

Diary of Andrew J. Zercher

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Tuesday, January 1

Partly clear. Ther: 4 below zero. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. Busy with assessors books. Being a holiday, we closed at noon. At home and out to see Bro Emanuel in p.m. He is getting better slowly. Called to take charge of body of David F. Eshleman, Central Manor, who died very unexpectedly this morning. Blanche and Walter attended. Very cold all day. Seemed to be damp cold.

Wednesday, January 2

Partly cloudy. Ther: 2 below. At Lancaster all day. Busy with assessors books. Called to Amos Kauffman to take charge of body of infant son of John Kauffman. Blanche and Walter attended. Very cold damp air. Moderating toward eve. Some fine snow falling partly all day. Faster in eve.

Thursday, January 3

Partly clear. Ther: 2 below. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Rec'd word this eve. of the death of Mrs. Martha Hiller at the General Hospital, Lancaster of diabetes. Walter and I brought body out to her daughter's, Mrs. A.S. Benedict tonight. Very cold all day. Especially in the evening.

Friday, January 4

Partly clear. Ther: 6 below. At Lancaster all day, very busy in office. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Everett Clair, infant son of John and Stella Kauffman. Born 2-15-1917. Died 1-1-1918. Aged 10 months and 16 days. Rev Mart Groff. Text, St. Luke 20-3. Bearers: Stella and Anna Mary Herr, Fannie Shupp and Elizabeth Brenner. Funeral at Highville U. B.

Church. Interment adjoining. Beautiful winter day but very cold. Raw damp air.

Saturday, January 5

Clear. Ther: 7 above. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. Came home and lined casket for Mrs. Hiller. At IORM in eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of David F. Eshleman. Born 4-11-1860. Died 1-1-1918. Aged 57-8-20. Rev Thomas. Text, 1 Cor 2+9-10. Bearers: Jacob Lutz, Frank Witmer, Adam Peters, Harry Kauffman, Harvey Lehman, Geo McElhaney. Large funeral at Church of God, Central Manor. Quite a change in the weather. Moderating. This has been the coldest for years.

Sunday, January 6

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Officers of Sunday school elected today. A.J. Zercher, Supt. Walter F. Ressel, Asst. Supt. Mary Markley, Secy. Mable Fulton, Asst. Secy. Harry Jenkins, Treas. Mary Kreider, Organist. Damp raw air all day. Light rain in eve.

Monday, January 7

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Enos E. Mowrer, Co. Controller, presented his annual communication to the County Commissioners. I was granted a raise of \$200.00 in my salary for this year for which I am very thankful. I surely do appreciate it. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Martha Hiller. Born 2-17-1850. Died 1-3-1918. Aged 67-10-16. Rev Howell. Text, 2 Cor 5-1. Bearers: Jacob B. Sigman, Hiram G. Warfel, Ralph Cramer. Roads very icy. Almost impassable. Moderating.

Tuesday, January 8

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Christ Urban delivered 1,700 lbs. wrappers at 24 cents per lb. \$408.00 and 163 lbs. filler at 10 cents per

lb. \$16.30. Total \$424.30. I rec'd my share. Rec'd word of the death of Painter child at Slackwater. Will bury tomorrow. Rec'd a letter from Jennie Clark, a little girl we had 10 years ago. She is married now. Was glad to hear from her. (It was a surprise). Very much colder and cold all day.

Wednesday, January 9

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter at Lancaster. Walter went to Slackwater and buried Blanche Mae Painter at the Mennonite Church, Millersville. Cold raw wind all day.

Thursday, January 10

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy with assessors books. Bought 2 tires for Ford machine, \$35.70. Paid for same and bill to date. Samuel M. Shenk and wife were found dead in their home this morning. Overcome by coal gas. Supposed to have died Sunday night. A very sad occurrence. Body of each in bad shape. He was lying on the bed and she lying face down on the floor as though she had gotten up and fell after closing door to kitchen and struggled. Cold all day and high wind.

Missing pages for January 11 and 12

Sunday, January 13

Partly clear. Ther: 2 below. Went to Harrisburg this morning. Mother died at the Messiah Home at 6:15 a.m. and I made arrangements to have body shipped down tomorrow. Will hold the funeral Wednesday from our home. Blanche and Walter attended the funeral of Samuel M. and Susanna Shenk. Samuel M. Shenk. Born Feb 5, 1842. Died Jan 7, 1918. Aged 75-11-2. Susanna Meck Shenk. Born Oct 12, 1839. Died Jan 7, 1918. Aged 78-2-25. Rev Aaron Harnish. Text, Prov 37-1. Rev Jacob Thomas. Text, St. Mark 13+35 to 37. Rev Sanford

Landis. Text, Psalms 4-8. Bearers: Franklin, Amos W. Maynard, Eli Warfel, Martin M. Graver, John B. Eshbach, Abrm Shenk, H.M. Sensenig, Pharis Kreider, Val K. Shenk, Martin F. Shenk, Abrm Thomas. Very cold all day.

Monday, January 14

Cloudy. About home arranging for funeral of Mother. Walter brought body from Safe Harbor station this morning. Rec'd word this p.m. of the death of Adam Good. Blanche and Walter attended. Cold raw air all day. Not near so cold as yesterday.

Tuesday, January 15

Partly cloudy. About home all day. Put Mother's body in the coffin this eve. 3 piece walnut. White shroud (or rather, light cream). Cape, apron, cap and a blanket. She looks just as though she is sleeping. Dear Mother. Very changeable weather. Snow last night (storm). Rain and snow and beautiful sunshine a.m. and p.m. and quite stormy. Calm and colder in eve.

Wednesday, January 16

Partly clear. Mother's funeral this a.m. Maria M. Eidemiller. Born June 28, 1833. Died January 13, 1918. Aged 84-6-15. Rev Howell, M. E. minister and neighbor offered prayer at our home. Rev Jacob Heisey read scripture at church and Rev Eli Engle. Text, St. John 11-25 and Rev Heisey then spoke on Hebrew 13-14. Bearers: Conrad, Abrm, Noah and Enos Hess (nephews). Funeral at Pequea Church and we served dinner there to all who wished. We have laid away our dear Mother and brings to our memory many things of the past of sadness and many pleasant ones. I have no regrets for what I did. Beautiful day.

Thursday, January 17

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Adam Good. Born Nov 27, 1831. Died Jan 14, 1918. Aged 87-1-

17. Rev Jacob Thomas. Text, 2 Cor 5-1 and Rev Thomas Roberts. Bearers: Wm and Harry Stehman, Charles Shenk, Walter, Michael H. and George Kneisley. Funeral at River Corner Mennonite Church. Beautiful. Not cold.

Friday, January 18

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. At great many persons on the streets on account of Dr. Garfield (fuel administrator) proclamation to close all factories, etc., for 5 days and other places for 10 Mondays in succession on account of fuel scarcity. Cold damp air all day. Light snow p.m.

Saturday, January 19

Partly clear. Ther: 6 above. At Lancaster till 2:00 p.m. Helped audit the account of the Old Guard Mutual Fire Insurance. Rec'd \$2.60 for same and gave same to Bro Emanuel, he not being able through sickness to attend. Paid J.W. Morrison \$17.31 fire tax for Northern Mutual Co. Cold raw air all day. Therm not above 10 all day.

Sunday, January 20

Partly clear. Ther: zero. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Wm D. Wade came home from Camp Meade last eve. Will leave again tomorrow. Cold raw air all day.

Monday, January 21

Clear. Ther: 2 below. About home today. Office closed on account of coal conservation ordered by Dr. Garfield. Wm D. Wade paid us a short visit being home on furlow from Camp Meade. He looks fine and enjoys soldier life, a.m. Down on farm (Meadow Valley) this p.m. At home in eve. Very cold all day. Remarkable weather. Good sleighing for weeks.

Tuesday, January 22

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Appeal days commenced today. Very busy. Rec'd

check this eve of John E. Lefever for balance of lumber of casket factory. \$17.04 and \$10.00 Red Cross fund. Sold 6 hogs (small) to Elmer Thomas. Commenced snowing last night and snowed all a.m. and part of p.m. About 5 inches deep.

Wednesday, January 23

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy with appeal day work. Great sleigh roads. The best for many years. Cold all day. Colder in eve.

Thursday, January 24

Partly cloudy. Ther: 6 above. At Lancaster all day. Busy with appeals. Quite cold and light snow in morning. Clear at noon. Cloudy in eve.

Friday, January 25

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with appeals. Light snow this morning. Moderated very much during day. The warmest day we have had since December 6, 1917.

Saturday, January 26

Cloudy. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. About home etc., and at home in eve. Fanny Frey's parents came here this eve. to take her home. Walter brought male hog from Lew Creamer near Donerville for service. Damp raw air. Moderate in p.m. Colder in eve. and commenced snowing about 6 p.m.

Sunday, January 27

Cloudy. Ther: 10 above. At Sunday school. Very small. No preaching service on account of weather, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Very much colder and snowed partly all last night. Several inches fell last night and snowing lightly all of a.m.

Monday, January 28

Cloudy. Ther: 6 above. Not at Lancaster today. Shoveling snow partly all a.m. Went along with

Walter to bury stillborn child of Christ Stauffer, Safe Harbor at Green Hill cemetery. Hitched 2 horses in Jenny Lind on account of drifted roads. Some places almost impassable. Commenced snowing last night and snowed all of a.m. Papers report 16 inches more snow. Cold raw damp p.m. and eve.

Tuesday, January 29

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day by mail stage (sleigh). Busy with appeals. Walter along in. Conestoga Twp. on list for today. He being assessor. Rec'd check for hogs sold to Elmer Thomas last week. 6 hogs weighed 622 lbs. dressed at 23 cents per lb. \$143.06. Roads not very well opened and trolley not running regular. Cold raw air all day.

Wednesday, January 30

Cloudy. Ther: 10. At Lancaster all day. Busy with appeals. Will remain in city tonight. Cold and snowing p.m. and eve.

Thursday, January 31

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy with appeals. Columbia Boro today. Remained at Manhattan Hotel last night. Had a very good bed. New Era reports four feet of snow during present month. Was heaviest fall since blizzard of 1898. Moderated quite a good bit, but colder in eve.

Friday, February 1

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with appeals. Will stay at Manhattan Hotel tonight. Are having appeals tomorrow. Cold all day and very much colder in eve.

Saturday, February 2

Partly cloudy. Ther: 2 below. At Lancaster till 3 p.m. Had appeals. Finished up county today. Spent night at Manhattan Hotel. Had a very good bed. At 11 p.m. yesterday the therm registered 6 below zero at Sickman's mill. Groundhog Day and at noon the sun was

shining bright for a very short time. Will await results.

Sunday, February 3

Cloudy. Ther: 34. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Rev and Stauffer and wife took dinner and spent part of p.m. with us. At home in eve. Called to John Eberly's. His wife died. Blanche and Walter attended. Damp and raw air with light snow early this morning. Moderating during day.

Monday, February 4

Partly clear. Ther: 6 above. Not at Lancaster today on account of coal conservation. Out at Bro Emanuel's a.m. Found him not so good. About home balance of day and eve. A very cold day. Very high wind all day. Therm down to 1 above zero this eve. at 6 o'clock and still high wind.

Tuesday, February 5

Partly clear. Ther: 10 to 16 below. At Lancaster all day. Went in by mail sleigh. A very cold trip. Had 1, 2, 3 city appeals today. Rec'd \$169.15 of Eli Warfel on tobacco crop. A very cold day and very high wind partly all day. Very little above zero at any time during day. Down to zero this eve. but not stormy.

