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Sunday. Feb. 6, 1916.

Here I am again sitting down to write in my little diary after a vacation of nearly a month or so many a year. So many things have happened little things since I commenced last kept you up. Many things, since bad, since so lonely. One of the saddest the death of my dear Mother no one will really ever know except your little diary how that effected me or the sad hours I spend now at times in thinking of her. I think I am just commencing to realize how much she would have meant to me - but I have still a dear and good brother and father who I love most dearly and I love

everything in the world to
be thankful for. From now
on I expect and am going
to try to keep you in a better
order and to tell you some of
my trials and tribulations.

One of the happiest times of my
life are nearly over, that of my
High School Career, in June
that comes to a close.

Today I have helped in
teaching my little Kindergarten
and then came home to a lovely
dinner at which Mr.
Madison, an old war soldier
was with us. Mr. Bill
and Donald are here to see
Russell. Tonight at five o'
clock Lawrence is coming
down to spend the evening
"Goof up" for today.

Monday eve, February

Today little diary has run along in about the same course. Events as usual altho it has been an exceptionally cold morning day.

Went to school this morning but did not feel well so came home after the first period and went back again at noon and pursued my usual course of studies.

After school I practiced for the Cantata which we are to have soon and then walked home from school with my old school - mate Lawrence.

O yes I must not forget to add that we had an awfully good Supp for supper tonight but Papa had to go to Miss so could not enjoy that with us. Russell has now gone to the show to enjoy the "Musicals" for home talent given by W. S. C. "Good hits".

Tuesday Eve. Feb.

Tonight I seem to be very tired altho I can really see no cause for my being so.

I went to school as usual, had all my lessons (ah me I only wish I had had).

It has been such a beautiful day, sunning so quietly and such great big snow - flakes too.

After school at our class meeting we decided to have a sleigh-ride party out to Ruth Samsrud's Thursday night, Friday night Russell intends to have his S. School class here and Saturday night I am going out to Luella Adgates' with the Standard Bearers, that is if the snowing continues.

Tomorrow (Wed.) I have got to play in Sycamore and after that practice for the Cantata. Yes I rather dread my ordeal in Sycamore altho I think I'll be brave and do my best. Something has been worrying me today possibly I may tell you later.

Wednesday eve - Feb.

It does seem a little unusual to sit down every evening and write in my diary but I'm going to try and keep it up just the same. I played my diet in Sycamore today. I was frightened I don't believe I would ever overcome that stage fear. don't believe I'm made for that sort of thing at all. Guess I'm meant to be a plain every-day - girl without any special accomplishments. I well I'll do my best and that's all anyone can do.

I learned today that Helen D. is going to be the chosen flower in our Cantata. Wish that be fine, my cousin too. She's going to have a new "beaux" tonight too.

Got a nice long letter from Bertie today. I do think a lot of her. She's certainly one lovely girl and you can't help but be pleased with that pretty Auburn hair.

Bye - bye little diary for tonight.

Thursday eve.

Thursday was a beautiful day altho at noon it looked as tho it was going to get warm and melt all the time so that we would not be able to have our sleigh - ride part but such was not the case.

We had the party, I went with Lawrence and Marine. Spaulding stayed all night with me and she went with Ralph Hall. We had a splendid time. Sang songs and told stories going out, played games when we got there and Ruth Townsend served some lovely refreshments. Lawrence went to sleep coming home and my foot was severely caught in under him so that I thought that it would surely come off but no treatment on anyone's part could induce him to home. I shall never forget this night. We got home at one-thirty and to sleep long after that.

There's lots of things I could say regarding this party but I guess I may as well keep them to myself.

Friday Aug. - Feb.

O dear me how dreadfully
sleepy I did feel all day
today, my eyes feel like lead
strange too (?)

I hurried home after school
so that I might make some
sandwiches for Russell's S. School
class but on opening the bread
I had purchased extra-tann I
found it to be so hard I could not
use it and had to take it back
and get some more. Everything
went off fine, the little boys I
had so much fun and it surely
repaid me for not being able to
go to Basket-ball game and
dance afterwards as most of
the young people did.

Laurance, Bert, Martin, Elmer
Cluck and Ellis Van Dijk all
went to a Chicken Pie Supper, that
their class gave to the Phi Deltas.
I Mr. G. Cluck, it was the first
Friday night that Laurance and
I have not together in a long
time, it did seem strange, I don't
I it. Bye bye.

Saturday Ev., Feb. —

Well little diary here I am
again I can't keep writing in
you for two or three nights and tonight
I had to "make up" that isn't so
much fun is it?

Today has been an exceptional
busy day for me. I got up quite
late, because I was so tired and
did my usual Saturday work
then after dinner I made some
chop Suey for Sunday, the first.
I have now made and I also
made a cake which proved to be
fairly good but I shew luck.
I then went up and took a nice
hot bath, that made me feel some
better and got supper. Russell
nearly ate one half of my cake
can't say I enjoy cooking for this
family.

This evening I want to write a
few letters and retire early.
Doris Miller called me up today
sounded good, the first time in ages
Well bye bye

Sunday eve. Feb.

Sunday proved to be a very cold day outside but inside Papa managed to keep it at about 80 all day long.

Went to S. School and went in my new class for once in a long time, came home, made some salad for dinner and helped to get the rest of the dinner on.

After dinner I decided I would take a little nap as I didn't feel so very good, I had only waked got to sleep however when

After P. had Margaret H. came over, they stayed until about 5:30

Anna came while they were here we had some apples. Lawrence called up while they were here, said he'd be done in the course of an hour.

He came while they were here, so he took the horse up town came back and we all had some salad and

cake then Anna went home and we went for the briefest entire ride never had a nice one. We then took the horse up to his house and he walked down with me.

P.S. It was the coldest mile of the year but we didn't seem to mind it.

Papa popped us some - that good come that summer gone to me

Monday eve - February.

Wrote Sam quite tired
again as we had quite
a strenuous Sunday.

We had a practice after
school tonight for our Cantata
until quite late, then I came
home and read in my book
which I am reading for Eng.

Helped to get supper and
wash the dishes and now
I am writing in my diary and
will try to write a few letters.

Today is Valentine's day.

Reminiscence of
Ruth Lonsford's
Party.

Table  5

Couple #3



Drawn by
N. Bunell.

Miss Duff our
English
teacher.



Tuesday Aug. February.

Today was quite a usual day going to school all day long. at night after school walked home with Lawrence and a little Ford stopped and gave us a ride so I got home much sooner.

As we are papering we are in quite a "muddle" but I made three and made a cake. it wasn't as good as I have made but will go in a hurry as everything does around this house.

Wrote two letters today one to Gertrude and Aunt Grace and want to write one as soon as possible to Grandmother Volker.

Read after supper until I became so sleepy I simply couldn't hold my eyes open any longer and then said "Good night" to all.

Wednesday here - February.

I am quite sleepy tonight although not tired, I've had to wait until quite late to write in my diary tonight as Russell has been using the desk to reply to an application which he made to go north for next summer at Petoskey to stay all summer. I'm sure we shall all miss him but we think he will enjoy the change very much.

We practiced for our Cantata for awhile tonight after school and then I went down to the library and read until about 5:30 and came home in the most beautiful weather and sunset that we have had in many - day reminds one quite strongly of a Spring day and it makes that "Hope Spring eternal in the Human Breast."

Will say good bye for tonight.
Expect to go to concert tomorrow night.

Thursday, February. -

Thursday was quite the same as usual, everything moved along in the same old rut, went to school studied, wrote a letter to Stanley Vaalbeu.

Came home after school and made a cake, with orange frosting with nuts on it, it was pretty good, at least so Russell thought, he does love those kinds of frostings.

I little diary how I do hate the state of his going up north this summer, seems as if I can't stand it but its the best thing for him by all means and I hope he will find out how I feel.

Went to "American Girls Concert" tonight, it was fine, (with Yvonne of course) it was a beautiful, beautiful evening and oh but theres lots of things I'd like to say. Sometimes silence is bliss.

Friday February

Went to school as usual
after school Irma O. and I
came home together, she having
just cuts decided to get one dish
five-cream with two spoons
I called on it when to our surprise
the boy bought us two dishes and
gave us each a treat. my but
we were surprised and glad
well I guess cause we were
hungry.

after supper Norma, Irma
and myself went to the basket-
ball game at Arroyo between
Lyons and Inia. it was fine.
Inia beat in both the girls
and boys games. Helen (my little
cousin) starred, nearly always
making a basket. God for her.

There was dance afterward
we didn't go, came home "sorter"
blue. thinking seriously I wonder
what?

Saturday eve, February.

Today has been a hard day again little diary, making all morning, then this afternoon I looked and sorted over some old letters and that and that. I really couldn't keep it, wish I could write as funny as I feel but what's the use, little incidents will bring up the memories.

After caring for those letters I layed down. Had a good nap, took a nice warm bath and did various little things which I find no time for during the week. Got dressed had my supper and then humma and I went down - town. stopped at Orpheum to see "Baby Mine" was pretty good, pictures were fine. Looked at Spring Lots, went in to see Russell at Quality store did some other Sat. nite shopping and here I am.

"Bye bye" in slippy.

Sunday the February.

Today was one very busy day for me, it seemed to me as tho there was smethg to do every minute.

Got up, went to S. School taught down-stairs, came home and had the best Sunday dinner that ever was, ham and eggs, and lots of goodies.

