

Maurice E. Yoder Diary – 1913

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Friday, January 3: Father went to the creamery in the morning. I did my chores and helped Zora clean up the house. Aunt Susie Fought, Edith Brant, Martha Stoler, Ruth (Zora's sister) and Fredric (Ruth's baby son) came for dinner and to spend the day.

I helped sing at Robert Lepird's funeral. Weber Greenawalt, John Seagley, and Walter Greenawalt were the other members of the quartet.

Mr. Lepird was 72 years old. In the evening went to see Mr. Youell's historical drama, Bon House.

Saturday, January 4: I went to the creamery in the morning. The rest of the day was spent in doing chores and reading.

In the evening we went to hear the second of Mr. Youell's lectures, Paris by Day and by Night. The pictures were very much better than last night. There was only a small crowd. If it had been a 10-cent picture show or some other "leg show" there would have been a full house.

Sunday, January 5: Because of Zora's rheumatism we did not go to any of the church services this Sunday. Ruth, Fredric and Sue (Zora's other sister) were here for dinner.

Mother went to Elkhart today to visit (aunt) Jennie Emmert and family. Mrs. "Patty" Nelson died today. Paralysis was the immediate cause of her death. She was 85 years old.

Monday, January 6: Went to the creamery and chored around. I went to the depot after mother. We ate supper in the big house this evening. We had oysters.

Tuesday, January 7: Roads and fences, in fact everything, is covered with a heavy coat of ice. I went to the creamery and then helped Zora work. After dinner I helped sing at Old Mrs. Nelson's funeral.

Wednesday, January 8: I went to the creamery and moved Ruth's goods from Kevin's building over to Martha Stoler's store. After dinner I chored around.

Zora went up to Uncle Silas Yoder's for dinner. Ruth and Sue were there too.

Thursday, January 9: I went to the creamery in the forenoon and did chores the rest of the day. We went to prayer meeting and choir practice at the parsonage in the evening.

Friday, January 10: I went to the creamery. Mrs. D. D. Moses came along home.

After dinner I cleaned out the oil stove and found that it needed many repairs. I took it over to the shop and had it fixed.

Willis Fought helped father fix up a pig pen fence.

Saturday, January 11: I went to the creamery. Took Byron's (Maurice's brother) books and his chair over to the depot and shipped them to him. (Byron moved to Nebraska in 1912.) It took the Greenawalt Bros all forenoon to crate the chair and I did not get home until late for dinner.

Sunday, January 12: We went to S. S. and church and then to Ruth's for dinner.

Dan Sullivan was found dead in bed this morning. He had been drunk yesterday and he and Bull Murray and a Schmidt had caroused around the greater part of the night. The town is rid of one of its disreputable characters.

Monday, January 13: I went to the creamery in the morning. After dinner Zora and I went to town, Zora to do some trading, I to get old Gabe (horse) shod. The shop was so full that I couldn't get him in.

Adam Greenawalt died this evening.

Mr. Ginnis, one of the livery men of Lagrange and a traveling salesman whom he was hauling in his auto, were killed by a train this afternoon.

Tuesday, January 14: I went to the creamery in the morning and did odd jobs the rest of the day. Father and mother helped Silas Yoder butcher two hogs.

Wednesday, January 15: I went to the creamery. Father and Soll went down to Ligonier to "Lacer" Bros. horse sale. Father bought some chow, sent along home. Noah Yoder came along home with father.

The choir had intended to go out to Fred Moseman's but it began to rain in the afternoon and nothing was done about it.

Saturday, January 18: I went to the creamery. Did the routine work subsequently.

In the evening we went over to town, Zora to do trading, I to attend quartet and cantata practice. Helen Yoder spent the afternoon with Zora.

Sunday, January 19: We went to Sunday school and church in the morning and church in the evening. Sue and Helen were here for dinner. Daddy and mommy went to Jephtha Plank's.

Mr. Gabe told me this evening that I was to be allowed to go ahead and organize a "Young Married Folks" class. Walter Wiand's baby boy was born today.

Monday, January 20: I went to the creamery and transacted some business. Chored around the rest of the day. It rained steadily all day and the greater part of last night.

Tuesday, January 21: I went to the creamery and then hauled manure in the afternoon.

Wednesday, January 22: I went to the creamery and hauled manure. I hauled six loads. Went up town in the evening to practice singing for Farmer's Institute.

Thursday, January 23: I went to the creamery. Worked at a wash sink.

Friday, January 24: I taught school at Walnut Corners today in the place of Sue Coldren who was sick. I got along nicely and enjoyed it very much. In the evening Zora and I went over to town. I went to choir practice at A. W. Ritters.

Saturday, January 25: I went to the creamery and bought some pipe and connections for a wash sink. Completed the wash sink.

Sunday, January 26: We went to Sunday school and church in the morning. In the evening we went to Young People's Meeting. After C. E. we went to the telephone office to see Ruth and Sue. When I went out to get the rig it was gone. Old Gabe was gone. I phoned the house and found that he had arrived safely. Zora and I walked home.

Monday, January 27: I went to the creamery in the morning. After an early dinner I went down to the old Leming place to get a part of the house frame which I had bought from Dan Yoder. Ray Sutton helped with a team. Zora washed in the morning. In the evening I went over to town to practice for Farmer's Institute. We didn't get started until late and it was nearly 11 o'clock until we finished practicing.

Tuesday, January 28: I went over to town after Ruth in the morning. Chored around and got ready to butcher. Around 4 o'clock I took Gabe and hitched him to the small sled and put daddy's sow in a crate and took her over to Chas. Hartzler's. From there I went over to Uncle John Wenger's to get our hog to butcher. Zora took Ruth home.

Wednesday, January 29: We butchered our hog. Soll and Cassie Yoder helped. We had five gallons of lard. Byron was married to Miss Irene Holland in Lincoln, Nebraska today at about 11 o'clock.

Thursday, January 30: We attended Farmer's Institute today. I made a speech on "Barnyard and other Fertilizers." I felt like the Dickens getting up there and trying to tell those old farmers, who had much more experience than I, things they didn't know. There was a very good exhibit, especially of yellow corn and potatoes, and an attentive audience. The evening program was especially good. Mr. Widney was the state speaker.

Friday, January 31: I took the milk to the creamery and delivered a calf to the stockyards. It was not quite four weeks old and weighed 160#. Received 8.5 cents a pound, \$10.60 less ten cents for weighing. I figured that this calf drank about 900# of milk which at .50 a hundred amounted to \$4.50. Suppose the milk tested at 4% fat and was worth 33.3 cents a pound, this is \$12 for butterfat or a total cost of production of \$16.50. We lost \$3.00 on the calf. We would better have given the calf away at birth. Father would never agree to such a program.

We attended institute all day. Mr. Hull, a practical dairyman and Secy. of the National Dairy Farmers' Association, spoke morning and afternoon on dairying.

Saturday, February 1, 1913: I went to the creamery in the morning. I think I had never faced such a cold wind in my life. In the evening I had to go over to town after Ham Nelson to help old "Johannon" give birth to her calf.

Sunday, February 2: We went to Sunday school and church in the morning. The Emmert heifer had a calf today.

Monday, February 3: I went to the creamery in the sled. There were about three inches of snow which was very light and dry consequently the sleighing was not good. Fixed up a window seat for Zora. The folks went over to town. "Ike" Gibson was buried today.

Tuesday, February 4: I went to the creamery and did chores the rest of the day.

Wednesday, February 5: Volney Greenawalt came over and papered a room upstairs. He charged one dollar. Byron and Irene start for their new home this evening.

Thursday, February 6: I went to the creamery and helped Zora get room #2 in order. Mrs. Nancy Stegman's husband, a sister of Fanny King Bowman, died today.

Friday, February 7: Went to the creamery. After dinner Zora and I fixed up the upstairs.

Saturday, February 8: I went to the creamery in the morning and brought home 500# of coal. After dinner we all went up town to attend the "Combination Sale." We bought a bed spring for \$3.00.

Sunday, February 9: We went to Sunday School and church in the morning, and then to Ruth and Sue's for dinner. I helped sing at the Men's Meeting at the Methodist Church in the afternoon. Mose Yoder's and Sam Kurtz's visited with the folks.

Monday, February 10: I helped Zora and Mother work. After dinner, I went over to town on business. The "Tribune" gives an account of another insurrection in Mexico in which about 200 were killed and 500 wounded. It looks very much as if the United States would have to interfere.

Tuesday, February 11: I went to the creamery. I had intended to go to choir practice but we had Lester and S. K. to come and help us raise our old Holstein cow to her feet and when that was done, it was too late to go. Harry Mullins' baby boy burned himself very badly by igniting a celluloid comb which he held in his hand.

Wednesday, February 12: In the evening we went over to Ray Sutton's to a surprise party and Oyster. There were about fifty guests present. Oysters, crackers, fruit pie and cakes were the refreshments served. Ira Fought's second baby boy was born this morning. His name is Roy Spencer. Harry Mullins' boy died this morning.

Thursday, February 13: Zora and I started for Wolcottville this forenoon at 11:30 arriving there at one o'clock. We went to attend the Farmers Short Course. Learned how to feed the Brood sow and her litter, how to grow alfalfa and how to rejuvenate an old orchard. Zora attended the domestic Science lectures. After the lectures we went along home with Lester Coldren's and staid all night.

Friday, February 14: We attended the short course and took dinner with Lester's father-in-law. I heard a lecture on "Dairy Herd Empowerment," Edgerton; "Incubation and Breeding," Crane; and "Planting the Orchard," Richardson. After noon "Judging and fitting poultry for show" and "The Management of the Laying Hen," Crane.

These Farmers' short courses are doing a great work in the state. The farmers can't help but be improved with their practical value and though they will not practice all they have learned, they will have a higher ideal to which to attain and a greater inspiration to do the every-day tasks well.

I saw first bluebird this morning.

Saturday, February 15: I cleaned stables and hauled manure. Mother and father went over to town in the afternoon and again in the evening to see Grandma who was ill from a cold.

Sunday, February 16: We went to church in the forenoon. Ruth, Fredric and Sue were here for dinner.

Monday, February 17: I sawed some wood and chored around. In the evening I went up to church to practice a "mock trial" for Mission Week and to choir practice. Zora went along and did some trading. Mrs. Robert Lepind died today.

