

# Diary of Andrew J. Zercher

## 1917

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Monday, January 1

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster a.m. In office. Finished up some work for assessors. At home and down on Musser farm p.m. At home in eve. Mummer's parade at Lancaster. Was a very common affair. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of my old friend, Cyrus S. Gontner. Born 1-1-1840. Died 12-29-1916. Aged 76-11-28. Rev Martin Groff. Text, John 14. Bearers: Amos and Saml Dabler, Geo Rice, Jos McMullen. I will try by Gods help to live better. Cold raw air. Snow flurries.

Tuesday, January 2

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche went to Philadelphia this morning in company with Mary Henry who took her son, Edward, down to the Institution for the Blind (to school). Beautiful day. Very spring like.

Wednesday, January 3

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche came back from Philadelphia this eve. Walter and Emma came in and we came along home. Walter brought 5 pigs up from farm today (small and scruffy). Rain a.m. Very damp all day and very foggy this eve.

Thursday, January 4

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. By auto. Busy all day. Rec'd word this morning of the death of Reba, daughter of B. Frank and Mary Zercher. Blanche and Walter attended. Rec'd word this eve. of the death of Mrs. Jacob Duke at St. Joseph Hospital. Blanche and Walter went and removed body to home of her sons at Lancaster. Very much like spring. Damp.

Friday, January 5

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Went by trolley. Came home with Walter who was in looking after body of Mrs. Duke. Very damp and raining partly all day. Moderating. Very foggy.

Saturday, January 6

Clear. At Lancaster till 2 p.m. Came home with Blanche and Walter who were putting body of Mrs. Duke in casket for tomorrow and helped to put Reba Zercher in casket p.m. At IORM in eve. Beautiful day but cold raw wind.

Sunday, January 7

Clear. At Sunday school. Election of officers. A.J. Zercher, Supt. Walter F. Ressel, asst. Supt. Secy, Ira Markley. Asst. secy, Lloyd Kline. Tres, Harry Jenkins. Organist, Mary Kreider, a.m. I attended funeral of Reba Zercher. Born July 8, 1904. Died 1-4-1917. Aged 12-5-26. Rev Geo Stauffer. Text, St. Mark 18-16. Bearers: Ruth, Mary, Martha Zercher, Mary, Clara Kreider, Fanny Kerr. Very large funeral. Walter attended funeral of Annie S. Duke. Died 1-4-17. Rev Dunkle. Bearers: Amos Sterneman, Jacob Ressel, Earl Jenkins, Wm Beach. Main service at Lancaster Ave. M. E. Church. Both interned in Reformed cemetery. At church in eve. Rev Stauffer. Beautiful day.

Monday, January 8

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche along by auto. Beautiful winter day. Cold raw wind all day.

Tuesday, January 9

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche Shue came home with me this eve. Will spend some time with us. Damp all day. Light rain. Roads are real muddy.

Wednesday, January 10

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with assessors books. Damp and very mild weather all day.

Thursday, January 11

Partly cloudy. Ther: 16. At Lancaster all day. Went in by trolley. Came home by auto with J.W. Morrison. Roads very rough. Great change in the weather. Very much colder all day.

Friday, January 12

Clear. Ther: 6. At Lancaster all day via trolley. Bought 2 turkey hens of Enos E. Mowrer for breeding. Brought them home this eve. \$4.29 paid. Very cold all day.

Saturday, January 13

Cloudy. At Lancaster by auto. Bro Emanuel along a.m. Returned home by 2 p.m. Down on Musser property looking after stock, etc. and have decided to sell some of the stock if I can at a reasonable price. At IORM in eve. but no meeting. Cold raw air all day. Snowing part of p.m. Ground covered. Light rain in eve. Moderating.

Sunday, January 14

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching by our pastor, Rev Stauffer. A very good sermon (inspiring). They took dinner with us. About home p.m. and eve. Rained heavy last night. Snow all gone. A regular spring morning. Getting colder and very much colder in eve.

Monday, January 15

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day by trolley. Called to S.B. Good's, 19 N. Ann street, Lancaster last night to take charge of the body of Mrs. Good's mother. Blanche and Walter attended. Cold raw air all day. Snowing in p.m.

Tuesday, January 16

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Helped to put body of Mrs. Hess in coffin and came along home in auto. Rec'd blank application for fish for "Meadow Valley Run" on Musser property from Hon. W.W. Griest. Filled out same and returned by mail. Rec'd a 1/2 (silver) dollar of 1917. Gave it to wife to keep. Harry Sensenig paid for brick of Safe Harbor house, \$11.55. Cold raw air all day.

Wednesday, January 17

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Catherine Overdorf Hess. Born 9-14-1822. Died 1-14-1917. Aged 94-4-0. Rev Frank Miller. Text, Exel. 33-14. Rev J.W. Menninger read John 14. Bearers: Rufus, Willis, Harry Wirth, Dr. B.F. Good. Services at house, #19 N. Ann Street. Interment in Mt. Zion cemetery, Conestoga Centre. Cold raw air all day.

Thursday, January 18

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd this eve. of the death of Wm W. Aument, Safe Harbor. Blanche and Walter attended. Very pleasant day. Snow melting. Very much colder in eve. and high wind.

Friday, January 19

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day by trolley. Sold my entire hog stock down on Musser place to Chas H. Kreider consisting of 13 shoats and pigs, 3 brood sows and 1 boar for \$155.00 and 1/2 the profits. Cold raw air all day.

Saturday, January 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster a.m. Down on ore mine farm p.m. Looking after orchard and wood. At IORM in eve. Walter and Blanche took casket down to Aument this p.m. and put body in. Beautiful winter day.

Sunday, January 21

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At funeral, Blanche and Walter attending, of Wm W. Aument. Born 8-2-1847. Died 1-18-1917. Aged 69-5-16. Rev Clarence Howell. Text, Romans 8-18. Rev Martin Groff. Text, Philippians 1-21. Bearers: Elmer Warfel, Ed Kneisley, Willis Glick and Thos Bowers. Funeral at M. E. Church here. Another veteran of the Civil War laid to rest. Commenced snowing about 9:15 a.m. and continued till 3:30 and then rain.

Monday, January 22

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd of C.C. Urban \$133.96 for tobacco delivered. Rec'd of Chas H. Kreider \$75.00 on account of hogs sold. Carl Matz fell from 3 story window of his home this noon to the pavement and was killed instantly. Very sad. A great musician. Snow melting very fast but very much colder in eve.

Tuesday, January 23

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche along by auto. Appeals days commenced today. Very busy all day. Sold all my cattle, 5 head, 2 cows and 3 heifers this morning to Edw Shultz over the phone for \$250.00 to be taken away Thursday or Friday (for cash). Cold all day but nice winter weather.

Wednesday, January 24

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with appeals. Cold damp day.

Thursday, January 25

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy with appeals. Damp in a.m. Beautiful p.m. Colder in eve.

Friday, January 26

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with appeals. Edw Shultz took cattle away this

morning and gave his check for 250 dollars for same. Cold raw wind all day. Light snow a.m. Much colder in eve.

Saturday, January 27

Partly cloudy. Down on Musser property. Trimmed peach trees a.m. At Harry Mullenkin's sale at Shenk's Ferry in p.m. At IORM in eve. Saw the ice on the river this p.m. Looks very dangerous in case of high water. No water visible at Shenk's Ferry. Blanche gave \$12.00 to Belgium fund for children. Cold all day. Very much like snow.

Sunday, January 28

Clear. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev Stauffer a.m. At home p.m. Blanche went up to Aaron Henry's, Manor, to spend p.m. Spent some time with John W. Urban this eve. Mrs. Charles Smith, née Martin, of Philadelphia spent short time this eve. Beautiful day after light snow last night. Regular spring weather.

Monday, January 29

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Gave my contribution to the Belgium fund for Starving Children, \$12.00. Also renewed New Era subscription for my dear sister in Phoenix Arizona as a present. Raining partly all day. Streams rising rapidly. Great danger of ice freshet.

Tuesday, January 30

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day with appeals. Conestoga among the list. Walter was in. We went by auto. Blanche also. Bro Emanuel came along out with us. He was down at Eberley's to see Mother. Found her well but quite feeble on her limbs. Beautiful day. Just like spring.

Wednesday, January 31

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. The busiest day

of the appeals. Very tired. Had a sad accident happen in the village here this eve. Mrs. Clinger Rankin had part of right hand mangled very badly by auto skidding and striking telephone pole. Was taken to hospital. Cold in morning. Moderated during day. Very muddy in eve.

Thursday, February 1

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy with appeals. Called last night about 11 o'clock to come to Lancaster to take charge of the body of Aunt Lizzie Miller who died very unexpectedly at 10:10 p.m. Walter and Blanche attended. Had a call to F. Simeon Suter to take charge of body of infant daughter Dorothy near Bumgardner's mill, Martic Twp. Called to Wm Good's at Good's Station (on trolley line). He having died of heart failure. Walter and Blanche attended. Moderate and very damp in morning. Very much colder and high wind p.m. and eve.

Friday, February 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster by trolley. Busy. 9 wards of Columbia today. Was called out early this morning to come to Amos Graver's to pray with him and speak with him about his soul salvation. He realized his condition and seemed to be very penitent. I had Rev Stauffer to come to see him this p.m. He is a very sick man. Groundhog Day. He certainly saw his shadow. Cold all day. One of the coldest days of the season. High wind all day.

Saturday, February 3

Partly clear. Ther: 2 below. At Lancaster till 3:30 p.m. Busy in office till 2:30 p.m. with appeals, etc. Blanche and Walter took coffin and put body of Aunt Lizzie in, ready for funeral. Very cold all day. Very high wind all last night and all day. Something very unusual to keep up so long. Light snow last night. All blown away by eve.

Sunday, February 4

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Took Blanche to Lancaster to Miller's this p.m. At preaching in eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of William Good. Born 11-21-1834. Died 2-1-1917. Aged 82-2-10. Rev Jacob Thomas. Text, Rev 14-13. Bearers: Martin and Adam Good, Wm Rice, Martin Agon, Frank Rice. Large funeral at River Corner Mennonite Church. Cold raw air. Not stormy as yesterday. Feels like snow. Moderated a great deal.

Monday, February 5

Partly cloudy. Ther: 0. At funeral of aunt Lizzie Miller. Born 11-29-1845. Died 1-31-1917. Aged 71-2-2. Rev Heisey spoke at house and Rev Noah Hess. Text, Romans 5-12 and Rev. 20-6. Bishop Hostetter, Romans 8-15. Bearers: Conrad and Francis Hess, Harry Eberley, Amos Good. Very small funeral due to extreme blizzard. Snow last night (light). One of the coldest days for a long time. Very cold and high wind all day. Therm only 10 above at 5:30 p.m. The weather records have no such weather since 1888.

Tuesday, February 6

Partly clear. Ther: 8. At Lancaster all day. 1, 2, 3 wards city appeals today. Very few. Cold all day.

Wednesday, February 7

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. 4, 5, 6 ward city appeals today. Reported in Lancaster today that President Wilson was shot, but not correct. Cold in morning. Moderated during day. Very much like snow this eve.

Thursday, February 8

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. 7, 8, 9 ward city appeals. This closes appeal days for 1917. Beautiful day. Not cold but getting much colder in eve.

Friday, February 9

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster a.m. Went along with County Commissioners Diller and Magee and County Controller Enos E. Mowrer to sale of bridge lumber at Eshbach's mill, back of the Mennonite church, Millersville. Bought oak plank and some heavy timber. Amount, \$1750, cash. At home in eve. See back of book for funeral of Mary H. Eby. Very moderate and damp in morning. About 10 a.m. getting colder. A few flakes of snow. Regular gale in p.m. and eve. and very cold. Great change.

Saturday, February 10

Partly clear. Ther: 5 above. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. At home p.m. and eve. Paid Fred H. Sickman \$25.00. On ore mine property (farm) and rec'd deed, this was balance above mortgage and interest due Henry Good. Very cold and stormy all day.

Sunday, February 11

Partly cloudy. Ther: 10 above. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev Stauffer. A very good sermon on Matt 22-42, a.m. Went over to Willow Street church. Rev Stauffer was installed as pastor of our charge (Willow Street and Conestoga Centre). Rev J. Hunter Watts and Rev Pennebaker had charge of the services, p.m. At home in the eve. Mrs. J.R. Yentzer just passed away, 9:10 p.m. Mr. Yentzer surely has my sympathy. Cold raw wind all day. Very light snow last night.

Monday, February 12

Partly clear. Ther: 0. About home, etc., a.m. Went to Eshbach's mill back of Old Mennonite Church, Millersville, for bridge lumber bought last Friday. Our own team and Harry Jenkin's team hauled it. John Stillinger at Millersville was found dead sitting on a rocker this morning by his daughter, Annie. Supposed to have died last night about 12

o'clock. Blanche and Walter took charge. A very cold stormy day. Mercury low all day.