Well after dinner Nora W. and I took her little prairie and went out to Mairns Spaulding. Seemed as tho we would never get there and when we did get there we were nearly frozen, we stayed for quite awhile had a little lunch and started home but we were much warmer coming home and it was such a beautiful night that we both enjoyed it immensely. I had only been home a few minutes when Laurence came home to spend the evening. We had a real good time, read a story and talked - - - Bye bye.

Monday Aug. 4 January.

Today was a beautiful day from the inside but upon getting out one found it to be very cold, however I managed to get to school without freezing my little? fingers off.

After school I waited for Dorothy Winchell while she did some physics problems and then we went down to her house to wait until it was time to go to King's Gaston's teacher's Pat Luck's supper at M. E. Church. We went had supper about eight o'clock and had the best things to eat but had to get right up and run before they had started their entertainment as we wanted to go to "Japanese Nite" at the library supervised by "Story Seller's Segue." that was fine and I completed a happy day by staying with my cousin Helen D.

Happy day —

Tuesday Dec - February.

Was so sleepy and tired today
guess everyone knew it too
because both Helen and myself
were late for school. Guess I'm
nearly as tired as I want to be
for a time.

Everything seemed to go a little
wrong today altho it was
Washington's Birthday and I write
to me! but I've got the blues &
most horribly bad, can't hardly
see a bright gleam any where, this
world would be a mighty gloomy
place if anyone was to rely on
descriptions I should give it to write.

Nevertheless I'm going to Junior
High Theater to write
bits at the Mystic
perhaps if it isn't a real sad play
it will help some.

I was going to have Marion C.
stay all night with me to write but
she's going with a "beach" and I'm
not "cool" so she can't stay
here. Yours in tears of the soul.

Wednesday eve - February.

Smith & I am one sleepy
girl. we went to show last nite
and dare I write it. (skipped
up to mouse dance for a very
short time) but we both felt so
very guilty that we soon
skipped thence again.

Wasn't in the least brilliant
in school today, we stayed for
Lycium and then went over
to Miss Cull's room to get
our places for the "National
Flower" as laureata to be given
by High School girls. It is
going to be doubly hard for me
as I am on the decorating
Committee for the stage besides
being a jurymen. & I do
hope and pray it will be
a success after all the trouble
we have had with it.

Baked a chocolate cake tonight
Some cake. "So long."

Thursday, eve. - February

I was so tired to night, that I could not write in my diary so I am writing a few days late as I am - often very likely to do.

I went to school quite the same as usual and intended to get home exceptionally early but such was not my luck as I had to go to the library and take a book back so Violet could take it out she had not read a book for a report and mine was short so I let her take mine.

When I did get home however I worked exceptionally hard dusting up the upstairs so I could not time to do it Saturday was one pretty tired girl.

Well I guess I was good today. Wish I was ^a ₂ your kid again.

Friday evening, February.

I had the most fun tonight.
But I must go thru the
day as a whole.

Went to school, rushed home
and got ready to go out to Mainis
S. did up my little parcel, ^{pross.}
as I did I was nearly late
to school. after school Dorothy
had asked Sarah, Mapp but
recuse she was sick she
asked Greta Marshall. and
she is the funniest girl why
really she is just comical. We
rode four in one suggy and
enough we had a circus.

after we had had supper
and put up some nice boxes
we went over to the school
House for a Boy Social. Here
I laughed at Greta until I had
to hold my sides. Dorothy and
Greta went to supper with Clarence
Kuter, one of the funniest boys in
Mainis, we got an older man. Had
an awfully good time. Goodnite.

Saturday evening Feb.

We had to come down - town this morning so that we could practice at the Armory at 10:15. It's nearly froze riding clear way from Harrison St with 4 of a buggy. The armory was cold but there we stood it.

After practicing we came down to my house for dinner and after wiping dishes we sat down to read a bit.

Inwards evening we went down town to get some things for supper and came back got supper and did up the dishes, however our company got here before we were ready but Marion went down. Well we four kids had quite a good time, played cards and talked. They went home quite late and went to a dance after coming here. He naughty boys

Sunday morning. Feb.

This Sunday was one of the most peculiar which I have as yet experienced. Marion was with me. We got up quite late but went to school because I had to take a class, Marion went down and helped me out wonderfully.

After Sunday school we came home and helped get dinner. After dinner we were waiting to wipe dishes when who should drive up in the Dodge but Louisa and Bert. I paused myself and finished the dishes altho Louisa came out in the kitchen. Then we went for a ride cold. O no, I was almost frozen when I got home. The lamp came in and stayed until about 9 o'clock.

Presby. Bill Hester and Bert also came later as is usual to have

Monday Evening. Feb.

Smile I am tired. I so
tired, three nites are too
many for me. Add wasn't here
today she went to Suramac. So
after Pontate practice which lasted
until 5:30 I come home and
baked a cream cake - (some
cream stick hero. Spaulding
gave us) and got supper, it
was hurry. hurry all the time
and after I had gone to lots of
juss Papa didn't come home
I was so disgusted

I had tried to must
surprises today. Say Bertie
yes my own thing Bertie was
so tickled and who should walk
up to school but Arthur Rice.

Wish I might have had a little
mixture with both of them not
could it make them out that
way.

Well 'goodnite' little diary.

Tuesday evening Feb.

Came home from school as quickly as possible and did some dusting and cleaning in general then I washed out my two silk waists and colored them cleaned myself up.

After supper I had a hurry to get ready for Cantata practice which we were to have at 7:00 o'clock. We practiced long and hard and then a bunch of me girls chaperoned by Margaret Steer went up to a Leap Year dance given by Ethel Stilson and some other girl. They wouldn't let us stay because we didn't have any men, so we came home - town and went to show it was good, scrubby town.

Wednesday evening. March 1.

We were compelled to stay after school for some time time being busy with our Cantata.

Got home just in time to stir up a cake before supper and get it in the oven.

After supper I nearly read the paper and did a few other little things and retired to my little bed. tired, tired and oh so glad to think I really could lay myself down at a reasonable hour.

Nothing at all exciting.

Bye-bye.

Thursday eve. March.

Today of all days was a busy day. Went to school quite the same as usual in the morning but in the afternoon they let four of our Senior girls and four Senior boys off to decorate Arroyo for Friday nite.

Came back to Arroyo at noon just loaded down with pillows, flowers, flags and a sweater to wear. Home there on me were some busy folks until 5:30. Everything did look so pretty, we used red furniture having brown curtains at the back and light furniture.

Made Lawrence carry my sweater home for me.
Was so tired & we had a ^{prehearsal} ~~at~~ supper

From an. ^{and} March.

O today was such an
petting day and evening
everything just jumped all day
and evening. Lawrence went to
Detroit soon after school let out.

- I did hate to see him go because

I just feel like doing something
funny and I guess I did.

We were all fixed up some for
the concert. paint and everything
that goes with it, everyone did so
well, and the stage looked so
pretty, Helen D. being an mine
carried her part out most wonder-
fully and I was so proud of
Norma. She giving a little dance.

But after the dance Marian S.
Armine D. Norma W. and myself
all started up to the noose. Dana. We
had only nicely got started when Rolle
S. Dawson and along with Bill C. and
a Mr. Carpenter who is visiting him took

us up in the car. We
couldn't get the keys to stay
however and so we had to go
up alone, we met Mr. Weigman
on the stairs and he asked
us if we were really going
to stay after reassuring him
that we were he decided to stay
also. There was a pretty
good crowd up there, we
had lots of fun. Had more
than one dance with Mr.
Weigman. Think he's nice.

Came home with the girls
in the next hours of ^{the morning}
having had an awfully good
time.

Saturday. - March.

Today was another, strenuous day for me. I didn't get up until late and then had to go down to Army to help clean up things. After that we went down to the Parness to get some ice-cream.

It was opening day and we each got a milk carnation. After that Norma, Dorothy and Marion S. stayed down to the Army to skate while Armina and I went home.

After dinner I slept a long time and then soon after supper Norma called up and wanted me to go with a Mr. Carpenter who I had met the night before. I was awfully tired but consented. He was just grand, had lots and lots of fun. Went for a long ride didn't get home until late again.

Sunday, March.

Today I really intended to stay quietly at home and have the good rest but such lovely nerts are not for me I guess.

Went to S. School and was in my new class for once in ages, it seemed quite good. After S. School Lawrence had the car down, and as it wasn't so very cold and we felt just like it we took a nice little ride before going home. Enjoyed it immensely. Come home had an awfully good dinner, soon afterwards Bert Martin and Lawrence came down in Bert's car, they wanted me to go up to Detunde's so I went. We got Detunde went for a long ride to Minn and Lymus, it was terribly cold, we do such foolish things at times. Come home early and went to bed.

Monday, Aug. March.

Today I was quite tired. Little while I recognize the fact that I can't stand so very much at a time.

When I came home from school, I laid down and slept until supper time as I wanted to go to Elks dance in the evening.

It proved to be a terrible night, it was so slippery and continued to rain in a distressing fashion. but we had lots of fun slipping along.

I wore a pink dress with short sleeves and low neck. Had the grandest time just because I felt so much like dancing I guess. felt awfully sorry for Curran because he had a terrible headache. got home at 11 o'clock. Had a such sore feet and tired.

Tuesday. March.

I think I have felt as bad today as I ever have in my life. I was so tired I don't I simply couldn't stay awake but I tried to some way or other.

Came directly home from school and after wiping dishes went to directly to bed I guess it must have been about 8 o'clock. I slept straight thru until morning to.

Just Sunday.

I forgot to speak about stopping to see Emma Johnson a girl who used to work for us while on my ride. It did seem so good to see her and I have wanted to for so long.

