

Diary of Andrew J. Zercher

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Tuesday, January 1

Went to Lancaster with Jacob W. Morrison to see Hon. W.W. Griest in his interest and was successful in arranging matters very satisfactorily for Mr. Morrison. Returned home till noon. Working about barn. Put 2 new tires and tubes on rear wheels of my sedan. Cost \$27.90. Shelled corn, etc. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Ira Neff's child near Mountville. By God's help I will try and live the life (but weak). Great change in weather. High wind and very much colder.

Wednesday, January 2

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in office. Working on mortgages for my successor to pass the time. Walter killed 2 hogs. Cold all day. Moderating in eve. with sleet and snow.

Thursday, January 3

Cloudy. At Lancaster all day. Very quiet in office. Blanche along. Sleet and not much snow melting. Not cold but colder in eve.

Friday, January 4

Clear. Ther: 20. At Lancaster all day. Working at mortgages. Cold all day but beautiful winter weather.

Saturday, January 5

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 2:15 p.m. Busy in office a.m. Instructing A.S. Benedict (who will be my successor in the office) with regard to the duties and work he is expected to do, p.m. and at home. At IORM in eve. Had a social gathering after the meeting. Clam soup, etc., was served. Cold all day but very

much colder in eve. Regular blizzard from North West.

Sunday, January 6

Clear. Ther: 8 above zero. At Sunday school. Small attendance, 32 being present. The great change in weather prevented many children. Elected officers. Supt., A.J. Zercher. Asst. Supp., Walter F. Russel. Secy., Mabel Fulton. Asst. Secy., Newel Eckman. Treas., J.W. Morrison. Organist, Blanche B. Zercher. Assts., Virginia Carothers and Ada Eshleman. At home and preaching service p.m. At home in eve. Very much colder and cold all day.

Monday, January 7

Partly clear. Ther: 12. At Lancaster all day. This closes my clerkship to the county commissioners. Over after a term of almost 15 years and am very glad to retire and be at home again and have nothing but praise for my associates while there. A.S. Benedict is my successor. Hope he will enjoy it as much as I did. Cold all day.

Tuesday, January 8

Clear. Ther: 22. Working about home all day. Put some pipe in driveway entrance and crushed stone over same. Cost \$18.00 and trimming grape vines, etc. Blanche and Walter at Marticville. Daniel Hess passed away. Beautiful day. Cold.

Wednesday, January 9

Clear. Ther: 24. Working at auto, splitting wood and trimming grape vines here at home. Steve Wise and wife here this p.m. Rented the Myers' farm to them to farm on the shares straight through. Hope it will be ok. Sent check to Farmer's Election for home, church and IORM. Jacob Hostetter of Millersville died this morning. Blanche was called. A beautiful day. Quite warm at noon. Remarkable heavy frost this morning.

Thursday, January 10

Partly clear. Down on farm trimming grape vines and burning brush. Beautiful day. Warmer. Frost coming out. Looks as though getting ready for rain.

Friday, January 11

Cloudy. At home. Cutting wood and working about house and barn. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Daniel L. Hess, Marticville. Very heavy storm partly all last night and early morning. Very heavy rain early morning and part of a.m. Warm. Frost out. Bad roads. Colder in eve.

Saturday, January 12

Partly clear. About home. Cleaned hen house. Shelling corn, splitting wood, etc. At IORM in eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Jacob Hostetter, Millersville. Pleasant day. Not cold.

Sunday, January 13

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At preaching service by Rev Scheirer of Janesville. Preached a trial sermon. At home in eve. Wrote a letter this eve. to Post Master at Glendale, Arizona to kindly look up sister Ella. Have not received answers to several letters written to her. Cold damp raw air all day. Feels very much like snow.

Monday, January 14

Partly clear. Ther: 18. At home splitting wood and working about barn. Too cold and stormy to be out long. Cold all day. Stormy.

Tuesday, January 15

Clear. Ther: 14. At Lancaster all day. Bought oil, turpentine and paint brush for painting pump house, have paint. Was to my former associates of court house and also a number of other friends. Passed a pleasant time. Also met Mr. J.R. Shirk. Glad to see him. Cold all day.

Wednesday, January 16

Cloudy. Painting inside of pump house part of day. Shelling corn, etc. Very heavy rain and remarkable heavy storm partly all day. Great change in weather. Quite warm all day.

Thursday, January 17

Partly clear. Ther: 30. Down on farm trimming currents a.m. Painting pump house outside p.m. Reported that H.H. Aston bought the Kendig Hotel property in this place for \$3,800. That will end the hotel business here. Not cold but ground very wet.

Friday, January 18

Partly cloudy. Ther: 27. Working about home. Sorting out apples and made cider from small ones. B.G. Mellinger brought load of furnace coal. 6500 lbs. Cold damp air all day.

Saturday, January 19

Partly cloudy. Ther: 30. Painting pump house inside, etc., a.m. At sale of John H. Eshleman's home p.m. Brought \$2,900. Mrs. Harry Kautz purchaser. At IORM in eve. Cold raw air all day.

Sunday, January 20

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At home and church p.m. Voted for Rev Scheirer and was elected by a unanimous vote at both congregations. At home in eve. Cold raw air all day. Few flakes of snow p.m.

Monday, January 21

Partly cloudy. Ther: 2 below zero. About house partly all day. A very cold day. Morning, 2 below zero. Noon 2 above zero. Evening at 6 o'clock, zero and very high wind.

Tuesday, January 22

Partly clear. Ther: 3 below zero. About the house and carried in lot of firewood and piled it in shed a.m. At hen house and knocking off corn stalks in lot, p.m. At J.W. Morrison's in eve. Held a meeting of the Reformed

Cemetery Co. The treasurer, J.W. Morrison, reported \$1,300 in permanent fund. Very cold in morning. Moderated some during day, but still cold.

Wednesday, January 23

Partly clear. Ther: 2 above. Finished corn stocks a.m. Trimming apple trees in home orchard p.m. Not near so cold. Beautiful p.m.

Thursday, January 24

Partly cloudy. In the house partly all day. Wife and Blanche went to Lancaster. Returned 2:45 p.m. Raw cold air all day. Commenced snowing about 6 p.m.

Friday, January 25

Partly clear. Shelling corn, etc., a.m. Painting inside of pump house, etc., p.m. At home in eve. Elam Hill of North Dakota spent short time here. Blanche and he were school mates at east center school some years ago. Cold raw air part of day. Heavy rain last night. Snow all gone and warmer. Colder in eve.

Saturday, January 26

Partly clear. Ther: 4 above. Working about home a.m. In house partly all p.m. At IORM in eve. Walter buried small child for Walter Erb, Bumgardners, at Byerland this a.m. Very high wind all last night and all day and very much colder. Therm not above 18 degrees during day.

Sunday, January 27

Clear. Ther: 1 below zero. At Sunday school a.m. At preaching by Paul Scheirer, son of Rev David, our newly elected pastor, p.m. and home. At home in eve. H.H. Aston, Martin Ressel, Walter and family spent evening with us. A very cold day. Very little wind.

Monday, January 28

Clear. Ther: 6 above. At home all day. Shelling

corn, splitting wood, etc. Cold damp south east wind all day.

Tuesday, January 29

Partly cloudy. Ther: 30 above. Working about home all day. Painting inside of pump house, etc. Great change in weather. Very spring like. Few drops of rain and much warmer.

Wednesday, January 30

Cloudy. Trimming apple trees in home orchard a.m. Painting inside of pump house (finished) p.m. Blanche and Walter at Lancaster. Fetched stillborn babe of Mrs. Clyde Hoover from General Hospital along out. Will bury tomorrow and called to Central Manor this eve, a Mrs. Musser passed away. Very spring like. Light shower of rain at noon.

Thursday, January 31

Cloudy. Helped Walter out. Buried a small child of Clyde Huber's at River Corner cemetery a.m. Put manure on asparagus bed and trimming apple trees in home orchard, p.m. At home in eve. Very spring like. Cooler in eve.

Friday, February 1

Cloudy. Trimming in home orchard all day. Not cold, but raw air all day.

Saturday, February 2

Partly clear. Working about home all day. Cleaned hen house and cleaned up orchard of brush, etc., of trimming trees. Ready to burn. At IORM in eve. Had our monthly supper with good attendance. Charles arrived here 10:20 p.m. from Philadelphia. He motored here. Very spring like. Not cold. Saw first bluebird in orchard.

Sunday, February 3

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At preaching service by Rev Daniel Scheirer. A

very good sermon. Son Charles returned to Philadelphia this eve. Wife and I spent evening with Edw Groff and wife. Ex-President Woodrow Wilson died at 11:15 a.m. at his home, Washington, D.C. A beautiful day. Spring like.

Monday, February 4

Partly clear. Finished the home orchard. Burned brush, etc., a.m. Painted outside of pump house, etc., p.m. Damp raw air a.m. Warmer p.m.

Tuesday, February 5

Cloudy. About house a.m. Went to Lancaster on business for a short time with Walter who went to the General Hospital for stillborn of Mr. and Mrs. Geo C. Hagen. Will bury tomorrow at the Millersville Mennonite. Blanche, Ellie Graver spent the day with Mrs. Dr. B.F. Good and Walter's wife with her sister, Mrs. Bortzfield. Raining partly all day. Part of time very heavy.

Wednesday, February 6

Cloudy. About home all day. Working at auto, put new Ford battery in my sedan. Guaranteed for one year. Paid \$16.50 for same. Blanche called to Byard Benedict's near Habecker Mill, Manor Twp. Their only child died of pneumonia. Went by way of Lancaster, Millersville and Letort on account of extremely bad roads. Cold damp air all day. Few snow flurries. Very light.

Thursday, February 7

Partly cloudy. Ther: 20. About home a.m. Went to S.S. Lehman's sale of real estate and personal property. Farm of 100 acres, formerly David Hess farm, brought \$30.00 per acre. \$3,000, p.m. Ed Groff and wife spent evening with us. Much colder all day. Rather stormy. Roads very rough.

Friday, February 8

Partly cloudy. Ther: 24. Working about home all day. Blanche called to Marticville last night. Amos Cramer, an old war veteran, passed away. Cold raw wind all day. Cold increasing in eve.

Saturday, February 9

Clear. Ther: 22. Working about home all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Byard Benedict child at Masonville a.m. Went to General Hospital for body of John Rineer's child at Elliott's Corner on Beaver Valley Pike, p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eshleman spent evening. At IORM in eve. Cold raw air all day.

Sunday, February 10

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and got H.H. Aston to take a number of us to Willow Street to the instillation services of our newly elected pastor Daniel Scheirer (by Bus), a.m. At home p.m. and eve. A surprise this morning. The ground covered with snow. First that the ground covered this winter. About 1 inch and very much colder and high wind part of day and eve.

Monday, February 11

Partly cloudy. Working about home all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Amos Cramer, Marticville. Services at the Rawlinsville M. E. Church and interred there. Cold in morning. Moderated during day.

Tuesday, February 12

Partly cloudy. Cleaning up about barn all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of John Rineer's daughter at Elliot's Corner. Sold 5 dozen eggs to Mrs. Daniel M. Witmer for hatching. 50 cents per dozen. Snowed about 1 inch last night. A beautiful day. Quite warm.

Wednesday, February 13

Clear. Ther: 10 above. Working about barn all day. Cold all day.

Thursday, February 14

Partly cloudy. Working in shop, etc. Snowing part of a.m. Great change in weather. Not near so cold.

Friday, February 15

Partly cloudy. Working down on farm. Taking out partitions, plastering, etc., to make tobacco shed stripping room out of it. Worked all day. Walter and Wade fetched lot of caskets, etc., from freight station, Lancaster, a.m. Blanche called to Lancaster to take charge of body of Hettie Rankin, wife of John K. this p.m. Another milestone reached. 67th birthday. Can scarcely realize it, and many things to be thankful to God for. Cold. Strong wind all day. A regular snow blizzard about 3 p.m. and much colder.

Saturday, February 16

Clear. Ther: 10 above. Working about home a.m. Went to Mary Neff's personal property sale near Masonville. Had a very good sale. I bought a chopping ax for \$1.90. At IORM in eve. Rec'd a letter from sister Ellie this eve. (Arizona). Was sure glad to hear from her again. Very heavy frost and cold all day.

Sunday, February 17

Cloudy. Ther: 15. At Sunday school and preaching in a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Blanche and Walter took casket to Lancaster and put body of Mrs. Rankin in. Cold damp day. Snow and some sleet.

Monday, February 18

Clear. Ther: 15. At Lancaster till 1:30 p.m. Took Blanche to Mrs. Rankin's funeral and returned after attending to some business. Cold in morning but warmer during day. Roads sloppy.

Tuesday, February 19

Cloudy. Ther: Not above 14 all day. About

home all day. Sweeping and shoveling snow and working in shop. Cold and snowing all day without any intermission. Beginning to blow in eve.

Wednesday, February 20

Partly cloudy. Ther: 30. Shoveling snow partly all a.m. Working in shop, etc., p.m. At home in eve. Very tired. (This shoveling snow). About 9 inches of snow fell. Great change in weather. Heavy rain early morning and part of a.m. Roads very sloppy.

Thursday, February 21

Partly clear. Ther: 22. Working in barn and shop. Cleaning up in general. Blanche and Walter at Lancaster a.m. Cold raw wind all day. No melting of snow.

