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Friday May 28.

Theo and I returned from California on May 24, where we spent a sad winter with our sick sister Lana. She passed away on April 21st.

No one had been up to the Cottage this spring. We found the Cottage terribly dirty and messed up where Clifford had used it last fall while digging the ditch. I didn't know where to begin, but did begin by cleaning the ice box for food and getting a clean spot in the kitchen. It was most discouraging. But Mrs Boxell came on Saturday and swept the upstairs and mopped the kitchen and back porch. Sunday Genarian came up.

Early in the morning, we went down to Maria to meet her.

Both days have been sultry 80° in the shade. Mosquitoes terrible. Much snow last winter, much rain this spring. Lake quite a bit higher. Turned cool on Monday.

Paul Brandt has been harrowing and planting a new alfalfa field. The last year's hay still stands in the field, unsoled.

Clifford came up Sunday to say that he had bought a place and would not be working for me — relieved, I was worried about having him. Miss Cook for some one more congenial.

Been planting garden Monday morning & afternoon. asparagus bed grown into a forest. — not much good left. Rained every day so far.

June 7. Edith Boxell came to work for me. She is only fifteen, and can cook very

little, but helps with dishes
bake, sweeping &c.

Raining all the time.
Can hardly get in seeds.

June 11. Buttercup & Daisy and
the little bull calf brought
over.

June 12. Genevieve came up on
bus, in a Paul Bunyan
Carnival (Acroful show). Rained
all day the 13th, so we
stayed in the house, read
and worked on Genevieve's
A.L.A. speech.

June 14. Vincent Cofer began
general work about the place.
Theo had been milking the
cow. A little more garden
up, tomatoes out, most of
first plantings up, but ground
very wet yet.

Ima, Seth and Billy surprised
us. Ham stayed for
3 days, leaving Thursday.
I drove Seth down to Inps
while Ima & Billy went on into
Michigan. Saw Genevieve off

to New York to A.L.A. Friday P.M.
and returned to Matco on Saturday
June 15.

Got a little pig this week from
the Mohrenweisers. (June 15)

Bought a 2nd hand Plymouth and
has been going back & forth
in the little Coupe. Much
better than big car. Roads
are terrible on our roads.

Theo is planting the farm
garden, too. Ought to have
plenty to can.

June 20. First box of strawberries. Going
to have a fine crop for a small
patch.

Ham has all the floors oiled
upstairs & porches down stairs.

June 29. Constance, Buff and the children
surprised us by walking in.
Arrived from the Yellowstone trip
and stopped on the way home.
Seth also returned for a week's
visit.

July 26 - Mr Benson began
fixing up engine & pump
and laying pipes.
Mr Livingston gave me a tank
which they are installing, Vincent
keeping.

Still raining, late rising, garden
growing fine.

July 30
Edith Boxell leaving today. Too
hard for me to do all the cooking.
She is a good table cleaner.

July 3-4-5
Marie made her first
trip up this year. Genevieve
came too, after her auto
trip home from N. Y.

We had our last strawberries
having had 19 qts from the
liver patch.

July 7 - Brought Miss Foster
back with me. Had
our first garden returns
in best fruits and our
last asparagus.
Vincent mulched the

strawberries today.

The alfalfa hay is cut, and
the little calf was sent to the
stock yards. The chicken yard
is built. Water is being
delivered into the kitchen.

Thos put Paris green on his
potatoes and soy beans. Potatoes on
farm are in bloom. So are first
planting of string beans.

Roads have been fixed
somewhat, at least are better.

July 14 - The dock is built at
last, and well built.

Mr Benson stopped his work
more than a week ago, and
hasn't been back.

Terribly hot. Marie and
Genevieve were up again last
Sunday and I am taking Miss
Foster back today.

July 15. Brought back a good
maid, Bernice Jew Dyke. She
is a married woman with
~~four~~ ^{young} children, but she wants a
change and I think she will
be good. A big rain since

Yesterday flooded the garden
and it has turned very cold.

One chicken died, the other hen
is so foolish, she won't go in
her coop. Has to be put in
by force every night. Will keep
her in during the rain.
Vincent is cutting the canary
grass. It stands 6 feet high.

Had to get a new Muffler in
the Buick yesterday, and a new
heat indicator in the later
Plymouth which runs well.

Had letters from the two people
to whom I wrote regarding help
for developing farm projects. In
the meantime Mr Youngquist
suggests that he come. I am
considering him.

Have been selling 2 qts a milk
per day to a woman at the Resort.
But Buttercup doesn't give
as much milk as last year.
Have moved her on fresher grass.

July 17. Marie + Genevieve here
~~Had first peas~~ with Charlotte
Matson.

July 21. Went in to Maple to
be at a breakfast for the Vitzes.
Brought Mrs. Lee Dyke's letter
from Richard back with us.
Mr Benson still putting with
the engine. Has begun
putting in storm windows on
back porch and hinging the
shutters on our sleeping porches.
Rained several days lately.

July 25. Marie + Genevieve
here on Sunday. Had
first beans and first peas.
Lots of raspberries. Eating
them plentifully, and canning
some. Rained yesterday + today.
Big fire in fireplace.

July 26.
Oscar and Anna Berg
arrived unexpectedly, got a
few days. Glad to feed
them on peas + raspberries.

July 28. Mrs Burns comes
back to Camp Izzy.

Aug 10 - Genevieve comes up
for a month's vacation

Hay (Alfalfa) which was
cut and well stacked
seems to have gone bad in
the stack. just as last year,
should be under cover.

Aug 14-15 Wellington came up
with a young lady Dorothy Whitelaw
nice girl.

Aug 12 Buttercup bred. had a
hard time getting her led
down to bull.

Aug 16 - Daisy bred, Wellington
had to pull her all the
way down and back. broke
two hollers.

Aug 18 - Sowed Corn.

Aug 24. Wellington and I go
down to Mpls. bring Marie
home from Kootenai. Wellington
goes on to Chicago.

Aug 25-28. Genevieve and I go
up to Port Arthur

Aug 29 - Hire Mr Strong to
develop farm.

Aug 30 - and on. Very busy caring

Corn, beans, cucumbers etc.

Sept
Aug 7 Genevieve returns to Mpls.
after her vacation.

Sept
Aug 10 - Mr Strong arrives to
begin developing farm, takes
over milking from Theo. who
has been so good about it.

Sept
Aug 11. I go down to Mpls.
Marie at home and seems better

Sept
Aug 12 - Return with Mrs Bailey
for her first trip this year,
+ Genevieve, and Elizabeth Bray.
Genevieve spends all day Sunday
with Axel setting out composts.
He dug the holes during the
week. Set them along
the fence in the new alfalfa
field. Previously had
set a group at the rear
of the garden and a beautiful
group near the College.

Sold the spoiled alfalfa
stack at the Placid Cutting
to Mr Gustafson for 25.00
Hauled away on Sept 14.

Sept 14-

A man & team came to fix the road up to the farm. Mr Craig and Mr Strong are helping. It will be better. Fierce small frost last night but the garden hasn't hurt. We are still canning tomatoes & corn.

Big rain this past week lake still up. Much higher than last year.

Sept 19-20 Elizabeth Bray here with Genevieve & Mrs Bailey. I went in for the Friday evening party for Miss Bartleson at Auto Club.

Sept 21. Daisy bad again.

Sept 22 Last of Canary Lark stacked in farm yard. Estimate for 2-story chicken house \$560.00 for material. Electric Company agent here, proposes to put in electric line up our road. and have road widened. good news.

Sept 23. Began hauling sand and gravel for new chicken house.

Sept 27 - Decided to dig basement under 2 story chicken house, giving 3 stories of space.

Rake going down very fast

Mrs Pig makes a trip to the house in stately fashion

Oct 2-3. Family come up with Clara B. Quite rainy & cold on Saturday, so Theo and I gathered all vegetables, but nothing is hurt yet. Sunday is warm again. Vegetables not yet hurt by frost.

Oct 10. Clara B came back again last Wednesday, Mary Bray came on Thursday and has stayed over until today. The weather has been cold, but we got out for some walks. Bought a Kerosene heater and burn quantities of wood in the grate. Ate our last two chickens today. Ann driving

Mary home to Kivovik today

Oct 13-16-

Seth & Irene arrived unexpectedly today with a Cousin Mrs Harlow, and grandson Bobbie. Winter Cold, first snow flurry.

Irene went down to Nylis on the 14th to spend day with Marie, and Mr. came back on Friday. They all moved on, on Saturday morning.

Had hard work keeping them all warm.

October has been a cold stormy windy uncomfortable month so far.

Oct 20 Men finished building the wall of the chicken house basement large & fine.

Oct 21 Rode the pig today to Mr. Moore for \$10.00, didn't get enough. Besides I have to pay for delivering him. Won't sell to neighbors again.

Rode Daisy also. Has bred her three times unsuccessfully. Think she may be barren. Poor

Buttercup very lonesome, bellows and won't eat, and won't give down milk, broke from the pasture and came down into our yard hunting for Daisy. Sent Daisy to the stock yard. Barn pretty small. Hope to have a new one and buy a new cow next year.

Weather wild, windy, dark all week - October so disagreeable.

Geo Nelson has been cutting up dead trees around about, and hauling them up to the house for next year's supply. Betweenwhiles keeping on basement. Ham had the loan of a Concrete mixer from the Onamia Rubber Co. and are hurrying to finish everything.

It has been good to be alone this week. Ham gone over all of father's old diaries (1858-9-60-62, freed from by later ones.) letters dating back to 1850 and many literary efforts. Dead old father, his youthful dreams & aspirations more forerunners of his fine after life.

No Coons this year, no wood-chucks or gophers. Nothing to harass our soil garden.

Oct 24 It has been cool and
miserable all past week.

Saturday thermometer stood at
100. 7 inch froge on back
porch altho storm windows
and doors were on. ~~Finishes~~
~~Concrete wall~~. Wood all
up waiting for saw.

Genier & Mrs Bailey came
up Saturday P.M. weather
changed much warmer.

Sunday beautiful. Had
big bonfires in garden Saturday
evening. And on Sunday P.M. we
burned out wood piles in
the woods. beautiful day.

Oct 26-29. Have been down
to Mpls. Spoke at Swedish
Institute on Emma Nilsson. Then a
Swedish Society of women gave a
portrait of Madrika Bremer
to the Institute as a memorial to Miss
Nilsson. On Thursday evening
the Longfellow Library Branch was
opened. Mrs Mraeo drove
down & back with me.

Bernice and I have been putting

up papers to the windows
making butter from the cream
& Cottage Cheese, to take home
with us tomorrow. We will
be closing up, except that
we will probably come back
for an occasional visit.

But we won't be living here
It has been the longest stretch
and the only period when I
have been staying here.

The chicken house has the
first floor in, and

The wood has been hauled up
and cut into chunks. We
will have plenty of wood next year.

The surveyors were here
and put out stakes on the
south lot lines. It is expected
that we will cut the trees
that are in the roadway on
that side, preparatory to
electric lines. We hope
they will be put in this winter.

Geo Nelson has plowed
the garden and a new strip
in the alfalfa field. I hope to
put out a new raspberry & straw-
berry patch next spring.

Sam for chicken house pictures

Nov 4

Thes and I came up to see Mr Strong and pay the men. Some of the siding was on, and the roof rafters. Took down a lot of cream & milk and some wood for Maria and a case of eggs.

We were cozy in the house with the fireplace, but we didn't stay over night.

Nov 14. Tuesday, Thes and I drove up. Went around by St Francis and picked up Mrs Strong and Ellwood.

Rainy, windy and cool. Built up a big fire in the fireplace, and lighted the kerosene heater and were comfortable. Got our dinner here and drove home in the afternoon. Looks like snow.

Chicken house all enclosed. Men are cutting down trees along roadway, preparing for electric light wires.

We may or may not come up again - but this year

Most unusual - I have been here all summer for the first time. Have not liked the maid, too nerdy, but she has kept me a big garden.

Have got a new venture under way - chickens and home for a fine man.

Camp Izatys has been doct as before under new management. And electricity will probably come up our road. We progress

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March 8

G.M.M. and Gals drove up with 1000 baby chicks. Mr Strong had a good warm place in the new Chicken house.

There had been a snow storm and Mr Brandt had plowed out the road. Mr Strong came down to the highway to meet us. But we nearly got stuck even then. Didn't try to go on to the College. Has been a very dry warm winter

Apr 15 Our first spring visit to the College. Got stuck in the road and had to carry our dinner up to the College.