Wednesday, February 6

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. 3, 4, 5 wards city appeals today. Will stay in city this eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Annie M. Eberly. Born 7-15-1844. Died 2-2-1918. Aged 73-6-19. Rev Martin Groff. 90 Psalm 11. Rev S.G. Kauffman. St. Mark 14-8. Bearers: Daniel Kendig, John Henry, Harry Frey, Geo Gantz, Calvin Miller, Henry Ehrhart. Funeral at Highville U. B. Church. All sleighs (19). Not so cold. Damp and very much like rain in eve.

Thursday, February 7

Partly clear. Ther: 42. At Lancaster all day.

Stayed at Manhattan Hotel last night. Had 7, 8, 9 ward city. This finishes the appeals for another year, 1918. Everything passed off fairly well. Beautiful day. Great change in temperature. Snow melted very fast. Roads very sloppy. Observed great change in temperature.

Friday, February 8

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Beautiful day. Not so warm as yesterday.

Saturday, February 9

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. About home remainder of day and eve. David Swope not in office. Rec'd word from Camp Meade of the serious illness of his son Luther and went down. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Lucretia B. Frey. Born 1-21-1882. Died 2-6-1918. Aged 36-0-15. Rev Miller. Text 2 Tim 4-6 to 8. Rev Martin Groff. Text, Eccles. 11-5 to 8. Bearers: Ira Sherk, Jno Gehr, Oliver Manning, Elwood Aston, John K. Mullen, Isaac Frey. Funeral at Stehman's. Damp cold light rain a.m. Warm in p.m.

Sunday, February 10

Cloudy. Ther: 40. At Sunday school a.m. At preaching at Reformed Church by Rev Breneman of West Willow Church of God who preached for Mr. Stauffer. At home in eve. Damp and very moderate all day.

Monday, February 11

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Went in with J.B. Herr in sleigh. Charles Bender here. A small child died. Beautiful day. Snow melting rapidly but ground still entirely covered and plenty of it.

Tuesday, February 12

Clear. At Lancaster all day. The different draft board commenced examining men today. Beautiful day. Snow melting very fast.

Wednesday, February 13

Partly clear. Ther: 45. At Lancaster all day. Beautiful day. Very spring like. Cooler in eve.

Thursday, February 14

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Called to Harry Sensenig to take charge of body of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Susan Hess and called to Chas Bender. The other twin baby died. Blanche and Walter attended. Rec'd a birthday card from Cecilia Morton who never forgets it. I appreciate her. Kind remembrance. Damp and colder all day.

Friday, February 15

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Took down the last of the tobacco this morning. Walter buried small child of Charles Bender at Millersville Mennonite Church this p.m. Another birthday granted to me for which I am very thankful. Born 61 years ago in this village and spent most of my life in this neighborhood and I thank God for the blessings enjoyed. A beautiful a.m. but getting very much colder p.m. and eve.

Saturday, February 16

Cloudy. At Lancaster partly all day. Sold the ore mine farm to I.M. Habecker for \$2,800. \$300 cash and balance on or before April 1st 1918. Paid Henry Good \$125.00 for interest to April 1st 1918. About home in eve. Cold raw damp air all day. Feels very much like snow.

Sunday, February 17

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. Landis L. Miller took dinner and supper and spent p.m. and he and I walked out to see Bro Emanuel. Not looking very good. At preaching in eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Susan Hess. Born 6-18-1838. Died 2-14-18. Aged 78-7-26. Rev Jacob Thomas. Text, Job 14-10 and Rev Harnish closing remarks.

Bearers: Jacob Charles, Pharis Kreider, John Good, Adam Good, Frank and Hiram G. Warfel. Funeral at River Corner. Cold raw air all day. Quite cold in morning.

Monday, February 18

Partly clear. Ther: 10. At Lancaster all day. Called to John Souder last night to take charge of body of his wife. Blanche and Walter attended. Cold raw air all day. Very little thawing.

Tuesday, February 19

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Walter went for a coffin at Pa. R.R. and I went along in. C.C. Urban delivered the last of his tobacco this p.m. (See Memoranda). Rev Howell fell heir to a young son this eve at 9:15. Very welcome. Harriet, their little daughter, is spending the night with us. Light rain this morning. Rained partly all p.m. and by showers real heavy. Streams high and a very high wind in eve.

Wednesday, February 20

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Leah E. Souder, daughter of Rev Abrm Witmer, Letort. Born 10-4-1884. Died 2-17-1918. Aged 33-4-13. Rev Habecker. Text, 2 Cor 5-1. Bearers: Benj, Christ, Enos, Harvey, John and Edgar Eshbach. Large funeral at Masonville. Called to Millersville from funeral to take charge of body of John B. Herr. Rained partly all night. Streams very high and much colder this eve. Thundered some last night.

Thursday, February 21

Partly clear. Ther: 8. At Lancaster all day. Cold raw wind all day. The river at Safe Harbor is very high. Higher than in 1904. Water over driveway of county bridge.

Friday, February 22

Cloudy. Not at Lancaster. Went down to see

the ice fresh at Safe Harbor this morning. It is a sight. One solid mass of ice from one side of stream to the other, a.m. Had Enos E. Mowrer and David Swope at court house come out this p.m. Had John Z. Wade to bring them from trolley and went along down. It has raised about 3 feet more about 11:30 a.m. which is about 4 or 5 feet higher than in 1904 which was the highest ever known. The water was up over the banister railing at the iron county bridge several inches. Cold and snow.

Saturday, February 23

Partly clear. Ther: 12. Working about home. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of John B. Herr, Millersville. Born 7-14-1835. Died 2-20-1918. Aged 82-7-6. Rev Wiest. Text, St. John 17-1. Bearers: Frank Foutz, Harry Hackman, Jacob Strickler, Christ Herr, Harry Smith and Harry Brenner. Large funeral at Evangelical, Millersville. Paid John R. Good \$12.75 for fencing and Amos Graver \$103.00 for loan. The water at Safe Harbor is gradually going out. Beautiful winter day. Ground covered with snow this morning but partly all gone this eve.

Sunday, February 24

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Hundreds of people went through the village to and from Safe Harbor to see the remains of the ice freshet. 98 autos and vehicles went past our home in 1 hour and 60 in 28 minutes. Actual count. A regular summer day. Therm 58 degrees.

Monday, February 25

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very spring like. Light rain in eve.

Tuesday, February 26

Partly clear. At Lancaster. Went in by auto. Trolley not running. Heavy rain and storm last

night blew down some of the high tension wires. Paid Sam Morton his blacksmith bill. Just had a call from Lancaster, Blanche Ressel child died. Will go in tomorrow morning. Heavy rain last night and heavy storm lasting partly all day. Streams very high. River reported rising again.

Wednesday, February 27

Partly clear. Shredding corn fodder partly all day. Harry Jenkins had charge. Jacob Ressel, Wm G. Henry and self and Elam Hess in p.m. Called to Lancaster to take charge of body of child of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Barbon (wife was Blanche Ressel). Brought body out to Run Valley, her home and to Charles Bender's at Doestler's mill, Manor Twp. Their child died (infant). Blanche and Walter attended. Safe Harbor flooded again. 6 inches higher than last Friday. Destroyed a number of buildings. Stormy all day. Not cold.

Thursday, February 28

Partly clear. Finished shredding fodder at noon. Very pleasant day.

Friday, March 1

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Evelyn Mae, infant daughter of Russel and Blanche Ressel Barbon. Born 2-27-1917. Died 2-28-1918. Aged 11 months and 29 days. Rev Clarence Howell. Text, Rev. 21-4. Bearer: Walter. Funeral at Marticville M. E. Church. Very sorry to write that Mrs. Howell, our neighbor, is very seriously ill. I fear she may not recover. Damp all day. Light misty rain a.m. Colder this eve.

Saturday, March 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 4 p.m. Paid Harry Jenkins for shredding corn fodder, \$14.00. Jacob Ressel helping, \$2.25. Wm G. Henry helping, \$2.25. Mrs. Rev Howell is very sick.

Blanche and Walter attended funeral of infant son of Charles and Alice Bender. Born 12-28-1917. Died 2-27-1918. Aged 1 month and 29 days. Rev Groff. Text, St. John 14-2. Bearers: Paul and Harry Brady, Harry Eshleman, Isaac Hunt. Funeral at house. Interment at Masonville. Beautiful day. Raw cold air all day.

Sunday, March 3

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At preaching services at 3 p.m. Sermon by Rev Noss, a returned missionary from Japan gave us a very interesting talk on his work there. A very sad day for us here. Rev Clarence Howell's wife died at 2:55 a.m. across the street from us. A lovely woman. Leaves a husband, daughter Harriett and baby boy Clarence S. We are so sorry yet we believe our loss is her gain. Called to Millersville to John Trimble's. Infant son. Walter and Blanche attended. Cold. High wind all day.

Monday, March 4

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Damp all day. Light snow in eve. Not cold. Moderating.

Tuesday, March 5

Partly clear. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Melvin, infant son of John and Minnie Trimble. Born 11-17-1917. Died 3-3-1918. Aged 3 months and 16 days. Rev Geo W. Hull. Bearer: Walter. Funeral at Evangelical, Millersville. Beautiful day. Very spring like. First blackbirds and robins.

Wednesday, March 6

Partly cloudy. About home and helping to get ready for funeral a.m. Attending funeral of Abigail Cooke, wife of Rev Clarence Howell. Born 6-2-1879. Died 3-3-1918. Aged 38-9-1. Rev Dr. J. Beckley Burns, district supt. and Richard Radcliff spoke. No text. Rev Thos

Roberts read scripture. Rev Winterborn led in prayer. Bearers: Merrill Groff, Allen Sickman, Walter and George Kneisley, Albert Warfel and Earl Preece. Very large funeral at M. E. Church, here. We have laid away a kind neighbor and friend. We miss her. Damp a.m. Beautiful p.m.

Thursday, March 7

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Cold raw air all day. Some snow and rain in the morning.

Friday, March 8

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy helping out on draft board. Beautiful spring day but cold air.

Saturday, March 9

Cloudy. At Lancaster till 1 p.m. At home p.m. and eve. Called to take charge of body of Myra Bowman, Little Pittsburg. Brought body to our place. (She was found dead). Cold raw air. Raining partly all of p.m. Colder in eve.

Sunday, March 10

Cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. A terrific storm partly all day. Did quite a good deal of damage in places. Building blown down and roofs off. Part of copper roof of court house blown off.

Monday, March 11

Partly clear. Ther: 16. At Lancaster all day. Amos Dietrich's daughter (stillborn babe). Will bury tomorrow. Great change in weather. Very calm this morning and very much colder.

Tuesday, March 12

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Walter attended burial of Amos Dietrich's granddaughter. No funeral. Rec'd word of the death of Mr. and Mrs. William Gerlach's infant daughter,

Myrtle. Blanche and Walter attended. Damp partly all day. Rain in a.m.

Wednesday, March 13

Cloudy. Trimmed grape vines a.m. Went to sale of Aaron Keepert's, p.m. Straw sold at \$26.25 per ton. Everything high. Cows as high as \$128.00. Walter attended funeral of Myra Bowman. Very damp all day. Began raining p.m. and rained in eve.

Thursday, March 14

Cloudy. At Lancaster's all day. Very damp all day. Thunder gust and rain in eve.

Friday, March 15

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd a pair of pheasants from Game Warden Keene. Brought them along out for down on farm. Called to Harry Frey's near Letort this eve. to take charge of body of son. Cool and damp. Colder in eve.

Saturday, March 16

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. At home balance of day and eve. Not feeling well. Caught cold. Feel as though getting grip. Rec'd another pair of ring neck pheasants of Mr. King. Beautiful day but raw air. Very cold in morning. Last night ground frozen very hard.

