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Sunday, Feb. 6, 1916.

Here I am again sitting down to write in my little diary after a long time. I nearly amennih all uke money at age. So many things have happened little idea since I commence last kept up. More things since Sad, since so briefly one. the saddest of the death of my dear mother. No one realize how much she would have meant to me or the Sir. knew I spend now at times in thinking. I think I am just beginning to realize now much she would have meant to me. but I have still a dear and good brother and father who I love most dearly.
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 help you since of my trials and tribulations. One of the happiest times of my life are nearly over, that of my High School Career, which is coming to a close. Today I have helped in teaching my little Kindergarten and there came home to a good dinner at which Mr. Madison, an old war soldier was with us. Mr. Bill and Ronald are here to see Russell. Tonight at five o'clock Lawrence is coming down to spend the evening.
Monday Feb. 6th.

Today little diary has run along in about the same course. It's been no usual. Although it has been an exceptionally cold morning day.

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

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

And yes, I must not forget to add that we had an awful good dinner for supper tonight but Papa had to go to town so could not enjoy that with us. Russell had just gone to the show to enjoy the "Microbes"!!
Tuesday Eve, Feb.

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

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

It has been such a beautiful day, sunny so quietly and such great big suns - glad to see.

After school at the class meeting we decided to have a sleigh ride party at Puth. Immeriecks Thursday night, Friday night Russell intends the link. So School class fire and Saturday night I am going up to Shella Agates, with the standard bearers.

Thursday (Wed.) I hope to play in Syrenum and after that practice for the Cantata. Yes I rather dread my ordeal in Syrenum although I think of the stage and do my best. Something may yet come up, perhaps I may tell you latter.
Wednesday after Feb.
It does seem a little unreal 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 duet in Symphonie today. I was frightened. I don't believe I could have written that stage piece. I don't believe I'm made for that sort of thing at all. Unless I mean to be like a plain everyday girl without any special accomplishment. I will tell you what. I think I'm more..."
Orford's going to be the chosen flaming in the Cantata. And that at the time, my cousin too. She's going to have a new "bumpy" taught.

Got a nice long letter from Katie today. I do think a lot of her. She's brilliant. I love all girls. And you can't keep that love flush with that pretty autumn hair.
Bye. Bye little dear - Fannie.
Thursday was a beautiful day at this time of year, it looked as though it was going to get warm and mild 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 Frances and William, Spalding stayed all night with me and Sue went with Ralph Hall. We had a splendid time. Sang songs and told stories going out, played games when we got there and cut them and served some brand refreshments. Frances went to sleep during the night and my foot was secretly caught in under him so that I thought it would surely come if and no attempt was made. That night I was dress to go home and never forgot the night we got home at one-thirty and to sleep long after that.

These were the things I could say regarding this place that I guess may as well keep them to myself.
Friday, Feb. 10th

I am still dreadfully sleepy. I did feel all day today. My eyes feel like sand.

I turned home after school so that I might make some sandwiches. I had made sandwiches at Russell's. I thought I had purchased enough dough. I couldn't put it all together and had to take it back and get some more. Everything went fine. The little ones had so much fun and it smelled good. I repaid me for not being able to go to the basketball game and dance afterwards.

The young people did a good job. vert, Mr. C. and Ellis Van D. all went to a Chicken Pie Supper. Their class went to the Phi Deltas. Mrs. C. it was the first Friday night that Lawrence and J. Barares had not gone together in a long time. It did seem strange. I hope so.

 Bye bye.
Saturday Eve, Feb. —

Well little deary here I am again. I cannot keep writing so you in three nights and tonight I had to "make up" that work so much more is it?

Today has been an exceptional busy day for me. I got up quite early because I was so tired and did my usual Saturday's work. Then after dinner I made some cake which proved to be rather good. I then went up and took a nice hot bath that made me feel so much better and got supper. Russell really ate me up! I got cake and meat and so on. I say I enjoy eating for the family.

This evening I want to write a long letter and retire early.

Dear Helen called me up today. She said she called me up today and it seemed good. The first time in ages.
Sunday, Feb.

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

What to do? School and went in my own class for once in a blue moon. A nice time came home, made suet pie 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 just got to sleep before when Helen D. and Margaret N. came home. They stayed until about 5:30. We had some coffee while they were here. We had some apples. I seemed to feel up while they were here. Said he'd up while they were here. I am. We ate it up. Then came back and we all had some soup and tad they (a pretend meal) I want for the nicest dinner and we went off for the nicest dinner ride. We had a nice time. We then took the horse up to his stable and he walked away with the oldest girl. The year but we didn't know it.
Monday 11th - February

Smits, I am quite tired again as we had quite a strange Sunday.

We had a practice after school with Miss Joan doing my Cantate until quite late, then I came home and read in my book which I am reading for the help to get supper and wash the dishes. Now I am writing in my diary and will try to write a few letters.

Today is Valentine's Day.

[Reminiscence 3]

[Party, Ruth Leonard's]
Drawn by N. Burwell. Miss Duff, my English teacher.
Tuesday, Feb. 1.

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 me a ride so I got home much sooner.

At we are papering we are in quite a 'muddle' but I worked thru and made a cake. It wasn't as good as I have made but until go in a hurry as everything does around this house.

Wrote two letters today to Aunt Grace and sent him and want to write me as soon as possible to Grandmother Wilkens.

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 Feb 6th
I was quite sleepy having not slept much last night. I had to wait until quite late to write in my diary.

As Russell has been using the desk to reply to an application which he needs to go with for next summer at Petoskey to stay all summer. I'm sure we shall all miss him, but we think the will enjoy the change.

We practiced for our Cantata for awhile before after school and then I went down to the library and read until about 7:30 and came home in the most beautiful weather and sunset that we have had in many a day. And it makes that day and it makes that

'Hope spring eternal in the human breast.'
Thursday. February.

Thursday was quite the same as usual; everything went along in the same old rut, went to school, studied, wrote a letter to Stanley. Came home after school and made a cake, with orange fruiting with nuts in it. It was pretty good, at least so Russell thought, as he does have those kinds of fruitings. Of little diary has I do late to the state. I like going up north this summer, unless it's the best thing for him by all means. I hope he will find it, too.

Died. Went to American Girl's Concert. I went it was prime (with Frances Benson). It was a beautiful beautiful evening. Oh, but there are lots of things I would like to say. Sometime sometime to write.
Friday February

Went to school as usual after school Irmina O. and I came home together. She evening gifleuwl - decided to get ice cream with two spoons. I called on it when to my surprise the boy brought us two dishes and gave us both a treat. My but we were surprised and glad well I guess cause we were hungry

After supper Irmina, Irmina and myself went to the basketball game at Assembly between Sym's and Onia. It was fine Onia beat in both the girls and boys games. Helen (my little cousin) starred nearly always making a racket. Had to let her run around.