Tuesday, February 13

Partly cloudy. Ther: 5 below. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office a.m. Helping to appraise the personal property of aunt Lizzie Miller. Abrm Eshleman being the other. Helped to put body of Mrs. Yentzer in casket this eve. The coldest day of the winter and cold all day.

Wednesday, February 14

Partly clear. Attending funeral of Mrs. J.R. Yentzer. Died 2-11-1917. Rev Stauffer. Text, St. John 14-2. Bearers: Adam, Calvin, John and Paul Kendig (nephews). Large funeral at Reformed Church a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Bertha Martin Long sang solo. Called to Chas Fralich this eve. Their youngest child died of pleurisy. Blanche and Walter attended. Cold in morning. Pleasant during day.

Thursday, February 15

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of John Stillinger, Millersville. Born Feb 26, 1849. Died Feb 11, 1917. Aged 67-11-15. Rev Shane at house and Rev Gensler. Text, Job 7-17+18. Bearers: Benj Myers, Fred Sangrey. Large funeral at Mennonite Church, Millersville. Called to Wm Burns to take charge of body of infant son. My 60th birthday. Greater reason than ever to thank God for his many blessings. Wife and Blanche had fine supper. Damp and snowing all p.m. (very fine).

Friday, February 16

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Walter buried infant child, Robert Burns, son of Wm and Roberta Burns. Born Feb 9 and died Feb 14, 1917. Aged 5 days. Buried at Mennonite Brick Church, New Danville this p.m. Made a bargain with Christ C. Urban to farm the

Musser property (named Meadow Valley Farm) for next year. Snow squalls partly all day. Not so cold.

Saturday, February 17

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2 p.m. Went to Millersville and came home with Blanche and Walter who attended the funeral of Grace L., infant daughter of Chas and Mary Fralich. Born 12-15-1916. Died 2-14-1917. Aged 1 month and 25 days. Rev Frank Miller. Song of Solomon 6-2. Bearer: Walter. Funeral at Mennonite Church, Millersville. At home in eve. Signed up agreement with Christ C. Urban for Musser farm and Miller property for farming same. Paid Henry Good \$250.00 and got deed to ore mine farm. Beautiful day. Very sloppy. Not cold.

Sunday, February 18

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. Had intended going to U. E. Church this eve but went down and spent the eve. with Mr. Yentzer. No preaching service this eve. Rev Stauffer's mother-in-law died and they went to her home. Beautiful day. Very much like spring.

Monday, February 19

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Adam F. Brenner. Born Feb 25, 1858. Died 2-16-1917. Aged 58-11-21. Rev Martin Groff. Philippians 1-20, 21. Bearers: Phares, Elvin, George, Edward, Clayton, Harry Brenner. Large funeral at U. B. Church, Highville. At home in eve. Damp cold day. Light rain p.m. and eve.

Tuesday, February 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Went in with Walter and wife and Blanche. Came home by trolley. Paid Jacob Ressel for work to date, \$11.25. Ladies Aid Society met here this eve. Regular spring day and roads getting muddy.

Wednesday, February 21

Partly clear. At Lancaster till noon. Went to sale of J.H. Witmer's personal property, Millersville. Bought 1/2 dozen gates (iron). 1 @ \$3.50. 1 @ \$3.00. 4 @ \$1.50 = \$6.00 and 1 wire stretcher, \$1.10. Came home with Walter in auto. Big change in weather. Cold raw air all day. Roads very heavy.

Thursday, February 22

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Not much doing in office being holiday. At home in eve. Ground covered with snow this morning. Pretty well gone by eve.

Friday, February 23

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd of C.C. Urban \$113.87 for tobacco delivered. The last of Crop. Was at Garvin's store at noon seeing the \$85,000 picture of the birth of Christ. A beautiful picture. Cloudy all day. Raining all of p.m. and eve. Not cold. Thunder gust early this morning.

Saturday, February 24

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till noon. Stopped off at Sam Shenk's sale, Millersville a short time. At home in eve. Paid John Z. Wade for roof on garage, \$17.00. Paid Harry Jenkins for hauling lumber from Millersville, \$4.00. Called to Letort last night to Saml Kendig's to take charge of body of his father, Samuel Kendig, a very particular friend of ours. Died about 9 p.m. last eve. Beautiful day but very muddy roads.

Sunday, February 25

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev Stauffer. He and wife took dinner with us, a.m. Blanche and I went to Saml Kendig's to look after body of his father. Was glad to meet the family. At M. E. Church. Wife and Andrew along. Pleasant but much cooler in eve and looks like snow.

Monday, February 26

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Bought 1 bus. clover seed, 3/4 red and 1/4 Alsike, \$12.25. Damp all day. Not cold. Very much like spring. Folks say the robin is with us. I have not seen any as yet.

Tuesday, February 27

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Samuel F. Kendig. Born 8-20-1836. Died 2-23-1917. Aged 80-6-3. Rev Martin Groff. Text, 90 Psalm, 10 verse. Bearers: Isaiah Hess, Elias Sneath, John Denlinger, Howard Frey. Funeral at Creswell Evan. Church. C.C. Urban bought 458 lbs. of small potatoes from Henry Herr for planting. Paid for same, \$4.58. I paid Christ. Light rain a.m. Beautiful p.m. Regular spring weather.

Wednesday, February 28

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in the office. Rain last night. Snowing all day. Commenced at 6 a.m. About 6 inches fell during day. Not cold. Saw my first robin-red-breast this morning (while snowing).

Thursday, March 1

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Called to Rebecca Rineer's to take charge of body of her daughter Retta who died early this morning very unexpectedly of heart failure in her 14th year at Pequea, Martic Twp. Blanche and Walter went down. Very damp all day. Not cold. Very bad roads.

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Sunday, March 4

Cloudy. At Sunday school. Very small on account of weather. Called to John Bonholtzer's (Pugh's Mill) to take charge of the body of his wife, Bessie Eshleman. So sorry to hear of her death. Married one year ago on Thursday last, but so glad that she was

converted nearly one year ago and so, ready to go. Blanche and Walter took charge and moved to the home of her father, Herrville. Snowing since 1 a.m. and snowing all day. Very deep and still snowing this eve.

Monday, March 5

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mary, widow of W.W. Ament. Born Aug 15, 1844. Died 3-2-1917. Aged 72-6-7. Rev. Howell. Bearers: Willis Glick, John Miller, Howard Warfel, \_ Kendig. Funeral at M. E. Church, Conestoga. Very bad roads. Snow about 18 inches deep. Damp and snowing a.m. and part of p.m. Very much colder in eve.

Tuesday, March 6

Clear. Ther: 14. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Sent check to C.H. Ressel for grass mower bought at his sale last Friday. Beautiful winter day. Cold all day.

Wednesday, March 7

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. At funeral of Bessie Eshleman Bonholtzer. Born 1-15-1893. Died 3-4-1917. Aged 24-1-19. Rev Wagner. Text, Job 30-23. Bearers: Daniel Eshleman; Park, Walter Bucher, Oscar Bonholtzer. Large funeral at Marticville M. E. Church. Walter and Blanche attended. Beautiful day. Roads very sloppy and chunky in places.

Thursday, March 8

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Heavy rain last night. Light rain and damp a.m. Clear and very much warmer p.m. and eve. Snow melting very fast and roads very sloppy.

Friday, March 9

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Settled with

Abrm M. Hess this eve in full. Pleasant all day. Snow melting very fast. Raw air.

Saturday, March 10

Clear. At Lancaster till 12:30. Went to Bro Harry Eberley's personal property sale. Large and good sale. Saw Mother. Looks very well and seems to be more content. At home in eve. Beautiful day. Snow melting very fast. Creeks high.

Sunday, March 11

Partly clear. At Sunday school and Missionary Service a.m. At home p.m. Wife and I spent evening at Amos Graver's. Christ W. Hess died this morning at General Hospital, Lancaster. Cancer of the bowels. Pleasant. Snow melting very fast. Sun and strong south wind.

Monday, March 12

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office all day. Beautiful spring day. Snow nearly all gone. Roads drying off nightly.

Tuesday, March 13

Partly clear. At ore mine farm this a.m. Went to Theo Forney's Sale of personal property. I bought 2 shoats for \$13.80 each, \$27.60, less 5%, \$26.68. Very large sale. At home in eve. Walter hauling wood from farm. Cold raw damp air. Feels very much like snow all day. Ground frozen.

Monday, March 14

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Walter attended to burial of Benj Warner's child. Twenty five years ago today I was appointed Deputy Coroner for Conestoga Twp. by Peter Honnaman, Coroner. Very damp and raining partly all day.

Thursday, March 15

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Very much cooler in eve. Roads drying slowly.

Friday, March 16

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Saw large flock of wild geese flying north. About 45 of them. Beautiful spring day.

Saturday, March 17

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. At office a.m. At sale of aunt Lizzie Miller's personal property, #835 West Walnut Street. Bought small foot stool that was Grandmother Zercher's and which I sat on many times when a small boy. At home in eve. St. Patrick's day. Raining partly all day.

Sunday, March 18

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. About home p.m. and walked down on farm. At church in eve. Mrs. Stauffer sang a solo. Very good. Mr. Stauffer preached a very good sermon on "The Hour Has Come", Mark 14-41. Pleasant a.m. Snow storm in p.m. Ground fairly covered at one time and colder in eve.

Monday, March 19

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche along in and she went to John Bonholtzer's sale of household goods. Bought a few dishes in remembrance of Bess Eshleman, his wife. Quite a snow storm last eve. at 9 o'clock. Ground covered but all gone by storm this morning. High wind all night and very much colder this morning and cold all day.

Tuesday, March 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy with new books. Cold in morning. Moderated in p.m. Spring like.

Wednesday, March 21

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy at books. Raining all day. Snow in the evening. Ground covered.

Thursday, March 22

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in



office. Rec'd bids for building 2 concrete bridges (county). Very damp in a.m. Beautiful p.m. and eve.

Friday, March 23

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 10 a.m. At home balance of day. Had a very pleasant surprise. Mr. S. Waller, County Commissioner, rec'd a box from Game Commission containing 10 partridge and he presented them to me. Mr. David Magee of the County Commissioners brought me as far as Morton's shop by auto and I walked home, the roads being so very muddy for auto. I put 1 pair on H.G. Rush farm (Kneisley), 1 pair Wm Sangrey, 1 pair our and Jenkins' farm and 2 pair down on Meadow Valley. "Wasn't that fine." Very high wind. Damp. Rain in late p.m. and eve.

Saturday, March 24

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. At home balance of day and eve. Paid W.D. Eberhart \$4.50 for papering down on ore mine farm house. Rain all last night and morning. Beautiful p.m. and eve. Roads very muddy but drying off fast.

Sunday, March 25

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev Stauffer. Text "The Unpardonable Sin." A very good sermon a.m. Wife, Walter and wife and I went to Willow Street to Joint Consistory meeting in p.m. At home in eve. Mr. J.R. Yentzer spent the eve. with us. Beautiful day but roads very bad in places.

Monday, March 26

At Lancaster all day. Signed the loyalty pledge. Settled with Lloyd Henry this eve. Paid him \$1.00 for work done. Harry Jenkins sawed wood for stove today with engine and circular saw. Damp in morning but beautiful day.

Tuesday, March 27

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with new books. Blanche along in by trolley. Raining and damp all day and heavy rain in eve.

Wednesday, March 28

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Came home with Mr. Habecker by auto and went along down with him to look over the ore mine farm with view of purchasing it. He will let me know in a few days. John Oakwood moved off of Musser place and Christ C. Urban moved on. Rev Clarence Howell, M. E. pastor, moved opposite our place today. Cold raw wind all day.

Thursday, March 29

Partly cloudy. At home all day. Down on Musser property getting pond ready for consignment of brook trout and working about home. Rain in morning. Very high wind all day and cool.

Friday, March 30

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Wife along in. Went early by auto to meet the 6:01 train. Rec'd 150 brook trout fingerlings through my friend Enos E. Mowrer. Put them down on Musser farm, "Meadow Valley" farm in pond. Cold all day.

Saturday, March 31

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2:30 p.m. Rec'd several accounts today. Great many people in city on April business. Pleasant day.

Sunday, April 1

Partly clear. Ther: 80. At Sunday school a.m. At home. Bro Emanuel here p.m. At church in eve. Rev Stauffer preached. Text, 2 King 5-1. Very warm all day. Regular summer day.

Monday, April 2

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Not much April

business. Great many people in. Rec'd word by phone of serious illness of Leah Eshleman and to come to General Hospital to bring out body of stillborn babe. Walter attended. Settled with Blanche to date. Quite warm all day.

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Thursday, April 5

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Edith Hudson and her son Carl of Baltimore here for a few days. Damp and raining partly all day. Very heavy rain in eve and cold raw wind all day.

