

# Diary of Andrew J. Zercher

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Friday, January 1

Partly clear. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. 37 at 5 p.m. About home a.m. Went along with Will to Greenwood cemetery for lowering device and greens used for burial of Carrie A. Miller and from there to Masonville cemetery. Steel vault, lowering device and greens for burial of Grey Rohrer. Blanche and Walter attended both funerals. Miller, a.m. Rohrer, p.m. Mother spent p.m. at Ellie Graver's. Had the pleasure of having Abrm Sangrey and Miss Dorothy Herr spend the evening with us. He is going back to school in the West tomorrow. Beautiful New Year day.

Saturday, January 2

Cloudy. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. About home, etc., partly all day. At Kreider's Store short time in eve. Damp all day. Rain part of p.m. and eve.

Sunday, January 3

Partly cloudy. Ther: 32 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school. Opened at 8:45 on account of having preaching service this morning at 9:45. Rev. Ralph C. Strine, our new pastor, preached his 1st sermon this morning a.m. Walter Ressel took Blanche, mother and I and Clara Fralich to the Willow Street Reformed Church this p.m. to attend the ordination services for Rev. Strine as our pastor. Rev. Frantz, Pres. of classes, preached the sermon. Rev. D.G. Glass read to charge. A very impressive service. Wrote letter to Charles, eve. Thunder and lightning and heavy rain last night. Light rain a.m. Clearing p.m.

Monday, January 4

Clear. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. About home. Cleaned scratch feed, etc., out of poultry

house and replaced with new, etc. Beautiful day. Cold.

Tuesday, January 5

Partly clear. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. About house, post office, poultry. Have heavy cold. Elmer Hoak killed fine hog for Blanche. Bought of Saml Harnish. Dressed 398 at 15 cents per lb. \$59.70. I paid \$25.00 as favor to her for kindness. Cold. Moderating some p.m.

Wednesday, January 6

Partly clear. Ther: 20 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Post office, poultry, etc. Took hay, etc., out of poultry house. Louis Myers, proprietor of auto bus line, was here. Asked Walter Ressel and I to go on her bond to renew her bid for carrying mail from Lancaster to Conestoga and Pequea. The latter being added to this route, which we did. Hope she will succeed. Cold all day. Beautiful weather.

Thursday, January 7

Cloudy. Ther: 34 at 7 a.m. Not feeling well all day. Spent a.m. in bed and had Dr. Good here p.m. Nervous system not in very good condition. Gave medicine. Will went for mail and tended to poultry. Raining partly all day. Clearing in Eve.

Friday, January 8

Partly clear. Ther: 34 at 7 a.m. At post office morning and eve. About house balance of day. Rev. Ralph C. Strine, wife and child spent several hours with us p.m. Not feeling so well in eve. Should have went to Chas M. Howell Lodge #496. F & A.M. this eve. John C. Campbell will be made a member. Beautiful p.m.

Saturday, January 9

Partly clear. Ther: 50 at 7 a.m. 65 at noon. 58 at 5 p.m. About home. For mail morning and

eve. Wrote letter to son Charles in answer to one received by Blanche this morning telling us of Clara's serious illness. We are hoping for the best. Bettie and Will went to their homes this eve. Papers report yesterday was warmest Jan 8th in 50 years. A most beautiful day. Spring like.

Sunday, January 10

Cloudy. Ther: 32 at 7 a.m. At home all day. Not at Sunday school. Thought best not to go on account of health conditions. Mrs. Walter Ressel took mother along to preaching service this eve. Our son, Charles, called by phone from Philadelphia. They took Clara to the hospital in a very serious condition. At Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital, Philadelphia. Elias Andrews, Willow Street, formerly from this section, died last night. Blanche called. Raining partly all day.

Monday, January 11

Cloudy. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. Am feeling some better. For mail morning and eve. In house partly all day. Blanche called to take charge of body of Amanda H. Frey, Letort. Brought body here to Home, p.m., and put body of Elias Andrews in casket for funeral tomorrow, p.m. Blanche telegraphed flowers to Mercy Hospital, Philadelphia for son Charles wife Clara who is seriously ill there. Very damp, cold air all day.

Tuesday, January 12

Cloudy. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Went to funeral of Elias Andrews at New Danville Mennonite. Services held there on account of building being made at Willow Street Mennonite. Met a number of kind friends, p.m. In eve. went along with Walter and Blanche to Natl. Funeral Director Assoc. meeting at Hotel Weber, Lancaster. Had large, interesting meeting. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Elias Andrews, p.m. Cool and rather damp all day.

Wednesday, January 13

Cloudy. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. Mail, poultry and down to see J.W. Morrison on church matters a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Lizzie Musser Smith here p.m. and will spend night with us. Light rain p.m. and warmer.

Thursday, January 14

Partly cloudy. Ther: 50 at 7 a.m. About home and brought feed for poultry over from barn, etc. in evening, Walter and wife, Blanche, mother and I went to Reformed church, Willow Street. They gave a recognition to Rev. Strine and family, our new pastor and invited us over. Spent a very pleasant and get together eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Amanda H. Frey, Stehman's Church. Ada Zercher paid Jan rent. \$10.00. Rain a.m. Beautiful p.m. and eve.

Friday, January 15

Partly cloudy. Ther: 50 at 7 a.m. About home partly all day. Mrs. Edith Groff Hackman, one of Blanche's girlfriends, called this eve. Henry B. Warfel paid Jan rent. \$15.00. Rain and very damp partly all day. Stormy in eve.

Saturday, January 16

Partly clear. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Walked to lower place and over to Annie and Frank Martin. Spent short time very pleasantly and walked home again, p.m. Blanche and mother went to Farm Women's #12 meeting at J.B. Sigman's, New Danville, p.m. Beautiful day. Colder in eve.

Sunday, January 17

Cloudy. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school. Clayton Charles took charge of my class as teacher on account of my health condition. He asked me to help him by times, which I agreed to. Afterwards, preaching service by our pastor, Rev. Strine. Goodly numbers present. At home p.m. and eve. Light snow and sleet a.m. Rain p.m. and eve.

Monday, January 18

Partly cloudy. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. About house a.m. Brought corn and oats over from barn for poultry, p.m. Bought R.R. rooster of Phares Graver. Paid him 87 cents for same. Blanche called last night, Stephen Watson, Slackwater, passed out. Very damp and some rain.

Tuesday, January 19

Cloudy. Ther: 32 at 7 a.m. At home all day. In eve. at home of the Leonard's here in village. At PALS meeting. Spent a very pleasant evening. Rain and sleet early morning and damp all day.

Wednesday, January 20

Cloudy. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. High 26. About home a.m. Went along with Walter for chairs at Stephen Watson, used for funeral this a.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral at house only. Buried at Millersville Mennonite. T.B. Roosevelt inaugurated President of U.S.A. for 2nd term. Heard his acceptance address over radio. Very good. Ground covered with snow this morning and rain, sleet, etc., partly all day.

Thursday, January 21

Cloudy. Ther: 32 at 7 a.m. Went along with Walter and Blanche to Lancaster. Had my personal tax filled out by state appointees at Prothonotary offices and sent check to Harrisburg for amount \$24.00 on jury 3700 and met number of old friends, a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Rain and damp all day.

Friday, January 22

Cloudy. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. About house a.m. Over on property to shell corn for poultry but corn very damp and hard to shell. Cleaned poultry house, etc. Got 1 bus wheat from Warren Sickman, Miller, for poultry. Paid \$1.40 for same. Ira E.

Mellinger here representing Game and Fish Protection Association. Paid him \$1.00 membership and put on honorary membership list, no more dues. Terrible floods reported from the West. Rain last night. Damp and rain in eve.

Saturday, January 23

Cloudy. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. About house partly all day except mail, poultry and store. Not feeling so well. Presented Prof Roddey with large stone used by the Indians for crushing material for painting, etc. Ground covered with snow in morning. Snow, rain and sleet partly all day.

Sunday, January 24

Cloudy. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. Young People's meeting in eve. Snow, sleet and rain partly all day. Very damp.

Monday, January 25

Partly cloudy. Ther: 40 at 7 a.m. Mail, poultry, brought feed over from barn for poultry. At IORM in eve. Blanche at Lancaster on business and spent p.m. with Bruner family. Light rain in morning and damp all day.

Tuesday, January 26

Partly clear. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. Went out to Benj S. Manning with regard to having him trim apple trees on lower property but not home a.m. At Alfred H. Graver's store for groceries, etc., p.m. Blanche called to Columbia Hospital. Anna Jane Tome, child of Curwen and Mary King Tome, died. Mother received a letter from Charles. Glad to hear that Clara is improving slowly. By radio: The Ohio River at Cincinnati at noon is 80 feet above normal and expected to reach 81 this p.m. Great change in weather. No rain and colder in eve.

Wednesday, January 27

Clear. Ther: 16 at 7 a.m. About home and over in barn cleaning up, etc., and cleaned straw out of poultry house. Blanche and mother at Farm Women's meeting at A.S. Benedict p.m. A beautiful day. Cold.

Thursday, January 28

Partly cloudy. Ther: 20 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Went along with J.W. Morrison to community sale at New Holland. Baby chicks sold at \$2.50 per 100. Shoats and hogs very plenty and low in price, p.m. J. Wesley Rice paid Feb rent. \$10.00.

Friday, January 29

Partly clear. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property cleaning up shed and brought feed over for poultry. We were all delighted to have Fannie Mae Frey this eve. and to spend some time with us. Light snow last night but all gone by noon and beautiful p.m. and eve.

Saturday, January 30

Partly clear. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property. Bettie and Will went to their homes this eve. Heavy frost. Beautiful day.

Sunday, January 31

Cloudy. Ther: 31 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school and preaching service a.m. At home p.m. and at Young People's meeting in eve. Very interesting reading and speaking on subject "Faith". Blanche received word of the death of Walter Seifried, Detroit, Mich. Body will be shipped to Lancaster. She to take charge. Raining last night and partly all day.

Monday, February 1

Partly cloudy. Ther: 32 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. At Lancaster on business, p.m. Mother along to Bruner's. At J.W. Morrison in eve. Reformed Cemetery board met. Blanche called to John R. Good's. His wife passed away. Beautiful day. Cold.

Tuesday, February 2

Partly clear. Ther: 18 at 7 a.m. About home and down to see M.H. Groff who is in bed with heavy cold, etc., and not in very good shape. This is Groundhog Day and he is showing himself. Blanche called early a.m. Andrew Martin, a very good friend of mine at Marticville, passed away. Tobacco buyers are busy at 13 cents for wrappers top price. Very cold high wind all day and eve.

Wednesday, February 3

Partly clear. Ther: 10 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Down on lower place and at Harry C. Rineer on business but did not find home, p.m. The body of Walter Seifried arrived from Detroit, Michigan this p.m. Walter met train at Lancaster and brought it here to Home. Beautiful day but cold all day.

Thursday, February 4

Cloudy. Ther: 10 at 7 a.m. At funeral of Mrs. John R. Good. Large attendance out of the affection for the daughter, Mrs. Walter Kneisley (Myrtle). Blanche and I donated the burial blanket for the mother, a.m. At Byerland Mennonite Church. Funeral of Andrew Martin, Marticville, he being a very special friend of mine. Large attendance. Will and I brought chairs from the Good home. Blanche had both funerals. Cold raw wind all day. Snow in eve, 6:30.

Friday, February 5

Partly cloudy. Ther: 12 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property short time. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Walter Seifried at Reformed Mennonite Church, New Danville. Ground covered with light snow. Rather high wind.

Saturday, February 6

Partly clear. Ther: 10 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property. Brought feed over for poultry, etc. Maris Alexander and wife called

this p.m. Sent check for dues in Lancaster Lodge of Perfection. \$3.00. Melinda H. Zercher, sec., 1937. Beautiful day. Cold.

Sunday, February 7

Partly clear. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. At home all p.m. and Young People's meeting and preaching service in eve. Beautiful day. Colder in eve. with failing weather.

Monday, February 8

Cloudy. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. About home and brought feed for poultry from over in barn. Sleet in morning and very damp and heavy fog in eve.

Tuesday, February 9

Cloudy. Ther: 34 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property and at Ladies Aid at M.B. Good's home in eve. Blanche called to take charge of body of Thomas Kachel at Lancaster. Former merchant at Creswell. Very damp and raining partly all day.

Wednesday, February 10

Partly clear. Ther: 20 at 7 a.m. In house partly all day except mail. Wife in bed by order of Dr. Good. Blanche called to take charge of body of Mrs. John Morrison, Pequea, Martic Twp. Blanche bought new Ford coupe. Beautiful day.

Thursday, February 11

Partly clear. Ther: 12 at 7 a.m. About house partly all day. Wife some better this eve. Ada Zercher paid Feb rent. \$10.00. Beautiful day. Cold.

Friday, February 12

Partly clear. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. In house partly all day. Wife some better. At church in eve. Lenten Service. Blanche and Walter attended

funeral of Thomas Krachel, Lancaster and Millersville. Buried at Creswell. Beautiful day.

Saturday, February 13

Partly clear. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. About home. Over at barber. Had haircut, a.m. About home and down at Smith Warehouse for supper in eve. The M. E. Church people gave a chicken and waffle supper (fine). 35 cents. Jacob Sigman here p.m. with man from Columbia with view of the purchase of the Peters' property. Funeral of Mrs. John Morrison here at Home and Byerland Mennonite, a.m. Beautiful day. Quite warm. Up in 40s.

Sunday, February 14

Partly cloudy. Ther: 40 at 7 a.m. 30 at 6 p.m. At home. Not at Sunday school nor church so the rest could go. Wife not so good, a.m. At home p.m. and at Young People's meeting in eve. Blanche remained home with mother. Blanche called to Merrill Miller's, Refton. One of twin babies died. Just born. Rain last night and early a.m. Much colder in eve.

Monday, February 15

Partly clear. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. Spent the day about the house, it being my 80th birthday. I have reached another milestone in life's travels and only through the mercy of God have I been spared. Blanche and Walter buried the child of Merrill Miller, Refton. A beautiful day and warmer.

Tuesday, February 16

Cloudy. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. In house partly all day except for mail and feeding poultry. At PALS meeting in eve. at Walter F. Ressel's. Good attendance. Commenced snowing last night. Ground covered this morning and snowed all day and stormy. About 3 or 4 inches this eve.