Sunday, March 17

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At Bro Emanuel's this p.m. a short while. Found him fairly well and at church. Preaching by Rev Stauffer. At home in eve. Not feeling so well. Walter brought out 2 caskets from Lancaster this p.m. A beautiful day. Most spring like day we have had this spring. A great St. Patrick's day.

Monday, March 18

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Had a meeting at the home of J.R. Yentzer to organize, elect

officers and sign the charter for the Reformed Cemetery Co. Following are the names of those signed J.R. Yentzer, Pres. F.Y. Pennypacker, V.P. A.J. Zercher, Secy. J.W. Morrison, Treas., and W.F. Ressel. Beautiful day. Saw 3 snakes this eve (garters).

Tuesday, March 19

Partly clear. Ther: 76. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Earl H. Frey. Born 9-24-1897. Died 3-15-1918. Aged 20-5-19. Rev Miller and Martin Groff. Text, James 4-14 and Eccl. 11-9. Bearers: Chas Witmer, Ray and Elwood Ehrhart, Charles Gerlach, Reeder Eshleman and George Dietrich. Very large funeral at Letort. Rec'd word this eve. that Rev Clarence Howell, the M. E. preacher, has rec'd the Mt. Hope circuit appointment and will live at Quarryville. I am pleased that he got it. Benj Steckervetz settled for the John K. Souder property. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, March 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Eli Warfel delivered some more of his tobacco. A beautiful day. Certainly fine spring weather.

Thursday, March 21

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Registry Assessors of the county made their returns today. Damp all day. Light rain in eve.

Friday, March 22

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till noon. Walter brought up 2 loads of wood from ore mine farm. Attended Jacob Good estate sale of personal property this p.m. Very foggy and damp in morning but a beautiful day.

Saturday, March 23

Clear. At Lancaster till 1:30. Down on Musser property and about home. At IORM in eve. and at Ladies Aid of M. E. Church. Called to

Washington Boro to take charge of the body of Mrs. Andrew Bonnum. Walter and Blanche attended. Paid Sam Morton for shoeing 2 horses today. \$4.00. Paid A.F. Martin for repairing low down wagon, \$3.90 and Amos Charles for Fall on Bell phone, \$1.30. Clover seed, \$14.48. Cold raw air all day and eve.

Sunday, March 24

Partly clear. At Sunday school and Holy Communion a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Mr. Baker spent p.m. here. Lizzie Eberly here this eve. Will spend the night with us. Called to take charge of the body of Mrs. Catherine H. Neeson this eve. Blanche and Walter attended. Very pleasant day.

Monday, March 25

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy making up check lists. Bought stock bull of Hooper and Pott. Paid cash for same. Weighed 630 lb. @ 8-3/4 cents per lb. \$55.14. Cool raw wind all day.

Tuesday, March 26

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Got bull home from Lancaster this eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Elizabeth Bonnum. Born 11-15-1839. Died 3-23-1918. Aged 78-3-8. Rev Alexander Lawson, M. E. minister of Washington Boro. Text, St. John 11-28. Cold raw wind all day with several snow flurries.

Wednesday, March 27

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Called to Safe Harbor to take charge of the body of James McDivitt. Blanche and Walter attended. Bought 64 lbs. of poultry of Rev Clarence Howell. Paid \$14.32 for clover seed. Cold raw air all day.

Thursday, March 28

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of

Catherine H. Neeson. Born 12-22-1839. Died 3-24-1918. Aged 68-3-2. Rev Thos and Rev Stauffer. Bearers: Chas Hess, Charles and Chester Kreider, John Wade, Hiram Warfel, John Eshleman. Funeral at M. E. Church, Conestoga Centre. Quite cold in morning.

Friday, March 29

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Rev Clarence Howell, the M.E. Minister across the way, moved to Quarryville. Walter took family and my wife along down. They were good neighbors. The new man, Rev Conner came. Sent Lew Cramer's male hog home this morning. C. Urban hauled 2 tons fertilizer from car at Safe Harbor bought of J.W. Morrison. Beautiful day.

Saturday, March 30

Clear. At Lancaster till 3:15 p.m. A very busy day (unusual). At home and at IORM in eve. Had manure hauled from Rev Howell for which I furnished straw. Also got hen manure and balance of hay. Sold hay to J.B. Herr for \$5.00. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of James McDivitt. Rev Martin Groff. Turned over time. One hour ahead at 10 p.m. in accordance with request of government authority to 10-1-1918. A beautiful day. Very dusty roads.

Sunday, March 31

Clear. Ther: 70. At Sunday school and at home a.m. At home and had a joint meeting and decided to raise Rev Stauffer's salary to \$1,000. That is \$100 more than last year, making our part here \$200.00. Walter buried Willard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frey (diphtheria). Strictly private. Called to Lancaster to take charge of body of John Neill at General Hospital. Brought body here. Will take it to home of son David near Colemanville church. A beautiful day.

Monday, April 1

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy in office. Did not do much collecting. This was the first day under the new time ruling. I believe it will be all right. Rev Howell and family took supper here with us. Their truck was late. They did not get away here till 9:30 p.m. A very beautiful day.

Tuesday, April 2

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Paid Francis P. Hess \$522.50 loaned to pay the Musser property which is now clear of debt. (Principal and interest). #1 Berkshire sow dropped 8 pigs this eve. 1 litter. Beautiful spring day.

Wednesday, April 3

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of John B. Neill. Born 4-22-1857. Died 3-31-1918. Aged 60-11-9. Rev Winterborn. Text, Eternal Life. Bearers: Blair Funk, Frank Herr. Funeral at Mt. Nebo M. E. Church. Damp and a very good rain (light) and colder.

Thursday, April 4

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Paid J.W. Morrison for 2 tons of fertilizer for spring use. \$83.00. Cooler all day.

Friday, April 5

Clear. Ther: 31. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Cleaned (raked) the yard this eve. Called to take charge of body of Abrm Rhinier, Jr., who died at the Lancaster General Hospital after being run over by an auto in Lancaster city. Cold. Heavy frost.

Saturday, April 6

Clear. At Lancaster till 3 p.m. About home and at IORM in eve. Paid A.F. Martin \$2.25 for horse shoeing. Cold all day. Very heavy frost this morning.

Sunday, April 7

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching service a.m. At home p.m. and went out with Walter to Abrm Rhinier's to put body of son in casket. Walked out to Bro Emanuel's in eve. He is still improving but not able to do any work. Cold raw south wind all day and roads quite dusty.

Monday, April 8

At Lancaster all day. Busy with J & M. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Abrm Rhinier. Born 1-29-1901. Died 4-5-1918. Aged 17-2-6. Rev Breneman spoke at house and Rev Conner, M. E. Church, here. No text. Funeral at M. E. Church, here. Damp all day (showers).

Tuesday, April 9

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Raining all day. A very good and much needed rain.

Wednesday, April 10

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. A big fire at Lancaster this morning. Sprecher and Ganss store on E. King street burned. Loss estimated at \$200,000. Paid J.R. Yentzer \$48.19 for cemetery fund. Rained and snowed last night. Ground white this morning and rained partly all day and very high wind partly all day. Regular gale at times and colder.

Thursday, April 11

Cloudy. Ther: 29. At Lancaster all day. Busy with J & M. Some snow last night. Raining, sleeting and snow. Ground covered (white) this eve. with sleet and snow. Cold raw air. Not nearly so stormy at last night.

Friday, April 12

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with J & M. This eve. at 4 o'clock the Lancaster and

Elizabethtown and Lancaster and Williamstown pikes formally declared open to free traffic. The latter being a toll road since 1714. Cold all day. Trees covered with ice (heavy) and ground covered with snow and still snowing lightly during day.

Saturday, April 13

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 3:30 p.m. At home and at IORM in eve. The papers state the war situation is undoubtedly unpleasant, says Gen. Maurice, with Hindenburg aiming at destruction of Haig's army. Paid C.C. Urban \$20.00 on account of feeding cattle this winter. Ground covered with ice and snow and cold partly all day. Cold raw air in eve.

Sunday, April 14

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. Walked down on farm and at home p.m. At church in eve. Called to Charles Barr last night at 12 o'clock to take charge of his body. Blanche and Walter attended. His home below Byerland Church. A great change in the weather. A most beautiful day.

Monday, April 15

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Heavy frost this morning. A beautiful spring day. (Lovely).

Tuesday, April 16

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Charles A. Barr. Born 4-25-1876. Died 4-13-1918. Aged 41-11-18. Rev Jacob Thomas and Rev Aaron Harnish. Text, Gen. 50-20. Bearers: Richard and Willis Barr, Harry Harnish, John Martin, Clayton Martin and Howard Hess. Very large funeral at Byerland. A beautiful day.

Wednesday, April 17

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Down to see wood lot of Susan Hess with view of

purchasing. Red Cross met here this p.m. Beautiful day.

Thursday, April 18

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Held a meeting to organize for 3rd Liberty loan and had S.V. Hosterman, esq. of Lancaster to make an address. There was \$2,150 subscribed. Am very much pleased with the result. Beautiful day.

Friday, April 19

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Planted beans, peas, sowed onion, salad and radish seed. Pleasant but decidedly cooler.

Saturday, April 20

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. Planted cabbage p.m., etc. At IORM in eve. Raining and damp partly all day.

Sunday, April 21

Cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. Chester Eberley and a friend of his, Mr. Herr, took dinner with us and Harry Eberley and wife (sister Lizzie) here in eve. and will stay overnight, the boys having disappointed them in not coming back in time. It is now 12:30 a.m. Raining partly all day. Light thunder in eve.

Monday, April 22

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Harry Eberly and wife went along in on hack. Busy all day. Cool all day. Heavy rain last night.

Tuesday, April 23

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Paid my Liberty bond at the Union Trust Co. today. \$100.00. Cool all day. Light rain in eve.

Wednesday, April 24

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy all day. Planted potatoes this eve. in Kreider front. Very pleasant day.

Thursday, April 25

Partly clear. Ther: 36. At Lancaster all day. Had a Liberty Loan meeting this eve. Small attendance. Canvassers reported work going slow. Quite cold this morning and cool all day.

Friday, April 26

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Went to F. & A.M. lodge, Millersville in eve. and stayed for Liberty Loan parade. Large one. Cool all day and eve.

Saturday, April 27

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2:30 p.m. At home and at IORM in eve. The tribe decided to take a 3rd Liberty Loan bond for \$100.00. Quite cool in morning. Wore overcoat to Lancaster. Very pleasant day.

Sunday, April 28

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home and down to J.R. Yentzer's p.m. At church in eve. A beautiful day.

Monday, April 29

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Cool and damp all day.

Tuesday, April 30

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Military funeral at Lancaster of one of the boys who died at one of the camps of disease. Rec'd check of Blanche for \$300.00 on account of purchase of business dated May 1st. Quite warm. A beautiful spring day. Light rain in eve.

Wednesday, May 1

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with M & J. Rained real heavy last night and this p.m. Thundered some p.m. Very much cooler in eve. Indications are for frost if clear.

Thursday, May 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in

office. Had Liberty Loan meeting in eve. Pleasant all day. Warmer.

Friday, May 3

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Beautiful day. Much warmer.

Saturday, May 4

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very busy in office. Beautiful day. Light rain in p.m.

Sunday, May 5

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching service a.m. Text 2 Kings 4-26. A very good sermon. About home and walked down on farm p.m. At home in eve. J.W. Morrison spent eve. with us. A beautiful day. Quite warm in p.m. and light rain last night. Thundered.

Monday, May 6

Partly clear. Ther: 86. At Lancaster all day. Walter and Christ sowed 4 acres of oats today and sowed grass seeds. Beautiful day. Warmest of the season.