Friday, April 6

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 3:00 p.m. M. Lizzie Cramer Dagen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cramer died this morning. Blanche and Walter took charge. Both our dogs got out of yard last night. I fear they will get in mischief. Pleasant but colder in eve.

Saturday, April 7

Partly clear. At Lancaster by auto. Came home at noon. Down on Meadow Valley p.m. At IORM in eve. Instillation of officers. Paid Harry Jenkins \$6.00 for sawing wood for us. Cold in morning but beautiful p.m. but high wind.

Sunday, April 8

Cloudy. At Sunday school and Holy Communion a.m. Text 1 Cor 15-20, morning service Rev Stauffer. At home p.m. and eve. Rev and Mrs. Stauffer took dinner with us. Also Chester Eberley and Will D. Herr's son, both of Hawksville. The former (Chester) a nephew of mine. Cold raw air all day. A few flakes of snow in p.m.

Monday, April 9

Partly cloudy. Ther: 24. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of M. Lizzie Dagen. Born July 7, 1891. Died April 6,

1917. Aged 25-8-29. Rev Howell. Text, 2 Cor 5-1. Rev Noah Hess spoke at closing. Bearers: Daniel and Lloyd Rhinier, James and Walter Cramer. Large funeral at M. E. Church, Conestoga. Called to Chester Lanious' to take charge of body of child. A surprise this morning. About 5 inches of snow covered the ground. Cold raw wind all day. Snow drifted some.

Tuesday, April 10

Partly clear. Ther: 24. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Terrible explosion at Eddystone about 10 a.m. One of the ammunition plants were blown up. Possibly 200 persons killed and several hundred wounded. Cause as yet unknown.

Wednesday, April 11

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Went in with C.C. Urban who brought out casket from express office. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of John Samuel, infant son (one of twins) of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lanious. Born 3-3-1917. Died 4-8-1917. Aged 1 month and 5 days. Rev Howell spoke. Text, 2 Saml 12-23. Bearer: Walter. Services at house only. Interment at Colemanville M. E. cemetery. The Eisenlohr's opened a stripping factory here today. Wish them success. Cold in morning. Beautiful day.

Thursday, April 12

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy with J & M. The war situation does not look good at all. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Geo E. Hess. Born 6-15-1869. Died 4-9-1917. Aged 47-9-24. Rev Howell. Bearers: Thos and Milton Bower's, Emery and Arthur Warfel, Ray Hershock, Harry Kreider. Funeral at Colemanville. Called to Jacob Hostetter's to take charge of body of Annie Fenstermaker. Blanche attended. Beautiful day.

Friday, April 13

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with mortgages. Judge Aaron B. Hassler's birthday. Also Thos McGelligot, a reporter. Rain in a.m. Cooler in p.m. and eve.

Saturday, April 14

Partly clear. Ther: 26. At Lancaster till 1:30. Down on farm balance of p.m. Paid E.L. Bortzfield \$3.85 for seeds. Paid C.C. Urban \$3.50 for making drains in meadow. At home in eve. Pleasant all day but cold and heavy frost. Ground frozen in morning.

Sunday, April 15

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. About home p.m. At church in eve. Had our Easter service. "Love Triumphant." Large attendance. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Annie E. Fenstermacher. Born 11-3-1838. Died 4-12-1917. Aged 78-5-9. Rev Wiest. Text, 2 Cor 2-9. Funeral at Millersville Mennonite. Cold raw air all day. Light rain in eve.

Monday, April 16

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy with mortgages. Bought horse of J.B. Herr (stage driver) for \$60.00. Paid for same. \$40.00 cash and hay for balance. Beautiful day but cool air all day. Frost.

Tuesday, April 17

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Went in by auto. Busy with mortgages. Paid Jacob Ressel \$11.50 to date. Rec'd word of death of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lanious' child. Blanche and Walter attended. Heavy frost and cold a.m. Much warmer p.m.

Wednesday, April 18

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy with mortgages. Rev Howell, wife and daughter

Harriet spent the evening with us. Beautiful spring day.

Thursday, April 19

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy with mortgages. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Aaron Rufus, infant son of Chester and Isabella Lanious. Born 3-3-1917. Died 4-14-1917. Aged 1 month and 14 days. Rev Howell. Text, Matt 21-6. Bearer: Walter. Services at house only. Interment at Colemanville M. E. cemetery. Bought 3 plow points today. \$1.35. Paid for same. Beautiful spring day. Warm.

Friday, April 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Mr. Swope not in today. Bought 2 Berkshire pigs (sows) for breeders of cousin Conrad Z. Hess today. Will bring them up in a few days. Called to Millersville last night to take charge of body of Louisa Curtis Frey whom I knew from childhood, she having lived with my parents. Blanche and Walter attended. Very pleasant day.

Saturday, April 21

Partly clear. At Lancaster a.m. Came home by auto. Over on Miller land trimming orchard p.m. Christ Urban finished planting potatoes this p.m. At home in eve. Had a very heavy rain and hail storm and heavy thunder. Horse ran off for Christ, being caught in storm. Albert S. Stehman and his 2 horses were killed by lightning instantly in an open field on his farm during the storm. Very warm, especially in p.m.

Sunday, April 22

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. About home and walked down on farm p.m. At home in eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Louisa Curtis Frey. Rev Wiest at house. Rev Martin Groff at church.

Text, Rev. 22-11. Bearers: Harvey Frey, Elvin and George Brenner, Wm Eshleman. Funeral at Highville U. B. Church. Beautiful day.

Monday, April 23

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Dressed S.W. Diller's peach trees this p.m. Only 2 in number. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Tuesday, April 24

Partly cloudy. At orchard work all day on Musser property a.m. Down on ore mine Property p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Albert S. Stehman who was killed by lightning Saturday p.m. Born 11-6-1863. Died 4-21-1917. Aged 53-5-25. Rev Abrm B. Herr. Text, St. Luke 12-40. Rev Martin Groff. Text, St. John 7-46. Bearers: Albert Kauffman, Daniel Shenk, Saml Shoff, Noah Shuman, Harry Fehl, Elam Herr. Very large funeral at New Danville Old Mennonite Church. Fully 1,000 people present. Cool and very damp. Light rain partly all day.

Wednesday, April 25

Partly clear. Ther: 32. Working down in orchard (ore mine) all day. Took dinner along. Worked hard all day and pleased with my work. Beautiful day for my job. Rather cool in morning. A very heavy frost.

Thursday, April 26

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with J & M. The Mongolia, American ship, fired the first guns of the war for the U.S. and sank a German submarine. A clear hit at 1,000 yards. Yesterday, 4-25-1917. Damp and cool all day.

Friday, April 27

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Hattie Irene Asher. Born 11-22-1889. Died 4-25-1917. Aged 27-5-3. Rev Whitmore. Text, St. John 13-7. Bearers: Emlen Eshleman, Fred Ward,

Benj Warfel, Arthur Grebinger, Ezra Finefrock, Jno Witmer. Services at house only. Private on account of Scarletum in family. Interment in Mennonite cemetery, Millersville. Daughter of Axion Aston. Quite cool and damp all day.

Saturday, April 28

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. At home and down on Musser farm p.m. Abrm Eberley here putting bees in new hive. Paid him for a new hive and services, \$5.00. Will spend Sunday here. Paid A.F. Martin for smith work, \$1.25. Paid Mart Smith \$1.00 for driving hearse yesterday. Quite cool a.m. Very much warmer p.m. Cooler in eve.

Sunday, April 29

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. and walked down on farm, Abrm, Andrew and I. About home all of p.m. At church in eve. A very edifying sermon by Rev Stauffer. Text, Joshua 1-9. Cool a.m. Very pleasant in p.m.

Monday, April 30

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Settled with J.B. Herr this eve. to date. Cool a.m. Very much warmer p.m. High wind in eve.

Tuesday, May 1

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Having a patriotic parade in Lancaster this eve. in memory of Admiral Dewey. Cool and damp all day.

Wednesday, May 2

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office with M & J. Quite cool all day. Feels like frost this eve. High wind.

Thursday, May 3

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Quite cool all day.

Friday, May 4

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Bought 10 shares of Conestoga Traction preferred for Blanche. Paid \$54.25 per share. Rec'd 2 Berkshire pigs for breeding of Conrad Z. Hess. \$25.00. Paid for same. Took supper at Manhattan Hotel and from there to F. & A.M. lodge of Millersville. Walter came over in auto. Took his 3rd. Very damp and raining partly all day. Cool.

Saturday, May 5

Cloudy. At Lancaster a.m. Came home by auto and out in orchard (Miller property) and about home p.m. At home in eve. Rec'd word this p.m. of death of Jacob Good at Morton's shop. Blanche and Walter attended. Damp all day. Rain in p.m. Cool.

Sunday, May 6

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. At U. E. Church in eve. Rev Miller preached a sermon to the AOK of MC. A very able sermon. We attended in a body. Text, Matt 22-21. Rec'd word of the very sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Isaak Hoak at Slackwater. Blanche and Walter attended. Rather cool all day.

Monday, May 7

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Called to home of Cyrus Bortzfield to take charge of body of wife. Blanche and Walter attended. Damp. Light rain p.m. Cool all day.

Tuesday, May 8

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Jacob Good. Born 12-17-1841. Died 5-5-1917. Aged 75-4-18. Rev. Hershey at house. Rev Noah Hess. Bearers: Conrad and Frances Hess, Amos Good, H.N. Eberly, Jacob Graybill, Fred Frey. Large funeral at the Pequea Brethren in Christ Church. Cool all day.

Wednesday, May 9

At Lancaster all day. Went up to Lewis Cramer and bought 11 pigs for \$85.00. He to deliver them. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Isaac Hoak. Born 12-18-1852. Died 5-6-1917. Aged 64-4-18. Rev Abrm B. Herr. Text, Matt 24-44. Rev Noah Hess. Text, Cob 26 to 28 and 1 Cor 15-51. Bearers: Frank Ruth, Daniel Shenk, Tobias and Harry Stehman, Saml Shoff, Jacob Erisman. Large funeral at Millersville Mennonite. Very heavy rain and some hail at Millersville. Lightning struck house of Harry Frey near Slackwater and done quite a good deal of damage. The family were all at the funeral or some folks might have been killed. Very much colder. A few flakes of snow reported as falling in eve.

Thursday, May 10

Partly clear. Called out early this morning to come to take charge of body of John Ehrhart, Manor. Walter took charge. I took Blanche over to Bortzfield's and helped to place body in casket. Did not go to Lancaster and worked about home all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Cyrus Bortzfield. Born 5-28-1862. Died May 7, 1917. Aged 54-11-9. Rev Rineer. Text, Job 14-14. Bearers: Chas Eshleman, Harry Miller, W.C. Winter's, John Campbell, Fred H. Sickman, Benj Beach. Large funeral at Marticville M. E. Church. Interred adjoining. Paid J. Ressel in full. Cold and stormy all day.

Friday, May 11

Partly clear. Down on ore mine farm working in orchard. Finished trimming apple trees. Very tired. Peach trees and fruit look encouraging. Cool. High wind all day, especially p.m.

Saturday, May 12

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 2:30 p.m. About home balance of day. At AOK of MC in eve.

Several members of Mountville castle present, inviting us to attend the county convention there on June 9th. It was decided unanimously to attend. Cold raw high wind all day.

Sunday, May 13

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. About home p.m. George Weber of State College, a friend of ours, took supper with us and spent a short time here. At preaching in eve. Called to Millersville this eve. to take charge of body of Mrs. Edward Eshleman. Blanche and Walter attended. (See Memoranda for funeral of John Earhart). Cool all day.

Monday, May 14

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd 12 pigs of Lewis Cramer today. Put them down on farm. Gave him check for \$85.00. Pigs are pigs. Very pleasant. Warmer.

Tuesday, May 15

Partly clear. At Lancaster this morning but did not stay in office. Received word that Harry Eberly met with an accident. Horse ran off and he was thrown out. He broke his left arm above wrist and injured his right leg and I went down and fetched Mother up to Bro Emmanuel' spend some time there. Today 39 years ago I started business in this village and today, 7 years ago, Blanche started. Many were the trials in those years, but how much more the blessings. God has been very kind to me. High wind and cool in eve.

Wednesday, May 16

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Leah Eshleman, wife of Edward. Born 5-22-1880. Died 5-13-1917. Aged 36-11-29. Rev Abrm Herr. Rev Jacob Thomas. Bearers: John, Frank, Benj, Clayton Martin, Edw Shaub, Ira Shertzer. Large funeral at River Corner. Interment in adjoining. The first enlistment. Earl Henry, son of A.L. Henry, enlisted in the reg. army this morning.

Went to Columbus, Ohio. Very hazy and smoky all p.m. and eve. High wind all day.

Thursday, May 17

Partly clear. About home. Jacob Aument, Christ Mathas' uncle and I went down on Musser property a.m. Went to sale of personal property of Albert Stehman p.m. At home in eve. Blanche and Emma Ressel went over to David H. Landis to spend the day by invitation to a select party. They had a very nice time. Beautiful day. The warmest day for a long time.