Wednesday, February 17

Partly clear. Ther: 6 at 7 a.m. About house partly all day except for mail, etc. Blanche, mother and Bettie at Farm Women's Society meeting at our neighbor, Mrs. Mary Warfel. Blanche rec'd word of the death of Mrs. Jacob B. Urban, formerly from here at IOOF Home, Middletown. Will bring body tomorrow. Henry B. Warfel paid Feb rent. \$15.00. A beautiful winter day.

Thursday, February 18

Partly clear. Ther: 18 at 7 a.m. About home and brought feed over from barn. Out at Alfred Graver's on business. Blanche called to Lancaster 5:40 a.m. Death of Mrs. Harry Singleton. Brought here to Home and then went to Middletown for body of Mrs. Jacob B. Urban, a.m. In eve. called to Mt. Nebo on death of Mrs. Alonzo R. Neff. Snow melting and warmer.

Friday, February 19

Clear. Ther: 20 at 7 a.m. About home and brought feed for poultry, etc., a.m. At funeral service for Mrs. J.B. Urban here at Home, p.m. and Lenten Service at church in eve. Beautiful day.

Saturday, February 20

Partly cloudy. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Went along with Will to Greenwood cemetery, Lancaster with pine case, lowering device, greens, etc., for burial of Mrs. Harry Singleton, Lancaster, and then to house for chairs and back to cemetery for lowering device, etc., after burial and home till 4 p.m. Blanche and Walter attended. Harry C. Rineer here and paid interest on the judgment I hold on his property due April 1st. \$148.00. Damp and light rain and very damp in eve.

Sunday, February 21

Partly cloudy. Ther: 34 at 7 a.m. 50 at 3 p.m. At Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. and eve.

No preaching service in eve. Damp a.m. Rain partly all p.m. and eve and warm.

Monday, February 22

Partly clear. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Went to Mrs. Alonzo R. Neff's funeral, Will and I. Took steel vault, lowering device, greens, etc., to M. E. cemetery, Mt. Nebo and stayed for services and brought greens, lowering device along back. Large attendance. Blanche and Walter had charge of same. Blanche and Walter at the Funeral Directors' meeting, Hotel Weber in eve., Lancaster. Very heavy storm last night. Thunder, lightning, very heavy rain and snow afterwards. Light cover of snow this morning.

Tuesday, February 23

Partly cloudy. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. About home and over at Walter Ressel's short time. Wrote letter to son, Charles, Yonkers, N.Y. Beautiful day. Damp in eve.

Wednesday, February 24

Partly clear. Ther: 23 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Down on property. Measured up 2 crates potatoes in arch for our own use, p.m. Blanche called to take charge of body of Edward F. Forrest at Evan's Mill this eve. Brought body to Home. Beautiful day. Like spring.

Thursday, February 25

Cloudy. Ther: 23 at 7 a.m. About home. Fed poultry and at post office a.m. and p.m. Blanche very busy all day. Had two calls last night. One at Millersville. Elmira L. Wentzel and one at Christiana, Albert B. Harnish, found dead in bed. Lived alone. Supposed to have died Sunday night. 79 years of age. Brought both bodies here to Home and called at 9 p.m. Ruben Lefever, Millersville, died at hospital. Snow and high wind and colder p.m. and eve.

Friday, February 26

Partly clear. Ther: 18 at 7 a.m. In house except mail and poultry. Lying down part of day. Feeling so weak. At Lent service in our church in eve. Blanche has 2 viewings over in Home this eve. Edward Forrest, Elmira L. Weitzel. 4 bodies here in Home this eve. J. Wesley Rice paid rent for March. \$10.00. Cold high wind all day.

Saturday, February 27

Partly clear. Ther: 16 at 7 a.m. Busy partly all day helping Blanche with funerals. The Edward Forrest here at Home, etc., a.m. Buried at Millersville Mennonite. Mrs. Weitzel here at Home and Highville, p.m. and Albert B. Harnish here at Home and buried at Millersville Mennonite, p.m. and took body of Ruben Lefever to his home in Millersville. Funeral tomorrow, p.m. The above, Albert B. Harnish was a son of the late David Harnish, known as Perpetual Davy. Wm E. Miller gave the information. Cold high wind all day.

Sunday, February 28

Partly clear. Ther: 10 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school and preaching service a.m. At funeral of Ruben Lefever, Letort Mennonite Church. Large attendance. Met many kind friends. At Young People's meeting at our church in eve. Blanche called to Genl Hospital. Stillborn of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hess near Marticville. Brought body here to Home and called to Manor Twp., Charles Road. Mrs. Susan S. Haverstick after the Lefever funeral. Cold all day.

Monday, March 1

Partly clear. Ther: 14 at 7 a.m. About home. Brought feed from barn for poultry a.m. At Lancaster on business, etc., p.m. Walter buried the Hess child this morning in New Danville Mennonite cemetery. Beautiful day. Cold.

Tuesday, March 2

Partly clear. Ther: 20 at 7 a.m. About home, in shop and over on property. Put old hay out on lot and cleaned up mow. \$14.26 for corn sold to Warren Sickman at \$1.00 per bus. Ear corn. \$18.00 received of Jacob H. Aukamp for my share of corn he farmed on Peter's property. Beautiful day.

Wednesday, March 3

Clear. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. 42 at noon. Down to Harry C. Rineer about farming potatoes down on lower property. All arranged. They got 500 baby chicks from Biechler's Hatchery, Willow Street, a.m. In house partly all p.m. Mother, Blanche and Bettie at Lancaster. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Susan S. Haverstick at Habecker's Church, p.m. Beautiful day.

Thursday, March 4

Partly clear. Ther: 34 at 7 a.m. Up in 50s p.m. About home all day. Poultry and mail, etc. Wife spent p.m. with Mrs. Annie Good and Mrs. Alma Hess. Beautiful day. Clouded up in eve, and light rain. Quite warm all day.

Friday, March 5

Partly clear. Ther: 32 at 7 a.m. About home and out at Alfred Graver's and at church in eve. Blanche had 2 calls this morning. 1st at Millersville. Miss Susan H. Miller and 2nd, Mahala Hoak Edwards, Rohrerstown. Cold raw wind partly all day.

Saturday, March 6

Partly clear. Ther: 32 at 7 a.m. At Lancaster in morning on business. Had Harold Zercher dehorn large walnut tree back of house over on property. Am pleased with work done. It was hard work. Had ropes on quite a few of the large limbs to keep them from falling on roofs. I am very tired from helping. Blanche went to spelling bee at East Centre School for

benefit of our Ladies Aid Society. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Sunday, March 7

Clear. Ther: 32 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. Young People's and preaching in eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Susan H. Miller, Millersville and Masonville and viewing for Mahala Hoak Edwards here at Home this eve. Beautiful day. Hundreds of autos passed through the place.

Monday, March 8

Partly cloudy. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. At funeral of Mahala Hoak Edwards here at Home and cleaned up wash house after Bettie finished washing, a.m. Will and I over on property. Trimmed and cleaned up limbs cut off of large walnut tree back of house. Am real tired this eve. Paid Will \$1.00 for helping. Rather damp all day. Few drops of rain a.m.

Tuesday, March 9

Partly cloudy. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. Not above 36 all day. About home all day. Not feeling so well. Blanche heavy cold. Quite a snow storm a.m. Stormy and cold all day.

Wednesday, March 10

Partly cloudy. Ther: 12 at 7 a.m. High 26. About home and over on property. Put clash and lock on stable door. Bought manure for down on lower place of John Leonard. Paid \$6.00 for same and went down to Harry C. Rineer to have him haul same on potato ground. One of the coldest days of the season.

Thursday, March 11

Partly cloudy. Ther: 20 at 7 a.m. About home, etc., partly all day. Not feeling so well. Ada Zercher paid March rent. \$10.00. Ground covered with snow during night. Cold and damp all day.

Friday, March 12

Partly clear. Ther: 17 at 7 a.m. About home. Brought corn and scratch feed over from barn for poultry, a.m. Went along with J.W. Morrison to community sale at Ephrata. Enjoyed trip very much, p.m. At home in eve. Blanche and mother went to Lent services at our church. Heavy frost in morning. Beautiful p.m. and eve.

Saturday, March 13

Partly cloudy. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. About home partly all day. Not feeling so well. John Slaymaker's wife and son, John, spent the evening with us. Snow this morning. Raw damp air all day.

Sunday, March 14

Cloudy. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school and preaching service. Blanche and mother not along. Not feeling so well, a.m. Attendance small. At Home p.m. and eve. Snowing all day without any intermission. Several inches in depth.

Monday, March 15

Partly cloudy. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. Shoveled snow to poultry house and fed poultry. Mail. Cleaned snow of porches, etc. Snowed part of a.m. and all of p.m. and eve. Papers report 5 inches this noon.

Tuesday, March 16

Partly cloudy. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. About house and for mail and feeding poultry. Not feeling so well. Blanche went to PALS meeting this eve. at Allen Huber's. Henry B. Warfel paid March rent. \$15.00. High wind partly all day. Roads drifted real badly in places. Snow plows busy. Papers report 7 inches of snow this morning.

Wednesday, March 17

Partly clear. Ther: 27 at 7 a.m. For mail. Feeding poultry, etc., and in house a.m. Over

on property. Shelled corn and brought scratch feed over for poultry, p.m. Blanche called last night to Lyndon, Martin. B. Dombach died. Snow melting and roads sloppy.

Thursday, March 18

In bed all day. Sent for Dr. Good. Very weak. Collapsed in bathroom. Will helped me back to bed. Beautiful day. Snow nearly all gone in eve.

Friday, March 19

Partly cloudy. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. In bed all day. In eve. had weak spell in bathroom and had to be helped back to bed. Vitality so low.

Saturday, March 20

Partly clear. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. Cold.

Sunday, March 21

Partly clear. At home in bed except short time p.m. Took my supper. Spinach, asparagus, dry bread and cup coffee. Wife and I not at Communion Service. Blanche attended. Blanche is holding viewing of Mrs. Ella Good here at Home this eve. 7 to 9. A great many folks out. Beautiful day. Only high wind all day.

Monday, March 22

Partly clear. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. Took breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Blanche had funeral of Mrs. Ella Good here at Home. Rev. Ehrig and Rev. Hagner, both of E. C. Church. Buried at New Danville cemetery, a.m. Rev. Jacob Heisey and daughter here with dress, etc., for Mrs. Kibler. Blanche took body to her home this p.m. for funeral tomorrow. Miss Mae Herr, in behalf of PALS Society, presented me with a beautiful potted plant in bloom. Appreciate it very much. March 22, 1909, 28 years ago I started clerkship at County Commissioners Office. A most beautiful day. Quite warm.

Tuesday, March 23

Partly clear. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. High 48. About home a.m. Feeling stronger. Walked to Kreider's store. Fed chickens and to post office, p.m. First being out since 17th. Am feeling much stronger. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Anna May Kibler at Central Manor, p.m. and called to Centerville and brought body of Mrs. Elizabeth Grube, wife of David W. Grube, here to Home. Bettie and Will on sick list. Annie Zercher paid \$3.00 on account. A beautiful spring day.

Wednesday, March 24

Partly cloudy. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. About home. Mail morning and evening over at Ada Zercher's short time, p.m. Heard today that my old friend, Christian Sterneman, is very sick. Sorry to hear of it. Cool damp air all day.

Thursday, March 25

Partly cloudy. Ther: 34 at 7 a.m. Up at 8 a.m. Not feeling so strong. About house all day and over for mail in eve. Blanche called out 1 a.m. to Genl Hospital. Benj F. Charles, Millersville, passed out. Brought body here to Home. Very damp partly all day. Light rain p.m.

Friday, March 26

Partly cloudy. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. In house partly all day except for mail morning and eve. Cold high wind all day. Several light snow flurries during day. Temperature 18 at 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

Partly cloudy. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. About home partly. Mail and poultry attended to. Funeral of Benj F. Charles held at Home and New Danville Mennonite, a.m. Funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Grube at Centerville and East Petersburg, p.m. I was much pleased to have an old friend call to see me and spent short time. The person of William Warren, formerly

of this place. Had not met for at least 20 years. Cold high wind partly all day.

Sunday, March 28 (Easter)

Partly clear. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. and Young People's meeting and preaching service and baptism of infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernough here in village. Dorothy Suiter along with mother and child. Cold high wind all day.

Monday, March 29

Partly clear. Ther: 34 at 7 a.m. Went along with Walter to the David Grube near Centerville for the chairs used for funeral on Saturday and from there via Marietta Pike to Lancaster on business. Had H. Edgar Shertz, atty., fill out paper for revival of judgment I hold against Harry C. Rineer and wife. Home by noon and about house p.m. Feeling tired. Paid dues in IORM, \$1.60 and reported on since 20th. John Slaymaker, wife (niece) and John Jr. spent eve. and brought large birthday cake for me. J. Wesley Rice paid April rent. \$10.00. Rather high wind all day. Moderating in p.m. and eve.

Tuesday, March 30

Partly clear. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property short time. Sent judgment to Harry C. Rineer to have signed for renewal by his son Charles. Blanche and mother at Lancaster partly all day. Mother in house and Blanche on business. A most beautiful day. Not cold.

Wednesday, March 31

Clear. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. About home. For mail and fed poultry, a.m. Walter and I went on short auto trip. Chas Buckwalter, Shenk's Ferry, past Levi Neff's home, Christ Harnish Farm, David Hess Old Farm, Brenner's Hollow road to Rineer's, Isaac Funk Farm then via Green Hill U. B. Church, Safe Harbor and Harry C. Rineer's, Hollow Road and Home,

p.m. I certainly did enjoy the trip very much. Had not went on River Corner Road for years. Blanche called to Millersville early morning. Mrs. Adam Ament passed away. Beautiful spring day.

Thursday, April 1

Clear. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. Heavy frost. Over on property trimming up shrubbery and fixing grape arbor, etc. Harry C. Rineer hauling manure down on lower place for me that I bought of Mr. Leon and on the Ella Good property. Received check from Conestoga Transportation Co., Lanc. Dividend #2 for \$5.00. Beautiful day but cool air all day.