Tuesday, May 7

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Went in Saxon auto. Walter and Christ started planting corn this noon. 3rd Liberty Loan report for Conestoga Twp. 142 subscribed. Total fund, \$37,450. Myself as chairman. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Wednesday, May 8

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Wife, Blanche, Mrs. Ressel, Walter and I went in together. They came home at noon. Walter and Christ finished planting corn down on farm. Beautiful day.

Thursday, May 9

Partly clear. Working about home all day. Had intended going fishing, taking the day off, but

too much to do about home. Sent check to N.Y. Life. Beautiful day but quite cool in eve. About cold.

Friday, May 10

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Beautiful day and a fine rain in eve. Very little thunder here but at Willow Street the lightning struck the barn of Samuel Harnish and destroyed by fire his barn, tobacco shed and hog pen. 3 horses and 2 cows.

Saturday, May 11

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 1:45. Came home by auto with John Z. Wade. About home balance of day and out at U. E. Church supper in eve. Paid Fred H. Sickman mill bill to date. Beautiful day. Cool and much colder in eve.

Sunday, May 12

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. Walked down on farm p.m. At church in eve. (Mother's Day). Rev Stauffer spoke on Judges 5-28. First part. Quite warm but high wind.

Monday, May 13

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Heavy rain at Lancaster in p.m. Very little here in eve. Showering all eve. Quite warm during day. Cooler in eve.

Tuesday, May 14

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Have sold out my interest in the undertaking business to Blanche. This closes my 40th year in the business. God has been very good to me. Blessed and prospered me and I have come so far short. My prayer and best wishes go with her. Rain last night. A very good rain and much warmer.

Wednesday, May 15

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Went by

auto. At Frank Harnish's in eve. attending meeting for soliciting for a Red Cross drive next week. paid for and got deed for wood lot (2 acres) of Mrs. Susan Hess, M.G. Kneisley's Mother, back of Valentine Good's property, River Corner. Rather cool all day. Great growing weather.

Thursday, May 16

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Shipping out ballots for Tuesday's primary. Chester Eberly was in to see me this a.m. He told me he has enlisted. Will go to Columbus, Ohio (signal service). Geo Diller, brother of S.W. Diller, was buried today, p.m. Beautiful day. Cool in eve.

Friday, May 17

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Went by auto. Beautiful day. Frost reported this morning.

Saturday, May 18

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Very large Red Cross parade in city this p.m. Wife along in by auto. Bought W.S.S. for wife. Beautiful day. Sun very warm p.m.

Sunday, May 19

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching. Rev Stauffer preached a very able and intent sermon. The AOK of MC lodge attended in a body. Wife and I went with Walter and wife and babe to Highville community meeting via Millersville. A very good meeting. Quite warm all day. Much cooler in eve. Getting quite dusty.

Monday, May 20

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Sun very warm. Getting dry on top and roads dusty.

Tuesday, May 21

Partly cloudy. At primary elections all day. A very light vote out. Only 56 votes polled. 55 Rep. and 1 Dem. For Gov., Wm C. Sprout, 43.

J. Denny O'Neil, 7. Leut Gov., Ed E. Beidleman, 9, John R.K. Scott, 37. Secy. Internal Aff., Paul W. Houck, 48, Fred E. Lewis, 4. (See ticket in back for balance). Amos Shend raised barn on M.M. Graver farm. A heavy rain p.m. and raining partly all of p.m. and eve. A very good rain and quite warm all day. Heavy thunder.

Wednesday, May 22

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Judges made election returns. Rec'd word early this morning of the death of V. Paul, son of Ira and Annie Miller Kachel, at 678-1/2 Columbia Ave., Lancaster. Blanche and Walter attended. Mrs. Eli J. Kendig, Sr., was buried today. Mary E. Bruner came this eve. Sun very warm. Thunder gust in N.W. this eve.

Thursday, May 23

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Went out on Red Cross drive. Was very much pleased with the results. Hiram G. Warfel and I have the central primary district. Light showers a.m. Quite warm all day.

Friday, May 24

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Doing Red Cross work in eve. and made our report this eve. to F.S. Harnish. \$166.00 thus far. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Paul, son of Ira and Annie Kachel. Beautiful day.

Saturday, May 25

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. At home balance of day. Working on Red Cross in eve. Over 375 young men left this county and city for Camp Meade. I feel sorry that it is taking so many of our young men, the flower of our country.

Sunday, May 26

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and at church in eve. Delilah Bruner and Emma came here this eve. A beautiful day.

Monday, May 27

Clear. Ther: 90 at 7 p.m. At Lancaster. Went to New Providence to funeral of Mrs. Susan Weimer at Mennonite Church there. In her 95th year, a.m. In office p.m., busy. A terrible murder committed Saturday. Miss Elizabeth V. Lausch, near Swartzville, supposed to have been committed by Saml Garner, one of the escaped prisoners. The County Commissioners offer a reward of \$1,000. Beautiful day. Very warm in p.m. and eve.

Tuesday, May 28

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Shower of rain in morning. Quite warm p.m. and eve.

Wednesday, May 29

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant day. Very much cooler in eve.

Thursday, May 30

Cloudy. At home all day working in garden. At Memorial Day services and raising of service flag in eve. Rev Dr. E.A. Bandon of Lancaster gave us a very able and inspiring talk. 18 stars on flag. Very damp all day and quite cool in eve.

Friday, May 31

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Damp and light rain in morning. Quite warm and cooler in eve.

Saturday, June 1

Clear. Ther: 97. At Lancaster till 1:20 p.m. At home working in garden and went to Safe Harbor R.R. station for embalming fluid for Blanche, p.m. At home in eve. Wm D. Wade came home from Camp Meade this eve. Very warm all day, especially in eve.

Sunday, June 2

Clear. Ther: 96. At Sunday school and preaching. A memorial sermon by Rev

Stauffer a.m. At home p.m. Rev Stauffer and wife, Harry Jenkins' family and his mother took dinner with us, he not being present, not feeling well. Buried twins of Aston at Creswell. Rec'd word this eve. of the death of my old friend, John W. Urban at the hospital (St. Joseph). Beautiful day. Very warm. Thunder gust in south this eve.

Monday, June 3

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in office. Mary Bruner went along in to Lancaster this morning. Paid electric light bill to date, \$8.15, by check. Beautiful day. Not nearly so warm.

Tuesday, June 4

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Sow #2 dropped 4 pigs last night. Rev Conner, Mr. Yentzer and myself arranged for Sunday school convention June 27, 1918 at M. E. Church. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, June 5

Partly clear. Ther: 96. At funeral of John W. Urban. Born 3-21-1844. Died 6-2-1918. Aged 74-2-11. Rev Thos Roberts. Text, Matt 24-44. Rev Geo Conner spoke a few words. Bearers: John R. Good, Walter and Geo Kneisley, Allen Sickman. Funeral at M. E. Church, here, a.m. At mill (Sickman) for hog feed. Over on the Miller property and working about home p.m. At home in eve. Sow #3 dropped 8 pigs. Very warm all day and very dusty and dry. Very nice rain in eve. Thunder gust. Not heavy.

Thursday, June 6

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Sow #4 dropped 6 pigs. Beautiful day. Very good rain last eve.

Friday, June 7

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. The County Commissioners in company with the

state Highway Commissioners Deputy and a few others went over the Lancaster and Manheim turnpike and freed them as toll road. \$34,000 paid for them, equally divided. Rev Clarence Howell, his mother and baby, Clarence, Jr., took dinner and supper and spent the p.m. with us. Very glad to see them. A very good rain last night and light rain a.m. Warm.

Saturday, June 8

Clear. At Lancaster till 2:15 p.m. Mowing lawn, etc., and at AOK of MC and IORM in eve. The M. E. Church had a service flag meeting this eve. Quite chilly this morning. Beautiful day but air cool all day. Partial eclipse of sun visible here this eve.

Sunday, June 9

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Beautiful day. Cooler in eve.

Monday, June 10

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd word of the death of Andrew Clark, formerly of Marticville. Died at the county home. Brought body to our home. Funeral on Wednesday at 10 o'clock at Marticville M. E. Church. Quite warm all day. Thunder gust in the eve. Very little rain yet.

Tuesday, June 11

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Fine rain last night. Heavy thunder. Damp this a.m. Quite warm p.m. Cooler in eve.

Wednesday, June 12

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Funeral of Andrew Clark. Born 9-9-1846. Died 6-10-1918. Aged 71-9-1. Rev Martin Groff. Bearers: David, Reuben Herr, David Good, Danl Hess. Funeral at Marticville M. E. Church. Light rain this morning. Very high wind p.m. and eve.

Thursday, June 13

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Bought shad of J.W. Morrison this eve. \$1.40. Very much cooler and rather cold in eve.

Friday, June 14

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Rain a.m. and part of p.m. Cool in eve.

Saturday, June 15

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2:30 p.m. Blanche along by auto. Walter cut grass down on Meadow Run. At IORM in eve. Beautiful day. Cool.

Sunday, June 16

Clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At John Z. Wade's, wife, Blanche and I to spend a short time. Their son, Wm D., was home. Was glad to see him. Looking very well. He is at Camp Meade and expects to go over soon. At M. E. Church in eve. Rev Conner preached a very good sermon on the living Christ. Sun very warm and getting dry all dusty.

Monday, June 17

Clear. Working in hay field all day down on Meadow Run. I am certainly tired and sore. Christ Urban and Chas H. Kreider helped this p.m. Walter and I all day. We got a fine lot of hay in the p.m. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, June 18

Cloudy. Hauling in hay a.m. and part of p.m. I was raking (with horse). Finished up the clover. Have timothy to cut yet. Thinning corn balance of day. Christ Urban, Emanuel Kreider, Ray Smith, Walter and I at hay. Called to Creswell. Benj B. Shellenberger died. Warm all day. Light shower about 2 p.m. Not enough to interfere with hauling hay.

Wednesday, June 19

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet about office. Beautiful day. Not near so warm.

Thursday, June 20

Partly clear. Ther: 64 at 8 p.m. Working down on farm planting soup beans and trimming fence rows a.m. Picking cherries and working about home p.m. At home in eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Ben B. Shellenberger. Born 10-11-1851. Died 6-17-19. Aged 66-8-6. Rev Ferguson. Text, 1 Cor 15-54. Bearers: John Hess, Ira Shenk, Edw and Benj Eshleman, Cyrus Frey, Wm May. House funeral. Interned Creswell. Quite warm in sun but remarkable cool wind all day, especially in eve.

Friday, June 21

Partly cloudy. Ther: 54. At Lancaster all day. Swope not in office. Mailed over 400 cards on war saving stamps announcing meetings on the evening of 28 of June. Rec'd check of Fred B. Frey for \$13.50 in payment of 3,000 bricks out of house at Safe Harbor. Real cold this morning and cold raw wind all day. Commenced raining p.m. and rain in the eve.

Saturday, June 22

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. Down on farm. Planted about 150 red beet plants, etc. At home in eve. Mr. Yentzer, Rev Conner, Addison Benedict, Jacob B. Herr and I practicing for (singing) S.S. convention. Sow #5 dropped 8 pigs. A very good rain all last night and quite cool all day.

Sunday, June 23

Partly cloudy. Ther: 51. At Sunday school a.m. About home p.m. At church in eve. Rev Stauffer spoke on supporting of government, thrift stamps, etc. Very cool all day and high wind. Had fire in church stove and at home for comfort.

Monday, June 24

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Cold raw air

this morning. Very much warmer in p.m. and eve. Men wore overcoats this morning.

Tuesday, June 25

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster a.m. Working down on farm p.m. At M. E. Church in eve. Practicing singing for S.S. convention on Thursday. Rec'd some pheasant eggs of S.A. Keene, game warden. Pleasant. Moderating. Looks like rain. Some hay taken in by farmers.