There was dance afterward we didn't go came home sort of thinking myself what?
Saturday, February

Today has been a hard day again. I am writing this, then this afternoon I looked over and wrote some old letters and that and that. I really couldn't keep it wish I could write as soon as I feel but what's the use. Little incidents will bring up the memories.

After going for those letters I stayed down and had a good nap. Then I had a nice warm bath and did nothing little things which I found no time for during the week. But dressed had lunch, supper and then went to Orpheum to see "Baby Mine." It was pretty good. Pictures were fine. Looked at Spring lots, went in to see Russell at Quality. Then did some after Sat. Night shopping and here I am.

"Bye bye" till sleepy.
Sunday February 13th

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

Got up, went to S. School, taught 3rd. Term, came home and had the best Sunday dinner that ever was, ham and eggs and lots of goodies.

Well after dinner and I took her little cousin and went out to Marine Sp. riding, seemed as tho' we needed never get there and when we did get there we were too late. We played for quite awhile and started home but we were much wetter coming home and it was such a beautiful ride that we all enjoyed it immensely.

We had been home a few minutes when Laurence came down to spend the evening. We had a real good time, read a story and talked.
Monday, February

Today was a beautiful day
to the inside but up
from the snow on the roof. I
was not too bad but I
managed to get to school
without freezing
my fingers?

After school I waited for
Orothy Winters while she did
some Physics Problems and
then we went down to her house
to wait until it was time
to go to dinner. Our teacher's
Pat Snell Ukraine's M. E. Church.
We went had dinner about eight
o'clock and had the best of
things to eat but had to get
up and run before they
started their entertainment. As we
wanted to go to "Japanese
Hike" at the Library supervised
by "Stay Seller's League." That
night was fine and I completed a
happy day by staying with
my friend Helen D.

A Happy Day
Tuesday February. Was so sleepy I knew it too. Guess everyone knew it too.Keess at both school and myself. Feels like I went to bed early as I want to be for a twin. Everything seemed to go a little wrong today. After it was Washington's Birthday. And truly I don't get the blues. I more or less terribly hard, can't hardly see a bright gleam any where, this world would be a mighty gleaming place if anyone was truly in despair. I should quit trying.

Nevertheless I'm going to Junior Nite at the Mystic Theater. I'll later meet Witi at the Mystic Theater. It had a real sad play perhaps I'll go to the Mystic but I will help since I'm going to make trains but stay all night with my "twee". Sad I'm not going with my "twee". So she can't stay. Yours in love, I love you.
Wednesday Feb - In the beginning of the week, I was very sleepy, but by the end of the week, I started feeling better. We went to the movies last night and danced to the music. I wrote it down, but my handwriting is not very legible. It was a very brilliant, but I wasn’t the least bit brilliant in school. Today, we stayed in Syracuse and then went over to MissLilli’s room to get my pass for the “Natural History” ball, to be given by the High School girls. I am going to be doubly hard to me as I am on the decorating committee, in the stage section, being a baby man. I do hope and pray it will be a success after all the trouble we have had with it.

Baked a chocolate cake tonight.

So long.
Thursday, Feb. - February

I was so tired that I could not write in my diary. So, I am writing at a very slow rate as I am often very likely to do.

I went to school quite the same as usual and intended to get there exceptionally early but such was not my luck as I had to go to the library and take a book back. So, I reluctantly took it out, she hadn't read a book for a report and mine was short. So I let her take mine. When I did get home, I worked exceptionally hard dusting up the upstairs so I needed time to do it Saturday. Was a pretty tired girl.

Well, I guess I was good today. Wish I missed my kid again.
Tuesday morning, February

I had the most fun today.

But I must go back the
day as a whole.

Want to school, rushed home
and got ready to go out to main's
and got up my little parcel, just
as I did I was nearly late
to school. After school Dorothy
had talked Sarah, trap but
because she was sick she
asked Brita Marshall and
she is the funniest girl why
really she is just simple. We
rode fury in the me rugged and
laughed. We had a circus.

After me had had supper
and put up some nice letters
went meet to the School-
Housen for a Boy Social. Here
I laughed at Brita until I had
hold of my sides. Pretty and
Brita must to supper with Holmes
センター. I was the luckiest person
since I got any other man. Had
an awfully good time. Good night.
Saturday morning Feb. 16. We had to come home to town this morning so that we could practice at the armory at 10:15. We really urge riding clear away from Watson 5 with 4 at a buggy. The armory was cool but there we stood it.

After practicing we came down to mom house for dinner and after supper we did some a bit. Towards evening we went down town to get some things for supper and came back to get supper and did up the house.

Haven't been company yet but before we were ready but Marion went down. Will we four kids had quite a good time, played cards and talked. We went home quite late and went to a dance after coming here. So naughty boys.
Sunday morning, Feb.

This Sunday was one of the most peculiar which some as yet experienced. Marine was with me. We got up quite late but went to school because I had to take a class. Marine went down and helped me at 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 Francis and Bert. I escaped myself and finished the dishes alto Laramie came in in the kitchen. This we went on a ride cold. O no, tangles almost forget when I got home, the help came in and staid until about 10 o'clock.

Quite Bill flustered and put aside some time in usual to wake
Monday, February 7th.

I am tired and so are the others. Three hits are too many for me. Add was late today. She went to Savannah. After practice which lasted until 5:30 I came home and had a cream cake. Some cream which was. Sparkling wine (some wine) and got supper. It was hurry, hurry all the time and after I had gone to school I guess Papa didn’t come home.

I had two surprises today. Saw Katie yes my nice thing. Katie was so tickled and was about wash. I wish I might have had a little music with it. I then met you at that.

Well, goodbye little diary
Tuesday morning Feb 16. 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 buttoned them, cleaned myself up. After supper I had to 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 the girls chaperoned by Margaret Steer went up to a Leap Year Dance given by Ethel M. Thompson and some other girl. They wouldn't let me stay because we didn't live any near, so we came back down and went to town. It was good, hardly tiring.
Wednesday evening, March 1.
We were compelled to stay after school for some time
until leaving away with Mr. Cantata.
I got home just in time to
stir up a cake before supper
and get it in the oven.
After supper I usually read
the paper and did a few
other little things and retired
to my little bed. Tired, tired,
and so glad to think I
really ended my self down
at a reasonable time.
Nothing at all exciting.

Bye-bye.
Thursday 10th March.

Today I all day was a busy day. Went to school quite as usual in the morning but in the afternoon they let four of us leave and find some boys to decorate Army for the fete.

Came back to Army at noon just loaded arm with pillows offices, plug and a sweater to wear. Arrived then on the were some many folks until 5:30. Everything did look so pretty we used real furniture lining brown curtains at the back and light furniture.