Friday, April 2

Partly clear. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. Walked down on property to see about manure hauled down yesterday. Am pleased with work and the amount on patch for potatoes, a.m. About home p.m. Blanche called to take charge of body of Mrs. Elizabeth Flory, widow of Benj E. Brought body here to Home. Paid Dr. B.F. Good for services during year. \$59.00. Paid dues in Consistory, Harrisburg. \$6.00 for 36 and 37. Beautiful but rather high wind.

Saturday, April 3

Partly clear. Ther: 34 at 7 a.m. About home, etc., a.m. Went along with Will to Masonville cemetery with greens, lowering device, etc., for burial of Mrs. Adam Ament of Millersville, p.m. Blanche and Walter attended the Ament funeral and afterwards took body of Mrs. Flory to her home for funeral tomorrow, p.m. Quite cool all day.

Sunday, April 4

Partly clear. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school and preaching service, all held here in the funeral parlor on account of no fuel (oil) at church. Had good attendance, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Walter and wife and

Blanche at Willow Street Reformed Church in eve. They had an Easter service. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Benj E. Flory at house and buried at Woodward Hill, Lanc. Cold. Damp all day.

Monday, April 5

Cloudy. Ther: 40 at 7 a.m. In house partly all day except mail and poultry. Not feeling so strong. Very damp all day with fine rain in eve.

Tuesday, April 6

Partly clear. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. For mail and fed poultry and about house a.m. Over on property. Fixed grape arbor and tied up vines, etc., p.m. Rather high wind but beautiful day.

Wednesday, April 7

Partly clear. Ther: 32 at 7 a.m. Shelled corn, etc., over on property a.m. Cleaned up part of lot over on property and fodder, etc., ready to burn p.m. Later Will and I went to see Saml Rankin with regard to plowing and here at home and we took run by auto to River Corner and home. Beautiful day.

Thursday, April 8

Cloudy. Ther: 40 at 7 a.m. Over on property. Burnt brush and got lot ready for plowing, etc. Will and I at Lancaster for lime, sand and cement to fix chimney at end of home. Paid \$2.05 for same and about home p.m. Ada Zercher paid April rent this eve. \$10.00. Cold damp air with rain in eve.

Friday, April 9

Cloudy. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. Had Chester Kreider plaster chimney on attic of house over on property at east end. Also dress up brick piers under back porch. Paid him \$2.40 for same. I furnished all material, a.m. In house partly all of p.m. Very damp and raining partly all day.

Saturday, April 10

Partly cloudy. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. Ice this morning. About home and over on property short time and home in eve. Fannie Mae Frey and friend spent the eve. with us. Cold raw wind with snowflakes flying during day.

Sunday, April 11

Partly cloudy. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. Ice this morning. At Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. Mrs. Myra Kendig, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Kachel, John Eberly and family, Chester Eberly and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Chas Burkett and daughter (sister of Bettie). At church in eve. the PALS Society celebrated their 11th anniversary. The Simmons' orchestra furnished music. A grand meeting and crowded house. Blanche called last night to Millersville. Fannie M. Becker died. Damp raw air with snow in p.m.

Monday, April 12

Partly clear. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property. Shelled corn for poultry, etc., a.m. In house partly all p.m. At IORM in eve. Was granted 2 weeks sick benefits. \$6.00. Rec'd letter from son Charles. Delighted to hear from him. Cool all day.

Tuesday, April 13

Partly cloudy. Ther: 34 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property. Had Daniel Rankin plow truck patch and haul ashes on same, p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Miss Fannie Miller Becker, Millersville, p.m. Henry B. Warfel paid April rent. \$15.00. Rather cool all day.

Wednesday, April 14

Partly cloudy. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. Had Samuel Rankin finish getting plot ready for planting sweet corn and I planted it this a.m. Paid him \$2.75 for work, a.m. About house. Feeling the

effects of the work I did this a.m. Did most too much. Very tired this eve. but enjoyed it. Damp a.m. Fine rain in eve and warmer.

Thursday, April 15

Partly cloudy. Ther: 48 at 7 a.m. About home and over in barn shelling corn part of a.m. and p.m. Blanche in Lancaster on business and mother along in to the Bruner's. Quite warm and showers partly all p.m.

Friday, April 16

Partly clear. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Had the pleasure of having the Hardester folks with us to dinner, spend p.m. and take supper and sure did have a lovely time. Their first visit in 15 years. Damp raw wind partly all day.

Saturday, April 17

Partly clear. Ther: 34 at 7 a.m., Heavy frost. Ground slightly frozen. Shelled corn over in barn a.m. Down on lower property. Rineer planting potatoes on our ground on shares, p.m. Beautiful day. Quite warm p.m.

Sunday, April 18

Partly clear. Ther: 46 at 7 a.m. 86 at 4:30 p.m. At Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. At Young People's meeting and preaching service in eve. A most beautiful day. Real summer day.

Monday, April 19

Partly clear. Ther: 44 at 7 a.m. Over on property. Planted 4 rows early sweet corn, a.m. Working on lawn here at home p.m. At shrubbery, etc. Mrs. Bertrum gave birth to twin boys. Everything passed off nicely at Genl Hospital, Lancaster, at 8:30 a.m. Beautiful day.

Tuesday, April 20

Partly clear. Ther: 48 at 7 a.m. Over on property. Had Mary Zercher 's boy, James Hess help cut out sprouts from apple trees,

a.m. At home on lawn partly all p.m. Blanche called to Bausman to take charge of body of Harvey Myers. PALS Society met at Chas Fralich and Elmer Hoak in this eve. Blanche, mother and Bettie went. Sent check to N.Y. Life insurance co. for premium. \$85.56, due May 11th. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Wednesday, April 21

Cloudy. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. About house and over on property. Cool and raining partly all day.

Thursday, April 22

Cloudy. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. At Lancaster on business. Went along in with Blanche and Walter a.m. Over on property. Shelled corn for poultry. Bought 1 bus wheat for poultry. Paid \$1.60 at Sickman's Mill and about home p.m. Mother tripped on rug here in sitting room. Cut forehead above left eye. Not seriously. Thunder gust last night. Cool and damp all day.

Friday, April 23

Partly clear. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. Finished shelling corn over in barn on property, a.m. About home, etc., p.m. Blanche called to Millersville to take charge of body of John Gochenaur. Fetched it here to Home. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Harry Myers, Bausman and Reformed Church, New Providence. Rather cool damp air all day.

Saturday, April 24

Partly clear. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. Working over in barn partly all day. Cleaning up and arranging things on upper floor and fixed stable door. Real pleasant all day. Cooler in eve.

Sunday, April 25

Cloudy. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Landis Miller spent p.m. and took supper with us. At church in eve. Annie Zercher who

had her home over in summer house on property for over 2 years went to Lancaster to live with some of the Wade folks, Clara's daughter. I hope she will get along nicely. Cool, damp. Few drops of rain.

Monday, April 26

Cloudy. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. Not out of 30s all day. Finished cleaning up upper floor over in barn over on property, a.m. About house, etc., p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of John Gochenaur, Millersville Evangelical Church. Very damp all day. Light rain a.m. Heavy rain partly all p.m. Papers report streams high. Baltimore houses flooded.

Tuesday, April 27

Partly cloudy. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. Cleaning up summer house, etc., a.m. Planted 2 rose bushes over on property. One a large red along east side of driveway and the other a climber at east end of back porch, received of the Bruner family at Lancaster. Damp partly all day with heavy shower in eve.

Wednesday, April 28

Partly clear. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. Working over on property. Started to repair back shed at barn, a.m. J.W. Morrison and I spent a.m. At Parkesburg community sale. Large crowd there and large variety of stock, etc. Potatoes brought 80 cents to \$1.20 per bus. 120 head of calves. Wrote letter to Charles. J. Wesley Rice paid May rent. \$10.00. Beautiful day.

Thursday, April 29

Partly clear. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. Over on property partly all day. Rain last night. Damp a.m. Beautiful p.m. Threatening rain in eve.

Friday, April 30

Partly clear. Ther: about 38 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Not feeling so well. Blanche and

Walter on business trip. Lancaster, Columbia, etc. Took mother along for pleasure trip. Spent entire p.m. Beautiful day.

Sunday, May 1

Partly clear. Ther: 40 at 7 a.m. 58 at 6 p.m. Went down and helped clean up plot of ground bought by PALS Society back of Graded School ground. Walter F. Ressel, Eml Kreider, Allen and Son Charles and myself. Spent a.m. About home p.m. and over to Charles Kreider in eve, and saw the Bertrum Kreider twins. Father and mother all well. Just returned to their home, the twins being born at Genl Hospital, Lancaster. Beautiful day.

Sunday, May 2

Clear. Ther: 56 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. Charles Eberly and wife here. Mrs. Lizzie Denlinger and daughter also short time. At church in eve. Blanche called this morning to take charge of body of Annie Martin (Colored). A particular friend of our family and highly respected in the community. A most beautiful day.

Monday, May 3

Clear. Ther: 58 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property and over in the funeral home. Helped put Annie Martin in her last bed (casket). On lawn short time. Blanche called this morning to take charge of body of Alfred Hess near village. A very good friend of mine. Blanche at Lancaster on business and got a spray of flowers for wife and I as a tribute of affection to Annie Martin for funeral tomorrow. A beautiful day.

Tuesday, May 4

Clear. Ther: 44 at 7 a.m. At funeral of Annie Martin here at parlor a.m. Had Saml Rankin get lot over on property ready to plant sweet corn. 50 cents. I went down on lower property short time, p.m. Home in eve.

Blanche called to take charge of body of Albert Benedict on the Harry Warfel Farm east of Millersville. Heart attack this morning and funeral of Annie Martin here at Home. Beautiful day. 80s in sun.

Wednesday, May 5

Partly clear. Ther: 42 at 7 a.m. Over on property. Planted early sweet corn. Will helped. Had John Walton repair iron well pump. Paid him \$2.50 for same. Harold Zercher papering, staining for Mrs. Warfel. Down in garden here at home part of p.m. Blanche had 2 viewings of bodies this eve. Alfred S. Hess at his home 7 to 9 and Aldus Benedict here at parlor. Being a busy day for her. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Thursday, May 6

Partly cloudy. Ther: 46 at 7 a.m. At funeral of Albert S. Hess. Service at house only, a.m. At funeral here at Home of Aldus Benedict p.m. and about home balance of day. Not feeling so well. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Albert S. Hess, a.m. and Aldus Benedict p.m. Paid Harold Zercher for papering over on property. \$5.75. Rather damp with rain part of p.m.

Friday, May 7

Partly clear. Ther: 46 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Working on lawn, etc. Walter moved green trees in front entrance to back ones in angle of main house and kitchen. Mother and I wrote letter to Charles. Ada Zercher paid May rent this eve. \$10.00. Beautiful day. Quite cool in eve.

Saturday, May 8

Partly clear. Ther: 46 at 7 a.m. Weeding rock garden and trimming around pond here in lawn, a.m. About house, etc., p.m. Blanche called to take charge of body of Ira K. Mann near Donnerville, Manor Twp., who committed suicide by hanging leaving wife

and 7 children. How sad. Cool all day. Thunder gust and fine rain p.m.

Sunday, May 9

Partly clear. Ther: 44 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Went along with Walter to the home of Ira K. Mann who attended to his duties there, then to Mountville, Columbia and home, p.m. At church in eve. Harold Zercher had their youngest child baptized. Rev. Strine preached a wonderful Mother's Day sermon in eve. Beautiful p.m. but cool.

Monday, May 10

Partly clear. Ther: 44 at 7 a.m. Working on lawn, etc., and over on property. Planted some cantaloupe seed. At IORM in eve. Paid in \$2.20 dues. Quite cool but beautiful day.

Tuesday, May 11

Clear. Ther: 43 at 7 a.m. Working down on lower property part of a.m. and p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Ira K. Mann. Services at house only. 306 persons at the viewing of body last eve. Blanche and mother at Ladies Aid Society this eve. Henry B. Warfel paid May rent. \$15.00. Beautiful day. Cool.

Wednesday, May 12

Partly clear. Ther: 46 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. J.W. Morrison and I went to Heller's church to funeral services for the Rev. D.W. Gerhart, one of our pastor here in Reformed church. His widow in her 89th year. Met his daughter Mary, missionary to Japan, who is here on vacation. Was by her mother's bed when death came. Blanche called this eve. to take charge of body of Wm Walter. Brought body here to Home.

Thursday, May 13

Partly cloudy. Ther: 48 at 7 a.m. About home in morning. Blanche, Walter and I went to Harrisburg to attend the F.D. Convention. Had a very pleasant time. Met many friends

of the profession and seen a wonderful display of caskets and funeral supplies. Returned home 4:30 p.m. Had mother along to her sister Mary at Lancaster to spend the day. Quite warm. 6 p.m. thunder gust and real heavy rain.

Friday, May 14

Cloudy. Ther: 46 at 7 a.m. About home. Shelled corn for poultry and went along with Walter to West Willow Freight Station for casket, a.m. In house partly all p.m. Myra Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Bitner here short time in eve. Here at viewing of Wm Walter's body. Very damp and raining all day and eve.

Saturday, May 15

Partly clear. Ther: 44 at 7 a.m. Trimmed dead branches out pine trees on front of lawn and over on property a.m. At funeral service for Wm Walter here in Home, etc., p.m. Fanny Mae Frey and friend spent eve. here. Quite cool all day.

Sunday, May 16

Partly cloudy. Ther: 46 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. Went to church in eve. but did not stay for service. Wife not feeling well. Rev. Steiner, our pastor, brought us home in his auto. Feeling some better. Rev. E.W. White was married at Mt. Hope M. E. Church this p.m. Had an invitation but could not be present. Blanche called this p.m. Infant daughter, Edna, of Wm H. Walter died at Genl Hospital. He being buried yesterday p.m. Cool a.m. Warmer p.m. Light shower of rain in eve.

Monday, May 17

Partly cloudy. Ther: 50 at 7 a.m. About home. Trimmed wisteria vines on front of porch, etc., a.m. Over on property, etc., p.m. Cool high wind partly all day. Quite

cool in eve. Several showers and thunder gust during day.