Friday, May 18

Partly clear. Ther: 81. At Lancaster all day. One of our hogs was hurt. Wm Sangrey was called and sewed up the injury. Warmest day for a long time. Light rain in eve.

Saturday, May 19

Partly clear. Ther: 81. At Lancaster till 1 p.m. At home and down on farm p.m. At IORM in eve. Warm and very dusty.

Sunday, May 20

Partly clear. Ther: 82. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home and walked out to Bro Emanuel's to see Mother. Found her well. Called to Isaac Eshleman this noon to take charge of body of his son, Frederick. Blanche and Walter attended. Quite warm and very dusty. Quite a few autos went through the village today.

Monday, May 21

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Harry Myers of Mt. Joy was appointed a tipstaff (bailiff) in Orphans Court today. Pleasant all day. Cooler in eve.

Tuesday, May 22

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Nice shower of rain last night. Pleasant all day but cool. Quite cool in eve.

Wednesday, May 23

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. The Board of Registration for Military Purposes for the County are Sheriff Garner, S.W. Diller, Co. Comm., and Dr. J.L. Mower, health officer for county. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Frederick F. Eshleman. Born 5-14-1875. Died 5-20-1917. Aged 42-0-6. Rev Frank Miller. Text, Job 16-22. Bearers: Victor Witmer, Reeder Eshleman, Elvin and Phares Brenner, Harvey Frey, Edw Kauffman. Large funeral at Creswell. Light rain last night and cool. Quite cooler in eve.

Thursday, May 24

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Raised a permanent flag on our lawn this eve. in honor of the boys who have (Earl Henry) enlisted or who may. My Sunday school class sang National Hymn after Albert Henry, Jr. raised the flag. I gave my class supper. Cold all day and stormy.

Friday, May 25

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Had a wreck on York Furnace trolley road this eve. Car due at Millersville at 4:30 struck team of Henry Barley in crossing track back of Martin Herr's barn. Broke wagon and hurt son. Held YMCA meeting in Reformed Church. Rev Howell opened with prayer. Rev Bowden, Capt. Lightner, Mr. Beach, Secy, spoke and Mr. Toast gave coronet solo. Our band present. Had a very interesting meeting. Cool all day, especially in eve.

Saturday, May 26

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. At home and went down to Safe Harbor in eve. to see Rev Martin Groff with regard to YMCA hub business, etc. Elam Herr and wife and Mrs. Martin Markley spent the evening with us. Had a very pleasant time. Very pleasant day and quiet warm and dry.

Sunday, May 27

Partly clear. Wife and I, Harry Eberly and wife and Abrm Eberly went up to Uncle Jacob Zercher, Mt. Joy and Ezra's and spent a very pleasant time. We were so glad to see each other once again. Blanche and Walter were called to Benj B. Herr's, Manor, who died this p.m. and to Joseph Miller, Jr., whose wife died this p.m. Quite warm all day. Light rain here p.m. At church in eve.

Monday, May 28

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Called to take charge of body of Elmer P. Markley, son of Philip. Typhoid Fever. In 19th year. Very sorry to know of his early death. Commenced raining this morning about 7:30 and rained nearly all day. Thundering nearly all day. Rain and hail about 4:15 p.m. and very heavy rain about 6:30 p.m. Still raining.

Tuesday, May 29

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Paid Martin H. Hess, collector on county and road tax, \$47.01. Rec'd check from Harrisburg State treas. for \$99.66 for reporting Mrs. Hollow's estate. M. Diller, Mowrer and Garner went to Billmyer to register about 100 foreigners working there for the war registration. Cloudy and damp all day.

Wednesday, May 30

Clear. At home a.m. Attended memorial services at M. E. Church p.m. Chas W. Easy, orator. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Benj B. Herr, Manor. Born 11-21-1855. Died 5-27-1917. Aged 61-6-6. Rev Kohr. Text, John 8-51. Bearers: Benj, \_ Neff, Albert Herr, Benj and Abrm Shank. Attended funeral of Lydia Miller, wife of Jos C. Miller. Born 2-26-1899. Died 5-27-1917. Aged 18-3-1. Rev Jacob Thomas at House and Bishop Abrm B. Herr. Text, St. Luke 8-52.

Thursday, May 31

Partly cloudy. At funeral of Elmer P. Markley, son of Phil Markley. Born Jan 30, 1899. Died 5-28-1917. Aged 18-3-28. Rev Thomas Roberts, Mt Joy spoke. Rev Howell of this village preached. Text, St. Matt 24-44. Bearers: Merl Groff, Ira and Clarence Markley, Harry Ressel, Clarence Wade, Clarence Hollow. Large funeral at M. E. Church here. Pleasant day. Cool a.m. Warmer p.m. and eve.

Friday, June 1

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. At F. & A.M. lodge at Millersville in eve. Walter came over in auto. Warm all day. Very, very heavy rain at Millersville. Heavy thunder. I think the heaviest rain I ever saw. Done a great deal of damage to growing crops by washing. Not near so heavy here at home.

Saturday, June 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster a.m. Bro Emanuel and I went out to Neffsville Brethren home to see about placing Mother. The Supt. Was not there so we did not make any arrangements. Saw Mrs. Edw Pehlman there (a former resident here). Was very glad to see her. At AOK of MC in eve. 9 new members were taken in. Quite warm all day. Beautiful. Very heavy rain in eve. Did considerable washing of fields plowed.

Sunday, June 3

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev Stauffer. Rev Stauffer's brother died. Was buried on Thursday. He was very much affected during service today. At home p.m. John and Lizzie Eberly spent p.m. here. Out to see Mother in eve. at Bro Emanuel's. At Children's Day services at U. E. Church in eve. Large attendance. Beautiful day but very high wind part of day. Quite cool in eve.

Monday, June 4

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Quite a few men living out of county and state called to be registered. I went in and returned by auto. Beautiful day. Warm.

Tuesday, June 5

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2 p.m. Took registration cards to Highville (Indiantown) and home. Helped the registrar in eve. 78 young men registered from our township. Beautiful day. Very heavy rain in eve. Warm all day.

Wednesday, June 6

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. A husseling time at court house receiving the returns of registration yesterday. At home in eve. Warmest day for some time. Heavy rain in eve.

Thursday, June 7

At Lancaster all day. Warm all day. Thundered and rain part all night. Very heavy thunder storm about 6:30 a.m. Rained very heavy and some hail. Rain during day.

Friday, June 8

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Gave Bro Emanuel \$2.00 for support of Mother. Paid C.C. Urban \$15.30 for extra work done on farm to date. \$10.00 of this was for work done in orchard on the Miller land. Rain last night. Beautiful day. Showers in eve. and thunder.

Saturday, June 9

Partly clear. At Lancaster a.m. Went to Mountville to attend a county meeting of the AOK of MC and large parade. Went from there to H.M. Swarr, Harrisburg Pike and bought a thoroughbred Berkshire boar pig 6 weeks old and paid \$10.00 for same and took it along with us. About town in eve. Beautiful day. Quite warm. Rain in eve.



Sunday, June 10

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school in a.m. About home p.m. At church in eve. Called to David Mellinger's to take charge of his mother this morning. Called to Harry Reese this eve. Took charge of his body. Blanche and Walter attended to both.

Monday, June 11

Cloudy. At Lancaster. Blanche along for goods for funeral of Mrs. Mellinger and home by 10:30 a.m. At Lancaster all of p.m. Brought flowers along out for funeral. At fire company meeting. Arranged for holding festival on the 23rd. Damp a.m. Raining heavy partly all of p.m. and rain in eve.

Tuesday, June 12

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Elizabeth W. Mellinger. Born 11-21-1825. Died 6-10-1917. Aged 91-6-19. Rev Miller. Text, Heb 4-9. Bearers: Amos Doestler, Amos Dabler, Thos Kachel, Isaac Eshleman. Funeral at Creswell U. E. Church. Quite warm all day. No rain today. The first for some time.

Wednesday, June 13

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Henry Reese. Born 3-9-1843. Died 6-10-1917. Aged 74-3-1. Rev Miller. Text, 2 Saml 14-14. Bearers: Ferry Frey, Fred Doestler, Fred and George Murry. Funeral at Creswell U. E. Church. Attended a public meeting of tax payers to decide by vote whether to build a stone road from the village to the township line (Pequea). The vote by ballot was yes, 106. Against, 33. Heavy rain about 8 a.m. and quiet warm all day.

Thursday, June 14

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 10:30 a.m. Met train from Philadelphia and body of James Wissler. Born Aug 7, 1854. Died 6-11-1917.

Aged 62-9-26. Rev Miller. Text, St. Matt 13-33. Bearers: Christian Frey, Jno Kendig. Funeral at U. E. Church, Creswell. I, took rough box with Saxon and Walter the body in Ford, a.m. About home in p.m. and eve. Something very unusual. 3 funerals in 3 days succession at the same church and the same minister. Very heavy rain. Thunder heavy in p.m. Hail at Marticville.

Friday, June 15

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Hon. Mayor Trout requested all church bells, court house bell and steam whistles of factories to ring and whistle promptly at 9 o'clock a.m. David Swope and I gave the signal by ringing court house bell and all followed promptly. Bought \$50.00 Liberty bond for Blanche this a.m. Series closed at noon. Heavy rain at noon and at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and much cooler in eve.

Saturday, June 16

Partly clear. At Lancaster till noon. Blanche along a.m. Down on ore mine farm looking after orchard. Found it fair but very high grass in places. Should be mowed. At AOK of MC in eve. Rather cool all day. Quite cool in eve. No rain. The first day for some time that we did not have rain.

Sunday, June 17

At Sunday school and preaching by Rev Stauffer a.m. At home p.m. Sister Lizzie, Harry and daughter, Lizzie Eberley (and Abrm Eberley) were here a short time. Sister went out to Emanuel's to see about Mother. They are very much dissatisfied with Mother being there. At U. E. Church in eve. Rev Miller preached. A beautiful day. Cool.

Monday, June 18

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Beautiful day.

Tuesday, June 19

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. At Red Cross meeting in church. Arranged to canvass township on Thursday. I have been appointed captain for Conestoga. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, June 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. David Swope out on Red Cross duty. Quite warm all day. Very heavy thunder gust in eve. Lightning struck John H. Eshleman's barn here in the village shattering cupola and roof. Also struck at Isaac McAllister's.

Thursday, June 21

Clear. Went over part of northern end of township on Red Cross mission. Hiram Warfel took me by auto. Did fairly well but not what I really expected, a.m. At home and down in southwest portion of Twp. Did very little. Had bee swarm this p.m. A fine one. At home in eve. Very warm all day. One of the warmest days.

Friday, June 22

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. J.F. McLane, Washington Boro, brought in hail that had fallen Wednesday eve. between Washington Boro and Central Manor. He had about 1/2 peck wrapped in heavy paper. They had been washed on pile and laying in sun on Thursday. The fire company decided to hold their festival in spite of protest by the Evangelical Church having this evening picked first. Very warm all day.

Saturday, June 23

Partly clear. At Lancaster a.m. At sale at Slackwater, (Mrs. Isaac Hoak), p.m. At festival of fire company in eve. Large crowd attended. Paid Jacob Ressel to date in full, \$9.00. Paid C.C. Urban for cemetery work to date, \$4.00. Very warm all day.

Sunday, June 24

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At preaching p.m. and down at Urban's on farm. At M. E. Children's Day services in the eve. Quite warm all day. Fine rain last night.

Monday, June 25

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 3 p.m. Came home to finish up my Red Cross work. Solicited for cause. \$137.25 including our own. Total to return, \$250.00. Should have been at least twice that amount. Several of the teams did not do any work at all. Fred H. Sickman, Harry Warfel, Frank Warfel and J.W. Morrison. Beautiful day. Quite warm all day. Great growing weather.

Tuesday, June 26

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche along. Paid over receipts for Red Cross fund this morning. \$250.00. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, June 27

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Strawberries plentiful. Have arranged with cousin Benj Nissley to take Mother to the church home at Harrisburg. Beautiful day and quite warm.

Thursday, June 28

Partly clear. Down on farm partly all day. Working in orchard. Out to see Mother at Bro Emanuel's. Her 84th birthday. Took candy and oranges out for her. Paid C.C. Urban \$3.20 for fixing Yentzer's lane leading down to farm. Very warm all day.

Friday, June 29

Partly clear. At work in orchard a.m. Down on farm p.m. At Conrad Hess in eve. Made final arrangements to take Mother to the home tomorrow. Went out to see Mother to let her know. She seems perfectly satisfied. Rec'd a letter from sister Ellie (Arizona). Was glad to hear from her. Had Walter take a lot of junk to Lancaster. 1,500 lbs. old iron, \$13.50. 85

lbs. tin auto, \$4.25. 75 lbs. lead, \$1.50 and paper, \$2.00. \$18.82. Very warm all day. Light shower of rain in p.m. Cool this eve.