Tuesday, February 18: Father went to Middlebury today to attend the "Purdue Farmer's Short Course." Soll took him to Shipshewana and they went on the trolley from there. I went to the creamery in the morning and took a load of corn and oats over to the mill to be ground. In the evening I went over to the Baptist church to practice for male chorus. There were 11 of the 12 present, which I considered a pretty good start.

Wednesday, February 19: I tinkered around. Went to the creamery and sawed wood. I had a touch of spring fever. I went over to the church to practice the "Mock Trial" for the Mission Week program. Daddy came home from Middlebury on the "plug." President Madero of Mexico was forced to resign and Gen. Huerta was made provisional president.

Thursday, February 20: I chored around and sawed a little wood. In the evening Zora and I went over to the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Gerber entertained the officers and teachers of the Sunday School to a very substantial dinner. Plans were discussed for the arrangement of the classes in the remodeled building. Prayer meeting followed.

Friday, February 21: Ray Sutton came over and helped me saw wood all day. I was not used to the work and it made me very tired.

Saturday, February 22: I went to the creamery and then hauled a load of wood after I got back. Uncle "Man" Wenger came from Lincoln Nebraska to see Grandma. Grandma has been very sick and it was thought best to have him come.

Sunday, February 23: We went to Sunday School and church this forenoon and stayed with Ruth and Sue for dinner. I had a rehearsal of the Male Chorus at the church in the afternoon. We called on grandma before going home. Ex-President of Mexico, Madero and ex vice president Suarez were shot while being transferred to the penitentiary. It is thought they were shot under orders.

Monday February 24: Zora and I washed clothes in the forenoon. Mother did not get back from grandma's until after we had our dinner eaten. I chored around after dinner. Uncle Doc missed his train and was here for supper. We took dinner with the folks too. In the evening we went to town.

Tuesday, February 25: I went to the creamery in the morning but didn't do much of anything the rest of the day. Father went to Burt Yoder's sale.

Wednesday, February 26: Zora and I went over to Ray Sutton's. I helped Roy saw wood. It snowed all day but the temperature was a little above freezing and so the snow melted as it fell. Zora was not well in the evening but it was almost necessary to go over to town to choir practice.

Thursday, February 27: Zora was sick all day. The doctor came out soon after dinner and left some medicine but it didn't help matters much. I chored around, went over after Ruth in the morning and back again in the evening. At 10:00 PM our baby, Phyllis Elizabeth, was born.

Friday, February 28: Busy doing nothing. I took Ruth home about 4:30 and brought Cassie Yoder along back to stay overnight. Aunt Della was here all day.

Saturday, March 1: Busy doing nothing. Aunt Della and Eulah were here in the afternoon to see the baby. Ruth came about 1:00 pm to stay with us for a while. Began to snow about 8 o'clock and developed into one of the worst blizzards we have had this winter.

Sunday, March 2: In the morning I went over to town to get Sue and Fredric. The roads were very snowy and not at all suitable for travel in a buggy. After dinner I went up to James Rowe's after Miss Iva who is to nurse Zora for one week. She reported that Zora is getting along very fine. In the evening I took mother and Sue over to town and I went to church. The male chorus sang and did themselves proud. Miss Marion Greene, a colored girl, gave a talk on the opportunity of the negro in America. It was a mighty fine address.

Monday, March 3, 1913: I went over to town after daddy came home from the creamery and got some coal and did the trading. After dinner I went over to the Leming place after the rest of the timber which I had there. The snow left rather hastily today under the influence of a "Chinook" wind. Aunt Della and Aunt Anna Fought were here to see Phyllis.

Tuesday, March 4: I went to the creamery in the morning and delivered the Alva Lantz calf. Green offered 1.00 for it and I didn't want to take it along back. I accepted it. We would have fed about \$4.00 of milk to him. Secured the promise of a hired girl about the middle of the week. The girl is Tillie Elijah. Ruth went back today because of the illness of Fredric. Today Woodrow Wilson took the oath of office as president of the United States.

Wednesday, March 5: I am hired girl now, consequently I am not getting much done other than the regular work. I took a picture of Phyllis Elizabeth and nurse Iva today. I think it is going to be pretty good.

Thursday, March 6: I am still hired girl and have accomplished nothing but the regular work. This has been a cold stormy day. E. C. Lantz who had intended to have a stock sale, had it postponed until Saturday. Mother & daddy went over to Grandma Wenger's to stay with them all night. Leo Hartzler's baby boy was born today. Phyllis weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz, a loss of 4 oz over her birth weight.

Friday, March 7: I am still hired girl but not a "still" hired girl. We have tried every girl in the county but they all seem to have other business. I went over to town in the afternoon / evening to do some trading and get my hair cut.

Saturday, March 8: The snow left very rapidly under the influence of Old Sal and a "chinook wind."

I did the work and went over to town in the afternoon to do the trading. Aunt Della and Helen were here all afternoon. Rhumain Chittister came along home with daddy from the creamery and went along back with me. I saw my first robin today.

Sunday, March 9: Ray Sutton's were here to spend the afternoon. I took Iva Rowe home about 3 o'clock. We hated to see her leave but there really was little occasion for her to stay as Zora and Phyllis are getting along so nicely. Zora took her first meal at the table today.

Monday, March 10: I did my chores and the morning work in the forenoon. After dinner, I hauled two loads of manure. Daddy sold 7 shoats (young pigs) to Jake Yoder and a colt to Ora Ramsby. He got 8.5 cents per pound for the shoats and \$170 for the three year old colt. Ben Neff opened his sugar camp this afternoon and he said he never saw sap run any faster.

Tuesday, March 11: Sol Yoder helped us open our sugar camp this forenoon. We tapped 70 trees in about an hour. The water ran very fast for a while. I gathered nearly two hogsheads (barrel, cask) of sap in the evening. This has been an actual spring day. The spring birds are coming and the snow is going. Ruth came out to spend the day.

Wednesday, March 12: I cleaned up the kettles and daddy and I fixed up the kettle-place in the forenoon. After dinner daddy and I went to Bert Tritt Jr's sale. Hogs sold quite reasonable, but cows sold extremely high. A small Jersey heifer, about one year old, sold for \$30 also a Holstein heifer about the same age brought between \$30 and \$35.

We had expected to have Tillie Moseman to work for us as soon as she got back from Goshen but she phoned this evening that she couldn't come. The things I think about the girls of this community aren't fit to put on paper. Set two hens with Partridge Rock eggs.

Thursday, March 13: I boiled sugar water all day. Most of the spring birds have arrived such as song sparrows, robins, bluebirds, cardinals, killdeers, meadowlarks, red-breasted nuthatches, and the black birds. I heard a frog this evening.

Uncle Silas Yoder (*not a direct relation) stopped by here with Zora on his way home from Lowe. He and Aunt Della (*Greenawalt, sister of Zora's mom Mina Greenawalt Coldren) were here again in the afternoon. They think Phyllis is a very well developed and exceptionally bright baby, and so do we all. She weighed 8 lbs 10 oz. She lacked two ounces of having gained a pound this week.

Friday, March 14: I boiled syrup until after dinner. Then we boiled one batch of syrup down to molasses. It rained towards evening.

Saturday, March 15: I went to the creamery in the morning. Zora had a chill in the evening which I am afraid is a forerunner of something more serious.

Sunday, March 16: Ruth and Sue and Fredric were here for dinner. Uncle Silas came down after dinner. In the evening Ira Smith's stopped to see the baby. Father and mother took dinner with Clarence Yoder's (*cousin.)

Monday, March 17: I went after Mrs. Simpson to work for us in the morning. I also went over to town after some soft coal for the furnace and to do some trading. After dinner I hauled manure. Henry Peterson's baby girl and Porter Strang's 10# girl were born today.

Tuesday, March 18: I helped wash this forenoon. After dinner I trimmed trees in the young orchard and gathered 3 hogsheads of sap. I didn't suppose that the sap would run much but daddy came up where I was working and said that the pails were nearly full. Henry Peterson's baby died. Lulu Strang calls her baby Josephine Adeline.

Wednesday, March 19: I boiled sugar water all day until 8 o'clock in the evening.

Thursday, March 20: I boiled sugar water all day. Folks sold all their Rhode Island Red hens. There were 58 and they weighed 344# at 11 cents.

Aunt Anna (Coldren) Fought spent the afternoon with Zora and Phyllis. Iva Rowe called also. Phyllis weighed 9 lbs 11 oz today, a gain of one pound one ounce for the week.

Friday, March 21: I went with daddy to the creamery. We found something of what the wind had done. Rail fences are down universally. Out houses and chicken houses were lying on their roofs, and Soll Yoder's chicken house collapsed and his tool shed roof fell in.

Five trees were uprooted in our wood lot.

The high wind caused our chimney to smoke and so we moved Phyllis over to the other house to spend the afternoon.

Saturday, March 22: I went to the creamery in the morning. Old Gabe nearly ran away from me. He scared at Pearley Hostettler's machine.

After dinner I hauled one load of manure and cleaned out my chicken houses. Father brought home 50 Barred Rock hens which he had bought from Alvin J. Yoder. I took Mrs. Simpson home after supper. We got back the pictures of the baby from the Photo Craft Co. They are very good.

Sunday, March 23 (Easter day): Zora, Phyllis and I went up to Uncle Silas Yoder's for dinner. Ray Sutton's were there and Ruth, Fredric and Sue. We had a fine dinner and a fine time. It rained all day.

Monday, March 24: I made some hen's nests and fixed a place for my hatching hens. I set two more hens with Partridge Rock eggs. It rained nearly all day.

Tuesday, March 25: I put seed corn in the tester this forenoon and while I was eating my dinner an old hen happened along and had the nerve to pick all of the kernels out of the tester.

The paper for yesterday was full of news of the tornado that swept over the middle west Sunday evening. Omaha, Nebraska seems to have had the greatest loss of life. Terre Haute suffered also. Harry Gibson's baby girl, Bertha Catherine, was born today.

Wednesday, March 26: I finished filling the seed corn tester in the forenoon. P.M. I went over to town to get some coal. Today the papers are full of news about devastating floods which have caused great loss of life in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois. Bridges were gone and vast stretches of country inundated. Dayton and Hamilton are the greatest sufferers. Terre Haute hadn't time to recover from the shock of the tornado until along comes one of the worst floods in its history. Big Four, Monon, and Pennsylvania lines are not trying to move traffic and all traction lines are suspended.