Tuesday, May 18

Partly clear. Ther: 48 at 7 a.m. About home on lawn a.m. Over on property. Planted 2 doz. tomato plants. Fixed screed door for Ada Zercher and put new wire screen for her, etc., p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Edna Walter, Highville, p.m. Beautiful day. Cool.

Wednesday, May 19

Partly cloudy. Ther: 46 at 7 a.m. At J.W. Morrison's. Got some chrysanthemum flower stalks. Planted some here at home and gave Mrs. Henry B. Warfel some to plant over on property, a.m. Down on lower property trimming berries, etc. Saml Rankin plowing for corn down there p.m. Blanche and mother at Farm Women's meeting at D.M. Witmer, Safe Harbor, p.m. Cool all day.

Thursday, May 20

Partly cloudy. Ther: 42 at 7 a.m. Hoeing sweet corn over on property a.m. Down on lower property in berry patch and trimming young locust and Saml Rankin planted 2 acres of corn on shares. Blanche called to take charge of body of Mrs. Jennie Plaugher who committed suicide. Brought body here to Home. Lived in Lancaster. Quite cool all day.

Friday, May 21

Partly clear. Ther: 46 at 7 a.m. Out at Saml Morton's blacksmith. Had digging tool welded and sharpened. Paid 60 cents for same. Will took me out. We repaired poultry yard fence and gate, a.m. Finished hoeing corn and cutting out dock over on property, p.m. Real tired this eve. Beautiful day. Sun real warm.

Saturday, May 22

Partly clear. Ther: 54 at 7 a.m. High 90. About

home. Shelled corn for poultry, etc., a.m. At funeral of Mrs. Jennie Plaughter here at Home and Walter and Blanche took body to Landis Valley Cemetery for burial, p.m. I went along with Amos Graver, mail carrier, to Pequea P.O. Had a delightful trip. J. Wesley Rice paid June rent. \$10.00. Very warm day. Thunder gust and fine shower of rain in eve.

Sunday, May 23

Partly cloudy. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. At home and took short walk p.m. and at preaching service in eve. Beautiful day. Few drops of rain several times during day.

Monday, May 24

Partly clear. Ther: 54 at 7 a.m. About home partly all day. Had Jacob Lefever spray apple trees down on lower place and smokehouse tree back of building here at home. Paid him \$2.75 for same. Blanche received word of the death of Mrs. Walter Michener, Philadelphia. Beautiful day. Cool.

Tuesday, May 25

Partly clear. Ther: 52 at 7 a.m. Jacob W. Morrison, Maris H. Groff and I left at 8 a.m. for York to see the Knight Templar parade given there at 10 a.m. It took one hour for them to pass a given point. Took dinner at Y.W.C. Assoc. A splendid meal was served in cafeteria. Returned home 2:30 p.m. Well pleased and very tired. Blanche and Walter left for Philadelphia at 5:45 a.m. for body of Mrs. Walter Michener and brought it here to Home. A beautiful day. Very warm.

Wednesday, May 26

Partly clear. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. High 90. Down in berry patch. Trimming, etc., a.m. About home p.m. Had our first strawberries for supper from patch over on property. Benj S. Manning Col. of tax. Paid county tax: \$7.20. Personal: \$14.80. Road: \$12.00. Total, \$34.00

less 5% \$1.70. Total, \$32.30. Very warm day. Nice shower of rain in eve.

Thursday, May 27

Partly clear. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. Hoeing tomatoes and sweet corn over on property and put fertilizer on, a.m. Decorated veterans' graves in Colored cemetery with American flags and down on lower property part of p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Martha Michener of Philadelphia at Millersville this p.m. Only 18 persons attended. Rev. Paul Scheirer and wife spent short call this eve. Quite warm. Beautiful day. A very good rain in eve. High wind.

Friday, May 28

Partly cloudy. Ther: 58 at 7 a.m. About home partly all day. Shelled corn for poultry, etc. Beautiful day. Rather cool in eve and thunder in east.

Saturday, May 29

Partly clear. Ther: 55 at 7 a.m. Harry Eckman and I placed flags at the graves of veterans of the several wars in the different cemeteries of the Twp. 100 in number, a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Mary E. Bruner here this eve. She paid me \$5.00 on loan of \$15.00 I gave her. A most beautiful day. Quite warm.

Sunday, May 30

Partly clear. Ther: 60 at 7 a.m. High 90. Son Charles and wife arrived here about 8:30 a.m. and went along to Sunday school a.m. Spent a very p.m. at home with them. They left for home 6:15 p.m. Blanche and I at church in eve. Met some old friends, Bartons, formerly of Safe Harbor. Had a very good sermon by our pastor, Rev. Strine. A beautiful day. Quite warm.

Monday, May 31

Partly clear. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. High 92. Decorated front of yard with American flags

and large one at porch. Dug bed for peonies along east side of driveway over on property and planted 11 stalks and about home. At IORM in eve. Paid in \$6.40 for S.B. Good dues. Very warm all day.

Tuesday, June 1

Clear. Ther: 60 at 7 a.m. High 96. Hoeing sweet corn over on property till 10 a.m. Stopped on account of heat, a.m. Planted few iris over on property and in shop, etc., p.m. Another very warm day.

Wednesday, June 2

Partly clear. Ther: 58 at 7 a.m. High 92. Finished hoeing sweet corn over on property, a.m. Planted pansies and other plants here at home, etc., p.m. Very warm all day. Great change in eve. Quite cool wind.

Thursday, June 3

Partly cloudy. Ther: 52 at 7 a.m. Cleaning flower beds, etc., a.m. Finished shelling corn for poultry, etc., p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Katherine Toland, Lancaster. Services at home only. Damp with fine shower of rain at noon and another fine shower in eve.

Friday, June 4

Partly clear. Ther: 58 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property partly all day. Blanche called to Clyde Lefever. Death of infant. Aged 2 days. No funeral. Brought body here to Home. Beautiful day. Warm.

Saturday, June 5

Partly clear. Ther: 66 at 7 a.m. 102 in sun at 4:30 p.m. Down at Harry Rineer and spoke to Edw White about mowing grass over on property and working corn down on lower property. Thought they could do it, a.m. About home not doing much p.m. Walter buried the small Lefever baby this morning at

Laurel Hill church. No funeral. Beautiful day and very warm in sun.

Sunday, June 6

Partly clear. Ther: 72 at 7 a.m. 100 at 3 p.m. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and church in eve. A young man from Lancaster drowned in river while bathing at Shenk's Ferry. Very warm all day and eve.

Monday, June 7

Partly clear. Ther: 64 at 7 a.m. Had Harry Eshleman, neighbor, and Willis Cramer, Carpenter straighten up and repair shed over on property. Am pleased with work and paid them \$1.50 each for same, a.m. About home. Done some trimming on lawn, etc., p.m. Blanche called to take charge of body of John Denlinger, Lancaster. Brought body here to Home this morning. Quite warm all day. Light shower of rain p.m.

Tuesday, June 8

Partly clear. Ther: 68 at 7 a.m. Working over on property a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Blanche went to Mt. Nebo to wedding of Rev. Warren Hackman and Miss Esta McFalls. 400 guests present. Will killed a 5 foot black snake here in driveway. Have viewing for John Denlinger here this eve. Walter attending. Beautiful day. Quite cool in eve.

Wednesday, June 9

Partly clear. Ther: 66 at 7 a.m. Working over on property hoeing corn and staked tomatoes, etc., a.m. About home p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of John Denlinger here at home and at Stehman's U. B. Church. The Ladies Aid Society of our church met here this eve. Good attendance. Another quite warm day.

Thursday, June 10

Partly clear. Ther: 66 at 7 a.m. About home

partly all day. In eve Walter took mother and I for an auto drive to Colemanville over near Mt. Nebo. Then to York Furnace, Pequea, Safe Harbor and Home. A wonderful trip. Have not been over that part of county for years. We did enjoy so much. Returned home 8 p.m. Mother and I wrote letter to Charles and family. Beautiful day. Rather cool. Few drops of rain in eve.

Friday, June 11

Partly cloudy. Ther: 52 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Down on lower place. Picked some strawberries down there for table use. Trimmed young trees, etc., p.m. Henry B. Warfel paid June rent. \$15.00. Ada Zercher paid June rent. \$10.00. Very good rain last night and part of a.m. Quite warm in sun p.m.

Saturday, June 12

Partly clear. Ther: 58 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Helped Walter and Will to open up pipes, etc., to septic tank where waste, etc., from bathroom and kitchen went. Pipe entirely closed, but succeeded in getting it open. A number of our men went deep sea fishing. Returned with a catch of 501 sea bass and trout. Benj Beach presented us with 4 fine trout. Very kind of him. Beautiful day. Cool.

Sunday, June 13

Partly cloudy. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Nazareth son and daughter. Had lived at J.W. Morrison some years ago. Called to see us and spent a short time very pleasantly. At church in eve. Cool air but very pleasant day.

Monday, June 14

Partly clear. Ther: 64 at 7 a.m. Working about home. Trimming walnut tree back of funeral home and grape vines in garden. Weeding flower beds, etc. Blanche called last night to take charge of body of Mrs. John Gemmill, Lancaster at Genl Hospital . Brought body

here to Home. Beautiful day. Very warm p.m. Thunder gust in eve. Very high wind did some damage to trees and a very good rain.

Tuesday, June 15

Partly clear. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. Helped remove large limb broken of horse chestnut tree by storm last eve and over on property thinning sweet corn, etc., a.m. Planted flower stalks here at home, etc., p.m. Blanche has viewing for Mrs. John Gemmill this eve. A beautiful display of flowers. Beautiful day. Quite warm. Cool in eve.

Wednesday, June 16

Partly cloudy. Ther: 60 at 7 a.m. At funeral of Mrs. John Gemmill here at Home and buried in Colemanville cemetery, a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Gemmill a.m. Quite warm a.m. Fine rain about 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 17

Partly cloudy. Ther: 58 at 7 a.m. Over on property short time a.m. About home and mail and poultry. Very damp with several heavy showers of rain during day. Thunder and lightning in eve.

Friday, June 18

Partly clear. Ther: 60 at 7 a.m. Mowing weeds, etc., over on property a.m. Had Harry Eshleman, neighbor, repair siding on back of summer house, etc. Paid him for same. Blanche called to take charge of body of Enos Martin, Lancaster. Brought body here to Home this a.m. Very warm a.m. Cooler in eve. Thunder and rain in eve.

Saturday, June 19

Partly clear. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Mother and Blanche at the Farm Women's meeting at Mrs. John Huber's home. Had a very pleasant time. Arranged with Stephen Wise to

mow grass over on property next week. Beautiful day. Cool in eve.

Sunday, June 20

Partly clear. Ther: 60 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school and practicing children's day service, a.m. At home p.m. At Children's Day Service in eve. A very good service. The children did fine. Beautiful day.

Monday, June 21

Partly cloudy. Ther: 66 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property. Had Stephen Wise cut grass on property and I tied up tomato stalks, etc. and helped about home. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Enos Martin here at Home and buried at Reformed Mennonite cemetery, New Danville. Rather damp. Warm all day. Cooler and light rain in eve.

Tuesday, June 22

Partly clear. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. Working over on property at sweet corn, mowing grass, etc., a.m. Down on lower Property P.m. Rather cool all day. Heavy rain last night 9 p.m.

Wednesday, June 23

Clear. Ther: 54 at 7 a.m. Over on property all day. Hoeing sweet corn, cut up peach tree, cleaned front part of side lot, etc. Steve Wise hauled hay off of lot for self. Beautiful day. Cool air.

Thursday, June 24

Clear. Ther: 58 at 7 a.m. About home. Over on property and down on lower property. Picked few black raspberries, etc. Had Steve Wise work corn down on lower property a.m. Beautiful day. Sun quite warm. Cooler in eve.

Friday, June 25

Clear. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. 100 in sun at 4:30 p.m. Down on lower property picking black raspberries a.m. J.W. Morrison and I took the

p.m. for auto trip via Elizabethtown Masonic Home, etc. Home via Bainbridge, Marietta, Columbia, River Road and Home. Enjoyed it very much. Had a surprise this eve. Philip Dattisman, Ex sheriff, a very good friend of mine at court house called. Blanche called last night. Mary Louise Murray, Mt. Nebo, died. Beautiful day.

Saturday, June 26

Partly clear. Ther: 66 at 7 a.m. At home and the PALS Society held their annual outing here and supper in the garage. Good attendance and very pleasant time. Rev. David Scheirer, our former pastor, was present and a fine supper. Beautiful day. Very warm at 4:30 p.m. Thunder gust from the east with very heavy rain and storm.

Sunday, June 27

Cloudy. Ther: 58 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Mother not in condition of mind and body to go to church. Blanche there. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Mary Louise Murry, Mt. Nebo this p.m. Bettie returned this eve. Brought her mother. We were glad to see her again. Cool. Damp all day and eve.

Monday, June 28

Cloudy. Ther: 58 at 7 a.m. Not out of 60s all day. In house partly all day. Mr. Rittenhouse of New Danville removed pipe less furnace from house cellar. Blanche is having oil burner installed instead. Mother received letter from son Charles this morning. Quite cool. Rain and very damp.

Tuesday, June 29

Partly cloudy. Ther: 64 at 7 a.m. About home. Went to register at election polling place. Was the 2nd one to register. #15152 permanent registration card in pocket of this diary. Done very little all day. Not feeling so

strong. J. Wesley Rice paid July rent. \$10.00. Cool and damp and light rain.

Wednesday, June 30

Partly cloudy. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. Over on property, etc., a.m. Went along with Will over to Walter Eshleman's near Marticville and down on lower property cutting weeds from young grape vines, etc., p.m. Sun very warm. Very heavy rain at 3 p.m. Light thunder and strong wind.

Thursday, July 1

Partly clear. Ther: 52 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Down on lower property cutting grass, etc., around young grape vines and picked few raspberries and trimmed grape vines, etc., here at home p.m. Blanche called to take charge of body of Thomas B. Young at County Home. Brought body here to Home. Beautiful day. Cool.

Friday, July 2

Partly clear. Ther: 58 at 7 a.m. Working about home a.m. At Lancaster on business. Bought suit of clothes and shoes for self, etc. Received \$2.25 of Mrs. Rineer for raspberries sold on market. Beautiful day. Cool.