Saturday, June 30

Clear. At Lancaster at office a.m. Took Mother to the Brethren in Christ Home for Aged at Harrisburg. Cousin Conrad Z. Hess took his machine. Sister Lizzie, Blanche and I went along. Paid Conrad \$4.00 for trip. Lizzie paid \$1.00 toward it. She seemed to be fairly well satisfied. Arrived home about 7:55. Blanche paid toll. Christ mowed meadow and lot at spring house. Grass very heavy on latter. Beautiful day. Cool air.

Sunday, July 1

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Took dinner, wife and I and Rev Stauffer and wife at my old friend Andrew Good's and spent part of p.m. with them. Wife, Uncle Jacob Ohmit, Andrew and I walked down to Urban's on farm in eve. Have been thinking very often of Mother today, hope she is getting along nicely. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Monday, July 2

Partly cloudy. Ther: 94. At Lancaster all day. Very busy in office, Swope not being in. Opened bids for bridge repairs. Paid J.W. Morrison for phosphate, etc., \$100.00 to date. Very warm. Heavy thunder gust and rain p.m. and eve.

Tuesday, July 3

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Fine rain last night. Damp and raining part of a.m. Cooler p.m.

Wednesday, July 4

Partly cloudy. Down on ore mine farm working at fish pond a.m. Working about home trimming hedge, mowing weeds, etc.,

p.m. At home in eve. (tired). No 4th display in the village this eve. Walter brought caskets, etc., from Safe Harbor. The Colemanville people had a flag raised on their church this p.m. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Thursday, July 5

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Swope not in today. Went by auto stage. Beautiful day. Warm.

Friday, July 6

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Called to Benj F Smith's to take charge of body of Russel, son of Harry and Nettie Smith Herr. Died of membranous croup. Will bury tomorrow p.m. Strictly private.

Saturday, July 7

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2:30 p.m. At home balance of day and eve. Walter and Blanche attended funeral (private) of Ressel S. Herr. Born 8-8-1915. Died 7-6-1917. Aged 1-10-28. Bearers: J.R. Good and Walter Ressel. Rev Clarence Hornel. Buried at M. E. cemetery, Conestoga. Sun very warm but quite cool in eve.

Sunday, July 8

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At M. E. Church in eve. Union service Reformed and M. E. The Brown children of Lancaster sang very nicely. 3 of them. Rev G.A. Stauffer, our pastor, preached. Warm and damp partly all day. Light showers.

Monday, July 9

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Put out 3 pheasants from eggs rec'd from Mr. Keene, Dept. Game Commission. Hope I may be able to raise them. Rain early this morning. Raining partly all day. Cool in eve.

Tuesday, July 10

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Went in by

auto, Blanche, Walter and I. Walter took auto tires out to Edgerley's and put them on hearse (auto). Rec'd word this eve. of the death of Geo Frey of Highville at the General Hospital. Will go for body in morning. Very heavy rain at noon. Raining partly all of p.m. Very heavy rain storm and some hail at home here this p.m. Raining in eve.

Wednesday, July 11

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Alone in office all day. Went in with Walter. He brought body of Geo K. Frey from General Hospital and took it to his home at Highville. Damp a.m. Rain part of p.m. Cool all day.

Thursday, July 12

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in office. Light rain and warmer. This is the fifth rainy day in succession and some very heavy rains.

Friday, July 13

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Mrs. Black of Philadelphia, a lady friend of Blanche, came to spend the day here and her daughter, Margaret who will spend some time with us. Mrs. Black went back to Philadelphia this eve. Walter and wife, Martha and Blanche and Margaret accompanied her to Lancaster. She seems to be a very nice lady. She is from Scotland. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Geo K. Frey. Born 11-5-1846. Died 7-10-17. Aged 70-8-5. Rev Martin Groff. Text, John 3-3. Rev Hersey. Text, same. Bearers: Chas and Wm Rhinier, Walter and Edgar Urban, Geo and Dewey Lawrence. Funeral at U. B. Church, Highville.

Saturday, July 14

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 1 p.m. Brought Abrm Eberly along out to work at bees. Paid him \$2.50 for super, etc., and took him to Willow Street for trolley p.m. At home in eve.

Thunder gust this morning about 6:30. Rain. Very warm during day. Some hay made. Thunder gust and rain in eve.

Sunday, July 15

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. About home and walked down on farm p.m. The heavy rain washed quite a good deal. At home in eve. Rain early this morning and raining partly all of a.m. warm all day. Cooler in eve.

Monday, July 16

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Walter cut grass down on farm. Called to Benj Neff's to take charge of body of infant. Very warm all day. Rain in eve.

Tuesday, July 17

Partly clear. Ther: 68 in eve. Working at hay all day. Am very tired and sore. Very warm p.m. Thunder gust in eve. Not much rain here. Great change in temperature. Therm down to 68 in eve. Must have hailed.

Wednesday, July 18

Partly cloudy. At home all day. Down on farm a.m. mowing weeds here in orchard and Walter and I hauled in one load of hay and took it to Rev Clarence Howell. At home in eve. Were to have a meeting with the idea of organizing a Red Cross Society here but on account of rain did not meet. Light rain in morning. Very warm in p.m. Humidity. Rain in eve.

Thursday, July 19

Partly clear. Working down on farm a.m. Busy in hay. Finished down on farm. I am glad we are through and got a fine lot of hay. Sold over 1 ton to Rev Clarence Howell. Delivered balance today. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Benj G., infant son of Benj B. And Sarah Neff. Born 6-16-1917. Died 7-16-1917. Aged 1 month. Rev Martin Groff. Text, St.

John 12-24. Bearer: Walter. Funeral at Highville U. B. Church. Paid Dave Cunningham \$10.00 his share from getting tobacco I ????.

Friday, July 20

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Quite an excitement in city. The draft is being made today. I am sorry so many of our young men are being called to leave their country for war. Walter, Christ and David put away our wheat harvest today. Paid David Cunningham \$5.00 for helping in hay in full. Sultry and very warm.

Saturday, July 21

Partly clear. At Lancaster a.m. Walter cut grass on Kreider lot and got ready for picnic a.m. Helped to put up stand, tables, etc., and held our S.S. (Reformed) picnic p.m. and eve. Had large attendance and fine order. Every person seemed to enjoy themselves. Held on our Graded school grounds. Mr. Ware, Supt. of York Furnace trolley line was so kind as to put electric lights over the grounds for us by my request. We appreciated it very much. (Free of charge). 150 took supper. Very warm all day. Beautiful.

Sunday, July 22

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home. Took Mary and Emma Bruner down to trolley in small auto and wife and I took a run to Safe Harbor, Rock Hill, Stone Hill and home p.m. At church in eve. Very warm and sultry all day.

Monday, July 23

Partly cloudy. Ther: 90. At Lancaster all day. Walter, Dave and Frank Henry put hay away on Kreider lot. Mowed weeds around the Kendig lot this eve. after I came home. Farmers very busy in wheat. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, July 24

Partly clear. Ther: 87. At Lancaster all day.

Paid C.C. Urban \$10.00, balance due for labor haying, etc. Paid Walter for helping in hay and harvest. Very warm. In looking up my diary of 1892 I find it was 98 at noon today.

Wednesday, July 25

Partly clear. Ther: 90. At Lancaster all day. Blanche, Walter and wife and Mother attended Sunday school convention at Creswell this p.m. Very warm all day.

Thursday, July 26

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Sold the Shelley horse this eve. for \$50.00. Will deliver tomorrow. Very warm all day. Light rain last night.

Friday, July 27

Partly clear. At New Providence for 450 bluegill and brook trout of Ed Hildebrand. Paid him \$5.50 for same and took horse along out to Willow Street for Mr. Gontner, a.m. Working down on farm p.m. Am tired this eve. Very warm all day.

Saturday, July 28

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 1 p.m. Wife along. Went to Colemanville M. E. Sunday school picnic, Walter and wife and I spent a very pleasant afternoon and took supper with them. Rather cool in morning but very pleasant day.

Sunday, July 29

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. About home p.m. At M. E. Church in eve. Rev Clarence Howell spoke on the 7th Day advents. A very plain, practical sermon and many truths. Very pleasant. Light rain a.m. Very much warmer p.m. and eve.

Monday, July 30

Clear. Ther: 98. At Lancaster all day. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, July 31

Partly clear. Ther: 102. 91 at 6:30 p.m. At Lancaster all day. The ladies organized a Red Cross Society here this eve. with 35 members. Blanche Zercher president. Ruth Henry, sec. Esther Caldwell, Secy. Were called to Jacob Sheibley's, Manor Twp. to take charge of the body of Martha Kuhns. Blanche and Walter attended this eve. Very warm all day. New Era reports this as being the hottest 31 of July for 40 years.

Wednesday, August 1

Partly cloudy. Ther: 91. At Lancaster all day. Our boy, Andrew, went home this eve. to stay with his mother because he was very much dissatisfied. I am sorry. Very warm and sultry. A heavy thunder gust passed over us from the southwest this morning about 6 o'clock. Lightning struck Martin M. Graver's barn on his farm in River Corner and burned it down. Geo K. Warfel, tenant, lost all his crops, about 17 acres wheat, hay, straw, one horse, etc., etc. Also barn of J. Sheriden Miller of Marticville and burned.

Thursday, August 2

Partly clear. Walter and wife, Mrs. Ressel, Martha and I left this morning at 6:15 for Hershey, Dauphin Co., by auto to spend the day. Had a delightful time. Enjoyed ourselves very much. Returning home about 8:15 in eve. Very warm all day but rained up there in p.m. and in eve. Very much cooler.

Friday, August 3

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Martha S. Kuhn's. (Mother of Mrs. Jacob Sheibley). Born 10-27-1838. Died 7-31-1917. Aged 78-9-4. Rev John Charles. Text, Psalms 90-12 and Rev Habecker made a few remarks. Bearers: Clayton and Aaron Sheibley, John Brenberger and Ira Shenk. Small funeral at Masonville Church. A beautiful day. Not so warm.

Saturday, August 4

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 1:30. Went to Stehman's S.S. picnic, Walter and wife and Blanche and I, p.m. and from there we went to Mechanicsburg to the fire company picnic. Returned home about 11 p.m. M. Barley on Martin B. Herr farm finished hauling in wheat rakings. Late harvest. A beautiful day. Warm.

Sunday, August 5

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. About home p.m. At church in eve. Preaching by Rev Stauffer. Sun very warm but nice cool breeze all day. A beautiful day.

Monday, August 6

Clear. Ther: 90. At Lancaster all day. Sun very warm but nice breeze all day. Beautiful day. Thunder gust in the west and N.W. in eve. No rain here.

Tuesday, August 7

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd \$13.19 of C. Urban for sweet corn, apples and few potatoes marketed.

Wednesday, August 8

Partly clear. Ther: 89. Down on ore mine farm all day. In orchard and working at fish pond. Farmer (Eli Warfel) working at oats harvest. Very warm in sun. Nice breeze.

Thursday, August 9

Partly cloudy. Ther: 89. At Lancaster all day. Sold 2 hogs to Jacob B. Thomas, New Danville. Weighed 179 and 180 = 359. 359 lbs. at 21 cents per pound, \$75.39. A remarkable price for pork. Rec'd check for same. Heavy rain last night and thunder. Sun very warm. Light rain this eve.

Friday, August 10

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd \$12.35 of C.C. Urban for sweet corn, potatoes and a few apples marketed.

Beautiful day. Not nearly so warm. Good rain last night.

Saturday, August 11

Clear. At Lancaster a.m. Bought 9 heifers of Aaron Hoover. Weighed 3245 lb. at \$7.65 hundred weight. \$238.24 and \$1.70 to have them delivered to end of New Danville Pike. Total \$239.94. About home p.m. W.F. Bruner and wife and O.F. Bruner and wife of Philadelphia came here to spend a short time with us. The IORM tribe here held their annual chicken corn soup supper this eve. and well attended. I was there a short time. Beautiful day. Not nearly so warm.

Sunday, August 12

Clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Bruner's left for home, Philadelphia, about 3:15 p.m. Beautiful day. Sun quite warm.

Monday, August 13

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. In eve. were called to take charge of body of Ray Sowers, Little Pittsburg. Blanche and Walter attended. In the eve. were called to #238 N. Mary Street, Lancaster, to take charge of the body of Emma, wife of Geo Warfel and remove body to Safe Harbor. Walter and I brought body and Blanche went along down to house. Returned home 12 o'clock midnight. Quite warm all day.

Tuesday, August 14

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd \$9.31 of C.C. Urban for apples and corn marketed. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, August 15

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter took casket to Warfel's and put body in for tomorrow. Very warm. Light rain in eve.

