Virgie Hope and her at the M.R.F. and went to the Union Depot with them. Talk about fun. Margaret came there to see Virgie off, and so Jim met a few more Petoskey teachers. I told him he would know them all after a while. He has met every one of the bunch excepting May Young and he is anxious to meet her.

Sunday was Jim's birthday and I was awfully glad I could stay. I gave him a beautiful pair of military brushes in a leather case. He liked them very much.

Wednesday night Oct. 30 – twin boys were born to Cousin Agnes Barents Langveld. Dick came to tell Mama Wed. night. Cousin Alice Barents was over to tell Mama Agnes had gone to the hospital that day. Agnes and Dick have one boy – a cute fellow of three, Carl. We now have eight 2nd cousins.

While I was home we received a bunch of pictures from Jake sent from Lyon France, views of that city. Some views. Jack is instructor in motor truck driving for ammunition trucks. Has a large class under him. He went to France as an Amm. Driver, was picked out with nine other fellows from his company sent to a French school to study French motors – the Pequot motor – and made Instructor. He is at Santhony-Ain-France in the 85th R.A.L. 73rd Battery, American Section. He sure is having some experience. Can talk French now he writes.

May went home after her sickness – Newberry, and just got back this afternoon. I have been staying with Esther all week. It seems queer to be back in my room but am glad to be. It will be rather lonesome for a time.

Oh while at home I saw Milford Reed – He came from Great Lakes Training Station to Kalamazoo to see Bob who had the "Flu." Milford told some interesting things about camp life, also about the "Flu" there. Said he was everything from nurse to embalmer. My he looked well and so brown. I remember him as so thin and pale – but he certainly wasn't that day.

Jim was examined last Wednesday and wrote he was O.K. and "Qualified for Military Service" in Class 1a.

Anne wrote Pete was in #d, Deferred essential for business. We sure do need him, now Jake's gone.

Thursday noon a wild rumor that Germany had surrendered unconditionally set all the people crazy nearly. Schools and everything closed and everybody marched in a parade. Held speeches on the Cushman steps – band played – people cheered. That night they held prayer meetings for thankfulness. The ban was lifted that day so churches were well attended.

Shows opened tonight. Everything is trying to run normal. Voting this week, Woman Suffrage won. Also Newberry for Senator. Government to be mostly Republican – that is majority of new men in are Republicans. Ford ran against Newberry.

A few girls went to Lila Gardeniers – music teacher – to celebrate victory Thurs. night. Had cider and cake.

Nov. 10 – Monday.

They say peace is really declared – Germans signed the Armistice at 5 a.m. this morning at General Foch's headquarters. This came straight from Washington this time. Oh I am so glad. And Wilson told Crowder to call off the draft – so no more boys will go.

Oh! The excitement down town this afternoon. We had another grand parade. Everybody was wild. They had all kinds of tins, cow bells, tied to autos, hand bells, horns, and everything to make a noise. Of course we school teachers had to march with the youngsters. We certainly had some time

today.

The bunch is going to the show tonight to celebrate.

Nov. 15 Saturday.

I have been principal of Sheridan school the past week while Grace Hawley was at a Rebecca Convention in Grand Rapids – I got along fine excepting for Morse Piehl and Morris Pierce – I shook Morse up and Virgie gave Morris Pierce the rubber hose. He had been annoying her and me too all week. I had charge of the halls.

Last Wednesday I went to Esther and May's for supper. That night I went with Lena & May to a Dietetics class. I joined. I am going to learn to cook. I suppose I need such training, in fact I know it.

Last night I went over to Salisbury's, Virgie and Margaret stay there. We were going to knit but heard about the "Community Sing" at High School so we went to that – after the sing they had dancing. We came just in time for the dance. Talk about fun – best time I've had up here this fall. Danced with Margaret most of the time and we just cut up. So me fun. Slept with Virgie last night. Am hanging around the house today – It's rainy out. Am going to Lewis Club for dinner tomorrow with Virgie and Margaret.

November 21

Just came home from "Home Dietetics" class. Tuesday we made "emergency biscuit" and "hamburg." That night I had the awfulest dream about being shipwrecked, and I cried because I couldn't find Betty. Last night Virgie, Margaret, and I chased around for costumes for the Victory tableaux which our school is to give at the Community Sing program next Wednesday at the High School. My we girls have been busy planning that.

Mr. Kelder visited us this afternoon. Said my beginning readers were doing fine. But said I dealt too gently with the disturbers.

I am still principal. Grace Hawley came down with the "Flu." Been sick all week. She's improving now. What I started out to write was Tuesday we made biscuits and hamburg and tonight we made "foamy omelet" and "baked custard." The custard was good, the omelet wasn't done enough. Oh! I'll be some cook if I keep at it.

Nov. 24 –

I went to Presbyterian Church twice today. Rev. Ferris tendered his resignation after morning service. I hate to see him go. He is a fine man – everyone likes him. He is going to Springfield O. the first of the year.

Communion this morning. It was very impressive – at least it seemed so to me. I hadn't been to one for nearly a year. Ferris preached about Calvary and Barnabas – Tonight he talked about Moses as a Statesman also about using the mail first in the present day.

After "Vespers" tonight (I went with Lena and Mae – we walked home with the Eldriges – had a lunch there – stayed until nine. My! Mr. Eldridge is so funny I laughed all the time I was there. I told him I had gained three pounds while there. I think they both are just as nice as they can be.

On the way home I saw Jupiter – in the east. Jim had written to me to look for it. It is a beautiful

planet. Jim is crazy about stars – he knows a lot about them. Likes astronomy.

Yesterday McRae's moved into the Almeda block for the winter. The Almeda is a half block down from here (Henkle's) on the main corner. I am glad they have moved now Mae and Lena will be so much nearer.

Nov. 25 –

I read in the "Grand Rapids Herald" tonight that Howard J. Pyle was killed in action "Somewhere in France" on Sept. 12th. He is the first boy that I know personally that had been killed there. Oh it's too bad. Howard was such a peach of a fellow. He was a classmate at High School.

November 28 Thursday - Thanksgiving Day.

We certainly have a lot to be thankful for today – peace, etc. I have many things to be thankful – first – that I have such a lovely man. God certainly was good to me when He gave Jim's love to me. The rest of the things to be thankful for are ordinary things such as everyone should be thankful for.

Our part in the program in fact with whole program was good last night. It was a Community Sing affair. We gave sort of a tableaux "Peace and the Allied Nations" given by Sherry Damhomac as it was announced in the papers – Sherry stood for Sheridan school – Dam for my name Dalm – ho for Virgie Hope's name, Mac for McKay – We had the children dressed in costumes of the Allied Nations. We had England, Scotland, India, Belgium, France, Russia, Italy, Japan, China, Servia, Romania, Portuguese, Brazil, America represented. Mahlon Blanchard was Johnny Bull, Lewis Miller was Uncle Sam. Winifred Winters was peace. Milton Pagle made the cutest little Belgium boy. The children marched in alternatively from the two sides, made a semi-circle and then peace marched from the back to the front and opened up her wings. As she did that the foot lights were turned off and a spot light thrown on her. Then everyone sang the "Star Spangled Banner." After the program we had a dance – Virgie, Margaret and I went to Koulis' after the dance.

I went to church this morning with Lena and Mae. I received a lovely box of candy from Jim and Oh! the nicest letter. It made me feel so happy. He had a lot of pleasant news to tell – about business and his friends and a few other things. I got the sweetest card in the candy – "All for a thought of You."

I had dinner with the Hendel's, Supper with Esther and May, Vahan Guleserian was over also. May, Lena, Mae and I went to the basketball game – Petoskey and Alumni – 35 – 6 – Lena and I talked Jim and Louie all the time – Gee! We laughed when we thot about it.

I saw Don Mudgett in the Post Office this morning – First he barely spoke but saw I was talking to Vahan so came over to talk to him, then then talked to me. Seemed nice as pie. I wanted to show my ring at the dance tonight but I didn't happen to dance with him – and we came away early – Norm Feldman was there. He has been discharged – came home today. Of course he had to show off his discharge paper – Gee! "he "hates" himself."

They say Fred Schmitt is home too for 21 days furlough. I met Mary Murphy's man Mr. Petrovich or Pietrovich, something like that. He's a dandy man. Mary's a fine girl. One thing they are both Catholic which makes it so nice for them.

Tomorrow is Anne's birthday. I sent an Etruscan sterling silver teaspoon –Am starting her

in a set of those.

November 30th – Saturday –

This morning when I woke up snow was on the ground and it has been snowing all day. I think the snow has come to stay now. We have had a very lovely fall – no snow and very little cold weather until now. Rather unusual – last year at this time there was plenty of snow and, also skating.

I went shopping this morning. Bought a new white crepe de chine waist and a changeable silk petticoat. My first one, by the way. This afternoon, Grace Holtrop, Margaret McRay, Virgie Hope, and I went up to Lawton's to dinner. Had a lovely turkey dinner. After the dinner we four and Marcia Lawton and Hilda Smith (who is living with the Lawton's) went to the movie. After the movie we went to Kaulis' – that was my treat. Yesterday I resigned my principalship. Grace Hawley comes back Monday.