Made Lawrence carry my
Today was such an exciting day and evening. Everything just jumped all day and evening. Laurence went to Detroit soon after school let out.

I did late to see him go because I just felt like doing something funny and I guess I did. We were all fired up anyway for the harvest, paint and anything that goes with it. Everyone did so well and the stage looked so pretty. Helen O. being an mime carried her part most uncanny and I was so proud of her. She gave all the dance.

But after the dance Marvin's Emmie O. Mina W. and myself all started up to the horse. Once we had only met got started when Ralph J. andalus and along with Bill C. and Mrs. Carpenter who is waiting him took
We were up in the car. We couldn't get the keys to stay home and so we had to go up alone. We met Mrs. Weigner on the stairs and he asked us if we were really going to stay after reasoning it that we were to decide to stay also. There was a pretty good crowd up there. We had lots of fun and more than we danced with Mrs. Weigner. That's nice.

I came home with the girls in the wee hours. I was glad to have an awfully good time.
Saturday — March 30th.

Today was another strenuous day for me. I didn't get up until late and then had to go down to the army to help clean up things after that. We went downtown to the Princess to get some ice cream. It was opening day and we each got a wrist corsage. After that Arma, Dorothy and Maude stayed downtown to the army to skate while Arma and I went home.

After dinner, I slept a long time and then soon after supper Norma called me and wanted me to go with Mrs. Carpenter who I had helped the ride before. I was very busy that night but answered. She 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 a good rest but such early rests are not for me I guess.

Went to S. School and was in my new dress for me 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. We had an awfully good dinner. Some afternoon Beat Martin and Lawrence came down in Beat's car. They wanted me to go up to Attitude so I went. We got Attitude went for a long ride to Mira and Smye, it was terribly cold. We do such foolish things at times. Came home early and went to bed.
Monday, Mar. 10th.

Today I was quite tired. Little work 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 Eliza dance in the evening. It proved to be a terrible night; it was so slippery and continued to rain in a distressing hurricane, but we had lots of fun slipping along. I wore a pink dress with short sleeves and low neck and the grandest shoes just because I felt so much like dancing. I guess, feet awfully dancing. Sorry for the dance because it lacked Sorry for the change because it lacked.
Tuesday, March.

I think I feel just as bad today as I ever have in my life. I was so tired that I simply couldn't stay awake, but I seemed to some way or another.

Come directly home from school and after washing dishes went to bed about 8 o'clock. I slept straight through until morning.

Just Sunday.

I forgot to speak about stopping to see Emma Johnson, a girl who used to work there while at my uncle.

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 some ready for morning.

In the evening my missionary people came after discussing various things and serving refreshments, they went early to bed. Papa and I wanted rides and went to bed.

Happy day.

Got a nice letter from Mr. Carpenter, he's coming to Sonia again before long and wants me to go for another ride with him. That's a very nice long I guess.
Thursday – March.

Today has been me the greatest day of all. Have been ill. Started to school this morning, it was cold but pleasant, didn’t wear any rubbers to school at home and it commenced to come by night it was a regular blizzard. It was terribly hard getting home from school. Since Butter 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.

Some like everything went wrong with me today. H. Burnell caught me if my notes and read it clear there.

“Blue day.”
Friday, March
Went to School as usual, but because I forgot my report card and the teacher sent me home after it, it was terrible walking regular service to make three I was some pretty mad girl when I got home but trotted penny back with my report card in my hands.

After supper, Marion, Laff, Altrude M., Frances S., Nana W. and myself all went down to the movies. The ohow was pretty good all the Nana and we were pretty sleepy to be going to ohows.

Seemed good to see "Bill" Laff again, who is home from tennis in an over Sunday night.

Good Nite.
Saturday March

Am so tired from little

book and this has been such

a busy week. Pretty near too

much for me. A little tiny

matter has been worryin me

too today but then life's too

about for them much worry miss

it? I just isn'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

Kendrick's awhile. 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 strongly

ready to bed.
Sunday, March.

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

Went to church and S. Schell in the morning, helped them out in the room in the kindergarten department then came home to my dinner.

After dinner I went upstairs twenty times but could not sleep so I got up and started to read in my book report "Under Westinghout's Eyes." Then Beat, Dorothy, Norma, and Anica Hackett drew up in Beat's room. They put stopped a very few minutes. Beat told me Lawrence was quite sick so I went right over old called him up. Came back got something to eat and then Willie, Peter came down and wanted us to help send a nurse for his wife. After doing this, Papa, Russell and myself went to church near Washington Terrace.
Monday night - March.

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

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

 Had the quiet dog come to my knees about supper time but he ran away as soon as we let him out of doors. I do so.

 Bye - bye - want within a young cat.
Tuesday -- March.

Was so happy today to think that Laurence was back in school again but possibly that my love has 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 may be able to read between lines as I'm so much by my happiness I wish to have time little things that have happened that don't I do partly right in a diary.

Catharine 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 baseball game today between Small and Small but I'm going to read.
Wednesday — March

Today was crowded — 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 terribly cold tonight and everyone said I would surely take cold but I'll hope for the best. Was so tired after I got through with this task that I went directly to bed.

Someone was not at school again today, probably sick again. Ron said, 

"Bye bye."
Thursday, the March 16.

Today to me has been along 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 lucky role for me. I will tell you my last in whatever comes my way.

What to do this evening after Support? Sue, Blanch, Sweet play in "Secret Orchard"; they said good.

My shots are hardly occupied, just take on my themes for next week. My comparison between Sylphine's Travels and Modern Children's Stories.
Friday eve. March 17.
St. Patrick’s Day and me a German, such a lucky coincidence. I well I celebrated just the same, we girls in dry, bunch all wore me hair down one side and green ties. Such fun. Was glad the because I may not tell in years to come that I wore my hair down my back in my senior year in large school and nineteen years old at that. It will sound like a story and it?

Really intended to go to a Missionary Meeting at Dorothy Windell’s tonight but because Eleanor Channing couldn’t go I couldn’t as she is the only one from down this way who goes.

“I am well,” she says.
Saturday, March 18, 1914.

Today has been a most busy day. Work, work for everyone, after doing my school Saturday's work I finished up some things for my time.

After helping with the dinner work I went up stairs and took a nice warm bath and was going to have a good nap when who should come to the door but some other than Mr. Carpenter from Muskegon. Well, I had Miss Beattie tell him that I would have done in half an hour about that time. He woke up again with Violet and Rolfe, 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 we doing quite right things in some ways. Take me, Mattie

love to remain. To be seen. Bye bye!"

O little did you I must tell you what happened Sat. night when we went for 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 guess around and about an hour trying to get the thing started but it was down in the snow 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 least struggled out a cold ill-feeling armed. Hence again.