Theo, E. B, G.M.M. & Gals drove up. Paul Brandt, seeing us stuck, got his team and pulled us out. Rained so we started back home about 3 P.M.

Mr Strong reported about 400 chickens dead.

May 10 - We haven't been able to come up before, it has rained every day, torrents, since we were up before. Road into the Cottage have been impassable. Theo and I drove up today, the road has been fixed up some and we can get through altho they are rough.

In the meantime Mr Bittendorf, owner of Mrs Burns' Cottage, met with some of us and the electric Co. who denied they had promised us electricity. But we all knew what they had promised. ^{Mr} Lat cut down the trees and gotten ready, so we threatened suit if he didn't get to work. Today they are putting in poles and connection will be ready by Saturday.

Our chickens weigh upwards of two pounds, fine big fellows - over 700 of them. They are ready to sell for broilers. 1000 eggs are in the incubators.

Our undertaking given a venture up here and am putting in lots of money. I only hope it will pay. Am leaving Theo up here.

the garden looks pretty rough, but Mr Johnson is coming to harrow it. We plowed up the asparagus bed, and ruined it, though it would take out the quack grass. No asparagus this year, will try to reset. Cold, had fires all over. Lake a foot higher. No leaves on trees, but wild flowers trilliums, spring beauties out.

May 11 - Theo wrote some "ads" for our broilers, and Mr Strong and I drove around the east side of the lake to deliver them. (I mean the "ads") and this afternoon to the East side. Also stopped at Mr Bensons to get the boat. He promised to deliver it Saturday. Went to see Mr Dahl about the mill. He recommended Mrs Mead as a contractor. Will get in touch with her at once.

May 25-26.

Russell came to see us on Sunday & Monday in Minneapolis. So Theo came down, and we two returned in a pouring

Rain. It has rained now for forty days. The whole country is soaked. Our road in terrible shape.

~~Thurs~~ Wednesday Mrs Strong came over and cleaned the downstairs and will clean more this week after I go.

Wellington is marrying Dorothy Whitstruck on Sunday at our home and are coming up here for a day or two.

No garden in yet.
Buttercup has a new calf born May 23. Call her Daisy.

About 500 more linen chicks but Sam does only 10 broilers Season so bad.

May 30 - 31

Wellington married Dorothy Whitstruck at our Robinsdale home on May 29th. We came directly up here Sunday night in the rain (It rains every day) Roads terrible.

We have been here for two days on their honeymoon.

Mrs Strong has finished cleaning up the downstairs and the place looks shipshape. She has left two broilers ready for the pan and 2 qts of Buttercup milk.

We are selling all the milk we can to the resort. Buttercup has to be milked 3 times a day, and is giving about 18 qts a day.

Wellington and Dorothy were very tired. They have tramped about seeing the farm, and took a long ride. Bought fishing tackle and fished.

June 12.

J & A.C. and Glu. came up Saturday arriving at about five p.m. Mrs. Strong had cleaned the house downstairs and made it comfortable.

We had dinner early and walked up to see the chickens. Mr. Strong had sold 170 at Witter's in Essex on Wednesday. The pullets look fine. So does Daisy the new calf.

Mosquitoes were bad.

Mr. Countryman has put in a lot of garden. Peas, beans and onions are up. We brought 4 dozen tomato plants.

Sunday has been a beautiful day, the first day sunny from quite early morning, and evidently too warm for mosquitoes.

The lake is higher than it has been since the first year I was here, no rocks showing except on the two points on either side of us and the resort.

June 18

G.A.C. & G.L. came up late Saturday picknicking in the pine trees at Princeton.

At the cottage we found that Mrs. Strong had done a fine job cleaning the upstairs.

We walked to the farm and found Mrs. Strong preparing nineteen chickens and all the milk sold.

Sunday was another beautiful day, mosquitoes not too bad though by evening they increased.

The assessor called in the afternoon.

Fruity Flood came in at noon. The well is in this week June 14-15, 53 feet deep.

June 25 - July 5

Edith Jones, Marie's sister came Saturday evening and we all started up here Sunday morning. G.M.M. G.A.C. Mrs. Black, Marie and Edith to stay until after the Fourth. It was beautiful the first two days, then it was cold and rainy, so that we had fire in the fireplace much of the time.

Mrs. Bailey came up on Friday evening, and Siebert, Constance and Virginia came on Saturday afternoon until July 5th when we all returned home.

Edith must have ~~Saturday~~ Sunday morning after such a satisfactory visit. I am sure it did Marie good.

Thos's garden is very back yard. I think we will have linen from it this summer. It continues to rain so much.

I had intended building a little house, and have had Mr. Livingston draw the plans, intending to get bid on it this

Week, but build right away.
There are so many expenses
yet, connected with the
chickens, that G. M. M.
suggested that I leave it until
spring. The Strongs approve it,
so I shall wait, but put my
finances on chickens.

They have so far brought me
in \$119.00 from sale of cockerels.

Mr. Lam has quantities of
strawberries this week from our
garden. Mr. Strong has
supplied us with plenty of
milk altho most of it is
sold to the resort. Buttercup
is just beating his record,
sometimes she gives 12 gts
at a milking and usually
18 gts a day at least.

Our whole place looks
so nice this year. Mrs.
Strong keeps the cottage
clean.

They have fixed
our road this week, putting
a fine surface on it. Much
improved.

Mosquitoes terrible.

June 26 - July 5

Genevieve needed a rest and took off two days up here.

Edith Jones came Saturday evening 6 mph. and we all came up Sunday morning. Mrs Bailey did not come until Friday. The Ruffingtons came Saturday July 1st and (except Edwin who was working) and we all stayed over until July 5.

Edith had to go back on the 3rd. It was a big family party and we had a good time.

Marie was Topsy to Sam. Edith here as we all were. and seems better.

The week was cool and we had fire almost every night and played fan-tan. Genevieve too. Had a good rest. She and Edith went in swimming several times.

June 9-10

G.M.M. & Gab came up, starting at 6⁰⁰ P.M. Took our supper with us and ate it on Anoka road. Rained on way up and delayed us, tho' a little cop of sunset light under the clouds at the horizon kept it light. Had a most peaceful day Sunday, G.M. went in swimming. Went after to Benson to fix the sink drain, and Mr Dahl to criticize the mill at the farm.

Sam bought 3 batteries for the large size chicks, about 700 of them. Must now buy a truck.

Thos's garden is being eaten by rabbits, Sam advised pulling Paris green on beans & peas.

Called on Mrs Deutscher this evening. Bennique morning on Monday to start back. Am stopping at Mr Mikelson's to see about breeding Buttercup who is giving 80 gts a day. Wonderful cow. (see insert)

July 16-17-18.

G.M.M., Marie & Gab came up bringing Leonora Mann.

Quiet, beautiful day. All of our Sundays up here have been

Cecapala + Mitoco is beautiful
the trees growing bigger, the lawn
better. The rains have made
everything grow wonderfully.

The Cow bred this week.
The Chickens moved to the
basement in their new batteries.
The pullets running wild over
the lawn. The first egg was
laid July 12. a true wee egg
which Mr Strong brought to me.
The garden very poor.

Aug 1 - for a week.
Did not come up last
week because I broke my toe.
and couldn't walk. Much better
this week. Wellington + Dorothy
arrived in Mpls Sunday. Mr
all drove up loaded to the
limit. this evening to stay
a week.

Will + Dorothy love the use
of the car, go fishing, &c.
Will has cleared out the brush
around the place.

Defalpa hay is being cut again.

Aug 17 - 13.

Will + Dorothy, Theo and I went
back to Mpls on Aug 7th (Sunday)
and stayed over night, and started
Monday morning to Duluth. Theo
and I stayed there while Will
and Dorothy went up on the North
Shore. They returned Thursday to Constance
as we returned to Mitoco via Bemidji
and the Iron Range. taking our lunch
at Hibbing and our supper at
Aitkin. We went on Saturday
back to Mpls as the children
went to Chicago on Sunday.

Weather very hot + humid.

Aug 20 - 24

Edwin has been in Mpls all week,
and drove up with Marie, Mrs Black
and me. In the P.M. Gibson
Constance + Virginia came down
and on Sunday Mr Albert + Edwin
18th birthday. The family returned
to Duluth Sunday evening.

Mr L's lot of corn, peas,
tomatoes + cucumbers, and our own
potatoes. The garden has grown
much more than we expected.

We are cutting the Canary grass again
since have plenty of hay for another
cow.

But I have been much disappointed
with the chicken farm. The feed bill
for July was over \$150.00. I just can't
meet all the bills. I have ordered
all the broilers sold at once and
the new truck has to be overhauled,
it was a cheat. We are taking
it down this week to be rebuilt.

Saturday night we had a fire in
the grate. Night was really cold. Sunday
very beautiful, children enjoyed themselves
catching frogs and snakes.

Gilbert took up 8 fine cormorants
from our nursery & took home.

I had Axel get out 6 in our
yard where Wall cleared the
underbrush. Have offered Mill a
lot whenever he wants to build.

The chickens are laying
quite well, small eggs, but getting
larger.

Mrs Black & I canned
12 lbs + 2 qts of corn + 6 qts
of beans. Staying over until Wednesday
Axel built a lattice fence
around the toilet.

Sept 3-4.

Marie Mrs Black and I
drove up in the P.M. Had
a fine supper of corn and
tomatoes. Corn, 2nd planting in
fine shape.

Mrs B. and I canned tomatoes
this Sunday P.M. then drove so
many of them.

This past week Mr Strong carried
down chickens & eggs to the library.
and they were grabbed up immediately.
We will take more this coming
week.

We are taking down, chicken
eggs, beets, beans, tomatoes. Corn
and squash.

We go down Sunday evening. So
that we can meet Genevieve
on an early Monday morning train.
She has been gone a long time.

Sept 10-11

GHC Marie Mrs Bailey Mrs Black
and Genevieve came up Saturday
afternoon. It was the first fine day
after a week of rain. The roads off
the highway were quite wet.

There was corn in the garden
and lots of tomatoes in the house.
G.A.C. and E.B. canned some in
the morning.

G.A.C. and I went to the farm in
the evening, helped chase the chickens
off the trees. Had to borrow a flash-
light to find our way through the
woods. In the open the full moon
lighted our way.

In the morning we gathered
many limas and string beans,
a good many squash and tomatoes.

Started back at about five.

Had a chicken for dinner
and cream for our peaches from
the farm.

Oct 8-9

The whole family came up
Saturday morning. We went out
to Mrs. Charlesworth's to see his
Jersey cows and G.A.C. picked
four she would like including
Silver cup, the show cow of the
herd.

We had lunch at Princeton
and reached the cottage at about
one-thirty.

Mr. Strong had fires going
in kitchen and living room.

He couldn't go down to see
the cows at Charlesworth's Sunday
so it was decided that he go Satur-
day afternoon as a man was coming
Sunday to buy five or six.

The Duluth family arrived while
G.A.C. was at the farm and we went
to see the chickens too.

The garden was a sight. The
tomato patch was red with tomatoes
on the ground and on the few vines
still standing. The limas and wax
and green beans were thick on their
plants. The little patch of corn standing
had a good many ears.

We gathered summer squash
to have for dinner with our roast
pork and sweet potatoes with
lots of tomatoes and cakes.

Constance had brought a pie
for dessert so we didn't need the
peaches except for Mrs. Black and
Margaret.

We had dinner quite early
then had a bonfire on the beach
and went to bed at half past
eight.

In the morning Mr. Strong came along. He had liked Silver Cup best of the cows so had bought her. He is to bring her up on Wednesday.

We picked the chickens ourselves because Mrs. Strong has a stiff neck.

Then gathered the rest of the Cinas that were green for Constance. We had got enough for ourselves and Mr. Livingston the night before. We also gathered string beans for dinner and for Constance as well as quantities of tomatoes though a great many had spoiled lying on the ground.

I made a clear space among the evergreens by the road way and planted the Douglas fir seed from Vancouver and the spruce from Calgary.

We celebrated Marie's birthday with a cake Constance had brought and strawberries. The main dinner being chickens, potatoes, corn, beans, tomatoes, cubes, cream, and rolls Mrs. Strong had sent. The corn was delicious.

Oct 15-16

Thos has been here alone all week after spending two or three weeks at Duluth and coming down last Saturday with Constance. He has cleaned up the garden. Axel has dug up all the old raspberry bushes and taken out old fruit trees.

I think we will plant a new asparagus bed where the berries were.