Sunday night Dec. 8th

Nothing much has happened this week. Loui Henkel (Serg't) was discharged from Camp Gordon. He arrived home here early Wednesday morning. Lena Burkley was at least glad to see him. Lena and Loui are engaged to be married. So many of the boys are coming home now.

Thursday night at "Diatetics" we made bread and baked macaroni and cheese. My! They were good!

Friday night I went to see Esther. She is sick with bronchitis. Went shopping yesterday and at night. Mae McRae, May Young and I went to see Mary Pickford in "How Could You Jean." It was awfully clever. A good show. We met a Mr. Paul Owen and Mr. Rush in the show. Paul is an old friend of Mae's.

This afternoon Mae and I went over to see Esther. On the way over Mae took my picture in front of the House Furnishings window. There was a display of dining room furniture. She said if it was good she was going to send it to Jim. I bet he'll laugh. We certainly laughed about it. We stayed over to Esther's for supper. Dr. George Raycroft came up while we were there and said "It was no place for a bachelor." He kidded us and we jolly back and forth. My he is fat. So is his brother, Dr. John Raycroft. But I guess Dr. Geo. beats Dr. John.

I hear we have two weeks Xmas Vacation, but no Spring vacation and teach a week longer in June.

Dec. 11 Wednesday

We had Mothers' Meeting after school tonight, or rather at 2:30. They want some new equipment for the playground. They wanted we girls to give a program but I spoke up and said we were too busy now to work out one so they decided to wait until later. They have election of officers and refreshments next time.

The Kalamazoo schools are closed again on account of the "Flu." The State is suffering a relapse. There are more cases in Petoskey. I hope we can get home. I don't want to be quarantined in Petoskey for Xmas. I want to get home.

May Young, Mae McRae and I went to see "America's Answer" at the "Palace" tonight. Esther Rose went with Vahan Gulserian, Lena Burkley went with Loui Henkle.

I hear Norm Feldman is being sued for \$10,000 for breach of promise. Some think it serious, others a joke. We girls think it more of a joke. Norm is going with Virgie Hope lately. He told Virgie that it was a joke to advertise a mock trial at the Elk's Temple, but last night he told her it looked as tho' it were true – but I don't know.

January 5 – 1919 Sunday.

I just got back from my Xmas vacation. Left Saturday Dec. 21st. Almost missed my train. Had to buy my ticket and check my suit case after the train came in. Maybe I wasn't excited. Loui Henkle checked the suit case for me.

We got in Grand Rapids at 4:45. Nick and Jim were there to meet us. Jim came to Kalamazoo with Esther and I. He stayed over Sunday. Nick came later Sat. night. Jim, Anne and I went to meet Nick and went to the "movie." Jim came again Xmas and the next Sunday. Then Friday I went to Grand Rapids and Saturday night I left for Petoskey.

I received so many lovely Xmas presents. I got a beautiful cedar chest from Jim. Just a dandy! From Mother I got sterling silver, six teaspoons, a butter knife, and sugar shell – in the Oriana pattern. They are beautiful. Also received two pair of beautifully crocheted, and embroidered pillow cases – and only seven towels. Told the girls I had a regular towel shower. Anna crocheted edging for a bath towel, and dresser scarf. Esther and Richard Servaas gave me what Esther call a "buddie vase to put your buddies in Mary." A cut glass bud vase. I got a beautiful pocket book and two dollars besides crepe for a kimono, and three handkerchieves and about a dozen cards, and a two lb box of candy.

The school children gave me three hkfs, three cakes of soap, a chamois and a powder dish – I surely ought to keep clean.

New Year's Betty, Anna and I went to the Memorial for the Kalamazoo City and County boys who have died. So far there are about eighty. The services were very impressive. The soldier parade marched from the G.A.R. Hall to the Armory where the services were held.

We received four cards from Jake the 21st of Dec. He is in Luxemburg now.

May Young told me Sherwin Overholt wrote he was in Sorwenir – near Metz and wouldn't be back for a year. Poor May!

Esther and I, Virgie, Lena Bellus, Mabel Lindburg, Persis Cook and Joe Hocking all came in this morning. Norm Feldman was at the depot to meet Virgie. Esther wanted me to go home with her but I couldn't carry my bag there so Norm offered to take it home for me.

This afternoon I went after my suit case and Mr. Royce was at the station and he carried that home for me. We met Norm. I sure had to laugh. Norm carried one in the morning and Mr. Royce one in the afternoon.

Well I went home with Esther, we had a little breakfast. May was peacefully sleeping when we got there. Then I came home, after unpacking my bag, went to bed and slept two and a half hours. Then wrote two letters, one to Jim and one home, mailed them and went to the Motel Martin's – as they call it now, for lunch. (The Pie Shop is closed for a time.) Went after my suitcase, came home, unpacked, brot a bunch of records back with me. I went down stairs and played those on Hinkle's victrola which Harold made. Esther and May came over and invited me to dinner. Mae McRae was there too. We

had a chicken dinner. Loui and Lena came this afternoon. We think they are married but don't know for sure.

After dinner the girls walked up with me and I gave them some candy (coated Brazil nuts – Huths) a box of which Jim gave last night. The girls started home, Mae forgot her basket which I had carried home. Well Esther came back for that. Then they got way down the street when I noticed the other May had forgotten her pocketbook so I chased down the street after them. Well she was just coming back after it. So I spent my first day back in Petoskey. Am now going to bed. It is nearly ten and I am dead tired.

Ted (Charles) Garwin and Edith Gregory were married New Year's Day. Ted is a Lewis Club fellow whom we use to eat with in 1916 – first year we were here.

It's been cold down home, 10 degrees below Friday. Very cold in G.R. Sat.

January 7th.

I read in the Petoskey Evening News last night that Ben Knisel died of spinal meningitis in a Camp in France or rather in a hospital there. The first year I was here I went with Ben Knisel for about a month. He certainly was a fine fellow. Poor Ben! Later he went with Louina Reed – some think they were engaged – but I don't know.

January 12 – Sunday.

Church this morning. Ate dinner at the Lewis Club. Wrote a few letters this p.m. One to Lizzy Dalm telling about my engagement. I went over to Mae's. We went to call on Doc and Rose Sitter. Doc was discharged from Camp Custer a few weeks ago. They (Doc & Mrs. S.) just got back here Tuesday. I went over to Mae's and stayed for lunch. I was there for supper last night. Lena, Loui, Mae and I had lunch tonight. Doc and Rose came over before we were thru. We have been laughing all night at the yarns Doc and Loui would tell about Camp and other stuff. Loui said Smith and Lake's let the cat sleep in the prunes. Loui worked at the grocery store last summer. Of course he said it because we had prune salad. Then they began telling rat stories. Each one try to tell a bigger yarn than the last fellow. We sure did laugh.

There was a big "spiel" in the paper about Ted Garvin and Edith Gregory getting married with their pictures – in the Grand Rapids Press.

I am eating at "Josh's" Jepperson's. I wish the "Pie Shop" would reopen.

It's nearly a year ago since I started this book, will be a year Thursday. As I was glancing it over I thot how much has happened in a year. How much can happen in even a few months. We meet people – they come and go – like "ships in the passing."

Jan. 21 – Tuesday

Last Friday Grace Hawley and I stayed at school until 5:15. Don Markle, Arthur Coveyou and Jessie Hawley came over and we danced. Don and Arthur are high school sophomores just learning to dance. We sure had fun.

Sunday I had dinner at Mae's and had a sick headache and came home at 4:30. Went to bed at 5

slept until 6 the next morning. Went to school tonight Thurs we have our "exam." Friday we have a supper to wind up the affair.

Last Friday Loui Henkel went to G.R. He met Jim Sat. night at the Pantlind. Lena says he likes Jim and Jim wrote he likes Loui. Loui came home yesterday (Monday) and kidded me and teased me about what he had told Jim.

I received a "peachy" box of Martha Washington Candy Sat. morning from Jim, also a long letter. Received one yesterday and today. It must be he is going to write every day. We plan to write three times a week.

I have read "My Home in a Field of Honor" – Huard(?) this week. Am reading "A Hilltop on the Marne" both fine war books.

Jan. 26 – Sunday

Last Thursday night our Home Dietetics class took the examination. The local Chapter of the Red Cross credit our papers and give us our certificates.

Friday night we had our supper. We had.

Baked macaroni and cheese

Graham Biscuits

Head Lettuce salad with Thousand Islands dressing

Prune whip

Coffee

Oatmeal Cookies

Lena Burkley and I made the prune whip. I made the boiled custard for it.

We had the cutest place cards and each one received a carnation from Miss Holtrop. We certainly had a good time. After the 7 o'clock supper we did up the dishes and then went to the basketball game. Petoskey beat Gaylord 45 to 14. Game wasn't a bit exciting. After the game we danced. I had a good time dancing. I danced two of them with Bert Gibson – a waltz, and a twostep. He's a good dancer. The rest I danced with the girls. We came home at eleven. Yesterday afternoon Louis H and I went over to Mae's to play 500. Mae and I were partners, Louis and Lena. Mae and I won two games out of three which wasn't so bad.