Displayed me lesson little book. We got home about 12:30. Papa was disgusted and blame him.

Still.
Went to S. School. Telt Sort of homework and realized all day almost six o'clock. Herbie and Innis came down. We had a little lunch and Innis spilled cream cake all over him and also some grape juice, great fun. We sang songs, and then went and stood and brought the car back. Got a funny scolding tape I'll remember it.

Best wishes,

Larry Hitte
Monday March 20, 1916.

Started to School a rather tired girl. guess it's my nerves knew and they do get such nervous rashes.

After School Violet W. and I went down and looked at some coats and skirts saw lots of pretty things, only wish I might look everything I see.

Well after supper I got at my essay immediately and wrote the whole thing three six hundred unds. 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 in so we got busy at last. They are so pretty again this spring.

After supper I intended to finish my essay and then go directly to bed but Norma called up and wanted me to go up to school to the debate with her so I went. Was glad to because we are and I heard some fine debating the whole period today.
Wednesday, March.

I write 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 J. H. S. or not. Some very good ideas were only presented. Henry gave several strong in his speech so much so that Mr. Fraythe had to stop him.

I am going to bed early.

Love, love.
Thursday March. —

I was so tried but still must write in my diary.

Came home from school direct and got ready for the Pot Luck supper which some girls had at my house. We had the bestest supper that even was present.

1. Marion Scaulding
2. Harriet Walsley
3. Bertha Moore
4. Norena Wellers was given in honor of
5. Frances Sheidnie
6. Norena W
7. Margaret Heath, who is soon to leave for St. John.
8. Polly Wardley
9. Welsh Definard
10. Berenice Hackett girl game her
11. Ina E. Voeller a very pretty girl.

After the supper we all went in to the Hillsdale quartet, ending all things by singing some nice things. We went to the movies with Hillsdale Fellows. I am(char).
Friday - March.

This morning Miss Beattie went to Detroit expecting to stay until Tuesday night. I 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 Veldon Wi. and her Hillsdale man who was up at school today.
Saturday - March.

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

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

Bye-byen.
Sunday - March 18th.

Today it rained, rained all day long. As I had just been 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, Laura, Van Ayres and Laura and Laurence and Pip were here all afternoon.

We had a pretty good time considering the weather. The boys, Pip and I went away to spend the evening. Wrote letters to 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. I had to go back soon after dinner.

After I got out of the dentist chair, I went up to see the bell. Or 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 last but not my worst time is passing almost gone. We have been having such rainy weather that we came out here having a terrible flood. The water came near one of the roads.

Russell got up and got us a good breakfast today. Helen Jackson came over and went with me nearly all day. Worked hard all day. Washed and made a cake, made some potato chips, got dinner and after dinner Helen and I went down to see the flood, and also to get some things for supper. Went to the lyceum concert with Helen.
Wednesday - March.

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

I have been taking it very easy today. I read as often as necessary.

I have just got three jobs. Some grapefruit for breakfast and must go immediately to bed because some girls are intending to go to Grand Rapids tomorrow.

So "Bye bye".
How there's a sweet and
dark eyed maiden
sitting just in back of
one
She's a nice as they
can make'em
And she's really scholarly.

Now her name I'll not tell you:
'Cause she's modest
But I'll tell you what she'll
do:
I'll describe her readily.
She's got large and handsome brown eyes, they're as pretty as a post to and she handles them as clever as the image behind the hood. She's got long and jet black curls, nicest curlies as can and compulsion that will make you think of southern reas.
How shes gone with a diller,
Called Lorenzo from the West.
This a tall and likely creature,
With a broad and manly chest.

And she likes his little
Rodge coal,
She proclaims it is the best,
And he proudly blows his tobacco,
As he 'tuns down from the west,'
you can hear a maiden calling sweetly to her love
Asking tall and stately "Love"
"Wait while I put on, one more I love."
Then the motor down old main street
Just as happy as can be
And they talk of love and cottages
And other matters — eg.
How the hills will soon be ringing,
Ringing loud, and joyfully,
Selling that a boy has
Not one girl that sat
One on me.

H. Bannell

April 7, 1916.
Was wird der Kaiser mit Rentier machen, welches Shepherd dorthin Rentier von Chicks.
Thursday, March 18.

Marine Spaulding and I decided to go down to the Rapide today and Helen was to go with me but she went on the early morning train. As the train was 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. never had her arms full.

There were several married women. Grandmother Bottomen drove to buy her in the same train. Oral Burkwell and Wayne came up to our house and were here for supper. Oral stayed all night.
Friday - March.

Today seemed to be a very busy day. After dinner I trimmed myself up a summer hat. It looked pretty good. Got supper. After supper Lawrence came down and then Hanna came there. We danced here for awhile then we all decided we'd go to the colon. Oral and Pip piped up in great high collars and led Hanna they took them. After the dance we went up to the dance for a little while. We girls both wanted to dance, but Oral couldn't go. So I flummoxed my grandfather and Lawrence and a Sue got. Hanna stayed all night with me. She got into the room before the dances ended. Once June
Saturday - April 1.

We got up quite late. She had an exceptionally sore throat and her mother had to help her mother help pack up. Today was grandmother Bennett's funeral. We only had two copies for dinner. Me, Jack, and I ate after the other folks had gotten things. After dinner we washed all the dishes.

Mittie came down awhile in the afternoon and we three girls went uptown together. For the last time in a long while, I suppose for awhile. I took the 6:14 train for her new home in St. John. O O O was a tremendous girl after she went. Came home almost sick and went to bed at 7:15. Sound good.
Sunday, April.

Didn't feel the least bit good this morning but had to go to Sunday School. Lawrence let me ride with him coming home as he led the horse and buggy. He said he'd be done soon after dinner and take me for an auto ride but as he didn't come I went up to Burt's at Lock's farm. We went over to Marshes. Who should come walking in but Lawrence and Burt just as we were ready to depart. We took the car trip to Lawrence and walked back. Burt stole this little banquet on opposite page in my walk on the Reformatory grounds. Shall put it in line at a number of Spring and a general remembrance of my girlhood days.
Monday - April.

We had an exceptionally large washing this week and today was the day I was 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 decently to bed. I dosed 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 in this week.
Tuesday, April.

Came home from school
tonight with Erma and Sarah Knapp but because
I forgot practically everything
I didn't have enough brain to go back downtown
again.

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

Nothing exciting nothing
Thrilling I just a calm peaceful
day.

S. Long.
Wednesday - April.
Today it has been somewhat colder than usual,
a rather inclined to be_dread. After school tonight we had a
class meeting and we girls decided to widen skirts and
waists instead of middy-
blouses. One play was
unrealized and we expect
to have our first rehearsal tomar-
rrow night.
Camp on drumton and
laughed at white coats,
and one very much to my liking.
Several I admit it, perhaps.
There’s such a lot I pretty
things that I’d like this season.
Of a girl is such a appear!
Thursday April

Today was 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 for a piece of music that we play. We had lots of fun and got along splendidly. Stopped in the way home and made a quick decision on a coat. It is to be a white one.