Thursday, August 16

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Roy J. Sowers. Born 1-2-1898. Died 8-13-1917. Aged 19-7-11. Rev Martin Groff. Text, Psalm 8-4. Bearers: Ervin and Laven Keperling's, Milton Dietrich, Raymond Frey, Roy Kline, Paul Kauffman. Funeral (large) at Highville and funeral of Emma G. Warfel, wife of George. Born 10-14-1850. Died 18-13-1917. Aged 66-9-29. Rev Martin Groff. Text, Luke 15-10. Bearers: M.H. Groff, Harrison Brady, M.C. Shenk, Adam Aston, Martin Waller and John Rineer. Funeral at Green Hill U. B. Church. Quite warm. Thunder gust p.m.

Friday, August 17

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 9:30 a.m. Came home to help thrash out wheat on Meadow Valley farm. About 4 acres. 102 bus. A splendid yield. Chas Buckwalter did the thrashing. Working about home the balance of day. Beautiful day. Sun very warm. Lightning struck the barn on the Benj Eshleman farm near Martic Forge now owned by Frank Rice last night and burned it and the crops. Had a very heavy gust and hail in some sections.

Saturday, August 18

Clear. At Lancaster till noon. At home and went down to see orchard. Got a few peaches and then went out to U. E. Sunday school picnic for a short time. At home in eve. Conrad Hess and I appraised the real estate of Aunt Lizzie Miller farm. 95 acres, \$85.00 per acre. #835 West Walnut, her home, \$3,000. Paid Chas Buckwalter for thrashing, \$8.56. A beautiful day. Rather cool.

Sunday, August 19

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home and a fire scare this p.m. The H.G. Rush farm, tenant M.G. Kneisley, was on fire, cause unknown, but was saved by bucket brigade.

A few of us got the fire engine and ran it down but was extinguished before we got there. At church in eve. Rev Stauffer preached a very good sermon on Lott and his worldly life. Beautiful day.

Monday, August 20

Clear. Ther: 84. At Lancaster all day. Beautiful day. Sun very warm. Cool air.

Tuesday, August 21

Clear. Ther: 86. At Lancaster all day. Called to John Miller's, Safe Harbor, to take charge of body of youngest child. Blanche and Walter attended. Sun very warm. Nice breeze. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, August 22

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Receiving and filing petitions for fall primary. Beautiful day.

Thursday, August 23

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Raining partly all day. Very good rain.

Friday, August 24

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of John B., infant son of John F. Miller. Born May 8, 1913. Died Aug 21, 1917. Aged 4-3-13. Rev Howell. Text, Psalm 16-4. Bearers: Andrew Groff, Jay Smoke, Landis Rankin, Taylor Cunningham. Funeral at Clearfield M. E. Church. Sun quite warm. Light rain p.m.

Saturday, August 25

Partly clear. At Lancaster partly all day, Walter, Blanche and I. Margaret Black who spent 6 weeks with us went back to her home. Her mother met her at Lancaster. At M. E. Sunday school picnic a short time in eve. Called to Christian Stauffer's this eve. to take charge of the body of their infant child.

Blanche and Walter attended. (Safe Harbor). Beautiful day but very much cooler in eve.

Sunday, August 26

Partly clear. Ther: 45 in morning. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev Stauffer. Text, Acts 1-8. A very good sermon, a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Rev and wife took dinner and spent part of p.m. with us. A beautiful day. Rather cool all day.

Monday, August 27

Clear. Ther: 60 in morning. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd of C.C. Urban for marketing, \$7.14. Beautiful day. Much warmer.

Tuesday, August 28

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Myrtle, infant daughter of Christ and Elnora Stauffer, Safe Harbor. Born Jan 14, 1917. Died 8-25-1917. Aged 7 months and 11 days. Rev Martin Groff. Text, St. Luke 23-24. Bearer: Walter. Funeral at Green Hill U. B. Church. Very small. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, August 29

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Thrashed out oats down on ore mine farm. 171 bus. 85-1/2 for my share. Beautiful day. Much warmer.

Thursday, August 30

Cloudy. At Harrisburg all day. At Highway Commissioners office in behalf of our proposed road in this village to Pequea township line and to see Mother at Messiah's home. Found her not so good in health and mind. Very bad. Spent several hours with her. Uncle Jacob Ohmit came back this eve. Rec'd \$5.56 cantaloupe money. (marketed). A very nice acceptable rain and very sultry. Warm.

Friday, August 31

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy. Mr. Swope



not in. \$4.60 from C.C. Urban for marketing. Very much cooler all day. Light rain in eve.

Saturday, September 1

Partly cloudy. Ther: 84. At Lancaster a.m. About home and down on farm p.m. At home in eve. Delilah Bruner came out this eve. \$5.85 from C.C. Urban from marketing. Warm and sultry all day. Fine rain last night and this a.m.

Sunday, September 2

Partly clear. At Sunday school. Miss Swope, Secy of Co. S.S. Assoc., visited our school a.m. At home p.m. and eve. No church this eve. Heavy rain and lightning struck Bro Emanuel's house but done very little damage. Knocked half of chimney off and damaged large board slightly. Quite warm all day.

Monday, September 3

Partly clear. Working about home and picking peaches, etc., all day. Am very tired. Christ Frey's barn burned this eve. They phoned here to send up our chemical engine. Walter hitched engine back of our Ford auto and went up. Quite warm all day.

Tuesday, September 4

Clear. At Lancaster all day. \$7.06 of C.C. Urban for marketing. Beautiful day. Cool.

Wednesday, September 5

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Sent peaches to Pittsburg through Mr. Diller. Got our auto hearse from Edgerley's, Lancaster today. Am very well pleased with it. \$5.60 of C.C. Urban for marketing fruit. Took out letters of adm. on Andrew Eidemiller's estate. Beautiful day but cool. Quite cool in morning.

Thursday, September 6

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and

Walter attended funeral of Mary, widow of the late John Henry. Born May 15, 1838. Died 9-4-1917. Aged 79-3-18. Rev Wiest. Text, 2 Cor 4 x 17-18. Bearers: Arthur, Charles, Edward and Luther Grebinger. Funeral at Evangelical Church, Millersville and interment. We used our auto hearse for the first time. Raining partly all day. Damp and cool.

Friday, September 7

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd \$15.15 of C.C. Urban for marketing. Quite cool all day.

Saturday, September 8

Cloudy. At Lancaster till 3:30. At home balance of day and eve. Paid C.C. Urban \$15.10 for extra labor on farm, etc. Raining partly all last night and cold and damp all day.

Sunday, September 9

Cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Took Blanche to Jonas Witmer's, Manor, to spend the p.m. I spent p.m. at home. Brought her home in eve. At M. E. Church in eve. Rev Howell spoke on 20th Century Mormonism. A very good sermon. J.R. Yentzer's birthday. 77 years old. Cool raw air all day.

Monday, September 10

Clear. At Lancaster all day. All the soldiers left for their Georgia camp before going to France. A very sad parting of friends and loved ones never to meet again. Quarter sessions court this week. Quite cool all day. I fear frost.

Tuesday, September 11

Clear. Ther: 32 to 36. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Martha A. Hess. Born 2-3-1838. Died 9-8-1917. Aged 79-7-5. Rev Howell. Text, Eccle. 9-4. Bearers: Everett,

Elvin, Fred Rice, Emmett Campbell, Clyde Hart and Chas Campbell. Funeral at Colemanville M. E. Church adjoining. Quite cold this morning and all day. Heavy frost. A great deal of tobacco damaged by frost. Will be a heavy loss I fear.

Wednesday, September 12

Clear. At home helping to bale hay and straw down on farm. Charles S. Bender did it. Paid him \$24.51 for same. 4-1/2 ton straw and 8 ton 200 lbs. A good yield for a 50 acre farm. Cool in morning but quite warm during day. Light frost.

Thursday, September 13

Ther: 47. Working down on farm. Gave barn floor and mows a general cleaning and moved bailed hay into mows and scaffold part of mows for tobacco and at fish pond. Am thoroughly disgusted with new pond. The muskrats are ruining it and I hardly have time or know what to do. Am very tired this eve. Beautiful day.

Friday, September 14

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy with primary election papers. Mr. S.W. Diller came out with me. He and several of his friends are having a supper here at our hotel. A.A. Oney, proprietor. Rec'd word this p.m. of the death of 4 year old daughter of Geo W. Hess near Byerland Church of infantile paralysis. Warm all day. Commenced raining about 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 15

Cloudy. At Lancaster till 3:30 p.m. At home in eve. Were busy getting out primary ballots. Rec'd word of the death of John K. Souder, Safe Harbor. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Rhoda Elizabeth, daughter of Geo W. and Laure Hess. Born 3-30-1913. Died 9-14-1917. Aged 4-6-16. Rev Harnish spoke at home only. Text, none. Bearer: Walter.

Rained all last night and early morning and part of a.m. Cool all day.

Sunday, September 16

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At harvest services in eve. Called to St. Joseph Hospital to take charge and remove the body of Mrs. Edw Senef to the home of Wesley Gardner, Martic Forge. Used new auto hearse. Pleasant but rather cool all day.

Monday, September 17

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of John K. Souder. Born 9-21-1840. Died 9-15-1917. Aged 76-11-24. Rev Groff at home and Rev John Charles at church. Text, Eccle. 8-8. Bearers: Benj and Frank Steckervetz, Frank Warfel, Merle Johnson. Funeral at Masonville. Farmers very busy at cutting tobacco. Pleasant day. Cooler in eve.

Tuesday, September 18

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Sent out balance of ballots and brought along out ballots for Conestoga, tomorrow's primary. Took rough box out to Brick Church, New Danville, this eve. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, September 19

Clear. Attending the primary election. The smallest vote I have ever known here. Only 45. 43 Republican and 2 Democrat. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mildred R., daughter of Christian and Elisa Warfel. Born 2-7-1911. Died 9-17-1917. Aged 6-7-10. Rev Howell. Text, Song of Solomon 6-2. Bearers: Walter Ressel and A.H. Benedict. Services at house only (private). Interment at New Danville Old Mennonite. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Thursday, September 20

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Edw Senft

(Annie). Born 6-17-1851. Died 9-16-1917. Aged 66-2-29. Rev Howell. Text, Philip. 1-21 and Rev Winterbury (no text). Bearers: Harold Patton, Edgar Huber, Claude and Paul Clarkson. Large funeral at Colemanville M. E. Church. Interment adjoining. Auto hearse. C.C. Urban cash for peaches, \$11.60. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Friday, September 21

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Quite warm. Thunder gust in p.m. Real heavy here at home. Both phones out. Lightning struck a corn shock in R.A. Alexander's field in the village and burned it.

Saturday, September 22

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. Working at auto balance of p.m. At AOK of MC. Held their annual supper. Had a very nice time. Beautiful day (cool). Papers report very heavy hail storm in southern end of county. Great damage to tobacco, corn and some buildings.

Sunday, September 23

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev Stauffer. A very good sermon on "Christ's Love for Sinners." Went to R.A. Alexander's for dinner and spent part of p.m. there, Rev and Mrs. Stauffer, wife and I. At home in eve. Cool all day but a beautiful fall day.

Monday, September 24

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Getting J & M books ready for the assessors. Quite cool all day and last night.

Tuesday, September 25

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster a.m. Went to sale of uncle C.B. Miller farm. Jacob bought it at \$88 per acre. A very cheap farm. Uncle Christ paid \$156 per acre for it. Working about

home balance of day. Paid Martin H. Hess my school tax. \$44.18. Lancaster county fair opened today. Looked very much for rain in morning but a very nice p.m. Warmer.

Wednesday, September 26

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy on J & M books. Beautiful day. Quite warm. Cool in eve.

Thursday, September 27

Partly clear. At Lancaster and spent the best part of the day at the fair. An immense crowd of people there. Fine cattle, hogs and a large display of machinery. Beautiful day.

Friday, September 28

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with J & M books. Rain last night. Cooler.

Saturday, September 29

Partly clear. At Lancaster a.m. At Saul Witmer's in p.m. The Red Cross Society gave a supper there this p.m. They gave a fine supper for 25 cents. Had a fairly good attendance. At home in eve. Wife and Blanche helped at supper. Beautiful day. Rather cool in eve.

Sunday, September 30

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At M. E. Church in p.m. Gipsey Simpson Smith spoke. At church in eve. Cool and rather stormy part of day.

Monday, October 1

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Christ took out late potatoes. Not a very good crop. Cool all day.

Tuesday, October 2

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy at J & M books. Called to Central Manor to take charge of the body of Abner Henry. Found

dead in his barn having fallen down through trap door to horse stable. Blanche and Walter attended. Beautiful day but cool. Frost this morning.

Wednesday, October 3

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy at J & M books. Was told by John Burkhart, one of our school directors, that there were three of the flags on our school grounds taken down. Ropes cut and one of the flags trampled in the earth. I am very sorry to hear that we have people in the neighborhood who would do such a thing. The directors are offering a reward of \$50.00 for arrest and conviction. Beautiful day.

Thursday, October 4

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with J & M books. Rain last night and part of a.m. Pleasant balance of day.