I went to church with Mae and Lena this morning. Louis sings in the choir so Lena goes with us. The Presbyterian Service for the dead soldiers were held. What an awful feeling comes over one when she hears the taps rolled on the drum! After that we had a musical treat, and oh such a treat! A sextet from Chicago are up in the god forsaken country for a few days and they played at the High school right after the Sing. They had flutters, violins, cornet, saxophones, and a marimba. We had two cornet solos and two marimba solos. One piece – The Mill in the Forest – was a beautiful descriptive piece. One man whistled like the birds awakening in the morning. Later we could hear the mill wheel turning. It sure was good. Best concert I have ever heard here.

Last Thursday night we had a teachers' party. We had a good time. We had a program and then danced. A bunch of girls went to Martin's and had a (?) circus (?) on the way home. Norm took a bunch home, but we preferred to walk as we lived so near. Saturday afternoon I went to see E. and May at "La Cross". At night Mae and I went to the show, also Lena Bellus and Mary Murphy. We went to Martin's afterward and saw Norm and Virg. Talked awhile with them.

Don Wheat came back here Monday. Margaret is coming soon. Don came from Camp Custer. So many boys are returning. See new faces nearly every day.

Feb. 3 – Monday.

Well I cast my first vote today – Petoskey voted whether to have a \$25,000 bond or not. I voted for it.

over the ballot when Mr. Lee asked me if I had registered. I said "yes" He said something about 2nd Ward, I said why I am in the 1st Ward. He said "Oh you vote at the Ct. House, so I backed out of the booth and beat it. I went over to the Ct. House after school and when the man asked my name I spelt it "D-a-l-m." One man said "Don't leave out the "l". The writer said "What if I should?" I said "oh I would sue you for slander." The men laughed – one said "pretty good, that's pretty good. " I sure felt silly. But I didn't care. I'd make some politician – nit.- Afterward I went down to Gachtman's with Grace Hawley to hear some Columbia records. She bought a marimba piece, a waltz. Nature of Vienna. Very pretty.

I received a letter back which I had sent to Jake the 22nd of Sept. It is all marked up, looks funny.

Feb. 7th Friday.

I received a letter from Anne yesterday saying that Grandmother Faas dies Dec. 17th in Rotterdam Netherlands of the "Flu." She was sick 8 days. Was about 85 years old. Tante Marie sent Mother a letter which she received the day before Anne wrote.

Also heard I had another 2nd cousin Ruth Marion Dalm – Alice and Jake's first child, also the first grandchild of the Dalm's in America. As none of us are married there is no third generation on our side of the house. And this little girl is the first on their side. There are only two Dalm families in America.

Rebecca by Grace Hawley. We played cards about an hour and then danced. My we had fun. I danced every so many with Forest Madlin. We sure had fun. Also danced with two or three other fellows. Wednesday night the cooking class went to B. Schmitt's. I was sick and couldn't go. Last night – Thurs. we Sheridan girls were invited over to Mrs. Miller's – Clarion Ave. for supper. We had the best "feed" Norm Feldman took us and brought us home. Norm goes with Virgie this year. Tonight Mae Persis cook. Mabel Lindberg and I went to the Basket Ball game, Alumnie and Petoskey 14 to 48.

After we danced, "Cooky" and I danced together a long time. I danced the last one with Wirt Rice. Wish I could dance like he does. My but he is a swell dancer. We girls went home before the dance was over.

Well the girls danced off by them selves and never introduced us to their friends and here we are

suppose to be such good friends. The girls stick at home and don't go out with us much any more. They certainly act queer. We have such good times it seems a pity for them to miss them. All they seem to do is go to the show -(movie).

Feb. 9th

Last night Mae and I went to the Junior Circus. We had a very good time. I danced with Forest Midlem again. He goes to the U. of M. this week.

Yesterday afternoon Lena, Mae and I went to see Mrs. Ted Garwin (Edith Gregory). Also saw her wedding presents. They certainly are pretty. She got some beautiful glass ware a dozen tumblers, sherbert glasses and goblets with an opaline finish. They sure are pretty. Also received beautiful cut glasspieces and silverware and 500 from her father.

Today was Mrs. Sitter's (Rose) birthday. Mae and Lena gave a birthday party. There were Rose and Doc Lena and Louis and Mae and I. After lunch we sang a lot of songs and then talked. We had a lot of fun. Rose got a pretty dish from the girls. Mae and I went to the Community Sing this afternoon. Memorial was held for Theodore Roosevelt who died a few weeks ago.

Feb. 10 - Monday,

I was writing away when some one called for me. Mrs. Henkel called me I went down stairs and there was Paul Owen. He said he, Wirt Rice and Bachelor were getting up a bunch to go to the movie. So we went and afterward to Martin's. We certainly had a good time. But how they make a fool of Paul! Norm and Virg. A Mr. Wright and Ruth Smith were at Martin's also.

Feb. 15 - Saturday night.

Talk about a whirli-gig - I have been one. I haven't been at home a night this week. Tuesday Mae, Lena, I and others went to Mrs. Fasquelle to write soldiers name for the memorial tablet. Wednesday we were over to Esther's and May's to a waffle supper. Thursday at a basket ball game. Petoskey played Charlevoix and beat them 34-18. Also danced. Had some with Paul Owen. Friday night the Debate. Newbery and Petoskey, Newberry won. Dance afterward. May's sister "Degs" was here from Newberry. I met the Debaters, Mr.s Beaudin, Chamberlain and Forster. I danced with Beaudin and Foster. They are good dancers as well as good debaters.

I received the loveliest Valentine a box of Martha Washington candy from Jim, a beautiful Valentine box. [a cute little card was between pages addressed to Mary: "Love Me Now". Love me in the morning, Love me at the noon. Love me any time at all But kindly love me soon. I wonder who it was from? The handwriting does not appear to be Jim's.]

Lena received a beautiful diamond from Louis for a Valentine present. She got it Thursday night. When Louis gave it to her he said she said "Shall I wear it?" I know how she feels. I felt that way myself at one time.

This afternoon Louis took Lena and I to see Margerite Clark in "Out of a Clear Sky". Louis has asked me to go for the last three Saturdays and I have always been busy, so today we went.

I received my Dietetics diploma Tuesday night I got 93 2/9. Every one got above ninety which was fine.

Wednesday afternoon the Mother's Meeting had a Valentine party. We had a good time.

Sunday, Feb. 23 - 1919.

Lst Monday Lena and May , Grace Hawley were over to play 500. Tuesday I went to see Fatty Arbuckle with Don and Margaret Wheat. Wednesday I went to see Persis Cook at Potter's. We played 500. Thrsday night Margaret Wheat was over here. Margaret told me a secret which will make them very happy. I am so glad for their sakes. Friday night went to the game with Mae. Came home with a splitting headache. Yesterday afternoon Lena and I went shopping, last night we two went to see Enrico Caruso in "My Cousin" at the Palace. Church this morning. A prohibitioner spoke.

We start a new term at school tomorrow. I have all the first grade, no kindergarten work. I keep the same youngsters tho! I receied a letter from Mrs. F. B. Clark from California Friday. She was Esther and my first landlady the first year we were here in Petoskey we and Marjorie Davis roomed at her house next to the High School. She writes she is coming back to Michigan next April.

Sunday March 9th

Marion Monteith and Dick Hudson were married last Monday and have gone to Rome Italy where he s an attache' to the U. S. Govt. Some wedding trip they will have.

I went to the show with Mrs. Wheat Wednesday night. Was over at Mae's Thurs. night. Esther and May were there. Friday night Mrs. Wheat and I went to supper at the Pie Shop. Went to the basketball game. Cadillac and Petoskey 28 to 21. Petoskey lost her first game of the season. Socks (Stocking) was knocked out. Has a blackeye now. That certainly was a rough game. Our team went down thee last night and were beat 12-22. I stayed with Margaret Whest all night. Don went to Alpena on business.

Yesterday we saw Forest Fler [?] Mae's friend. Came to town yesterday. Funny thing about those two. He had been in a California Camp and Mae hadn't heard from him and he hadn't heard from her. They never got each others letters since last summer. But after due explanations they are the best of friends. Lena and I sae Bille Bunke in the "make Believe Wife." She was very good.

Esther and I went to Community Sing this afternoon. I went over to E. & May's for supper.

Saturday March 15th.

This afternoon I walked over to Pagel's and Newman's. I am going to put Milton P. and Raymond N. in the 2nd Grade. Monday I had a nice visit at both places. Walked home with Mrs. W. Neuman and stopped a minute to see the children, Wayne and Lucile. Met Mr. Neuman.