Saturday, July 3

Partly cloudy. Ther: 60 at 7 a.m. About house partly all day. Not feeling so well. Blanche had viewing for Thomas B. Young this eve. Rather cool all day, especially in eve.

Sunday, July 4

Clear. Ther: 60 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. At home. John Slaymaker and wife and Chester Eberly and wife spent short time with us p.m. At church in eve. Rev. H.S. Shelly called in eve. for short time. Bettie's mother left for her home this eve. Beautiful day.

Monday, July 5

Cloudy. Ther: 60 at 7 a.m. About home all

day. Trimmed wisteria vines, etc., on front porch partly all a.m. In house p.m. Blanche called to St. Joseph Hospital for body of Mrs. Emma Sowers of Little Pittsburg and brought here to Home. Very damp and raining partly all day. Real heavy by times, especially p.m. and eve.

Tuesday, July 6

Partly clear. Ther: 64 at 7 a.m. Finished cleaning up front porch vines, etc., a.m. Down in raspberry patch on lower property. Picked some for table use and trimming young locust trees, etc., p.m. Mary Zercher's boy, Jimmy was thrown from his bicycle this p.m. and broke his right arm and cut his face. Had attended to at St. Joseph Hospital and returned home. Very heavy rain in the morning and very warm and beautiful p.m. and eve.

Wednesday, July 7

Partly clear. Ther: 66 at 7 a.m. 100 in sun at 4 p.m. Working down lower property partly all day. Had Will, Harry Eshleman picking raspberries and the Rineer family, etc. Blanche had viewing for Mrs. Emma Sowers this eve. I had the pleasure of meeting a number of old friends who were here. Very warm all day.

Thursday, July 8

Clear. Ther: 70 at 7 a.m. 103 in eve at 4 p.m. About home. Not doing much a.m. At funeral services for Mrs. Emma Sowers here in Home and buried at Highville cemetery. Blanche and Walter attended. Ada Zercher paid rent for July. \$10.00. Very warm all day.

Friday, July 9

Partly clear. Ther: 72 at 7 a.m. 93 in shade at 4 p.m. In house partly all a.m. Not feeling well. Out on lawn weeding around shrubbery, etc., p.m. Beautiful day. Very warm. Nice shower of rain in eve.

Saturday, July 10

Partly clear. Ther: 72 at 7 a.m. 93 in shade at 3 p.m. About house all day. Attended to mash and poultry, etc. Mr. Baker came here this p.m. Bettie and Will went away this p.m. Another very warm day.

Sunday, July 11

Partly clear. Ther: 74 at 7 a.m. 100 in sun at 4 p.m. At Sunday school and afterwards had J.W. Morrison take wife and I out for auto trip. Left home 10:45. Arrived at Quarryville 11:30. Took dinner at Rhode's Tavern. Had a very nice one. Then went via Greentree, Andrews Bridge, Oxford, etc., to port Deposit, etc., and returned home by different route. Arrived at 4:15 p.m. Very much pleased and wonderful scenery. Much wheat on shock and to cut. At church in eve. and heavy thunder and rain in eve. Beautiful day. Very warm.

Monday, July 12

Partly clear. Ther: 72 at 7 a.m. About home working on lawn, etc. Part of p.m. down on lower property. Blanche called to General Hospital for body of Mary, wife of B. Frank Zercher here in village. Brought it here to Home 8:30 p.m. Sun very warm. Fine air a.m. Light shower of rain in eve.

Tuesday, July 13

Partly clear. Ther: 71 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Blanche, Will and Bettie took Mr. Baker to his home in Carlisle and spent the day. Returned home 4 p.m. Wife and I home alone. Beautiful day. Not quite so warm.

Wednesday, July 14

Cloudy. Ther: 68 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Viewing of Mrs. B. Frank Zercher this eve. Received rent for July of Henry B. Warfel. \$15.00. Very damp and showering and quite cool all day.

Thursday, July 15

Partly cloudy. Ther: 68 at 7 a.m. Attended funeral of Mrs. B. Frank Zercher at Reformed Church here in village a.m. Blanche and Walter had charge. Helped seed apricots, etc., p.m. Rain and very damp part of day.

Friday, July 16

Partly clear. Ther: 76 at 7 a.m. 90 at noon. 104 in sun at 4 p.m. Over on property a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Mary Bruner came here this eve. Wrote letter to son Charles, Yonkers, N.Y. Very warm day. Thunder and high wind 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 17

Partly cloudy. Ther: 74 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. At our Sunday school picnic p.m. Annie Bruner and Miss Eckman here and went with to picnic. Threatening rain a.m. and several light showers p.m. and heavier in eve.

Sunday, July 18

Partly clear. Ther: 68 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. and home p.m. and church in eve. Rev. Strine and family spent eve. after service. Quite change in temperature. Quite cool in eve.

Monday, July 19

Partly clear. Ther: 64 at 7 a.m. About home and down at Ezra Hackman. Bought post for wash line service over on property. Will helped to put it to place, etc., a.m. Down on lower property. Picked few berries for supper and trimmed canes, etc., p.m. Benj Sterneman's daughter, Gladys, was killed in auto wreck yesterday near Willows, Lincoln Highway. Blanche called to take charge of body of Robert Leibhart, Long Lane (suicide). Beautiful day. Not nearly so warm.

Tuesday, July 20

Partly cloudy. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. In shop, etc.,

a.m. Down on lower place trimming in berry patch p.m. At PALS meeting at Chas H. Kreider's in eve. Had a very pleasant meeting and good attendance. Quite cool all day.

Wednesday, July 21

Clear. Ther: 58 at 7 a.m. Over on property putting up hooks for wash lines and went along with Walter to Lancaster on business a.m. Went along with J.W. Morrison and M.H. Groff to Parkesburg community sale. Large crowd and wonderful variety of goods for sale. Returned home 5 p.m. Blanche called to Lancaster this eve. Mrs. John Herren. Body brought here to Home. A most beautiful day. Cool.

Thursday, July 22

Partly clear. Ther: 64 at 7 a.m. Down on lower property a.m. About home and over on Property p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Robert F. Leibhart, Long Lane. Buried at Millersville Mennonite. Beautiful day. Quite warm. Cool in eve.

Friday, July 23

Partly clear. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. At Lancaster. Brought my large clock home. Had it Bowman Jewelers to have repaired. Paid \$3.50 for same. Walter brought paint along out for Blanche for painting the Peter's, a.m. About home. Helped about house, etc. Blanche and Walter took Mrs. John Herren body to her home, ready for funeral tomorrow. Beautiful day. Quite warm p.m. Thunder gusts in west.

Saturday, July 24

Partly clear. Ther: 64 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Went down to M.E.S.S. picnic at M.G. Kneisley's orchard. Had supper with them and gave contribution for same. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. John Herren at Lancaster p.m. Beautiful day. Quite warm all day.

Sunday, July 25

Partly clear. Ther: 72 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. In p.m. Will took Mary Bruner, Ella Jenkins, Mother and I out for an auto ride. Columbia, Lancaster, Lampeter and home. Very pleasant trip. At church in eve. Mrs. Saml Bruner and Son Samuel spent eve. here. Blanche called to take charge of body of Mrs. Frank Neff, Millersville this morning. Brought body here to Home. Very warm in sun. Fine breeze.

Monday, July 26

Partly cloudy. Ther: 76 at 7 a.m. Working down on lower property a.m. Trimmed wisteria vines, etc., at front porch, etc., p.m. Blanche called for small child. David Newswenger, New Danville and at F.D. picnic at Media Heights, p.m. Clear and very warm a.m. Heavy thunder gust and rain at noon for several hours and cleared.

Tuesday, July 27

Clear. Ther: 68 at 7 a.m. Working down on lower property partly all day. Am real tired this eve. Blanche called to take charge of body of Amanda Miller at Country Club. She lived with my parents when I was a child about 75 years ago here at Conestoga. Beautiful day. Sun quite warm. Cool in eve.

Wednesday, July 28

Clear. Ther: 72 at 7 a.m. Over on property fixing up wisteria vines on back porch, etc., a.m. Down on lower Property p.m. Blanche called last night, Barrett Glen Stauffer, infant son of Benj and Martha Zercher Stauffer, Manor Twp., and funeral of Mrs. Frank Neff a.m. and David Newswanger child, p.m. Beautiful day. Cool in eve.

Thursday, July 29

Partly clear. Ther: 70 at 7 a.m. At funeral of Amanda Miller. Services here at Home and buried at Mennonite cemetery, New

Providence. I paid for burial blanket, \$4.00, for her for friendship. When I was a child she lived with us, a.m. About home p.m. Blanche and Walter attended the funeral of Barret Glen, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Benj Stauffer this p.m. and called this eve. to take charge and bring body of Benj F. Reinhart and bring it here to home. Wrote letter to Charles. Beautiful day. Cool in eve.

Friday, July 30

Partly clear. Ther: 64 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property. Cut off some of the sweet corn fodder. Not feeling so well today. Had Dr. Good prescribe. The Millersville Nat. Bank property was sold at public sale today for \$5,700. Blanche B. Zercher, our daughter, was the purchaser. I certainly wish her success. Beautiful day.

Saturday, July 31

Partly cloudy. Ther: 72 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Down on lower property. Picked few blackberries and did some trimming p.m. Blanche had Hartman viewing here at Home this eve. Thunder gust last night with rain. Quite warm.

Sunday, August 1

Partly clear. Ther: 66 at 7 p.m. At Sunday school. In absence of the teacher for Bible class I was asked to take charge, a.m. At home p.m. and church in eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Benj F. Reinhart here at Home and Laurel Hill Church near Smithville. Beautiful day.

Monday, August 2

Partly clear. Ther: 64 at 7 a.m. Working about home and over on property a.m. Down on lower property. Rineer's are taking out some of cobbler potatoes farmed on shares. A fair crop. Mother received letter from son

Charles. Glad to hear from him. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Tuesday, August 3

Partly clear. Ther: 64 at 7 a.m. About home on lawn, etc., a.m. Down on lower property trimming young locusts, etc., p.m. Blanche at Lancaster on business p.m. Beautiful day. Cool in eve.

Wednesday, August 4

Clear. Ther: 66 at 7 a.m. About home all day. The Ladies Aid Society of Reformed Church held their annual outing here on back lawn this p.m. Very good attendance and fine supper at 4:30 p.m. and an enjoyable time. A beautiful day. Quite warm.

Thursday, August 5

Partly clear. Ther: 70 at 7 a.m. High 94. About home and over on property and lawn. Ada Zercher paid August rent. \$10.00. Had a few words with Charles over the telephone at his home this morning in Philadelphia. He and Clara are well, Paul some better. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Friday, August 6

Partly clear. Ther: 72 at 7 a.m. High 94. Down on lower property. Trimming locust, etc., a.m. In house partly all p.m. Should not have stayed out in sun so long a.m. Blanche called to Genl Hospital, David E. Cramer passed away. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Saturday, August 7

Partly cloudy. Ther: 70 at 7 a.m. About home partly all day. Had a very heavy thunder gust and wonderful heavy rain for several hours. Papers report 4 inches of rain fell. The heaviest thunder of the season. Will, Bettie, Harry Eshleman and wife went to spend weekend at club house. Blanche called to home of George Frey to take charge of body

of Martin Strebis. Brought body here to Home. Received of Henry B. Warfel rent for August, 1937. \$15.00.

Sunday, August 8

Partly clear. Ther: 70 at 7 a.m. 88 at 4 p.m. At Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. and at church in eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of David E. Cramer, Lancaster and Mellinger's. Beautiful day.

Monday, August 9

Partly clear. Ther: 72 at 7 a.m. High 88. About home and over on property. Beautiful a.m. Very heavy thunder gust and rain. Several fires in Manor Twp, Benj Shenk barn and John Kreider's barn, tobacco shed and hog pen near Walnut Hill School House this p.m.

Tuesday, August 10

Partly cloudy. Ther: 72 at 7 a.m. About home helping in house, etc., a.m. Went to funeral of Martin Strebis at Brethren in Christ Church, Manor Twp. Rev. Jacob Heisey preached a wonderful sermon. I enjoyed it very much. Met quite a few old friends. Blanche and Walter had charge of funeral p.m. Blanche and mother at Aid Society meeting this eve. at Martin Good's. 25 years ago the charter for the Conestoga Casket Co. was filed at the recorder's office. Quite warm. Very heavy shower of rain in p.m.

Wednesday, August 11

Partly cloudy. Ther: 74 at 7 a.m. Down on lower property a.m. About home and over on property, etc., p.m. Quite warm all day. Light rain and thunder gust in north west.

Thursday, August 12

Partly clear. Ther: 66 at 7 a.m. About home partly all day. Blanche and mother attended Farm Women's meeting this p.m. at home of Mrs. George Brenner, Highville. Will and

Bettie went to funeral of Will's brother p.m. Very heavy rain this early eve.

Friday, August 13

Partly clear. Ther: 66 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property. Beautiful day. Cooler.

Saturday, August 14

Clear. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. About home. Not feeling so well. In eve. went along with Walter to the Sauder farm near Walnut Hill School House, Manor Twp., for the body of John Sourbeer of Lancaster who was shot accidentally by his brother while hunting groundhogs. Lived only few minutes. Blanche was called to take charge about 6 p.m. Last day for registration of voters. Beautiful day. Cool.

Sunday, August 15

Clear. Ther: 60 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. Preaching service in eve. Another beautiful day.

Monday, August 16

Clear. Ther: 60 at 7 a.m. About home. Over on property. Cut off sweet corn fodder. Will and I brought large sideboard cupboard from barn and put it in cellar here for canned fruit jars, etc. Had viewing here at Home for John Sourbeer, the young man that was shot accidentally by his brother Saturday. About 175 people here. Quite warm all day.

Tuesday, August 17

Clear. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. About home all day. A funeral service here in Home at 12 noon for John Sourbeer. 3 of the Amos F. Martin daughters called to see us. Their usual yearly visit. Martha, Lillie, Margie. We're very glad to meet them again. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of John Sourbeer at Millersville Mennonite. A beautiful floral display. Beautiful day. Very warm.