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

Mrs. Reynolds came home tonight and so I didn't have to wipe dishes. I had at 8:15 for me.
Friday - April

This has been one of the greatest Friday evenings that I have spent in making 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 hymns were given by, Stanley Russell being the vacillator, Margaret Heatle, Salutatorian, and knowing what to do made both Marion Spitielding and Enrico Wood. We feel quite joined in our class. It remains to be seen how we will take much time to rise.
Saturday - April - 1916.

Worked very hard today as usual. Miss Beattie was sick this morning but was much better by now. 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 Aunt Annie and I told her all my troubles but it seemed good to unburden them to some one when I have confidence in. Will we both wanted to do something tonight but can't look as if we knew. We must always be content with small vessels than.
Sunday - April - 1916.

Today was quite an eventful day for me. Had so much fun and enjoyed the day so much in many ways. Went to S. School and usual rode part way home with Florence who had his own drunk - 2p. It was such a beautiful day that one could not help but enjoy it no matter what you might think been doing.

After dinner I went up to Aunt Edie's. But came down with his car and we three people rode all the afternoons. Had a jolly good time after while S. came down, we spent part of the evening here at the house and went for another short drive.

Pleasant Memories.
Monday - April

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

After school we had a rehearsal of my play. It seems to be coming along fairly well with it. O I do hope and pray our play and everything else will be a success.

These are some verses which H. Bannell who sits right in front of me wrote one day. I think he has natural ability along this line.
Tuesday - April - 1916.

Today was another beautiful day. It does make you feel so good. So and I shone quite green I seem to me.

After a hard day's 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 there, met Violet and all went in and had some ice cream.

 Came home was pretty tired but right 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 though it were going to rain.

After school we had to practice for my 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.

Irene 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. Sue only a few minutes that I know of now.
Thursday—April.

Today has been another normal dark day. Went to school quite as usual. After supper Ernest and I decided that we'd go to the show. It was raining quite hard and was a little ominous about going, but at last I decided I would. The show was from Mary Pickford in "Somnolenta." We stood in the dark lots I ran after too, got some ice-cream and had a good old-fashioned visit.
Friday Night - April.

Today was such a beautiful day. I walked home from school with Emma. He asked me to go for a ride directly after supper. He came about 7:15. We went for the bestest ride and had a big smort in a swamp out in the country.

 Came back so that we might meet 8:15. The train on which his brother came but didn't get there until 8:38. As luck would have it, the train was late. Happily for us too. It was the night of the Prom Year Party but I went instead.
Saturday night - April 5th.

Waked today but not as hard as usual. Just about

awoke twice the house just

arose the road near

burned down to the ground

We had quite an emotional
time. After dinner Retschle

came down for awhile and

I took her for a piece which

took her heavily home.

After supper and among

the aricles, Marvin Thompson

came down after me and

we went down to the library
to look some business

for my entertainment for the

teacher.
Sunday, April 8th. This last week has been a most exciting and busy one for me. Went to school and have practiced since Easter music. Then came home and had dinner. Went upstairs after dinner to read but Laurence came down and he wanted me to go for a ride. So I went, it had just been raining and was truly beautiful after a storm, but we did not catch in some little showers. I went up to his house for lunch as the whole family wanted me to. Came home after and friend Kit and Bert went for a short ride. Said girl.
Monday Night - April

I'm not going to school today. I'm so tired.

I'm going to stay in bed with some blankets.

I've got an awful pain in my back.

This has been such a

busy day. School work went

well as much as normal

but I had so many

committee meetings to attend

and so much to see too.

I didn't get home from school

until 5:30. Don't seem to ever

get home before that anymore

or going to bed.

This flower I gave to me that grew on

a plant that Laurence's father

raised. I gave one to me.
Monday night - April
Tonight I am 0 so tired
and half sick. And I am going
to rub me with some cream
To get an awful pain in
my back.
This has been such a
lousy day. School work went
good as I much as usual
only I had so many
committee meetings to attend
and so much to see too.
Din't get home from school
until 5:30. Don't seem to ever
get home before that any more
On going to bed.
This flower is one that grew on
a plant that Laurence'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. We came home hungry and had to go back down town to the Windsor 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, gasoline got stuck in a pipe which he had been working on. I had to ride home late.
Wednesday - April.

It seems as the one day is busier for me than the next, the next it is busier than the first. I'm just hard new 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 went down-town. We got me a new hat. It's a large sailor I the pink with this black ribbon. Quills and it.

A Chinaman
Thursday - fall.

Was a rather rainy day but such a beautiful morning. Worked for a long time after school again came home and that I'd drop however a few lines and then I went directly to bed. But Ronald came down with his old horse and smoked I an old buggy and we went for a short ride. We had a dandy time.

I so tired.
Friday - April.
Sure am glad that we can only be a Senior 2 High School but nice in our life. Stayed after school until late working on entertainment for teachers and also class Day and play.
After supper instead of going to the show or something which I should have enjoyed since if we were forced to go back up to 1 High School to the another rehearsal & play. Sometimes blessings do come my way. Summer brought the rain and we didn't have to walk. She's the best kid.
Saturday 3rd—April

Such a day and such a cold. In all the wood—

Worked all morning, had dinner and went down to the church to play for the Kindergarteners, must do it tomorrow. Easter. Got some egg dyes and we expect to color Easter eggs tonight and dress up in general.

Got the prettiest little Easter remembrance from Loraine today. Was so nice to me. Think he's too nice for me—causes him anything but nice when at times.
Sunday. — April 6th.

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 preschoolers. It was such a disagreeable day for the little folks to get up too but we had a goodly number all the same. We had no Sunday school but my church lasted until twelve thirty and I stayed on the entire service. Was pretty tired but we had such a large number who joined the church that I wanted to see it. I was so glad.

After dinner went up to the W.C. Hall to get ready for entertainment which we were to give tonight. Went up for a ride after that with Kenneth, Ethel and Lamarr.
Monday, April 8.  

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

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

After the party we took a lot of the girls home as Lawrence had his car drawn. Mervin Sparkling stayed with me. We were so tired that we could hardly get upstairs.
Tuesday - April

I couldn't make up when I did get up this morning so I went down with mother and 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 and had supper and went up-stairs at eleven but didn't get to bed until night. Slept so good seemed so good to get some rest. This seems to be a very

stimulating time.
Wednesday - April.

Today was Dollar Day.

Time was quite around in old times. Everyone seemed to think they were getting some wonderful bargains.