Went to the show with the "bunch" tonight. Saw Tom Moore in "Thirty a Week." It was good. This morning I received a box of silverware samples from Jim. He wants me to pick out the pattern I want. He is going to give me some for a birthday present. I think it was very nice of him to send me those patterns. Dear old Jim! When I got my laundry this week I sent a fudge apron and a doily tatted which Joe Sinon gave me a few weeks ago. So I have two and know of a thrid I am going to get.

March 21st Friday

The first day of Spring. Yesterday was my birthday. Oh and such a glorious day it was so nice and warm. I wore my gingham dress to school.

I came home at noon and found a package and three letters. One from home, one from Mrs. S. and one from Jim. The package from Jim, he sent me some Community silver in the Georgian pattern. Six knives, forks, and spoons. My I am so pleased to have them. I am anxious to use them. They are so pretty. In the afternoon I received a box from home with my suit in it, also a new Georgette waist, an under skirt, and Anna gave me a fudge apron and then I got the tatted doily from Joe Sinon. I sure got some pretty things. Betty gave me a pretty embroidered pillow and six sherbert glasses to match my set.

Today my hats came from home. If it seems so good to get spring things out. My suit is at the tailors being pressed and lengthened. I intend to wear it Sunday.

Wednesday night we girls were over to Neuman's - Wayne's home for supper. Lucile's birthday was yesterday too. She is four. We had a lovely supper and time. On our way home we saw the Northern lights they were just beautiful. Prettiest I have ever seen them, so bright nd then green.

Last night Esther and May had a waffle supper in honor of my birthday. The bunch was there. They gave me a beautiful pair of bath towels.

Tonight they came over here. We played 500.

We expected Sherwin Overholt today but he isn't coming till Monday.

Monday the Kalamazoo Glee Club is coming here. We are all going to hear them you bet!

Saturday March 29th

Just came home from the show with Mrs. Loveridge and Esther. Fred Stone in "The Boat".

I bought some brown oxfords this p.m. Esther got some too. She didn't know whether she wanted them or not. Aelman Fryman, who waited on us, told me if I would help her decide (of course to buy them) I could take E. & May into Martin's and order some cream and charge it to him. But of course we jollied about it he meant it, but we don't. Poor Margaret Wheat is sick. Had a serious operation yesterday. I feel so sorry for her.

Received a letter from home last Saturday that they read in the paper Jake had landed in New York on the transport Charleston. But so far the folks haven't heard from him.

Sherwin arrived last Monday on the 5 o'clock (p.m.) Pere Marquette. Goodness he's been to see May Monday night, Tuesday, Wednesday last night and tonight, besides taken her out riding this afternoon

and a few others. Things are beginning to look serious. He's been gone since a year ago last January. He looks very well. But he doesn't like the French girls. Says they have no modesty at all, and are very sentimental.

[a postcard in the book: "Grd. Rapids March 20,'19 Dear Mary: Just a line - and in a hurry - I have some good news and cannot wait to write it in the letter tonight. Perhaps you have already heard it - but - here it is:- The GR papers had a list of the arrivals in New York - and the first name was "Jacob J. Dalm - Kalamazoo - Mich." Believe me - I was surprised. He arrived on the Charleston this morning - Yours, Jim -]

Sunday April 6th

I received a letter from Anna Tuesday saying Jake came home Monday 3/31/1919 at 6 o'clock. He was sent to Camp Custer Friday and received his discharge from there (3-31-19). Anna says he's very brown and fat. He brot home many souvenirs.

Friday night the Mothers' Club gave a party for the fathers. I played for the Community Sing and for Mr. Kelder to sing.

Saturday we, teachers, got our contracts. I got a \$150 raise. Lena B. and Mae McR. sent their contracts back unsigned. I am not coming back next year - Am going to try to get nearer home or at home.

Monday April 14

Yesterday was Esthers birthday, she was 25. She received many pertty things. We girls gave her a pair of silk hose.

Louina Reed told me those noon Mrs. F. B. Clark was coming on the 3 o'clock train with the children. I am anxious to see them.

Jim is coming Friday morning. I can hardly wait.

There is a big "hullabaloo" about wages and so farth among the teachers. We have sent back the contracts without a fuss. Now one seems to worry about their hobs for next year. If they don't get one here they will some where else. Even the Evening News is writing about it.

April 21 - Monday

Jim has come and gone. He came Friday morning on the 5:45. I went down to meet him. We walked around went to see Esther and May went to the Pie Shop for breakfast then school. After school we walked over to Lincoln met May and Sherwin went riding all over Bay View, town and the Charlevoix road. Friday night we went to the Alemda - there were Dr. and Mrs. Sitter, Mae McRae, Louis Henkel, Lena Burkeley, Ralph Wilson, Esther , Shervin and May and Jim and I. Mae and Lena entertained for us. Saturday morning after a 9:30 breakfast we went for a walk down the beach. It started to rain so we went in to see Esther and May. In the afternoon we used Mae's room at the Almeda. At six we went to the LaCrosse for supper - We were going to the show but it rained so we didn't we stayed home and talked. Sunday morning church Dinner at Henkel's - Went to Wheats in the afternoon and to the "LaCrosse" at 5:30 to a Waffle supper. After supper we drove around Ralph and Sherwin had their cars - (Fords). They chased each other around Bay View - that was fun! We rode around until ten. Jim left this

noon on the 1:50 Oh how I wish he were here! Those three days went so fast! Only eight more weeks and I'll be going home for good - 8 more weeks - Might as well be 8 years.

Jim liked my friends very well and they all seem to like him.

We have decided to wait a year or two before marrying. I hate to wait that long - but Jim thinks we had better. He wants things so very nice, and now we can't have them - and if we wait a bit we will have them. I'd rather do without - but he wouldn't so will have to wait. He's an awful crank on furniture and having things nice. But then I love him "for a' that." [Hey - that's a quote from Robert Burns!]

Last Thursday night I was over to Mrs. Loveridge's with E. and May she had a little dinner party and theater party in honor of Esther's birthday.

Tonight Mrs. Wheat and I went to the show.

I heard the afternoon that Louiana Reed and Gerald Clark are engaged. Gerald is Mother Clark's big son - We (E and I) have never met him. He was gone when we came to live with Mother Clark.

Saturday afternoon we got new contracts - giving us \$75 more making a \$200 raise in all. But I am not coming back. I've made up my mind so I might as well stick to it.

April 23 - Wednesday

Tonight the "Club of 17" what is here of it served at an Elk banquet. We had a lot of fun. There were about six tables. Esther and I served the table where Mr. and Mrs. Comloquoy sat. Mr. or "Bob" as they all call him started to tease me about "My man."

After we waited table, we ate. After that we went to the show. Those that served were: Mae McRay, Lena Burkley, Esther Rose, May Young, Mary Nolan, Patsy Nolan, Mary Canfield, Grace & Mable Carmichel, Leila Shilling, Ether Jaynor and myself.

Sunday April 27

Friday night Mae and I went to the High School "Vaudeville." It was very clever.

Saturday night E. Mrs. Loveridge and I went to see May Marsh in "Racing Blood", a Southern play about Southern Honor. Was very good.

When I was coming home from the Pie Shop I saw Sherwin Overholt and his father. Sherwin said he'd take me home. His dad wanted to go home, so Sherwin took him home and then we rode around. I sure had a nice ride - we went to Josh's for some cream. Saw Margaret and Don there. I told Sherwin I probably shocked Margaret being with another man. He said "Oh well it's all in the family" We should worry.

May 5th Monday.

Such a busy week as last week has been. Saturday there was a parade here. Each ward has a float. The 4th ward had the French float. As Sheridan School is in the 4th Ward, Mrs. Iden, Chairman of the float asked we teachers to help. We and ladies from that ward made flowers., the fleur-de-lis - every night excepting Wed. and Friday at school. Thursday we had a pot luck supper at school. Had a lot of fun. There were Grace Hawley, Virgie Hope, Alta Andrews, May McRae, Mrs. Iden and myself. Mrs. I. brought

the best salad and pie. Friday night we decorated the float it was in Andrews' barn next to the school. Saturday we had to be there at 12:30 p.m. Our float represented "Lafayette We Come." There were a little French girl holding a French flag. Ed. Schaffer is Lafayette in a box, and Mr. Grams as a soldier, myself as a Red Cross nurse, and Wayne Fetterplace as sailor kneeling in front of Lafayette and looking at home. Everyone says we looked fine. We felt foolish enough at first. And when the horses stopped and started suddenly we'd fall over. We were riding past the Pie Shop, some started to applaud, the horses jerked and we all fell over - the little French girl nearly fell off the back. Lafayette stepped off his box and we three in front fell on our faces. Talk about laugh. There were about a dozen floats, very pretty ones too. Representing peace, victory, liberty and several Allies. Mrs. Iden rode in a bay as Abe Lincoln, Mr. Stone in another as King Albert. I am glad it is over! I am very tired. Walking up that hill so many extra times nearly finished me.

Wednesday May 14th

I received a letter from Cora Walter Bauman a week and a half ago that she is the proud mother of a baby boy - Donald Frederick - she didn't say just when he came -

I am sending some socks and booties.

Had Mothers' Meeting at school today. They are planning a Mother - Children picnic for next month.