Friday, February 22

Partly clear. Ther: 23. Cleaning up chick house and set 3 hens a.m. About house, etc., p.m. Quite cold all day. No melting of snow. Colder in eve.

Saturday, February 23

Partly clear. Ther: 15. Working about home. Put out hen with 9 chicks out of 13 eggs, a.m. Not doing much p.m. At IORM in eve. Emanuel Kreider was received as a member this eve. Cold all day.

Sunday, February 24

Partly clear. Ther: 3 above. At Sunday school a.m. Preaching services p.m. At home in eve. Very cold in morning. Beautiful day.

Monday, February 25

Partly clear. Ther: 24. Working down in old house all day. Taking off plastering and partitions to make a tobacco shed out of it with stripping room in basement. It is quite a job. Very tired this evening. Blanche called to

Walter Henry's. Child passed away. Not near so cold but damp.

Tuesday, February 26

Partly clear. Working down at old house all day. John Eshbach sale of personal property. Beautiful day. Snow melting some.

Wednesday, February 27

Partly clear. Cleaned poultry house, etc., a.m. Walked to David W. Hess sale, Jacob W. Morrison and I p.m. I bought stove for stripping room on farm and 3,600 tobacco lath @ 55 and 62 cents per 100. Total, \$24.34. Gave check for same. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Walter Henry's child, Marticville and called to Willis Glick's on Columbia Pike at Kready Road. Mrs. John Lefever, formerly Rachael Bortzfield, passed away. Cold raw north east wind, but snow melting. Roads sloppy.

Thursday, February 28

Clear. Ther: 20. Working down at old house partly all day. Beautiful winter day.

Friday, February 29

Partly clear. Ther: 20. About home a.m. Working down at old house p.m. Looked very much like snow a.m. Beautiful p.m.

Saturday, March 1

Clear. Ther: 20. Working down at old house a.m. About home p.m. At IORM in eve. Had a social supper afterwards. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. John Lefever at Masonville. Sent check to Thos L. Fraser, G.C. of R of IORM for book. A beautiful day.

Sunday, March 2

Clear. Ther: 22. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Our pastor took dinner with us. Beautiful day but cold raw air all day.

Monday, March 3

Clear. Ther: 29. Working down at old house and trimming berries, a.m. At home, Wife and Blanche at Lancaster p.m. Beautiful day. Spring weather.

Tuesday, March 4

Clear. Working about home and in shop. Blanche called to Marticville. Earl F. Rice died. A member of our tribe of IORM. Beautiful day. Snow melting fast.

Wednesday, March 5

Cloudy. About home all day. In shop, etc. Blanche called to Jacob Thomas, Jr., New Danville. Infant son passed away. Very damp and raining part of day and eve. Much warmer. Snow going fast. Streams high.

Thursday, March 6

Clear. At home a.m. Went to public sale of Henry Harnish personal property, Pequea Twp. Had a good sale. Cows bringing as high as \$127 each. Cold raw air all day. Roads very muddy.

Friday, March 7

Partly cloudy. Went to Mt. Nebo with Harry F. Herr and other members of Red Men to funeral of E. Fred Rice, a member of our tribe, to hold the burial services. I had the prophets part, a.m. At home p.m. Amos F. Martin, blacksmith here in village, died at 7:30 this eve. Blood poison. Only sick a few days. The byroads are something terrible. Almost impossible to pull through. Many places the machine is up to axel. Not cold but much colder in eve and high wind.

Saturday, March 8

Clear. Ther: 25. About home all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of infant of Jacob Thomas, Jr., New Danville. Son Charles came home this eve. from Philadelphia. Great change in weather. Cold. Very high

wind (gale) partly all day, especially p.m. and eve.

Sunday, March 9

Clear. Ther: 25. At Sunday school. Blanche and Walter went to Irvin Funk's, Tucquan. Their daughter Helen passed away a.m. At preaching service p.m. At home in eve. Blanche and Walter put body of Amos F. Martin in casket this eve. for tomorrow. Charles left for home about 5 p.m. Beautiful day. Not near so cold during day.

Monday, March 10

Cloudy. At funeral of Amos F. Martin. Blanche and Walter attended, a.m. At public sale of personal property of Geo W. Myers down on farm. Stephen Wise bought wagon, harness, roller, spring harrow, etc. Total \$50.38. I gave check for same, he being my tenant farmer. I bought 199 pieces of draining tile @ 3 cents each. \$5.97. Paid cash for same. Raw damp air a.m. Rain p.m. Snow and colder in eve.

Tuesday, March 11

Cloudy. Went along with Walter. Took chairs down to Irvin Funk's in service auto a.m. Walter took roughbox to U. E. cemetery, Millersville, p.m. Blanche called to Millersville in eve. Mrs. Mary Finefrock passed away. At home in eve. Snowing all last night and all day. A real blizzard. Heaviest snow of winter. Terrible roads on our trip this a.m. It was impossible to get through. Roads drifted badly about Mt. Nebo. We got 2 mules and board wagon to go part of the way. We had to shovel our way out frequently.

Wednesday, March 12

Clear. Shoveling snow, etc., a.m. About home p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Ellen Gertrude Frank, Bethesda and Millersville. Funeral 2 hours late on account of conditions of roads. Had to be helped

through snow drifts with team hitched to auto hearse and touring cars. Went with Walter to General Hospital last night. Brought out body of Mrs. Maris Hess and took it to her home this p.m. near Sickman's Mill. Cold raw wind all day.

Thursday, March 13

Partly clear. Working about home all day. Blanche received word of death of Margaret Witmer at Harrisburg, meet train at Lancaster Saturday 11:45. Paid \$175 for horse to D.M. Witmer for Steve Wise. Cold raw wind all day.

Friday, March 14

Partly clear. Ther: 18. Working about home getting ready for chicks a.m. and down on farm p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mary Finefrock, Millersville. Cold raw air all day.

Saturday, March 15

Partly clear. Ther: 16. Working about home. Put 38 chicks with 3 clucks a.m. At sale of John H. Eshleman's personal Property P.m. Charles here from Philadelphia. Walter attended funeral of Margaret Witmer from Lancaster, shipped from Harrisburg. Rec'd word this eve. of the death at the General Hospital of Mrs. Paul Hollow, daughter of H.H. Aston. Took body to Amos Sterneman's. Very high wind and cold all day and colder in eve.

Sunday, March 16

Partly clear. Ther: 24. At Sunday school and preaching service a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Charles left for home about 4 p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Maris K. Hess, Marticville. Cold and very high wind all day. Especially high about 11 a.m.

Monday, March 17

Clear. At Lancaster. Blanche along, a.m. Worked

down on farm p.m. The two children of Paul Hollow whose wife died on Saturday eve. died today. They will be buried tomorrow at M. E. Church. The babe in mother's arms and the little girl in white casket. A very sad home. High wind all day. Not so cold.

Tuesday, March 18

Partly clear. At the funeral of Paul Hollow's wife and infant son in one casket and daughter, not 2 years old, in another casket. They were buried in M. E. cemetery here. A very large, sad funeral. Rev Wright of M. E. Church had charge of services. Walter conducted the funeral for Blanche, a.m. Down on farm trimming berry bushes p.m. Sold hay to C.C. Urban. \$20.00 cash. Beautiful spring day. Not so stormy nor cold.

Wednesday, March 19

Clear. Ther: 28. Down on farm fixing basement door on house. Stephen Wise, our farmer, moved in today. Trimming raspberries down on farm balance of day. (Some job!). Beautiful day. Not cold.

Thursday, March 20

Partly clear. Ther: 28. Rev Scheirer and wife and Mr. Crawford, his father-in-law, spent the day with us. Also Mr. Yentzer, our pastor and I visited the homes of our members partly all day. Spent time very pleasantly. Blanche in bed all day. Dr. Good here. Bad cold. Reported here in village that Ruth, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Henry has disappeared very mysteriously. Pleasant day but raw cold air in eve. from south east. Feels like snow.

Friday, March 21

Cloudy. In house partly all day and shoveling snow. Snowing all day. Heaviest fall of the season. Fully 6 inches deep and still snowing at 8 p.m. Not cold.

Saturday, March 22

Partly clear. Working about home all day. At IORM in eve. Blanche still in bed but some better. Joseph Miller died this morning at Marticville. Walter attended. Quite warm. Snow melting fast.

Sunday, March 23

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. At preaching service p.m. At home in eve. Blanche setting up a while in p.m. Received phone message from W.F. Paes. Father-in-law died at Coatesville. Bring body tomorrow. Beautiful spring day. Snow leaving very fast.

Monday, March 24

Clear. At Lancaster till 12:15 p.m. Bought clover seed, etc. Working about home getting ready for chicks for tomorrow, etc., p.m. Walter went to Coatesville after body of A. Fullerton. Beautiful day. Snow almost gone.

Tuesday, March 25

Partly clear. Went to Jos Miller's with Walter to put body in casket and from there to Lancaster. Got 50 chicks from Norman Bair, Salunga. (White rocks). \$9.00. Trimming raspberries, etc., p.m. Pleasant day. Not cold.

Wednesday, March 26

Cloudy. About home all day. Walter attended funeral of Aaron B. Fullerton from here and at Silver Spring U. B. Church. Rev Geo F. Conner spoke at the Reformed Church to the Red Men and their friends this eve. A very good sermon on "What will ye do with Jesus". Very unpleasant day. Snowing partly all day.

Thursday, March 27

Partly cloudy. Gave poultry house thorough cleaning a.m. Down on farm, etc., p.m. George W. Myers here in eve. Bought all locust posts on farm. \$20.00 and interest on \$500 in advance which shall remain in farm

for one year. Total \$40.00 paid in cash. Snowing in morning. Clearing at noon. Cooler in eve.

Friday, March 28

Partly clear. Down on farm all day. Trimming berries, cleaning up cumin patch. Sent check to B.G. Mellinger for coal bill to date. Beautiful spring day.

Saturday, March 29

Cloudy. Cleaned chick house, etc., a.m. At sale of A.F. Martin, R.E. and personal property. Very good sale. Property brought \$4,110, p.m. At IORM in eve. Election of officers. Raining and very damp all day. Thunder gust in North West in eve.

Sunday, March 30

Partly clear. At Sunday school and preaching a.m. At home p.m. Son Charles of Philadelphia spent short time with us p.m. Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Warfel spent the eve with us. Therm up to 70 degrees at noon. High wind p.m. and much cooler in eve.

Monday, March 31

Partly clear. At Lancaster till 9:30 a.m. Took 220 eggs to Mrs. Daniel M. Witmer, Safe Harbor for incubation for ourselves. Transferred wood lot to Lillie Dombach, \$150.00, p.m. At H.H. Aston's moving in eve. from the Ella Good home to the Kendig Hotel property. This ends the hotel business in our village. Thank God. Settled with John E. Zercher to date for interest on property, etc. \$163.80. Pleasant day but very much colder in eve.

Tuesday, April 1

Cloudy. At Lancaster. Paid Geo W. Myers \$2,000 on farm bought of him leaving a balance of \$500 to be paid one year hence, a.m. About home p.m. and eve. A wonderful

winter day. Commenced snowing 5:45 a.m. and snowed all day. The heaviest snow of the season and freezing weather.

Wednesday, April 2

Partly clear. Ther: 20. Shoveling snow partly all a.m. A fall of 13 inches yesterday. Took several pictures and shoveling part of p.m. Roads closed. Beautiful day but cold high wind part of day.

Thursday, April 3

Clear. Ther: 22. Helping Earl Jenkins to move a.m. Working about home p.m. Beautiful day. Snow melting very fast.

Friday, April 4

Clear. Working about home and down on farm short time. Walter bought 5 bus. Russet potatoes from Lancaster through Farm Bureau. \$1.85 per bus. Beautiful day. Sun quite warm. Snow going fast.

Saturday, April 5

Partly clear. Working about home all day. Had our clover seed sowed on farm this morning. Blanche received word this morning of the death of Adam Hess near New Danville. A very special friend of mine. I shall, if able, be present at his funeral on Tuesday by his request and my promise some years ago. A number of IORM members attended the public raising up of the Chiefs this eve. at Malta Temple, Lancaster. We had a very nice time. 17 in number. A beautiful spring day.

Sunday, April 6

Cloudy. At Sunday school. A very small attendance on account of rain, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Raining partly all day. Quite heavy till 2:30 p.m.

Monday, April 7

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. Down

on farm. Finished trimming raspberries p.m. At home in eve. High wind partly all day and much colder. Light rain in eve.

Tuesday, April 8

Partly clear. Ther: 30. At funeral of Adam Hess at New Danville Mennonite Church. Working about home. Planted 4 walnut trees in poultry yard, p.m. Blanche called to take charge of the body of Mrs. Henry Rineer, Little Pittsburg. Heavy frost and cool all day.

Wednesday, April 9

Cloudy. About home all day. Had Steve Wise haul manure out on Kreider lot and wood out of orchard a.m. Blanche called to Ephraim Benedict's, Levan's Mill. One of their children died. Received word by phone this morning of the death of Aunt Lizzie Zercher, Mt. Joy, Uncle Jacob's wife. Funeral Saturday. Damp and showers partly all of p.m. and eve. Cool.

Thursday, April 10

Partly cloudy. Working in garden partly all day fixing up grape arbors, tying up grape vines, etc. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Ephraim Benedict's child at Stehman's Church. Rather damp. Not cold.

Friday, April 11

Partly cloudy. Cleaning up garden. Burning rubbish, etc. Cleaned out chick house, etc., all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Henry Rineer, Highville. High wind part of day. Not cold.