Wednesday, June 26

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Sow #6 dropped 4 pigs. Cool and damp all day.

Thursday, June 27

Partly clear. Working down on farm a.m. Attending the S.S. convention p.m. and eve. in the M. E. Church here (for district 17). Had a very profitable season. A beautiful day.

Friday, June 28

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Walter, Christ and Chas H. Kreider and Emanuel finished hay making today. Got a very fine lot of hay. Attended the War S.S. meeting at Graded school this eve. Not the interest taken that should have. Beautiful day.

Saturday, June 29

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. About home p.m. and eve. J.M. Bruner, wife and son, Millard, of Philadelphia her. Will spend p.m. and tomorrow. Very glad to see them again. Bought 3 War saving stamps. Paid Ray Smith \$2.50 for working in hay. J.M. Bruner gave me his check for \$200.00 toward the permanent fund for cemetery which was very gratefully received. Damp in morning but beautiful day and quite warm.

Sunday, June 30

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. J.M. Bruner and family left for home (Philadelphia) at 2:15

p.m. after spending a very pleasant time together. Fannie Mae Frey spent part of p.m. with us. Beautiful summer day. Quite warm. Light rain in eve.

Monday, July 1

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very pleasant day. Very little rain last night.

Tuesday, July 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Dave Swope not in. Attended funeral of neighbor. Quite cold this morning and cool all day.

Wednesday, July 3

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Sold white mule to Amos Gontner for \$50.00. Very much warmer today. Cool in morning.

Thursday, July 4

Clear. Ther: 82. At home working down on farm all day making fence, etc. At home in eve. Called to Daniel Hess, Marticville to take charge of daughter of Mrs. Gochenaur. Warm all day.

Friday, July 5

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Harold G., infant son of Geo and Sue Gerlach Sneath. Born 3-23-1918. Died 7-7-1918. Aged 3 months and 9 days. Rev S.G. Kauffman. Text, St John 14-18. Bearers: Oscar and John Sneath, Paul Ziegler and Ralph Christ. Funeral at Stehman's U. B. Church. Adjoining. Quite warm all day. Fine rain at Lancaster.

Saturday, July 6

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 3 p.m. Came out with J.W. Morrison. Brought charter for Reformed cemetery along out. At AOK of MC in eve. Officers were installed. I was installed as chaplain. Rec'd check for \$50.00 from Bro H.N. Eberly. Last payment for Mother's expenses. Blanche and Walter attended

funeral of Mrs. Elmer Gochenaur. Born 10-29-1878. Died 7-4-1918. Aged 39-8-5. Rev Conner. 2 Samuel 16-2. Beautiful day. Quite warm and dry.

Sunday, July 7

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Walked down on farm p.m. At church in eve. Rev Stauffer gave us a very good sermon on "Work". Beautiful day. High wind part of day.

Monday, July 8

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. A fine crop of wheat. Very much better than I expected in the spring. Landis Graver cut it for me and Walter and Chas H. Kreider hauled it in. Am very tired this eve. Cool all day and quite cool in eve.

Tuesday, July 9

Partly cloudy. Working down on farm all day. Cleaning line fence row between Philip Mowrer and I. Some job. Very tired this eve. but like the work. Cool and high wind partly all day.

Wednesday, July 10

Partly clear. Working down on farm. Made line fence between Philip Mowrer and I. Christ Urban helped. Expect to finish tomorrow a.m. Walter raked wheat field and hauled in rakings a.m. Very much warmer but cooler in eve.

Thursday, July 11

Partly clear. At farm. Finished fence a.m. Walter, wife and mother and Park and my wife and I went to Quarryville and spent p.m. with Rev Clarence Howell. We enjoyed trip very much. Stopped at sister Lizzie's a short time and home by 8 in eve. Gave Walter \$10.00 for helping in hay harvest. Paid C.C. Urban by check, \$51.55, for hay harvest and day labor to date. Paying my help \$3.00 per

day for helping in hay and harvest (no board). Beautiful day. Warm.

Friday, July 12

Partly clear. Working down on farm a.m. Working about home p.m. At home in eve. Very much warmer. Thunder gust went north and east of us p.m. Very light shower this eve. May get more tonight. Very dry.

Saturday, July 13

Cloudy. Walter and mother, wife and I left this morning at 7 o'clock for Gettysburg via Columbia, York, etc. Returned via Harrisburg. Paid a visit to wife's brother, Peter Bruner. Had a royal time. Guy took us over the battlefield in his father's auto and all of us enjoyed it very much. Left for home at 4 p.m. Rained partly all a.m. but very nice to get around. Had a very good and much needed rain here at home.

Sunday, July 14

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Beautiful day. Thunder gust in west. No rain here. Quite cool in eve.

Monday, July 15

Partly clear. Ther: 90. At Lancaster all day. Bids opened for bridge repairs. Down on farm in eve. Farmers not done wheat harvesting in places. Paid Landis Graver for cutting 5 acres wheat with binder, \$8.25. Paid Amos Graver for helping 1 day, \$3.00. Beautiful day. Sun very warm.

Tuesday, July 16

Clear. Ther: 93. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in office. Very warm all day.

Wednesday, July 17

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Took out

hail insurance on tobacco (my share) this eve with J.W. Morrison. 5 acres. \$50.00 per. Interest per acre, \$250.00. Paid \$18.38 for same. The report is that the youngest son of Theo Roosevelt (Quinten) was killed in France while in battle in aeroplane. Very sorry to hear it. Sun very warm. Fine shower of rain in p.m.

Thursday, July 18

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Great victory reported this eve. by French and American in France. 18,000 prisoners (German) were taken, etc. Quite warm all day.

Friday, July 19

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in office. Rev Clarence Howell and family here in eve. and took supper with us. Harriet will stay with us for several days. Sun very warm.

Saturday, July 20

Partly clear. Ther: 88. Not at Lancaster today. Working about home a.m. Putting up electric wires from church to Graded school yard, Walter and I to hold our Sunday school festival and treat in eve. Had a very large crowd in eve. and a nice, quiet time. Very warm all day.

Sunday, July 21

Clear. Ther: 96. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At church preaching by our pastor, Rev Stauffer. Very warm day and very dry.

Monday, July 22

Clear. Ther: 94. At Lancaster all day. Called to Benj F. Beach, Marticville. His wife died at 1:30 a.m. Very warm and dry.

Tuesday, July 23

Partly clear. Ther: 97. At Lancaster all day.

Swope not in. Attending S.S. picnic. Very warm all day and dry.

Wednesday, July 24

Partly clear. Ther: 94. At Lancaster all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Lillie, wife of Benj F. Beach, Marticville. Born 11-7-1863. Died 7-22-1918. Aged 54-8-15. Rev Geo Conner. Isaiah 61-2. Bearers: Clyde and Miles Hart, Harry Shoff, John, Wm and Jonas Beach. Large funeral at M. E. Church, Marticville. Very warm all day.

Thursday, July 25

Partly clear. Ther: 88. At Lancaster all day. Mrs. Geo Tshudy and her niece were struck by train and instantly killed. Bodies all mangled. Called to Benj F. Smith this eve. to take charge of body of Elizabeth Sawyer. Got dog from Enos Mowrer. Dachshund. Quite warm. Fine air all day.

Friday, July 26

Partly clear. Ther: 92. At Lancaster all day. Very warm and dry.

Saturday, July 27

Partly clear. Ther: 96. At Lancaster till 2 p.m. About home balance of day. At AOK of MC in eve and at IORM but no meeting. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Geo Tshudy, who was killed on Pa. R.R. Born 11-25-1891. Died 7-25-1918. Aged 26-4-0. Rev Geo Sehner Text, Heb 13-10. Rev Ferguson spoke at close. Bearers: Daniel Sowers, Jno Z. Wade, Saml Duke, Amos Keperling. At Mt. Zion. Very warm and dry.

Sunday, July 28

Partly clear. Ther: 94. At Sunday school and church. Mary Gerhart, a teacher in Japan, spoke of her work and the work of the Reformed Church in general there, which was quite interesting, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of

Elizabeth Sawyer. Born 4-12-1831. Died 7-25-1918. Aged 87-3-13. Rev Conner. Text, Isaiah 61-2. Bearers: Wm and Benj Smith, Wm Shaub, John Gehr, Chas Arnold, Albert Warfel. At M. E. Church, here. Very warm all day.

Monday, July 29

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very warm all day. Grand rain about 4:00 p.m. Heavy thunder. Lightning struck our neighbor's (Annie Herr) house. Tore off part of the roof and barge board. Not much damage. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, July 30

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Warm. Commenced raining 1:30 and rained all p.m. and eve.

Wednesday, July 31

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Damp and raining partly all day. The best rain we have had for two months.

Thursday, August 1

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Down on farm in eve. Christ is cutting the oats with cradle. Warm all day.

Friday, August 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Finished recording J & M to August 1st. Paid A.F. Martin \$8.45 blacksmith Bill to date. Quite warm all day.

Saturday, August 3

Clear. At Lancaster all day. At AOK of MC and at IORM in eve. Sun very warm. Nice air.

Sunday, August 4

Cloudy. At Sunday school. Mr. Brinkham of Lancaster and Mr. Lehman of Paradise were in attendance. The former has not missed attending for 33 years. A remarkable record,

a.m. Walked down to Christ on farm p.m. and at home. At church in eve. Walter and family at Reading today. A very pleasant day. Looks very much like rain.

Monday, August 5

Clear. Ther: 98 to 100. At Lancaster all day. Attended Republican County Committee meeting. Saml W. Diller was re-elected County Chairman. Hon Mr. Sproul, candidate for Governor, addressed the meeting. Also Hon. Mr. Beidelman, candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Large attendance. The Commissioners and Mr. Swope have gone to Pittsburgh to attend convention of County Commissioners. A very good rain last night and very warm all day. One of the hottest days of the season.

Tuesday, August 6

Clear. Ther: 98 to 105. At Lancaster all day. Went in on Saxon. Christ, Walter and Chas Kreider binding oats but overcome by heat and quit at 3 p.m. Very warm all day.

Wednesday, August 7

Clear. Ther: 100 to 108. At Lancaster all day. The report is that this is a record day for heat. Great change in the weather in eve. A very high wind rose from the west and lightning and thunder but as yet no rain at 9 p.m.

Thursday, August 8

Partly clear. Ther: 96. At Lancaster all day. Paid Chas Kreider \$1.60 for helping in oat harvest. Beautiful day but still warm.

Friday, August 9

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Took pigs from sows. 7 weeks old. 10 of them. Renewed subscription to Country Gentleman for another year. \$1.00 weekly. Quite warm but good breeze partly all day. Light rain in eve.

Saturday, August 10

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 12:30 p.m. Went to Green Hill Sunday school picnic with Walter. Spent a pleasant p.m. At home in eve. Very much cooler, especially in eve. Nice shower of rain this eve.

Sunday, August 11

Partly cloudy. Ther: 86. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Andrew Good very sick. Warm and sultry all day.

Monday, August 12

Partly clear. Ther: 90. At Lancaster all day. Jos Eibel began work on east side of courthouse to lay concrete pavement. At fire company meeting in eve. Very warm and sultry all day.

Tuesday, August 13

Partly clear. Ther: 96. At Lancaster all day. Down on farm in eve. Paid Christ for work in oats harvest, \$9.00. \$3.00 per day. Very warm all day.

Wednesday, August 14

Partly clear. Ther: 94. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in office. Very warm day. A very good rain in eve.

Thursday, August 15

Clear. Ther: 85. At Lancaster all day. Blanche along. She spent p.m. at Rocky Spring at Christian Alliance meeting. Loaned Mary E. Bruner \$5.00. Beautiful day. Cool breeze all day.