Mae, Lena and I went to the installation of Rev. Allburt - after the ceremony they served punch in the parlor. We were introduced to the Minister. He said to me "You have beautiful eyes" - wasn't that a funny thing to say? We also met Mrs. Allburt. He is a jolly fellow. They have been here two weeks. He certainly is a fine preacher. His sermon Mothers' Day was wonderful. Talked on Mother - the heart of the home. His text - "Faith Hope and Love and the greatest of these is love."

Sunday May 18th

Friday night Sherwin O. had to take his [friend's?] father to Cross Village and as May Young was sick he asked me to go with Lena, Louis and himself. My how it rained! Had been raining all day and it rained nearly all night too.

Received a telegram from Hastings yesterday morning offering me a 1st grade position at \$850. The pay isn't much but it's so much nearer home. I hope Jim will be pleased. I think I'll accept it.

May 23 - Friday Evening.

It certainly is one grand evening. It makes me lonesome.

Last night Mae, Lena, Esther Grace Hawley, Margaret McKay, Mabel Knecht, Virgie Hope and myself had a theatre party and then went to Virgie's and played 500. We were to have a Beach party but it had been raining for three days so we had to postpone that.

Tomorrow afternoon I am invited to a Thimble Party at Marcia Lawton's given by Margaret McKay, Grace Holtrop and Hilda Smith. Marcia's to be married the 20th of June I hear. The last night of school. I guess this party tomorrow is an announcement party. Her husband to be is Forest Robin Adair.

He took the name of Forest when he joined the Army, had to have two names. He lives in Detroit is a draftsman at some big manufacturing plant there.

June 9 -

Last week was one hot week. Thurs. May 29th Marcia Lawton, Hilda Smith, Grace Holtrop, Margaret McKay and myself went to Lawton's cottage at Bay View. Friday Decoration Day Margaret and I came in early to march the youngsters in the parade. This year the teachers didn't have to march thank goodness. We met the other three girls and had dinner at the Pie Shop then we went back to the cottage. Bay View is a good mile from Petoskey. In the evening Hilda had a date. She borrowed our togs to dress up. Wore Marcia's georgette waist, Margaret's suit and my stocking and oxfords (brown). She went to Charlevoix with Wirt Rice. My we laughed at her and her finery. Sat. morning Marcia's Uncle Chesley Lawton from Jackson took us to Harbor Springs, Harbor Point. We ate our lunch on the porch of Mr. Jackson Johnson's cottage. He's a millionaire from Chicago. His cottage is the last on on the pt. After we had walked out to the pt. and back and had admired all the cottages. We stopped at the Greeks in Harbor Springs and had some cream. There was a player piano and we started that to going and danced awhile. Then after resting we walked thru Wequetonsing to Roaring Brook where we waited for the train.

{Written on a piece of birch bark in her journal: Harbor Point May 31, 1919. House Party at Lawton's Bay View. May 29 - 30 31. June 1 - 1919}

Sunday we just rested and were gonig home on the 4:4 train. We were sitting at the depot when S. A. Gains and family rode by with Esther. Esther didn't want to stay home alone so they said they would drive her to Mackinaw City and she could take the train hime. She asked me to go along. I had a wonderful time, and drive. It was so pretty especially around Carp Lake. While in Mackinaw City a Mrs. Coffman showed us around. We wlked out to the light house, the park and saw Wawatam Beach and McGilpin's Point the farthest pt. in lower Michigan. So we were to the end of Michigan. It certainly is historical up around there. Saw the site of the old Fort where the French and Indians fought the British in 1763. Mr. Coffman had many old Indian relics he found in the old fort. He told us a lot about them.

The City of Mackinaw isn't much better than a dump. It's a rail road center. The main street has stones on one side. A few years ago it was a terrible sporting place. Before Mich. went dry in 1918.

Esther and I cam home on the midnight. Sherwin and May met us.

Monday night I went up to Lawtons for a few minutes.

Tues. over to Wheat's to spend theevening. Wed. over to Esther's. Thurs. to the show. Fri. to Jymnasium exhibition at School.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Hansen at the LaCrosse gave Esther and I a farewell party. There were ten of us. Esther, Lena, Mae, May, Mabel Knecht, rose Sitter, Lila Gardner, Hilda Johnson, Mrs. Fochtman (Ella Cross) and myself. We played a magazine guessing game, made words out of Esther's and May's names, Lena Burkeley won both prizes, a box of candy, and Harpers Mag. Then we sewed, played the Victrola and danced a little bit. After the party II went up stairs with E. and May, E and I went to see Anita Stewart in Virtuous Wives. After that I went home with Esther and we had our supper. Went to church this mroning, wore my new hat. Tan horse hair braid with a big rose on the left sde of crown. It's awfully pretty.

Saturday Evening June 14 - 1919

Another busy week. Last Sunday I had dinner at Esther's and May's. Sherwin was there too.

Tuesday Miss Holtrop had her Domestic Science exhibition, put on a sort of pageant Evolution of Fashion. I wore a big taffeta gown with full skirt and puffed sleeves picturing style of about 1895. Gee, I looked funny! I've heard more compliments on how sweet I looked; but I sure felt foolish. Wednesday night Elta Andrews gave a dinner party for Grace Hawley and I. She is to be married Aug. 14 to a Ed. Horst of Vermont. She is to live out there.

Thursday night Mae, Lena and I entertained for Marcia Lawton. We sewed towels and gave them to her. Mae's friends Emily Hendricks of Wash. D.C. and Genevive Iden of Battle Creek came Wed. eve. Last night I was up to the LaCrosse. This p.m. I stopped at LaCrosse went shopping, went to the dress makers, stopped at Margaret Wheat's on the way home. I saw Sherwin down town and he wanted to take me for a ride, so we went around town to find the girls. Couldn't find them so we went to Menonoqua Beach around Bay View out to the Beach ago and he wanted me to drive. Well I drove from the Beach back to Bay View around in there once I almost turn the car over going around a corner - Gee! we laughed about it.

Got home at six and had a six o'clock dinner engagement. Gee I hustled into my suit, was only 20 minutes late. But Mrs. Clark didn't care, altho Maurice called up to see if I wasn't coming. After dinner we took a walk and stopped at Martin's.

Tuesday - June 17 -

Last night Mrs. F.B. Clark and I went to the show "Shepherd of the Hills." It was very good.

Tomorrow Grace Hawley, Virgie Hope, Elta Andrews, Margaret McKay, Jessie H. and myself are going to Round Lake to swim and have a Beach Party.

Tomorrow is our last day of hard work, school.

Thursday we file our reports in the morning, and have the Mothers' and Childrens' picnic at Curtis Park in the afternoon.

Friday the children come for their marks.

Friday evening is Marcia's Wedding. I am having a new organdie dress made for it. It is a lilac shade.

I am going home Sat. Oh joy! I rather hate to leave Petoskey for good. Sherwin O> says I'll have to come back to visit. I told him I'd wait until he settled then we'd come to see him.

July 7th 1919 - Monday

Here I am home again! I left Petoskey the 21st of June Saturday morning, on the Pere Marquette. Mr. Wells walked down to the station with me and gave me a box of candy.

I went to Traverse City from Petoskey to visit Mary and Emma Hanslovsky for a few days, stayed until

Tuesday noon. I had a very nice visit. We rode with the Petertyl's Sat. Eve. Went to church Sun. morn. In the p.m. rode out to East Bay and wrote letters. Same old Bay Anne and I spent a day at in 1913 when we went up to visit the Jacobs. Monday eve we went to East Bay again for a picnic supper and a swim. Came home Tuesday night. Thursday went back to G.R. stayed over Sunday. Betty, Amee and Jim motored over.

The boys came Thurs. night and stayed until last night. We spent the Fourth at Cooper's Glen.

Yesterday afternoon we drove throu Camp Custer to Battle Creek. It is some Camp. First time I've been thru it. About 9 miles long, there is a paved road nearly all the way out there - just from Galesburg to Augusta - about 3 or 4 miles is gravel.

September 13 - Saturday.

I have been in Hsting exactly thirteen days. Had to come on Labor Day as there was a teacher's meeting. So Sept. 1 on Mon. noon Jim and I boarded the C.K and S. for Hastings. Got here at 2 - Came over to Hilton's and Jefferson St. and then went to the High School. After the meeting went to the Central School where I teach in the 1st grade, to look at the room. Jim went with me. Miss Clary 2nd grade teacher was with me too. I have a very pleasant room in the south west corner. I have 21 youngsters and they are very nice children. Some not overly bright - but then.

I like Hastings very much. I certianly feel at home here. I board at Mr.s Carrothers. I have to pay 2.50 for room and 7 - for board. It's a fright!!

Last Wednesday night the School Board gave a dinner for the teachers and janitors etc. We sure had a great time. Had the best food. Played games in the "gymn" afterward.

Last week end I went to G.R. to see Jim. Had a grand time. Stayed with Ella Sat. night and went to church with ner Sunday morning.

Tomorrow morning we girls at the boarding house - five of us are going on a hike.