Friday, October 5

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with J & M books. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Abner M. Henry. Born May 20, 1869. Died 10-1-1917. Aged 48-4-11. Rev S.G. Kauffman. Text, Luke 12-40 and Christian Hostetter spoke. Bearers: Christian Rutt, Phares Souder, Charles Good and John Mellinger. Large funeral at U. E. Church, Creswell. Used auto hearse. Folks well pleased. Cool and rain in p.m. and eve.

Saturday, October 6

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 3 p.m. About home balance of day. Took supper over at A.S. Benedict's. They Ladies Aid Society of M. E. Church gave it. 25 cents. At IORM in eve. C.C. Urban sowed about 5 acres of wheat over on the Miller land today. He had the ground in fine condition. Put one ton of fertilizer on and 2 bus. to acre. At farm. Brought up corn for poultry. Cool all day.

Sunday, October 7

Clear. Ther: 30. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev Stauffer. Very able and inspiring sermon. "The Empty Chair. Saul and David." Saml 20-18. "Thy Seat Shall Be Vacant." At home p.m. and eve. A beautiful day. Very heavy frost. Some ice.

Monday, October 8

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with J & M books. Cold damp raw air all day. Light rain p.m. and eve.

Tuesday, October 9

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with J & M books. Cold and damp all day.

Wednesday, October 10

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Finished the J & M books today. Conrad Z. Hess was up at the home to see Mother today. She is not so good. Seems to be growing weaker. Cold raw air all day.

Thursday, October 11

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Cool and damp all day. Light rain last night.

Friday, October 12

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. 47 of our young men left for Camp Meade, Maryland. Among them Abrm Eberly, my nephew and Luther Swope, David Swope's son, Mechanicsburg. Walter met train at Safe Harbor. Took the body of Emma Hughes. Aged 65 years. Died October 9, 1917. Rev Mart Groff. Bearers: Benj and Ezra Neff, Wm Eshleman, John Herr. Funeral at Highville. Rain all of a.m. and very heavy about noon. Clear and colder in eve.

Saturday, October 13

Clear. Ther: 26. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. About home balance of day. At IORM in eve. Ira Markley was initiated into the mysteries of the order. Sent check to Benj H. Nissley,

Tres. of Messiah Home at Harrisburg for \$60.50 for 3 months. Very reasonable. Paid A.F. Martin \$2.65 blacksmith Bill. Very heavy frost and cold all day. Quite a bit of ice.

Sunday, October 14

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. Andrew Good and wife took dinner and spent the p.m. with us. At preaching in eve. W.F. Bruner and his son-in-law, Mr. Flounder, spent a short time with us this p.m. (of Philadelphia). Very heavy frost and cold air all day.

Monday, October 15

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Rec'd word of the death of Uncle Jacob Ohmit's wife. Beautiful day. Heavy thunder last night about 2:25 but no rain here. Heavy rain at Lancaster.

Tuesday, October 16

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Wife, Blanche and Mary E. Bruner attended funeral of Mrs. Jacob Ohmit, aunt of Martha. Walter took them over to Wrightsville. Bought thoroughbred Berkshire boar of Reinhold near Landisville for a breeder. Paid \$25.00. Walter brought him along today. Beautiful day. Looked very much for rain this morning.

Wednesday, October 17

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Farmers are busy seeding and quite a few are not ready. Some plowing yet. Beautiful day but cooler.

Thursday, October 18

Cloudy. At home all day. Packing apples, etc., a.m. Taking stalls of stable down on farm for putting in young cattle loose for the winter. Called to Charles Fralich, daughter's child died and to Benj Hess, Marticville, his mother died. Mrs. John Hess. Blanche and Walter attended. Warm but damp all day. No rain.

Friday, October 19

Cloudy. Picking apples, etc., all day. Am very tired this eve. Walter busy getting ready for funeral on Sunday. Quite warm. Very high wind part of day. Very nice rain in eve. Getting cooler.

Saturday, October 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. Called to Maynard Warfel to take charge of body of son, Aaron. Blanche and J.W. Morrison attended, Walter being away squirrel gunning. Blanche and I went over to Fralich's and put body of child in casket, ready for tomorrow. At IORM in eve. Cold raw air all day. Had a very good rain.

Sunday, October 21

Partly clear. Ther: 30. I attended funeral of Chas F., infant son of Willis and Margie Witmer. Born 9-20-1917. Died 10-17-1917. Aged 27 days. Rev Miller. Text, 2 Kings 4-26 and Rev Amos Hottenstein on same. Funeral at Millersville Mennonite Church, a.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Elizabeth, widow of John Hess. Born 1-2-1829. Died 10-17-1917. Aged 88-9-15. Rev Daniel Lehman. Text, 1 Peter 1. Bearers: John, Jacob, Maris Hess, Jacob Charles. Very large funeral at River Corner. Wife, Blanche, Walter and wife went up to Blanche Shue's, to spend p.m. I was at home. Very heavy frost. Beautiful day.

Monday, October 22

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day via auto truck. Pleasant all day.

Tuesday, October 23

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Aaron Warfel. Born 1-8-1897. Died 10-20-1917. Aged 20-0-12. Rev Jacob Thomas. Text, Heb 5-8. Bearers: John and Frank Martin, Aaron

Shenk, Howard Eshleman. Large funeral at River Corner. At church in eve. Rev Brenneman of U.B. Church, West Willow preached for us. A very good sermon. "Adam Where Art Though." (a call). Heavy frost. Cold and damp p.m. and eve.

Wednesday, October 24

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. At church in eve. Rev Clarence Howell of M. E. Church, here, preached a good sermon on the man who came to Christ to be healed of his leprosy. Heavy rain partly all night. Showers during day. Very high wind last night and morning.

Thursday, October 25

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Went by auto truck. Called to Martin Barley near Brickhart's mill, Manor to take charge of body of his wife early this morning. Blanche and Walter attended. At church in eve. Rev D.G. Glass preached a very good sermon. Cold raw air all day. Feels very much like snow.

Friday, October 26

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. At church in eve. Rev Rentz of Roherstown preached for us. A very good sermon. Cold raw wind all day.

Saturday, October 27

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2 p.m. Working about home, etc., p.m. At home in eve. Red men held their county convention at Marietta today. Some of our tribe attended. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Elizabeth M. Barley, wife of Martin. Born 10-4-1857. Died 10-25-1917. Aged 60-0-21. Rev Wiest. Text, Jno 17, 1-8. Bearers: Frank, Harry, Ray Barley, Lloyd, Christ, Roy Neff, Herman Brubaker, Clayton Neff. Very heavy body. Extra size casket. Large funeral at U. E. Millersville. Quite warm and beautiful day.

Very heavy rain and some hail and heavy thunder in the eve.

Sunday, October 28

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. At church this p.m. Celebrated Holy Communion. Rev Stauffer preached a very good sermon on the final judgment. Beautiful day. The storm last eve. done great damage in lower end of county we were told.

Monday, October 29

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Damp, light rain in eve.

Tuesday, October 30

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Rained heavy last night. Rained and snowed for about 1-1/2 hours over the noon hour. Quite a surprise and very much colder in p.m. and eve.

Wednesday, October 31

Partly clear. Ther: 21. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office with election affairs, ballots, etc. Had Walter go down on large orchard on ore mine farm to bring up apples. Should have had at least 4 or 5 bus. Got about 1/2 peck of small, knotty apples. Is it any wonder if a man would prohibit trespassing altogether. A shame. Cold raw air all day. Plenty of ice.

Thursday, November 1

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd ballots from Harrisburg and labeled them and sent them out to the various places for delivery. Sent mostly by Adam's Express. I am sorry to note that I issued execution against John C. Eidemiller as admin of the est. of Andrew Eidemiller, but he would simply not do anything toward a settlement. Rabbit season opened today. Cold raw wind all day. Feels very much like snow.

Friday, November 2

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Finished sending out ballots this p.m. Called to Linstown near Byerland to take charge of the body of Mrs. Christ Hershock. Blanche and Walter attended. Cold raw air all day.

Saturday, November 3

Partly clear. At home and over on Miller property a.m. Had sale of the John K. Souder property this p.m. Brought \$450. Benj Steckervetz the buyer. At IORM in eve. Cold raw wind all day. Colder in eve.

Sunday, November 4

Clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. This was the world temperance lesson and also sermon. Rev Stauffer preached a powerful sermon on same. My wife and I went with Rev Stauffer and wife to Dr. B.F. Good for dinner and spent the p.m. very pleasantly with them. Beautiful fall weather. Clear and cool.

Monday, November 5

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Christ Hershock. Born 3-9-1840. Died 11-2-1917. Aged 77-7-23. Rev Harnish and Thomas. Text, Isaiah 35-6. Bearers: Christ and Edgar Hershock, Roy and Harry Pagen. Funeral at Byerland. Very heavy frost and cold raw air all day.

Tuesday, November 6

Partly clear. At the general elections partly all day. Very light vote out. 50 Republican, 2 Democrat, 1 Prohibition. Those elected. A.C. Welchans, Rep., Recorder. Eli S. Good, Rep., Jury Commissioner. J. Carson Obetz, Rep., Prison Keeper. Frank B. Bausman and Saml H. Boyd, Directors of Poor. M.G. Brubaker and James M. Paxon, Prison Inspector (county office). Township officers: Judge of Elections,

Phares Foutz. Inspectors, Michael G. Kneisley and Wm K. Sangrey. Tax Collector, Martin H. Hess. School Directors, John Burkhart and Henry H Warfel. Supervisor, M.S. Lefever. Twp. Auditor, Amos Shenk and John M. Warfel. Settled with Mr. Ware for electric light changes and light to Nov. 1st, 1917. Also for the church. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, November 7

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Wife and Blanche along. Called to Millersville this eve. to take charge of body of Wesley R. Boyd. Blanche and Walter attended. Cold raw wind all day. Colder in eve.

Thursday, November 8

Clear. Ther: 28. At Lancaster all day. Went to the Union Trust Co. to look after a check I had mailed to Benj H. Nissley, Treas. on 10-12-17 and had not been received by him. The same had been drawn by a Benj H. Nissley near Marietta who represented himself as Treas. Have taken the matter up with Maytown Bank where it was cashed. Will hold them responsible for same. Cold frosty morning. Cold all day.

Friday, November 9

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter took casket over to Boyd's and put body in for tomorrow. Family very much pleased. Not near so cold. Beautiful day.

Saturday, November 10

Clear. At Lancaster till 3:15 p.m. At home and at IORM in eve. Bought an English walnut tree of Thomas Landis, Millersville and planted it at west side of house this eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Wesley R. Boyd. Born 6-29-1855. Died 11-7-1917. Aged 62-4-8. Rev Wiest. St. Luke 22-32. Beautiful day.

Sunday, November 11

Clear. Ther: 60. At Sunday school a.m. About

home and walked down to C.C. Urban's p.m. At church in eve. Rev Stauffer preached on repentance. A very good sermon. Rec'd word of the death of James Barton of York, formerly of Safe Harbor. Funeral on Tuesday at Reformed Church. A beautiful day. Quite warm.

Monday, November 12

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Lancaster County Teachers Institute opened today. Beautiful day.

Tuesday, November 13

Partly cloudy. Working down at fish ponds a.m. At funeral of James Barton at Reformed Church, here. A Masonic funeral. Cold raw air all day. Feels very much like snow.

Wednesday, November 14

At Lancaster all day. Swope not in office today. Ex. President Wm H. Taft spoke at St. Paul's Reformed Church this eve. in connection with Teachers Institute. Philip Mowery here in eve. in regard to burial of infant child that died this eve. Will be no funeral. Very heavy frost and cold in morning. Beautiful day.

Thursday, November 15

Partly clear. At home all day. Helping wife to clean yard and etc. Blanche and Annie Martin at Millersville. Walter buried infant child of Philip Mowery down at Byerland. No funeral but Rev Howell went along to house, p.m. Pleasant all day but high wind and cooler in eve.

Friday, November 16

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Bought \$50.00 Liberty bond. Quite cool all day.

Saturday, November 17

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. At home working about buildings, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Beautiful day.

Sunday, November 18

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Mr. Yentzer and Walter and wife spent the evening with us pleasantly. Beautiful day. Real summer weather.

Monday, November 19

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Quarter Sessions court opened today (very small). Paid David Cunningham \$32.72 in full for corn bought of him and C.C. Urban. Pleasant day but very much cooler.

Tuesday, November 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in office. Cold raw wind all day. Reported snow in Reading this a.m.

Wednesday, November 21

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Wife's 58th birthday and our 37th anniversary. We can scarcely realize the fact of it being so long. We have great reason to thank God for his kindness and his tender mercies toward us. A great British and French victory is claimed by the papers. Light rain last night and damp and cool all day.

Thursday, November 22

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Fine rain last night. A few flakes of snow first. Thunder gust this p.m. Fine rain in eve.