At school we learned had some free tickets for the show we went and got some ice cream. It was a great old time.

After supper we went down-town and to the theatre and Ben came down in Ben car and wanted me to go down-town but I couldn't come directly we wrote to come a sentiment 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.

Didn't stay so very long
after school came home read
 awhile and got ready to
back up to school for a
practice I play.

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

Surrance 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 keep it
at home quite late.
Friday - April

Today was such a beautiful day, just typical for a Spring day. That funny feeling which always comes creeping slowly over me comes today. I can so easily avoidSet to be evaluated away. Stayed after school until about 4 o'clock helping to make posters as part of an advertisement scheme for our play. Went home just in time to see Papa a few minutes late. Supper and go back to school to be there at seven. How very beautiful northern lights tonight.
Saturday - April

I have had such a pretty day today after it has been most beautiful outside.

Ada and Emma went downtown this afternoon.

This morning I had to go down to the Armory to practice for my play. After I got home I worked awhile and then had dinner.

After dinner I laid down and slept nearly the whole afternoon. Dad also took a bath dressed, had supper and then I am writing in my little diary again.

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

[signature]
Sunday - April

Today was such a horrid day. I strained in the afternoon and was disagreeable in the morning. Went to Sunday School came home and was about sick. I fretted horrid all afternoon and ate very little dinner.

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

After lunch Lawrence came down we went to church had a very quiet evening and yet it was very pleasant not one. It seemed good or because I was so tried.
Monday—May 1—1916.

It still continues to be most disagreeable. I suppose. And the rest of the 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 advertising scheme. Afterwards I came in, got into bed, had supper, and after supper we went up to Belgrave and practiced dancing parts for our play. Didn’t get home until 10 o’clock and was never very tired in my life.
Tuesday - May 5 - 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 stripped out witness acts and bought candy peanuts, had lots of fun with the work. Got home at 6:30 o'clock.

After supper we went directly to bed.

This flower was once a leading actress which came from the Papes from up north. It was so pretty a program.
Wednesday - May - 1916.

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

She is very busy again to the play and that we all to go to Margaret Stier's practice for some parts I the play after that we came home and I started to help get supper but I arised up in the car and wanted he to go for a short ride. So I went. Maybe I shouldn't have done it but I am oly he young man not going to bid "bye" to bye."
Wednesday - May - 1916.

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

She has been very busy again today the closed the play house the hence we are.

After school we had to go down to Margaret Street to practice for some parts I 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 but going to bed "bye the byes."
Thursday, May 1916

Today was a great day for me. So much excitement, everything seemed to have been so many things to see to getting down to the armory and I got my place. After school I went down to the armory for a short time and then Lawrence's father and mother came down town and Lawrence happened to see them and so we rode home.

After supper Russell went down to the armory with me to help get my things down there. We had a dress rehearsal but it wasn't very good so I don't expect me play till the next time.
Friday - May 1916.

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

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

We cleared about $6, after paying our class debt and expenses, not so bad.
Saturday - May 1916.

Got up at seven this morning was a warm day but it didn't do much good to lay in bed.

Worked hard all morning longer than after dinner I took a bath, put on my new white coat and went down to the Orphery to ask for a show the Standard, Piano girls were giving. That was a success too.
Sunday - May - 1916.

It 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 or a little kind 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 Surrace called up at 8:30 but I wouldn't let them come in. 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 home to miss Steer's after my report card. Came directly home and worked a little until supper time, helped to get supper, washed dishes and went to bed 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 Hermione, 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 not only an interesting day but also a very disagreeable day. At the same time, 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 it balanced with Katie near the stove washed my hair and effort to go to bed in very short order. So bye the bye until tomorrow."
Friday - May 1916.

I rained again today and was quite disagreeable. There was a W. J. P. dancing party tonight which we fully intended to take in but finally decided that we wouldn't.

Didn't feel so very good today and was tired so after supper Laurence and I drove up to Cartier for a while. We talked for while and then we took her and we all went for a ride and ended at the carnival. They rode on the merry-go-round while I waited for them. We got some tickets for dolls but didn't get any strange ones, quite sadly. Had lunch at noon.
Saturday - May - 1916.

Today was my day to work again and work I did. We were pretty tired after dinner but Sister came along 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 went to bed 'cause I was so tired.
Sunday, May 1936

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

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

Burt drove up after while and took us both down in his car down to the garage. We went for a ride in the Dodge. It rained thundered and lightning.
Monday - May 1916.

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

I went to bed quite early because I was too 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 like any other day. I recollected I went to school, came home and supper, wiped the dishes and went to bed.

As I remember, Russell and I went to the Orphans to see "Les Miserables". We had an awfully good time.
Wednesday - May 1916.

Today was a big day for us at school. School let out early so we might go home to the Armory and practice for our May Festival. We got out early enough but as it was so extremely warm and as Sam had his car at school, we filled it up with 15. "P" well, P. H. Hall, Thurman, Opie and myself and went for a ride. We got down to the Armory to the very last miss, Miss Martin. I was so surprised at her. I was afraid they laughed. I was rather scared. We had to put our capes on as we don't go in as the wind had blown it so.
Thursday - May 1916.

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 arm of pets 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 more but and jumping into my clothes I started out and Lawrence remarked so I didn't have to walk. The festival was fairly successful and we had a handy ride in Professor's car afterwards, but it just thundered and lightning a little which caused the foolish kind of tremble.
Friday - May - 1916.

My day was a warm day. It was so hot and sunny. We got up 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 had. Just look from the window we went up to Long Lake. Had a boat ride and the sky came from just after sunset it was so delightful and cool.

After supper of course we had to go down to the army for my judgment. It was so dull and stuffy in there that I don't think it was so greatly enjoyed. We took a short ride afterwards in Paul's car.
Saturday - May - 1916.

Today was my busy day again and I really had to make things move. We cleaned the porch and put the porch furniture out but it is so dusty that those seeing them are just putting in the front porch the I don't believe that we will take many comfort out there for awhile.

Shortly after dinner I took a nice short nap and then came out to 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 1, 1916.

It was so unfair today and yet so beautiful.

And me to the school teachers in the Kindergarten Department were absent. I was forced to take a class where there were only 25 of the little babies. There and with the last and wuggling I had all I wanted to do.

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

After dinner Lawrence came down and we went up to butter for awhile 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 wanted to stay away.

But it came down and they didn't stay long.
Monday - May - 1916.

Today was a usual day with me. It rained and drizzling all day was pretty gloomy. They gave us some pretty long lessons from me to sit up with Decoration day.

As I look into the future, I will be a very short time now before the end of the school. I will have so few days and yet I suppose we all find something worth while to do after we are out but it's so hard to begin.

Well I am going to stop here because I must go up to Station and stay with my Uncle as this is our abode.
Tuesday - May 28 - 1916.