Wednesday. March.

I felt just fine all day today. What miracles a little sleep does produce doesn't it?

Tonight I came right home from school, dusted up a little and made some sandwiches and got wova ready for evening.

In the evening my Missinay people came after discussing various things and having refreshments they went home at an early hour. Then Papa and I washed dishes and we went to bed.

Happy day.

Got a nice letter from a Mr. Carpenter, he's coming to India again before long and wants me to go for another ride with him. He's a very nice boy I guess.

Thursday - March.

Today has been one of the queerest days that I have ever seen. Started to school this morning, it was cold but pleasant, didn't wear any rubbers to school at noon and it commenced to snow by night it was a regular blizzard. It was terribly hard getting home from school. Dunc Platter was up to school this afternoon, she's going to visit her Aunt in Knoxville this next Tues. hate to see her go because she's such a fine girl.

Seems like everything went wrong with me today. H. Bunnell caught one of my notes and read it dead then.
"Blue day."

Friday. March.

Went to school as usual, but because I forgot my report card the teacher sent me home after it. It was terrible walking regular miles to make three. I was some pretty mad girl when I got home but trotted pinedy back with my report card in my hands.

After supper, Maime Laft, Ettrude M., Frances S., Marna W. and myself all went down to the movies. The show was pretty good altho Marna and I were pretty sleepy to be going to shows.

It seemed good to see "Bill" Laft again, who is home from Ferris for a new Sunday visit.

Good Nite!

Saturday March.

Am so tired write little book and this has been such a busy week, pretty near too much for me. (A little tiny matter has been worrying me too today but then life's too short for very much worry isn't it? I just haven't going to do it any more.

Worked hard all morning long then this afternoon I took a nice warm bath changed my clothes and went up to Estrudis' arhile. We were all alone up there and had a good confidential talk, seemed good. Her Aunt is intending to move.

She came back with me as far as Dexter Street. We did some shopping and then I came home and got supper, washed dishes and am now thoroughly ready for bed.

Sunday. March.

Today was spent in an entirely different way in which I usually spend my Sunday.

Went to church and S. School in the morning, helped them out in dinner in the Kindergarten Department then came home to my dinner.

After dinner I went up-stairs to lay down but could not sleep so I got up and started to read on my book report "Under Western Eyes." Soon Bert, Ethel, Norma, and Eric Hockett came up in Bert's car. They only stopped a very few minutes.

Bert told me Lawrence was quite sick so I went right over and called him up. Came back got something to eat, and then Willie

Pierce came down and wanted us to help ^{him} find a nurse for his wife. After doing this we, Papa, Prussell and myself went to church to hear Washington Gardner.

Monday Night. - March.

Things have run along in much the usual track I went to school as usual, came home very early and feeling industrious I swept and dusted our sitting room and dining room. After that I washed out a waist and also a pair of underwaist and ironed them also.

Went over to find out how Lawrence was but he wasn't at home so I talked with his mother. Glad to hear that he was better.

Had the queerest dog come to my house about supper time but he ran away as soon as we let him out of doors.

Bye-bye

I do so want either a dog or cat.

Tuesday - March.

Was so happy today to think that Lawrence was back in school again but possibly that no more how no different than I'd feel for any friend, well wait and see.

I only hope in reading you in after years little book that I maybe able to read between lines, as so much of my happiness of youth has been from little things that have happened that don't seem exactly right in a diary.

Came home from school tonight and made a cake. Helped to get supper and then washed my hair, only hope that I won't take cold because it seems awfully cold and damp outside today. There is a basket-ball game tonight between Lowell and Andover but I'm going to bed.

Wednesday - March.

Today has seemed to be
a long long day. Nothing
especially exciting happened
perhaps that is the reason.

After school I came
directly home, had a
new white waist fitted, helped
to get supper and then
after supper I washed my
hair. It was a terribly cold
night and everyone thought I
would surely take cold but
I'll hope to the best. Was
so tired after I got home with
this task that I went directly
to bed.

Inurene was not at school
again today, probably sick
again. Poor thing.
"Bye bye."

Thursday. We March 16.

Today I have had run along in much the usual course, nothing seems to be going on this week. We had a class meeting tonight and were assigned our parts in Senior Play. I am to be a Witch, surely some lovely role for me. I will try to do my best in whatever comes my way.

Went to the show tonight after supper to see Blanch Sweet play in the "Secret Orchard". It was good.

My notes are busily occupied just now on my theme to be for next week on Comparison between Kipling's Fables and Modern Children's Stories.

Friday eve, March 17.

St. Patrick's Day and me
a German, such a funny
coincidence. I well I celebrated
just the same, we girls in
our bunch all wore our
hair down our backs and
green ties. Such fun. Was
glad tho because I may now
tell in years to come that
I wore my hair down my
back in my senior year in
high school and nineteen
years old at that. It will
sound like a story won't it?

Really intended to go to a
Missiary Meeting at Dorothy
Whitchell's tonight but because
Eleanor Cheney couldn't go I
couldn't as she is the only one
from down this way who goes.
"I am well" In haste.

Saturday. March 18, 1914.

Today has been a most busy day, work, work for everyone, after doing my usual Saturdays work I looked up some things for my theme.

After helping with the dinner work I went up stairs took a nice warm bath and was going to have a good nap when who should come to the door none other than Mr. Carpenter from Muskegon. Well, I had Miss Beattie tell him that I would be down in half an hour, about that time he came up again with Violet and Rollo, we went for a little ride and decided that we'd go for another after supper. I am now waiting for them to come again. Really don't think I'm doing quite right things in more ways than one. That would have to remain to be seen. "Bye bye."

Sunday, March 19, 1916.

Little diary I must tell you what happened Sat. night when we were on our ride.

This Mr. Carpenter got to feeling pretty funny when we were taking Violet home so he thought that he would speed a little. Well he speeded and we skidded went into a ditch and nearly tipped over. They jessed around for about an hour trying to the thing started but it was done under some ice so far that they simply could not start it. Finally they went to a farmer's house and got a team of horses and we at last struggled out a cold ill-feeling crowd. Never again. Dad loaned me lesson little book. We got home about 12:30. Papa was disgusted don't blame him.

Sunday. —

Went to S. School. felt 'sort of
nervous and peculiar all
day. about six o'clock Bertie
Burton and Lawrence came down
We had a little lunch and
Lawrence spilled cream cake
all over him and also some
grape juice, great fun. We
sang songs and then went down
town and brought the car back.

Got a funny scolding hope
I'll remember it.

Best wishes.

Good night.

Monday March 20, 1916.

Started to school a rather tired girl, guess its my nunes knee and they do get such nervous rachs.

After school Violet W. and I went down and looked at some coats and suits saw lots of pretty things, only wish I might have everything I see.

Well after supper I got at my essay immediately and wrote the whole thing in six hundred words. Was so tired when I got ready to go to bed which was pretty late that I hardly knew enough to get there.

Bye-bye -

Tuesday March,

Went to school today
as usual intended to go
directly home after school
but Violet and I again
decided to try something else
on so we got busy on cats
They are so pretty again
this Spring.

After supper I intended
to finish my essay and
then go directly to bed but
Nona called up and wanted
me to go up to school to the
debate with her so I went. Was
glad to because we now and
I heard some fine debating. We
are all joined 2 boys.

Wednesday, March,

Write I am so tired
I can scarcely see to write.
Went to school as usual
had a test in American History.

After school we had a
mass meeting to get the
pupils opinion as to whether
they ought to abolish athletics
from S. H. S. or not. Some
very good ideas given only
Royal Mann became very
strong in his speech so much
so that Mr. Forsythe had to
stop him.

Am going to bed early
only write
Bye-bye.

Thursday March. —

Write I ~~have~~ so tried
but still must write in my
diary.

Came home from school directly
and got ready for the Pot-Luck
supper which these girls had at
my house. We had the bestest
supper that ever was present ~~was~~

1. Marion Spaulding.
11. Violet Wessinger.
2. Nettie Morse. The party
3. Norma Ullers was given
4. Frances Sheldon. in honor of
5. Margaret Heath Norma U
6. Polly Wardley to move to St.
7. Helen DeFord. Johns. The
8. Berenic Hackett girls gave her
9. Lina E. Veecher. a very pretty ~~very~~
wrist.

After the supper we all went down
to the Hillsdale quartett, having all
kinds of exciting experiences, before that
we were had to fix Violet up in some
of my clothes because she, Norma and
Marion were going with Hillsdale folks.

Friday - March. -

This morning Miss Beattie went to Detroit expecting to stay until Tues. night.

Came home for a little lunch at noon and then I got a warm Supper at night and did several other little things which were quite essential to my welfare.

After supper went directly to bed and who should come walking in but Mrs. Reynolds who Miss Beattie expected to meet at Detroit. It seems there was a mistake all the way around.

We played a terrible joke on Violet W. and her Hillsdale man who was up at school today. Let out of guilty.

Saturday - March.

Today has been a terrible trying one on my nerves, I'm nearly done out I have been in the dentist chair the whole day at least both this morning and afternoon with a few minutes for dinner. My teeth are terrible and I'm so tired and discouraged and yet why should I be, outside the robins are singing and it has been a wonderful day.

Mrs. Reynolds is going up to Mrs. Logan's so I must get supper and as it is nearly time to do it I guess I had better stop.

Bye bye —

Sunday - March.

Today it rained, rained all day long. As Add was in Detroit I got up this morning and cleaned up a little around the house as Mrs. Reynolds isn't very fond of such work.