Thursday, March 27: I tinkered around. This has been a stormy day. I went to the creamery in the morning. Phyllis weighed 10# 6 oz.

Friday, March 28: I didn't do much of anything today. Our hens laid 41 eggs today.

Saturday, March 29: I took Zora and Phyllis up to town in the forenoon. Zora staid all day and Phyllis received callers. She was of course much admired and why shouldn't she be. If we think she is the finest little baby in the world, why shouldn't everyone else. Daddy and mother went to town in the afternoon.

Sunday, March 30: I went to Sunday School but became sick "to my stummic" and had to leave my class before we had finished the lesson. Daddy and mother went to J. G. Plank's for dinner. I gathered sugar water in the evening. Jacob Gary died last night of heart failure, aged 82.

Monday, March 31: While daddy was at the creamery I started to trim grape vines and sacked up some potatoes for the Ft. Wayne flood sufferers. I went over to S. K. Yoder's to help put a roof on his chicken house.

After daddy and I came home from the creamery we went to the sugar camp and began boiling sap. We boiled until night. I committed a tragedy today. Bull Moose was barking into a brush heap and so I went and helped him. To my horror I found he had broken into the house of two wood mice and of course killed them. I was very sorry but "the best laid plans of mice and men gang aft a-gley."

Tuesday, April 1: I started fire under the kettles before breakfast and boiled steady until late dinner. Lucile Moser came along home with Daddy from the creamery. Zora, Phyllis and mother went to town in the afternoon. Daddy and I took away part of the orchard fence along the road. Jennie Yoder Emmert's baby girl was born yesterday, March 31.

Wednesday, April 2: I went to the creamery and then helped make molasses. Daddy and I went over to town, I to choir practice and he on business.

Thursday, April 3: I went to the creamery and then spent the rest of the forenoon watching the Wabash Bridge Gang put the new concrete viaduct over the subway. After dinner I moved my hen and chickens out to the brooder house. Aunt Della was here for dinner and to spend the afternoon. Thunderstorms in the evening.

Phyllis is five weeks old today and weighs 11 pounds, a gain for the fiscal week of 10 oz.

Friday, April 4: I delivered my hogs today. The five weighed 915 pounds and I received nine cents a pound. I settled up with Sherer and J. J. Yoder & Co.

Saturday, April 5: I went over to town in the morning with some corn and oats to be ground and bought some coal along back.

After dinner I was cleaning the cow stables when I suddenly got a bad stitch in my back. I went up to town to the combination sale. Zora, Phyllis and mother went up town in the afternoon. I sold old "Gabe" (horse) for \$80.00 to J. G. Plank.

We started our incubator today noon. Mother put in 70 B.P. Rocks eggs and I put in 66 Partridge Rock eggs.

Sunday, April 6: Zora, Phyllis and I went up town in the morning. Zora and I went to Sunday school and Phyllis stayed with Ruth. We were all there for dinner. I led the C. E. Meeting in the evening. Father went to Elkhart this morning.

Monday, April 7: I went to the creamery in the morning but didn't do much of anything the rest of the time on account of a lame back and a boil on my wrist. Daddy came home in the evening.

Tuesday, April 8: I cleaned stables in the forenoon. After dinner I took Old Gabe over to Jeb Plank's and then went to D. H. Hardy's to look at horses. Today was the last day of school at Topeka. Mother went to the exercises.

Wednesday, April 9: Cassie Yoder came this morning to help Zora with her sewing. I chored around. I set three hens this morning. We had intended to have a Sunday school class meeting this evening but the torrential downpour prevented.

Thursday, April 10: I finished filling the seed corn tester. After dinner daddy and I went to James Rowe's sale. A brood sow with 3 pigs about eight weeks old sold for \$60.00. I took Cassie home this evening. Phyllis weighed 11 ½#.

Friday, April 11: Tinkered around trimming grapes and gooseberries. After dinner I took some material over to Dan Kurtz's (sawmill; wood finisher) to have him make it up into a buffet for mother. I came home by way of town.

Saturday, April 12: We went to the Lepird auction sale in the afternoon. There was a large crowd out and a scad of stuff to sell. Most everything sold for about what it was worth. After supper I went to Cantata practice at the M. E. Church.

Sunday, April 13: I went to Sunday School and church in the morning and back to chorus practice at 3 o'clock. Ruth, Fredric and Sue were here for dinner. Uncle Silas' came after dinner. Mother and daddy took dinner with grandma today.

Monday, April 14: Daddy and I brought our sale stuff along home from Robt. Lepird's in the forenoon. After dinner I sowed clover seed.

Tuesday, April 15: I sowed clover seed in the forenoon and then I began harrowing wheat in #1. Finished in the afternoon.

Wednesday, April 16: I hauled manure all day. Soll R. Yoder helped daddy set posts and I used his gray mare with Old June to haul manure. In the evening Zora and I went up town. I had my hair cut.

Thursday, April 17: I hauled manure in the forenoon. After dinner I began disking in #6. I went to Cantata and Chorus practice in the evening. I brought our new horse Dick home from E. E. Hartzler's. I paid \$65.00 for him. Phyllis weighed 12 1/2 #.

Friday, April 18: I finished disking and sowed some oats. Went to a Sunday school class meeting in the evening. Dale Seagley was elected president, Geo. Emmert vice president, Ethel Holden Secy-Treas.

Saturday, April 19: I finished sowing oats after I had helped father deliver his hogs. We went to a New England supper at the Baptist Church in the evening, after which I went to cantata practice.

Sunday, April 20: I went to Sunday school. Chas. Hartzler's, Ben Fought's and we were at daddy's for dinner. We went to hear the Baccalaureate Services in the evening.

Monday, April 21: I sawed wood until daddy came home from the creamery. He went up to LaGrange to pay tax. I hitched up Dick and went over to town to do some trading and get the Weaver's horse and Verda Zook. I hauled 9 loads of manure in the afternoon. Queen presented daddy with a nice little colt last night.

Tuesday, April 22: I hauled two loads of manure in the morning and then began plowing in #6. Used the new "Deere" plow and liked it fairly well. In the evening I went over to town to cantata practice, but found after coming that there was to be none.

Wednesday, April 23: I plowed all day. We had a light shower with some wind just about quitting time.

Thursday, April 24: I plowed all day. Clarence helped daddy in the afternoon to build fence. In the evening we went to hear the "Class Play, Silas Marner" given by the graduating class of 1913. It was well played. Zora Mallon-Bowen (age 23) died today. She had been ill with tuberculosis. Phyllis weighed 13#.

Friday, April 25: I plowed the garden in the forenoon. After dinner I tinkered around. Rained all afternoon. We did not go to Commencement Exercises on account of not wanting to take Phyllis. Jessie Sheley and Rhumain Chittisder used our tickets.

Saturday, April 26: I plowed all day after having secured a late start. In the evening Zora and I went to the Alumni Reception. There were 67 guests present. Had a light shower in the evening.

Sunday, April 27: I went to Sunday school Mother went along up to grandma's to spend the day. In the afternoon daddy went over to Sheley's after Jessie. It rained nearly all the time he was gone.

Monday, April 28: I went to the creamery in the morning and brought home my ___ from Gardner's nursery, Osage, Iowa. I had to go back after a sack of Tankage (?) and one of crest-meal. I plowed in the ___ patch after dinner. Part of it was quite wet. Zora, mother, Phyllis and Jessie went over to town to do some shopping. Phyllis began to coo when she was two months old.

Tuesday, April 29: I plowed all day. Zora and Jessie washed clothes.

Wednesday, April 30: Plowed all day.

Thursday, May 1, 1913: I plowed all day. Clarence helped daddy build fences. I went over to town in the evening to cantata practice.

Friday, May 2: I finished plowing in the Schrock field about 4 o'clock. Went over to town to do some shopping and got some medicine for Phyllis' cold.

Saturday, May 3: I planted some strawberry plants and made some garden then began plowing in #8. Began about 10 o'clock. Dick balked in true "western" style. Went over to town in the evening.

Sunday, May 4: Zora and I went to Sunday school. Grandma Yoder kept Phyllis. After dinner Zora, mother, Phyllis and I went up to town, I to cantata practice, Zora and Phyllis to see Uncle Anson and mother to see grandma. Phyllis laughed out loud for daddy today.

Monday, May 5: I took our Young cattle down to Wright Block's in the morning. The remainder of the forenoon I planted potatoes and strawberry plants. ___ helped me plant potatoes. After dinner I began plowing. Daddy and mother helped grandma clean house. I went to cantata practice in the evening. We had a light rain. Zora set four hens.

Tuesday, May 6: I plowed all day. The rain did no appreciable good except to freshen up growing things. Zora and I went over to town and then down to David Hooley's to get some cabbage plants. Grace Pence Meyer's baby girl was born today.

Wednesday, May 7: I plowed in the forenoon. After dinner I hauled manure. Zora and Jessie went to Sam Kurtz's to see about some dressmaking. In the evening I helped in the Cantata "Ruth" given under the auspices of the Methodist choir. There was a good sized crowd and splendid attention. The soloists did very well and the orchestra very well. Zora set four hens, two with turkey eggs.

Thursday, May 8: I plowed all day. The ground is becoming quite dry and hard. Zora set two hens today. Phyllis weighed 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds and is 10 weeks old.

Friday, May 9: I plowed all day. Zora went over to Sam Kurtz's to get her dress fit.

Saturday, May 10: There was ice frozen on water outdoors this morning. I finished plowing the west lot in #8 and began the outer one. Zora took Jessie over to town in the afternoon also some baking for the pastry sale. Strawberry blossoms are frozen.

Sunday, May 11: I went to Sunday School. We had sixteen in our Sunday school class. Ruth, Fredric and Uncle Silas Yoder's came here for dinner. After dinner Roy Sutton's came over. Daddy's were here for dinner also.

Monday, May 12: I plowed all day.

Tuesday, May 13: I plowed all day. We had intended to go to a Sunday School class meeting this evening but it began raining about 7 o'clock and we had to give it up.

Wednesday, May 14: I finished plowing in #8 today. The rain made the harrowing better but did not help the harrowing appreciably.

Thursday, May 15: I began harrowing in the Schrock field and harrowed until driven in by the rain about 2 o'clock. We had a very heavy rain continuing all afternoon. I was thoroughly soaked before I got to the barn. Phyllis weighed 14# 6 oz.