There are still fresh things in the garden no frost yet. We picked many London Cucumbers. Had a mess of string beans for dinner. Taking squash, carrots, beets and Kohl Rabi home, besides tomatoes &c.

But the big news is our beautiful new cow - Silvrup. She is almost as fine as Buttercup.

The chickens are doing well, almost all Cockerels are sold and hens are laying well.

Maria & Mrs. Bleser came up with G.M.M. & me. We are taking Thos home with us. Raining and chilling them last week.

Buttercup bred July 12.
 Silencup " Sept 22

Oct 29-30

Thes and I came up in the Plymouth. Beautiful day, wished Genevieve were here to have some bon fires. In day the rest of the beets + carrots, and went up to see the cows + chickens. Silencup is now giving as much milk as Buttercup. They are two fine cows.

I engaged Axel to set out the asparagus bed, but he was busy on Friday. So got at it on Sunday. I hope we can have a good new bed.



Buttercup
 +
 Silencup
 Oct 1938

1939.

May 13-14

E.M.M. and I made our first trip. It has been a slow spring. Much snow late winter and the lake is higher.

Trees are not out, but the woods are filled with wild flowers, I never saw so many, nor so much variety - just beautiful.

Constance, Gilbert, Virginia and maid, brought Thes down on Saturday P.M. Genevieve and the Buffs, have spent Sunday A.M. digging up wild flower roots to transport.

Mr. Bettendorf is buying ten of our best spruce trees for 7⁵⁰. The garden is not plowed yet. Neither is the asparagus up yet.

The chicken farm has been a dead failure financially. I am turning it all over to Mr. Strong to see if he can come out even. I believe I could if I ran it myself. The cows look fine. Buttercup has had a little heifer which we sold for 3⁰⁰. Sold Daisy for 17⁰⁰.

(over)

Little Marie was taken little case
November 4th. We thought she
couldn't live from week to week.
But she is growing a little stronger.
Maybe she can come up some
time this summer. Mrs Bailey stayed
home with her today.

May 27-28.

G.M.M. + Gale drove up Saturday
P.M. Mrs Strong had not cleaned
the cottage, but we did as little
work as we could. Mrs Black
had cooked up enough things.

Mr Bittendorf had taken
17 of our trees (spruce) and
this afternoon Dave Brandt came
over to buy some of them.

Mrs Ten Dyck turned up
at the cottage this P.M. She had
kitchen - picked up from Mpls. and
going back the same way.
I think she was looking over the
prospect of camping up near the
Strong's, but didn't get much
encouragement.

Went down Monday morning.

June 2-3

Brought Mrs Hauser + Jane up
with Mrs Black, G.M.M. + Gale.

It has been a very warm week
and then on Friday had a very
heavy rain. The foliage is so
thick and the growth so dense as
to seem like a jungle.

Thos has part of his garden in,
but the old plowed up asparagus bed
is thriving better than the new which
hasn't come up at all.

It turned cold Saturday and we
had a grate fire in the
evening. but we ate on the
porch for Sunday dinner. And
the sun came out and made us
a cool perfect day.

Generien found a lady's slipper
and transplanted it into our yard.

G.M.M., Jane and Elvora went in
swimming, water good. Lake is higher
than in the spring.

June 17-21

G.A.C. & the came up for four days
rest. It rained Saturday but was
fine Sunday until about 4 p.m.
when the sky became very dark

followed by high wind and rain. We heard Monday morning that there was a tornado at Andika Sunday afternoon between 4 and 5 - with two people killed, two hundred injured and about 100 hundred houses damaged.

We phoned home and learned that Robinsondall had not suffered from the storm.

Mr. Bassell came along, cleaned out the weeds around the evergreens at the north of the garden, and covered the place with shavings. He also cut out some weeds among the other trees and arranged with Mr. Strong to cut the alfalfa.

We went down Tuesday taking a lunch which we ate at Princeton in the little park at about 6:30

June 24-26

Came up again for more rest. Had a picnic supper before we reached Princeton and arrived shortly after 8.

The week before we had brought 3 quarts of strawberries, found about 2 qts in the ice box and

Sunday Mr. Strong brought 4 or 5 more quarts. We had eaten them three times a day, made jam of some but had to throw away a lot of them. This time we didn't bring any and didn't find any in the ice box. Sunday morning we went up to the farm and gathered a quart or so for ourselves.

We laid out a path between us and the Deutche's through the woods. It looks very different from the garden path.

July 1-3.

Came up with Miss Clapp Wallace and Lohu, arriving at six so that Mr. Combrigan hadn't had supper. Had delightful weather all day Sunday. The hay was cut but not all put in the new shed.

The girls went up to the farm for strawberries Sat. eve and again Sunday.

The three Deutches came for Sunday supper.

Monday morning we had rain all the way down to about Elk River.

Jul 8-9.

Started about 3 P.M. with Mrs Bailey, G.M.M., G.A.B. and Mrs Wiseman. It was Mrs Bailey's first trip this season.

Weather has been terrible hot in Duplin, but these two days here have been fine, rather windy, but Mrs Bailey and Mrs Wiseman slept on front porch.

Two sections of dock were put in this past week and the laying is finished.

One important event - Silascup has a little heifer lost night. Question - what shall we name her. Mrs Wiseman and Genevieve walked away out to the end of the point.

Picked some last strawberries for supper, but nothing in our garden

Jul 15-16

G.M.M. + G.A.B. came on Saturday. ate our supper on the way into West Point district. Ochoe yard came up through St Francis for a change. Road good - no traffic, but dusty beyond St Francis.

Garden still has nothing in it. peas nearly ready. But we still have to bring everything with us.

The new Saporago bed didn't come up at all, but the old one seems to be coming on.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout called in the morning. They were spending the day at the Shroups. Later they decided to stay all night and G.A.B. invited them to sleep at our home.

All of them went with G.A.B. & see the Rogers herd. In stepping into the barn G.A.B. missed a low step and fell hurting her left knee. I have been keeping hot compresses on it and it is more comfortable.

Mr. and Mrs. Deutch came over and invited us to supper but we felt too sleepy to go even before the accident. The C.F.A. strike made a week of tension.

July 23 - Sunday.

G.M.M. & Gabe drove up Sunday morning. Had a party at Prescott on Saturday. Theo had picked peas for our Sunday dinner, and we are taking home a mess of peas and beets.

The Strongs had a lot of company last night and brought them over here to sleep. That was all right. They certainly live in small quarters, but I don't feel like building a farm house until they can make a living.

My knee is better, but the whole leg is black & bruised and I guess I got off well not to break the knee cap.

Tonight Genevieve and I went to call on Mrs Burns. Her daughters and her grandchildren are all here with her.

The resort was full tonight evidently doing well.

July 30 No one here

I stayed home to keep Genevieve's pack for her vacation.

Aug 4 - 5

Mrs Bailey & Gabe, brought Mr Sody and Mary & Barbara Bailey up for the week end. The girls are such nice little girls. They and their grandfather seemed to have a very good time.

Did nothing special, didn't even go up to see the little calf. Perfect weather.

Aug 19 - 20

Mrs Bailey and I came up on Friday morning, taking our supper at Milaca.

Saturday - Mrs Owen and her sister, Mrs Macdonald came up in a pouring rain, and the weather has been windy and unpleasant ever since. Cooked enough for grate fire. Have had to eat inside every meal. They went to church this morning at the Catholic Church and

have gone for a ride this afternoon. Mrs Owen went in swimming with waves 3 ft high.

Aug 26-27

Mrs Bailey + Gals came up Saturday P.M. until Monday morning. Beautiful weather. Have rested all the time, means simple.

Mr Boxell had brought me 3 cords of wood, Mr Brandt came today and sawed it all. Leo will have a job splitting up.

Carrying tomatoes, corn, lima beans, carrots and beets home.

Am very tired, as Mrs B has a cold. Had a cat upstairs last night.

Sept 1-5

Had 5 days off from my job. Asked the Dr. if I could take Marie to Mexico. She seemed better physically, so he consented. Her mind is very vague. But her blood pressure was down.

I took Mrs Black and the nurse - Mrs Simonson, and Marie. She made the journey up comfortably. Friday Mrs Marie and Saturday Mrs Kor, so

we lived on the porch. Sunday was cool and we had a grate fire in the evening. Monday was really cool and Marie sat by the fireplace all day. She has seemed to enjoy this trip and I'm sure it hasn't hurt her. Tuesday as we start home, it is positively cold, almost a frost.

I suppose General will be home when we get there.

Mr Boxell has been here all day Monday getting out evergreens.

Mrs Black and I canned 6 pto and 5 qts of corn and 4 qts tomatoes on Labor Day.

Alice Blair called Sunday night. Hasn't been up to the farm, nor have I seen the calf since the first visit. Don't like the way Mr Strong runs the place. He borrows everything I have and brings nothing back. So I just asked him to bring back a few things. He has a job on the road, using my scythe as my hatchet. The road has been oiled from the highway on past Bayfield, and our own road is fine, smooth with weeds cut on the roadside.

Sept-9-10

Gmm & Gab came up late Saturday afternoon, cool and windy.

Sat Around the fireplace in the evening, I sewing and Genevieve reading aloud to me.

Sunday, we found so many tomatoes as so much corn, that we set to work and canned a lot.

This afternoon Mr Boxell came over and Genevieve directed him where to transplant more cypresses.

I have bought about 6 cords of wood, part of it is sawed and Axel is chopping it up. Two cords are birch and we will take a lot of it home. We are going back this time loaded with wood and vegetables. The day has been cool and beautiful.

Sept 16-18

W.B. Gae & Gae came up Sat. afternoon, beautiful weather. Stopped for laundry and found fan belt broken. Got a new one at Oregonia.

Sunday we gathered vegetables in the morning and canned 5 pks of corn. 3 qts of tomatoes. Gathered string

beans, carrots, beets, Lima beans, potatoes to take home. Baked beets for dinner and found them good.

Started to drive to the Plains at four but found a flat tire. Gae and I walked instead. Too far for Ek.

Mr Boxell had transplanted spruces to both corners of the old pasture, 2 in front of house on the roadside, 1 in the driveway, 4 Norway pines to replace this in alfalfa field, 2 rows of white pine across from nursery. All look very well.

It was warm enough to swim but I didn't go in.

Sept 23-24

Wilmington drove Gab & Gmm up on Saturday P.M. bought supplies on the way. Beautiful Sunday gathered vegetables to eat, but did no canning. String beans, tomatoes, beets & carrots, & corn are going home with us.

A slight frost Saturday night: tomatoes and string beans just touched.

Wee, put the storm windows on

the back porch, and carried in big
chunks for the fireplace. We
were very comfortable. The air
sunshine and temperature were perfect.
Very little autumn color yet.

Sept 30 - Oct 2

GAC hurt her toe Friday morning
and could not walk on that foot
Saturday so Miss Maerd came up
with G.M. and G.L. A hard frost had
ruined the garden and it was still
quite cold but Mrs. Countryman
had big fires in kitchen and living
room so the house was comfortable.

We had brought up a lot of J.S.L.'s
and worked some crosswords and
played solitaire in the evening.

Sunday was much warmer, quite
warm indeed. After breakfast Miss
Maerd and I walked through the woods
to the lot where the wood had been cut
then back to the resort and along
the old sugar road. Did not need
a coat.

In the garden we gathered
the carrots and beets, two pots
of parsley and some green tomatoes
that may or may not be good.

Oct 17-8.

Came up late bringing Miss
Hall with Gals, G.M. & Elva
Bailey. Started at 5:00 P.M. and
for our supper at Milaca. Arrived
at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Strong had a good
fire in the kitchen stove and
fireplace. This has gone up to
Duluth.

Played bridge in the evening Saturday.
Sunday was a glorious day. Good
color all through our woods. Miss
Hall & G.M. had a fine long walk.

After our Sunday nap, we drove
down to get Mr. Dean to plow
our garden some time this fall.

Had a bonfire in the
early evening.

Nov 4-5

Four weeks since any of G.M.
the family have been up. G.M.
was sick one week, and Gals
went to Chicago to see Nell
another week.

Drove up Sunday morning. With
Thos. Mrs. Bailey, G.M. & Gals.

Mr Strong has a fire in Kitchen
and fireplace, as the house was very
comfortable.

The day has been perfect, leaves
all off the trees, and the lake
quiet, blue and calm. We
amused ourselves in the afternoon
burning bonfires. We have the
place pretty well cleared of old
logs and brush.

The Strong's were in this evening,
they have sold off all the chickens
and think they will leave for the
winter months. Hope to learn
the cows with Mr Mohler, for
the winter.