Dear [Name],

Past about eight o'clock this morning, but and I had such a good time and try me home again last night. She popped since of the heat came and we had a general good time, but we went to bed early for us.

Soon after breakfast I came home and put on some pages and did some work, we then had dinner. After dinner, Matie came down and we went out in the park 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 night before and I guess it was in more ways than one feet terrible all day today. Was so sleepy and tired all so discouraged with life in general, everyone looked gray to me today. Everyone seemed unreasonable so guess but then I suppose it's all right anyway. Came home helped get supper and went 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 I'd 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 to undress.

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

Expect will have company to invite for supper so must go now and help.

Bye, Bye. Little Mary.
Friday-June 3-1916.

Today was a lovely day, the whole day long and then such a beautiful full moon at night.

School went along as much the normal course only Lawrence came to get me to school and so I didn't have to walk home.

After supper I went to meet Papaw to go to the Banquet given by Knight Templars but he wasn't ready so I joined Mrs. Snel in her room in front of J. Temple and I stayed with her. They sent all the women to the bath for entertainment and then we went back to the Solar rooms for our banquet. Lawrence had come up after me to go to the dance and as Papaw had to serve they let him eat with me. They had some of the worst fish sandwiches of 18.45. Good night.
Saturday - June 4, 1916

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

Stopped for Emma on my way home to the track. As soon as we spied the girls we went with them. Roy was all armed and he did just fine. R. I call broke a record. It was all very good. Towards the last we saw the long and they wanted us to come and sit in the car which we were very glad to do. There were 3 of the girls and 2 lovely boys. They took us for a variety ride & gave us some ice cream, pop, etc. Good time.
Sunday-June 5, 1916

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

Came home from school. newly roasted, very soon. After dinner, we went for a ride. Summer, his father and brother and myself. We went to Portland, had a fine time.

Went up to his house for lunch and went and Beat came up there with me and we went out to various places. She was free for our Sunday. Came home and went to bed.

Splendid day. don't know but

Slightly tired.
Monday June 6, 1916
Wednesday, June 8

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Friday, June 10.
Sat. June 16.
Sunday June 1928

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

near Beat the Lawrence and I
started in Beat's car at about
7:00 o'clock. We went on the
north side of the river and
the river was a nice
beautiful drive or a May
more rainy day, it was ideal
for driving. Very soon after arriving
we ran into some man's car
and had to pay for a new
radiator $1.00. They had carried and
after dinner came back and
went out to Reeds Lake. Rodon
Dubrow were 4 times did nearly all
the streets out there, had lunch in
B. P. and came home after dark.
Monday June 13 -

Dinner quite as I expected and fine 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 since -

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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 John, and the two children were here, just came today.

That's all for today.
Wednesday June 1 1955

The last day of my High School life, do I realize just how much it means, don't believe that I do, its all so uncertain 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 tonight, truth my new life must begin "not finished just begun" Our class motto.
Thursday, June 16th

This morning at 10 o'clock I took my vacuum vapor. Wasn't nearly as scared as I might have been. After the glass I came home and had my dinner and after dinner I went downtown to see Mary Pickford in "Madame Butterfly". It was fine; we took Marine and Dorothy along. They enjoyed it too. They are two very sweet children.
Friday, June 17th

At 8 o'clock this morning took my exercises and went in town with Grandma. Rose down the hill with Violet, came home and kept the porch and did a few little necessary things. Aint Fezziwick made dinner and the children were done for dinner. Poor little Dorothy was sick so she couldn't eat any dinner.

After dinner my uncle took a horse and went over to the Dairy field. Had a good time. Gave a few dimes. Bird flunked down came after me. After supper Aunt Bert, F. & myself started for Red Bank to take the train to Jersey City.
Saturday June 18

tried to get up until about 9:30, but got up early and went home.

Dressed right around after I did get up and did a lot I worked so that after

breakfast I was pretty tired.

After supper I had a rest and I took a walk. And the

words I so heard, don't know

what I will do this summer.

cause you know little book,

about you?
Sunday June 19 -

Race aludruate Sunday. Such a day comes only
once in one's life time. Was rather tired so I rested
all day long to be ready for the grand event at night.
Russell went up to bring Lake Saturday night so it
was pretty quiet around the house all day long.

Russell and I went down to the church early
because we had some hoses to take to some of the girls.
It was such fun talking to everyone and getting
ready to march. Afterward
wandered and Bert came up
and wanted me to go home
with them. We went for a little
twilight ride and came home.
Monday June 1916
I went to school today. The teacher at N. D. entertained the Seniors today.
We started from the High School at 2 o'clock, we took Mr. Dunlap, Wigneau, Wible, Wience and C'es Saunners and myself with a lot of lunch there in.
We got there safely. We were taken to Steers' Cottage and we and Saunners and 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. Such fun.
We had lunch and started home but we went over to Byrding, went to the show there, got some sandwiches, had a good time. Started for home. Beautiful warm before cold.
Tuesday June 1916.

I shot today I must be a day I just had Dorothy Warrell I called up and said that she was going to have a class at 5. Schofield supper at her house so I went. We had a good supper got started home and put there. When I got home I arrived and told Mum had been there and went near there and found them and we all went down town to see our soldiers songs. The army ones are now drilling daily to go to training. It's all so exciting and horrible. Two boys from my senior class must go when the next comes. R. Hall and Joe Canfield.
Wednesday - 1916

Today was another busy, busy day. Class Day is its usual frantic, 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 books. Go down to Wrench's and string them up, Norma came down there after me and we walked way down. We had supper and then Lawrence came down and we intended to go up and get Bert. And we were all going to the class. But they had been away with Palmer and Lawrence and I went to the shops and then came home to 12:30 and wait until 12 for home.
Thursday - 1916  
Great Day 2 Days.  
This morning Papa called up and said there was a long letter from town who wanted to come down. So when I got down town it was none other than my cousin Robert Goode who Wood came down before and still he lives as near as Grand Rapids. He came down for dinner and stayed all afternoon, just after supper. Aunt Bertha and Uncle Fred and the children came down from Woodland. We finally got started from the church but to meet grief the organ would not work so we had to march by a piano. Everything went fine however. Packed home with Aunt, his father mother and Grandfather.
Friday - 1916

O yes! I haven't forgot presents and I didn't want to accept a single one. Not all my graduation clothes from Aunt. New bed from Papa. Pair silk stockings from Pep. 3 Spoons. Some silver shoe buckles. Ingrain Pins. Napkin Rings. Fountain Pens from Laurence. Old, thimbles and several other things and they were all so lovely.

Went to a dance tonight and got but went with ips and stayed all night with me.
Saturday - 1916

This was a most peculiar Saturday, it's usually my day to rest but today the boys called me up early and wanted me to drive to Crystal Lake. They went down to see the soldier ridge and then came after me. 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 Spinc. We got stuck in a wash hole, had some fire-crackers, had just lots of fun.