Saturday, April 12

Partly clear. Charles Kreider and wife went along with wife and I to Mt. Joy to funeral of Uncle Jacob Zercher's wife, Elizabeth Hostetter Zercher, a.m. Stopped off at Lancaster short time on way home. At IORM in eve. Blanche called to Highville this eve. Abrm Herr died. Beautiful spring day.

Sunday, April 13

Clear. Ther: 76. At Sunday school and church (Holy Communion Service). Good attendance, a.m. Rev Schreier took dinner with us. At home and walked down to Wise's short time p.m. At home in eve. Thieves in the village last night visited J.W. Morrison, Martin W. Smith and the garment factory. Took some things at Smith's shop. Beautiful day and quite warm.

Monday, April 14

Partly clear. Working about home and down on farm. Wise sowed his tobacco seed. At IORM auditing the accounts between the K of W and C of W and found them correct. Blanche rec'd word of the death of Maris Smith at Lancaster. Formerly of Conestoga Twp. An old school mate of mine at Locust Grove (Stone Hill). Quite warm. Few drops of rain about 2 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15

Partly clear. Digging garden a.m. and part of p.m. Cutting potatoes for planting. Expect to plant tomorrow. Cool in morning. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, April 16

Partly clear. Cutting potatoes for planting and went to Highville U. B. Church for Blanche and took her to Lancaster and at Maris Smith's funeral p.m. and fetched stools along home. Blanche attended funeral of Abrm Herr, Highville, a.m. and Maris Smith, Lancaster, p.m. and called out last night to take charge of body of Levi A. Copeland, Central Manor. Steph Wise planted potatoes down on farm today. Quite cool all day.

Thursday, April 17

Cloudy. Cleaned out hen house, etc. Steph Wise plowed our garden, hauled ashes in driveway. Paid him \$3.00 for work done to date. I planted cobbler potatoes in part of

garden p.m. Albert L. Henry had his property up for sale at west end of village but did not sell. Damp raw air all day with light shower of rain after dinner.

Friday, April 18

Cloudy. About home all day. Getting place ready for baby chicks. Rec'd Blue Hen brooder from Sprecher and Ganss, Lancaster. Rec'd word this eve. of the death of Edw Groff here in the village (very unexpected). Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Levi Copeland, Mtville. Raining all day.

Saturday, April 19

Partly clear. Working about home. Putting up Blue Hen brooder, etc., a.m. Went to public sale of Jos Miller's personal property near Florey's mill, Martic Twp. Steve Wise along. At IORM in eve. Rather cool all day and high wind.

Sunday, April 20

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Went to Benj F. Hill's for dinner, wife, Blanche and I. A few others were present. At church and Joint Consistory meeting afterward, p.m. At home in eve. Blanche called to the General Hospital to take charge of body of Miss Ada W., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ H. Hess. Removed to her home near Marticville. Very changeable. Rain, hail, thunder gust, sunshine and very high wind.

Monday, April 21

Partly cloudy. Ther: 29. At funeral of Edw Groff here in village and River Corner. Large attendance, a.m. Went to Lancaster. Bought 2-1/2 bus. potatoes at Farm Bureau for planting. Also 100 lb. nitrate of soda of Sprecher and Ganss and working in garden. Cold raw air all day.

Tuesday, April 22

Cloudy. At primary election. Cast first ballot

at the polls. Very small vote out. 63. Dug 200 strawberry plants for Mr. Walter C. Beam, Strasburg, a.m. Took them along to Strasburg for him. Steve and I went down to horse sale at Sherman Book's. Bought horse for \$133. I gave my check for same, less 1 dollar off for delivering by self. Started fire in brooder for chicks. Rain and very high wind part of day and much colder in eve.

Wednesday, April 23

Partly clear. Working about home. Planted magnolia in side yard and 1 pine and silver birch. Stuck small onions in garden. Fetched 112 chicks from Mrs. Dan M. Witmer's. This out of 220 eggs. Our Governor, Mr. Pinchot, was defeated yesterday for delegate at large to the national convention. Cold high wind all day.

Thursday, April 24

Clear. Put out 114 chicks this morning and finished planting shrubbery in yard, a.m. Went to Lancaster. Got 4 pair of quail and put them down on farm, etc., p.m. The warmest day of the season.

Friday, April 25

Partly clear. Working about home and helping to get ready for supper for Lancaster Auto club by the Ladies Aid Society. Had a great attendance. 85 partook of supper. Rec'd word of death of Albert Groff of Philadelphia. Meet body tomorrow morning at Lancaster. Raining early morning and part of a.m. Beautiful p.m. and eve. Cool.

Saturday, April 26

Partly clear. Helping to clean up at Grange after supper last night and took Blanche to Lancaster. Home by way of West Willow. Bought 7 bags fertilizer. \$8.25. 12 bus oats for seeding. \$8.16. 100 lb. nitrate. \$3.00. 100 lb. bran. \$1.75. Wheel barrow for Steve.

\$8.00. Working about home p.m. At IORM in eve. Blanche and Walter brought body of Albert Groff of Philadelphia from R.R. to his brother's home, John. Cool all day.

Sunday, April 27

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. Charles came here at noon from Philadelphia and spent p.m. Very glad to see him and had a very pleasant time. At church in eve. Beautiful day. Cool.

Monday, April 28

Clear. Ther: 78. Working in garden a.m. Down on farm p.m. At home in eve. Ladies Aid Society met here to settle up their supper account. Had a balance of \$42.06 in their favor. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Tuesday, April 29

Cloudy. Working about barn, etc., a.m. Planting cabbage, tomatoes, peas and beans in garden p.m. Steve sowed about 4 acres of oats on farm this p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Albert Groff. Interred in Woodward Hill cemetery. Raining part of a.m. Cooler in p.m. and eve.

Wednesday, April 30

Cloudy. Mowing lawn for first and working about yard a.m. Helping wife in house p.m. Damp all day. Rain p.m. and eve. Very high wind in early eve. and much cooler.

Thursday, May 1

Partly clear. Working down on farm a.m. At home p.m. Rye heads are out as usual on May 1st. Blanche called to take charge of body of Amos R. Benedict at his son's home, Levan's mill. High wind partly all day. Cool in eve.

Friday, May 2

Partly clear. Working down on farm all day. Making grape arbor, tying up and planting

grapes and cleaning up in general. Beautiful day. Sun quite warm. Cool air.

Saturday, May 3

Partly clear. Working in garden and cleaned chick house and coops a.m. Went to funeral of Amos R. Benedict at U. E. Church, p.m. At IORM in eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Amos R. Benedict, Mt. Zion. Quite warm a.m. Cooler with high wind p.m. and eve.

Sunday, May 4

Partly clear. Myself and 18 other members of #65 IORM went to West Grove, Chester Co. to Rev Geo F. Conner's church, a.m. Took our lunch along and ate it at rear of church in grove. From there we went to H.M. Heibeck's home to visit our old Bro, Benj Hookey. Found him confined to his room but cheerful and very glad to see us. Spent short time there and left for home at 2:20 p.m. arriving at 4:30. Very much pleased with our visit. Walter took charge of our S.S. here and he, Blanche and Mabel Fulton attended the 17th district S.S. Convention at Washington Boro in p.m. Beautiful day but cool. High wind. Wore overcoats on our trip.

Monday, May 5

Partly clear. Working down on farm all day. Helping clean strawberry patch, etc. Beautiful day. Quite warm. Light frost.

Tuesday, May 6

Clear. Ther: 92. Working in garden planting peas, bunch beans, bush lima, etc., a.m. Went to Gochenaurs for tomato plants. To Lancaster. Bought 100 lbs. granulated sugar, \$8.00 and to David Landis, Long Lane, for one bushel white ear field corn for planting. \$2.25 per and to D.S. Herr's nursery and got 100 asparagus roots or planting down on farm and home. Very warm all day.

Wednesday, May 7

Partly cloudy. Working down on farm all day. Mostly in raspberry patch. Quite warm. Heavy thunder gust last night about 2:30 a.m. No rain here but north of us lightning struck 2 barns and destroyed the 1 near Bainbridge and Kreadyville.

Thursday, May 8

Cloudy. Cleaned hen and chick house, etc., a.m. Working about home p.m. J. Wesley Gardner passed away this morning. Blanche called. Commenced raining about 1:30 a.m. and rained all day and very heavy at times. Warm.

Friday, May 9

Cloudy. Working about home a.m. Down on farm. Took out pump at upper house to repair it. Found it was past fixing, so I ordered a new one and mowed lot at the old house and fixed up grape vines, p.m. Raining a.m. Very damp p.m. Cooler in eve.

Saturday, May 10

Cloudy. Down on farm tying up raspberry canes a.m. Trimming lawn, etc. p.m. At IORM in eve. Damp partly all day. Much cooler in eve.

Sunday, May 11

Cloudy. Ther: 42. At Sunday school a.m. Charles Kreider and wife and Cora and self and wife went to Benj Kreider's, Millersville, for a short time in p.m. At home in eve. Raining partly all day and cool. The 4th successive day of rain. Very unusual.

Monday, May 12

Partly cloudy. Ther: 44. Working about home all day. Blanche and Walter attending funeral of John Wesley Gardner, aged 83-2-24, at Colemanville M. E. Warmer. Raining partly all day.

Tuesday, May 13

Partly clear. Down on farm all day. Finished tying up raspberries and taking out strawberry plants for planting. Had Edw N. Wade put new pump in well at the upper house. \$19.00. Less \$4.00 for old pump, etc. \$15.00. Blanche called to John Mellinger's, Central Manor. His wife passed away this eve. Bought fertilizer, etc., of West Willow Farmer's Association and sent check for same. \$11.63. Beautiful day. Sun quite warm.

Wednesday, May 14

Partly cloudy. Working down on farm helping plant strawberries a.m. Planted corn that I got at Commissioner's office when I was Clerk there. We had a corn contest there and I got some of the prize corn and I planted it for seed, p.m. Warm all day. Commenced raining about 5 p.m. and still raining.

Thursday, May 15

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. Down on farm trimming trees, etc., p.m. Pleasant day. Warm rain last night.

Friday, May 16

Cloudy. Working about home a.m. Down on farm p.m. Blanche called to Alfred S. Hess. His wife passed away last night. They attended funeral of Mrs. John Mellinger, Millersville Mennonite. Damp and rather cool. Light shower of rain last night and a.m.

Saturday, May 17

Clear. About home and went to the AOK of MC convention held in the village. Served dinner and supper at the Witmer warehouse. A very large attendance and a festival in the eve. Large crowd. A beautiful day but quite cool in eve.

Sunday, May 18

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and went to

funeral of Mrs. Alfred S. Hess at house only. Did not go along to church and Chas H. Kreider and family and self and wife went to Albert Greenawalt above Mt. Joy on visit and on way up near Landisville had an accident on account of a party stopping on road suddenly and without signal. Damaged my car and Kreider's. Left car at Mt. Joy for repair and came home by trolley in eve. At church in eve. High wind. Especially in p.m. Heavy rain at 4:30 p.m. Cool in eve.

Monday, May 19

Partly clear. Working in garden planting and hoeing, etc., partly all day. At Lancaster about 1-1/2 hours. Beautiful day. Quite cool in eve.

Tuesday, May 20

Cloudy. Working about home a.m. Down on farm. Planted a few peanuts over on sand knob near Lucy Martin's for experimenting. Steve plowing lot here at home. Gave Blanche her insurance policy in Security Life, she paying me what I had paid in for her. Light rain a.m. Damp p.m. and cool in eve.

Wednesday, May 21

Cloudy. Went to Mt. Joy by trolley and fetched my sedan from Ream's Garage. Had it repaired from accident on Sunday. Paid same, \$15.72. Returned by noon. About home p.m. Got 30 guinea eggs of Pharis Foutz for hatching down on farm. Gave them to Steve this eve. Raining partly all day. Very damp and cool.

Thursday, May 22

Clear. Ther: 38 in morning. 45 at noon. 49 at 6 p.m. Working about home. Sold 13 chicks. Weighed 27 lbs. at 40 cents per pound. \$10.80, a.m. Down on farm p.m. Henry Redcay died this p.m. at 3:30 very suddenly. Blanche called to take charge. Quite cool all day.

Friday, May 23

Ther: 42. Working about home mowing and trimming up lawn, etc. Down on farm in eve. Blanche called to Millersville. Reeder Hess wife died. Great change in weather. Very much warmer but cool in eve.

Saturday, May 24

Partly cloudy. Cleaning hen and chick house, etc., a.m. Down on farm putting up frame, etc., for putting concrete bed on well at old house. Frank Martin doing the job. At IORM in eve. Paid Frank Martin \$3.00 for cast iron manhole for pump bed (concrete). Damp and warm and very heavy rain about 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 25

Partly cloudy. Ther: 42. A very busy day. Went to Lancaster at 7 a.m. and brought Mary Bruner out. At Sunday school. The Wolgamuth bros married to two of Miller girls and Sister Lizzie and Chester Eberly and wife and son here a.m. Went to funeral of Henry Redcay at house only and fetched Blanche along home and spent balance of day with the folks here. At U. E. Church in eve. Rev Carmichael preached a sermon to the AOK of MC. A good number out. Text: "What is my life". Cold rain all day. Light shower of rain in eve.

Monday, May 26

Partly clear. Ther: 39. At Lancaster on business a.m. Working about home and down on farm p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Reeder Hess, Millersville. Cold in morning. Some warmer during day than yesterday.