Wednesday, August 18

Partly clear. Ther: 74 at 7 a.m. 84 at 6:30 p.m. High 92. Down on lower property in morning. Expected Steve Wise to mow grass but did not come. About home and in eve. at Jacob Charles at meeting of PALS Society. His son, Clayton, entertained. Walter F. Ressel, Blanche's helper, celebrated his 58th birthday today. Very warm all day.

Thursday, August 19

Partly clear. Ther: 72 at 7 a.m. 84 at 6:30 p.m. High 92. Stephen Wise mowed the home lot and started down on lower property till noon. Too hard on horses, the heat, for p.m. Beautiful day but very warm.

Friday, August 20

Partly clear. Ther: 74 at 7 a.m. High 94. Ephrata reports 101 p.m. Down on lower place. Steve Wise finished mowing there and came up and started mowing grass on property across the way. I was along part of the time. Very warm all day. Several thunder gusts in distance and few drops of rain here.

Saturday, August 21

Partly clear. Ther: 74 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property, etc., a.m. Mother and I out at the S.S. picnic of the U. E. Church at west end of village and took supper with them. Had very heavy rain and storm about 4 p.m. Blanche called to take charge of Mrs. Sue M., wife of Harry F. Eshleman, Little Pittsburg, p.m. Cloudy and heavy thunder and rain p.m. and eve. Electric lights out of service all eve. The large barn on the former Mrs. Wood farm destroyed by fire (lightning) this eve. neat Letort.

Sunday, August 22

Partly cloudy. Ther: 71 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. and eve. Mr. Charles Smedley, wife and her sister called this p.m.

near Fulton house. Will and Bettie left this eve. on a week's vacation. Quite warm a.m. Rain partly all p.m. and eve.

Monday, August 23

Cloudy. Ther: 56 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Harry F. Eshleman at U. B. Church, Highville. Large attendance p.m. Had a call from Genl Hospital. Mrs. Martha Benedict Hebbel. Brought body here to Home. Great change in weather. Rain last night and a.m. and very much cooler.

Tuesday, August 24

Cloudy. 60 at 7 a.m. Not out of 60s all day. About home all day. Helped Blanche in Home, etc. Had a surprise. At noon J. Millard Bruner, Philadelphia, dropped in on us just as we sat down for dinner. Spent a very pleasant time together. Received a very welcome letter from Charles. He is well and busy. Had a viewing in the Home this eve. for Mrs. Martha Hebbel. Cool. Rain and very damp all day.

Wednesday, August 25

Cloudy. Ther: 62 at 7 a.m. High 70. About home and over on property short time. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Jacob Hebbel at Reformed Mennonite Church, New Danville, p.m. Damp all day. Light rain a.m.

Thursday, August 26

Cloudy. Ther: 64 at 7 a.m. High 76. About home partly all day. Mail, poultry, etc. Little sunshine in eve. but more rain later.

Friday, August 27

Partly cloudy. Ther: 66 at 7 a.m. Trimmed wisteria vines, etc., at front porch a.m. Over on property. Had Phares Graver mow the weeds back of summer house and brought

over corn from barn for poultry p.m. Warmer and clearing. Beautiful sunshine part of p.m.

Saturday, August 28

Partly clear. Ther: 70 at 7 a.m. About home all day and helping Blanche. Fannie Mae Frey and her intended spent the eve. with. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Sunday, August 29

Partly cloudy. Ther: 66 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school and practicing Boys' Day program, a.m. At home p.m. and Boys' Day Service in eve. I was presented with a beautiful basket of flowers by Miss Minnie Graver and her Bro Amos, which I appreciated very much. Hiram Lefever gave a very good address on Life of Moses. Bettie and Will returned this eve. Quite warm. Light rain p.m. and damp in eve.

Monday, August 30

Partly cloudy. Ther: 64 at 7 a.m. About house a.m. Trimmed shrubbery in yard, etc., p.m. Blanche and Walter at the funeral of Jos Kauffman, F.D. Asst., Little Britain. Rather damp all day. Few drops of rain a.m.

Tuesday, August 31

Clear. Ther: 68 at 7 a.m. High 88. Cleaning up back of the summer house over on property. Should not have did it. Sun very warm, a.m. About home p.m. Blanche had viewing of Mrs. Andrew Ament this eve. Quite a few folks here. Sent birthday card to my friend Philip P. Dattisman, ex sheriff of county who has been in ill health for some of his 62 years. Beautiful day. Very warm.

Wednesday, September 1

Clear. Ther: 70 at 7 a.m. High 90. Over on property part of a.m. At funeral of Mrs. Andrew Ament here at Home. Rev. Aaron Harnish and Rev. Martin Groff had the service. Buried at U. B. Church, Highville, p.m.

Blanche and Walter had charge. Very warm all day.

Thursday, September 2

Clear. Ther: 70 at 7 a.m. 70 at 7 p.m. High 89. About home and over on property. Not feeling so well. Wrote letter to son Charles. Blanche called to take charge of body of Charles Edward, son of Harry K. Frey, near Slackwater, at Genl Hospital. Brought body here to Home. Fannie Mae Frey, a very special friend of the Zercher family, and John Bechtold were married at 4 p.m. at Lancaster. Beautiful day.

Friday, September 3

Clear. Ther: 70 at 7 a.m. High 85. About home a.m. Went along with J.W. Morrison, C. C. Urban and M.H. Groff to community sale at Ephrata. Peaches, Mellon's, potatoes, sweet corn, etc., plentiful. Bought corn and bologna for table use at home. Enjoyed trip very much. Farmers busy cutting tobacco everywhere. Beautiful day but sun very warm.

Saturday, September 4

Partly clear. Ther: 72 at 7 a.m. High 92. Helping about house a.m. Over on property. Took down stove pipe in summer house, etc., p.m. Rev. Mumpes and wife called in eve. Smithville, Laurel Hill Church of God. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Charles Edward Frey, Millersville. Very warm all day.

Sunday, September 5

Cloudy. Ther: 70 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Home all p.m. and preaching service in eve. Blanche called to Lancaster to take charge of body of Mrs. Mary Meckley, 18 S. Water St. Brought body here to Home. Raining partly all day.

Monday, September 6

Cloudy. Ther: 56 at 7 a.m. 64 at 6:30 p.m. About home and over on property short

time. Not feeling so strong. Received phone message this announcing death of Jacob N. Hershey, Mt. Joy. Son-in-law of Uncle Jacob Zercher. Funeral tomorrow p.m. Cool. Damp air all day.

Tuesday, September 7

Partly cloudy. Ther: 60 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property. Had Steve Wise mow grass on lot, a.m. Walter took Blanche, mother and I to the funeral of Jacob N. Hershey at the Cross Roads Church, Mt. Joy. Large attendance, p.m. Quite cool all day.

Wednesday, September 8

Partly clear. Ther: 60 at 7 a.m. 60 at 6 p.m. Mowing weeds over on property a.m. Went along with Will to Camp Hill cemetery Florin. Took lowering device and greens for burial of Mrs. Mary Meckley, Lancaster. Walter and Blanche attended funeral. Dr. Abrm Eberly here to see mother. Her request. Beautiful day. Cool.

Thursday, September 9

Partly clear. Ther: 64 at 7 a.m. Working over on property a.m. Down on lower Property P.m. Beautiful day. Quite warm a.m. Cooler in p.m. and eve.

Friday, September 10

Partly clear. Ther: 64 at 7 a.m. Will helped bring up 6 bus potatoes from arch down on lower place, etc., a.m. Over on property cleaning up in stable. Put some locusts in out of weather and husked out some sweet form in lot, etc., p.m. Ada Zercher paid Sept. rent. \$10.00. Beautiful day. Cool.

Saturday, September 11

Partly cloudy. Ther: 56 at 7 a.m. Left home for a trip down the country 9 a.m. Marticville, Robinson Store, Strohms Mill, Smithville, Mt. Airy. Our old home near

Green Briar. Was sorry to see the condition it is in. Nothing like the home it was when mother lived there. Then to John Eberley's, Charles Eberly. Took dinner at Robert Fulton Tea House. A fine dinner. Will's home, Bettie's home, etc. Will, mother and I stopped at John Slaymaker's and home by 4 p.m. Enjoyed the trip very much. Walter and I went to West Willow Fire Co. supper in eve. Short time. Very pleasant time. Rather damp part of day.

Sunday, September 12

Partly clear. Ther: 54 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Dr. Abrm Eberly and family came here after dinner and took Blanche, mother and I down to Harrison Stauffer's to the Eberly family reunion near Oak Bottom below Quarryville. Spent several hours very pleasantly. Returned home about 3:30 p.m. Spent evening at home. Mother not feeling so strong. Blanche went to church. Beautiful day. Cool.

Monday, September 13

Partly cloudy. Ther: 54 at 7 a.m. Walter F. Ressel, J.W. Morrison and I went to Bareville Concrete Block co. and arranged to have them put up chimney at church. Met Dr. Lesley, an old friend of mine when in the Commissioner's Office, he being Prothonotary, a.m. About house p.m. and at IORM in eve. Paid \$1.60 dues to January 1938. Rain partly all a.m. and much cooler in eve.

Tuesday, September 14

Clear. Ther: 46 at 7 a.m. Primary election. 165 voted. Moved wood back of summer house into stable of barn over on property, a.m. Trimmed off lower limbs of English walnut tree at poultry house, etc., p.m. Walter and I went to the Eli Richardson home, Lancaster to pay respect to a former

resident of Conestoga. Funeral tomorrow. Family very much pleased that we called. Henry B. Warfel paid September rent. \$15.00. Beautiful day. Quite cool.

Wednesday, September 15

Clear. Ther: 50 at 7 a.m. About home and down on lower place short time, a.m. In house partly all p.m. Blanche went to Farm Women's Society meeting, Olive Harnish Herr, Millersville. Beautiful day. Warmer.

Thursday, September 16

Clear. Ther: 54 at 7 a.m. About home and at 10:30 a.m. J.W. Morrison, M.H. Groff, H.G. Warfel and I left for Reading fair. Had a fine time and a wonderful fair. Thousands of people and the exhibits are beyond descriptions. Saw cattle, poultry, flowers, and hogs. I never saw any like them. Several hundred. One male weighted 1,110 lbs. Female, 1,106. Poland China. Returned home 5:30 p.m. Feeling tired. Beautiful day.

Friday, September 17

Partly cloudy. Ther: 58 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. and over on property. Trimmed shrubbery and fetched corn over for poultry, etc., p.m. Rain a.m. and cooler p.m. and eve.

Saturday, September 18

Clear. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. High 60. About home and burned weeds, etc. over on property and down on lower property short time in eve. Dr. Eberly here. Left medicine for mother and paid for same. \$2.00. Bettie and Will went to their homes this eve. Beautiful day but quite cool and light frost in morning.

Sunday, September 19

Partly clear. Ther: 52 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. and church in eve. Rather cool. High wind part of day.

Monday, September 20

Clear. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. Working down on lower property a.m. About home, etc., p.m. Beautiful day. Cool. Light frost.

Tuesday, September 21

Partly clear. Ther: 42 at 7 a.m. Helped Walter haul tin cans, old stove pipe and junk in general from property across way that had accumulated for years down in Rineer's ditch. Gave him an old sofa, walnut frame, for service rendered, a.m. Working down on lower property. Picked pears and Grime golden apples, etc., p.m. Blanche went to PALS meeting at Harry Rineer's, Highville, this eve. with Walter and family. Pleasant all day. Cool.

Wednesday, September 22

Clear. Ther: 50 at 7 a.m. Burned brush, etc., over on property, etc. Wrote letter to son Charles and sent him birthday greeting money, for 30th. Beautiful day. Warmer. Quite warm in sun.

Thursday, September 23

Partly clear. Ther: 50 at 7 a.m. Left home in company with J.W. Morrison, M.H. Groff and Christ Urban at 9 a.m. to spend the day at Capital. Had a guide, Mr. Howard E. Swartz, to show us through. He was fine. Left Harrisburg 4:15 p.m. Came home via York. Very much pleased, but tired. Beautiful day.

Friday, September 24

Partly clear. Ther: 50 at 7 a.m. About house partly all a.m. Not feeling well. Down on lower property short time. Picked few Grime golden apples, etc., p.m. Blanche at Lancaster. Settled for and got deed for Millersville bank property. Mother went along in to Mary, a.m. Blanche received word of death of infant child of John E. Frey at Columbia Hospital. Brought it here to Home this eve. Beautiful day. Quite warm in sun.

Saturday, September 25

Partly clear. Ther: 52 at 7 a.m. Working over on property a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Annie Zercher took dinner with us and spent part of p.m. and went back to Lancaster by bus. Blanche and Walter buried infant of John E. Frey at Creswell Evan cemetery. Short service at graves only by Rev. Hersey and Hostetter, Brethren in Christ. Paid school tax to Benj S. Manning by check. \$25.60. Beautiful day. Quite warm.

Sunday, September 26

Partly clear. Ther: 52 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school. It being Girls' Day, there were all females in charge. Miss Anna Mae Herr had charge of our class. She gave very good talk on lesson. Large attendance, a.m. At home p.m. Mrs. Edith Hardester Butts and family of Baltimore here short time. At Girls' Day Service in eve. Large attendance and a fine program. Miss Mary Ziegler and orchestra gave music. Mother being the oldest female present, was presented with beautiful basket of flowers. Beautiful day. Cooler in eve.

Monday, September 27

Partly cloudy. Ther: 42 at 7 a.m. Over on property trimming grape vines, etc., a.m. Had Will and Steve Wise pick up apples down on lower property and make cider for vinegar. 1 bus over at Burnt Mill, Run Valley. Charged \$1.40 for grinding and pressing, p.m. About home, etc. Blanche and Walter attended funeral directors meeting this eve. They were called this morning. John S. Lefever, Long Lane, died. Brought him here to Home. Received letter from Charles this eve. (very welcome). Cold raw air all day. Few drops of rain p.m.

Tuesday, September 28

Cloudy. Ther: 46 at 7 a.m. In house partly all a.m. (raining). Over on property, etc., p.m.

John S. Lefever viewing here this eve. Cold rain a.m. Cold raw air p.m. and eve.