Monday Sept. 22nd.

Jim came to see me Saturday. We went home last night on the 8:40. Of course it had to rain so we couldn't do much, altho we did go to church in the morning and late in the afternoon it cleared up so we went walking. Saturday Donna, Jim and I went to see Tom Moore in "A Man and his Money" at the Strand.

I live next to the hospital and my room is on the side near it. Last night about eleven I was nearly asleep when I heard the awfulliest groanings. I could hear a lady crying in agony. It seemed a long time (probably 5 or 10 minutes) when she gave the most agonized screams and soon after I heard a little baby cry.

I told Donna this morning I guess there was a new baby at the hospital. But oh I hope that I get into the other room before any more babies come there.

Donna Durkee goes Wednesday and I am to have her room. But I don't want her to go. I sure will miss her. She goes to Claifornia for awhile.

Monday Oct. 13.

I have been home twice this month. I went last Fri. and the week before. Mr. Miller drove over and invited me to go with him. Came back on the C.K.&S. Monday morning. Bought a few clothes.

Saturday

ann, Betty and Mama motored over, on the way to G.R. They took me with them. I came home on the midnight last night.

While in G.R. I stayed with Ella. Jim and I had dinner at Bennett's Sunday. Jim's Aunt Mary Brower was married last night, in the Grandville Ave. Church, to Jacob DeJager. She looked nice. Had on a pale pink crepe de chine and a brides veil. Had a beautiful bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. The ceremony was in dutch. Quite interesting. First church wedding I ever went to.

We had County Institute Oct. 6, & 7. It was very good. Had some fine speakers. Dr. Crooks, Pres. of Alma College and Hon. Pearson, Sect. of Educ. in O.

Friday Oct. 17

Tuesday evening Oam Hys was hurt by a switch engine. He jumped off when it was going. They told me at the Boarding house Wed. And Aunt Margeurite is sick with cancer. They seem to have a lot of trouble lately.

Monday October 20 -

Jim came Saturday afternoon. We walked nearly all the time he was here. Yesterday we walked out to Dennie Cappon Beech's. They weren't home so we sat on the back proch in the sun and waited. At 4:30 we left. They live about 3 miles out west of here (Hastings). oOn the way home we had a ride back in a Ford. I had a nice time while Jim was here. Its a good thing we had such weather for we had to walk. Mrs. Hilton had company and I didn't want to intrude so we walked.

I am planning on going to Detroit I didn't want to go at first but Marie McGoogan wrote and asked me to stay with her so as Mr. Ehle said "I don't want to persuade you but:"... and he does. I tho't I might as well go. It will giv e me a chance to see some of my old friends again too.

I am cutting the last point on my last wisdom tooth and my face aches, that whole side of my neck aches.

Thursday - Oct - 23-

I received a letter from Jim the other day saying that he had a new little brother - Edwin Francis - born last Saturday evening. They are all very pleased about it. Jim writes so much about it. He certainly will spoil it.

Received a letter from Esther today saying she is engaged to Andy Leake - they are to be married next July 14th. She wrote Andy was looking for a house to buy and they would have it all furnished when they come back from their trip, so they must be going on a trip. Her diamond is 6/8 of a carat set in white gold. She seemed terribly excited about it all, naturally.

Oh how I wish Jim and I were planning our home, but we are just planning when to be married

which will probably be next Fall.

I am going to sleep with Mable Sisson tonight.

Last night I went over to Edmunds and played 500 with Gladys Barker, Ruby Mann (who lives there) and Doris Buman.

I had the Normal Students in to observe this morning.

Tuesday Oct. 28.

Of all the excitement. Nora Clary (2nd Grade teacher in this building) and Hubert Bronson were married in the Methodist Church at 7:15. We went down to see them off on the 8:00. There were about a dozen of us. My if we didn't pepper them with rice. They kept on riding around until the train came and then they beat it for the last car. We chased them.

I was going to G.R. to hear Kreisler but they have cancelled that concert because K. is an Austrian officer.

I am going to M.S.T.A. tomorrow at Detroit.

Monday Nov, 3 -

About 35 teachers left here last Wednesday at 6:15 on a special pullman on a special car train which held Northern Michigan teachers and Cong. preachers who had had a conference somewhere. Train was due here at 5:45 but due to a freight train wreck at Quimby which held up traffic, it was late. We got in Detroit at 10:35 (Eastern time) Went to the Statler and stayed in room 1471 - on the 14th floor. They had put up six beds in a large sample room. The Statler is the best hotel in Detroit. There were six teachers in 1402. On the 13th floor the men teachers slept.

Olga McQuire, Vera Smith, Florence Bronson, Esther Richter, Miss Myra Henshaw (Mrs. Miller's girl) and myself slept in one room. Next morning Vera, Olga and I ate at the Peter Smith Cafeteria. Then Vera told me where to get a Grand River car and I went out to Myrtle Street to the Owen School to see Marie McGoogan. That afternoon I went to the Detroit Symphony Concert at the Arena on Woodward and Hendrie. At night found my way out to Marie's on Trumbull alone. After supper Marie and I went to see Bert Ireland and with two other girls went to see the Country Cousin at Adams Theatre. Attended meetings next day. Went out to Iva's in the evening. She lives in Casgrain 4 miles S.W. of Woodward. Saturday we went shopping. Had a ride at night with Iva's brother thru Grand Boulevard. Marie and I stayed all night. We slept three in a bed. Had a slumber party. Dick slept on the davenport.

Iva and Dick Poch have the cutest home. Some of their furniture hadn't come but we managed all right. They sure are a happy couple. He's so good to Iva - but she deserves it. Sunday Marie and I and her sisters rode out Grand River to see if we could find Marcia's house but we weren't near enough. Marcia lives on Yosemite St.

I left Detroit at 5:15 and arrived here at 9:00 o'clock. Had a dandy time while in Detroit.

It's Jim's birthday, must get his present tonight. Think I'll get him a Beacon blanket bath robe.

Nov. 4 - Tuesday - The first snow fall started at noon. Snowed hard all afternoon ground is now white.

Collected \$2.14 for the Roosevelt Memorial fund. Roosevelt died late last winter.

Monday Nov. 10 -

Friday I left here at 4:07 and went to G.R. to spend the week end. I stayed at Jim's house until last night. I came home on the midnight.

Jim has the dearest baby brother Edwin Francis. Edwin received many pretty things.

Betty and Anne went to G.R. Friday night. Betty went home again but Anne stayed. Seemed so good to see them again. Saturday morning Anna and I went down town. I bought her a towel for her birthday. Am going to tat an edge on it. In the afternoon we went for a hike up Clyde Park to the Beal Road came back through the loveliest woods.

In the evening we four Ann, Nick, Jim and I went to see "Twin Beds" at Powers. It sure was funny.

Sunday morning church. Had dinner at Veen's then sat around, sang, played with Jim's clay. At four we went over to Haverkamps stayed for supper. Went walking at night. Walked way down town. Two miles. Did some window shopping. Went to Veen's to get my bag, and left G.R. at 11:50. Train was 20 minutes late. Jim was standing at the Cross Road to wave good bye. After he leaves the train, after putting me on, he stands there till the train pulls out. Mrs. Servaas sent me the most beautiful centerpiece in memory of Ruth who died the 24th of Oct. - 10 years ago. Dear Ruth and I were the best of friends. It certainly was sweet of Mrs.

Tomorrow is the 1st Anniversary of Armistice Day. Hastings is going to have a big celebration. We have to march with the youngsters.

Nov. 12 - Wednesday

Yesterday America celebrated the first anniversary of Armistice Day. Hastings certainly celebrated. School as usual in the morning, and until 1:45 in the afternoon. The the school children went down to join in the parade. We Kgn and 1st grade, joined it on State Street and marched to the Fair grounds about eight blocks. There we saw a foot ball game - Alumni (Soldiers) and High school - 16 - 6 score.

After supper Gladys Barker, Doris Beeman, Katherine Pritchard and I went to watch the street dance. We danced a little. Just Doris and I. We didn't go in the bunch. At 9:00 o'clock we saw the fire works down at the Fair ground. They certainly were beautiful. Had about half dozen pieces. Battle ships shooting, Niagra Falls, Soldier and farmer, prize fighters, Statue of Liberty and the American flag. Some beautiful sky rockets. After the fire works I went to the L.O.O.F. hall across the street from Hilton's with Mrs. Hilton to the dance. I didn't stay long. Danced with Frances Miley (Princ. of Central School) We had a waltz, one step and fox trot together. Then I came home as I was tired and there was such a crowd and I knew so few. The town was crowded. Didn't know Hastings had so many people, and neighbors.

December 1 - Monday -

Just came back today from Kalamazoo (home) where I spent the Thanksgiving Day vacation. The boys came down from Grand Rapids Wed. Eve., left Fri. morning. Bertha and Ella Veen (Jim's sisters came Saturday evening to spend Sunday with us. Wed. Eve and meteor fell - and there was much ado about it. We Nick, Jim and I were in the Elite and didn't see or hear anything. Anne was at church practicing for a

Missionary Program which was given Thurs. Eve.