Friday, May 16: I went to the creamery in the morning. And then worked at some chicken coops. Went to choir practice in the evening.

Saturday, May 17: I finished my chicken coops and planted some fruit trees. Daddy and Amos Fought went down to the river to spear carp but it was too cloudy so that they couldn't see them. Zora and daddy went to town in the evening. Winnie Kauffman died this evening. Death was due to a general breakdown ending in cerebro-spinal-meningitis. She had been ill about two weeks. (Linda's note, Winifred "Winnie" was unmarried, age 31.)

Sunday, May 18: Zora and I went to Sunday School and church, leaving Phyllis with Ruth. We went back to Ruth's for dinner. I had a short talk with Charles Yoder (Linda's note, Charles was a cousin on Zora's side) about future prospects.

Monday, May 19: Mrs. Simpson helped Zora sew. I harrowed #8 and began in the Schrock Field.

Tuesday, May 20: I finished harrowing the Schrock field the second time and began harrowing it the third time. Began planting corn after dinner. Daddy and Zora went to Winifred Kauffman's funeral in the forenoon.

Wednesday, May 21: I tinkered around and didn't do much of anything. We had a rain last night which made the ground too wet to work. Daddy made a business trip over to Ben Neff's. We went up town in the evening to sign a deed. I practiced for the Greenawalt reunion.

Wednesday, May 22: I moved some chicken coops and tinkered around until about 9 o'clock then went out to the Schrock field to harrow. The ground was quite wet. Finished harrowing after dinner and then planted corn the rest of the day. Daddy went with M. A. and D. J., S.W. and E.C. Yoder to Goshen.

Mother went over to grandma's. A pesky crow is taking our chickens. I must try and feed him some lead. Phyllis weighed 15# at 12 weeks. She coos just as nice as can be. Her grandma nearly eats her up.

Friday, May 23: I planted some trees and shelled some seed corn. After dinner Zora and I and Phyllis went down to Ligonier. Phyllis had her pictures taken. I went to choir practice in the evening. Uncle Silas' came down in the evening. I bought a setting of Campine eggs from Alvin J. Yoder for \$3.50.

Saturday, May 24: I finished planting corn in the Schrock field and started planning in #8 until noon. Planted all afternoon. We hitched up the two year-old colt. She worked very nicely taking everything into consideration.

Sunday, May 25: We went to Sunday school and Memorial Services in the forenoon. Rev. Reichelderfer preached the sermon on the "everlasting gospel."

Monday, May 26: I rose at 4:15 and was surprised to find it raining. It had begun about 2:00 and continued all day. I went to the creamery in the morning.

Tuesday, May 27: I helped Zora wash in the forenoon and mother in the afternoon. In the evening Zora and I went up to Uncle Silas Yoder's (Zora's uncle) via Topeka. Received Phyllis' proofs. The likeness is fairly good. Zora exchanged eggs with Aunt Della.

Wednesday, May 28: I worked roads all day. I set three hens in the evening.

Thursday, May 29: I worked roads all day. The Greenawalt quartet practiced here in the evening.

Friday, May 30: I worked roads in the forenoon and after dinner, Zora, Phyllis and I went to Decoration Day exercises. L. K. Babcock delivered the Memorial address. He said that the United States was not the greatest nation on this earth in point of things accomplished, but it was the greatest in point of possibilities. I planted some corn after we came home. We went to town in the evening.

Saturday, May 31: I finished planting corn in the forenoon and hoed some potatoes. Daddy brought Phyllis' carriage along home which we had purchased off Mrs. Jennie Yoder. Consideration \$3.00. We planted ___ and I finished hoeing the potatoes and cultivated them.

Sunday, June 1, 1913: We did not go to Sunday school or church on account of the threat of rain. After dinner we went out riding, coming back by way of Fletcher Fought's. Ora's were there and Edith. Clyde Fought's were there also. We thought Phyllis was quite the nicest baby there.

Monday, June 2: I helped wash and worked garden in the forenoon. Planted some cabbage and cucumbers and musk melons. In the evening Zora, Phyllis, mother and I went over to town.

Tuesday, June 3: I went to the creamery and cut some dock out of the oats. After dinner I pulled weeds out of the strawberry patch. I went to town in the evening to practice for Children's Day exercises.

Wednesday, June 4: I planted the lot north of the barn and then ploughed my tomato ground. Got part of it harrowed. I set out 30 tomato plants in the garden in the evening. Aunt Anna Fought and Edith called in the evening.

Thursday, June 5: I finished harrowing the tomato ground and then harrowed the stalks in the oats ground. Uncle Anson Greenawalt's and Uncle Silas Yoder's were here to spend the evening.

Friday, June 6: I plowed corn all day. The corn is rather small yet but seems to be a very good stand.

Saturday, June 7: I went to the Greenawalt Reunion today. Went to the creamery in the morning then got a haircut and a shave. There were about 133 present in spite of the inclement weather. Uncle Anson Greenawalt's were here for tea and stayed all night.

Sunday, June 8: I went to Sunday school, going around by Ray Sutton's to take Uncle Anson's there. We came after church. Uncle Silas, Ruth and Sue were there too. We went to children's exercises at the Baptist Church in the evening.

Monday, June 9: I helped Zora wash until the wash machine broke and then I plowed corn the rest of the day. Phoebe Moser and Lucile were over at the "big house" all night. The folks went to S. K. Yoder's for dinner. We heard today that Rhuben Detwiller's have a baby.

Tuesday, June 10: I plowed corn. Didn't get much done on account of Blanch Miller being over to the big house for dinner and her children were so entertaining that I couldn't stay away from them. We went to town in the evening to do some trading. Zora's hernia is giving her a good deal of trouble.

Wednesday, June 11: I plowed corn all day. Phyllis noticed her hands today for the first time. She thinks they are wonderful. Ira Henderson's baby boy was born today. This is the third baby in two years.

Thursday, June 12: I finished plowing my corn the first time. Got done about 4 o'clock. Planted some more potatoes. Sue and Fredric were here all day. Mrs. Ed Posiley died this morning. Phyllis is fifteen weeks old and is growing wiser and bigger every day.

Friday, June 13: I went to the creamery and then fixed fences so as to keep hogs and chickens within bounds. After dinner I worked the ground for tomatoes. In the evening Zora and I went over to town.

Saturday, June 14: I set one row of tomato plants before breakfast. Helped set fence posts until 9:15 and then began setting tomato plants again. Set 663 plants today.

Sunday, June 15: We went to S. S. and church and then to Ruth's for dinner. After dinner I went to a service at the Hall conducted by the Ft. Wayne Reserve Mission. One man had been a drunkard engineer, another had been in the Allen County jail, a third was a bum, the fourth was a drunk but is now a business man. The meeting was very good. The experiences of these men were convincing. We had a short quartet practice.

Monday, June 16: I plowed corn from 10:30 AM the rest of the day. It was very hot working in the field. Zora went over to Babcock's after our little girl who is to work for us for a while. Her name is Sylvia Miller.

Tuesday, June 17: I plowed corn all day in the Shrock Field. Zora washed. We went up town in the evening.

Wednesday, June 18: I went to the creamery in the morning and then finished setting out tomato plants. I plowed corn after dinner. Daddy worked roads.



^Designed by Gene Stratton-Porter and completed in 1914, the cabin is nestled on the shores of Sylvan Lake. The vast, undeveloped forest provided a rich source of material for her nature studies, writings and photography. Furnishings in the home are arranged and maintained to reflect Stratton-Porter's lifestyle. Much of the furniture and personal collections, including her library, are preserved at the home.

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Thursday, June 19: Zora, Phyllis and I went to the Coldren Reunion at the Tidd cottage at Rome City (Indiana – around 15 miles from the Yoder's home in Topeka.) There were about 65 or 70 guests present. We had a very nice time. Took a launch ride out to where Mrs. Gene Stratton-Porter is building her log-summer-bungalow. (*born Geneva Grace Stratton, she was an American author, nature photographer, and naturalist from Wabash County, Indiana. In 1917 Stratton-Porter urged legislative support for the conservation of Limberlost Swamp and other wetlands in Indiana.*)

Friday, June 20: I plowed corn all day. It was a very hot day. We all went to town in the evening. I had charge of choir practice.

Saturday, June 21: I plowed corn until about 9:45 when it began to rain fast enough to compel me to ___. After dinner daddy and I went to Charles Franks' sale. I bought a brood sow for \$28.00 and gave my note for six months. We then drove over to see the young cattle. They are doing fine.

Sunday, June 22: We went to church in the morning. Sue and Ruth came along home with us. Daddy had a house full of company. Ed Emmert's, Clarence Yoder's and S.K. Yoder and Florence Fought were there for dinner.

Monday, June 23: I went after my sow in the morning, plowed corn the rest of the day. Zora went to Ladies Aid Society Meeting and then to Mrs. Sam Kurtz's to have her dress fit. I went over after her before supper.

Tuesday, June 24: I plowed corn all day. I went over to town after our new refrigerator and some ice (80#.)



Wednesday, June 25: I plowed corn. Was delayed somewhat after dinner by a shower which freshened things up a bit and cooled the atmosphere. We went to Band Concert in the evening. There was a large crowd in town. Mrs. Johnson Nelson died.

Thursday, June 26: I went up to Fletcher Fought's in the morning to grind the mower sickle then I mowed some grass. After dinner I plowed corn. Phyllis was sixteen weeks old today and weighed 17#.

Friday, June 27: In the forenoon I tended the grass, then daddy and I finished plowing corn the third time, then I raked the hay. After dinner we took in five loads of hay. It was too dry to handle nicely. Amos Fought and Lonnie Franks helped. Jesse Miller brought us a crate of strawberries and we canned all but 1 pint after supper. We paid 10 cents a pint. Phyllis was four months old today.

Saturday, June 28: I worked in the truck patch until about 9 o'clock and then tinkered around and hived a swarm of bees that were so accommodating as to settle in one of our little sugar trees. It was a large swarm. After dinner I went to town to do some trading and get some ice (70#), then daddy and I mowed the rest of our grass.

Sunday, June 29: We went to Sunday school but didn't stay for church. The folks went to M. A. Yoder's for dinner.