Friday, August 16

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Sold cherry tree on the Miller property to Howard Duke for \$2.50 cash. Not nearly so warm. Beautiful day.

Saturday, August 17

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m.

Down on farm. Paid C.C. Urban \$5.80 for work to date. At U. E. Church picnic in eve. Large crowd attended. Rather cool all day.

Sunday, August 18

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. Rev Stauffer preached a very good sermon on "Peace". Cool all day. Fine rain p.m.

Monday, August 19

Partly clear. Ther: 57 at 7 a.m. At Lancaster all day. J.R. Yentzer not well. Cool all day.

Tuesday, August 20

Clear. At Lancaster all day. J.R. Yentzer very sick. Quite cool all day. Regular fall weather.

Wednesday, August 21

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Had sale of paving stone on Duke street side of courthouse. Had a very good sale. Stones about 22 inches square averaged 40 cents each. Cool in morning. A beautiful day.

Thursday, August 22

Partly clear. At home all day. Thrashing down on farm. Had a very good yield. Oats, 150 bus. Wheat, 100 bus. About 4 acres of each and a fine lot of straw. I am very tired this eve. Helped all day. Sun very warm in p.m. Looked for rain in a.m.

Friday, August 23

Clear. At home all day. Bailing hay, straw and shredded corn fodder. Did not get quite through. The men expect to finish tomorrow morning. Very warm but nice breeze partly all day.

Saturday, August 24

Clear. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. Went down on farm and helped to clean up barn floor, etc. They finished bailing this a.m. At home in

eve. Paid for thrashing and bailing. Total, \$51.39. Very warm all day.

Sunday, August 25

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. Mr. Yentzer sick, not able to be there. At home p.m. and eve. Very warm all day. Had a very nice shower of rain in eve.

Monday, August 26

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Over 100 men left the city and county this 10:45 a.m. for camp. Paid \$5.00 to IOOF through John J. Kauffman, Millersville, for dues. Buried infant child of Willis Souder this p.m. No funeral. Quite warm all day.

Tuesday, August 27

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Wife and Blanche and Walter boiled apple and grape butter. Beautiful day. Very much cooler.

Wednesday, August 28

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd 2 can of small bluegill fish from Indiana this eve. Government furnished them. Quite cool all day.

Thursday, August 29

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very sultry and warm all day. Had a very nice rain partly all last night and a shower this p.m.

Friday, August 30

At Lancaster all day. John C. Eidemiller paid for burial of his father. I am sorry I had to give it for collection but waiting over 2 years. I thought was long enough and he showed no desire whatever. Beautiful day.

Saturday, August 31

At Lancaster till 1:15 p.m. Walter and I went to Safe Harbor on a collecting trip with poor result. At home in eve. The M. E. Sunday school held their picnic this eve, but on

account of the rain a very poor attendance. Beautiful day and a very good rain this eve.

Sunday, September 1

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. Spent p.m. at A.L. Henry's and took supper with them, wife, Blanche and I. At church in eve. Rev Stauffer preached a very good harvest sermon. Very few autos through the town today on account of conservation request of government to save gasoline. A beautiful day.

Monday, September 2

Clear. At home. Not in office. Working down at fish pond, etc., all day. Beautiful day. Quite cool in eve.

Tuesday, September 3

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Commenced work on J & M books for assessors. Beautiful day. Cool.

Wednesday, September 4

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy with assessors books. Blanche along in. Beautiful day. Called to Benj Wiggins to take charge of the body of Mrs. Ament, his mother-in-law. Blanche and Walter attended. Beautiful day.

Thursday, September 5

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy. Registry assessors made their returns. Christ Urban here this eve. Told me he will not want to farm next year. Beautiful day. Light rain in eve.

Friday, September 6

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Bought part of the Wm Guile's property, the shop site 66ft. front included for \$500.00. Paid \$100.00 cash. Balance when deed is ready on or before April 1, 1919. Walter did the bidding for me, I not being able to attend sale. Rec'd check of F.H. Sickman for wheat

delivered. \$80.66. Damp partly all day. Quite cool in eve.

Saturday, September 7

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster. Wife along a.m. At sale of real estate of Samuel M. Shenk, dec'd. Amos Shenk, his son, bought all property, p.m. Went to Highville to Red Cross picnic in eve. Very large attendance. Light rain in morning and damp a.m. Beautiful p.m. and eve.

Sunday, September 8

Cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. Over at Walter's a short time in eve. Commenced raining last night. Raining partly all day. A very good one.

Monday, September 9

Partly clear. Ther: 43. At Lancaster all day. Quarter sessions court opened this morning with murder cases on list. Cool all day and eve.

Tuesday, September 10

Partly clear. Ther: 47. At Lancaster all day. Wife and Blanche went along with Rev Clarence Howell and family to Mrs. Annie Wood, Letort, to spend the day. Had a very pleasant time. I have not been feeling well all day. Cool all day. Feels like frost. Light frost reported from Marietta. No damage.

Wednesday, September 11

Partly cloudy. Ther: 39. At Lancaster all day. Blanche along in. Came home by way of Willow Street. Called to Millersville last night to take charge of body of Mrs. David Warfel. Walter and Blanche attended. Cool all day. Quite a few overcoats seen today. One year ago today we had a very heavy frost doing a great deal of damage to the tobacco crop.

Thursday, September 12

Partly cloudy. Attending registry of draftees

between 18 and 45 years inclusive. 154 registered, viz., 10 at 18, 13 at 19, 5 at 20, 7 at 32, 10 at 33, 9 at 34, 8 at 35, 7 at 36, 8 at 37, 6 at 38, 16 at 39, 7 at 40, 12 at 41, 10 at 42, 17 at 43, 4 at 44, 5 at 45. B. Frank Zercher, Frank S. Harnish, M. Blaine Caldwell and A.J. Zercher registrars. Jacob Benedict child died. Wm T. Gainer, Colemanville, died this p.m. Blanche and Walter attended. A very good rain a.m. Damp all day. Cool.

Friday, September 13

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy with J & M books. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mary Warfel, widow of David Warfel, Millersville. Buried at Mennonite Church, Millersville. Called to General Hospital to take charge of the body of Fred Grossman, formerly of Safe Harbor. Damp this a.m. Beautiful p.m. and eve.

Saturday, September 14

Clear. At Lancaster till 2 p.m. Helped Christ in the tobacco a while. Called to Geo J. Fehl's in eve. Wife died. Funeral Tuesday. Also word of death of Lillie Sigman at Jersey City. Meet body at Lancaster tomorrow. Sister to Fred H. and Jacob B. Sigman. Beautiful day but cool in morning. Very frost like.

Sunday, September 15

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of William Gainer, Colemanville, a.m. Walter went to Lancaster and brought out body of Lillie Stauffer to Jacob B. Sigman and I attended funeral of Godfried Grossman from our house and Reformed Church, here. Blanche and Walter called to Christ K. Harnish in p.m., he having died. At preaching in eve. Beautiful day.

Monday, September 16

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with J & M all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Lillie Sickman Sheaffer at

Colemanville. Called to Creswell to bury stillborn of Benj Neff this eve. Quite warm all day.

Tuesday, September 17

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster a.m. Went to funeral of Mrs. Geo J. Fehl in p.m. Services at house only. Blanche and Walter attended. I was there by request of Mr. Fehl, who is a special friend of mine. A very nice, quiet funeral. Quite warm during day but cooler evening. Light shower of rain.

Wednesday, September 18

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy with J & M books. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Christian K. Harnish, Willow Street. Buried at River Corner. Christ finished cutting tobacco this p.m. By request of family of Godfried Grossman, I took out letters of adm. Heavy rain a.m. Very much cooler in the eve.

Thursday, September 19

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Wife went along in. Will stay till tomorrow with her sister Mary. Kreider finished cutting tobacco. Beautiful day. Cool.

Friday, September 20

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Finished county J & M books for assessors and started on city. Wife came along home. Raining all day. Heavy at times. A good rain. Cooler in eve.

Saturday, September 21

Partly cloudy. Not at Lancaster today. Working about home a.m. Went down to the Grossman home to see after personal property and sold same to John Grossman (son of Godfried) for \$30.00 cash. This being the best bid. Farmers are very busy cutting tobacco regardless of being ripe or not. Afraid of frost. Very much colder. Wore

overcoat to go in auto this p.m. Light rain in eve. and clearing and cold.

Sunday, September 22

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Rev and Mrs. Stauffer took dinner with us. At home p.m. and eve. Cold in morning. Pleasant during day.

Monday, September 23

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Wore overcoat. Cold. Rather cold all day. May have frost tonight.

Tuesday, September 24

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very busy all day. Quite cool in morning. Pleasant during day.

Wednesday, September 25

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Christ brought up our share of potatoes. About 6 bushels. Very poor yield. Very pleasant day. Cool in morning.

Thursday, September 26

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office work. Paid Conrad Z. Hess (cousin) a small balance for my Mother at the home at Harrisburg that they had overlooked. \$2.00. Damp. Light rain at noon and cooler in eve.

Friday, September 27

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy with J & M books. Allies had a great victory yesterday. The Americans made a drive, taking 12 towns. The steam whistles and bells were heard here in the village at 12:15 a.m. Airplanes arrived at Lancaster about 10:30 a.m., alighting on the F & M college grounds. Rec'd word of the death of my old friend, John Sourbeer, Lancaster. Formerly Safe Harbor. Walter and Blanche attended. Beautiful day. Cold this morning.

Saturday, September 28

Clear. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. Working down on farm p.m. At AOK of MC in eve. We held our annual supper this eve. Had a very pleasant time. Harry Gantz child buried this p.m. (stillborn). Beautiful day. Quite cool in eve.

Sunday, September 29

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. Out at Bro Emanuel's in p.m. At church in eve. Blanche and Walter took casket in to Sourbeer's and put body in. Beautiful day.

Monday, September 30

Clear. At home and went to the funeral of John Sourbeer held at the Reformed Church, here. Rev Kurtz, Lutheran minister preached. Text, 2 Timothy 1-12. (A great sermon). He gave us all something to do, a.m. At Lancaster. Took clothing in for the Belgium's. A train on Quarryville R.R. on exhibition, 2 German cannon that were captured. A French soldier who did service made an address to a large crowd. Beautiful day. Light frost this morning.

Tuesday, October 1

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Finished J & M books. Lancaster fair opened. Frost this morning. No injury. Cool all day.

Wednesday, October 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. In office a.m. Went out to county fair p.m. A fine lot of cattle and hogs. Also sheep. The rest about as usual. Plenty of takers. Cool all day. Looked very much for rain a.m.

Thursday, October 3

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. In office a.m. Took dinner with J.M. Bruner and wife of Philadelphia at Ante's Cafe and from there to the fair. Wife, Mrs. Ressel and Annie Martin

(colored) went out this morning to spend the day. Had a very nice time. Rec'd word this morning that Geo Ruth, the clerk of #2 city draft board at our office is very seriously ill. Cool but very pleasant day.

Friday, October 4

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Hotels, saloons, restaurants and theaters closed by order of Health Authorities of state on account of Spanish Influenzas which is spreading very rapidly. Paid Christ Urban \$900 for labor to date and \$3.00 for Philip Mowrer for use of grain drill for seeding 6 acres of wheat. Beautiful day. Heaviest frost of this fall this morning.

Saturday, October 5

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. Down on farm. Took old corn out of crib and sowed grass seed in gutters in field that we seeded. At home in eve. Rec'd notice from Harrisburg by phone that all public places to be closed until further notice. Rather cool but nice day. Look for rain this eve.