Staurday we had a terrible rain and wind storm all day, Sunday it snowed, regular blizzard. Today has been snowy. The train left Kazoo at 7:00 instead of 6:25. The interlocken was frozen.

I went to see Aunt Margaret Friday and yesterday. She has kancer - she certainly is failing. They don't expect her to live long. I feel sorry for them, they have such a large family - there are 10 and the youngest is 14. Tante was just getting where she didn't have to work so hard and last summer was taken sick.

Dec. 11 - Thursday.

December eleventh and cold enough to be February. We have had some very cold weather all ready this winter I had [heard] this morning the coal strike has ended. A good thing. People were having a hard time getting coal. No local trouble - but in large cities.

Jim was here Sunday - came Staurday on the six o'clock. We went to Oom Ko's for supper.

I went to a M.E. supper at Lichtry's on Hanover Tues. Eve. Tonight am going to a lecture course concert - Ratto, an impersonator.

A bunch of us went to Bessmer Meat Market to get weighed. I weigh 111 1/2 lbs. Lottie Lake weighed 94 lbs. The rest - Mable Sisson, Olga McQuire, Vera Smith, and Clyde Miller weighed over 125 lbs. anyway.

January 16 - Friday -

I was called home Tuesday. Aunt Margaret who has been sick all summer with cancer in the pancrease, died Sunday morning at 9?00 o'clock - Jan 11th

January 6 - 1920

Tuesday

Back after vacation. I had a very nice one. Left here Tues. Dec. 23rd.

Monday we had a party at school. Tuesday p.m. a program was held.

Thursday - Christmas Day we had the boys over and Jack Marcusse for dinner. Xmas eve. we gave out our presents. At School I had received two or three handkerchieves and a box of small stationary. At home I received a pair of white silk gloves, a big box of stationary, a pair of sheets, two pair of pillow cases, a pair of Mahogany bud vases, a beautiful pink and white wool blanket, several handkerchieves, a pretty pink jersey silk comesole, half a dozen sherbet glasses, money for a muff and a thirteen piece luncheon set (emb.) and, a four piece ivor set and a large box of candy from Jim. After the presents were looked over Betty, Anne and I went to see the Community Xmas tree at Bronson Park and to hear the folks sing.

While home I sewed, went to call on friends etc.

Wed. eve. Dec. 31 I went to Grand Rapids to spend the rest of my vacation. I had a good time there. Saw a lot of old friends. Sat. eve Jim and I took Loui and Lena (Mr. and Mrs. Henkle from Petoskey) out to

supper and to Powers to hear Fiske O'Hara. He was great. Lena was one of the four I chummed with up north. Seemed good to see her again and Loui. Sunday Jim and I went to DeJager's for dinner and afterwards we went to call on Cora Kreeger Higgins, an old classmate of mine who lives in DeJager neighborhood S.E. Mr. Higgins offered to take us to the depot so we let him. Cora went too. While waiting for the train I saw Margaret McKay another former Petoskey teacher. Margaret looks well.

The M.C. train was an hour and a half late and oh so crowded. I got here at 8:15 supposed to get her at 6:00 p.m.

January 16 - Friday

I was called home Tuesday Aunt Maargaret, who has been sick with cancer in pancrease all summer died Sunday Jan. 11th at 9 a.m. Funeral was held Tues. afternoon. Tante looked awful, so terribly thin. She suffered terribly too. I had quite a time getting home. The C.K & S. was 2 hrs and a quarter on the way, usually takes an hour. I came back Thurs. a.m. by way of G.R. which is 50 miles out of the way, but Wed. the C.K. & S. got stuck and the 7:30 a.m. never got here until 5 p.m. - So didn't want to risk getting stuck and anyway I missed by train by two minutes.

In Grand Rapids I called Jim up, and he came to the depot to see me off. I was glad I saw him, am always glad to see him in fact. Said he was coming tomorrow on the six o'clock train. Today we are having one of the worst storms we've had for several years. Am glad I came back yesterday.

Jan. 22 - 1920 - Thursday.

My it is cold this morning. Some one said it was 15 degrees below, and day before yesterday it rained. The kind of rain that puts crusts on the snow - sort of a fine sleet.

We had our first Parent-Teachers Club this year. Mrs. Goshorn was elected Pres., Mrs. White, Vice Pres, and I Secretary. There were 15 of us here - 6 mothers, 6 teachers and 3 children.

Betty is coming tomorrow to spend the week-end with me. Betty had nervous prostration so she isn't working for a few weeks.

Jim was here last Sat. and Sunday. He is doing very well in business - received an 800 dollar raise this year. But he works hard. Is very busy.

This week is the last of this term. I promoted eleven to the 2nd grade and about ten to the 1-2 division. I am to get 18 or 20 from the Sub-primary class for my 1-1s.

Mr. Ehle (Sup't) goes to Ypsi today to look for teachers. He looked at Mt. Pleasant last week. I hear lot of them are going to leave or are thinking of it. Mr. Ehle is quite dictatorial. He wants to run everybody and everything. And he isn't a bit tactful. The teachers don't seem to get along with him very well.

Jan. 28 Wednesday.

Betty went home Monday. I received a letter from Jim last Saturday. He bought a lot on Francis Ave - Burton Heights in Grand Rapids, and said we are to begin planning our house which we expect to build soon. We are planning to get married next Fall, and I can hardly wait until Fall comes.

The County Normal girls have charge of some of my reading and number classes in 1-1.

Feb. 2 - 1920. Monday, and ground hog day. It is such a beautiful day, thawing. It makes one long for Spring. But the ground hog will see his shadow and we'll have six more weeks of winter.

I went home Friday night. Mrs. Hinga, Betty, and Dene gave a towel shower on Joe Sinon Wecnink. She received about 2 doz. towels. We certainly had a good time, decorations were hearts, and red candles, etc. Nick and Jim came Saturday Eve. It was very cold Sat. 2 degrees above zero at noon. But yesterday it was great. Last night I went to G.R. with Jim on the 4:30 car, and came here on the 11:30 - which left at 12:10. It's wonderful out nights, nice moonlight.

Jim and I talked about houses. Jim likes an eight room house. Well, so do I! -- Oh we have some great ideas!

Feb. 27 - Friday.

I went to Grand Rapids last week end, and had a very nice time.

Saturday morning I went to see Mr. Greeson, Supt. of school and he said I would have a first grade position at \$11.00. I met Mrs. Townsend, Ass't Sup't. also. They both are very friendly I thought.

I certainly am anxious to get into Grand Rapids.

Sunday night I slipped and fell on the ice and my right arm is still sore. I hurt my crazy "bone"!

Grace Edmonds stayed all night with me last night. She is home from Petoskey, where she teaches, for two weeks. The schools are closed up there for the "flue"!

I have been receiving letters from Jim every day this week. We usually write twice or three times a week. Don't know what's happened to him.

Am going to the basket ball game with Vera Smith and Olga McGuire tonight.

Mabel Sisson had an operation for tumor the other day. Am going to see her tomorrow.

March 4 - Thursday.

I went to Grand Rapids last night on the 4:07 (came at 5:00) to see "Somebody's Sweetheart" at Powers with Jim, Nick and Anne. Anne was in G.R. for over Sunday. The show was good - a musicale comedy.

Mrs. Hilton had a birthday yesterday. I gave her a box of candy.

Tomorrow night we have a High School Carnival, I am to be a Gypsy fortune teller.

Saturday morning I am going home - to Kalamazoo. I want to buy a Spring coat.

I am going to teach in Grand Rapids next year. My name was in the paper so I know positively.

Last night Marion Campbell and Jim Radford went to the Rapids to see the show too. I went home with them at 1:00 - when we arrived here. Jim used to go with Esther Richter - 3rd grade teacher here. Marion is 3rd grade teacher at 1st ward.

March 11 - Thursday

I had more fun telling fortunes at the Carnival. We Vera Smith ((word? pg. 164), Marion Campbell and I made \$6.00 We charged 5 cents a fortune. We all wore goodlooking costumes. Vera had blue and red color scheme, Marion, yellow and brown. Mine was green and red. I had a regular gypse hat - Jim rented it from Madame Schultz - a costume shop. High School made \$240.

I went home Sat. morning. Bought a spring coat. Sort of a polo coat.

Jim came for over Sunday. I went to G.R. with Jim and came back here on the 11:30 Sun. night.

March 15th Monday.

I attended the Republican Caucus tonight (my first caucus) cast my vote for Dr. Frank Carrothers for Mayor, Mrs. Phyllis Reynolds for City Trasurer - He got the nominations but Mrs. R. was defeated by Mrs. Ether May Reynolds. We went to the City Hall at 7:30 - got home at 9:30. The caucus is boarsome. They had to vote twice for Treasure. We had to stand up almost all of the time, and we (the bunch Vera, Olga, Bea and Dot) got tired, so caucus' don't inthuse me much anyway.

Mrs. Hilton thought it was my birthday yesterday and she gave me a beautiful blue-bird linen centerpiece to work.