Monday, June 30: I arose at 3:15 AM and went out to rake up our grass. Raked until 5, ate breakfast, and finished about 7:35. We hauled in all of our hay but $\frac{3}{4}$ load that fell off the wagon. We put in 17 loads. This makes 22 big loads from 11 acres of ground. The hay scarcely had a dent and is very fine hay.

Tuesday, July 1, 1913: I helped Amos Fought make hay.

Wednesday, July 2: I went to the creamery in the morning and brought 70# of ice along home again. Helped Lonnie make hay from 10 o'clock AM till evening. We went to Band Concert in the evening. Chas. Weed told me today that his father (Rev. Weed) had handed in his resignation. The reason given for the action was his mother's poor health.

Thursday, July 3: I helped Lonnie Franks make hay. Daddy helped Soll. We heard today that Ruth Nelson-Wade has a baby girl. She has named her Mary Ann.

Friday, July 4: I went to the creamery and then planted some beans and sweet corn in the truck patch. After dinner I helped Amos Fought make hay. In the evening, Ray Sutton's, Daddy's and us went up to Uncle Silas and had some ice cream.

Saturday, July 5: I tinkered around getting ready to cut wheat. Charles Weed and I killed a weasel which had killed seven of our chickens. After dinner we began cutting wheat in #1. We went up town Saturday evening.

Sunday, July 6: I went to Sunday school and church, and Zora and I went to church in the evening. Charles Yoder was here for dinner.

Monday, July 7: We cut wheat all day. The wheat has ripened very much over Sunday. Charles Weed helped me. He has helped me now 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days. Phyllis plays with paper and holds out her hands to go to a person – so her mother says. We got out about 110 cabbage plants in the garden this evening.

Tuesday, July 8: We finished cutting wheat and cut two rounds in the ___ before dinner. After dinner we cut rye. I went to the creamery and bought 24 cents worth of ice.

Wednesday, July 9: I went to the creamery. Zora, Mother and Phyllis went along to grandma's to help pick cherries. We picked enough for 10 quarts in cans. After dinner daddy and I plowed corn in #8. We went to band concert in the evening.

Thursday, July 10: We plowed corn in the forenoon and then finished cutting rye, also plowing corn in #8. Zora, Phyllis and I went over to the creamery after supper to get some ice. It cost us 16 cents. Phyllis enjoyed the ride so very much.

Friday, July 11: I plowed corn in #5 all day. Daddy helped after coming home from the creamery until noon and then helped Lonnie Franks make hay. I plowed my tracks in the morning.

Saturday, July 12: We finished plowing corn at 10 o'clock and then put away some of the tools. After dinner we went to Mrs. Barber's cow sale. I bought two cows, one a Jersey for \$77.00 with calf by her side, and a Guernsey grade for \$88.00 with her calf by her side. My impression is that I paid too much for the Guernsey. Naomi Warcup and children came to stay all night with father and mother.

Sunday, July 13: We went to church services in the morning. Took dinner with mother, Naomi and the kids. We had some ice cream. Rose Fought and Alice Weed came about 4 p.m. and stayed until "C.E." time. Rain in the evening.

Monday, July 14: I disked the alfalfa ground and then harrowed it with the spring-tooth harrow. After finishing this I set up some rye shocks that had blown down. Mother went over to Mose Yoder's after some cherries for us. We got 15 quarts which made nine quarts of canned cherries.

Tuesday, July 15: I cleaned stables and hauled yard manure. Zora washed. We had a very heavy wind and thunderstorm last night. The ground was too wet to work in today.

Wednesday, July 16: I hauled manure in the forenoon. After dinner I set up the shocks in the rye field. It was a nasty job and I certainly hope there will be no more high wind until after our threshing is done. In the evening we went to band concert. Daddy went to the cemetery where Rufus Lantz, a brother of Mrs. Isaac Mast, was buried.

Thursday, July 17: I helped Lonnie Franks haul wheat in the forenoon. After dinner I helped Eli Yoder haul wheat, finishing as a team. Daddy got 20 cents worth of ice for us.

Friday, July 18: I helped Chas. Yoder sack wheat and rye. Phyllis is developing very rapidly. She can sit up quite straight, and can hold things in her hand and bring them to her mouth. Bought 20 cents worth of ice.

Saturday, July 19: I helped Uncle Silas Yoder thresh wheat. He had 840 bushels. We went to town in the evening. Bought 7 cents worth of ice.

Sunday, July 20: Zora and I went to Sunday school. Adam Lantz came along home with us. Walter Miller's and daddy's were here for dinner.

Monday, July 21: I went to the creamery in the morning. Then hitched four horses in the disk harrow and disked the alfalfa patch. After finishing that, I cultivated the tomatoes. Put fertilizer on part of them after supper. Bought 22 cents worth of ice.

Tuesday, July 22: I went to the creamery then plowed potatoes and began plowing corn with our horse. Cleaned up some ___ after dinner and then plowed corn until 5 o'clock. My Guernsey cow gave 42# of milk today.

Wednesday, July 23: The threshing machine pulled in here last night. We began threshing at 6:30 A.M. and finished about 3:00 P.M. Threshed 441 bushels of wheat and 191 of rye. I helped Amos Fought thresh the rest of the day. Daddy's "fresh air" girls came on the plug (train.)

Thursday, July 24: We finished threshing at A. Fought's just before dinner, then pulled up to Clyde Fought's. Finished there in the afternoon. Carrie Flicker, sons and daughter, Aunt Rachel, Aunt Nan and grandma visited at Cincinnatus Farm today.

Friday, July 25: I plowed corn in the Schrock Field all day. Grandma Diley (not related to Maurice. Mary Malone Diley, age 89) died last night about 2 o'clock. James Rowe died today.

Saturday, July 26: I finished plowing corn in the Schrock Field in the forenoon. After dinner I tinkered around, washed the buggy, etc. In the evening, we went to the nickel reception given by the Ladies Aid

Society of Baptist Church in the church basement. Mrs. Billie (Sarah Anna Eddy) Troll died today of ulcers of the stomach.

Sunday, July 27: We went to Sunday school in the morning. Daddy's went to Joe Kauffman's for dinner. John Bortrero of "Barker Street" was there.

Monday, July 28: I plowed all day. Bought 20 cents worth of ice.

Tuesday, July 29: I helped Zora wash until about 9 o'clock and then plowed corn until noon. After dinner I took some corn and oats over to town to get it ground. Bought 100# of bran. In the evening Zora, Phyllis and I went over to town to hear the concert given by the "Uncle Tom's Cabin Troop."

Wednesday, July 30: I went to the creamery in the morning and then finished plowing corn in #3. After dinner I helped W.W. Hartzler thresh. Mrs. Can Oesch and Amanda Oesch were here for supper. We all went up town in the evening to band concert. Frank Baker's baby was born today. Had my hair cut. Bought 6 cents worth of ice.

Thursday, July 31: Uncle Silas Yoder's and Maude Murphy, Ray and Wanita Sutton, Ruth and Fredric and we'uns went out to the river picnicking. We had a nice time and I caught four nice fish. Also got caught in the rain on the way home.

Friday, August 1, 1913: I went to the creamery in the morning and then had Dick (horse) shod. I had to wait so long that it was nearly noon when I got home. I harrowed the alfalfa patch. Bought 30 cents worth of ice. We made ice cream in the evening.

Saturday, August 2: I cleaned stables and chicken houses in the forenoon. After dinner we went to Gerhart Bros. & Co's lot sale in Roselawn Addition. Mayor (Samuel L.) Shank of Indianapolis was one of the customers. There was a large crowd in town. Lots sold from \$50 or \$60 to \$305. The latter was the price paid by Mrs. David Lowe for the corner lot across from J. O. Greenawalt.

Sunday, August 3: We went to Sunday School leaving Phyllis with her grandma and taking Edna Timmons the "fresh-air" girl. Rufus Hartzler's and Ephraim Plank's were visiting the folks.

Monday, August 4: I helped start the washing then propped up the peach trees then cultivated the tomatoes. After dinner we were called out to Babcock's woods to help fight fire. After that we went up to Simon Yoder's to look at a heifer he had for sale. She didn't look very good to us. Came home and hoed tomatoes. Ruth told me this evening that Clora Coldren-Stutzman had another pair of twins. This is the second pair and makes the sum of their children five. (From Find-a-grave: Albert and Clora had 5 daughters and 2 sons. The first two children were identical twin girls, then another girl, followed by fraternal twins-1 male, 1 female. Next, another girl and then a boy Earl.)

Tuesday, August 5: I went to the creamery in the morning and then helped daddy and S. K. cut dock out of the oats field. It was a bad job and we worked at it all day. Sally Walters was buried this forenoon. Phyllis begins to know her mamma from the rest of the folks around her.

Wednesday, August 6: We cut our oats crop today. Finished about 4 o'clock and then put the binder and side-delivery rake away for the season. We are planning to go 2 ½ miles west of Goshen (Indiana) next Friday to look at a farm of 97 acres which is for sale. We went to a

band concert this evening. Nora Boyd-Cleveland (20 years old) died this evening.

Thursday, August 7: I hauled about 4 tons of coal today for our winter fuel. It is "stove size" Pocahontas and costs \$4.25 per ton.

Friday, August 8: I went to the creamery and then we had Johan Kevin take us all over to Goshen. Daddy and Alvin Yoder and I went to look at a farm near Dunlop. The plans suited us very well. There are two houses, a coop barn and other outbuildings. The land is a sandy dark loam, with a sort of a hard-pan sub-soil. The corn crop looks great considering the dry weather. We got home about 6 o'clock. Had a nice rain last night.

Saturday, August 9: I got the alfalfa ground ready to sow. We put a little ___ on and then sowed the ground twice. The ground was in fine tilth and if the ground were richer, I would think we had an excellent chance for a stand. (FYI- Tilth is a physical condition of soil, especially in relation to its suitability for planting or growing a crop. Factors that determine tilth include the formation and stability of aggregated soil particles, moisture content, degree of aeration, soil biota, rate of water infiltration and drainage.)

Sunday, August 10: We went to Sunday school and church. Mother kept Phyllis. Mr. Fisk preached a very able sermon. Ruth and Fredric came along home for dinner. Zora took Ruth home in the evening.

Monday, August 11: I went to the creamery and then plowed until noon. After dinner it rained for a while. I pulled some weeds in the tomato patch.

Tuesday, August 12: I went to the creamery and then helped Zora to wash. I plowed in the afternoon.