Went to S. School and in the afternoon Lewis Van Aiken from Lansing and Lawrence and Pip were here all afternoon.

We had a pretty good time considering the weather. The boys, Pip and Lewis went away to spend the evening. We expected Add but she didn't come.

Monday - March.

It was rainy and disagreeable again today. This morning I had to go to the dentist again and had to go back soon after dinner.

After I got out of the dentist chair went up to see Helen D. In awhile, we had a real good old visit.

Came home and got supper and Rip and I were alone all evening. It really seemed very good. I was so tired that the rest seemed especially good to me.

"Good Night"

Tuesday - March.

My hut but fast my
vacation is flying. Almost
gone. We have been having
such rainy weather that
we have very near having
a terrible flood. The water
came near one of the roads.

Russell got up and got
us a good breakfast today.

Helmer Jackson came over
and was with me nearly
all day. Worked hard all
morning, made a cake, made
some potatoe chips, got dinner
and after dinner Helmer and I
went down to see the flood.
and also to get some things
for supper.

Went to the Syrene Concern
over dinner with Noma

Wednesday - March.

Add came home from Detroit last night. She got lots of things mostly for herself. Had a very good time.

I have been taking it very easy today. Seemed as if it were necessary

I have just got some fruit for breakfast. Must go immediately to bed because four of the girls are intending to go to Grand Rapids tomorrow.

So "Bye bye".

Now there's a sweet and
(1)
dark eyed maiden
sitting just in back of
me,
She's a nice 'as they
can make 'em,
And she's really scholarly.

2
Now her name I will
not tell you,
Cause she's modest
as can be
But I'll tell you what I will
do,
I'll describe her readily.

She's got ⁽³⁾ large and
handsome brown eyes,
they're as pretty as a
book,
and she handles them
as close
as the man behind the
book.

She's got long ⁽⁴⁾ and jet-black
curls,
finest curls as can
be,
and complexion that will
really
make you think of south-
ern seas.

(5)

Row she's goin' with a
filler,

Called Lorenzo from
the West,

He's a tall and likely
creature,
with a broad and manly
chest.

(6)

And she likes his little
Podge car,

She proclaims it is the
best,

And he proudly blows
his Claxon,

As he tears down' from
the west,

You can hear a maiden
calling
calling sweetly to her
love
asking tall and stately
"Lori",
"wait while I put on one
more of love".

(8)
Then they motor down old
main street,
just as happy as can
be,
and they talk of love, and
cottages,
and other scenes - ey.

How the bells will soon
be ringing,
Ringing loud and
joy-fully,
Telling that a boy has
wedded,
That one girl that sat
near me.

H. Beemell.

April 7, 1916.

Was wird die Kaiser
mit Rentak machen
Welcher Schubengel droht
Rentak on Thukale.

Thursday. March.

Marion Spaulding and I decided to go down to the Rapids today and Helen was to go with us but she went on the early morning train. As the train was over an hour late we had to get lunch as soon as we got there as we didn't get in until after two o'clock.

We had a good time saw lots of pretty things but didn't buy anything. Helen D. however had her arms full.

There were brigging Grandmother Bennett home to bury her on the same train.

Oral Burkwell and Wayne came up to our house and were here for supper, Oral staying all night.

Friday - March.

Today seemed to be a very busy day. After dinner I trimmed myself up a summer hat. It looks pretty good. Got supper. After supper Lawrence came down and then Nona came down. We danced here for a while then we all decided we'd go to the show. Oral and Rip fixed up in great high collars and had canes they took Nona. After the show we went up to the dance for a little while, we girls both wanted to dance but Oral could not on account of his grandfather and Lawrence had a sore foot. Nona stayed all night with me. She got into the room before she descended the right one. Some fun

Saturday - April 1.

We got up quite late. I had an exceptionally sore throat and Nora & Aunt Anne to help her mother help pack up. Today was Grandmother Bennett's funeral. We only had lunch for dinner. Nora & I ate after the other folks had gotten through. After dinner we washed all the dishes!

Hettie came down awhile in the afternoon and we three girls went upstairs together, for the last time in a long while.

I suppose for Nora & I took the 6.14 train for her new home in St. Johns. I was a lonesome girl after she went. Anne came about sick and went to bed at 7.15. Seemed good.

Sunday. April.

Didn't feel the least bit good
this morning but had to go to
Sunday School. Lucretia Lawrence
let me ride with him coming
home as he had the horse &
and buggy. He said he'd be
down soon after dinner and
take me for an auto ride but
as he didn't come I went up to
Hut's at Locks from Locks we
went over to marshes. Who
should come walking in but
Lawrence and Bert just as
we were ready to depart
We took the car up to Lawrence
and walked back, Bert stole
this little bouquet on opposite
page on my walk on the
Reformatory grounds. Shall put
it in here as a reminder of Spring
and a general reminder of my
girl-hood days.

Monday - April.

We had an exceptionally large washing this week and today was the day I days to do it. It was a beautiful day however.

Came home from school feeling pretty sick, my throat was so sore. Made a chocolate cake and after wiping dishes went directly to bed. I doctored up my throat so I don't think I'll have to go to a doctor, at least I hope not.

Bye bye - -

Going to try and stay home more this week.

Tuesday April.

Came home from school tonight with Emma and Sarah Knapp but because I forgot practically everything I should have bought I had to go back down town again.

Made a very good salad for supper and again went directly to bed after dishes were done.

Nothing exciting nothing thrilling just a calm peaceful day.

S. Long.

Wednesday - April.

Today it has been somewhat colder than usual a rather inclined to be dismal. After school tonight we had a class meeting and we girls decided to make skirts and waists instead of middy-blossoms. Our play was unpharised and we expect to have our first rehearsal tomorrow night.

Came on down-town and looked at white coats, found one very much to my liking. I'd see about it, perhaps.

There's such a lot of pretty things that I'd like this summer. O a girl is such an expense!

Thursday April.

Today has been a very busy day and also a cold day. After school a man gave us a short lecture and also some slides on concrete work. After this we had a rehearsal of the first scene of our play. We had lots of fun and got along splendidly. Stopped on the way home and made a final decision on a coat. It is to be a white one.

We are now busily planning for a party which we are going to give the teachers on Monday after Easter.

Mrs. Reynolds came home tonight and so I did it her to wipe dishes.

So bed at 8:15 for me.

Friday - April.

This has been one of the quietest Friday evenings that I have spent in many a day. Simply stayed at home and went to bed.

Went to school as usual but after school tonight we stayed until about 4:30 discussing class affairs in general. Today the honors were given but, Stanley Russell being Salutatorian, Margaret Keatts Salutatorian and honorary mention being made of both Marion Spalding and Eunice Wood. We feel quite proud of our class. It remains to be seen just how much there is to us.

Saturday - April - 1916.

Worked very hard today as usual. Miss Beattie was sick this morning but was much better by noon. I still had some work to do after dinner, after doing this I went up and took a nice warm bath and then got dressed and went down town.

Met Bert down town and I told him all my troubles & but it seemed good to unburden them to some one whom I have confidence in.

Will we both wanted to do something tonight but don't look as if we could. We must always be contented with small morsels of success.

Sunday - April - 1916.

Today was quite an eventful day for me. Had so much fun and enjoyed the day so much in every way. Went to S. School as usual, rode part way home with Lawrence who had his car down - town. It was such a beautiful day that one could not help but enjoy it no matter what you might have been doing.

After dinner I went up to Sturmdis. But came down with his car and we three people rode all the afternoon. Had a jolly good time after while Lawrence came down, we spent part of the evening here at the house and went for another short ride.

Pleasant Memories.

Monday - April.

Have been very very busy today. With my school work and outside antics, I have just about all I need to do.

After school we had a rehearsal of our play, we seem to be coming along fairly well with it. I do hope and pray our play and everything we have to do will be a success.

These are some verses which H. Bunnell who sits right in front of me wrote one day. I think he has natural ability along this line.

Tuesday eve - April - 1916.

Today was another beautiful day. It does make you feel so good big and I somehow queer it seems to me.

After a hard days work in school tonight I went down to the library with some of the other girls to look up something for me Senior Entertainment. We were down there for quite awhile and after that we went down - town, met Violet and all went in and had some ice - cream.

Came home was pretty tired but thought I was abused because I couldn't go to the show. Went to bed early and washed my hair.

Wednesday - April.

Today the weather has been somewhat gloomy looking all day as tho it were going to rain.

After school we had to practice for our Senior play again after which I started home but as I came down on Main street I found Violet and we went in and had some ice cream with a good old fashioned visit.

Lawrence drove up about supper time and wanted me to go for a ride but I couldn't.

Bye bye I'm going to bed early. I'm only on fire committees that I know of now.

Thursday - April.

Today has been another
dismal dark day. Went
to school quite as usual.

After supper Emma
and I decided that we'd
go to the show. It was
raining quite hard and
was a little doubtful
about going but at last I
decided I would. The show
was fine. Mary Pickford
in "Emeralda". We had
lots of fun after the show
too, got some ice-cream
and had a good old-
fashioned visit.

Friday Night - April.

Today was such a beautiful day. Walked home from school with Lawrence. He asked me to go for a ride directly after supper.

He came about 7:15. We went for the briefest ride heard a bug concert in a swamp out in the country.

Came back so that we might meet 8:15 train on which his sister came but didn't get there until 8:30. As luck would

turn out the train was late. Happily for us too.

It was the night of the Year Party but Lawrence couldn't go because of his foot.

Saturday Mite - April.