Probably we will be up once more.

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Apr 21.

Our first trip up. Theo
Mrs Bailey, Emma + Bob
Spring is very late, ice covers the
lake, everything very bare.

Stopped at Mr Mohler's to see
our cows. They were looking fine.
He has kept them over winter.
Mr Strong left the farm in the
fall. One cow has not been
bred - very sorry.

The new road is pretty well
along, and will be a great con-
venience. They have taken 8
ft off the road, and a
big corner off the alfalfa field,
for which they paid me \$50.00.

I have made plans for any one
to take care of my cattle, and
don't know just what is best.

There has been a pear fire in
our land, but hasn't done much
damage.

We are going right back tonight.

Apr 27-28

Gym + Gale came up alone on unexpected call from Mr Mohler that he wanted us to take away our cows. We had to make some disposition of them.

We decided that we would get Mr Listerud here at the resort to take care of them on our own pasture. (Later, he decides not to do it)

In the meantime, we got a boy from Paul Brandt's to bring a load of manure. The garden has been plowed, and the boy dug trenches for the asparagus and we transplanted the old plants and prepared places for more plants. Next week we will try to move strawberry plants.

Still cold, big patches of snow still on the shore. Ice has gone around the edges, but the main lake is full of ice. It rained Saturday night, and will rain more, it is much needed.

Stopped on way home and hired Mr Youngquist.

May 4-5

Thurs, G.M.M. & G.O.C. came up Saturday morning and went back Sunday P.M. Mr Youngquist came up and helped us plant new asparagus plants. We worked around the place, and told him what we wanted him to do; Clean up the yard here and up at the shack: transplant strawberry plants, and raspberry bushes, and various things. I believe he will be a good man.

He will bring the cows up to pasture on Monday. Buttercup may have her calf soon, but Siemrap was not bred. Gloria, the yearling calf looks fine.

Sunday, Mr Youngquist brought his daughters over to call. one of them will stay with him in the shack.

We haven't decided whether to keep chickens or not.

Ice is heaped up in hills out in the lake 10 or 15 ft high and a ridge 5 ft high all along our shore, a very interesting sight. Bloodroot out, Dutchman's Breckas just beginning.

May 11-12

Al & Gale came up this trip
G.M.M. & Gale. Mrs Bailey
and Theo. We brought Mrs
Solie along to clean up. and she
has cleaned and mopped the
whole house, so that it is livable.

Mr Youngquist has moved the
cows up to the pasture and we
had our own Jersey milk.
I am so put out because Mr Strong
did not breed Silencup, and so
she will have no calf this year
and we won't have so much milk.

The ice is finally out of the
lake, and the wild flowers thick.
Trilliums just beginning. Leaves
not out at all on the trees, the
spring is very late.

Genevieve has spent the day
(Sunday) moving trees with Mr G.
her emigrants are her great concern.

Saturday we laid rubber paper
between the asparagus plants.

This week she will begin
to put in garden things, for
the soil is getting warmed up.

I wish I could stay up this week.

I had a little accident to my

car. While backing out of a roadway,
I ran over a stump and caught on
it, so I couldn't move. Had to walk
back and get Mr G. But it took
four men and jacks to lift the car
up over the stump, fortunately without
damage to the car.

May 19

Al & Gale. Katharine Yerva and G.H.
came up for the day.

Saw fifty birds! had several
showers of rain, several walks for
birds.

Birds not seen before! Magnolia
warbler, chestnut sided, warbling
vireo, veery, chipping sparrow
yellow warbler, rose-breasted grosbeak
and others up to 50. (pine warbler)

May 25-26

G.M.M. & Gale came up on
Saturday. The Duluth family came
down on Friday, bringing little May
Melander. and quantities of provision.

The children have been having a
gay noisy time.

Gilbert drove me to Lake to get
an electrician, and he came out and

gave me a price on wiring the
Cottage of \$41.00. I already had a
lot of cable or it would have been
more. He will wire this coming
week. The Power Co has already
made connections this past week.

As I have been looking up refrigerators
this has put in about half of the
garden, Mr Y has put in more
strawberries. But the old asparagus
is coming up in the old place rather
than the new bed.

It has rained most of the time
and today (Sunday) the wind has gone
down and it is drizzling.

But the news of the trip is
that last night Buttercup had a
fine heifer calf. I'm very glad,
I think I shall breed up a Jersey
herd. Caught on a stump with
my car. 4 men to get me off fortunately
no damage.

June 8-9. Mr. Adair's came
up last Sunday. But went
down to Chicago to see
Mae, Dorothy & the baby.

While we were gone the
electric wiring was done and
now we have lights in

Seems
bad to
have
a
Hudson
bullet
about
you!

Every room. Today an electric
refrigerator was delivered to us.
A Westinghouse, 8 ft, which I
picked up for \$65.00, 3 years old.

The indicator which sets the temp.
was broken off. So I didn't know
how to set it. In the morning
our strawberries & tomatoes were
frozen hard. But we tried it
at various places, and finally got it
about right.

But the best thing happened
this time, when a carpenter came
and fixed up our living room and
porch floors, where we had a
rotten slapper. It feels very
secure now.

This past week Mr Y. got 50
hens and about 30 chicks. The
hens are laying about 2 dozen
a day. He can sell all the
milk and eggs to the resort.

I am taking home what we
need.

Very tired today. It has been
chilly and we have had a frost
fall and I have sat beside
it all the P.M. We are
going down Monday.

Jan 15-16

G.M.M. & Lab went to Duluth on Friday to get Kay who is with us this summer. Kay had been visiting Coatlance fairly all this past week. On Saturday morning we started to Duluth, got our lunch at Mary's just over from Moose Lake and came across country arriving here about 5 P.M. Edmin is starting off on an auto trip with another boy to California, studying Geology on the way, about which he is quite crazy. He will have a grand time.

Saturday night it was very cold but Sunday is such a beautiful day. The woods are just glorious.

Kay & Dorothy Janet Deutsch have gone in swimming. (The news from Europe is so terrible, we cannot think of much else.)

Mrs. Bryant cleaned up the College beautifully, it was such a comfort to find it clean.

Jan 22-23.

G.M.M., Kay, Mrs. Black and I came up Friday evening, arriving about 9.15. How fine our electric light was shining out in the dark. It has been cloudy all day, but the rain didn't catch us.

Saturday morning, Mrs. Bailey and George and Mary & Barbara arrived. The day was nice enough so the girls went in swimming. We played fan-tan in the evening. We expected Alice and Helen with them, but they didn't come.

Dark, cloudy and rainy all day Sunday. George and the girls started to Duluth right after dinner.

A woman bought 2 of our little trees.

It was a great comfort to have Mrs. Black here to help.

Jan 29-30. - July 7.

Kay, G.M.M. and I came up Saturday P.M. to stay a week. Have gone on 2 picnics, visited a great deal, and chiefly Kay cleaned the windows.

Mr Youngquist painted the Kitchen, and Kay painted the shelves + cupboards a bright orange and covered the shelves with washable paper. The Kitchen looks fine. Mrs Braut mopped and oiled all the floors downstairs. We look just fine. Oh yes and G.M.M. washed the curtains.

Generium went back ~~and~~ on Friday and Kay and I drove down on Sunday to be there when Wellington's family were to come.

July 13-14.

Wellington & family and Kay and Mrs Black drove up last Tuesday. Well has two weeks vacation which he is spending up here.

Generium and I drove up Friday to Duluth, and got the Buffingtons. Constantine had put up a lunch and we stopped at Moore Lake and ate it. Arrived at Duluth about 9 P.M. Have had a lovely two days reunion with all my dear family. Baby Alta

has been so good. Mrs Black has given us excellent meals, and the lake has been fine for swimming. The garden yielded ~~us~~ us, best greens at our first green peas.

On Sunday Flora Buffington came up for Sunday dinner and drove the Buffingtons back to Duluth.

G.M.M. and I came down Sunday evening, leaving Mrs Black, Kay and the Wellingtons. Well has put in new toilet seats & puttered around doing little things.

It has been quite cool and we have had fireplace fires evenings. Now we do enjoy the electric lights.

July 20-21

G.M.M., Kay and Mrs Scott (and Gale) came up Saturday P.M. in a hot hot red.

Well came down the day before and drove to Chicago.

We have done nothing but eat & try to keep cool. Taking beans, carrots, lettuce and spinach home with us. Peas for dinner.

July 27-28

Mrs Black, Kay, Emm + Gab
made our last trip for
awhile. Kay is going home
and Emm + Gab are going to
Vancouver for August.

The garden is bearing well, - Peas
Beans - spinach - beets - Carrots and
Cucumbers.

Mrs Black + Gab canned 10 pints
of string beans in the pressure cooker.
Emm cut down trees on her lot
with Mr Youngquist. + gathered vegetables

We are taking vegetables to Mrs
Blair tonight. Mr Blair died
last month.

Before Will left, he put up new
awnings, cut down a big tree
and cleared off the shore.

Exercise + Games in Vancouver
all month of August.

House firm over to the Rivington,
Hansens and Baffingtons.

We returned Monday Sept 2

Sept 7-8

Left early on Saturday, the
family including Mrs Black; found
the garden prolific. Spent Saturday
afternoon canning corn, and again
Sunday morning - Canned in all
32 pints. And took lots of vegetables
home with us.

Richard Youngquist has done very little
work for me, but has kept the
cows + fed chickens in fine condition

Sept 17-18-

Came up Friday evening - no guests
just family and Mrs Black. Beautiful
moonlight night to drive.
Genevieve transplanted 30 trees with
Richard and man living in Axel's
place (Axel died this summer)
Found the Dolgo crab tree full
of fruit - Canned ten pints and
carried home a bushel. Also
took home 12 doz eggs, and
quantities of vegetables. Slight
frost, but not much damage.
Had a Corn Roast on the beach
beautiful weather. Drove around
to Rogers to see his young bull,
must breed Gloria

Miss Lake
Turned 2 eggs

Sept 21-22

Came up Saturday afternoon,
bringing our family, Mrs Black as Mrs
Bailey's Cousin - the Misses Barbour
Both days beautiful fall days, much
color in the woods.

The Rivingtons came up to the Deutsches
cottage, but came over for a Corn
Roast on the beach.

Richard has transplanted the asparagus
at foot the split wood under corner.

Gloria was taken on Sept 21 to the
Rogers Cane. Had a call from Mr Rogers & Mr Taylor
Genevieve sprained her ankle yesterday
as hasn't been able to do anything.
Much truck still in the garden.

Sept 27-28-29.

G.M.M. & G.A.B. drove up alone on
Thursday evening. (Mrs Bailey had a visit
from Charles & Ruth but couldn't come)

We spent a beautiful day on Friday. I went
over town to order materials for fixing
up the barn. Richard is going to do the
work. It ought to be a model barn.

Prepared for six cows.

Genevieve gathered vegetables and got dinner
still a good many things in the garden.

Saturday it rained a nice quiet gentle
but soaking rain, good for the little evergreens
transplanted 2 weeks ago. Trees in our yard
still look as green as spring.

There have been no mushrooms this year,
perhaps this rain will bring some.

Oct 5-6

G.M.M., Mrs Black and G.A.B. drove
up Saturday P.M. and about 1/2 hour
later, Dana Bailey and his family
and our Mrs Bailey arrived.

It was a beautiful day with
forgiveness coloring - as lovely day
up here as I have seen.
Sunday however was cloudy and
drainy. We kept fireplace fire
all day. The children had such
a good time fathering clams.

The garden has a good many
things still, scarcely any frost yet.

The new barn in the basement
is begun and is going to be fine.
6 stalls.

Oct 12-13-

G.M.M., Mrs Black
and G.A.B. came up Friday evening
and found all the Duluth family

here to stay over Sunday.

Saturday we gathered our last string beans, parsnips & carrots etc to go with our good chicken Sunday dinner.

Beans still Colorado, but falling fast.

Barn just about done, have laid out a larger pasture for Richard to breed fences. Have taken down a good deal of wood there last two or three weeks.

This Oct 12 is Marie's birthday. She was here two years ago on her birthday, now in hospital with mind gone.

Oct 25-27

GAC, GMB and GLE came up Friday evening and went home early Sunday afternoon to go to Ethel Perry's for supper and to hear Sigrid and set later.

Richard had fires going in kitchen and living room, both full of water full and the kitchen clock wound.

Not many leaves remain on the trees but it is not very cold. ^{Carrots parsnips} ^{is pinned in the} ^{Garden}
The barnyard is fenced off.
Flocks of juncos around Sunday.