Friday, November 23

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. From there to Millersville to F. & A.M. lodge. Had a very nice meeting. Afterwards a banquet which was fine. Came along home with Walter and Rev Mr. Howell. Cold raw wind all day.

Saturday, November 24

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 1 p.m. At home balance of day. At IORM in eve. Colder day.



Decidedly so. Snow flurries during day and eve. (Light).

Sunday, November 25

Partly clear. Ther: 22. At Sunday school a.m. About home p.m. At church in eve. Rec'd word about 5 p.m. of the death of Susan, widow of the late Geo B. Warfel. Blanche and Walter attended. Cold and freezing all day and high wind. Calm and still cold in eve.

Monday, November 26

Partly cloudy. Ther: 22. At Lancaster all day and remained in for the parade in honor of the USAC that are visiting Lancaster. 1,000 men and a very fine lot of men they are. One of the largest parades had in Lancaster for many years. Came home on auto truck. Cold raw wind all day. Light snow last night.

Tuesday, November 27

Partly cloudy. Ther: 18. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd word of the death of Calvin Rineer in at General Hospital, Lancaster. Walter brought body out to his daughter's, Mrs. Maris B. Good, where the funeral will be held on Friday morning. Coldest day of the season. Snowing this eve.

Wednesday, November 28

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Susan, widow of Geo B. Warfel. Born 3-2-1828. Died 11-25-1917. Aged 89-8-23. Rev Miller. Text, Isaiah 64-6. Rev Aaron Harnish. Bearers: Clinger Rummel, Chas Burkholder, Ira, Emory, Howard and Charles Warfel. Funeral at River Corner Church. Adjoining. Called to take charge of the body of Job Rineer near Mt. Nebo. Brother of Calvin who is lying dead at this time at Safe Harbor. About 2 inches of snow fell last night. Not near so cold and damp.

Thursday, November 29

Partly cloudy. Took rough box to Green Hill

cemetery and about home a.m. Took rough box to Colemanville cemetery and about home, etc., p.m. At Thanksgiving services at M. E. Church in eve. Rev Howell preached. Small attendance. We have great reason to be thankful for the great blessings we have showed to us and yet so short coming. Beautiful a.m. Damp and sleeting and light rain at intervals in p.m. and eve.

Friday, November 30

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of H. Calvin Rineer. Born 4-15-1837. Died 11-27-1917. Aged 80-7-12. Rev Martin. Text, Matt 26-13. Bearers: Martin, David, John, Guy, Arthur Rineer and Amos Good. Funeral at Green Hill U. B. Church. Adjoining. Damp all day. Light rain p.m. and eve.

Saturday, December 1

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Job Rineer. Born August, 1835. Died Nov 28, 1917. Aged 82-3-0. Rev Winterborn of Mt. Nebo M. E. Church. Text, "False Hopes". Bearers: John, Roy, Aaron Gochenauer, Harold Wagner, Guy Alexander, Wesley Rineer. Funeral at Colemanville M. E. Church. Adjoining, p.m. Working at my auto this p.m. Paid Jacob W. Ressel \$6.50 for driving hearse to date. Paid J.W. Morrison \$7.49 for tar rope for corn fodder and batteries for auto. High wind. Damp a.m. Colder p.m. and eve.

Sunday, December 2

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. Wife and I out to see Bro Emanuel in eve. He is improving slowly. Cold raw wind all day.

Monday, December 3

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Cold raw air all day. Feels very much like snow.

Tuesday, December 4

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Wife went along in to spend the day with her folks and tomorrow go to see Mrs. Pehlman at the Neffsville home. Called to Harry W. Hipscher to bury infant "Paul". Walter attended. Cold raw air all day. Very much like snow.

Wednesday, December 5

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Paid \$15.00 to B.Z. Zercher which I rec'd for the band attending the parade at Lancaster on November 26th. Quite cold in morning. Beautiful day.

Thursday, December 6

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Wife came along home this eve. At M. E. Church in eve. Rev Stauffer spoke. Paid Frank P. Henry \$4.00 for digging W.R. Boyd's grave. Rec'd check of Rev Howell for potatoes. 6 bus. \$6.00 in full. A terrible calamity at Halifax, N.S. Reports have 2,000 killed, 3,000 injured by munition ship blown up in collision. Cold in morning. Beautiful day.

Friday, December 7

Partly cloudy. Not at Lancaster today. Helping to shred corn fodder down on Meadow Brook farm. Harry Jenkins shredder, a.m. and part of p.m. Working about home balance of day. At home in eve. Henry K. Gantz died this p.m. at Little Pittsburg. A special good friend of mine. Blanche and Walter attended. Cold raw damp air all day. Some snow flurries about 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8

Cloudy. Ther: 16. At Lancaster till 11:30 a.m. Walter and wife, Blanche and I went in by auto. About home all p.m. and eve. Paid Dave \$2.00 for labor. Commenced snowing about 6:30 a.m. Snowed and blowed all day and rain in eve. A regular blizzard.

Sunday, December 9

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home. Wife and I went out to see Olive Trissler, a S.S. scholar who was stricken with infantile paralysis some time ago and is unable to use her lower limbs and are having her taken to Philadelphia for treatment. I hope and pray it may be beneficial. She is a bright, lively girl. Called to see my old friend Theo Jones a few minutes. Found him fairly well barring a cold. At home in eve. A bitter cold morning and cold all day. The coldest day of the season by far.

Monday, December 10

Partly clear. Ther: 0. 1 above at 7 a.m. At Lancaster all day. Went by trolley. Auto truck did not run. J.J. Kauffman, Millersville and I appraised the real estate and personal property of Benj Sheaffer, butcher of Millersville this p.m. Property, 4,500. Personal, \$414.50. Total, \$4,914.50. He having made an assignment for benefit of creditors. Very cold all day. Therm not above 12 degrees all day.

Tuesday, December 11

Clear. Ther: 3. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Henry K. Gantz. Born 8-7-1841. Died 12-7-1917. Aged 76-0-4. Rev Martin Groff. Text, Deut. 2-9. Rev Sprecher. Text, 2 Tim 4:7-8. Bearers: Geo, Victor, Harry, William, Elmer, Charles Gantz. Funeral at Evangelical Church, Little Pittsburg. Adjoining. Paid Harry Jenkins for shredding fodder, \$5.00. Very cold all day. Moderating some in eve.

Wednesday, December 12

Partly cloudy. Ther: 10. At home all day. Butchered 3 small hogs. Weighed 400 lbs. Made a fine batch of good things. Fire scare in town today. Frank P. Henry's shoe maker shop took fire through a defective flue, but was outened by bucket brigade and fire

company hand grenade. No nearly so cold as yesterday but still cold. Snowed and the sun shining. Snowed part of eve.

Thursday, December 13

Cloudy. Ther: 12. At Lancaster all day (by auto). Roads in very good shape, the snow making them very smooth. Busy all day at assessors books. Roads in find condition. Cold but moderated some. Light snow last night. Began snowing about 4 p.m. and snowed all eve. and still snowing.

Friday, December 14

Cloudy. Ther: 16. At Lancaster via stage. 3-1/2 hours going in on account of the drifted condition of the roads and came home by stage. About 3 hours. Snowed partly all last night. About 12 inches or more of snow fell. Had to take to the fields at several places and shovel out team. Cold and stormy all day. Great winter weather and a great surprise compared to yesterday morning.

Saturday, December 15

Clear. Ther: 4. At home. Cleaned poultry house, shelled corn, etc., all day. At IORM in eve. Tribe decided to remit dues on all members of tribe entering the U.S.A. service so long as they are in the service. I proposed to donate a service flag in honor of those going from our tribe. Benj F. Trissler very much opposed. Cold raw air and quite stormy by times.

Sunday, December 16

Partly cloudy. Ther: 12. At Sunday school and preaching. Rev Clarence Howell of M. E. Church preached for us unexpectedly on account of extreme conditions of weather and roads. He was not able to go to his appointment, Safe Harbor. We are glad to have him with us. Rev Stauffer, our pastor, was present also, a.m. At home p.m. and eve.

Cold raw damp air all day. Commenced snowing in eve.

Monday, December 17

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with assessors books. At church practicing for Christmas. Cold raw air (damp) all day. About 2 inches of snow fell last night.

Tuesday, December 18

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day via trolley. Very busy all day. Rec'd word this eve of the death of Harvey Rhinier (Run Valley) of tuberculosis. Walter and Blanche attended. Damp, raw, cold air all day. Some little snow.

Wednesday, December 19

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Damp and moderating. Not nearly so cold.

Thursday, December 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Very much warmer. Beautiful p.m. Streets very sloppy.

Friday, December 21

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy with books. Beautiful day. Snow melting.

Saturday, December 22

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 3 p.m. At IORM in eve. Served as C of R for B.F. Hookey who went to his daughter's, Mrs. H.M. Heibeck, Chester Co., to spend Christmas. B.F. Trissler apologized for his conduct last Saturday eve. Beautiful day. Getting very much colder in eve.

Sunday, December 23

Partly clear. Ther: 14. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At preaching in eve. Rev Stauffer preached a very good sermon. Text, Matt 1-17. Blanche and Walter attended

funeral of Harvey H. Rhinier. Born 12-3-1852. Died 12-18-1917. Aged 65-0-15. Rev Noah Z. Hess spoke at house and Rev Frank Rineer and Rev Zook of Boehm's Text, St. Matt 28-20. Bearers: Willis, Oscar, Paul Cramer, Howard Rineer. A very large funeral at Marticville M. E. Church. I would have liked to attend the funeral of my old friend but thought Sunday school duties first. Felt rather sorry.

Monday, December 24

Cloudy. At Lancaster till 10:15 a.m. Went to Harrisburg to see Mother. Found her fairly well but a great change in appearance and strength. Not able to walk at all. Legs partly paralyzed. Fear she is parting fast. She knew me but quite forgetful and childish. At Bro Emanuel's in eve. Had applications for auto license made out. Cool and damp. Light rain. Moderating.

Tuesday, December 25

Cloudy. About home all day. Spent a very pleasant Christmas. Had Rev Clarence Howell, wife and daughter Harriet, Methodist Minister, etc., take dinner with us (turkey). They are a very fine family. Had our Christmas service by the Sunday school (Reformed) in the eve. Everything passed off very nicely and a crowded house. Treated school to chocolates and oranges. Mr. Stauffer a purse of between 7 and 8 dollars, the collection to Bethany Orphan Home, \$8.70 less \$2.70 expenses. Light rain a.m. Damp and colder in eve.

Wednesday, December 26

Partly clear. Ther: 12. At Lancaster all day. Very busy with books. Called to Levi Young's near Central Manor this eve. Blanche and Walter attended. Wrote a letter to sister Lizzie this eve. with regard to Mother. Mrs. Mattie Hiller was taken to General Hospital

this p.m. to be operated on for gangrene on foot. Cold all day.

Thursday, December 27

Partly clear. Ther: 8. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Cold all day. Did not thaw any at all.

Friday, December 28

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Walter fetched 111 brooms from Mr. Shertzer, Millersville, who made them. 74 for our share. Charged \$21.57 for all. Moderated some but very much colder and high wind from N.W. in eve.

Saturday, December 29

Partly cloudy. Ther: 2 below. At Lancaster till 3 p.m. Busy in office. At IORM in eve. A very cold day. The coldest of the season. I do not think that the therm registered above 10 all day. This eve. at 6 o'clock it was down to 3 degrees above. Had a light snow last night and this morning and a very high wind.

Sunday, December 30

Partly cloudy. Ther: 12 below. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. A very cold day. Coldest for a long time. Therm registered 16 below down on Andrew Good's farm and was not above zero all day. 4 below this evening by 5:30 o'clock. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Levi S. Young, Central Manor. Born Jan 27, 1862. Died 12-26-1917. Aged 52-10-29. Rev Thomas of Church of God. Text, Ezekiel 37-13. Rev John Charles. Text, 2 Kings 20-1. Bearers: Jacob Lutz, Abrm Eshleman, Benj and Saml Warner, Isaac Rohrer, Harry Kauffman. Large funeral at U. E. Creswell.

Monday, December 31

Partly cloudy. Ther: 10 below. At Lancaster all day. Very busy with assessors books. Bought diary for 1918. Still very cold but moderating some in p.m.

## 1917

This closes another year and surely goodness and mercy has followed all the way. Many are the blessings we have enjoyed (some few sorrows and disappointments) but nothing compared to the blessings the good Lord has showered upon us and by his help I will try to live still closer to Him.

### Memoranda

January 9

Mary H. Eby. Born 5-15-1838. Died 2-7-1917. Aged 78-8-22. Rev Johon Charles. Rev Jacob Habecker. Bearers: Benj and Ira Shenk, John Herr, Jos Souder. Funeral at Masonville. Interment on Witmer farm.

Funeral of John Ehrhart. Rev Martin Groff. Text, 23 Psalm. Rev Saml Kauffman closed. Very large funeral at Stehman's U. B. Church. Interment adjoining.