Sunday, October 6

Partly clear. Spent a very quiet day. At home partly all day. No Sunday school nor church services on account of Spanish Influenza epidemic. Quite a few sick in the village and neighborhood. Very sorry to hear of the death of Dr. Lenhart, Millersville, of pleural pneumonia this a.m. A most beautiful day. Thunder gust and fine rain early this morning.

Monday, October 7

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster a.m. Came home and went down on wood lot bought of Susan Hess heirs and had H.H. Kurtz to survey same. Did not get through. Expect to finish tomorrow. He surveyed the property of the M. E. parsonage (the Guiles' property) but not satisfactory to me. I bought 66 feet front and the trustees are not giving me that

number of feet. Cold raw wind all day. Damp in morning.

Tuesday, October 8

Clear. Ther: 36. Finished surveying wood lot a.m. Working about home. Notified M.H. Groff, one of the trustees of M. E. Church, that I was not satisfied with the survey of the lot I bought at public sale. Was to have 66 feet front and they only gave me 59 feet. Paid H.H. Kurtz for surveying and writing definition of property. \$3.00. Very heavy frost this morning. A beautiful day. Cool air.

Wednesday, October 9

Clear. Ther: 36. At Lancaster all day. Took H.H. Kurtz along in this morning and brought Mary E. Bruner along out, who will stay with us a while. Beautiful day. Very heavy frost.

Thursday, October 10

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Swope not in today. Rec'd word this morning of the death of Elmer Gemmil at Camp Meade. Body will be shipped to Pequea and we will bring body to Harry Trissler's, his brother-in-law, tomorrow morning. A beautiful day.

Friday, October 11

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Mary Kreider is very sick. Dr. Good says pneumonia has set in. Beautiful day.

Saturday, October 12

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 12:45 p.m. At home. Rec'd very sad news. Mary Kreider, a niece of mine, died at noon of influenza (pneumonia). Very sorry. She was a very fine girl. Helped Blanche prepare body, Walter being away at a funeral in York Co. At home in eve. Not feeling well. Have cold. Light rain a.m. Damp p.m. Warm in eve.

Sunday, October 13

Partly clear. About home all day. No Sunday

school or church on account of epidemic. Mr. Baker seems better. Beautiful summer day. Cooler in eve.

Monday, October 14

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in city. Stores and all businesses, factories closed on account of epidemic. 50 deaths reported yesterday in city. Very much cooler all day, especially in eve.

Tuesday, October 15

Partly clear. Attended funeral of my niece, Mary L. Kreider. Aged 19-5-15. At house only, a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Walter went to Philadelphia for the body of Herb Groff, Rev Martin Groff's Son, Safe Harbor. Returned 7:30 p.m. Beautiful day but cold raw air all day. Heavy frost.

Wednesday, October 16

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Called to Eph Gerlach, his wife died and called to Marticville, Mrs. Annie Fisher died. An old lady that lived at Geo M. Kreider's till she took sick. Beautiful day but cool air all day.

Thursday, October 17

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Annie Fisher buried today at Rawlinsville. Helped Blanche and Walter this eve. Went along with Blanche to Gerlach's and put body in casket for tomorrow. Very pleasant day. Quite warm.

Friday, October 18

Partly clear. At Lancaster a.m. Out on 4th Liberty Bond soliciting. Very slow. Herbert Groff and Mrs. Ephram Gerlach buried today. Mr. Baker down stairs for first time. High wind partly all day and quite cold in eve.

Saturday, October 19

Clear. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. Went down on farm and brought up red beets and

several pumpkins and took Christ Urban over to Daniel Williams and returned. At home in eve. Buried one of Christ Brooks' children this a.m. Influenza and pneumonia. The coldest morning of the season and cold this eve. Very heavy frost this morning.

Sunday, October 20

Cloudy. At home all day. No Sunday school or preaching on account of influenza epidemic. Blanche not feeling well today. Caught cold. Dr. Good here. Raining all p.m. (Light) and cool.

Monday, October 21

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Brought body of Ralph Campbell, son of John K. Campbell, from Lancaster this eve. Met train from Delaware where he died of influenza. A fine young man. Took out Liberty Loan Bond for \$100.00. Paid for same of 4th issue. Heavy frost but very pleasant day.

Tuesday, October 22

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Rec'd ballots for November election printed at Reading. Beautiful day. Heavy frost.

Wednesday, October 23

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy with election work. Clarence King's child buried this a.m. in Reformed cemetery here. Also small child of Isaac Miller of Lancaster, in Reformed cemetery. Coldest morning of the season. Beautiful day. Colder in eve.

Thursday, October 24

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Funeral of Ralph Campbell this p.m. at Marticville. Blanche in bed all day with influenza. Dr. Good here. Thinks not serious. Cold this morning. Cool all day.

Friday, October 25

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Called to

Amos Graver's to take charge of body of his daughter, Emma. Died of pneumonia. I am surely sorry for them. Walter attended, Blanche being sick. Sold balance of wheat today. Paid C.C. Urban \$2.80 for labor to date. Pleasant day.

Saturday, October 26

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. Very busy at home p.m. Helping out lining casket, etc. Called to Jos Urban, Lancaster, his wife died and to Jacob Benedict's, their child died. Blanche not much change. Light rain a.m. Pleasant p.m. and eve. Very dry. Water getting very low in streams.

Sunday, October 27

Partly cloudy. About home a.m. Went along with Walter to put Mrs. Jos Urban in casket. Stopped at Jacob Benedict's to look after body and home. Put body of Emma Graver in casket and home. Feeling tired. Called to Irvin Shellenberger early this morning. Child died of diphtheria. Will bury tomorrow. Walter attended. Very pleasant day. Quite warm.

Monday, October 28

Partly cloudy. At funeral of Emma Graver a.m. Went to Lancaster with Walter. He attended funeral of Mrs. Joseph Urban. Interment at Marticville and funeral of Irvin Shellenberger child this eve. at Creswell and called to Mathias Peters. He died and a call to come to Pequea at River to take charge of body of Jesse D. Kone. Walter and I went down. Quite warm and damp air all day.

Tuesday, October 29

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Jacob Benedict's child buried at Green Hill. Elmer Hess daughter, Bertha, who died in Philadelphia, Walter met at Lancaster and buried in Pequea cemetery, a.m. Annie Epley, daughter of Franklin Warfel, died at

Harrisburg yesterday. Quite warm all day. Very much like summer weather.

Wednesday, October 30

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Lancaster Board of Health disagreed with the state authorities and ordered the hotels and saloons and picture houses open, but some kept closed to avoid prosecution as the state board decided to bring suit. Dept. Atty. General Wm H. Keller of Lancaster rec'd word today of the death of his son in France while in action. Benj Hess's Son at Marticville died this p.m. Damp and quite warm. Light rain in eve.

Thursday, October 31

Partly cloudy. Took casket for Mathias Peters to home and put body in. Walter attended funeral of Jesse D. Kone at Pequea, a.m. Lined casket for Beckie Bitt's child that died last eve. at Lancaster and at sale of John W. Urban property at west end of the village. John A. Groff bought same for \$1,756. Walter attended funeral of Mathias Peters and Beckie Bitt's child this p.m. Very nice good shower of rain last night and some rain this p.m. Warm all day. Cooler in eve.

Friday, November 1

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Walter attended funeral of Benj R. Hess, Marticville, son of Benj H. Hess. Called to Isaac Miller's, Lancaster, granddaughter died. Mary Francis Tshudy, 326 Nevin Street. Then called to Marticville to take charge of body of the father of Benj R. Hess, Benj H. Hess. Great change in the weather. Very much colder.

Saturday, November 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2:30 p.m. Brought ballots out for Pequea and Conestoga Twp. Quite an excitement in city. Dr. Rohrer, State Health officer of Harrisburg, quarantined the city on account of influenza and local board refusing to obey his orders.

Some of the main roads leading into city are roped off and guarded by state police. Pleasant day but cold. Very heavy frost and ice.

Sunday, November 3

Partly clear. At home a.m. Went along with Walter over to Benj H Hess to put body in coffin for tomorrow. At home in eve. Pleasant all day. Heavy frost.

Monday, November 4

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Walter attended funeral of Mary Francis Tshudy, Lancaster, daughter of Lisa Miller, a.m. and Benj H. Hess, Marticville, p.m. At home in eve. Light rain and damp all day.

Tuesday, November 5

Partly cloudy. Attending the election all day. 171 votes polled. For governor, Sproul, 157, Rep. Bonniwell, 8, Dem. Am well pleased with the result. E.J. Fithian, 1, Prohibition. Butchered a hog today. Weighed about 200 lbs. Cold damp raw air all day. Looks and feels very much like snow.

Wednesday, November 6

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office all day. Wm C. Sproul was elected Governor of Pennsylvania yesterday by the largest majority given any governor in this state. Rec'd word early this morning of the death of one of Maris Rankin's children, quite small. The coldest morning of the season and cold all day. Very heavy frost and plenty of ice.

Thursday, November 7

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. News came to Lancaster about 2:30 that Germany had signed an armistice and the war was over. The city went wild. Whistles, bells, etc., and all stores, factories, etc., closed at once and thousands of men, women and children were

on the streets on parade. A wonderful sight. I could not help but utter a silent prayer to God, thanking him for the close and as I believe, his help. Maris Rankin child buried this p.m. A beautiful day but cold.

Friday, November 8

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. The signing of armistice was not correct (premature) but likely to be. Germany given till Sunday to decide. Called to David Eshleman's. Their daughter, Irene died. Paid Walter \$20.00 for his share of corn raised down on farm. Cold and damp in the morning. Warmer during day.

Saturday, November 9

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. About home balance of day. Paid A.F. Martin \$1.00 for blacksmith work to date. Cool and damp all day. Very much like rain in eve. Fine fall day.

Sunday, November 10

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. The first for 5 weeks. Was very glad to meet again. Missionary work this p.m. Rev Joseph Wise spoke very ably and interesting, giving us many encouraging words. Mrs. Sue Keene asked for dismissal certificate from the church to unite with the M.E. church, here, which was granted very willingly. Quite cold and high wind partly all day.

Monday, November 11

Clear. At Lancaster. Went in this morning at 3 a.m. "World War is ended". Hostilities ceased at 6 a.m. Washington time. A great excitement in Lancaster all day. We had a fine demonstration in our little village this p.m. 217 by actual count were in the parade. School children, men and women. Irene Eshleman buried today. Cool all day but beautiful fall weather.

Tuesday, November 12

Clear. Ther: 18. At Lancaster all day. In office a.m. In the parade to celebrate the Allies and U.S.A. Victory over Germany, etc. The largest parade ever held in Lancaster. Thousands parading from all over the county and city and thousands on the streets as lookers. A band of French musicians occupied a grandstand in front of court house. Special for them to view the parade. How they must have rejoiced to see the demonstration and think of their home. A beautiful, ideal day.

Wednesday, November 13

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in city. The papers claim 30,000 in parade yesterday. Cold all day. Feels like snow.

Thursday, November 14

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche along in. Very quiet in office. Paid Frank P. Henry \$2.50 for grave digging of Isaac Miller's granddaughter. Bought suit of clothes today. Cold all day. Heavy frost.

Friday, November 15

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Amos Graver spent the evening with us very pleasantly. Rev David Martin, married to Uncle Jacob Zercher's daughter, called for a few minutes this eve. Quite cold all day. Feels very much like snow in eve.

Saturday, November 16

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 2 p.m. At home doing "United War work campaign". People are not overly liberal. At IORM in eve. and home. The Levi Good property sold today for \$1,536. Very cheap. Beautiful day.

Sunday, November 17

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. At church in eve. No preaching. Rev Stauffer not feeling well. Had song service and prayer meeting. Mr. Yentzer leading. Raining heavy

part of p.m. but damp all day. A very good and much needed rain.