Nov 9-10-11

Theo, GAC, GMM came up Saturday P.M. bringing Miss Applegate. Had to bring all food with us, for we had carried everything back to town the last time.

Richard had fires started & wood and water in the house.

Sunday he dressed 5 chickens and I canned them in the pressure cooker. Rainy & cloudy and rather cold.

Bought a bull (7 months) of Mrs Wood, two weeks ago. Mrs Strong brought him up a week ago name Pedro, a fine little fellow. Mr Strong attached an exhaust tank to the drinking cups, but the exhaust tank has no automatic valve and it will have to be fixed over.

Later (written the next spring)

Finishing the above story -
On Monday Nov 11. We closed the cottage with the wind blowing a gale, fires smoked and snow covered the ground and the lake a fury of waves. We should have started earlier, but

We got off at 11 A.M. Was caught
in our own wood road in a bad
drift, had to send for Paul
Brandt and his team to pull us
out. When we got out on the
highway it was still blowing very
hard with fine snow in the
air. We nearly ran in the ditch
because we couldn't see 20 ft
ahead of us. We should have
stayed at Oronima, but we
crawled slowly and dangerously
along, reaching the outskirts
of Milaca about 3 P.M.

Then we ran into a
procession of stalled cars and
sat for 3 hours, with the gas
almost gone, and the temperature
dropping nearly to zero. Goggles
possibly blew against the wind
and the snow drifting in around the
whole line of cars. Was afraid we
would soon be frozen to death if we
had to stay over night. But about
6 P.M. patrol officers came out
at lights and helped all the women
down to a taxi car and handed us
in to Milaca. Not all cars

were emptied of passengers until
8:00 O'clock.

About 300 people were
marooned in Milaca. They
slept in cots in the jail and
on tables and benches in the hotel
and the second night among
neighbors. Roads were impassable
in every direction. The worst
storm in history, hunters were
caught and frozen in streams or
lakes where they were duck
hunting.

The hotels and people were
so kind. We stayed one night
at Mrs Reincke's, whom we
hope to see next summer.

We started back on Thursday
after a terrible experience
as long to be remembered.
The flood is well out
Miss Applegate was a good
sport.

That snow did not
go off all winter, and
several other storms coming
up rapidly took toll of life.

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May 3-4. Our first trip
Important changes have
happened in our family. Mrs
Bailey resigned and left us in
November. Mrs Black also
departed that month.

We took little Marie to the
hospital Dec 22, and she died
on Nov 25. Gertrude and I were
alone and very tired until I had
the flu from February through
March and most of April.

We found Elizabeth Nielsen at
persuaded her to come and keep
us out.

This trip Theo. G. M. M. + G. C. B.
and Elizabeth came up Saturday
morning.

Unexpectedly found the trees
coming out. The varied flowers
including trilliums covering the woods
Sedum also one seen the
early flowers, bloodroots and
Dutchman's breeches out at
same time as trillium. I
suppose the snow covering so
deeply last fall, grows that

wasn't frozen and was so covered
that it didn't freeze and melting
so late this spring, left the
flowers all ready to spring up
and bloom all at once.

These two days have been perfect,
quiet, beautiful, restful.

Our cows in fine shape.
Silvercup had a calf in March
which we sold (bull). Our new
bull has his horns cut and a ring
in his nose. We have a beautiful
herd and will have lots of milk
to sell.

Drove to Lockport and bought a
separator. Drove to Mohlers
to buy chickens, but he didn't
have any. Will buy some
elsewhere and also a pig, to
use the extra milk.

Richard and Gertrude set up
our strawberry plants this morning.

May 12-11
G. M. M. G. C. B. + Theo, with Elizabeth
came up on Friday morning until
Sunday evening. Quite cold
rained on Saturday evening but

Pleasant on Sunday.

Brought up 200 Cockerels (baby chicks)
and it was so cool that Richard
had to take his Cook stove
into the chicken house to keep
them warm, lost only 3 coming up.
The brooder wasn't ready.

Opened up a new account at the
Oranien Bank + deposited what I
got for the bull - \$20.00 less expenses - 18.48
Cream chicks will be coming in.

G.M.M. spent Saturday moving trees
with help of Richard + George.

Sunday we went to look at pigs
and bought four. to use the extra
skin milk.

Also found the garden prepared and
sow in potatoes + 2 rows of corn
He expects to stay up this week
and all the time if it keeps warm.

Flowers are still very profuse
the most beautiful bed of violets
at our back door. Trilliums are
thick.

Mrs Brandt painted our kitchen
linoleum a dark blue, stippled
with orange + white. Our kitchen is
the nicest room in the house.

May 17-18.

G.M.M. + Gals brought
Miss Gersa up on Saturday
morning. Elizabeth in the
hospital so we have done
our own housework.

G.M.M. has busied herself again
replanting evergreens + sowing
flower seed + birding with
Miss Gersa. beautiful days.

Chickens are growing fine
as the four little ~~chickens~~
pigs have arrived. good looking ones
Flowers are still profuse in the
woods and the weather today has
been perfectly beautiful.

Mr Strong came up and took up
12 fine spruce trees which we
are giving to the Livingstons
He took them down today.

May 23-24-25

Came up Friday evening
bringing Miss Sher + Miss Applegate
to spend the week end.

Brought 150 day old chicks
with us. "peep, peep" all the way.
Saturday, Richard took the girls
out fishing in Prof Deitrich's boat

Miss Sher caught one fish. Very proud of it. Sunday morning the Reinicks from Milaca arrived for breakfast and spent the day. They took the girls out fishing and Miss Sher caught two more as Miss Applegate too. I was glad they had such a successful trip. The Reinicks are such nice people. Hope they come again, they left their boat here.

Saturday, Richard and I went down and bought lumber for the floor of the pig house and the fence for the pig yard.

A very beautiful warm week end as lovely as could be imagined; the woods are very beautiful, but mosquitoes thick, wild flowers mostly gone.

May 30 - Jr.

Elizabeth, G. M. M. & Gale came up alone Thursday evening, in a pouring rain. A bad storm the night before, and a bad day, but we made the trip safely, and are having a nice 3 day rest.

It rained heavily on Friday

and Friday night and Saturday night. Such a lot of rain.

The Reinicks came up on Saturday to fish, & got caught in the rain, but are up again today, Sunday. They must like to fish, for they didn't catch anything yet.

Our first chickens have their wings and tails, growing fast, and so are the second lot.

Richard has built a floor in the old log barn, and a pig fence around a big yard. We can have more pigs next year.

We are not coming up next week, because Edwin is graduating at Carleton. The Hansers have been invited for next week. Theo's garden is slow because of rain and wet soggy ground. The asparagus bed isn't doing very well but the strawberries will be ripe in a few week or two.

Je 17 - 15

G. M. M. Gab & Elizabeth
Came up Thursday evening
to stay over Sunday.
Still raining, lake very high
farm looks like a lake!
The hasn't been able to plant
any thing more. Hay couldn't be
cut although it is time.

Buttercup had a heifer on
June 10th. A lovely calf. I am
named her Blossom.

Richard brought us in 2 qts of
beautiful strawberries from our place
on the farm. The pigs have
grown out so have the chickens.

The Hanners have been here
with the whole past week
while we were not here, and it
rained all the time.

So did clear Saturday noon, after
Gleason, Constance, Virginia and
Aunt Flora Buffington drove up to
stay over Sunday, and it promised
to be a clear spell. A man is
coming to cut the hay on Monday

Je 19 - 22

The household came up bringing
also Mrs. Bailey and Elizabeth's sister
Lida. Thursday evening.

Friday morning it rained was
very hot and sultry ending with
a thunderstorm and rain in the
night.

Maria had had trouble after
testing her eyes and had been in
hospital in Mpls. Monday evening
to Wednesday. The same trouble re-
turned Friday evening and she spent
a dreadful night with the pain in
her left eye. Saturday morning we
called Dr. Link for directions and
later got Dr. Link in Dr. Davis to give
a substitute for the hypo she got
at the hospital. She slept from 11 a.m.
to 8 p.m. and awakened saying she
had no pain. She ate some supper
the first meal since Friday evening.

Saturday Sunday morning she
complained of an ache in her eye
we tried Dr. Link's drops and cold
compresses all day but by 4 o'clock
decided we had better go home

July 20-27

Since our last visit Gracia has been in hospital, had an operation on her left eye for acute glaucoma and had to spend the rest of the time in touch with her doctor. We had planned to come up Friday morning but at breakfast Gracia knocked her little toe out of joint and had to rest all day. We came in the evening with knutches.

Dorothy, Well and Alta have been here since the 8th though Well had to go back last week.

The garden has suffered from rabbits or woodchucks or both and furnishes nothing except radishes so far. Peas are completely destroyed. Tops of beets, carrots, kohlrabi, beans were all eaten off. They are coming on again. Corn and Tomatoes are doing well.

Gloria lost her calf, a nice heifer, but is doing well at milking. The ducks look big enough to eat. We have had a number of the chicks.

It has been warm, hot in fact, but livable after the city heat.

Aug 7. Taken June 12



Pedro



Pedro and Daisy

Aug 2 - 1941 -

Family came up Saturday Evening
Theo - Gale, G. M. M. and Elizabeth
Nilson. Gale's broken toe

much better, eyes better, but very
sensitive to light, and painful.

Garden amounts to very little
Corn about ready, some few string
beans - small beans and a few cucumbers.

Mrs Bailey came up Aug 4
and returned Aug 18.

Jida Nilson, Elizabeth Ritter, came
Aug 12 and went back Aug 16.

Clara Baedron came Aug 15
and returned the 29th.

Mary Bray & Elizabeth came
Friday Aug 22 and stayed over
Sunday Aug 25.

Weather for the last two weeks
has been cool and windy.

Been having fine corn, put up
13 pints. Had a corn roaster
while Mrs Bailey & Clara B were
here, and another while Mary Bray
was here and in indoor one at
the fireplace with my Buppingtons.

Went down to mple & took
Clara B home, but came back with
my eyes & head aching, sick all

one night and day - while Constance
was here. Indigestion and pain in
my heart. Doctor examined my eyes
but thought not ready for glasses.
Hot weather on trip probably accounted
for eye & heart attack.

Generiem went down to meet Edith
on Aug 30 and brought her back
up here on Sept 2. Clara B
in the meantime brought her sister
Mabel up to stay with me while
Generiem was in mple. Hope I
should not be left alone here

without a car and a companion.

Sept 2 Richard did not get up.
Any wood last winter, and I
have been worried about having
dry wood. So in Sept first and
second week I got George Nelson
who helped cut out dead trees.
Pete Brandt hauled them up and
sawed with buzz saw & George Nelson
split it all and I now have a
big woodpile.

We have sold most of our chickens.
The August receipts for my products
were fine, wish they were as good
every month.
Sept 17. Generiem took Edith back

to Mpls, and took Elizabeth. Clara
Barron came back again to be with
me while S.M.M. was gone.

S.M.M. begins work on Sept 20th
Sept 18 Richard has painted the screens
all over the house and the window
frames. House looks much better.

Weather quite warm in the 3rd
week of Sept.

Am figuring on putting in an
inside closet with pump, tank &c.
with Ray Horton.

Northern light wonderful on Sept 18
Sept 24 Clara B. went back

home after the most varied
weather - 2 days warmer than
any summer day. Went on a
lovely picnic to Malmes and
Clara was in the lake two
successive days. But wind
came up as for 3 or 4 days
been a fair.

Sept has really been a cold stormy
windy rainy month.

Sept - Richard & Mr. Craig
have laid concrete floor and had
riding in the old icehouse.

S.M.M. returned for week end on
Sept 27. Eda went back with

her on Sept 29. Have canned
a lot of tomatoes & two chickens.
Will can more next week.

Sept 29. Oct 3. Eda got her
glasses and will probably be able
now to read & get about better.
Went to St. Cloud for Kirby Conference
and came to Mpls from there on
Friday P.M. nice ride over, and

Saturday a beautiful autumn day.
Had fine sweet corn, carrying
nearly a bushel home, with
large basket of tomatoes, besides
other vegetables. Canned 3 pints
little beets.

Very windy & stormy on Sunday
and decide to return home
instead of waiting till Monday.

Pigs are getting very fat.
Richard is fixing chicken
house and will get chickens
inside. Oh, I also canned
two red chickens. The

extra plates, stanchions &
drinking cups are here and
Richard will install them.
Theo is going down with us.