Worked today but not as hard as usual. Just about dinner time the horse just across the road nearly humped down to the ground. We had quite an exciting time. After dinner Gertrude came down for a while and I took her for a piece which took her nearly home.

After supper and doing the dishes, Marion Thompson came down after me and we went down to the library to look some business up for my entertainment for the teachers.

Sunday - April.

This has surely been a most exciting day for me. Went to school and we practiced some Easter music then came home and had dinner. Went upstairs after dinner to read but Lawrence came down and he wanted me to go for a ride. So I went, it had just been raining and was truly "sunshiny" after a "storm" but we did get caught in some little showers.

I went up to his house for lunch as the whole family wanted me to. Came home after and found Hel. and Bert. went for a short ride. Said girl.

Monday Nite - April.

Frank & Sam & so tired
and very sick. Dad is going
to the store with some bread
I've got an awful pain in
my back.

This has been such a
busy day. School work went
quite as much as usual
only I had so many
committee meetings to attend
and so much to see to.

Didn't get home from school
until 5:30. Don't seem to ever
get home before that any more.

I'm going to bed.

This flower is one that grew on
a plant that Lawrence's father
raised and he gave one to me.

Monday Nite - April.

Tonight I am so tired
and half sick. Aed is going
to rub me with some liniment
I've got an awful pain in
my back.

This has been such a
busy day. School work went
quite as much as usual
only I had so many
committee meetings to attend
and so much to see to.

Didn't get home from school
until 5:30. Don't seem to ever
get home before that any more.

Don't seem to be
This flower is one that grew on
a plant that Lawrence's father
raised and he gave one to me.

Tuesday - April.

Tuesday was such a full day again, worked until six o'clock after school then came home nearly dead, ate a hurried supper and had to go back down-town to D. Wombells for a rehearsal of the play.

We got along very nicely for the first complete rehearsal. After the play Russell walked up to meet me, he had been working at the store. Lawrence got back from a party which he had been at on time let me ride home the

Wednesday - April.

It seems as tho one day is busier for me than the next, the next is busier than the first one. I've just had my heels in business just now. Don't see how I'm ever going to do it all.

Tonight I stayed again until it was time for supper, came home ate my supper and add and I left the dishes and went down-town. We got me a new hat. Its a large sailor of the pink with two black curving quills on it. A Stunner! Well —

Thursday -rite.

Was a rather rainy day but such a beautiful evening. Worked for a long time after school again came home and that I'd drop ~~some~~ a few lines and then would go directly to bed but

Ronald came down with his old horse and smuckin of an old buggy and we went for a short ride, we had a dandy time.

O so tired.

Friday - April.

Sure am glad that we can only be a Senior of High School but once in our life.

Stayed after school until late working on Entertainment - ment for teachers and also class Day and play.

After supper instead of going to the show or something which I should have enjoyed doing we were forced to go back up to High School to have another rehearsal of play. Sometimes blessings do come my way. Insurance brought the car and we didn't have to walk. He's the best kid.

Sunny afternoon.

Saturday Eve - April.

Such a day and such a
cold. In all but -

Worked all morning, had
dinner and went down to
the church to play for the
Kingsdancers, must do
it tomorrow, - Easter. Got some

egg dyes and we expect to
color Easter eggs tonight and
juss up in general. -

Got the prettiest little
Easter remembrance from
Lorraine today. Was so

nice of him. Think he's too
nice to me - because I'm
anything but nice to him at times.

Sunday. — April. Easter.

Was so very very busy today. Got up quite early so I could get to church at nine o'clock in order to play for the little ping-pong tables. It was such a disagreeable day for the little folks to get here too but we had a goodly number all the same. We had no Sunday school but our church lasted until twelve thirty and I stayed for the entire service. Was pretty tired but we had such a large number who joined the church that I wanted to see it. Seven joined today. Was so glad.

After dinner went up to P. C. Hall to get ready for entertainment which we were to give ~~to~~ ^{with} Susan and Lawrence.

Monday. April.

Was rather tired today but had to work hard all the same. We went down to the hall after school and worked until six o'clock then came home got some supper and dressed and went straight back.

The entertainment went off so nicely, all had a good time and lots of good things to eat.

After our party we took a lot of the girls home as Lawrence had his car down.

Marion Spaulding stayed with me. We were so tired that we could hardly get up - stairs.

Tuesday - April.

Couldn't make up when I did get up this morning so I went down with Marion while she had breakfast and sent her to school and after awhile I decided I'd go but wasn't at all certain whether I could keep my eyes open or not.

Got through the day fairly well but it nearly killed me to go down to the hall and clean it up. came home had supper and went up-stairs at seven but didn't get to bed until eight. Slept so good seemed so good to get some rest. This seems to be a very strenuous time.

Wednesday - April.

Today was Dollar Day.
There was quite a crowd
in old Iowa. Everyone
seemed to think they were
getting some wonderful bargains.
After school we sawance
had some free tickets for
the show we went and got
some new cream. Had a
great old time.

After supper Emma went
down - town and Hester
and Bert came down in
Bert's car and wanted me to
go down - town but I couldn't.
Came directly in route to
room and went to bed.

Thursday - April.

Felt quite like myself today, a little rest helps a whole lot when you need it as bad as I did.

I didn't stay so very long after school, came home read awhile and got ready to look up to school in a practice of play.

Papa went to Detroit yesterday and we don't look for him until about tomorrow night.

Lawrence came down with the horse and we drove up to school stopped and got some candy on the way, we were quite late but couldn't help it. Got home quite late.

Friday - April.

Today was such a beautiful day, just typical of a Spring day. That funny feeling which always comes creeping slowly over me, came today. I am so uneasy don't seem to be contented any where.

Stayed after school until about six o'clock helping to make posters as part of an advertisement scheme for our play.

Got home just in time to see Papa a few minutes, eat supper and go back to school to be there at seven.
There were such beautiful northern lights tonight.

Saturday - April.

Have had such a peculiar
day today altho it has
been most beautiful outside.

Mad and Emma went
down - town this afternoon.
This morning I had to go
down to the Armory to
practice on our play. After
I got home I worked awhile
and then had dinner.

After dinner I laid down
and slept nearly the whole
afternoon. Got up took a
bath, dressed, had supper
and here I am writing in
my little diary again!

This little diary causes me
lots of work and yet I love it so

Sunday - April.

Today was such a horrid day. It rained in the afternoon and was disagreeable in the morning. Went to Sunday School & came home and was about sick, felt horrid all afternoon and ate very little dinner.

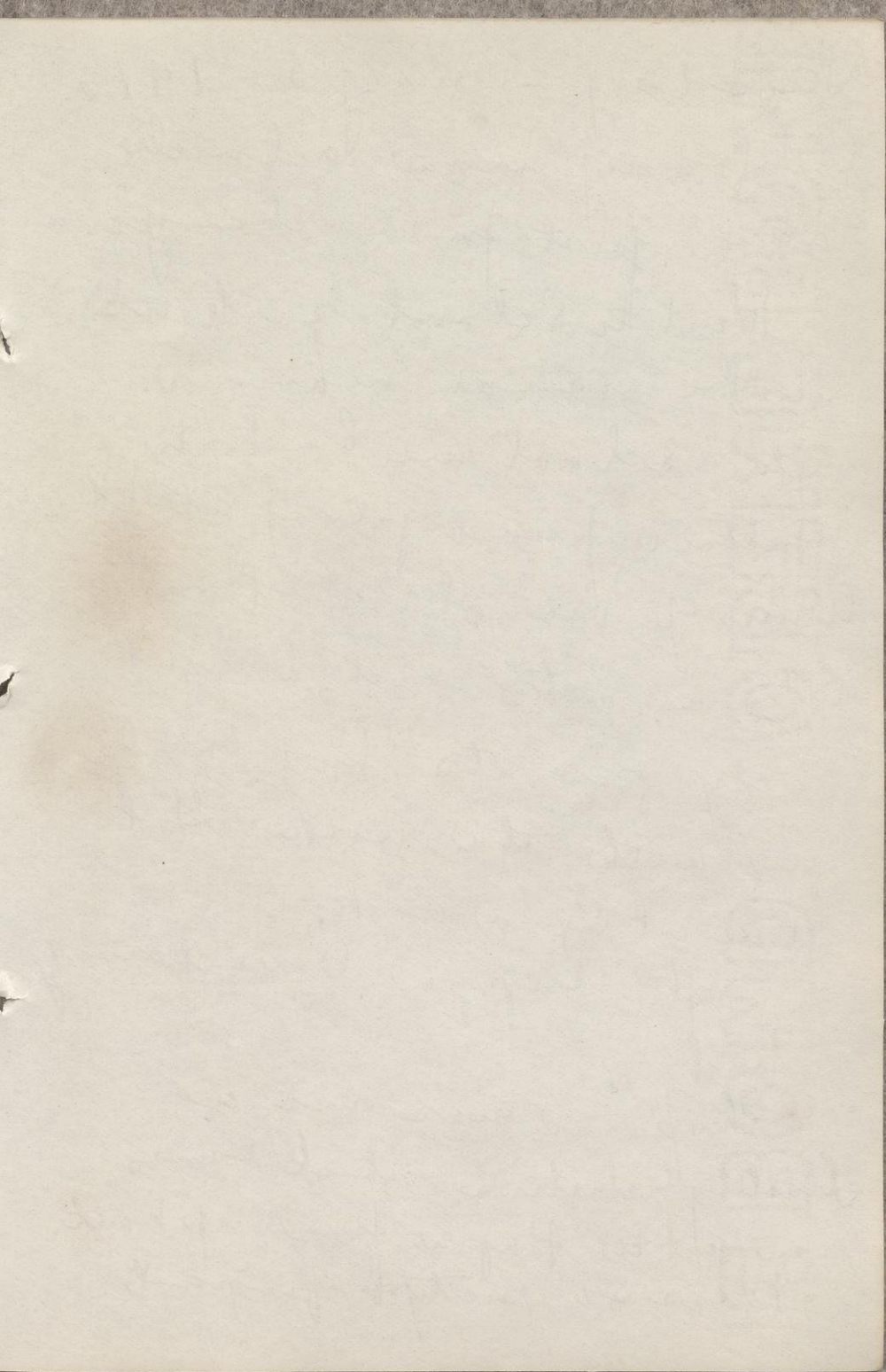
In the afternoon I slept most of the afternoon and read.