Tuesday, May 27

Cloudy. Ther: 52. About home all day. In garden a.m. About house p.m. Damp. Commenced raining about 10 a.m. and rained all balance of day. (Cooler).

Wednesday, May 28

Cloudy. Down on farm a.m. About home p.m. Blanche called to Milton M. Bonham who died very unexpectedly this morning. Warmer. Rain partly all p.m.

Thursday, May 29

Cloudy. About home all day. Not doing much work. Raining partly all day.

Friday, May 30

Partly clear. Martin Ressel and I put flags on graves of deceased soldiers at the cemeteries of the township a.m. and brought the Bruner family from trolley who spent the day with us. Took them to trolley in eve. and brought son Charles from trolley to spend a short time with us. Quite cool all day with brisk wind. Feels very much like frost this eve.

Saturday, May 31

Partly clear. Ther: 43. Mowing lawn, etc. Had good help. Charles helped. Went to funeral of Milton M. Bonham over on farm. Formerly Foutz farm. House service only. At home p.m. At IORM in eve. Paid for some lumber got some time ago of them. \$4.80. Paid Edw N. Wade \$46.00 for pump, roofing, etc., on farm. Cool all day and high wind.

Sunday, June 1

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Charles took wife and I to Quarryville for auto trip, but I went to get a burial and shipping permit to ship body of B. Frank Paist, who was found dead in bed this morning at River View Hotel, Pequea, to Philadelphia and failed getting permit, Mr. J. Allen Kirk, health officer, not being home. (Some official). Charles left for home this eve. We were at church in eve. Rather damp all day. Rain in eve and cool.

Monday, June 2

Partly clear. Went to Quarryville for permit

for burial. Also for shipping body to Philadelphia. From there to Lancaster and helped Walter to ship body of B. Franklin Paist to Philadelphia and home, a.m. Down on farm cleaning up raspberry patch of weeds, etc., and in garden hoeing. Beautiful day. Very much warmer.

Tuesday, June 3

Partly cloudy. Working down on farm partly all day. (Very tired). Henry B. Thomas died this p.m. having been confined to the house and mostly in bed for over two years. Quite warm all day. Looks very much like rain.

Wednesday, June 4

Partly clear. In house doing writing a.m. Down on farm filling up around concrete pump bed and in garden p.m. Warm in morning but cooler and high winds.

Thursday, June 5

Partly clear. Ther: 49. Working down on farm all day. Finished raspberry patch. They look fine with prospects of a full crop. Very tired. Beautiful day. Sun quite warm.

Friday, June 6

Partly cloudy. Working about home in morning and at funeral of Harry B. Thomas at U. B. Church a.m. Wrighting, etc., p.m. and eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of H.B. Thomas. Interred at River Corner. Warm light rain. Quite warm in eve. At 7 p.m. therm. 71. Heavy rain about 8 p.m. Thunder gust looked very in N. West.

Saturday, June 7

Clear. Ther: 72. Mowing lawn, trimming hedge, etc., partly all day. Made a drag for down on farm in the morning. At IORM and AOK of MC in eve. The women are organizing a Norma Lodge here. Beautiful day. Warm. The rain last eve. was one of the heaviest

Lancaster city and vicinity experienced for a long time. Many cellars flooded and hail.

Sunday, June 8

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Wife and I walked down to Wise's on farm p.m. At church in eve. Warm. Thunder gust with rain p.m. Cooler in eve.

Monday, June 9

Partly cloudy. Working about home a.m. Went to Lancaster on business. Paid market stand #87 on West Vine for Steve Wise, our farmer, \$10.00 for 1924 and mowed lawn and in garden p.m. Blanche called to Harrisburg to take charge of body of Charles Herr's wife. Brought body here. Raining in morning. Quite warm during day.

Tuesday, June 10

Partly clear. Working in garden and had Steve get part of lot ready for planting tobacco a.m. J.W. Morrison, Charles H. Kreider, Walter F. Ressel and I removed the fence in front of Reformed Church this p.m. It makes a decided change in appearance for the better, p.m. Beautiful day. Part of day quite warm.

Wednesday, June 11

Partly clear. Ther: 50. Working down on farm mowing lot at old house and cultivated grape vines, etc., all day. Bought 2 Susquehanna Shad (fresh) from Charles H. Kreider for \$4.50, paid. Cool in morning. Quite warm at noon. Raining in eve.

Thursday, June 12

Working about shop and barn partly all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Charles Herr from our home. At Marticville M. E. Church this p.m. Commenced raining last night and rained all a.m. Warmer p.m. Cooler in eve.

Friday, June 13

Cloudy. At Lancaster. Blanche along. Bought

chick feed, etc., and attended to some other business and home by 10:30 a.m. Working about home shelling corn, cleaning chick house, etc., p.m. Wm G. Mellinger died about 4:30 p.m. Raining partly all day. Quite heavy in p.m. Cool.

Saturday, June 14

Partly clear. Walter, Blanche and I went to Mount Joy this morning to my Uncle Jacob Zercher's sale of personal property. Took dinner at Cousin Ezra's home and at sale in p.m. Bought a few things to remember him. He gave me a gauge that was my grandfather's when he worked at New Danville at plow and wagon making as a memento. Sun quite warm. Few drops of rain about 4:15 p.m. Cooler in eve.

Sunday, June 15

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. Fannie Mae Frey and mother and Florence Frey here. At church in eve. Beautiful day. Warm. First real warm evening of the season.

Monday, June 16

Partly clear. Mowing lawn, etc., a.m. Working in garden, hanging screen door, etc., p.m. Pharis B. Good of Chicago spent the evening very pleasantly with us. He is in the undertaking business there for himself. (Formerly one of our village boys). The barn on the ore mine farm burned down last night. Cause unknown. Beautiful day. Quite warm. Heavy shower of rain last night.

Tuesday, June 17

Clear. Working down on farm a.m. Took Steve to Lancaster market with strawberries p.m. A very poor market. Saw berries sell as low as 10 cents per box. Mostly 2 for 25 cents. A regular glut on market. Beautiful day. Very warm.

Wednesday, June 18

Partly cloudy. Ther: 85. Working in garden

a.m. Planted sweet potato sprouts. Paid 80 cents per 100 on market yesterday. Exorbitant price. Down on farm. Picked a few strawberries, etc. A very warm day. Light shower of rain p.m. Some thunder.

Thursday, June 19

Partly clear. Picking strawberries, etc., a.m. Down on farm and in orchard p.m. Blanche called to go to St. Joseph Hospital for body of Roy Steckervetz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steckervetz. Brain fever. Called at noon to come to Lancaster to take charge of body of Elias Eshbach, formerly of Run Valley. Very warm all day.

Friday, June 20

Clear. Ther: 95. Down on farm helping pick strawberries a.m. Took Steve Wise to market. 3 crates of strawberries. 2 for 25 and 10 cents per box. Berries sold from 5 to 20 cents per box. Martin H. Good, Marticville was drowned while trying to save a child in Pequea creek this noon. (Very sad). Walter brought body here for embalming. A very warm day and a very heavy gust and rain with few hail about 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 21

Partly clear. Working about home. Made cesspool back of barn for the morgue use. Took over the Kreider lot tobacco patch. Walter finds he does not have the time he expected to farm it. At IORM in eve. and at Walter's. Had homemade ice cream and strawberries. It was fine. Blanche called to Millersville. Mrs. Lindeman passed away in her 90th year. A very particular friend of mine. A grand old lady. Very warm all day. Light rain in eve.

Sunday, June 22

Clear. Ther: 62 in morning. At Sunday school and at the funeral of Roy Steckervetz at U. E.

Church, a.m. Took Blanche to Lancaster to attend funeral of Elias R. Eshbach. From there to Millersville to look after body of mother Lindeman. At church in eve. Rev Scheirer and wife and father Crawford stopped in a short time. Beautiful day. Quite warm at midday.

Monday, June 23

Partly cloudy. Ther: 89 at 7 p.m. Took chairs and lowering device to house and church for funeral of Martin H. Good, Marticville, which Blanche and Walter attended this a.m. Planting tobacco in lot and had to replant quite a few plants on account of a very heavy rain about 2:30 p.m. Washed quite a bit in plowed ground. Very warm and sultry. Thunder gust and very heavy rain.

Tuesday, June 24

Partly clear. Ther: 90. Replanting tobacco in lot a.m. Took Steve to Lancaster market with strawberries. Market very slow. Sold one crate for \$3.00 and mostly 10 cents per box, p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Lindeman at Stehman's Church. A very warm day. A few drops of rain in eve.

Wednesday, June 25

Partly clear. Ther: 92. Pulling tobacco plants and planting partly all day. Steve got lot ready for tobacco and helped plant same. Finished. Very warm day. Quite cool in eve. Thunder gust and rain in p.m.

Thursday, June 26

Partly clear. Ther: 89. Hoeing tobacco, etc., a.m. Mowing lawn. Cleaned chick house, etc. Beautiful day. Not so warm. Nice breeze.

Friday, June 27

Cloudy. Shelling corn and about home all day. Commenced raining 4:30 a.m. and rained all day. Quite cool all day.

Saturday, June 28

Partly clear. Replanting tobacco in Kreider lot and down on farm picking a few strawberries. Cool all day. Beautiful day.

Sunday, June 29

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home resting p.m. At church in eve. Very heavy thunder storm and heavy rain from 11:30 to 1 o'clock last night. Quite warm and sultry today.

Monday, June 30

Partly clear. Ther: 53 in morning. Picking cherries partly all day and in garden in eve. Beautiful day. Quite warm. Cool in morning.

Tuesday, July 1

Partly cloudy. Picking cherries (sour) for market. 1 bushel, a.m. Took Steve to market. 2 crates currants, 1 crate cherries, peas, strawberries, eggs. Market slow. Currants, 2 for 25. Cherries, \$3.50 crate. Strawberries, 2 for 25. Peas, 60 cents per peck. At meeting of cemetery company in eve. Pleasant all day. Cool in eve.

Wednesday, July 2

Partly cloudy. Ther: 90. Hoeing tobacco in Kendig lot a.m. Went to Farmer's Association, West Willow, for chick feed and working in lot, p.m. Sent checks for S.S. Supplies, \$9.36 and electric light bills for home, \$9.75, church, \$4.50, and IORM, \$4.50. \$16.95. Blanche called to Mountville. Mrs. Michael Kreider died at home of son, Jacob. Warm all day. Light rain in eve.

Thursday, July 3

Partly clear. Down on farm in morning. Replanting tobacco in the Kreider lot, a.m. Mowing lawn and replanting tobacco. Wife and Blanche in Lancaster p.m. Warm all day.

Friday, July 4

Partly cloudy. Finished replanting tobacco

a.m. Down on farm picking raspberries (first picking) and strawberries. Charles came here from Philadelphia at noon. Paul along and Lester Tshudy of Lancaster along. Warm all day. Cool in eve.

Saturday, July 5

Partly cloudy. Cleaned poultry and chick houses (thoroughly) and coal oiled them, a.m. Not doing much p.m. Spent the time with Charles. At IORM in eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Michael Kreider, River Corner. Steve was on market this morning. Black raspberries sold for 30 cents per berry box.

Sunday, July 6

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and church in eve. Beautiful day. Light shower of rain last night.

Monday, July 7

Partly cloudy. Working in shop and helped Steve harrow some of the tobacco in Kreider lot, a.m. Hoeing tobacco between showers, p.m. Paid Steve for harrowing tobacco in Kreider lot. 35 cents. Very warm. Several showers of rain. Some real heavy.

Tuesday, July 8

Partly cloudy. Hoeing tobacco and helping pick raspberries for market, a.m. Took Steve to market. 3 crates raspberries, 1 of currants, and peas and beans. A very poor market. It was flooded with berries. Berries that brought 30 cents last Saturday morning sold as low as 2 boxes for 25 cents. Rained best part of a.m. and part of p.m. Very warm and sultry all day.

Wednesday, July 9

Partly clear. Working in lot all day. Shovel harrowed and hoeing tobacco. Very warm all day.

Thursday, July 10

Partly clear. Hoeing tobacco all day. Steve making hay on farm. Beautiful day. Nice breeze all day.

Friday, July 11

Clear. Helping pick raspberries for market. Steve harrowed tobacco for me on Kreider lot a.m. Finished picking berries and went to market. Berries brought 20 cents per box for 1st choice. Beautiful day. Warm. A great hay maker.

Saturday, July 12

Clear. Hoeing tobacco and trimming up lawn, hedge and Kreider front, etc. Very tired this eve. At IORM in eve. Had visitors from Lancaster. Very warm all day. Great hay weather.

Sunday, July 13

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and brought S.B. Good and wife, Mr. Marsh, wife and daughter from trolley and Dr. Good and wife came by auto. Took dinner with us and spent p.m. and took supper with us. Also Rev Scheirer took supper and spent the day pleasantly. At church in eve. Rain last night and heavy rain a.m. and very warm p.m. and eve.

Monday, July 14

Clear. Hoeing tobacco in Kreider lot all day. Walter helped part of day. Paid H.H. Aston \$37.49 for carrying mail in June. Paid Walter \$1.00 for work. Beautiful day. Nice breeze all day.

Tuesday, July 15

Clear. Hoeing tobacco and helping pick raspberries a.m. Picking berries and delivered 3 crates to parties in Lancaster. \$5.00 per crate. Hoeing tobacco in eve. Beautiful day. Great weather for hay harvest.