(I am sure for were up
once more before closing up
but made no record and can't
recall)

1942.

Last fall the other eye had
to be operated on and has not
been able to read yet. General
health all right except that very
little work makes me tired.

Came up third week in January
to see Daisy's first calf. a heifer

Have been clearing new
pastures during December and
January.

Pansy, the new heifer lost her
calf, but Buttercup had another
heifer in March.

April 19. Went up Sunday
morning, came back same
afternoon. Ice not out of lake
around the shore, but bloodroot
in bloom. Very early spring.

Two little heifers doing very well.

Chickens laying quite well.

Engaged Mrs Brandt to paint
kitchen linoleum.

May 2

Theo, Gimm and I went
up on Saturday evening and
returned Sunday P.M.
It was cold and disagreeable,
The garden and the new hay
field were plowed. We intended
to plant potatoes, and onion seed
(couldn't get any sets) but the
ground was too wet.

We looked around, the new
chickens had arrived - a job
lot of several varieties, but the
fine Lamonts I ordered, I
got stung by an Ottawa Town
wren.

Gloria had lost her calf
this past week. Too bad, we
do not know why. But
a loss of 2 calves this year
is too much.

The ice was out, and the mist
flowers - blood roots and Dutchman's
franchises were gone. Trilliums
coming out.

May 9-10

All three of us went up Sat. P.M. took Norma Hanley with us to do the work.

Weather Cold and Cloudy. Had a fire upstairs & down.

Genevieve & Theo planted some Corn, peas, potatoes, onions, carrots and beets. While Richard and I dug up and replanted the Strawberry bed. The asparagus bed looks awful. We picked a mess, and hope there will be something better later.

Misses a pine tree and thought some one had stolen some of our trees. But called at Paul Brandt's found he had sold about 38, as didn't know we wanted to keep the white pines.

We didn't stay long, did up a lunch after dinner, and stopped at park in Milaca to eat. Water is high, the River looks like a big stream. Our trilliums looking fine.

Gloria is still ailing, calves in fine shape and little chickens doing well. Bought down 10 hens to sell. and took up a fine pig.

May 16-17.

Genevieve went on a picnic down to Fontenae with a party. So Clara Belsom took Theo and me up to Mitoes on Saturday morning.

The day started out very bright and lovely, but soon grew cloudy and cold and rainy.

But we kept good fires and Clara and I worked on the old minutes of the M.R.A. to write a history for the 50th anniversary.

Mrs Brandt had cleaned the cottage and painted the kitchen linoleum looks very nice.

Fishing season opened, lots of people at resort. Sold all of our milk, good for the farm budget. Gloria still ailing. Vet. has visited her 2 or 3 times. Bought 4 pigs, now have 5, and want 2 more.

May 23-24

Word came from the Buffingtons that they wanted to come down to Mitoes on Friday.

So G.M. and I went up Friday P.M. arriving about 8:30, then

Buffingtons were already there.
Theo has gone to Chicago to meet
Russell.

Silbert & Virginia went fishing
on Saturday but didn't catch anything.
Gmm & Gals planted peas
carrots, beets, beans & persimmons.
The peas, carrots, beets & lettuce
planted 2 weeks ago were up.

Gloria not well yet. doesn't
eat. 3 fresh cows milking, some
chickens growing slowly.

Mr came back after dinner, got
the Buffingtons off earlier. Got
bought milk & cream as usual,
but cream jar tipped off and
spilled about $\frac{1}{2}$ on our auto floor rug.

(May 30-31 Has planned to be
at Meoco for more gardening
but the rains fell and water
covered the earth; a foot in
our Robbinsdale cellar. Can't
recall a heavier rain: 7 inches
in 30 hours.)

June 5-6-7

Theo, Gmm & GAC came up
Friday, starting about 5 P.M. Took

our lunch and ate on the way.

Saturday, Mr planted all day,
Richard's helping. The things
Mr planted last time are up, and
Mr planted more peas, beans & beets,
and set out tomato plants.
Worked again Sunday. Soil in
fairly good shape, but weather
moist and humid.

Stopped at Onoka and bought
50 white pullets at Frosty farm.
Paid 25 cents apiece. Also bought
2 more pigs - Lam & even pig root

Mr Bettendorf has bought 300
and keeps them on the Erickson
farm which he has bought.

Gloria very thin, not yet well.

Came back Monday morning,
feeling pretty tired. Bought
asparagus as well as cream eggs & milk.
Asparagus bed full of fresh grass
which Gmm cleared up pretty well.
It is a poor bed yet, as I swear
at Mr Strong everytime, for having
me plough up the good old bed.

June 13-14-15

Took Mrs Hauer up with
us, so she could rest, but

She helped with the work,
While Theo, Gmm & Gab worked
all day Saturday & Sunday
in the garden. Got all the
planting done. Curtis gave
me 20 tomato plants - we have
about 5 dozen. The rabbits
have been eating our peas, but
on the whole many things were
up, and if only there is some
sunshine things would grow.
Beautiful days Saturday & Sunday
but lots of rain during
week previous.

All of us over to the Deutsches
for Sunday evening ice cream & cake.
Came down Monday morning.

June 20-21-22

Mrs Bailey back, came
up with Gab Gmm & Theo.
We worked hard in the
garden both days. It looks
surprisingly well, considering
the mud it was planted in
and the constant rain.

Paul Brandt cut the hay on
Sunday, because it seemed very
dry. Have replanted some
things in the garden.

June 27 -

We came up to stay.
Mrs Bailey with Gab, but
Genevieve went back Monday
because she has to work
through July. Then she
plans to return.

Millington & family were
planning to come on the
28th. Atlas birthday, but
had to change that date.
Mrs Bailey and I have
been settling all week,

and Theo and I have
worked a lot in the garden.
We have had radishes, lettuce
celtuce & beet greens, but
everything is very late.
Peas are in bloom and so
are potatoes. Rabbits
don't seem to bother us.
We had Mrs Livingston and
Miss Corlies over to supper
one night.

July 3-4-5

Genevieve came up on Friday
evening and so did the Buffingtons
including Peggy, his new fiancée.

the Mother Mrs Cook, dark with occasional rains. So sorry they did not have better weather.

I have done a good deal of gardening this week, got pretty tired, but Mrs Bailey checks me as much as she can. She is such good company.

Generien brought up a melon and Mrs B and I have made melon sweet pickles. G.M. also brought up quart of green gooseberries, which we have canned this week without sugar.

G.M. covered pen, beds &c with ashes; the rabbits had a meal on our peas.

We have had lots of lettuce and cabbages, and beet greens this week.

July 11-12

Mrs Bailey's Cousin, the Barber Sisters, and Mrs & Mrs Miss Bailey came up with G.M. and stayed till Sunday night.

That same evening, Willing Drosch & Alta arrived to spend their vacation.

Mrs Bailey & I made kitchen curtains then washed and cut out

papers to make, but we won't do much but get things while the children are here.

Thos was sick in bed over Sunday but Cook & guess.

July 18-19

Generien came up Friday evening to spend two days with Willington's family and went back Sunday eve. She has a week ahead of invitations, before she returns. And won't be up next Sunday altho it is her birthday.

Willington has been busy all week, installing our electric motor & pump, connecting pipes to the lake, and up to the kitchen sink and upstairs. He did all the plumbing and electric work and it all works fine and is such a comfort. He has also repaired many little things about the place.

The baby has played alone by herself happily and is just as good. She wants to go up every night to feed the pigs, and to driving at the resort. She is a sweet little girl.

First lay crop in safely. Lots of rain.

July 25-26.

Wellington + family
Must leave Saturday morning,
Will has worked the whole time,
mending steps, fireplace, ridge
on woodshed, a garden bench
and fixing us up generally. He
took one day's drive up on the
Range, but otherwise has stayed
right here. Alta is a darling
little girl full of activity and
amusing herself cheerfully.

Mr. Lane has new peas
carrots, beets, lettuce &c from
the garden. Dorothy and I
canined rhubarb and raspberries.

We also went to a party at
Mrs. Burns' with the neighborhood women.
Sunday was Genie's birthday
but she didn't come up this week,
so we invited Richard over. We
had him one evening when Will
was here.

Aug 1- A quiet week
with no one here. Cleaned the
whole house last of week
before Genie's comes ~~next Monday~~

She has retired and now will
be with me all the time.

I haven't worked much in
garden. I get so tired, but
garden looks very well, if the
woodchucks wouldn't eat off the
blossoms of peas & beans.

Gloria may pull through,
Have had her again.
Am studying the plan of artificial
breeding.

Aug 7-8.

Dr and Mrs Lyne
came early Sunday morning
earlier than we expected
found us in the garden in
our old clothes. Had a
beautiful day with them
fed them fried chicken
and peas etc.

We had been canning
this past week, and they
took 3 box loads down
for us to keep in their
basement until we get back.

Dr Lyne went fishing
caught 4 little perch, but
they were very good.

Aug 14-15-

Have been Canning
as food, done this week
string beans, beets & carrots.

Mr Lam has a good many
fine strawberries on our patch.
The Crows have found our
corn. We are poisoning
plums to kill them and have
set traps. They took all
the plums, but only one was
found dead in the garden.

The pasture (about 10 acres
is feirly fenced and the
cows turn in. Shall plow
up the present pasture and
plant a hay crop.

Well, the Ten Dykes
have bought an old cottage
near us and I suppose they
will be our neighbors, but
I will just let them alone.

Aug 21 - Clara B and
Elizabeth Sewall came up
today to stay a week.

Mrs Merrill and Jean drove
them up at about right back
after lunch. Mrs Bailey with them
Have done a lot more

Canning this past week. We
hope to have our winter
supply of vegetables.

Have had 50 chicken
this week and will eat all
we want.

Mrs Bailey drove back with
Mrs Merrill, but came back
the next Monday evening.
It was very warm on Friday
when the girls came, but
turned cold again, so that
we had to keep fire in the
fireplace.

The girls have helped us
can and do housework, but
the chief occupation is
anagrams, & cross word puzzles
with the usual game at night.

We hoped for a day for
picnicking, but we drove
one day to Bay Lake and
to the Rock garden & Jane's fish
peace of two old furniture.

The morning to see for wheat
which the U.S. is selling for .76
cent a bushel. Got $7\frac{1}{2}$ bushels for
the pigs & chicken.

The girls must leave on Friday.
So sorry to see them go.

Sept 10 -

We went down & back to
~~Repts~~ Robbinsdale today.
We had the Deutch's trailer
and took a big load of wood
and all of our canned stuff.
The car also was fixed up.

One day this week we were at
the Deutch's for a grand Corn
Roast & Steak. We had an out-
side fireplace on the shore.
A week ago Geo had a terrible
nose bleed. Bleed for four hours
and he fainted dead away.

The doctor came up and temporarily
cauterized the membrane. Later we
took him to town and had it
properly done. He still seems weak
from loss of so much blood.

Sept 26

This week end, Miss Baird
Miss Hale & Miss Yonka came
on Saturday & stayed until Monday.
Mrs Bailey drove back with
them to go to Chicago.

~~Sept 27~~ The weather cleared after
many days of stormy rainy weather
and we had a beautiful Sunday.
But this morning it is raining again.

They brought word that prices were
dropping in Mpls, so J. M. & I
went to Canning again, Corn this
morning. Our Corn is fine and
the Crows have not been around
for two or three weeks.

The bull & Gloria got out this
week at midnight & torn around.
I think I will have to sell them
both.

Sept 29

It has been terrible weather
gales, the lake roaring continuously
fires in stove & fireplace has used
lots of fuel, but the wind is so
strong, that we have difficulty keeping
comfortable. Mr Benson has been
~~putting~~ working on the poultry house
for several weeks. Windowsills, ventilation
gutters, roof etc. Decided not to build
garage this year. Went to look
for hay & straw, everything wet.

Bought new stove for bedroom. Very poor
one.

Expect to leave tomorrow

Statement

Much has happened. In October 1942, when our cows were inspected every cow except the 3 heifers had Bangs Disease. They had to be slaughtered. So I let

Richard go. Sold off the chickens and fat part of them + part of a pig in a freezing unit in Onamia.

This Spring Lala was in the hospital with an Calves operation, followed by

pneumonia or heart trouble, so she could not go to Watoco. In the

meantime, she sold all the land + property except the farm property

to Mr Bettendorf for \$1000.00 - just gave it away. But the farming lobby has been an expensive one, and it was best to sell + quit.

Richard stays on the place raising chickens for Mr Bettendorf. He bought the 3 heifers this spring

1943

A very severe cold winter and a cold late, wet spring.