After lunch survived came down we went to church had a very quiet evening and yet a very pleasant one. It seemed good to because I was so tired

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still it continues to be most disagreeable. I suppose now the rest of week will continue along the same way as it has been today.

I stayed up to school and made posters for our Senior play as part of an advertisement scheme, afterwards I came in, got in, about six o'clock and had supper, after supper we went up to Olga Ulrich's and practiced dancing parts for our play. Didn't get home until ten and was never any more tired in my life.



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I have been thinking of you
very much lately and wondering
how you are getting on
I hope you are well and
happy as usual
I have not much news to
write at present
I am
Yours truly
John Smith

Tuesday - May 2 - 1910.

Today was a lovely day, just for a change.

Went to school quite as in the usual manner. After school we had to practice for our play at the Armory. We skipped out uterine acts and bought candy, peanuts, had lots of fun with the work. Got home at six o'clock.

After supper I went directly to bed.

This flower was once a *Marigold* which some-
one sent to Papa from up north.
It was so pretty & fragrant.

Wednesday - May - 1916.

It surely does seem
strange to be at home
two nights in successive
good thro in a way.

I shall be very busy again
tomorrow to close the play
and the things we are

to do. I had to go
to Margaret Steer's
practice for some parts

of the play after that we
came home and I started
to help get supper but I
drove up in the car and

wanted me to go for a short
ride so I went, maybe I
shouldn't have done it but I
can only be young once.

Not going to bed "bye the bye."

Wednesday - May - 1916.

It surely does seem strange to be at home two nights in successive good tho in a way.

I've been very busy again today tho closer the play draws the busier we are.

After school we had to go down to Margaret Steers to practice for some parts of the play after that we came home and I started to help get supper but I drove up in the car and wanted me to go for a short ride so I went, maybe I shouldn't have done it but I can only be young once.
Not going to bed "bye the bye."

Thursday May- 1916

Today was a great day for me so much excitement, everything seemed to hum. There were so many things to see to getting down to the Army and I got my share.

After School I went down to the Army for a short time and then Laurence's father and mother came down town and Laurence happened to see them and so we rode home.

After supper Russell went down to the Army with me to help get my things down there. We had a dress rehearsal but it wasn't very good so I expect my play will be fine.

Friday - May - 1916.

This was a day which I shall never forget. Our play went off very nicely, altho it was a little slow perhaps but that was no fault of mine. It was such a lot of fun too trying to get people ready for their next appearance.

Was me tired tired girl tho, was new so tired that my legs just ached, something which they haven't done for a long time. Came straight home after the show with Russell.

We cleared about \$50 after paying our class debt and expenses, not so bad.

Saturday - May - 1916.

Got up at seven this morning was a nervous tired so it didn't do much good to lay in bed.

Worked hard all morning long then after dinner I took a bath, put on my new white coat and went down to the Orpheum to usher for a show the Standard Bearers girls were giving.

That was a success too. Came home, got supper and went to bed nice and early. Lawrence came down and wanted me to go for a ride but I was in bed.

Sunday - May - 1916.

O such a perfectly lovely day, it just simply couldn't be any nicer. Went to S. School helped down stairs and then came home. Rode part of the way home. Before dinner Russell and I went up back of the house on a little bird hunt. We stayed up there until dinner time.

After dinner we went riding with Robinson's people first Russell and I then Papa and D. Oral came down for a short time after that and Lawrence called up at 8:30 but I wouldn't let him come down. Went to bed early.

Monday - May -

Today was another beautiful day almost rivaled Sunday.

After school I stayed for a short time and then went down to Miss Steer's after my report card. Came directly home and worked a little until supper time, helped to get supper, wiped dishes and went to bed real early again. I'm getting caught up in sleep again and feel so much more like myself.

Bye - bye -

Tuesday - May -

Another beautiful day.

Intended to go and see
"Les Misérables" at Orpheum
tonight but the film didn't
come so I stayed at home.
Came home from school with
Ermissa, we met Laurence
on the way and so I walked
the rest of the way with him.
Because I stopped and
talked a few minutes outdoors
I got a 'perfectly gorgeous
scolding'.

With cleaning house and I
don't like it a little bit.

So long —

Wednesday - May -

Today has been hot
only an interesting day but
also a very disagreeable
day. It has rained, all
day long by spells.

Went to school quite the
same as usual, came home
in the same way, had my
supper, finished my book
"The Light that Failed" talked
with Auntie over the phone
washed my hair and
attempt to go to bed in very
short order. So bye the bye
until tomorrow.

Thursday - May - 1916.

Friday - May - 1916.

It rained again today and was quite disagreeable. There was a W. G. P. dancing party tonight which we fully intended to take in but finally decided that we would not.

Edith got so very good today and was tired so after supper Lawrence and I drove up to Bertie for a while. We talked for a while and then we took her and we all ^(3 of us) went for a ride and ended at the Carnivals, they rode on the merry-go-round while I waited for them. We got some tickets for dolls but didn't get any. Came home quite early. Had loads of ferns.

Saturday - May - 1916.

Today was my day for work again and work I did. Was pretty tired after dinner but Hester came down with her horse Harry and we went for a buggy ride. We had an awfully good time as the country is so pretty just at this time of the year.

Came home got supper, washed up the dishes and after reading paper and doing a few necessary things I went to bed 'cause I was so tired.

Sunday - May - 1974

Went to G. Scholt the same as usual and after having my dinner and helping to wash dishes I went up to Hettus. It was a terribly warm day.

I hadn't been up there long before Violet and Rolly came. They were just getting home from dancing where Violet had been to an M. A. C. dance and Rolly had gone after her.

Samuel drove up after while and took us both downtown with him. We met Bert and Bert got in with him while he took his car down to the garage. We four went for a ride in the Dodge. It rained, thundered and lightened. Most exciting.

Monday - May - 1916.

Today was quite the same as usual. Went to school, came home late as usual.

I went to bed quite early because I was so tired.

It was quite an uneventful day, nothing exciting happening as I remember it now.

Tuesday - May - 1916.

There was nothing peculiarly different that happened today from any other day. I recollect I went to school, came home had supper, wiped the dishes and went to bed.

As I remember Mrs Russell and I went to the Orphan to see "Les Misérables". We had an awfully good time.

then we came home.

* Wednesday - May - 1914.

Today was a big day for us at school. School let out early so we might go down to the Armory and practice for our "May Festival". We got out early enough but as it was so extremely warm and as Lawrence had his car at school, we filled it up with J. P. Mell. R. Ball, Lawrence, Anna and myself and went for a ride. We got down to the Army the very last Mrs. Miss Marting was so provoked at us. Mrs. Foreythe laughed, I was rather scared. We had to sub our car when we dared go in as the wind had blown it so.

Afterward we went down + got some presents + in.

Thur da - May - 1914.

Went to school today quite the same as usual.

I came from school early so that I might have some time to get ready in but fate was against me. I tried a little experiment, the experiment I removing surplus hair from the arms & feet and it wasn't at all successful, it just made a sticky mess which I was forced to cut off.

It was terrible!

After eating a little we hit and jumping into my clothes I started out and Lawrence overtook me so I didn't have to walk. The Festival was fairly successful and we had a grandy ride in ^{Lawrence's} ~~But's~~ car afterwards, but it just thundered and lightened a little which caused the folks still kids of trouble

Friday - May - 1916.

My today was a warm day, it was so hot and sultry. We got off for about half the morning to practice at the Army. Then I went home for dinner. After dinner I laid down to take a little nap but Lawrence came down and wanted me to go for a ride so up I jumped and away I went and what a good time I did have. Just loads of fun. We went up to Long Lake, had a boat ride and then came home just about sunset. It was so delightful and cool.

After supper of course we had to go down to the Army for our final exam. It was so warm and stuffy in there that I don't think it was so greatly enjoyed as it might have been. We took a short ride afterwards in Bert's car.

Saturday May - 1916.

Today was my busy day again and I really had to make things hum. We cleaned the porch and put the porch furniture out but it is so dusty out there seeing they are just putting in the new pavement that I don't believe that we will take very much comfort out there for awhile.

Shortly after dinner I took a nice long nap and then came out in the porch and got cooled off and got supper, after I washed the dishes I went to bed, I was so tired I simply couldn't stay awake any longer.

Sunday - May - 1916.

It was so warm today
and yet so beautiful.

As one of the B. School
teachers in the Kindergarten
Department were absent I
was forced to take a class.
There were only 25 of the little
babies, there and with the best
and wiggles I had all I
wanted to do.

Came home and had the best
dinner, strawberry short cake,
the bestest one.

After dinner Laurence came
down and we went up to Gettis
for a while and then we went for
a drive out South of the river,
on some new roads. & they
were so beautiful, some such
beautiful scenery. We came home
about dusk, waited here for quite
a while and then Bert and Gettie came
but didn't stay very long.