Wednesday, September 29

Clear. Ther: 48 at 7 a.m. Working over on property. Had John Walton put new pipe on part of furnace in house to the chimney. Paid him \$3.80 for same and cleaned up grape vines, etc., a.m. Attended funeral of John S. Lefever here at Home and burial at the Old Mennonite cemetery, New Danville. Charles M. Howell, F & A.M., held burial service, he being a member, p.m. Will attend. Blanche and Walter had charge. Paid John Walton \$3.80 for pipe to furnace, etc. Beautiful day.

Thursday, September 30

Clear. Ther: 42 at 7 a.m. Working over on property. Fixed grape arbors, etc. partly all day and helped Walter take off chimney on east side of church, etc. Real tired this eve. Charles, our son, is celebrating his 53rd birthday. Sent us a birthday poem which we appreciate very highly. We wish him God's richest blessing and many returns of the day. Will preserve the poem in his memory. Beautiful day. Sun quite warm.

Friday, October 1

Clear. Ther: 42 at 7 a.m. About home and down on lower property and brought apples along up. Blanche called to take charge of body of Susan McAllister, Millersville. Brought body here to Home. Beautiful day but quite cool all day.

Saturday, October 2

Clear. Ther: 40 at 7 a.m. Working about home a.m. At public sale of the John Witmer Esq. home here in village. Bought by Mrs. Ella Herr Rineer for \$4,000, occupied by Dr. Roddy, p.m. At home in eve. Beautiful day but quite cool.

Sunday, October 3

Partly cloudy. Ther: 50 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m., etc. Church in eve. Rev. Strine and family called after services. Blanche and Walter took body of Aunt Sue McAllister to Home in Millersville, p.m. Damp. Light rain and cool.

Monday, October 4

Partly cloudy. Ther: 48 at 7 a.m. About home partly all day. Went along with Grant H. Gardner to IOOF lodge, Millersville. Spent a very pleasant eve. I met many old friends and enjoyed myself very much. I became a member December 16, 1893. Henry B. Warfel's Son, John, broke his right arm above elbow. Fell from grape arbor. 5 years of age. Wrote letter to Charles this eve. Dec. 16th, 1893 I was taken into Conestoga Lodge #334 at Safe Harbor Pa. Rain and very damp partly all day.

Tuesday, October 5

Partly cloudy. Ther: 50 at 7 a.m. About home. Finished trimming grape vines, etc. Quite warm. Damp. Light rain in eve.

Wednesday, October 6

Partly clear. Ther: 52 at 7 a.m. High 80. Working about home and over on property a.m. Down on lower property and Harry C. Rineer's. Saw them with regard to giving them pears on lower property, p.m. Emanuel Kreider's twin girls are celebrating their 5th birthday anniversary. Beautiful day. Sun very warm.

Thursday, October 7

Partly clear. Ther: 50 at 7 a.m. Left home this morning 9 o'clock in company with J.W. Morrison, H.G. Warfel and C.R. Kreider for the York fair. Spent the day very pleasantly. Great crowd, fine exhibits, etc. Returned home at 5 p.m. and had a great surprise awaiting me to find our son and wife of Philadelphia here. Spent the eve. very pleasantly and they left for home at 7 p.m.

Blanche called to Lancaster. Mrs. Joseph McMullen, formerly of Highville, died this p.m. Beautiful day. Cooler p.m. and eve.

Friday, October 8

Partly clear. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. About home, etc., a.m. Down on lower property. Brought pears along up for home use. At F & A.M. Lodge, Millersville in eve. Met many kind friends, Walter and I. Ada Zercher paid October rent. \$10.00. Cold raw wind partly all day and eve.

Saturday, October 9

Partly cloudy. Ther: 32 at 7 a.m. About home partly all day. At doggie roast short time in eve. given by PALS Society here at garage on account of rain. Paid Dr. Stanley C. Suter for prof services to date. \$4.00. Cold all day. Heavy frost this morning and rain part of p.m. and eve.

Sunday, October 10

Cloudy. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. and church in eve. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Jos McMullen's widow, Highville, Pa. Very damp. Light rain part of day and cooler.

Monday, October 11

Partly cloudy. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. Working down on lower property partly all day. Blanche celebrated her 55th birthday here at home quietly. Wish her God's richest blessings. President Roosevelt's wife is celebrating her 53rd birthday. Will and I went to Silver Mine Farm for few bus apples. Came home via Brethren in Christ cemetery. Stopped to see graves of parents, grandparents and other relatives and friends. Pleasant and cool all day.

Tuesday, October 12

Partly cloudy. Ther: 42 at 7 a.m. Working over on property partly all day. Burning brush,

etc., a.m. Sawing limbs into stove length and put them in barn. Gathered few apples, etc., p.m. Few drops of rain 5:30 p.m. Quite warm all day.

Wednesday, October 13

Cloudy. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. About house except for mail, etc. Not feeling well. Bought 2 bus York Imperial apples of Chas H. Kreider at 50 cents per bus. Paid for same. Damp. Light rain. Cool.

Thursday, October 14

Partly cloudy. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. Working about home a.m. Down on lower Property P.m. Will and Bettie went to Will's brother Benj wife funeral at Quarryville, p.m. Cool day and quite cool in eve.

Friday, October 15

Partly clear. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. Plenty of ice and frost. About home a.m. Down on lower property. Trimming raspberries, etc. Cold all day.

Saturday, October 16

Partly clear. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Down on lower property. Trimming raspberries part of p.m. Very heavy frost. Cold.

Sunday, October 17

Partly clear. Ther: 24 at 7 a.m. Very heavy frost and ice. At Sunday school a.m. At home p.m. and church in eve. Beautiful day. Coldest day thus far.

Monday, October 18

Partly clear. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. About home and Will and I brought up 2 bus white potatoes up from arch on lower property and put them in arch over on property, a.m. Down on lower property trimming

raspberries, etc., p.m. Quite warm and few drops rain in eve.

Tuesday, October 19

Cloudy. Ther: 44 at 7 a.m. About home and helped to get ready for Hollow Eve party for this eve. given by PALS Society and myself in honor of the members of my Sunday school class. 50 some present and spent a very pleasant eve. 11 p.m. Mary Bruner here this eve. Will stay several days. Henry B. Warfel paid October rent. \$15.00. Rained partly all day, real heavy by times and high wind.

Wednesday, October 20

Partly clear. Ther: 46 at 7 a.m. Went along with Walter. Bought hat, etc., for self and to Washington Boro via Columbia for burial permit for John Hess and home, a.m. Down lower property trimming raspberries, etc., p.m. Viewing of John Hess this eve. here in Home. Heavy rain last night and part of a.m. Clearing and colder p.m. and eve.

Thursday, October 21

Partly cloudy. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. Down on lower property a.m. At funeral of John Hess here at Home and Green Hill Church p.m. and in eve. Will took Bettie, Mary E. Bruner and I down to Pleasant Grove, M. E. Church 50th anniversary services. Rev. William H. Davis, pastor of Little Britain Presbyterian Church spoke a very good sermon on the text, St. John 1-10. Rather cool and high wind all day.

Friday, October 22

Partly cloudy. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. About home and put in several window panes over in summer house on property. Endorsed \$70.00 note for Andrew J. Zercher, nephew, to Conestoga Nat. Bank to help him out of trouble with his landlord, rent, etc. High wind partly all day. Damp and cooler in eve.

Saturday, October 23

Partly cloudy. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. About home partly all day. Was at AOK of MC in eve. Held annual supper. Large attendance and a fine supper. Met many kind friends. Raining very heavy last night. Papers report 3 inches fell last night and 6 inches in west.

Sunday, October 24

Partly cloudy. Ther: 32 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school and Holy Communion Service a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Our son, Charles of Philadelphia arrived here at 4 p.m. Will spend some time here doing some carpenter work for Blanche. Glad to have him with us. Cold raw wind all day. 7 a.m., first snow. Very light.

Monday, October 25

Partly clear. Ther: 23 at 7 a.m. Very heavy frost. Opened water course over on property and filled up back of barn wall to keep water out of garage, a.m. Down on lower property. Cutting out young locust, etc., out of raspberry patch, p.m. Charles doing some work for Blanche over at funeral home, etc., and will be here doing some work for Blanche. Cool all day.

Tuesday, October 26

Partly cloudy. Ther: 34 at 7 a.m. Over on property and about home trimming shrubbery. At Willow Street Farmers Association for terracotta pipe to make line to carry water from roof of funeral home and Walter and Will put in same. High wind partly all day and cool.

Wednesday, October 27

Partly cloudy. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. Left home at 8 a.m. for a trip to coal fields and a day's outing. Walter F. Ressel, wife and Park and mother and I. Crossed river at Columbia. Stopped to see Rev. David Scheirer, our former pastor near Newberrytown. Took

dinner at Amity Hall. Then up through coal mine district, Mt. Carmel, Pine Grove, Lebanon, Lancaster and home at 5:30 p.m. Enjoyed trip very much. Scenery was beyond describing. Rained 4 p.m. and real heavy by times till we arrived home.

Thursday, October 28

Partly clear. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. Working in shop. Fixed picture frames and over on property a.m. At Lancaster with Will and down on lower Property p.m. Pleasant all day and cool. Heavy rain partly all last night.

Friday, October 29

Partly clear. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Down on lower property cutting of corn fodder on small patch of lot, etc. Harry Rineer finished. Received 2 bus fine ear corn for my share, p.m. Blanche took charge of still born babe of Arthur Schissler. Light shower of rain last night. Cold high wind partly all day.

Saturday, October 30

Partly clear. Ther: 44 at 7 a.m. Finished cutting off corn fodder on lower place a.m. About home p.m. Fannie Mae Frey and husband spent evening with us. High wind all day and cooler.

Sunday, October 31

Partly clear. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Charles took mother and I to Lancaster to see the Bruner family and spent several hours. Came home via Millersville p.m. At church in eve. Beautiful day. Cool.

Monday, November 1

Clear. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Trimmed berries in garden and lot. First day gunning season. Game plentiful they say. Will got 2 pheasants and limit on rabbits. Beautiful day.

Tuesday, November 2

Partly cloudy. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. General Election Day. At polls. Voted straight Republican ticket and at polls several times during day. Total vote polled, 368. Republican, 306. Democrat, 71. Cold wind partly all day. Rain in eve.

Wednesday, November 3

Partly clear. Ther: 33 at 7 a.m. High 38. About home and over on property. Steve Wise brought up corn from lower property he farmed. Ordered lumber of B.G. Mellinger Son to make doors on garage over on property. Blanche called to Mt. Nebo. Mrs. Adam Gochenaur, Susan, passed out. Brought body here to Home. Cold high wind all day.

Thursday, November 4

Clear. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Blanche and Charles took the day off for an auto trip south to Baltimore, Frederick, etc. Had a perfect day. Saw the Barbara Fritchie home. Received lumber from B.G. Mellinger Son to put doors, etc., on garage over on property. Paid \$4.08 for same. Beautiful day. Very heavy frost this morning.

Friday, November 5

Partly cloudy. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. Down on lower property a.m. Did some work in barn and in shop p.m. Rev. Noah Hess and Rev. Brubaker, who is holding revival services in Pequea Brethren in Christ Church, spent some time with us this p.m. and had prayer with us before leaving. Was very glad to have them here. Cold damp air all day.

Saturday, November 6

Partly clear. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Over on property. Fixed door on summer house and helped to move English walnuts from back shed. Brought them over

home. Quite a lot carried off by squirrels and rats. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Susan Gochenaur, Nt. Nebo and Colemanville Church this p.m. Beautiful day but air quite cool and in eve.

Sunday, November 7

Clear. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. Charles took mother and I on auto trip in p.m. Lancaster, Mt. Joy, Sporting Hill, Manheim and Home. Had a very pleasant trip. Charles Eberly and wife spent the eve. with us. Blanche called to the Genl Hospital to take charge of body of Miss Leah Lefever, our Graded School teacher here in village. A very fine lady. Brought body here to Home. Beautiful day. Rather cold.

Monday, November 8

Partly clear. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. About house partly all a.m. Over on property, fixed drive. Had David Herr men plant green tree in front of east entrance of house and named it Dorothy in honor of Mary Zercher's daughter. They live there as tenants of mine. Paid \$1.25 and brought corn over from barn for poultry, p.m. At IORM in eve. Had viewing here at Home for Miss Lefever this eve. Over 300 present. Beautiful day. Like spring. Quite warm.

Tuesday, November 9

Partly clear. Ther: 52 at 7 a.m. At funeral of Miss Leah Lefever (school teacher) here in Home and Reformed Church here in village. Large attendance, 11 o'clock a.m. Buried at Old Mennonite cemetery, New Danville. Rev. Alsbach, St. Paul's Reformed Church officiated, a.m. Blanche and Walter had charge of funeral. About home p.m. and eve. Charles, Blanche and Walter at Funeral Directors' meeting at Lancaster this eve. Great change in weather during day. Cold high wind a.m. and part of p.m.

Wednesday, November 10

Partly clear. Ther: 46 at 7 a.m. Working over on property all day. Had Charles put doors, etc., on garage in barn. Will take several days. Beautiful day. Like spring.

Thursday, November 11

Partly clear. Ther: 24 at 7 a.m. Charles and I working over on property at garage all day. Ephraim Good, an old Conestoga Twp. resident, died today. Aged 94. Have known him from my childhood days. Great change in weather from yesterday. Cold raw wind all day.

Friday, November 12

Partly cloudy. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. Charles and I working over on property at garage all day. Henry B. Warfel paid November rent. \$15.00. Cold and very damp raw air. Rain at 4 p.m. and eve.

Saturday, November 13

Cloudy. Ther: 43 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Mail and poultry and over on property short time. Paid Charles for carpenter work done over on property. \$8.00. Heavy rain partly all last night and very damp balance of day.

Sunday, November 14

Clear. Ther: 42 at 7 a.m. Left home at 8:15 for the home of Charles at Philadelphia, Charles, Mother and I. Arrived there at 10:30. Met Clara. Looking fine and Paul. Spent a very enjoyable day. Charles took me out sightseeing to Airport on Hog Island. Wonderful the work done there by P.W.A. Was to see Albert Herr and wife. Returned home at 7:45 p.m. Beautiful day and surprise at 9 p.m. Rain.