Monday, November 18

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Quarter sessions court opened today. Very small list. Was shocked to hear that Clarence L. Barr committed suicide at 2 p.m. by shooting with shotgun at his home on Willow Street Pike (Conestoga Terrace). Blanche and Walter called. Harry Jenkins sawed wood for us today. Heavy rain last night. Beautiful day and warm.

Tuesday, November 19

Partly cloudy. Not at Lancaster today. Helping to saw wood and cut down old cherry tree at the Kreider barn and had it sawed into stove wood and working about home a.m. At sale of stock at Eli Warfel's on ore mine farm, p.m. Paid Harry Jenkins for sawing wood, \$7.00 and Elmer Hoak's son 85 cents for helping. High wind a.m. and much cooler p.m. Damp in eve. and light rain.

Wednesday, November 20

Cloudy. Not at Lancaster today. Working on general affairs, etc., all day. Cleaning hen house, putting window panes in hen house, hog pen, Guiles shop. Hauling wood in shed, etc. Bought 1 doz. 8 and 10 panes of J.W. Morrison. \$1.20. Just double what they used to be. Paid for same. Light rain in p.m. and much cooler in eve.

Thursday, November 21

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in office. The German Navy was surrendered today to the Allies. Also the first allotment of U boats. Wife's birthday today. 58 years old. Can scarcely realize it. Bought copper kettle (barrel) of S.W. Diller. Paid \$4.50. Just half price. I appreciate his kindness. Sent check to F.H. Sickman for feed bill to date. Clarence Barr funeral today. Damp cold air all day.

Friday, November 22

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Wife along. 71 Teuton warships now at anchor in allied hands. 19 submarines. 1 German destroyer struck mine in North Sea and sunk. The above took place yesterday, 11-21-1918. Cold raw damp air all day. Very much like snow.

Saturday, November 23

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 12:30 p.m. At home hauling in sawed wood to shed with wheelbarrow p.m. Wife, Blanche and Mary (Bruner) went to Wrightsville to funeral of wife's uncle, Jacob Ohmit. Walter took them over by auto. Cold raw wind all day.

Sunday, November 24

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and Holy Communion a.m. Took Bro Emanuel out to Pequea cemetery to see Mother and Father's tombstones and I had put up for them. He was very much pleased with them and down to see Christ C. Urban on farm, he is not very well. Cold raw damp air all day.

Monday, November 25

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in city. Cold in morning. Beautiful day.

Tuesday, November 26

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Blanche along. County Commissioners had sale of bridge lumber at old bridge near Refton this p.m. Cold raw air all day.

Wednesday, November 27

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Very large market. Asked 75 cents per pound for dressed turkeys. Sold as high as 65 cents and 45 cents live. Some price. None for mine. Very heavy frost. Coldest day of the season.

Thursday, November 28

Cloudy. Not at Lancaster today. Keeping

holiday. Hauling in wood in shed and repairing auto, etc. Down on farm. Christ not well. Took supplies down for him. Wife had a fine dinner for us. Damp all day. Raining all p.m. and eve. Not so cold.

Friday, November 29

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. A regular spring morning. Colder during day.

Saturday, November 30

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 1:15 p.m. Home. Finished putting wood in shed that we sawed some time ago. At home in eve. Cold all day. Very high wind in p.m. Not so cold in eve.

Sunday, December 1

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching by Rev Houser, Philadelphia, a.m. Walter, wife and Park, myself and wife went to John Frey's, Manor, for dinner and spent p.m. At home in eve. Cold raw air all day.

Monday, December 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy with assessors returning books. Called to Mt. Nebo to take charge of body of Mrs. Clark. Coldest morning of the season. A thin coat of ice above Levan's mill on Conestoga nearly covering stream.

Tuesday, December 3

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Raw air but not near as cold as yesterday.

Wednesday, December 4

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Brought electric sweeper out for wife. Not so cold. Colder and high wind in eve.

Thursday, December 5

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Mrs. Al T. Smith rec'd a telegram from the War

Department, Washington, D.C., this p.m. notifying her of the death of her son, Arnold in France from wounds received while in action. Was out at Bro Emanuel's this eve. He is not well at all. Cold all day. A few flakes of snow.

Friday, December 6

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with assessors books. Judge Landis, jury commissioners Good and Jeffries drew jurors for January and February court, 1919. Very high wind all day and cold. Regular gale.

Saturday, December 7

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 2 p.m. At home working at auto. Paid J.W. Morrison \$9.59 fire tax. Sold 4 shoats to Walter for \$25.00 cash. Settled up the John K. Souder estate. Paid out balance in my hands. Cold raw air. Not near as cold and stormy as yesterday.

Sunday, December 8

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Have decided not to hold a Christmas service on account of so many having the influenza. At preaching service in p.m. Rev Stauffer spoke. A very inspiring sermon. Blanche and I went out to see Mrs. Adaline Warfel who received word of her son Amos's death in France by auto accident. She certainly needs our sympathies. A beautiful day. Almost like summer.

Monday, December 9

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy at assessors books. A beautiful day. Quite warm all day. One year ago today was very much colder and snow blizzard in eve.

Tuesday, December 10

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with books. Had a letter from Chester Eberly from France. Very glad to hear from him. Very much colder than yesterday.

Wednesday, December 11

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Went on truck and returned. Busy with books. Commenced raining last night and very icy and slippery this morning. Moderated and raining all day real heavy at times. A much needed rain.

Thursday, December 12

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Damp and light rain.

Friday, December 13

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Went to Millersville in eve. to F. & A.M. lodge. Walter took me over. Damp all day. Light rain in p.m. Not cold.

Saturday, December 14

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day via truck. Busy in office till noon. Shopping, etc., p.m. About home, etc., in eve. Damp all day. Showers in p.m. Raining real heavy in eve. A very good, much needed rain. Not cold at all. Thunder gust in eve.

Sunday, December 15

Cloudy. Ther: 53 at 8:30 a.m. At Sunday school and preaching. Called out at 3:30 a.m. to come to Harry Eshleman's near Stehman's Church, his daughter, Esther died and at 8:30 called to take charge of body of Howard, son of A.F. Brenner, Highville. Both of pneumonia (flue), a.m. Spent p.m. at home. Spent eve. at home. Walter, wife, Park and Mother Ressel spent the eve. with us. Weather very mild and damp. One year ago we had 12 inches of snow and 4 degrees above zero.

Monday, December 16

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Raw air. Colder. Feels very much like snow.

Tuesday, December 17

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy at books all day. Howard F. Brenner and Esther

M. Eshleman were buried today. Brought 3 pheasants and gave to L.H. Kreider. The news reached the village this a.m. that Wm D. Wade lost his life on the battlefield in France. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wade have the sympathy of the entire community. It is not official and we hope it is only a rumor. I asked Paul Baker, Hon. W.W. Greist's private secretary, to get in touch with War Dept., which he did. Beautiful day but colder.

Wednesday, December 18

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Went by auto. Rev Mr. Conner came along out. Had been to his grandfather's funeral. Was out to see Bro Emanuel. He is not well at all. Paid fire tax. A beautiful day. Frost in morning. Ground frozen, but not cold during day.

Thursday, December 19

Clear. At Lancaster all day. Busy in office. Beautiful day. Remarkable weather for time of year.

Friday, December 20

At Lancaster all day. Busy with assessors books. Rec'd 3 pheasants of Mr. Keene, game warden. Very sad accident occurred at New Danville this eve. about 4:30. Levi Wilson living on the Herr farm was instantly killed by the breaking of a flywheel on a traction engine while shredding fodder. Mrs. Edw Eshleman died this a.m. at Letort. Walter and Blanche attended. Cold raw air but fine winter weather.

Saturday, December 21

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster till 3 p.m. About home remainder of day. At IORM in eve. Rec'd official dispatch from War Department this eve. signed Harris, that Private Wm D. Wade was instantly killed while in action on November 8th in France. His parents and sisters have the sympathies of the entire

community. He was a model young man. We shall miss him here, but hope to meet again where there will be no more wars. Beautiful weather. Cool.

Sunday, December 22

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Gave school their Xmas treat. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Edw Eshleman, Letort. Rec'd word of death of Susie W. Hess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abrm H. Hess and called to E.K. Bremer's, Highville. Their infant son died. J.F. Murry took Blanche and I to these places while Walter attended the Eshleman funeral. Memorial services were held here at M. E. Church for Amos Warfel who died in France. Raining all day without any intermission. Heavy in p.m. Roads very bad.

Monday, December 23

Clear. At Lancaster all day via mail truck. Had Wm D. Wade's death put in Lancaster papers. A most beautiful day. Spring like.

Tuesday, December 24

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy with assessors books. E.K. Bremer's child buried today. Damp all day. Raining real heavy in p.m.

Wednesday, December 25

Partly cloudy. Spent a very pleasant Christmas. Went to see Bro Emanuel this morning who is sick in bed. Spent most of day about home. Went to M. E. Church in eve. They had an Xmas service. Susie W., daughter of Abrm H. and Susie Warfel Hess was buried at Byerland this am. Called to Isaac Eshleman. Their son David died this eve. Cold raw air all day. Feels very much like snow.

Thursday, December 26

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day via truck.

Major T.O. Reitzel was at court house today having just returned from overseas. Had a hearty handshake with him and glad to see him. He is looking fine but nerves are bad. Very much colder. Commenced snowing early this morning. Ground fairly well covered but partly all gone by eve. This was the most snow we have had this winter.

Friday, December 27

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy at books. David F. Eshleman funeral this p.m. at Highville. Rec'd word of death of Ada Ehrhart, daughter of Henry this p.m. and Harold Gardner of over here this eve, son of Grant and Lizzie. Cold all day. Several snow flurries.

Saturday, December 28

Partly cloudy. Not at Lancaster today. Did some work down on farm and fixed hog pen here at home and took 7 Berkshire pigs from mother (weaned). Hurt my back. Causes me pain and walk with difficulty. At IORM in eve. Served as C of R for Bro Hookey. Cold raw air all day. Making ice all day.

Sunday, December 29

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. Wife and I walked out to see Bro Emanuel for a short time this p.m. Found him weak and very nervous. At home in eve. Wife and Mary, her sister, went to Amos Graver's to spend the eve. My back is not much better. Memorial services were held at Pequea Brethren Church for Elmer Hess's daughter, Bertha this a.m. Jacob H. Warfel (cousin) was buried at Pequea, p.m. Cold raw air all day. Few snowflakes fell.

Monday, December 30

Partly cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Busy at assessors books. Henry Ehrhart 's daughter, Ada, buried today. Rec'd word this p.m. of the death of Oliver Patton's daughter Ethel Karr, Mt. Nebo. Blanche and Walter

attended. Cold raw air but beautiful winter weather.

Tuesday, December 31

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Went in by auto. Blanche along. Busy in office on assessors books. Rec'd word this p.m. of the death of Michael, son of Phares K. Kreider on Stone Hill of pneumonia (flue). Damp raw air and rain in p.m. Not cold. No snow on ground.

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Another year has come to a close within a few hours. Great we're his blessings to us and we so unworthy. This was a year of events terrible to think about and many of our fellow man called to Eternity.

Expenses for Keeping and Burial of Marie M. Eidemiller.	
3 mo. boarding and nursing at Home	\$68.50
3 mo. Boarding and nursing at home	60.00
Clothing at home	3.50
Preparation of body at Harrisburg	10.00
Taking body to Station	6.00
Transportation and escort	4.14
Coffin	50.00
Shroud	7.00
Blanket	3.50
Bread and Buns	3.36
48 lbs Meat	14.40
Butter and Milk	1.25
Groceries	5.62
Corn and Oats	2.15
	\$233.42
For making clothing,	1.50
	\$234.92