Owing to Gracia's serious illness and eye troubles which kept her in the Hospital for about 3 months (until June 4th) we did not attempt to visit Watoco. On Monday June 28th 1943 Miss McDonald, Mrs Bailey and T.R. Coun-tryman came up. A very chilly day with a strong wind from the North.

We found the lake at about a record high level, some 3 ft. higher than the fall before. No beaches left in our vicinity. We found the garden plot covered with a thick growth of weeds and grass and were unable to plant it until after it was plowed.

Sent for Mr Nelson, and he came and re-plowed about 1/2 of it June 29th.

The next 2 days Miss Macdonald + myself ^{spent} most of our time planting and mowing off weeds and grass. Mrs Branch came over and helped clean house. Mrs

Bailey did most of our cooking.

Wed. night June 30, made a short visit to Mrs Blair who had been here since Apr. 29 - Returned to Minneapolis Fri. July 2nd

July 21-26, 1943.

Bill came up with the Hauser family to weed the garden. The weeds had made good progress in the few weeks since the garden was planted - The seeds were all up and responded to the cultivation and weeding even in the few days we were here. Tomato plants were tied up and after Mr. Craig cut the weeds on the uncultivated half of the garden, I used the tops for mulch - It looked quite tidy when finished. Susan and Jane helped with the hoeing.

Mrs. Hauser provided excellent meals, Mr. Hauser played bridge with us evenings and altogether it was a very delightful holiday.

Aug 24-31

G.M.M. + G.B. drove up with Clara Baldwin for a week. G.B.'s first visit (lame + blind). Garden grown up to weeds, but got beans + cucumbers from it. Dolgo crabs just right.

Mrs. Blair + her sister here to lunch on Wednesday + to tea on Monday. We went over to Camp Iyaly for Sunday dinner. Seems strange not to see

my cows, but good old Richard still about. Brought us down corn today to sell his place. and Mr. Bittendorf has built a garage + feed house on our old farm and a lot of brooder houses. Our yard looks bad, no mowing this year, and a number of trees down. Beans + G.M. cleared up some of them. Mr. Nelson has brought over wood, but it isn't split yet.

The weather has been pleasant but we have had a firestorm fire every evening.

Our chief recreation catching mice and bats. 5 bats + 8 mice. Hope we are not losing any, but few so. Beans cleared out the book case + found 2 nests behind books.

Oct 2-4 1943

Came up with Baird, Hall + Jerry. Had glorious weather and tramped through the yellow leaves all day. The garden had had frost but there were a good many tomatoes, a few squash and beets. The house was clean as we left it. Caught one mouse.

June 3, 1944

Decided to spend the summer at Mtoco. And so rented the Robbinade house and packed ourselves up here. It took a truck to carry up our goods & cables.

It has rained all spring and Generiere has gotten all Robbinade place in fine shape. But it is raining all the time up here. The lake has been roaring and it has been so cold that we have had fire in the fireplace all the time.

Nelson was to split and pile our wood, but he didn't pile it until it was soaked wet, and he didn't split it at all. So we have had a time getting our wood dry enough to burn.

Neither did he plow the garden. So Generiere has had to clean out the weeds and plant seed in a wet

rocky garden. Such a time as she is having, but she is bound to have a garden, and I guess she will make it, but at a great price of work.

Thes is better, and he spends most of his time now carrying in wood, and building fires.

We brought Jeanette and her baby up with us. She is better than nothing to do the ^{work} but a very uncomfortable person to have around. Her baby is a darling. I hope I will be able to stand her for the summer.

The farm is gone, but I am not strong enough to do anything anyway, so I don't have to worry about it. But I wish I had some absorbing interest. I just hunt for something I can see to do.

Richard came up to see us. He will do something for us. and Mrs. Brundt brings us pasteurized milk. But we don't know who will do our laundry.

June 27 - 1944
Mr. Dave been here nearly
4 months, weeks.

Jeannette has for the Cottage
beautifully clean, windows washed
floors including porch scrubbed.
Mr. Dan washed and dyed
curtains, & cushions, and are
already to enjoy the out of doors.
It has rained most of the time.
Several very drenching rains,
but Mr. Dan had the lawn
mower sharpened and cut
the grass and sowed new
grass seed. The yard still
looks seedy and soggy.

The garden was plowed
& harrowed, but it wasn't a
good job because the ground
was so soggy. And it hasn't
had a chance to get dry
before it is soaked again.

But Genevieve has worked so hard
and constantly. Her plantings, even
3rd plantings are up. Now
a woodchuck has eaten his
breakfast off the peas and
beans and lettuce. It is very
discouraging. Mr. Dan won't set

traps and poison bait, hoping to
get him.

Our old landlady is back, much
to our delight. We go to town
for supplies in co-operation with the
fishes, taking turns. Mrs. Blair
is very miserable and has to be
taken to Dr. Vik several times a
week. So we take our turn keeping
her.

The wood isn't yet split and
keeps getting wet, so Theo has
been kept busy splitting it,
drying it in the oven, and
building fires.

We have had one or two very
hot days and have eaten on the
porch, but not often.

I have gathered up all our
old scraps for a braided rug
and have dyed some of them.
Think I can make a pretty
rug. I can see to do that
and to do rough mending.

The motor hasn't yet
been connected, and the
sink drain not fixed. We
are looking for a man to do
odd jobs.

July 19.
I haven't recorded much
because we have been
very quiet.

It has rained practically
every day since we have
been here. Some very bad
storms of 2" of rainfall.
We are having now for 3
days of sunshine and the
ground is drying up some.
We had to go to town last
week, to fix up a Federal Income
tax mistake, but came and
went on the bus the same
day.

This week Monday Dorothy
and Alta arrived for a
stay of two or three weeks.
Genevieve has worked so
hard in the garden, rain
mud, mosquitoes, and
rabbits. She has subdued
everything, and I think is
going to be rewarded with
good results. We have
had lettuce, onion & radishes.
Peas & beans are in blossom.

and she continues to plant
late plantings.

We have not been able
to get anyone to connect
water or fix sink drains.
But two men came today to
cut down some of the big
fallen trees. And I hope to
split some wood for poor
Iles, who has labored to
keep us in dry wood.

My braided rug comes on
slowly, quite slowly. And
now that little Alta is here
I want to play with her.

Aug 4 - 1944

Dorothy & Alta have been here on their 3rd week. Wellington came up on Sunday last and they all return next Sunday morning. Will have only a week as he has connected our water motor with Mr Garrison's pump, and has connected the sink with pipes to the drain in the cellar, and many other useful things. On Wednesday evening he and Dorothy went down Naples for a reunion with four of his old high school boys.

Since Dorothy came we had clear cool days until this past week when it has been very hot. Ending with a high wind and rain on Thursday night.

When we connected our motor we found our motor burned out, so we had to send it in for repairs, and fortunately could borrow an extra one which Mrs Blair had.

The garden is growing very well. We have canned 5# pint of beans and 12 beets for Dorothy, and 4 pint-beans and 1 pot peas for ourselves. We have had beets, peas, beans, beet greens, also squash, onions large enough to cream or beet. Almost big enough. Corn is traveling out, and other things coming on. We expect Mrs Bailey up on Monday.

Sept 11 -

Ham not recorded much this summer.

Mrs Bailey came and went in about 17 days. Her heart was giving her much trouble and we were much worried about her. She returned to Dana and we were relieved to have her with her family. Then Clara Baldwin came and stayed nearly two weeks the best company in the

wood, and helped about the
places, doing most
anything to help, cutting
weeds, sawing off limbs,
towing a dock up the lake
to our place &c

Our maid Jeanette went
home just at the time
that Mrs Bailey and Clara
were here. She lost one
brother in France, and
another was home on furlough
so I didn't blame her for
wanting to go to her family.

When Mrs Bailey was here
we had the neighbors all over
for afternoon tea, and before
Clara left, we had a picnic,
drove over to a Polish
Settlement where a little
Polish lady has beautiful
"glads" and brought some, but
had our picnic supper
on the Fishers porch.

On Sept 3rd Constance
and her family came down,
we had dinner on her 27th
wedding anniversary. It
rained all the time they

were here, but Virginia and
her friend Patey who came
with her went into the lake
with high breakers, twice a
day. While Constance sat
by the fireplace and read and
Gilbert did a lot of handy
things about the place.

Our garden has furnished
all we needed to eat and
we have canned a good deal.
I tried canning Squashes
because we had so many
but the Crows have taken corn
and the lack of sunshine
and much rainy cloudy weather
has killed back our tomatoes
and cucumbers &c.

Last Saturday we had a bad
hail storm, stones as large
as an egg, and many of them

On the whole it has been
a cold rainy summer. We
have been worried about dry
wood. We had woodchoppers
for three days who cut up a
lot of down trees. We
expected them back to split
up storm wood, but they haven't come.

Oct 2.

We are going home on Friday
Oct 5. Nan engaged Ward
Transfer to take ~~us~~ down our
things on Thursday.

Sept has been a very cool month,
cloudy and raining most of the
time ending with a frost last
night, but no damage was done to garden.

We have done several social
things. We had Mrs Blair and
Mrs B Lloyd over to dinner, we
took the Fishers to see the
movie "Madame Curie". and
we had Paul and Mrs Brandt
over to Sunday supper. Then
G.M. and I joined the Community Ladies
Aid up here, and went to their
reception in the Levee School.

The leaves have turned a
beautiful color, as the few sunny
days have been heavenly. but we
are glad to go home, and most
of all to get rid of our uncivil
maid who has a terrible
disposition. She has ruined the
summer for me, with her sulky
ways. but we are dismissing her.

We are disappointed that
the woodcutters didn't come
back, they have gone into war
service, to complete the
work on our wood. There
are seven piles of cord wood
to be sawed; three to the
west of the house and four to
the east. Three piles near
the house, one a small one
near the big elm
tree along the garden path.

I make the record so we
can check next spring. But
we have no dry wood ready
for next spring.

I have been lying down
feeling miserable the past
few days and G.M. has had
to do all the packing.

(Later note, we had to
leave all our things on the
back porch, trusting that
Ward would finally come for
them, for they didn't come
before we started home. They
finally reached us several days
later.)

June 3, 1945

It has been a long cold wet spring, there was no use in coming up for we couldn't put in a garden anyway. The land was not plowed and no one to help. When I went back last fall, I was in bed for almost two months with a heart attack. Jeannette had gone, we had no maid. And Genevieve had to do the work. She nearly broke down and is still not at all well, and going often to the doctor. I have grown stronger, had all my upper teeth out and got a plate. That has helped.

Kay Macdonald came to visit us on May 28, while I was in Duluth seeing Virginia graduate.

July 7 - We, Dorothy & Alta arrived in Rottensdeen and on July 9th we drove to Weloc, getting our limo in Princeton. This woman came with us, so we left him home alone. Kay came on a few days before to visit Pat Garrison.

1945 (Continued)

July 9-15 Wee has been busy cutting the grass, fixing the motor which is acting badly, spitting wood and many odd jobs.

Alta has grown a lot, and is a sweet, busy, happy little girl.

July 15 - G. M. took us all to dinner at Gaty Lodge, and in the evening we went to the Fishers for Sunday tea. Mrs Burns is here visiting. So I have had a day off from cooking.

July 18. We spent the evening at the Garrisons, a delicious supper, and bridge afterwards. But a very hard rainstorm came up. - almost a cloudburst. We had difficulty getting home.

July 21 Wellington's family had to go home. So we all drove down to Rottensdeen this afternoon.

Aug 18-20. Kay wanted a last little visit before leaving Aug 20 for home. So SAC Grace and Ruth Muckenbern came too. Had a lovely lazy time.

Aug. 24-

GAC + GMM came up bringing Leonora Mann with us. Mr. Theo decided at the last moment that he would not come.

Mrs Brandt had changed the horses so it was very pleasant to come in Friday night at about nine. We had dined at Princeton.

Saturday we sallied out to find a carpenter going first to Syalys to find the name. Cecil was out in the launch trying to locate the cable that had broken in a high wind the week before. We went to the farm and learned that the man lived next Harringtons. He agreed to come Sunday to decide what could be done about the roof. Then we went on to see Mrs. (Schrauth) Schrauth who had sold us strawberries in July. She had canned 50 pints of peas and 52 quarts of green beans but had no vegetables for sale today.

Sept 3rd - Labor Day.