Wednesday, July 16

Partly clear. Finished hoeing tobacco the first time, a.m. Mowing orchard grass and weeds p.m. At Steve Wise's in eve. Had fine ice cream. Homemade. He cut the rye today. Beautiful day. Very warm. Light rain in eve.

Thursday, July 17

Partly clear. Helping pick berries a.m. Picking and Steve and I took them to Lancaster p.m. Light rain at noon. High wind part of day. Cool in eve.

Friday, July 18

Partly clear. Ther: 52 in morning. Working in garden partly all day. Sold 59 young chicks at 28 cents per pound. \$24.92. Cool all day and high wind.

Saturday, July 19

Clear. Ther: 50 in morning. Working about home all day. Cleaned hen houses. Shelled corn, etc. Beautiful day. Cool.

Sunday, July 20

Partly clear. Ther: 56 in morning. At Sunday school a.m. At 12 o'clock noon H.H. Aston took 8 persons including wife and I to Mt. Gretna to see the National Guards encamped there. A beautiful trip. Enjoyed it very much. At church in eve. Beautiful day. Cool air, but sun very warm.

Monday, July 21

Partly clear. Hoeing tobacco, etc., a.m. Helping paint fence at Reformed cemetery p.m. Steve finished getting in the rye this p.m. Sun very warm. Very heavy fog in morning.

Tuesday, July 22

Partly cloudy. Picking berries till 2:30 p.m. Took 2 crates to Lancaster. Sold for \$6.25 per crate. Blanche was along in. Very warm all day. Thunder gust in eve.

Wednesday, July 23

Clear. Spent a very pleasant day at Maple Grove with our Sunday school (Reformed). Had a good attendance. Beautiful day. Sun very warm. Had the heaviest rain of the season last night about 10 o'clock. Done quite a great of washing out and much heavier north and east of here.

Thursday, July 24

Clear. Took Blanche to Daniel S. Sower's. His mother died a.m. Picked 6 box cherries and 6 box raspberries down on farm and hoeing tobacco in eve. Walter was at Reading. Sun very warm and sultry.

Friday, July 25

Partly cloudy. Helping pick berries a.m. and part of p.m. At market. Berries brought 20 cents per box. Very heavy rain at 3 a.m. No thunder nor lightning. Quite warm all day. Light shower of rain a.m.

Saturday, July 26

Partly clear. Mowing and trimming lawn a.m. In garden part of p.m. At IORM in eve. Beautiful day. Very warm.

Sunday, July 27

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. Took Blanche to Maris Warfel's. Their daughter Ruth died (Millersville). E. Mann, wife, son and his wife and daughter spent part of p.m. with us. At church in eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of John Sower's widow, Little Pittsburg, this a.m. Beautiful day (cool).

Monday, July 28

Clear. Working in lot. Had Steve Wise harrow the tobacco for the last time. It is doing fine, a.m. Working about barn and hoeing tobacco p.m. Edwin was painting barn roof, p.m. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Tuesday, July 29

Clear. Hoeing tobacco, etc., a.m. Took Steve

to market. Raspberries, 20 cents, eggs, 35 cents per dozen, new corn, 50 cents per dozen, beans (green), 12 cents for 1/2 peck. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Maris Warfel's child, Millersville. Very warm all day.

Wednesday, July 30

Partly clear. Ther: 98. Hoeing tobacco partly all day. Put finger in grain cradle for Steve Wise at noon. Very warm. Light showers rain p.m.

Thursday, July 31

Partly clear. Ther: 96. Hoeing tobacco partly all day. Did my first topping of tobacco (Slaughter variety). Not quite so warm today. Light showers of rain during day.

Friday, August 1

Partly cloudy. Ther: 63 in morning. Down on farm. Put roof on shed back of barn and hoeing tobacco balance of day. Steve cradling oats. Wheat harvest is about over. About one month later than usual. Beautiful day. Warm.

Saturday, August 2

Partly clear. Ther: 53 at 5 a.m. Finished hoeing tobacco second time. Steve finished cradling oats and hauled some in, p.m. At IORM in eve. Warm but quite a change. Cool air all day.

Sunday, August 3

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. and church in eve. Rev Scheirer's two sons with him. One played at organ and the younger one at the piano giving us very fine music. Cool all day. Light shower of rain p.m.

Monday, August 4

Partly cloudy. Working in tobacco, etc., a.m. Down on farm mowing weeds, etc., and planted celery in garden, p.m. Quite warm all day.

Tuesday, August 5

Partly clear. Ther: 96. Down on farm mowing in grapes and trimming. A very warm day. Not much breeze.

Wednesday, August 6

Clear. Ther: 100. Working about home a.m. Down on farm making feed trough for horse stable, p.m. Very warm all day. Warmest of the season. Light shower of rain (very light) last night. Lancaster reported heat of 103 degrees.

Thursday, August 7

Partly clear. Ther: 6:45 a.m.: 76. 12 noon: 93. 7 p.m.: 98. Working down on farm putting trough and planking part of horse stable all day. Very busy all day and tired this eve. Steve helped. Very warm all day. Several thunder gusts during day but no rain here. Lancaster reported great heat of 102 degrees.

Friday, August 8

Partly clear. Down on farm all day. Finished trough and stalls in horse stable. Makes quite an improvement. Very warm, especially in p.m.

Saturday, August 9

Partly clear. Went to Elizabethtown by trolley from Lancaster to funeral of Ira Martin who drowned in Susquehanna River on Thursday. Services at Conoy Church. About 1,500 persons present. Stopped at Lancaster balance of day. Blanche along during day. At IORM in eve. About 100 with us at our annual supper. Mary and Emma Bruner came here this eve. Very warm day. Very light shower of rain.

Sunday, August 10

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and church in eve. Son Charles

here for breakfast from Philadelphia and spent the day with us. Another warm day. Light shower of rain last night (did not settle the dust).

Monday, August 11

Partly cloudy. Took Mary and Emma Bruner to Lancaster and attended to some other business. Returned home by 9:30 a.m. Topping tobacco, etc., p.m. Beginning to show seed heads. Paid H.H. Aston for carrying mail for month of July. \$37.41. Another warm day and getting very dry.

Tuesday, August 12

Partly cloudy. Working about barn, etc., a.m. Picked peaches, sowed turnip and radish seed. Mowed lawn, etc., p.m. Commenced raining about 1:30 a.m. and raining part of a.m. Heavy by times. A grand rain and much needed. Quite warm p.m. and very much cooler in eve.

Wednesday, August 13

Partly clear. Working about home all day. Beautiful day. Cool in eve.

Thursday, August 14

Partly clear. Left home 6:45 a.m. for Atlantic City, wife, Blanche and I via Reading R.R. Excursion. Arrived at Reading 9:05. Philadelphia 11:18. Camden 12:10. Arrived at Atlantic City 1:10 p.m. Stopped at Netherlands Hotel on N.Y. Avenue, about 1 block from boardwalk. Fine dinner. Baked flounder. Spent balance of day sightseeing. At Million Dollar pier in eve. Beautiful day. Cool.

Friday, August 15

Partly clear. Having a fine time, but very cool air. In bathing a.m. but quite cool. At Steeple Chase pier in eve. Sun very warm but quite cool breeze.

Saturday, August 16

Partly clear. Left Atlantic City 10 a.m. Camden, 11:05. Philadelphia, 12:25 p.m. by Pa. R.R. Arrived Lancaster 2:15 p.m. and home at 4 p.m. Glad to get back. Walter met us at Lancaster with auto. Went out to U.E. S.S. picnic short time and at IORM in eve. We were thoroughly disgusted with the Reading service. Would not have gotten home till about 8:45. We are very grateful to Blanche for this outing. She so kindly bore all the expenses. The first time we had the pleasure of going away together for an outing. A beautiful day, but cool air.

Sunday, August 17

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Spent p.m. at home resting. Not feeling well. At church in eve. Light rain last night. Cool air all day and quite cool in eve.

Monday, August 18

Partly clear. Ther: 69 at noon. Working in tobacco partly all day topping. Quite cool all day.

Tuesday, August 19

Partly clear. Ther: 50 in morning. Working in tobacco, etc., a.m. About home garden, etc., and down on farm. Beautiful sun. Much warmer but cool air.

Wednesday, August 20

Partly cloudy. Helping to thrash down on farm. 40 bus rye (fine) and 72 bus oats. Quite a good yield for 3-1/2 acres. Tim Hackman, thrasher. Paid him \$7.50 for same. I paid \$5.00 and Steve, \$2.50 and Gas, \$1.05. A fine rain till about 10 a.m. Quite warm.

Thursday, August 21

Partly cloudy. Working in shop making porch posts for porch down on farm a.m. Took out potatoes in the garden, etc., p.m. Martin

Eshleman's wife (Nard Miller) died at Lancaster today. Warm all day.

Friday, August 22

Partly cloudy. Working in tobacco partly all day. Finished topping. Quite warm all day.

Saturday, August 23

Partly cloudy. Working about home and down on farm short time a.m. Had our treat for the Sunday school. A full supper with ice cream and soft drinks. About 70 partook of same. Had a very enjoyable time. at IORM in eve. Warm all day.

Sunday, August 24

Partly clear. At Sunday school. The committee on yesterday's supper reported the cost. \$24.65. At home p.m. and eve. No church services this eve. Rev Scheirer on vacation. Blanche called to Martin E. Markley's. The infant daughter died after 1-1/2 hour illness. Beautiful day. Cool in eve.

Monday, August 25

Cloudy. Working about barn, etc. Paid E.L. Bortzfield for 1 ton cement for farm. \$18.00. Rev Clarence Howell and family here this eve. Will spend the night with us. Raining partly all day, which was very welcome.

Tuesday, August 26

Partly clear. Spent a.m. with Rev Howell and family, who left at 11 o'clock for Quarryville. At funeral of Martin E. Markley's child at M. E. Church and down on farm p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Martin E. Markley's child at M. E. Church, here. Very pleasant day and cool.

Wednesday, August 27

Clear. Went along with J.W. Morrison to Red Lion, the DuPont Gardens, etc., Chester County. A most beautiful place. One of our former residents, Cyrus Irwin, lives there.

Was very much pleased with the trip and wonderful scenery. Stopped at West Grove to see Rev Geo F. Conner who is ill. Found him improving. Returned home at 6:30 p.m. 107 mile round trip. (Longwood Gardens). Paid D.B. Foutz \$5.45 for making forms for concrete porch (and lumber) on farm. A most beautiful day. Sun quite warm.

Thursday, August 28

Clear. Took wife to Lancaster to spend the day with Delila Bruner and Mary. Had my auto light adjusted and new lenses on. Paid \$2.20 at Landis Garage, S. Prince St., and home. Mowing weeds on fence rows in Kreider lot and brought wife home in eve. Walter, Chas Kreider and Henry Aston spent the day fishing at Holtwood, hook and line. They caught one small catfish. (Some fishing). Sent jury names to Hon A.B. Hassler for jury duty (by request). Beautiful day. Sun quite warm. Air cool.

Friday, August 29

Clear. Not a speck of cloud to be seen in p.m. Ther: 98. Working in tobacco suckering, etc., a.m. Mowing lawn and in tobacco p.m. The Ku Klux Klan held their first meeting in our village this eve. speaking at Aston's Garage. Was not at meeting. Sun very warm all day.

Saturday, August 30

Clear. Ther: 95. 60 in Lancaster. Mowing lawn, etc. In tobacco a.m. Went to Lancaster with Blanche to meet Mr. Baker and fetched him along out. At M. E. picnic a short time in eve. At IORM in eve. Beautiful day. Very warm.

Sunday, August 31

Clear. Ther: 98. 105 in Lancaster. At Sunday school a.m. At home and wife and I spent short time at Steve Wise's. Charles, Paul and Thos McLane of Philadelphia spent p.m. with us.

(Took dinner with us). At home in eve. Blanche called to Millersville last night. Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith passed away. Aged 32 years. A very warm day.

Monday, September 1

Clear. Ther: 98. 65 in Lancaster. Spent the day at Rocky Springs. Went by autobus. (Mr. Aston). Blanche called to Marticville. Mrs. Hess, widow of Benj B. Hess, died this morning. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, September 2

Partly clear. Ther: 99. 106 in Lancaster. Working about home a.m. At Lancaster. Took Steve to market p.m. At home in eve. Mr. Baker left for home. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Jos W. Smith, Millersville (Mennonite). Very warm all day. Had a fine rain in p.m. Much cooler after rain.

Wednesday, September 3

Partly clear. Ther: 58 at 6 a.m. 68 at 5 p.m. Put bench on front porch down on farm (stationary). Working in tobacco balance of day. Very tired. Not feeling well. Great change in weather. Very much cooler.

Thursday, September 4

Partly clear. Ther: 46 at 6 a.m. 68 at noon. About home partly all day. Not feeling well. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Benj B. Hess, New Danville Mennonite. Cool all day.

Friday, September 5

Cloudy. Ther: 52 in morning. 56 at noon and evening. Working in Kreider barn all day putting up scaffold for hanging tobacco. Raining partly all day and very cool.

Saturday, September 6

Partly clear. Ther: 38 at 6 a.m. 60 in p.m. At Lancaster wife and I a.m. About home p.m.

Wife, Blanche and I went to D.M. Witmer's, Safe Harbor to chicken corn soup supper for benefit of M. E. Church and at IORM afterward. Quite cool all day. Light frost in low places reported.