Thursday - May - 1916.

Today was a usual day with me. It rained all day long and was pretty gloomy. They gave out some pretty long lessons for us to study with Decoration day.

As I look into the future it will be a very short time now before I'll be out of school will seem so queer and yet I suppose we all find something worth while to do after we are out but its so hard to begin.

Well I'm going to stop now because I must go up to Hattie and stay with her tonight as she's all alone.

Tuesday - May 2nd - 1916.
Decorative Day!

Got about eight o'clock
this morning, Bert and I had
such a good time all by our
lonesomes last nite. She popped
some of the best cross and we
had a general good time
but we went to bed early for us.

Soon after breakfast I came home
put out some flags and did
some work, we then had
dinner. After dinner Bertie
came down and we sat out on
the porch all afternoon. We had
a good supper and after supper
we went up to the Lake. We
got stuck in the mud had a great
time, didn't get home until late, home
seemed to like it the least little bit.

Wednesday - June 1 - 1916.

Today was the day after
the mite before and I guess
it was in more ways than one
felt terrible all day today
was so sleepy and tired and
so discouraged with life in
general, everything looked gray to
me today. Myself seemed un-
reasonable so queer but then
I suppose it's all right anyway.

Have been helped get supper
and want to bed good and early,
didn't have much of a desire to
stay up late.

My graduation dress is
started but I just hate to think
of graduation now that I know it
will be so soon.

Thursday - June 2, - 1916.

Today the world seemed a little better to me. I intended to wear some summer clothes today but it proved to be so cold that I decided I would not.

School went along a little better today, we practiced some music after school and then came home. Erminia and I stopped and got some candy on the way home.

Erminia will have company tonight for supper so must go in now and help.

Bye - bye little deary.

Friday - June 3 - 1916. 52

Today was a lovely day
the whole day long and then
such a beautiful ^(new) full moon
at night.

School went along in much
the usual course only Lawrence
arose his car to school and
so I didn't have to walk home.

After supper I went to meet
Papa, to go to the Banquet
given by Knight Templars but he
wasn't ready so I found Mrs.
Snel in her auto in front of temple
and I stayed with her. They
sent all the women to the club
for entertainment and then we went
back to the Lodge & rooms for
our banquet. Lawrence had come
up after me to go to a dance
and as Papa had to serve they
let him eat with me. They had some
of the worst fish sandwiches.
Went to dance at 10:45. Good time
Saw you Party.

Saturday - June 4 - 1916.

Today was a great day for Inia, it being Field Day. Got up at seven this morning regardless I dance the night before. Worked hard all morning long and then this afternoon.

Stopped for Cornua on my way down to the track, as soon as we spied the girls we went with them. Ray was in all armed man and he did just fine. R. 1 call broke a record, it was all very good. Towards the last we saw the boys and they wanted us to come and sit in the car which we were very glad to do. There were 4 of the girls and two 2 lovely boys. They took us for a lovely ride & gave us some ice-cream & pop - come. Goodtime.

Sunday - June 5 1916.

It was very warm today
wore my silk dress but it
was too warm for that.

Came home from S. school
nearly roasted, very soon after
dinner we went for a ride,
Lawrence, his father and mother
and myself. We went to
Portland had a fine time.

Went up to his house for lunch
and Bert and Bert came up
there after us and we went out to
Marian Joft's. She was here for
our Sunday. Came home and
went to bed.

splendid day, lots of fun but
awfully tired. ———

Monday June 6 1916

Tuesday June 7, 1916

Wednesday June 8th -

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Thursday June 9th

Friday June 10. - 1885

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Sat June 11.

Sunday June 12th.

Today I had such a
good time never better in
my life, went to Grand
Rapids.

Art, Bert, Lawrence and I
started in Bert's car at about
10 o'clock. We went on the
north side of the river and
there never was a more
beautiful drive or a more
more lovely day, it was ideal
for driving. Very soon after arriving
we ran into some man's car
and had to pay for a new
fender \$1.00. Then had dinner and
after dinner came back and
went out to Reed's Lake. Rode on
Dunbar 4 times did nearly all
the stunts out there, had lunch in
B. R. and came home after dark.

Monday June 13 -

Didn't feel quite as spry
as I ^{have} felt in my life. Sunday
was a little too much for
me I guess, was forced
to study terribly hard
because of the on-coming
exams.

Came home and after
helping with the supper
went directly to bed.

Short - day but sweet -
now

Tuesday June 14

The same old story
Studied and practiced
for music for Baccalaureate
Night. There is ever so
much to do just now.

Nellie told me today that
Aunt Bessie, Uncle Henry
and the two children were
here, just came today.

That's all for today.

Wednesday June 15th

The last day of my High School life, do I realize just how much it means, I don't believe that I do, its all so mysterious can't understand it at all some way. Can't bear to think that today I must say "good bye" to all my school friends, that's what hurts the most.

I brought all my books home tonite, In three my new life must begin "not finished just begun"
Our class motto.

Thursday June 16.

This morning at 10 o'clock I took my gun to open. Wasnt nearly as scared as I might have been. After the game I came home and had my dinner and after dinner I went down - town to see Mary Pickford in "Madame Butterfly". It was fine we took Maxine and Dorothy along they enjoyed it too. They are two very sweet children.

Friday June 17-

At 8 o'clock this morning
took my mice up and
now in the with Gams.

Rose down the hill with
Violet, came home and swept
the porch and did a few little
necessary things.

Aunt Bessie Uncle Henry
and the children were down for
dinner. Poor little Dorothy was
sick so she could not eat any
dinner.

After dinner we took a buck
went over to the Daisy field,
had a good time, got a few
daisies. Bill & Kristina came

after us
after supper but Pat, V. & myself
went for Belding to Victorian Nite
but it rained so hard that we only got as

that stayed with me
was over
I stayed there until it was over
and stayed there until it was over
for as Pat's and stayed there until it was over

Saturday June 18

didn't get up until about 9:30, but got up early and went home.

Wrestled right around after I did get up and did a lot of work so that after dinner I was pretty tired again. Laid down at 2 o'clock and didn't get up until 4, guess I'm just naturally tired out all over.

After supper I knew J. and I took a walk. Had the blues so bad, don't know what I will do this summer 'cause you know little book don't you?

Sunday June 19 -

Baccalaureate Sunday.

Such a day comes only
once in one's life time.

We were rather tired so I rested
all day long to be ready for
the grand event at night.

Russel - went up to Long
Lake Saturday night so it
was pretty quiet around the
house all day long.

Russel and I went
down to the church early
because we had some roses
to take to some of the girls.

It was such fun talking
to everyone and getting
ready to march. Afterward
Artrude and Bert came up
and wanted us to go home
with them. We went for a little
time and came home.

Monday June 1916

I we had such fun today. The teachers J. H. S. entertained the Seneca today.

We started from the High School at 2 o'clock, we took Mr. Dunlap, Wignear, Viola, Norma and I. Course Lawrence and myself with a lot of lunch thrown in.

We got there safely ^(Long Lake) and were taken to Steer's cottage and then Lawrence and I walked around to the other side, got a canoe and came back and the waves were so high that there were white caps on them. A such fun.

Had lunch and started home but we went over to Belding, went to the show there, got some sandwiches good good time. started for Inia. Beautiful moon ~~was~~ cold.

Tuesday June 1916.

I thought today would be a day
I rest but Dorothy Winchell
called up and said that she
was going to have a class
S. School Supper at her house
so I went. We had a good
supper, got started home early,
but when I got here I found that
Mert and Wanda had been here
and were over at Bernice's so I
went over there and found them
and we all went down-town to
see our soldier boys. The troops
are now drilling daily to go
to Grayling. It's all so
exciting and horrible. The boys
from our Senior class must go when
the call comes. P. Hall and
Joe Canfield.

Wednesday - 1916

Today was another busy busy day. Class Day is its given name, everything went off fine barring the cold weather.

Brought Norma home to dinner with me, after dinner we went way up to the end of Sayayette Street then I had to go up to Goodriches and get some lantams, go down to Ulrich's and string them up, Norma came down there after me and we walked way home. We had supper and then Lawrence came down and we intended to go up and get set and we were all going to the class Party but Norma went way with Palmer and Lawrence and I went to the shop and then came home & had to wait until 12 for home.

Thursday - 1916

Great Day of Days.

This morning Papa called up and said there was a boy from out of town who wanted to come down, so when I got down - town it was none other than my cousin Hubert Seader who I had never seen before and still he lives as near as Grand Rapids. He came down for dinner and stayed all afternoon, just after supper Aunt Bertha, Uncle Fred and the children came down from Woodland. We finally got started for the church but to our grief the organ would not work so we had to march by a piano. Everything went fine however. Rode home with Lawrence, his Father, Mother + Grandfather

Friday - 1916.

O yes I mustn't forget presents and I didn't want to expect a single one.

Got all my graduation clothes from add.

New bed from Papa.

Pair of silk stockings from Pip.

3 Spoons

Some silver shoe buckles.

Imperial Pins.