Leonora went home Friday afternoon getting a seat in the Bar at Orama. Miss Gilbertson came Thurs night at 8

on the Vale Bus. She had to return to town today and we decided to take her in for the afternoon bus at 3.55. The bus was more than half an hour late and tho there were four instead of one there was only standing room so we decided to wait for the Vale bus hoping to get a seat if we were before it started. On the way we remembered that the two Garrisons were going down each with a car so stopped there to see. Mr. Godd left 15 minutes before but Pat was getting ready to go in about half an hour so we hope Miss G. got home safely and comfortably.

Believe it or not Mr Patrone and his son did come last Sunday and decided to take on the job. Monday we got lumber for the porch but no flooring, nothing suitable to be had. It arrived, the lumber, that afternoon. Tuesday sand for the floor of the woodshed and platform came. Thurs the men themselves came and began work. Friday it rained so we saw about blocks for the basement wall. Saturday the floor was finished and we arranged for roofing on the front porch - red artificial stuff.

Sept 7-
We have not recorded yet
that our dear Mrs Bailey
passed away last New Year
and will never be here again
How we do miss Marie + Elora

All this week G.M. + I have
been alone since Robt Day
The two Petrus have been here
The cement floor is laid in the
shed and a cement platform.
Tralls have been built in the
cellar, a Road drain put in
and a new platform on the
back of the house.

Now he has to put in new
posts on the side steps and
nail down the loose shingles on
the house roof and put a
new artificial roof on the shed
Repairs we have needed for several
years.

This week we have gathered our
small crop of dolgo cubs and
made 14 jars of jam. We
have oiled the front porch
We have been to town several
times for repair material which is

Very hard to get, have called on
the Garrisons and on the Fisher.
Rhody is back from her duties with
the Red Cross in England, full of
honors and souvenirs. Mrs
Fisher has brought us lovely nasturtium
and gladioli, several times.

We do not mention the closing of
the war, but we are so thankful

Thos has not been up all
summer, he prefers to stay alone
at home. We would not go
back home tomorrow except for
him, the weather has been so
beautiful all week

Sept 15

G.M., Gals and Clara Baldwin
came up this Saturday afternoon
Left Thos at home again

The carpenters had finished and
left everything in fine order. They
had sawed lots of wood and left
the shed gull. So so it is quite
cool tonight, we can have
big fires.

Sept 21. We go back home
today. It has been cold and
raining all week, one very hard

rain, Clara has had a bad week, but we have kept big fires in the grate. We have read Hugo's "Boilers of the sea" aloud, and played cards at night. Altho it has been cold, we have been enjoying ourselves indoors.

Now Cecil has detached the motor, our car is packed with wood and we are closing the cottage for this year.

June 1-6 1946

A cold May, after trees were leaved and gardens up, came a hard frost. Generion has worked very hard on the Robbinsdale garden, but it has a backset. I had the lawn renewed with black dirt & we rather hated to come up to Wilcox, but when Nell wrote that his vacation would be in August, Generion and I decided to go to Vancouver for June & July. Mrs King is taking the Robbinsdale

house & taking care of Theo. The Livingston's are taking Wilcox for June & July, so everything has dovetailed and we start on the 8th.

We are here for a few days to open up and get the house clean. We have laid new linoleum in the kitchen and it looks fine. Clara, Bredwin came up with us & then Aunt G.M. have mowed the lawn, cleaned the asparagus bed (we have had several messes) and swept up, while I got the meals.

The first day here was quite cold, but we kept good fires. The last few days have been beautiful.

We have called on the Garrison and on the Frohens, and visited Izatya Lodge, which has been greatly enlarged and improved. It is a beautiful resort.

Home on Thursday June 6

Aug 10

Gunderson and I had our
vacation trip - a most
enjoyable one. Visited Edith
Stenstrom, Irma, Blandine
Sprague and Katharine Peltier.

Wilmington family had
been here a week when we
arrived. Renters had the
house for July and left
everything in excellent
shape. Theo did not
come up with Nell, nor
would he come with us.

Aug 17. During the past
week, Nell has been fishing
several times but caught
nothing. He has split up
a lot of wood for us. And
done a number of little things.

The whole week has been
cool, fires in the grate all
the time, and cool to go to bed.
Little Alice grown a lot, and
Dorothy looking a little better
still, not a long enough list.
They drove back today, left
us two alone.

Aug 26 - 28.

Last week we drove
over to Mora to see
Anna. She has a nice
little house in town, moved
off the farm.

I forgot to tell that we
had a beautiful trip to Stasca
where Nell was here. We
stopped at Walker on the
way for lunch, then drove
to Camp Danworthy where
Virginia was a Camp Counselor.
in swimming, saw her for
a few moments, black as a berry.

Now we are returned
from a trip to Moorhead
visiting Elizabeth and Ted
Nielsen. A drive of 200
miles; we all our lunch at
Madison in a pouring rain
and after we passed Detroit
lakes, it rained almost a
continuous burst. We had to draw
by the side because it was
impossible to see the road.

The Nielsen gave us a
wonderful time, good food, but

especially Elisabeth playing.
She plays wonderfully and
so willingly, Mr. Victor
Concordia College where
John teaches, and I called
on Walter Stockwell in Fargo.
Trip home imminent.

After returning from Moorhead
we had a painter, who
painted the walls & ceiling
of the living room, stained
the beams, and painted
sundries oak & trimmings green.
Also the ceilings of the
front and back porches.
We look much improved
and the living room is so
much lighter.

Was asked to name a
price for Petroco, and said I
would sell for \$1000, but as I
thought, it didn't sell, and I
didn't want to sell, but
when Mr. Bettendorf offered
me \$2500 for the 4 lots
next to him I took it and
am getting the deed ready.

Saturday Aug 31 - Sept 3.

The Bappingtons spent those
days with us. Stormy
and cold days, so all
August has been except for
a day here and there.
But Constance was willing to
sit by the fire, and Gilbert
loved to take naps, and
Virginia went in swimming
with Genevieve on Saturday
but after that the waves
were too high and cold.
Gilbert kept up pick 'our
doego crabs and we gave
half of them to the Bappo.
Constance drove to church on
Sunday with Mrs. Deutsch and
Virginia was invited over
there for lunch.

A bad rash has
broken out on my face, don't
know what it is.

Gilbert got in a lot of wood
for us, but Genevieve's hobby
is to bring in faggots
which pretty nearly keeps up our
fires.

Thursday Sept 5th

Mr. Brown down to Mr. Ellis
mostly to get the deed for
Mr. Buttins on Wednesday,
stopped at Whelan to learn
it for a lawyer.

Thos. was alone, Mrs. Ring
was gone for a few days, but
altho lonesome, he was well
and comfortable.

Brought up corn and tomatoes
on the way.

The rash on my face had
spread over my hand, Dr.
Lyons prescribed for it
he thought it was poison from
some weed or pollen.

Sunday Sept 8

On Thursday night I got a
little heart attack, so Dr. Garrison
has kept me quiet, but
she has canned 5 quarts of
corn, and 6 quarts of Dried Crab

Still cold and horrid, but
all these weeks I have been
trying to write a Club paper
and this cold weather and enforced
silence has helped and I am

nearing the end of it.

A fine incident, we left
out box of corn on the back
porch. Crows came along
and ate three whole ears,
the crows are very numerous.

Sept 17 - We went down again
to Ipswich to an Ex-Lib meeting
at Miss Foster's. lovely party.
all the girls there but three.

Heard of Miss Presto mother's death,
Drove back same day and took
dinner at Milaca. Entertain
said she was once in my D. S.
class as knew Edna Harris.
Very good dinner. Rash on face gone

Sept 19 - Had a fine week.
Went Saturday morning to Duluth -
to see our dear family lovely time
dinner on Sunday at Hotel, invited
the Philip Brags. Then on
Monday we drove up to Biwabik
to see Mary Bray and her family.
We had a picnic one evening at
her beach place, she served pastries -

a cornmeal like a meat and
vegetable pie. All the family drove out
I went out to visit a new mine and
out to Eleanor's cabin for tea.

I was very well all the time -

Today my drive back to Metro
through Grand Rapids & Aitkin

Rained all the way. I seem
to have a bad cold.

Sunday Sept 22 -

Drove down Friday evening
to Pettrine, woke up with a very
bad cough, which Dr. Lyman kept
so that I could go to a library
reception at Mr. Lewis' home.

I was supposed to be the guest
of honor, but I could be there
only two of the four hours. and
felt miserable.

Took Theo to Sunday dinner. The
Kings had thoughtfully left the house
to us. When we drove back in
the rain. My cough better, but
a bad cold developing.

Oct 1.

The last week has been a bad
one for cold. The skin infection

returned and continued through
the week. At times the swelling
almost closed her eyes and
the ventilation at times was al-
most unbearable. By Monday
it was better but going down to her
neck.

Mr & Mrs Deutsche came in
Saturday evening and told about
buying the Tom Crosswell place
on the other side of the lake and
we went over Sunday to see it.
We located the 500 acre tract
and all saw the stone house
and barn but did not go far
enough to see the cabins they were
working on.

Had dinner with the Fishers
Monday as delightful end to our
summer.

The Pettrine's
this morning are here to ar-
range for a bath room on the
first floor beside the stairway -

July 1, 1947

This has been a very good, wet disagreeable spring. Leaves not out on the trees until about May 25. I had pneumonia all through May, in bed nearly 5 weeks. Constance was down for 5 days at Robinsons to keep Generiem take care of me. Poor Generiem is very tired, and I am not at all strong.

Wellington and family came up on June 28. On Sunday we had Theo over to dinner, but he didn't want to come up to Matoco. He is now in the Walker Methodist Home for his life, very well taken care of.

We all came up to Matoco today. Found the toilet pipes in apt we brought up a second hand toilet. This is our first visit up, and the house has to be cleaned everywhere.

July 8, Tuesday

Last week we cleaned up party well. ~~Also~~ Mrs Petrus came and installed the toilet. It is going to be very convenient. Well. has connected the motor and it works very well. He has been tinkering with electric connection, has done some painting, mowed the lawn, which looked like a hay field.

On the Fourth, Mall sent off a lot of nice fireworks on the dock, which he had bought with him. Alta has grown to be quite a little girl, had her 8th birthday on Sunday the 29th.

Went over to see Anna Lock (now Mrs Israel) Her daughter Grace was there, whom we and I had not seen since they lived with us.

The days have been beautiful, a thunder storm occasionally, but lovely cool days. I am enjoying it very much.

Had a blow, my insurance company wrote cancelling my policy. Don't know reason, now I am not covered and I will go down on Friday to see about it.

July 11

We are all starting to Naples late this afternoon, taking our lunch (supper) to eat on the way, probably at Milaca.

Mall and family will be going back to Chicago tomorrow - a very short but happy vacation.

We have rented this cottage for ~~two~~ months, and G.M. and I will not be back until Aug 15.

Yesterday we all went over to Dzygo Lodge to lunch. It is a lovely resort. Mr B. has begun to build a new road through my lot, but he has not paid me for it yet.

August 22.

We rented the cottage from July 14 to Aug 17, thinking Dr. Ward did not think I should come up, but the weather was so extremely hot that he decided we had better. So we brought Mrs. Scott and drove up through the heat. It

was a terrible drive for Genevieve and she got very tired. It is hot up here, but it is cool this evening.

August 26 -

We have a sad event. Genevieve has had a slight stroke, cannot talk and her right arm rather useless.

Last Saturday it was very hot, almost insupportable, and we have done nothing more than we had to. The

pump has not been working well, and we went to Ray Horton to have him fix it. He looked all Saturday morning and it works better. Sunday forenoon the Petron family came up to see on us, and in the P.M. we called on the Fishers and the Mrs. Beair.

On Monday we went down to do some shopping, and Genevieve lost her voice. We went to see Dr. Vik, who did not take it very seriously, but today we went again - Ray

Hortin drove up, Gm was too
unable to use her arm and
Dr Vile said it was a stroke
and that we should go home
tomorrow. He is keeping her
asleep all day to reduce blood
pressure and wants to see her
tomorrow, then we will drive
down.

Expense, cow.

June 1	Middlings	1.05
June 26	dairy mixture	1.20
July 17	" "	1.20
	Chicken & ducks	30
Aug 2.	Breeding cow.	2.00
" "	dairy mixture	1.40
Aug 10	" "	<u>1.40</u>
Sept 1	" "	1.40

Receipts Cow.

June 7 4 - Cream check	.42
June 20 " "	.58
Milk to Mr Craig	.35
July 12 " "	.15
June 30 Mrs Burns	2.52
July 12 "	1.61
July Aug 12 Cream check	.59