Wednesday, August 13: I went to the creamery and then helped mother wash until noon. I husked some corn in the afternoon. We did not go to the band concert this evening.

Thursday, August 14: I went to the creamery and then plowed for the rest of the forenoon. After dinner I mowed oats and dock. Zora and mother went up town, Zora stayed with Ruth and mother with grandma. Daddy went to Goshen to investigate further the Troyer land deal. Phyllis, Fredric and Sue had their pictures taken. We went to a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Weed. Ice cream was served.

Friday, August 15: I went to the creamery in the morning and then made a dry feed hopper for chickens. After dinner I went over to Eli Yoder's expecting to help thresh but found on arriving there that they did not intend to thresh until Monday and had neglected to let me know. I helped pick some peaches and then plowed. Daddy came home from Goshen and reported no buy of land. We went up town after mail after supper. Lonnie Franks' baby girl was born this morning.

Saturday, August 16: I took a calf to Millersburg to sell to shippers. Thanks to the poor freight traffic on the Wabash, buyers do not ship from Topeka if they can help it, hence, the necessity for the long haul. The calf weighed 170# and sold for \$8.50 per cwt; hence we received \$14.45. When I got home Uncle A. W. Greenawalt and Uncle Clarence G. were here. Uncle Man Wenger and grandma were visiting the folks. We went up town in the evening. J. LeMar Yoder (age 5) died this morning of scarlet fever. His mother Edith Yoder had just returned from the hospital and could not go in to see him. It is very sad.

Sunday, August 17: I went to Sunday school. We all went up to Uncle Silas Yoder's. There were A.W. and Clarence, Ruth, Fredric and Sue, and Ray's. Had a nice time. I led the C. E. Meeting in the evening. Subject: "Lessons from the Forest and Fields."

Monday, August 18: I went to the creamery and then helped Zora wash. After dinner we hauled two loads of oats over into Soll Yoder's barn. In the evening, Zora and I went up to Uncle Silas' to pick cucumbers. George Emmert's baby boy was born today.

Tuesday, August 19: I went to the creamery and then went over to Jephtha Plank's with "Hope" (horse.) I had a hard time getting there and then had to leave her there and come after her in the evening. I plowed in the afternoon. Zora and I went up to Jep's in the evening. Daddy helped Eli Yoder thresh all day.

Wednesday, August 20: I plowed in the forenoon. After dinner, we hauled one load of oats and then I sacked up four bushels of wheat and took it up to Alvin J. Yoder's. Got 83 cents per bushel. Maude Murphy and Helen Yoder were here for dinner. Phyllis was not well today. She had fever which was supposed to come from her teeth.

Thursday, August 21: I plowed in the forenoon. After dinner I picked some peaches, hauled a load of corn fodder and then repaired a fence around #1 so that I could turn my hogs in. Zora and mother went over to town to take Phyllis to the doctor. He said her trouble was on account of her teeth. She feels much better this evening.

Friday, August 22: I plowed in #3. We sold 11 chickens (old hens) at 12 cents per pound. They came to \$5.50. I helped Zora wash a while in the afternoon. Daddy helped Lonnie Franks thresh after dinner.

Saturday, August 23: I went to the creamery in the morning and then hauled some corn from #3. After dinner I plowed in #5. Daddy helped Ben Neff thresh.

Sunday, August 24: We went to Sunday school and church, and then to Ruth's for dinner. Lester Coldren was there too. After dinner I went down to the furniture store where John Seagley, Walter Greenawalt, Forrest Parks and I practiced our quartet. Went around by Ray Sutton's on the way home.

Monday, August 25: I helped Zora with a part of her washing and then went out to plow. I finished plowing at 5:00. Went over to town in the evening to quartet practice. Zora picked pickles at Uncle Silas'.

Tuesday, August 26: I helped Orlando Hooley thresh. We threshed 719 bushels of wheat and oats, fifty bushels of the latter, until 11 o'clock. After dinner I went to Bernice Kent's sale. Tools and household goods sold cheap. Cows and horses sold well. I paid the Binder sale note of \$20.25 today.

Wednesday, August 27: I harrowed in #3.

Thursday, August 28: We went to the "Yoder cousin" reunion today. There were more than 100 there. Phoebe Moser and Lucile came along home with the folks in the evening.

Friday, August 29: I helped Zora wash and hoed the garden in the forenoon. After dinner I cleaned out the rotten and moldy silage and hauled it to the field. I went to choir practice in the evening. Zora went down to Uncle Fletcher Fought's after some sweet corn for drying.

Saturday, August 30: I harrowed #3. Finished about 3:30 PM. Went down to D. H. Hurley's after their self-rake. In the evening we went to town to do some trading.

Sunday, August 31: We went to Sunday school and church. After dinner we went to Ray Sutton's.

Monday, September 1, 1913: I went to the creamery and helped wash. Cut clover and in the afternoon went over to town in the evening for quartet practice. Daddy helped Fletcher Fought thresh.

Tuesday, September 2: I cut clover seed all day. Finished about 5 o'clock. Went to church in the evening. I left before the sermon to practice quartet. Viola Nelson came to work for us this morning.

Wednesday, September 3: I helped Zora pick some tomatoes and then hitched to the manure spreader and cleaned stables. Hauled one load after dinner and then Zora and I went to church to hear Rev. Lawrence in his Bible Study talks. We went to church in the evening. Rev. Collett gave an illustrated talk on mission work in India. Viola had to leave today to go to her father's where her step-mother is ill.

Thursday, September 4: I went to the creamery and then cleaned and sprayed the chicken houses. Hauled some Rye in the afternoon. Sold it for 57 cents. I went to church in the evening. Rev. Dinsmore preached.

Friday, September 5: We went to the Association today. Heard Dr. Pope on the work of the publication society. Had dinner in the basement. After dinner, Rev. Belcher of Wolcottville talked on the problem of the country churches. I did not agree with him on all phases of the subject as he presented it but in the main his talk was very good. Zora staid up town for supper. Rev. Ketchel gave a very interesting talk in the evening on the various phases of Home Mission work carried out by the church – Baptist – in the United States.

Saturday, September 6: I went to the creamery and then tinkered around at various odd jobs the rest of the day. We went to Topeka in the evening. Daddy sold his hogs today. Eleven weighed 1850 and he received \$8.25 per cwt.

Sunday, September 7: We went to Dan Oesch's today. Had a nice time.

Monday, September 8: I went to the creamery in the morning and then went with Fletcher and Amos Fought to overhaul the ensilage cutter and order what repairs are needed. After dinner I hauled dirt into the chicken house. Ruth, Sue and Fredric came out in the afternoon and staid for supper. Sue tried to learn to ride Zora's wheel. I took Sue's and Phyllis' pictures. We went over to town in the evening to attend a meeting of the Baptist church to make plans for a preacher. Daddy went to Goshen with M. A. Yoder to attend Clark's cow sale.

Tuesday, September 9: I helped Zora wash and then daddy and I sowed clover seed. After finishing that job I picked tomatoes until supper-time. We penned up fourteen young cockerels in the evening to be fattened.

Wednesday, September 10: I picked the rest of our tomatoes and then went to help Ray Sutton thresh. Zora took the tomatoes to the factory. There were 240# which amounted to 96 cents. Zora helped Eulah to cook for threshers. In the afternoon we hulled our clover-seed. Got nine sacks full off of the #2.

Thursday, September 11: I harrowed in #3 in the forenoon. After dinner daddy and I went down to Leonard Hefner's with the big wagon and the one-horse wagon to get a load of wheat for seed and two young brood-sows which daddy bought for \$38.00. They are to have pigs this fall.

Friday, September 12: I helped get the ensilage cutter on trucks and set over at Amos Fought's. After dinner we began cutting. I fed the cutter.

Saturday, September 13: We finished filling Amos Fought's silo till noon. After dinner daddy and I went up town. I had intended to read a paper at Teacher's Institute but lost it on the way up town and so I went to Bowen's cow sale. There was not a very large crowd out but the cows sold quite well.

Sunday, September 14: We went to Sunday school. Phyllis acted like a little lady. After dinner Zora and I went to the pasture, where our heifers are located, to see how they are getting along.

Monday, September 15: We helped Fletcher Fought to fill his silo. Zora was nearly sick with neuralgia. Common schools and Topeka Grades commenced their school year today. There were eighteen beginners enrolled at Topeka.

Tuesday, September 16: I went to the creamery in the morning and then picked tomatoes. I finished picking about 3 o'clock. And then delivered them. There were 779# and they amounted to \$3.12. Zora was sick with neuralgia and toothache. Daddy, Amos and Fletcher Fought repaired the ensilage cutter.

Wednesday, September 17: We filled our silo today. Did not start until 9 o'clock and finished about five. It was a bad day to fill as the fodder stayed wet most of the time.

Thursday, September 18: Daddy and I helped Lias Olinghouse fill his silo. We finished about 3:15 pm. W.W. Hartzler came over and cleaned some of his seed-wheat and helped us to clean some of ours.

Friday, September 19: I finished harrowing in #3 and harrowed some in #8 compound before dinner. After dinner I finished harrowing in #8. Daddy sowed wheat in the corn which we did not use to fill the silo.

Saturday, September 20: I began sowing wheat in #8. Sowed one land and began another one but it was pretty weedy and had become so wet that I had to quit. Hitched the engine onto the farming mill and cleaned some wheat and then harrowed in #3. It was almost too wet. Zora and I went up town in the evening to do our trading. I had my hair cut.

Sunday, September 21: I went to Sunday school alone. Phyllis was already to go but decided to make her mother some extra work which resulted in her not going. Daddy and mother went to Jacob Miller's for dinner.

Monday, September 22: I picked tomatoes all day. Zora helped in the afternoon. I took two loads over which netted me \$6.27. They weighed 1567#.

Tuesday, September 23: We had our first frost last night. Blackened potato and tomato vines a little but did no great amount of damage. I drilled wheat all day. Finished in #3 and sowed some in #8. Rain after dark. Leonard Hefner's baby boy died.

Wednesday, September 24: I finished sowing wheat in #8 and then rigged up my horse-cutter and began cutting corn in the Schrock Field. Cut there in the afternoon too. Daddy sowed wheat in the Schrock Field. Jim Bowen and Maude Miller – not Muller – were married today in Ft. Wayne.