We went down to the train table, sat off and then Sanmarco brought me home. Splendid day.
Sunday 7 1914

Today was a beautiful
and just slightly warm day
I went to church and
Sunday school and came

home just about dark.

Lawrence came down
after dinner with the car
so we went up and got
Helen and the four I
 Usuarios 0. Helen D. 1. Lawrence
and myself all went to
Syorne and just at the dawn
on a great log we took
some pictures. They formed the
very good ones too.

We then came home stopped
at Helene a few minutes, went
on downtown got some ice cream
and come back in a few minutes & came into
Monday 1916.

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

Someone called up about 9:30, wanted to come down for a few minutes. I started a little ways 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.

We said 'Goodbye'

and went home.
Tuesday 1916.

I felt so funny today. 'Soot' blaseome like. Rather felt as the ray graduation activities had drawn to a close and now for a long summer with work and rest, smetly that didn't appeal very strongly.

Saw Lawrence go by to the station with his focks.

In the afternoon I went to take a coke run to bentone which I had made for a Brotherhood meeting on the way back. I stopped at Nattie's to see her and her mother for awhile.

Emma wanted me to go to the show but I couldn't.
Wednesday
It was a fairly warm day for the beginning of Chatauqua. I rested then the afternoon session and then Russell and I went down in the mean.
We enjoyed it immensely.
Thursday
It was a very warm day again. We have been working on my coffee and collate for a new dress.
We went down to Chatauqua in the mean. Dade and Russell went down in the afternoon.
Friday
Quite the same except Went to Chatauqua at Rate.
Saturday - 1916

Extremely warm again today and so the Chatanqua didn't appeal to me so I stayed at home all day long. I am reading "Audrey" by Mary Johnston. It is very interesting and so I am contented for long spaces of time.

At night lemma and I went down town to do some trading, we got separated and I found Mrs. Burleston 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 Emily and cool.

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

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

Julie came down early and we thus started up time, met But on the road, asked me if we didn't want to take a ride and I said, "Sure," Julie got out.

But I want to Chahtagnaw took a ride with Julie.
Monday - 1916

I got word early this morning of my father's death which occurred at 6:30 this morning. It was a shock because he had been very ill. 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 beginning to realize what death really means, at least this one affected more than usual because I loved him all the I didn't think it much.
Tuesday July 4th 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 Chatanooga for awhile in the afternoon, we girls were all together. Frances S., Ber. W., Doris W., Theresa W., and myself.

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

Dad and I went down to meet Carrie in the evening and then when we came back we went back to the factory to see the fire works.
Wednesday - 1916

Today was the day of the funeral. Uncle George, Uncle Herman and Uncle Henry and his wife all came. Uncle George and Uncle Herman were at home for dinner while Uncle Henry stayed at Aunt Carrie's. Soon after dinner we started. We stayed at the cemetery until the grave was covered up and as it was so extremely warm, we all felt very hot. I tried when we got home. Uncle George was tire for supper.

He wanted me to go home with him the next morning but I just couldn't.
Thursday - 1914.

Not warm day. Just tried out and didn't do much the whole day long. Uncle Henry went at noon by auto to Grand Lodge, Uncle Henry and Papa and Russell also going to see far with him.

In the afternoon I rested and read, seemed as if I was just simply all in. Went to see with Russell to see 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 I went downtown to see Marguerite Clark in "Prince of the Pipers."
Saturday - 1916.
Worked hard again all morning long, in the afternoon trusted and then went up to see some Luther who is expecting to take a position in the capital in the near future. We had a good result, 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 father and Papa and I took a bally ride to a farm near St. John's.
Monday—1916
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 ration+ straw
but for Woodbury when he expects
to farm it for awhile. He got
started in Splendid Shape.

Went down to farm as for awhile
in the evening we went up to the
library and had a good time.

came home rented in Papan
came and then we all went to bed.

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday. Ciscar was
here. Went down to see parade
san this afternoon.
Friday - 1916

Wallace and Hagenbeck circus was in town. Went downtown to see the parade in the morning, went up to hotel, there J. and Violet, Dr. Waltz, Frances. 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 début at Building on the 4th.

Arrived safe, she wasn't right time to meet me so I started up-town, met her and we went up-town did a little shopping and then started for her home, we had a nice drive going home. Was very pleased to see what a nice comfortable
little home he told and also what a lovely brother. We had a nice supper and after supper Bertie and I decided to take a walk down the lane. It was about a mile long but we enjoyed it immensely. Just this same had such at nice visit and it was such a lovely night. We were from it a great big full moon all the way home.

We came home and went to bed.
Saturday - 1916
The day started bright, beautiful and warm. We got up quite early because we had to catch an 8:00 clock train for Utica. We took Dorothy's little cream dome, when we got there we I course led to see the parade, after which Dorothy and I hurried as fast as possible not to meet her parents, which was some little distance from the city. We were two hot girls when we arrived we took over some cars and rode machines as comfortable as possible. When the folks arrived we had a lovely lunch, and soon after dinner the folks went away and left me alone. We just rested after supper Bert M. and William McC came out. We went to the circus.
Sunday - 1916

We got up quite late. We hurried around and did a little work and then started and I laid down again. Soon after we got up we had dinner chicken at that just Katie's mother grandmother. Katie and myself as her father had gone fishing in the morning. Before we had the dishes came up we had some coffee. I was in a Mr. Campbell from there. After we got ready 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 laid down heard something in the chicken we had to get up to call the farmer.
Monday - 1916

I cannot come from Belding this noon and I was just about to... when I got home & friends that Papan & asked had gone over to Woodbury to a funeral I a brother I say Uncle, John Eckhardt.

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 least we had our supper and they didn't come until about 7:30.

Yes I got a special deliverer 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 afternoons
then after supper add & came
then I went to Savannah & after I
had washed dishes I started
to drive down to 11 am & got as far as
Mr. Wagner's. Stopped there to
stay there to keep her something & she said they
were going to drive down to town so
I waited & she took me up
to Frances & was there
too & we all had a nice meal
then I came home with Papa.

The folks didn't come for some
while afterwards.
Thursday - 1911

Well little diary this is the last sheet in this jotter & oh it has been lots to me to put down these very best times of my life so far. I just knew I shall always cherish this little book as it brings old times memories. So I say good buy to you.

We had at 9 o'clock breakfast we Standard Bearers today met in a grove near the river. We did have the "bestest" breakfast one lady from the country made home made ice cream. Afterwards they went to find a lake which we arrived there same place but we got tired of so we came back & we found had the car never there we went home. We drove around a bit & then we came home. It was much too warm for a picnic today.

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