Sunday, September 7

Clear. Ther: 40 in morning. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and church in eve. Quite cool all day. Sun warm. Cooler in eve.

Monday, September 8

Partly cloudy. Working in tobacco partly all day. Cool morning and eve. Much warmer during day.

Tuesday, September 9

Cloudy. Working about home a.m. Took Steve Wise to Lancaster market p.m. Sold my Ford sedan to John E. Zercher. \$100.00 and cash for same. Paid H.H. Aston for carrying mail for August. \$37.41. Rain last night (thunder). Raining partly all a.m. Heavy shower 3 p.m. Cooler in eve.

Wednesday, September 10

Partly cloudy. Working in tobacco partly all day. Started cutting but too cool and cloudy. Did not wilt. Steve and Harold Wise helped. Blanche and Walter at Lancaster. Blanche bought a Dodge sedan car (new). Quite cool all day. Especially in eve. Indications are for light frost.

Thursday, September 11

Clear. Ther: 36 in morning. Cutting tobacco and housing tobacco all day. Walter Ressel, Steve Wise and son, Harold helping. An ideal day for same. Cut over 600 lath fine tobacco. Light frost in low places. Beautiful day.

Friday, September 12

Partly clear. Cutting and housing tobacco partly all day with the same help as yesterday. Defense Day was observed at

Lancaster. Parade at 4 o'clock p.m. Our band took part. Blanche received her new sedan (Dodge) today. Cool but sun very strong.

Saturday, September 13

Partly clear. Working about home. Sun very warm. At IORM in eve. No meeting. Properties of J. Wesley Gardner were up at public sale today but not sold. The mansion at Martic Forge, \$5,100. Worth at least 8 or 9 thousand. Cool. Few drops of rain in eve.

Sunday, September 14

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. Rev Scheirer and Dr. J.P. Moore, Missionary to Japan and former pastor of this church and who performed the marriage ceremony of myself and wife, November 21, 1880, took supper with us and preached to a good sized congregation this eve. Rather cool all day.

Monday, September 15

Partly clear. Trimming raspberries, picking pears, etc., all day. At home. Cool all day.

Tuesday, September 16

Partly cloudy. Picking peaches, etc., a.m. Finished cutting tobacco and housing p.m. Bought hog pen of J.R. Yentzer that is down on the property I sold him some years ago. Will move it to the farm and rebuild. Price: \$60.00. Blanche and Walter went to Lancaster to meet body coming from Marcus Hook this eve. Was called out last night. Steve took out some potatoes. Medium crop. Cool. Sun warm.

Wednesday, September 17

Cloudy. Went to the Reading fair with J.W. Morrison, Tim Hackman and Alfred S. Hess. A great fair. Never saw anything like it. Horses, cattle, hogs, poultry, pigeons, etc. It was great. I enjoyed the trip very much. President Calvin Coolidge and Dawes, candidate for

Vice President passed through Lancaster by auto this eve. Cool all day. Light shower of rain in morning and eve.

Thursday, September 18

Partly clear. Working about lot and garden all day. Edw N. Wade finished painting roofs. Paid him \$8.20 balance due in full. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Saml Ehenhermer, Lancaster and Colemanville M. E. Church. Beautiful day. Warmer.

Friday, September 19

Cloudy. About home a.m. Wife and Blanche at Lancaster. Took Steve to market p.m. Buyers plenty but slow. Damp and rather cool. Several very light showers of rain a.m.

Saturday, September 20

Partly cloudy. Down on farm in morning. Working about home balance of day. At IORM in eve. Cool all day. Rain in eve.

Sunday, September 21

Cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Wife and I went down to Harry Eberly's p.m. At church in eve. Harvest Home Services. Damp and cool all day. Light rain in eve.

Monday, September 22

Cloudy. Working about home all day. Damp and cool. Raining partly all of p.m. and eve.

Tuesday, September 23

Clear. Working down on farm taking down old corn crib a.m. At Lancaster market p.m. Eggs brought 55 cents per dozen. A beautiful day. Cool.

Wednesday, September 24

Clear. Ther: 36. Finished tearing down corn crib down on farm a.m. Working about home p.m. Beautiful day. Cool. Light frost.

Thursday, September 25

Partly clear. Ther: 36. Working about home a.m. Down on farm and home p.m. Signed article of agreement for sale of the property where John E. Zercher lives to Edwin N. Wade for twenty-three hundred dollars. \$2,300. Cool all day.

Friday, September 26

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. At Lancaster market with Steve p.m. Damp in morning and warmer.

Saturday, September 27

Cloudy. Cleaning poultry houses, etc., a.m. At sale of H.B. Thomas, dec., real and personal property. Called home to go to General Hospital for body of Landis Witmer's child on the Tobias Stehman Farm, Pequea Twp., p.m. At IORM and afterward at AOK of MC annual supper in eve. Blanche called to General Hospital for body of Eugene Myers' child at noon. Damp and cool all day.

Sunday, September 28

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and wife and I went down to Charles Eberley's for dinner and spent part of p.m. and stopped at John Slaymaker a short time to see sister Lizzie with regard to our western trip. They decided not to go. At church in eve. Beautiful day. Damp and cooler in eve.

Monday, September 29

Cloudy. Working about barn shelling corn, etc. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Eugene Myers' child from his father's. Interred at Marticville. Heavy rain partly all day and very high wind. Cornfields in bad shape. Telephone out of service.

Tuesday, September 30

Cloudy. Working about barn a.m. Went to Lancaster on business p.m. Blanche and

Walter attended funeral of Landis Witmer's child that died of taking poison tablets supposing them to be candy. Paid H.H. Aston for carrying mail for September. \$37.41. Raining heavy all day and high wind part of day. Quite cool.

Wednesday, October 1

Clear. Working about barn a.m. Building corn crib at the Kreider barn p.m. Charles Eberly family spent the eve. with us (from near Quarryville). Sent check to D.M. Witmer for phosphate, \$12.80 and 2 bus wheat, \$2.70. \$15.50. Cool all day.

Thursday, October 2

Partly clear. At Lancaster. Wife along a.m. Working about home p.m. Steve Wise seeding the Kreider lot in wheat for me. Wrote letter to sister Ellie, Arizona and O.F. Bruner, San Francisco with regard to our trip. Cool all day.

Friday, October 3

Clear. Finished seeding the Kreider lot and sowed Timothy seed, etc., a.m. At market with Steve. Apples, pears, grapes, etc. The dullest one we have had this summer due I think to fair week. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Saturday, October 4

Partly clear. Working about home all day. At IORM in eve. Blanche gave a party this eve. to a number of her friends, mostly from Lancaster. Quite warm all day. Very heavy fog this morning.

Sunday, October 5

Partly clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home. Wife and Blanche went to Harry Jenkins, Roherstown to see Mrs. Andrew Good who is sick. At church in eve. Beautiful day. Cool air. Sun very warm.

Monday, October 6

Clear. Working at corn crib a.m. At Lancaster

on business p.m. At IORM auditing the accounts between the C of W and K of W and found them correct. Beautiful day. Sun quite warm.

Tuesday, October 7

Partly clear. Finished corn crib a.m. Took out sweet potatoes in garden and cleaning in general. Tired this eve. Beautiful day. Sun strong.

Wednesday, October 8

Partly cloudy. Down on farm. Staked off for hog pen and poultry house and sorting some potatoes and stored them in cellar. 17 bus a.m. At Lancaster with Blanche arranging for our trip. Mr. Baker came along out. Rec'd summons for U.S. juror at Philadelphia. Sent letter asking to be excused from duty on account of our trip. At meeting of walk here in village for repairing some. I gave \$3.00 for self and family. Light rain last night and very much cooler today. 20 degrees difference.

Thursday, October 9

Partly clear. Working about home all day. Very tired this eve. Heavy frost in low places. Warmer during day. Cool in eve.

Friday, October 10

Partly cloudy. Working about home. Cleaning up poultry yard and house, shelling corn, etc. Walter Ressel boiled apple butter on shares. Each got 8-1/2 crocks of fine butter. Went along to Lancaster with Blanche, she running her car. Left home 4 p.m. Very heavy frost and cool all day. Beautiful fall weather.

Saturday, October 11

Clear. Working about home. Cleaning yard, etc. Down on farm. At IORM in eve. and at M. E. Aid Society supper. Ira Duke's baby died this morning. Blanche called. Beautiful day. Much warmer.

Sunday, October 12

Clear. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. J.M. Bruner and wife, J. Millard Bruner and wife, son Charles and Paul, all of Philadelphia, spent the afternoon with us having dinner here. At church in eve. Walter and I went to St. Joseph Hospital this morning and brought the body of Wm Sellers. A most beautiful day.

Monday, October 13

Partly clear. Working about home all day. Finished taking off grapes. Blanche attended funeral of Ira Duke's infant child. Beautiful day. Heavy frost.

Tuesday, October 14

Clear. Working about home all day. Very busy. Finished up for our trip to the coast tomorrow eve. Will keep notes and fill in on our return. Beautiful day. Very heavy frost.

Wednesday, October 15

Clear. Left home early this noon for the West. Left Lancaster at 5:28 p.m. for Harrisburg. Got there 20 minutes late. Missed the Pa. Limited. Took Broadway Limited for Chicago arriving there 9:45 a.m. the 16th. 712 miles from Harrisburg. Beautiful day.

Thursday, October 16

Clear. Ther: Above 40. Chicago 9:45. Our first experience sleeping in berth. Was up at 5:30. Went through Lima 7:15 a.m. Breakfast 7:30 on train at Fort Wayne, Ind. Large cornfields, small barns. Wheat looks good. Hired sight-seeing auto and guide. Took 2 hours around city. Saw young Frank's home. Also Loeb and Leopold diagonally across street. "Fountain of time" was very interesting. Had 40 mile trip through parks and many places of interest. Left Chicago 10:55 for Grand Canyon via Santa Fe R.R. Beautiful day.

Friday, October 17

Clear. Up at 6:30. Ehner first station, oil wells

near Birch Station. Nice looking town. Farmers busy plowing and seeding. Most of corn looks poor. Crossing Missouri River 8:55. Fine bridge (iron). Something like Safe Harbor. Conductor said season too wet for corn. 26 days rain in June. Arrived at Kansas City 9:50 a.m. Large fields of coffee corn Emporium 1:40. Took dinner at Harvey House, Santa Fe Hotel. 30 minute train waited. Some swell dinner. \$1.00. Met Dr. McCauley and brother. Good company. Beautiful country. Very large grain elevator at Wichita, Kansas. Mill capacity 4,000 bus per day. Supper at Wellington. Still on train. Quite warm.

Saturday, October 18

Clear. Up at 5:30. We are in Texas. Took observation car. Single track and straight as far as eye can carry. Armadillo Texas. Heavy grade, 360 foot raise in 20 miles. Passed through Oklahoma last night. 20 miles of perfect straight track. Town of Dawn. Here saw Abo Highway. Beautiful. Parallel with railroad for miles. Jack Rabbits along R.R. Many cattle seen near Texaco, state line Texas and New Mexico. Clovis first town in New Mexico. Took dinner at Vaughn. Many Mexicans here and cowboys. Detained at Willard 10 hours. Freight wreck ahead. Slept on train. Here for night. Cut cactus for home. Beautiful day.

Sunday, October 19

Clear. Up at 4:30. Left Willard 4:00 a.m. Beautiful scenery. Wonderful formation of rock. Legima, New Mexico. Houses mostly 1 story of mud. Many prairie dogs. Saw first real Indians and camps. Thinking of home and Sunday school. Continental Divide 7,248 feet high. Very mountainous. Navajo first town in Arizona. Stopped short time in Winslow. Mailed a few cards back. As we near Grand Canyon formation of land is wonderful. Saw

first snowcapped mountains. "Flagstaff Peak". Saw from Canyon Diablo, Arizona. Arrived at Williams 2:26 p.m. and transferred the car for Grand Canyon. Put up at El Tovar Hotel and went out to see sunset. Can't be described. Indian war dance. Beautiful.

Monday, October 20

At Grand Canyon. Saw piece of meteorite found at Canyon Diablo. 2 ft long, 16 inches wide and 18 inches. Weight 535 lbs. Took trip on rim of canyon. 110 miles. Wonderful scenery. Distance on rim, 217 miles. Masonic tablet at Mahone Point. River 4,800 feet below. Elevation of rim, 7,280 feet and 1 mile from rim to Colorado River below. Saw real Indian war dance. Took supper and bid goodbye to Grand Canyon for Phoenix. Best of treatment. Good beds and good eats. The beauties cannot be described. Changed cars at Williams Ash Fork and Phoenix. Light frost and cool in morning.

Tuesday, October 21

Partly clear. Up at 5:30. Desert land. Many large cattle pens. Level country. Fine road parallel with R.R. for miles. Canvas tent village. R.R. track perfectly straight as far as eye can see and then some. Beautiful sunrise on desert 7:30 a.m. Beautiful concrete road and bridge at Ennis and Aугаfra and farm land. Manner beautiful town. Cotton fields for miles, Peoria. Arrived at Phoenix 7:45. Aldus (brother-in-law) met us on train and went to Glendale by auto. A happy meeting with sister and all. Blanche a surprise, they not knowing she was along. Sister looked better than we expected and a very pleasant home. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, October 22

Clear. Ther: 40. Up at 6:45. Sent several cards east. Bro Aldus and I took a pleasure drive with horse and buggy through public school grounds which are fine. 40 buildings 40 x 30,

concrete. 8 grades. High school not over 200 yards from their house. Out at government poultry farms. Fine buildings. Not so many hens. About 350 and some turkeys. Passed orange, lemon and grape ranches on way. Also dates and pomegranates. Took walk through Glendale in eve. Nice town. Climate is wonderful. Roses, geraniums, etc., blooming all around. Beautiful day.