Thursday, September 25: Zora, Phyllis and Ruth went to Ligonier. Zora and Ruth had their teeth fixed. (?) I cut corn all day. Daddy sowed wheat.

Friday, September 26> I started to cut corn when mother called me and said daddy wanted to go down to the pasture after our Guernsey heifer. When we got there we found she had a bull calf which looked

to be a day or two old. After dinner I cut some corn and then Zora and I picked tomatoes. The roan cow gave birth to a "boy" calf this evening.

Saturday, September 27: I took some grist and the milk over to town then came back and hauled two loads of tomatoes to the cannery. I had 1258# and received \$5.03 in payment. I have sold to date 3844# for \$15.38. I helped daddy cut corn in #8 until noon and then after dinner we put the tools away and then daddy finished sowing wheat in #5. I cut some corn.

Zora and mother went to town. Today Phyllis is seven months old. She weighs 19#. She has learned to shake her head when she sees us do that and sometimes her mother thinks she "patty cakes." She has two upper teeth nearly thru.

Sunday, September 28: We went to church in the morning. Mr. Weeks preached a trial sermon. I liked him fairly well. After dinner Aunt Della and Helen came down and stayed until church-time. Ray Sutton's stopped awhile about four o'clock. Nora, our blue cow, gave birth to a heifer calf. Ephraim Lautz's and Enos Hartzler's visited the folks.

Monday, September 29: I cut 53 shocks of corn today. The fodder was in excellent shape for cutting.

Tuesday, September 30: Daddy and I helped S. K. Yoder fill his silo in the forenoon. After dinner I cut eight shocks of corn 'til I was driven in by the rain. Zora went to town in the afternoon.

Wednesday, October 1, 1913: I picked the tomatoes and took them over before dinner. There were 768# and they brought me \$3.07. After dinner I cut 21 shocks of corn. Edith Brant came to do some sewing for Zora.

Thursday, October 2: I helped Uncle Silas Yoder with a team to fill his silo. Zora and Edith Brant went to Ligonier to get Zora's teeth fixed.

Friday, October 3: I helped Zora wash in the morning and then cut eight shocks of corn until noon. After dinner I took some rye to the mill to have it ground. Bought a sack of bran. Daddy went to Wolcottville to the horse show.

Saturday, October 4: Ray Bowman helped me cut corn in the forenoon. We cut 45 shocks. After dinner I went to see the Ft. Wayne – Topeka football game. The score was 89-0 in favor of Topeka.

Sunday, October 5: We went to Sunday school. My old sow gave birth to seven pigs and had two of them eaten before the following morning.

Monday, October 6: I went to the creamery and then cut 13 shocks of corn until noon. After dinner I went to Ed Newman's sale. Bought a stove front and 52 chickens. Gave a note for \$34.09 due August 16, 1914.

Tuesday, October 7: I cut twenty shocks of corn before dinner. After dinner I cleaned stables. Edith Brant did some sewing for Zora.

Wednesday, October 8: I cut 22 shocks of corn until noon. I picked beans nearly all afternoon. Zora, mother and Phyllis went to town.

Thursday, October 9: We went up to the Farm Products Show at LaGrange. There was a baby scoring contest open to all babies over six months and under three years. The contest was under the supervision

of the "Women's Home Companion Better Babies" department. We had Phyllis scored and when the smoke had all cleared away we found that out of more than 100 babies, she had the highest score by ten points, she having 975 out of a possible 1,000 points. She was first in her class, sweepstakes over all girl babies and grand champion baby, boy or girl, of the show. Her daddy and mother are very proud of her score.





Friday, October 10: I went to the creamery and then picked tomatoes the rest of the day. I delivered 1,521 pounds. Eveline and Wanita Sutton spent the day with us while Ray and Eulah went to Corn School. Father took Florence and her friend, a Hostettler girl. We had a letter from Esta (Esther Mathews – the Yoder family's foster daughter), enclosing a picture of herself and husband (Marion Alvin Shelt.) They were married Oct. 4.

Saturday, October 11: I husked some corn and cleaned and sprayed the big chicken-house. After diner I picked the rest of the tomatoes and then Zora an di went to town. I had 1,636# and received \$6.55. This makes us \$25 for my patch and there will be more to pick if we do not have a killing frost before Wednesday.

Sunday, October 12: We went to Sunday school. There were no church services. The Baptist congregation voted to give Rev. Fails of Princeton a call to this church. We went up to Uncle Silas after dinner. Daddy and mother went to Uncle S. K. Zooks.

Monday, October 13: I went to the creamery and then cut seven shocks of corn in the Schrock Field. After dinner I helped Zora wash and then husked a few shocks of corn.

Tuesday, October 14: I husked some corn in the forenoon. After dinner I dug some potatoes and then we went over to town to sign a contract of sale for the property across from the lumber yard. Sold to Morris Miller for \$850. Lester's were over.

Wednesday, October 15: I went to the creamery in the morning. Daddy took his old Hampshire sow. We brought home a load of corn cobs for us. After dinner I helped Lonnie load up two loads of clover seed

and then waited until 4:25 for the machine to come. We threshed two more loads until dark. Daddy went to Wm. Diley's sale.

Thursday, October 16: I went to the creamery and then picked 375# of tomatoes (\$1.50) and delivered them before dinner. After dinner I helped Lonnie finish hulling seed and then hitched up to the new wagon and went over to town after a load of corn-cob. Zora went along to the photograph gallery and had Phyllis' picture taken. Daddy went part way over to Oscar Zook's and brought home a cow which he had bought of Oscar for \$75. Sold the Emmert cow to an "Amishman" and delivered her today. Got \$15 for her. Geo Dragoo's baby boy was born.

Friday, October 17: I tinkered around all day; didn't do much on account of the rain. Helped Zora shell some beans.

Saturday, October 18: I went to LaGrange to get Phyllis' prizes. I got home about 3:30. Phyllis won a two-wheeled push-card, a bronze medal Woman's Home Companion and a gold medal from Elsner's store. The two medals are to be engraved and then sent to us. Daddy sold the Jersey heifer to Jackie Miller for \$50. We received Phyllis's photo proofs and found them very good.

Sunday, October 19: We went to Sunday school and then to Ruth and Sue's for dinner. Cornelius and I took a walk after dinner.

Monday, October 20: I husked corn until it began to rain. Father helped in the forenoon. Margaret Hostettler came this evening to stay with the folks this winter.

Tuesday, October 21: I opened the silo and helped Zora in the house before dinner. After dinner daddy, Lonnie Franks and I went down to the pasture and brought home the young cattle. There was a cold, raw west wind all day.

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Thursday, October 23: I went to the creamery. Bought a pair of rubber boots, paid \$4.25. After dinner daddy and I went over to Manassa Yoder's to look at a cow. She did not suit us. Zora and I went to town to do our trading.

Friday, October 24: I cleaned stables in the forenoon. After dinner we helped Soll thresh. We got 74 bushels of oats from 12 acres. Some yield that.

Saturday, October 25: I took part of a load of rye to the elevator while daddy delivered a calf and took the milk to the creamery. The rye sold for \$18.24 and the calf weighed 155# and sold for 9 cents per lb., \$13.95. The calf was four weeks old. After that Zora and I and Phyllis went to Ligonier to the "Better Baby" contest. Didn't get home until after six o'clock. Daddy went in the wagon and brought a load of bran along home. Paid \$22 a ton for it.

Sunday, October 26: We went to Sunday school and then stayed for Norman Strang's baby boy's funeral. There was a large crowd. We took dinner with the folks. Rumor has it that Phyllis won the great prize at the baby show yesterday. Nothing official about this however.

Monday, October 27: I husked corn until 3 o'clock when it became too wet. I hauled in my share. Sam Kurtz was here to do some carpenter work and some cementing.

Tuesday, October 28: Daddy and I went to the creamery in the morning. After we came back we hauled two port loads of stone for a trench. After dinner I helped Sam build a concrete wall for our new workshop and wash house. It is reported that John Emmert's have a baby girl, born Sunday.

Wednesday, October 29: I husked 17 shocks of corn today. Daddy and Sam worked at the wall and floor for the wash house. Daddy's and we went to Chas. Hartzler's to spend the evening and hear about Chas' trip to Waukesha, Wisconsin. Phyllis has not slept well for two or three nights.

Thursday, October 30: I chored around in the forenoon. After dinner I fixed up the chicken house and then went over to town to pay Ruth her interest and get Phyllis' pictures. They weren't finished yet.

Friday, October 31: I husked corn all day. Mrs. Simpson helped Zora clean house.

Saturday, November 1, 1913: I husked nine shocks of corn in the forenoon. After dinner daddy and I dug and put in the cellar 11 bushels of potatoes. In the evening Zora and I and Margaret Hostettler went to town.

Sunday, November 2: We went to S. S. and church. The new preacher, Rev. Failes, preached a very good sermon. We were very favorably impressed. After dinner we took a buggy ride and came around past Ray Sutton's and stopped there a short time. Mr. and Mrs. John Kurtz stayed all night with the folks.

Monday, November 3: I went to the creamery in the morning. Sam Kurtz and daddy worked at tearing down the wash-house. I finished digging potatoes. Put 11 bushels in the cellar, making 22 bushels all told. Received Phyllis's Ligonier scorecard. She scored 98%.

Tuesday, November 4: I helped Elias Olinghouse thresh. We finished about three o'clock. I did my chores all but milking and then went down to Harry Gibsons after a Husking and shredding machine. Daddy helped Will Hartzler shred.

Wednesday, November 5: We husked and shredded fodder all day. Husked 102 shocks. Ray Sutton, S. K. Yoder and Lonnie Franks helped us.

Thursday, November 6: Daddy and I helped Lonnie to buzz wood and husk corn with the machine all day. Zora attended the S. S. institute at the Baptist church in the afternoon.

Friday, November 7: Daddy and I helped Lonnie shred and husk fodder in the forenoon. After dinner we took two wagons and went down near the "Hay-back" after some corn which daddy had bought of Met. (Meritt J.) Sweet.

Saturday, November 8: I went up town in the forenoon and did some trading and had my hair cut. After dinner I helped daddy husk some corn.

Sunday, November 9: We went to Sunday school but did not stay for church. Ray Sutton's, Ruth, Fredric and Sue, Uncle Silas and Helen were here for dinner. Uncle S. K. Zooks and Dan Hendrich's took dinner with the folks.