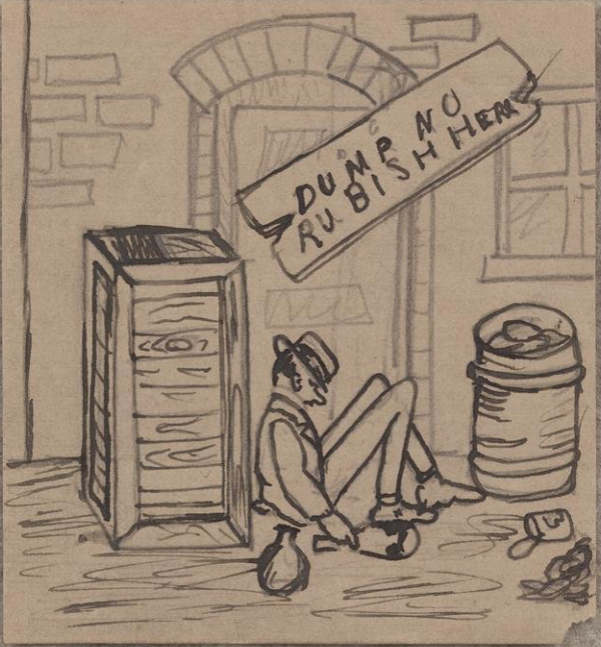
Napkin Rings.

Fountain Pen from Laurence.

Sold, trinkets and several other things and they were all so lovely.

Went to a dance tonight and Bert and But went with us. Bert stayed all night with me.

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RUBISH HERE



H. Bunnell.

Saturday - 1916.

This was a most peculiar Saturday, its usually my day of toil but today the boys called up early and wanted us to drive to Crystal Lake. They went down to see the soldier boys off and then came after us. It was such a beautiful day and we did enjoy the ride so much.

We took some pictures, got a little lunch and had to start back because we had to make a 4:45 train at Omaha. We got stuck in a mud hole, had some fire-crackers, had just lots of fun.

We went down to the train to see her off and then Lawrence brought me home. Splendid day

Monday 1916.

It was warm again today. I worked all day altho I did take a nap in the afternoon.

Lawrence called up about 9:30, wanted to come down for a few minutes. I started a little way to meet him, it was such a grand evening. We walked up to his house to see some pictures which were being washed, we then took the car and drove home. He was all packed ready to start for Detroit. He said "Good bye" — and went home.

Tuesday 1916.

I felt so funny today
"sotter" homesome like, rather
felt as tho my graduation
activities had drawn to a close
and now for a long summer
with work and rest, something
that didn't appeal very strongly.

Saw Lawrence go by to the
station with his folks.

In the afternoon I went to take
a cake over to heathens which I
had made for a Brotherhood
meeting on the way back
I stopped at Hattie Mrs Mullens
to see her and her mother for awhile.

Emma wanted me to go to
the show but I couldn't.

Wednesday

It was a truly warm day for the beginning of Chataqua. I rested thru the afternoon session and then Russell and I went down in the evening.

We enjoyed it immensely.

Thursday -

Warm day again have been working on my cuffs and collars for a new dress.

We went down to Chataqua in the evening. Add and Russell went down in the afternoon.

Friday.

Quite the same usual
Went to Chataqua at night

Saturday - 1916

Extremely warm again today and as the Chataqua didn't appeal to me I stayed at home all day long. I was reading "Audrey" by Mary Johnston, it is ~~is~~ very interesting and so I can be contented for long spaces of time.

At night Emma and I went down-town to do some trading, we got separated and I found Mrs. Burdette down-town, they came a piece with me and then I came the rest of the way alone, and she came trailing after.

Sunday - 1916.

It has been just terribly warm all day today, we all stayed inside where it is shady and cool.

after dinner Papa, Russell and myself all went down to Chataqua, it was so warm in the tent but we were fortunate in getting a ride down there.

After the Chataqua was over Katie came over and asked me to stay down there for lunch with her Uncle's folks, so I parted from Papa and Russell.

Isie came down early and we then started up-train, met Bert on the road, asked us if we didn't want to take a ride said "surely". Later Bert & I went to Chataqua, took a ride ~~and~~ ^{came}

The was the the last of such good grand-parents. When speaking of them I think of them as

Monday - 1916.

Got word early this morning of Grandfather's death which occurred at 6:30 this morning. It was a shock because altho he had been very lame, no one expected the death in the least.

Russell and I went down soon after breakfast, helped as much as we could and then I came home and was at home all that day and evening.

I think I'm just commencing to realize what death really means, at least this one affected more than usual because I loved him altho I didn't show it much.

Tuesday July 4. - 1916

I never in my life, spent such a quiet and queer fourth. The fire-crackers cracked, guns shot but not for me.

I did go down to the Chatanga for awhile in the afternoon, we girls were all-together, Frances S. Gert. W. Violet W. Nora W. and myself.

We had a good old visit and I rather wished that I might stay for the evening performance but felt that my duty was at home.

Ed and I went down to Aunt Carrie's in the evening and then when we came back we went back of the factory to see the fire works.

Thursday - 1914.

Hot warm day, just tired
out and didn't do much the
whole day long. Uncle George
went at noon by auto to Grand
Sedge, Uncle Henry and Papa
and Russell also going that
far with him.

In the afternoon I rested and
read, seemed as if I was just
simply all in. Went to show with
Russell to see
"Pines & Pines".
Friday - 1914.

Worked hard all morning long
in the afternoon I took a nap
and then read and amused
myself as best I could until
supper time. ~~after supper~~
~~Russell and I went down to see~~
~~Margaret Clark in "Pines & the Pines"~~
next to show
with her

Saturday - 1916.

Worked Gard again all morning long, in the afternoon I rested and then went up to see Doc Cutler who is expecting to take a position in the Capitol in the near future. We had a good visit, then came home, got supper and did up the dishes.

Sunday - 1916.

Went to S. School but they didn't need me down stairs so I came home, stopping a few minutes at Aunt Carrie's.

After dinner Robinson's folks and Papa and I took a buggy ride to a farm near St. Johns. Good time.

Monday — 1914

quite the same old day
worked in the morning, rested
for awhile in the afternoon. Helped
Russell get started on his wheel
with his small valves + straw
cut for Woodberry when he expects
to farm it for awhile. He got
started in splendid shape.

Went down to Cronias for awhile
in the evening we went up to the
library and had a good time.
Came home waited until Papa
came and then we all went to bed.

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday. Circus was
here. Went down to see parade
in the forenoon.

Friday. - 1916.

Mallock Hagenbeck
Circus was in town. Went
down to see the parade in
the morning, went up to
Wells, there I found Violet,
I saw Helen & Francis S.
After parade I went home
with a headache, ate my
dinner, then laid down a
while, got up early and got
ready to go to Leticia at Belding
on the 4:35.

Arrived safe, she wasn't
right there to meet me so I
started up-town, met her and
we went up-town did a
little shopping and then
started for her house, we had a
nice dinner going home.
Was very pleased to see
what a nice comfortable

little home she had
and also what a lovely
mother. We had a nice
supper and after supper
Hertie and I decided
to take a walk down the
lane, it was about a
mile long but we enjoyed
it immensely just the same
had such a nice visit
and it was such a lovely
night, we were facing a
a great big full moon all
the way home.

We came home and
went to bed.

Saturday - 1916.

F. ^{day} dawned bright, beautiful
and warm. We got up
quite early because we had
to catch an 8:00 clock train for
Greenfield. We took Dorothea
Betty's little cousin home, when
we got there we of course had
to see the parade, after which
Betty and I hurried as fast
as possible out to her Grand -
parents, which was some little
distance from the city. We were
two hot girls when we arrived
we took off our shoes and
made ourselves as comfortable
as possible. When the folks
arrived we had a lovely lunch
and soon after dinner the
folks all went away and
left us alone. We just rested.
After supper Bert M. and
William M. came out. We went to the
arcade. Good time.

We went over to Baldwin Lake
After the circus, was so beautiful. ^{mountain}

Sunday - 1916.

We got up quite late. We hurried around and did a little work and then Bertie and I laid down again. Soon after we got up we had dinner chicken at that just Bertie's mother's Grandmother. Bertie & myself as her father had gone fishing in the morning.

Before we had the dishes done up we had some co. some Jestic and a Mrs. Campbell from Maine. After we got ourselves cleaned up we put up a lunch and started for Long Lake. We had a good time, we had a lovely boat ride just at sunset. We had a lovely ride home to bed just after we had got to bed we heard something in the chickens we had to get up & call her father & mother & that had to

dream sound

then

Monday - 1916.

I came home from
Belding this noon and I
was just about baked too.
When I got home I found
that Papa & Add had gone
over to Woodbury to a funeral
of a brother of my Uncle, John
Lehardt.

I had a little lunch and
then I laid right down and
took a good nap. We waited
supper for them for some
time but at last we had
our supper and they didn't
come until about 7:30.

O yes I got a special
delivery letter when I got home
from Detroit, my very first
one, felt pretty smart.

June - Wed. - 1916.

Worked in the morning
and slept in the afternoon.
then after supper Add + Em
went over to Saranac so after I
had washed dishes I started
down to Mellons. got as far as
Mr. Adgates. stopped there to
tell her something & she said they
were going to drive down-town so
I waited & she took me up
there. Frances S. was there
too & we all had a nice visit
& then I came home with Papa.

The folks didn't come for some
time afterwards.

Thursday - 1916.

Well little diary this is the last sheet in this edition & oh it has meant lots to me to put down these very best times of my life so far. I just know I shall always cherish this little book as it brings old true memories. So I say Good bye to you.

We had a six o'clock breakfast in Standard Bearers today near in a grove near the river. We did have the "best" breakfast, one lady from the country made some home made ice-cream. afterwards they went to find a Lake which was around there some place but we got tired so we came back & as Maria had the car over there we went home. We drove around a bit & then we came home. It was much too warm for a picnic today.

Francis March came down & we talked college, I suppose that's the next big event in my life little diary.