Thursday, October 23

Clear. Took morning walk. Mrs. James H. Wherry, a friend of sisters, took sister, wife, Blanche and I for a trip through the country. Saw Gov Hunt's residence, Capital, Shrine building, Camel Back and Squaw Peak Mountains, sister's former home on the McDowal Road, etc. Took supper at her home and then returned to sister's home. A delightful trip. Mrs. Wherry was formerly a Lancastrian. Beautiful day.

Friday, October 24

Clear. Took walk up town. Met an old gentleman formerly of Iowa. Said the advantage here is you can raise two crops a year except cotton, Melons, lettuce, etc. Spent day with sister and family pleasantly. Beautiful day. Cool in morning.

Saturday, October 25

Clear. Wrote letters to son Charles and sister Lizzie. Spent day in town and with sister and resting. Beautiful day.

Sunday, October 26

Clear. Went to Nazarene Sunday school in Glendale and church service. S.S. attendance 103. Offering \$3.72. Rev Melchas H. Brown spoke. Text, 2 Timothy 1-6, a.m. Daniel Hess and wife called sister's and insisted on our going to their home and spend the night which we did. Took us to Nazarene Church in Phoenix in eve. Rev Ernest Roberts spoke. Text, Philippians 4-13. After church heard

Mrs. McPherson at Los Angeles preach over the radio at Mr. Hess's home. Wonderful. Returned about 11:30 p.m. Beautiful day.

Monday, October 27

Clear. Mr. Hess and wife took us sightseeing through country. A wonderful farming section. Saw 75 acres in peas about 8 or 10 inches high. Poultry farm. 3,000 hens. State normal school in Stampa. Mesa City. 4,000 feet. A large Mormon temple being built. Cost, 1/2 million. Streets 100 feet wide. A Mormon settlement. Large oleander trees in full bloom, 10 to 15 feet high. Large alfalfa acreage. Cut 6 to 7 cuttings per year and 7 to 9 tons per acre. Price, \$25.00 per ton. 100 mile trip and took dinner at 2 p.m. at Mr. Hess's home. Picked dates by permission and oranges at Lewis Diller's home. Returned to sister's home in eve. A wonderful trip. Mr. Hess's two brothers at Akron, Lancaster County. Beautiful day.

Tuesday, October 28

Clear. Took box to P.O. to ship home by parcel post. \$3.05, with variety of fruit. Met Chas Dorothy (known as Sunshine Charley), Washington, D.C. Left Glendale 7:22 p.m. after spending a week very pleasantly with sister and family for Los Angeles. A beautiful day. Cool.

Wednesday, October 29

Partly cloudy. Up at 1:30 a.m. California very mountainous. High wind. Great change from Arizona. There was scarcely a breeze while we were there. Commenced raining early in morning. First since we left home. San Bernardino fine place. Orange groves with high trees along R.R. for miles. Large vineyards at Rochester. Several hundred acres at least. El Camino and San Dimas. Oranges, oranges. Arrived at Los Angeles 8:05 a.m. Went to Occidental Hotel in city,

1,200,000 inhabitants. Cab driver said California will go strong for La Follette (hope not). Phoned to Rev M.M. Noacher. Great surprise to him. Knew my voice. Took supper at Fountain Cafe and back to hotel for night. A great day. Stopped raining noon.

Thursday, October 30

Clear. Rev Noacher called at hotel and took us out sightseeing along Pacific coast. Wonderful scenery. Took dinner at cafe at coast. Stopped to see Mrs. Myers (Sterneman) but not home. Called Mr. on phone and arranged to have them come to Hotel this eve. Was at Mr. Noacher's home and then back to hotel. Spent a very pleasant eve. with the Myers and arranged to go to Rev Noacher's church Sunday morning and trips in p.m. Beautiful day. Cool.

Friday, October 31

Clear. Left hotel 7 a.m. for Catalina Island. Saw Atlantic City boat. Saw number of large ships. Our boat was named Avalon. Water here 1-1/2 miles deep. The island is 22 miles long. Saw whale. Took dinner at St. Catherine Hotel on Island. Orchestra played during meal. On glass bottom boat. Wonderful scenery. Man diving under boat brought up sea shells. Bought one. Left for shore 3:45. Saw sunset on ocean. Beautiful. Saw very large steamer. Hollow One. Great excitement. Kept up till midnight. Never saw so many autos. 100 passed our hotel in less than 2 minutes. Took lunch at Fountain Cafe. Beautiful day and busy.

Saturday, November 1

Clear. Left for Mt. Lowe, 1 mile high. Saw man on way, 7 foot 7 inches tall. Weighed 227 lbs. Had been cab driver at Los Angeles. Met Andrew J. Wells Courtney. ??? Pasadena, 10:40 a.m. Auto license 1,179,000. Incline to Mt. Lowe 62% grade, 1 mile long. 3,200 feet

high. Cape of Good Hope 3,466 ft. elevation. Canyon 3,466 feet deep. Devils slide, horseshoe curve. 9% grade. 6 miles up. Lookout Point, 7,500 feet deep. Took dinner at hotel. Circular bridge, 3,775 foot altitude. Longest piece of straight track, 225 feet long. 1 hour to go. 5-1/2 miles. Incline 3,000 feet. Rise of 1,300 feet. At temple in eve. Mr. McPhearson. Text, Gal 4-30. Their 5 schools. 1950 scholars. Good meeting. Returned to hotel. Beautiful day.

Sunday, November 2

Clear. Up at 6:30. Elmer K. Myers and wife and daughter called at hotel. Went to Rev Noacher's church for S.S. 58 present. \$7.39 offering. Text, Matt 9-24 + 25. Good sermon. Very plain church (mission). Folding chairs. In his remarks he said he met a policeman who was looking for 21 young men who committed crimes. Mr. Myers took us out for dinner at restaurant and then to Chester Aston's home. A beautiful one, and sightseeing and back to hotel at 5 p.m. Spent some time at Pershing Park not far from hotel in eve. Mr. Noacher's church is at a suburb of city, Sherman Boulevard. Beautiful day.

Monday, November 3

Clear. Up at 6:30. Took breakfast at Fountain Cafe and went out with Rev Noacher and wife on sightseeing along coast and city. Saw Lucky Baldwin Ranch (horse jockey). 1000 acres. Aviation school during war. 1800 boys here. 20 miles of concrete roads built by him to Double Road. St. Gabriel Valley. The most beautiful in Southern California. Cucamonga thousand acres of vineyards 15 miles south of San Bernardino. Took dinner at Colton River side. 40,000 population. Beautiful. Old mission house. Wonderful collection of art of Theo Roosevelt. Joan Hill, "Christ taken from Cross". Some over 800 years old. Bridge over San Gabriel River 250 feet long and not 1 drop of water. Supper at Rev Noacher's after

125 mile drive. May God be with you till we meet again. A wonderful trip and scenery.

Tuesday, November 4

Partly clear. Heavy fog. Left for San Francisco 7:45 a.m. Election board open at 6 a.m. here at hotel. No party column like our ballots. Morning papers predict landslide for Coolidge. Large walnut grove on route. Many tunnels. Farmers plowing. 10 horses in gang plow. Large fields of Lima beans with thrasher. Ventura 1st city at ocean for 100 miles. Ocean in sight. National Highway. Many places plank. Santa Barbara and mission. Salvaging ships at Conception. 10 minute stop at San Luis. Off train. Horseshoe curve. 2 engines of coaches. Grades heavy. 8,000,000 apricot and fig trees. 13 tunnels. Gonzales Ranch. 10,000 acres. Mostly dairy and alfalfa. 5,000 cows in this valley. 10,000,000 lbs. prunes yearly (Santa Clara). Arrived San Francisco 7:45 p.m. Went to Owens, all well. Rec'd election report. Took supper at cafe, they having apartment (living only). We rented apartment for one week. 2 rooms, kitchen and bath, \$15.00, in same building that Owens are. Very reasonable apartments. Jones and o' Farrell Sts. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, November 5

Clear. Up at 7 a.m. Wrote letter to son Charles before breakfast. Wife, Blanche and I took boat for Berkeley to see Sadie Kendig Berkley. Spent a short time very pleasantly with her. Returned to S.F. Sent cards to friends east. Saw hotel where Pres. Harding died and around city. Beautiful day. Cool.

Thursday, November 6

Partly clear. Took breakfast at Harry McConomy's Restaurant, 553 Geary St. M.H. Mathias, his son-in-law, took us out sightseeing. Drove through Golden Gate Park. Buffalo, deer, sheep. Strawberry Hill

with artificial lake all around. Seal Rock and seals. Fort General Winfield Scott with large guns for defense of city. At end of Lincoln Highway. Flag pole in center of circle at top of mountain near Seal Rock. Ralph Spreckle's Memorial to World War veterans. A beautiful home. Saw skeleton of large whale. 86 feet long. 60 barrels of oil. 8 tons manure and weighed 147 tons (taken from tablet). Many statues (one meditation). A wonderful trip. Spent evening with Owens. Commenced raining in p.m.

Friday, November 7

Partly clear. Up at 6:45. Took breakfast at McConomy's Restaurant as usual with fresh strawberries. Took in city. Bought few souvenirs. Sent cards east and to see photo play of Ten Commandments. A wonderful play of past and present. Bought booklet describing same. Mr. Mathias took us through Chinatown in eve. by auto. Bought mementoes then home to apartment. Cool.

Saturday, November 8

Partly cloudy. Took breakfast and spent day with Owen and wife. On street taking in city and at picture show p.m. and packing up to leave San Francisco in the morning for Mr. Mathias' ranch. Cool.

Sunday, November 9

Partly cloudy. Left San Francisco to spend the day with M.H. Mathias and friends on his ranch, at Belmont. The elevation 31 feet and Mallbora, 9 feet. (Name of his ranch, Linds Lomas. Spanish meaning Beautiful Hills). Apricot trees 40 years old and still healthy. Almond orchard. Here at 1:30 p.m. Saw a beautiful rainbow. (Note the time of day). Wonderful drive through walnut, almond, apricot, prune and peach orchards. A most beautiful home. Spent the eve. listening to

sermons and music over radio and spent night here. Beautiful day. Rather cool in eve.

Monday, November 10

Clear. Ther: 46. Left home of M.H. Mathias where we spent yesterday at his ranch and returned to San Francisco. A most beautiful home. Shrubbery wonderful. Oranges, lemons, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, roses and on our way to city saw many beautiful sights. For miles eucalyptus, fern and palms arch the highway. Masonic cemetery. Beautiful. South San Francisco the industrial city to Twin Peaks, Golden Gate, Seal Rock and many other sights through kindness of Mr. Mathias by auto. Through Chinatown and many other places of interest. Spent eve. with O.F. Bruner. Beautiful day.

Tuesday, November 11

Clear. Took early breakfast at Harry McConomy's restaurant and started for ferry. Bed goodbye to San Francisco and friends. Took boat to Oakland and then train. Hundreds of acres of grapes at Livermon. Will pass through 33 tunnels in 116 miles. One of them 7,300 feet long. Met lady of Salt Lake City, formerly from Franklin, Venango Co., Pa. Spent pleasant time. Many olive groves. Feather River Valley wonderful scenery. Large power plant. Saw deer and many wonderful formations of rock, etc. Tunnel 8,700 feet long and many other sights not to be described. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, November 12

Cloudy. Arrived at Winnemucca, Nevada early morning. Stopped off at train here on first snow. Ground partly covered. Very mountainous and many tunnels. Streams frozen over. Train winding through like worm. At Palisades cattle feeding in fully 2 inches of snow. Hot springs at Elko steam rising. Took breakfast on train 9:15. At Wells,

highest point 4,500 feet elevation. Saw first sleigh here. Left San Francisco, real summer. 24 hours later 2 below zero. Train makes entire circle in mountains near Salt Lake. 80 miles long, 20 wide. R.R. runs 12 miles through lake. Stopped at New Grand Hotel for night. Cool.

Thursday, November 13

Clear. Ther: 20 above. Left Salt Lake City 8:10 a.m. Ground covered with snow. Mt. Timpanogos 11,957 foot altitude near Provo Station. See thousands of sheep and many cattle. Streams frozen over here. Going over loop here 7 miles long to make 1 mile. Elevation at Thistle R.R. Junction 7,440 ft. 3 soldiers of Gen. Johnson's Co. buried here in 1846. Stopped here on summit for lunch. Passed through 37 tunnels on this trip. A wonderful trip and scenery. Stopped at Star Hotel for the night at Glenwood Springs. Cold all day.

Friday, November 14

Clear. Ther: 10 below zero. Left Glenwood Springs 6 a.m. Passing through tunnel after tunnel. Cattle grazing in snow. Mountain 7,825 elevation. Streams frozen over. At Tennessee Pass elevation 10,242 ft. Leadville highest incorporated city in the world. Inlet to canyon 16 feet wide, 2,627 ft. elevation. 10 minutes to see Swing Bridge over Colorado River. Elevation 5,345 ft. Portland cement beds. Wonderful formation of rock here. Arrived at Colorado Springs and stopped at Alta Vista Hotel. Cold and light snow.