Monday, November 15

Cloudy. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. Blanche at Lancaster and I kept house a.m. Went to funeral of Ephraim Good at M. E. Church. Very small attendance, 2:30 p.m. and over on

property. Charles doing some repairs for me. Cold raw air all day. Great change from yesterday.

Tuesday, November 16

Partly clear. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. Walter and I at Lancaster on business a.m. Getting paint, etc., ready for painting garage doors over on property. At PALS meeting at church in eve. Will not feeling well. Cold raw air all day.

Wednesday, November 17

Partly clear. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Steve Wise started plowing corn patch down on lower place p.m. In bed by Dr. Suiter's orders on examination. He found I had a rib fracture by my fall on Monday night in bedroom. He taped my side and gave the order. Terrible pain last night and partly all day. Blanche had Farm Women #9 meeting here this p.m. 17 present. Walter and Charles down on Peter's doing work for Blanche. Cold all day.

Thursday, November 18

Partly clear. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. In bed all a.m. Allowed to sit up p.m. Feeling very much better, only according as I move gives me very severe pain. Dr. here a.m. and gave concentrate. Rev. Strine family spent the eve. Also Mary Zercher and Dorothy and Jimmy. Walter and Charles down on Peter's property removing some of old building of no use now. Beautiful day but cold.

Friday, November 19

Cloudy. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. In house all day. Improving slowly. Walter and Charles down Peter's place partly all day. Cold damp air all day. Commenced snowing very lightly at noon with rain later.

Saturday, November 20

Partly cloudy. Ther: 27 at 7 a.m. In house all day. Improving slowly. Not nearly so much

pain. Blanche at Lancaster. Bought beautiful flowers for me for wife's birthday tomorrow and large cake. Gave mother birthday cake this eve. Bettie and Will went to their homes this eve. Cold. Rather stormy. Light snow a.m. Gone in p.m.

Sunday, November 21

Partly cloudy. Ther: 18 at 7 a.m. At home, wife and I all day. Blanche and Charles at Sunday school a.m. Home p.m. and church in eve. We all spent p.m. here in sitting room listening to radio, Water Street Missions, Lancaster. It being mother's 78th birthday and our 57th wedding anniversary, Blanche and Charles arranged with Rev. Docherty and wife to sing the hymn entitled "Forty Years Ago". A surprise to mother and me. We appreciated it very much. Very kind of them. May God bless them for kindness and his kindness in caring for us. Cold wind all day.

Monday, November 22

Partly cloudy. Ther: 20 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Walked over for the mail. This the first out for several days. Feeling stronger. Walter and Charles down on the Peter's property. Ellwood Beach child died. Blanche called to take charge. Cold high wind all day.

Tuesday, November 23

Partly clear. Ther: 20 at 7 a.m. About home and for mail. Feeling better this morning and all day. Charles and Will down on Peter's property helping John Walton put corrugated iron roof on front side of barn. Beautiful day. Cold.

Wednesday, November 24

Clear. Ther: 20 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property short time a.m. Went along with Will down to Peter's property. Brought off fall wood up for furnace in wash house. Will and Bettie went home to spend

Thanksgiving. Mary Bruner came out this eve. to spend day. Beautiful day. Cool.

Thursday, November 25

Partly clear. Ther: 21 at 7 a.m. Spent a very pleasant Thanksgiving Day. In the home a.m. A bountiful dinner. Blanche, Charles, Aunt Mary Bruner, Mother and I. Charles took Aunt Mary, Mother and I out for auto ride. Mt. Nebo, Rawlinsville, Byerland Mennonite Church, Baumgardner's, West Willow and Home. A very pleasant trip, p.m. We certainly have great reason to be thankful for what God bestows upon us unworthy creatures. A beautiful day.

Friday, November 26

Partly clear. Ther: 34 at 7 a.m. Working over on property partly all day. Painted doors, etc., of front of garage. Blanche called this p.m. to County Hospital for body of Albert W. Lerkert. Will ship body to Blairsville Pa. tomorrow. (Indiana Co.). Moderating. Cool air.

Saturday, November 27

Cloudy. Ther: 40 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Blanche shipped body of Albert W. Lerkert this morning. Raining and very damp all day.

Sunday, November 28

Cloudy. Ther: 52 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school and J.W. Morrison took Walter Ressel and I to the Evangelical Congregation Church at west end of village who are holding their 41st anniversary and dedicating their new addition to the church building. I gave a donation memoriam of my brother Emanuel H. Zercher, \$5.00, a.m. Charles took mother and I out to the service in p.m. The John Slaymaker family and Chester Eberly spent the evening with us. Light rain and very damp all day.

Monday, November 29

Partly clear. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. 32 at 5 p.m.

Over on property partly all day. Painted garage doors, etc. A number of our towns folks went on a mountain trip for deer. Wish them success. Charles and Blanche went to Evangelical Church, west end of village. Organizing community singing school. Cold raw air all day.

Tuesday, November 30

Clear. Ther: 32 at 7 a.m. Over on property a.m. Down on lower property trimming raspberries, etc., p.m. Beautiful day. Cold.

Wednesday, December 1

Partly clear. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. Charles, Blanche, mother and I went to Lancaster at 9 a.m. to spend the day sightseeing and decorations. Took dinner at Watt & Shand. Meeting many friends and had a very nice time. Returned home 3:30 p.m. Gave mother and Charles money for Xmas as present. Will give Blanche hers later. Beautiful day.

Thursday, December 2

Partly clear. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. About home all day. In shop, etc. Beautiful day but cold.

Friday, December 3

Partly clear. Ther: 12 at 7 a.m. 30 at 5 p.m. About home partly all day. Called to Geo Herr, our neighbor. Works in state of Georgia. Returned home for Xmas holiday. Looking fine. Dr. Suter here. Paid him \$8.75 for prof services to date. Paid Steve Wise \$4.80 for plowing, etc., on lower property. Beautiful day but cold.

Saturday, December 4

Partly clear. Ther: 15 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Charles received telegram to report to Yonkers to go to work at alcohol distillery by Tuesday. Paul came up for him to come home to get ready 3:30 p.m. Dr. F.B. Good and wife, Rev. Geo Stauffer and wife and John Bechtold and wife, Fannie Mae Frey, took

supper and spent the eve. very pleasantly with us. Blanche gave a turkey supper. Beautiful day. Cold.

Sunday, December 5

Partly cloudy. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school and preaching service by our pastor, Rev. Strine, a.m. At home p.m. and eve. Blanche called to Lancaster this morning. David Good, formerly of Marticville. Brought body here to Home. Cold. Damp air all day.

Monday, December 6

Cloudy. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. 25 at 4 p.m. Sawing wood for furnace short time over in barn on property a.m. In shop. Filed hand saw, etc., p.m. Cold damp air. Feels very much like snow. Few flakes of snow this eve.

Tuesday, December 7

Partly cloudy. Ther: 22 at 7 a.m. At Lancaster on business and looking after life insurance papers of Steve Wise in the Prudential Company. Had things arranged, a.m. About home p.m. and eve. Blanche held viewing of David Good here at Home this eve. Gave Bettie \$2.00 for her and Will for Xmas. Cold all day. High wind. Few flakes of snow a.m.

Wednesday, December 8

Partly clear. Ther: 20 at 7 a.m. Over on property part of a.m. At home p.m. The David Good funeral here at Home and Marticville M. E. Church, p.m. Cold all day.

Thursday, December 9

Partly clear. Ther: 10 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Over on property sawing wood for furnace part of p.m. Cold all day. Coldest of the season.

Friday, December 10

Partly clear. Ther: 12 at 7 a.m. About home a.m. Walked down on lower place short time. Found door of arch partly open and potatoes

I fear frozen. About 15 or 20 bushels. A shame that the Rineers are so careless. Ada Zercher paid December rent. \$10.00. Gave her \$3.00 for Xmas. Beautiful day but very cold. Below freezing all day.

Saturday, December 11

Clear. Ther: 8 above at 7 a.m. About home partly all day except at Alfred Graver's store short time in p.m. Bettie and Will went home this eve. for weekend. Beautiful day but coldest day of season.

Sunday, December 12

Partly clear. Ther: 10 at 7 a.m. Not at Sunday school. Wife not so well, a.m. Went along with Walter to Stehman's U. B. Church. Celebrating the 80th anniversary of the building of the first church by Father Stehman in 1857. Had a wonderful service. At the close of the service they asked for the oldest person there. A lady 83 answered and was given a bouquet of flowers. The 2nd call was 80 years. My name was called and I received a beautiful spray of flowers, p.m. At church in eve. Beautiful day. Cold.

Monday, December 13

Partly clear. Ther: 12 at 7 a.m. Brought balance of corn over from barn on property for poultry a.m. About home and for mail p.m. At home in eve. Blanche and mother at Aid Society meeting in eve. at Walter Ressel's. Cold all day.

Tuesday, December 14

Partly clear. Ther: 10 at 7 a.m. 20 at 4 p.m. About home partly all day. Blanche went to singing class this eve. Received letter from Charles from Yonkers, N.Y. this morning. Very welcome. Cold all day. Real winter weather and no snow.

Wednesday, December 15

Partly cloudy. Ther: 12 at 7 a.m. About home all day. Blanche and mother at Farm Women's meeting at A.S. Benedict's, p.m. I was at practicing for Xmas service at church in eve. Cold all day. Few flakes of snow p.m. and very icy in eve.

Thursday, December 16

Partly clear. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. About home helping in house, etc. and at PALS Society annual meeting in eve. here in Home. A very pleasant time. 60 persons present and a fine supper served. Beautiful day. Roads and walks very dangerous this morning. Covered with ice.

Friday, December 17

Cloudy. Ther: 34 at 7 a.m. About home and at post office and over on property sawing wood in barn short time. Blanche at Lancaster. I gave her Xmas present in cash. Very damp with light rain in eve.

Saturday, December 18

Partly clear. Ther: 38 at 7 a.m. In house partly except for mail, etc. Not feeling well. Bad nerves. Cold in p.m. and eve.

Sunday, December 19

Partly cloudy. Ther: 36 at 7 a.m. Not at Sunday school. Not feeling well a.m. Paul Ressel took his mother, Blanche, mother and I out to U. E. Church to singing school, village church organization, p.m. I was very much pleased. At preaching service in eve. Rev. Strine spent short time here after service. Cool and damp.

Monday, December 20

Partly cloudy. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. About house. Nervous system quite serious in a.m. Went over on property. Did some work up in barn, etc., p.m. Not feeling so well all day. Should

have written letter to son Charles but did not feel able so Blanche kindly consented to write for me. Cold damp air all day.

Tuesday, December 21

Partly cloudy. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. At post office. Mailed number of Xmas cards and received same and about house partly all day. Wrote letter to son, Charles and mailed this eve. Not feeling so strong. Blanche went to Xmas service practice this eve. Cold all day. Snow reported at Landisville this p.m.

Wednesday, December 22

Partly cloudy. Ther: 32 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property closing up the front of shed at side of garage. Will helped short time, p.m. Over at Reformed church in Miss Mae Herr and her pupils of the primary school here in village. They did fine. Singing and recitations, etc. Blanche and mother at Lancaster, a.m. Mother to see Mary, Lila and Emma. Rather damp with light rain in eve.

Thursday, December 23

Partly cloudy. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. About home and over on property. Finished closing shed at garage. Will helped short time. Will and Bettie took mother and I to Lancaster to see the decorations which are fine. Enjoyed the trip very much. We took lunch at Chester Eberly's restaurant and returned home at 8:45 in eve. Rather cold all day. Beautiful eve.

Friday, December 24

Cloudy. Ther: 20 at 7 a.m. 26 at 5 p.m. About home and over on property. Finished closing up shed over at garage. Received necktie of night gown of Bettie and Will. Beautiful and very fine comforter and a very fine sweater for mother. Various Xmas gifts. Cold all day. Rain and ice p.m. and eve.

Saturday, December 25

Partly cloudy. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m., Christmas Day. For mail at 10 a.m. Walter F. Ressel took Blanche and mother and drove down to Chester Eberly's to spend the day. Their family, John Slaymaker, John Eberly and we spent the day very pleasantly. Returned home 6:30 p.m. Not so cold during day. Quite icy in morning.

Sunday, December 26

Partly clear. Ther: 26 at 7 a.m. At Sunday school a.m. About home p.m. and at Xmas service in the eve. A very good service. They all did very nicely. Mrs. Albert Huber and Mrs. Emanuel Kreider had charge and deserve a great deal of credit. Blanche and Walter at Reading for body of Mrs. Amos Aston, formerly of this neighborhood. Brought it here to Home. Beautiful day.

Monday, December 27

Partly cloudy. Ther: 24 at 7 a.m. About home and over at Charles Kreider's short time. They killed 3 hogs for Emanuel, Bertrums and self. Down at IORM in eve. Paid my dues to April 1, 1938. Paid in for Benj F. Markley, Safe Harbor, dues he sent me. Blanche went to singing class in eve. at west end church. Damp. Cold air all day with few flakes of snow in eve.

Tuesday, December 28

Cloudy. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. About home. Over for mail a.m. and p.m. Blanche and Walter took body of Mrs. Amos Aston over to son's home for funeral tomorrow. Received check from West Willow Farmers Association for dividend on stock. \$14.00. Snow about to cover the ground nicely last night and damp all day.

Wednesday, December 29

Clear. Ther: 28 at 7 a.m. On advice of Doctor I remained in bed till 8 a.m. He says

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I need more rest for my nerves. About house, etc., balance of a.m. Went down on lower property short time to see about potatoes in arch. In fair condition, p.m. Blanche and Walter attended funeral of Mrs. Amos Aston at Marticville M. E. Church, a.m. A beautiful day.

Thursday, December 30

Partly cloudy. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. Went along with Will to Lancaster on business and home a.m. About home and over in shop p.m. Rather damp. Feels like snow.

Friday, December 31

Partly cloudy. Ther: 30 at 7 a.m. About home and down on lower property. Picked out crate of potatoes for home use and Will brought them up home, a.m. About home p.m. Spent short time at Kreider's store talking over the past and at home. Damp partly all day. Few flakes of snow, rain and cool.

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Another year about closed and the blessings of God have been far beyond what we deserve, for which we have been so thankful.