Monday, November 10: I went to the creamery. Didn't do anything but the chores.

Tuesday, November 11: I helped Zora wash in the forenoon. After dinner I took the ___ and husked some corn on the Schrock Field. We went to town in the evening.

Wednesday, November 12: I finished husking the shocks in #8. Helped Sam Kurtz and daddy at the wash-house. We received a letter from the Ligonier Improvement Association stating that Phyllis had won a prize and congratulating us on the fact that she had scored so high in a contest with so many high-scoring babies. There were 173 at the Ligonier contest. This makes 280 babies she has contested with and she secured the highest score at Ligonier as we think she did, she has not been out-scored thus far.

Thursday, November 13: I took Zora over to town to visit with Ruth. After dinner I husked corn in the Schrock Field. Went over to town in the evening after Zora.

Friday, November 14: I husked corn all day. Went to choir practice at Dale Seagley's in the evening. Purl Zook's baby boy was born today.

Saturday, November 15: Zora helped me haul in corn in the forenoon. After dinner I went to teacher's institute. I made a speech on why the people of Indiana should study agriculture.

Sunday, November 16: Went to Sunday School and church in the forenoon. Dan Oesch's were here for dinner. I led the C. E. Meeting in the evening. Subject: "Temperance Facts and Figures."

Monday, November 17: I husked corn all day. Zora washed in the forenoon.

Tuesday, November 18: I husked corn in the forenoon. Zora helped. After dinner I hauled in a big load of corn and then Zora and I husked some off of the stalks. Chas. McClarkey was here a while to interview me in regard to taking out a \$1,000 policy in favor of Phyllis. With the twenty payment plan the policy would mature when she is of age and thus be available for her college expenses. I hope I may be able to take out one before the end of the year. We made some candy in the evening.

Wednesday, November 19: I finished husking corn in #8 in the forenoon. After dinner it began to rain and so I helped at the shop. Fredric has begin this week to try to say what he is told to say. He is now 20 months old.

Thursday, November 20: I went to the creamery in the morning. Husked corn off of the stalks in the afternoon. Husked eight rows. Zora and I went to choir practice in the evening.

Friday, November 21: I husked corn off the stalks in #5 in the forenoon. Husked sixteen rows. After dinner I got ready for the huskers tomorrow. Zora and Phyllis and I went up town, I to choir practice, Zora to do trading.

Saturday, November 22: Parks and Hartzler husked corn with a machine for us today. We husked 135 shocks. After finishing here we went over to S.K. Yoder's and husked until 4:30 when it began to rain.

Sunday, November 23: We went to Sunday school and church and then to Abe Hostettler's to take dinner with them. We had a nice time.

Monday, November 24: I helped J. K. Babcock shred fodder. I pitched 26 loads. The wind was so high that it made very nasty loading.

Tuesday, November 25: I helped Babcock finish shredding and then helped Soll finish his husking and shredding until noon. After dinner daddy and I husked corn in #5. We went to town in the evening, I to choir practice. Russell Holder's baby girl, Evelyn Delaine, was born this forenoon.

Wednesday, November 26: Zora, daddy and I husked corn off the stalks. We husked two big loads. Phyllis has her first tooth.

Thursday, November 27: We went to Thanksgiving dinner at the Methodist Church. The dinner consisted of turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cooked turnips, sweet potatoes, corn, bean salad, cole slaw, cranberries, pumpkin pie, light & dark cake and coffee, pickles, fruit. After dinner I went to the football game, South Bend vs. Topeka. Score 52-0 in favor of Topeka. Zora and Phyllis stayed up town until after church. Ford B__ was arrested and taken to LaGrange jail for starting a rough-___ in John Weaver's shop.

Friday, November 28: I husked corn all day. Finished husking of the stalks. Zora went over to town about 4PM to do some trading. She brought Phyllis' trophy cup which she had won at the Ligonier Better Babies contest. Oscar Peterson's baby was born today.

Saturday, November 29: I worked at cleaning the stables in the forenoon. After dinner it began to rain and so I didn't do much of anything.

Sunday, November 30: We went to Sunday School and church. Rained in the evening.

Monday, December 1, 1913: I went to the creamery in the morning. I hauled dirt into the small chicken house and fixed up a gravel walk between the two houses. Zora and mother went over to town in the afternoon.

Tuesday, December 2: Went to the creamery and cleaned the big chicken house. After dinner Zora and I went to town, Zora to make a speech at a meeting of W.C.T.U. Dale Strohman's baby boy was born this morning.

Wednesday, December 3: I delivered my hogs this morning. The five of them weighed 1,250#. Received \$7.25 a cwt. Paid the Seagley note and account at Seagley's. Worked in the shop. Phyllis has another tooth.

Thursday, December 4: I helped Zora wash in the forenoon. After dinner I finished husking corn. Daddy went down to "Hogback" to husk some of the M. Sweet corn. Elias Risser's baby girl was born today.

Friday, December 5: W.W. Hartzler, S.K. Yoder, Clarence Yoder, daddy and I went down to the "Hogback" to husk corn. We finished all but four shocks.

Saturday, December 6: I went to the creamery and had Dick (horse) shod and then came home and hauled in the corn, four shocks, which I had husked Thursday. After dinner daddy and I went down to the "Hogback" and finished husking corn. Brought the rest of it home. Zora went over to town to do her trading and brought Ruth and Fredric along home to stay overnight. Uncle Silas was here a little while in the evening.

Sunday, December 7: We did not go to church today but went up to Uncle Silas Yoder's for dinner. Daddy's went too. This has been a very stormy day, terminating a long spell of rain and warm damp weather. Lyman Bybee's baby boy was born this morning.

Monday, December 8: I went to the creamery and tinkered around most of the day. Alger Bailey's baby boy was born today.

Tuesday, December 9: We went down to Ligonier and boarded the 8:04 train for Goshen. Arrived there and Zora went directly to Dr. Eby's office. We did most of our Christmas shopping. I bought an overcoat from J. A. Kaatz for \$16.87. It seems like a very good one. We left Goshen at 4:36 PM and arrived at Ligonier 4:57. Got home about 7:00. Phyllis staid at home with her grandpa and grandma. This is the first time we left her at home so long.

Wednesday, December 10: I went to the creamery in the forenoon. We got up so late that I didn't get much of anything else accomplished before dinner. After I got ready for butchering.

Thursday, December 11: We butchered our hog today. Clarence and daddy helped. While in the bank this morning J.W. Babcock took me back to the Bank Parlors and told me of his plans for the Sycamore Literary Society. How he is getting various and good talent here to lecture for the benefit of the society.

Friday, December 12: I went to the creamery in the forenoon and hauled two loads of manure in the afternoon. Daddy helped Alva Lantz to butcher. Phyllis weighed 21# today.

Saturday, December 13: I went to the creamery and tinkered around, raking yard, taking pictures etc. Grandma was over and we took some pictures – two four generations pictures. Zora and I went to town in the evening.

Sunday, December 14: We went to the morning services. J.W. Babcock occupied the pulpit to tell of his plans and hopes for the Literary Society. We went to C.E. and church in the evening.

Monday, December 15: I went to the creamery and then went over to W. W. Wenger's on cow business. After dinner I went over to Eli Yoder's on cow business. Came back and hauled two loads of manure.

Tuesday, December 16: Daddy and I hauled a load of fodder after I came home from the creamery. After dinner I hauled manure.

Wednesday, December 17: I hauled manure all day. Zora and mother went to town after dinner. Zora and I went to town in the evening to do some trading.

Thursday, December 18: I helped Zora wash in the forenoon. After dinner I hauled some manure but broke the spreader and so had to quit.

Friday, December 19: I chored around in the forenoon. After dinner I had intended to have Clarence Yoder help me haul a load of fodder from the "Hogback" but he couldn't come, so daddy and I hauled two loads at home. Zora and I went to town in the evening.

Saturday, December 20: I went to the creamery in the morning. Fixed the little chicken-house and made a trip to Chas. Yoder's on cow business.

Sunday, December 21: We went to Sunday School but did not stay for church. Ruth & Fredric, Sue and Lester's were here for dinner. In the evening we went to C. E. and church. I read the story, "Our Christmas Day in the Evening" at C.E.

Monday, December 22: I went to the creamery in the morning. In the afternoon Soll and daddy and I went down to the "Hogback" after fodder. Daddy helped Soll haul fodder in the forenoon. In the evening we went to hear the Regimental quartet at Sycamore Literary Hall. The program was quite satisfactory. Phyllis behaved herself like a little lady. She is getting her third tooth now.

Tuesday, December 23: Went to the creamery, chored around.

Wednesday, December 24: Daddy and mother went to the creamery. I fixed some hens' nests. After dinner I went over to town to do some trading. In the evening we went to the Christmas exercises at the Baptist church.

Thursday, December 25: We went up to Uncle Silas Yoder's for Christmas dinner. Ray Sutton's and Ruth and Sue were there. We had a Christmas tree for the kids and how they did enjoy it.

Friday, December 26: Daddy and Soll butchered two hogs, one for each of them. I went to the creamery. Our cream check amounted to \$17.53. W. W. Hartzler helped butcher. Tonight was the first Literary program given by the Sycamore Literary Society this year.

Saturday, December 27: I went to the creamery and chored around the rest of the day. Daddy and Clarence Yoder went down to Ligonier. Phyllis is ten months old today. She has only three teeth.

Sunday, December 28: We went to the morning service and heard a very good sermon. Helen came down after dinner to spend the afternoon. We went to church in the evening.

Monday, December 29: I helped Zora wash in the forenoon. A relative of Mrs. Sam Kurtz came after a turkey gobbler. Charged him \$3.50 for him. The man was from south of Wolf Lake.

Tuesday, December 30: I went to the creamery in the morning. Put my chicken coops away. Sue, Marie Morrow and Sue's friend Eman Youngstream of Laporte were here for dinner. I went to hear the Clarks at the Hall. The concert was very good and the house was full.

Wednesday, December 31: I went to the creamery in the morning. Sold old Dick to W. W. Wenger for \$77.50. I paid \$65.00 for him last spring. We went to Chas. Roderick's in the evening to an oyster supper surprise. The principal event which marks this year indelibly upon my memory is the birth of Phyllis Elizabeth. The year has been quite prosperous taken as a whole. We have made mistakes but we are going to try not to make them again.