Saturday, November 15

Clear. Colorado Springs. Up at 6:30. Took breakfast at restaurant 7:40. Took sightseeing bus for Garden of Gods, Cave of the Winds, Entire Inn, 3 Sisters, Faith, Hope and Charity. The sights here cannot be described. 7 falls. Left Colorado Springs for

Denver, 1:45 p.m. Arrived there at 4:30 p.m. and for Davenport, Iowa. Cold.

Sunday, November 16

Clear. Spent night on train. First station, Norton, Kansas. Farmers going to work with horses. Nacka and near Nebraska line beautiful farming section. Corn 70 cents per bushel here, John Seetley, a Lincoln, Nebraska man said. Crossed Missouri River 3:25 p.m. Scraping dirt roads. Many cattle and hogs and large corn fields. Mailed few cards from Des Moines Station. Retired for the night. Beautiful day. Cold.

Monday, November 17

Clear. Arrived at Davenport, Iowa 1:50 a.m. Went to Dempsey Hotel for the night. Around city and went to Chiropractor Institute with Blanche. Saw Dr. Firth. Had a long wait. Spent balance of day around city. Cold. Cold raw air.

Tuesday, November 18

Clear and cold. Ther: 34. Blanche and I walked to the P.S.C. Saw her examination there. Got a picture of limbs, etc. Saw a table of cross section of Oregon spruce tree 10 inches thick, 6 f. by 7 ft. 4 inches across. 22 ft. In circumference. 400 years old if each ring indicates 1 year. Went thru the Masonic Temple, Blanche and I. Left Davenport, Iowa for Chicago, 11:35 a.m. Left here at 5:30 for Harrisburg. Wonderful corn field, cattle and hogs. Retired for night at 9:30 on train. Fort Wayne, Ind. No snow from Colorado Springs to Joliet, Ill. Wife and I took in Capital building, etc., Harrisburg, while waiting on train. Cold all day.

Wednesday, November 19

Clear. Up at 6 a.m. Pittsburgh. Breakfast on train. Arrived at Harrisburg 3 p.m. After lay-off there arrived at Lancaster 5:15 p.m. Walter met us at train and glad to meet him and our friends here after a five week trip. A

most wonderful trip. We enjoyed every minute of it. But very sorry to learn that some of our friends in our absence have passed to the beyond. Fred S. Stoner, Mrs. Jacob B. Henry and Mrs. Benj F. Smith. Walter had 9 funerals in our absence. Clear and cold.

Thursday, November 20

Clear. Ther: 20. At Hiram G. Warfel's. C.H. Kreider, Henry H. Aston, Christ Sterneman and Geo B. Eckman. Telling them about their friends we met on our trip and down on farm to see the Wises. Not doing much more today. Quite a few of our friends stopped in to welcome us back. Cold raw air all day.

Friday, November 21

Partly clear. Bought the iron fence around the Milton Sourbeer's cemetery for at Reformed cemetery here. Sent check for same, \$8.00 and had Stephen Wise help take it down and paid him \$1.00 for labor. Total, \$9.00. Wife's birthday. 65 and our 44th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Walter F. Ressel presented her with a cake with candles. Very sore and tired working at fence. Blanche had call from Chester Henry. Their infant passed away. Cold raw air all day.

Saturday, November 22

Cloudy. About home. Shelled corn. Helping wife wash porches, etc. At IORM in eve. Presented members with pictures of Indians bought on our trip. Raining last night and part of day.

Sunday, November 23

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school a.m. Sister Lizzie, son John and wife and a Mr. Reese and wife and daughter spent a short time here to hear about sister Ellie and our trip. At church in eve. Preparatory services. Blanche called to Millersville. Death of Harry Farmer's daughter. Cold raw air all day.

Monday, November 24

Partly clear. At Lancaster all day. Attending Common Pleas Court as juror. Discharged this evening for want of cases. Met many old friends. Pleasant all day.

Tuesday, November 25

Partly clear. Cleaned hen house thoroughly. Shelled corn, put few apples in cellar, etc., a.m. Walter and I went to public sale of Fred S. Stoner. Real estate and farm implements. Farm of 33 acres brought \$7,190. At home in eve. Cold raw air all day. Feels like snow.

Wednesday, November 26

Clear. Ther: 16. Trimming grape vines and down on farm a short time. Took front fence away on Kreider lot. Will replace it with iron one. Cleaning up yard, etc. Very tired. Blanche had small child funeral at Millersville a.m. Cold raw air all day.

Thursday, November 27

Partly cloudy. Working about home a.m. Walter and I went to Fred S. Stoner's personal property sale p.m. A very large attendance and good prices. Very heavy frost and cold raw air all day. Feels very much like snow.

Friday, November 28

Partly clear. Walter and I brought iron fence from Reformed cemetery. I began putting it up on the Kreider lot front. Hard work. Tired this eve. Cold rain all day.

Saturday, November 29

Partly cloudy. Working about home all day. Uncle Jacob Zercher, Ezra Zercher and wife and his sister, Mrs. Engle, all of Mt. Joy, spent the evening with us very pleasantly. Anxious to hear about our trip to the West. We were certainly glad to have them with us,

especially Uncle. Light rain last night and early morning. Strong, cold wind all day.

Sunday, November 30

Cloudy. Ther: 14. At Sunday school and Holy Communion Service a.m. Walter and wife and children and Blanche and I went to Akron to visit Simon Hess, a brother of Daniel Hess who we met and spent some time with very pleasantly while in Arizona. They were very glad to hear from their brother. Returned home 5:30 p.m. Commenced snowing on the way home. Cold raw air all day.

Monday, December 1

Partly clear. About home all day. Helping wife with celery, etc. At church in eve. arranging program for Christmas service. Ground partly covered with light snow. A very cold high wind all day and eve. Great change.

Tuesday, December 2

Partly clear. Ther: 18. At Lancaster partly all day. Blanche along. Cold all day. Not stormy.

Wednesday, December 3

Partly cloudy. Put up iron fence on front of the Kreider lot that I bought of the Milton Sourbeer cemetery lot. Cost me \$9.85. I am very much pleased with the job. Cold raw air all day. Feels very much like snow.

Thursday, December 4

Partly clear. Cutting wood all a.m. Hauling same in to shed and shelled corn, etc., p.m. Not near so cold.

Friday, December 5

Cloudy. Getting wood ready for butchering and taking down old wire fence at back of yard and putting up iron fence left over of front fence. Sent check for Reformed Church record. \$1.75. Blanche called to bring body of Henry Lefever of Manor Twp. from General Hospital a.m. and called to Christian Shenk's,

Spring Valley. His wife passed away p.m. Damp a.m. Raining partly all p.m. and heavy in eve.

Saturday, December 6

Cloudy. At Lancaster with Blanche a.m. Working at Iron fence p.m. At IORM in eve. Cold damp air all day.

Sunday, December 7

Cloudy. At Sunday school and afterwards wife and I went to Lila Bruner's for dinner and spent p.m. there. At church in eve. Rec'd word this eve. of the death of Mrs. Andrew Good at Rohrerstown with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Jenkins. Blanche and Walter took charge. They also attended funeral of Henry Lefever at Masonville. Charles E. Duke and Martin E. Markley had an auto accident last night returning from Lancaster on Bridge Hill. Rather serious.

Monday, December 8

Cloudy. Finished iron fence in back yard. Took down some tobacco for stripping and getting ready for butchering tomorrow. At church practicing for Xmas. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Christ Shank, Masonville. Paid Mary Zercher \$25.00 of her trust money. Very damp all a.m. and raining partly all p.m. and eve.

Tuesday, December 9

Clear. Butchering 2 hogs bought of Henry R. Herr, West Willow. Weighed 445-1/2 lbs. @ 14 cents per lb. \$62.37. Blanche paid for them. (Very kind). Paid D.B. Foutz \$3.00 butcher. Blanche and Walter took casket up to Harry Jenkins and put body of Mrs. Good in. Ready for funeral tomorrow. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, December 10

Partly cloudy. Working about home and went to funeral of Caroline Good at our church

a.m. Shelled corn and finished up butchering work, etc., p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral and burial at River Corner Great change in weather. Very much colder. Few flakes of snow a.m.

Thursday, December 11

Partly cloudy. Fixing barn cellar for stripping tobacco a.m. Cleaned poultry house and stripped some tobacco and hung some up to dampen p.m. At Xmas practice in eve. Cold all day. Feels very much like snow in eve.

Friday, December 12

Partly cloudy. Working at home all day. Cold raw air all day.

Saturday, December 13

Partly clear. Working about home a.m. Down on farm. Trimmed grape vines at old house, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Afterwards at AOK of MC. Took P.C. degree and attended meeting and then lunch. Sent check to B.F. Hookey for IORM benefits. \$4.00. Beautiful day. Much colder in eve.

Sunday, December 14

Partly cloudy. At Sunday school and practicing for Christmas a.m. Ira Kachel and wife and 2 boys here for dinner and spent p.m. very pleasantly with us. At church in eve. Great change in weather. Very much colder with high wind and snow flurries.

Monday, December 15

Cloudy. Took Blanche to Lancaster a.m. Working about barn p.m. At home in eve. Blanche called to Christ Bechtold's. His wife passed away. Paid Mary Zercher \$25.00 of her trust money. Very cold all day.

Tuesday, December 16

Partly cloudy. Putting inner door on barn cellar to make warmer and damper tobacco

a.m. Stripping tobacco, etc., p.m. At church in eve. practicing for Xmas. Pleasant. Not near so cold.

Wednesday, December 17

Partly cloudy. About home all day. Wife and Blanche at Lancaster a.m. Put up platform in church for Xmas service p.m. Light rain a.m. Regular spring day.

Thursday, December 18

Partly cloudy. Took stools to Bechtold's for Blanche this morning and stripping tobacco a.m. Took Blanche to Lancaster p.m. At church in eve. practicing Xmas service. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Christ Bechtold's at New Danville Mennonite Church. Damp raw air all day. Not cold.

Friday, December 19

Partly cloudy. Working at tobacco stripping and hanging in cellar partly all day. Walter and I went to F. & A.M. lodge in eve. Annual supper and paid dues. Beautiful day. Worked with coat off part of time. Cooler in eve.

Saturday, December 20

Partly cloudy. Shelling corn, carrying out ashes from furnace, etc., a.m. Wife and I went out to Aunt Mollies with a few things for Xmas, etc., p.m. At IORM in eve. Wonderful change in weather. Very much colder. Therm down to 18 in eve with very high wind all day.

Sunday, December 21

Partly clear. Ther: 8 above. At Sunday school and rehearsing Xmas exercises a.m. At home. Son Charles of Philadelphia here for dinner and spent p.m. with us. Also J.W. Morrison. Blanche called to Colemanville. Geo W. Ressel died this eve at home of his sister, Mrs. Susan Bortzfield. At church in eve. Very cold all day.

Monday, December 22

Cloudy. Ther: 8 above. Helped wife to wash a.m. Working in shed and barn p.m. At rehearsal of Xmas services. Aaron Huber, former Clerk of 2-S. of New Holland died. Very cold all day. Few flakes of snow.

Tuesday, December 23

Cloudy. Ther: 6 above. Took Blanche and Emma Ressel (Walter's wife) to Lancaster a.m. Working about home p.m. Cold, raw, damp air all day. Feels very much like snow.

Wednesday, December 24

Cloudy. About home and at church getting ready for Xmas service this eve. At the service this eve. Everything passed off very nicely. The scholars who took part did well. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Geo Ressel at Colemanville. Moderated some. Commenced raining last night and rained or very damp all day and eve. Trees, shrubbery, etc., covered with heavy coating of ice.

Thursday, December 25

Partly cloudy. Got up this morning at 4:30 and went to West end of village. Harry F. Herr's and joined a few of the village folks and went through the village singing Xmas carols and then to M. E. Church where services were held at 7 a.m. Rev Raymond Meredith spoke. Blanche along to church. About home, etc., balance of day. Light snow last night and cold high wind all day.

Friday, December 26

Partly clear. Ther: zero. Working at tobacco all day. Very cold all day.

Saturday, December 27

Partly clear. Ther: 10 above. Working about home. Shelling corn, cleaning furnace and poultry house, etc. Down to Lucy Martin's short time. At IORM in eve. Beautiful cold day. Colder in eve.

Sunday, December 28

Partly cloudy. Ther: 10 above. At Sunday school a.m. Had election of officers. Walter F. Ressel, Supt. A.J. Zercher, Asst. Supt. Mabel Fulton, Secy. J.W. Morrison, Treas. Blanche B. Zercher, organist. Virginia Crowthers and Ada Eshleman, Asst. At home p.m. Had visitors from Lancaster. Charles and Paul came here in eve. Paul to spend a week with us. Charles returned home. Blanche called to take charge of body of Leah Hess near Sickman's mill. Cold all day.

Monday, December 29

Partly clear. Ther: Above 6. Working in tobacco all day. Cold all day. Moderating in eve.

Tuesday, December 30

Cloudy. Working at tobacco all day. Not nearly so cold.

Wednesday, December 31

Cloudy. Working at tobacco a.m. At Lancaster. Paul took Blanche and I in. Bought scratch feed and laying mast for poultry. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Leah Hess at River Corner Church. Cold raw air all day.

Another year has come to a close. Cannot be thankful enough for the blessing enjoyed the past year. Health very much better. Thanks be to God for His loving kindness and tender mercies.