When I was home they gave me a pair of silk hose, several handkerchieves, and a nightie to embroider. I am doing it in pink and yellow. One would think I did a lot of that sort of thing, but I didn't want Betty to work on any more things for me so broughtit back with me and am doing it myself.

Poor Esther! Heard from her last week and she has broken off her engagement with Andy. Said she didn't love him and couldn't. Too bad! Andy isn't a bad sort of fellow.

Mae McRae is in Grand Rapids going to MacLaughlin's Business College. She's tired of being a teacher.

March 18 - Thursday.

Saw my first robin last Monday. Received a letter from May Young from Petoskey today and she said they were having a hard snow storm Tuesday.

Snow has been gone nearly a week. It's sleeting tonight. Went to see Mildred Harris Chaplin in "Home." Was good but sad. Had a good lesson in it. "No place like home." Went with Mrs. Carrothers, Mrs. Chadwick, Mrs. McGuffin. Mrs. McGuffin asked us to go tomorrow night again.

I got our pillows tonight. One pair are Anna's one pair mine. I have another pair. I am paying for them out of my penny fund. They are for our hope chest.

March 20 - Saturday.

Today is my birthday, also Elizebeth Faas, my cousin, she is 12. I am 25. Twenty-five, it doesn't seem possible. I don't feel any older than 20. I received almost all of my birthday presents last week. Today I received two birthday letters, and a registered letter from Jim containing five new five dollars bills. I wish he had given me some thing else. I mean he could have bought a gift and saved some of that money, and then again, he'll have time enough to give money after we are married. I suppose that sounds ungrateful but I don't mean it that way - only I think he is foolish to send so much money.

I went over to Uncle Jim's for the afternoon and supper. Nettie took a picture of Lizzie and I and I took

one of her. We had sausage breads for supper, (a dutch dish). They were very good. I enjoyed myself very much over there today.

April 5 - Monday.

Election day. I came back from my vacation this morning. Jim came with me and went to G.R. on the 8:30 a.m. I didn't have much of a vacation. Was sick with the grippe all week, in bed four days

Voted for Dr. Carrothers for Mayor of Hastings. Voted for paving, for Wood as President.

Yesterday (Easter) it snowed dreadfully, we had an awful blizzard. Snow was 8 to 12 inches deep, and today we had a dreary day. I have been lonesome all day. Went to Charlotte Lake's this afternoon and played the victrola, also started "The Indian Drum" a book of the Great Lake, and some of the story based on locality around Petoskey. Intensely interesting.

Tonight we went to see Maurgerite Clark in "Easy to Get." The story was different than anything I'd ever seen her play in. It was very good.

How I wish Jim had been here today.

Mrs. Hilton's sister Ella and her husband Mr. Myers, sold their home. They are going to move here and we roomers, four of us now have to move. Mr. Shaughnessy, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Winterberg. I wish I could go home, but still have ten weeks of school.

April 19 Monday.

I am moved. Am living with Mrs. Carrothers - 121 W. Center St. where I board. Have rather a pleasant room. I moved Sat. Jim came at 4:30 and we moved my trunk after supper, on a wheel barrow. Jim lost a button from his coat doing it. Went to the movie Sat. Eve. Methodist Church Sunday a.m. and walking with John Marks, Florence Cooley, Murell Wisninger, Opal Montgomery and Josehpine Philllips. John Marks and W. roomed at Mrs. Hilton's too.

Mrs. McGuffin, Carrothers and I went to see Mary Pickford in "Daddy Long Legs". It was very good.

Ethel Mannisone, Jim's friend got married last week. So did Virginia Hope (a last year Petoskey teacher). [A newspaper clipping is glued on this page which reads: Former Petoskey Teacher Weds. PETOSKEY, April 17 - Miss Virginia Hope, a former teacher in the public schools here, was married in Detroit April 12, to Joseph Howell, a Pontiac druggist. The bride has been teaching in Petoskey, where the couple will reside." Petoskey is lined out and Pontiac written in.]

Saturday Night. April 24.

I have been home two days and today with tonsilitis. I certainly have felt miserable. Mrs. Carrothers has just been lovely to me. Jim has written every day and sent me some sheeet music today. I am going home next weekend. My folks may drive over for me.

May 27 - Wednesday eve.

Since I moved here I have gone to G.R. twice and home. Last Friday Betty, Anna and Mama drove over in the Marmon for the pillows and Sat. morning we drove to G.R. Got the boys. Went out to the tulip farm near Wyoming Park and came home throu Byron Center and Dorr. And Oh such roade! Have

been very busy this week practicing a play - The Mouse Trap. We gave it tonight and they want us to give it again. It's the first time I have ever been in a play played on a stage. We had it in the H.S. Auditorium. Hastings High has a peach of a stage. We had a circus practiising. Tomorrow night is Gymn exhibit. Friday night I go home. Mae McRae is coming over to stay until Sunday. I am coming back here Monday. A bunch of us are planning a roast up the river after we teachers march in the parade.

Tuesday June 1st.

Well the bunch finally sifted down to two couples. Esther Richter, Stanely Gishler Jim and I. Pearl Johnston and her man were going but they didn't come in time. But we 4 had a circus. Never had a better time in my life. Jim and Stanley made a hit with each other. We marched at 1:30 - Went home, fixed our bun's and started off at 2:30. Got down by the river ok - played cards awhile - hearts and rum. Then it started to rain. We ran for cover under a tree. It stopped raining in a few minutes, so we put more wood on the fire, spread the blankets and played cards some more. Then we took a walk farther up the river but mosquitoes were so thick so we came back. At 6:00 we ate. As we planned for Pearl and her friend we had a lot to eat, had a lot left. Came home at 8. Jim had to make the 8:39. It was 25 minutes late so we went to Candyland and finished our party there. While there the boys planned a stag party, and they discovered that Jim's 2nd cousin in Panama was Stanley's uncle; What a coincident! I said, no wonder the boys took such a liking to each other, seeing they were related. Ha! Ha! We four are planning all kinds of good times together.

Mae McRae came Friday night and stayed until Sunday afternoon when I went to G.R. with her. This is what we read in the Sunday Morning Gazette [clipping pasted in] "Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rolfe announce the engagement of thier daughter, Bernadine R., to Mr. Peter A. Dalm, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Dalm. The wedding will take place in the near future." 5/31/20

I met Bernadine Saturday night. She appears to be a very nice girl.

Mrs. Servaas is in the hospital for a tumor.

Carl Langeveld died Sunday of diptheria. He was my 2nd cousin - about 6 years old. An awful cute little boy.

June 7 - Monday

[Newspaper insert: **REPEAT "THE MOUSE-TRAP" TO A LARGE AUDIENCE -- Membrs of Teachers' Club Give Benefit for Pennock Hospital**

W.D. Howells' clever farce, "The Mouse-Trap" given orginally before the Teachers' Club found favor with a good sized audience Monday evening when it was repeated in the high school auditorium for the benefit of Pennock hospital. Miss Hetmansperger who had the role of leading lady which carried with it in large measure the success of the play, interpreted the whimsical feminine heroine with professional finish. Miss Woodard who assumed the one male role in the caste did excellent work, and Miss Marian Campbell made the most of her small part of Jane, the maid. Misses Miley, Fredenburg, Dalm and Johnston were amusing and clever in their brief appearance.

An enjoyable musical program, in charge of Miss Striker preceded the play - selections being given by the high school orchestra, a violin solo by ... end of clipping.]

We made about \$80 for the hospital tonight. The house was full.

June 8 - Wednesday.

Went to O.K.'s this afternoon (Oom Kas) He showed me an announcement card. Susie Faas was married to a Van Diken May 28 in Appeldoorn Netherlands. Susie is Raymond Winceknecht (my cousin.

Sunday June 12.

Had a Parent-Teacher's Meeting Thurs. Eve. - 24 people there. No program - People to take part in a program walked off. We had a circle talk and refreshments.

High School student been hazing "freshie" this week. Shaved the boy's head, put them in the fountain.

Friday night Teachers' Club had a weenie supper in the basement corridor - coolest spot they could find.

Jim came Sat. noon. We walked out to West Creek (1/2 mile west of town) had supper out there. Mrs. C, Jim and I went to the 2nd show (The Westerners).

Went to church this a.m. saw children day exercises.

Rode to Clear Lake with Lottie this afternoon. Got home at 5:30. Went to O. K., Jim went home on the 9:00 o'clock train.

This is the last week of school Hurrah!

Thursday June 24th.

I am home again. Came home yesterday morning.

Friday at 3: p.m. Esther Richter, Francis Miley, Pearl Johnston and I left on Mr. Matthews truck for Clear Lake. Sunday morning Marguerite Matthes Schrum, Mr. and Mrs. Vere Miller and Friskie and Gladys Wells came to spend the day. Marguerite stayed with us until Wed. a.m., when we all came in. Esther and I had to run to catch the train and had our baggage to check besides.

We had a great time at Clear Lake. Went bathing, boating, and fishing, besides dancing in the pavilion.