

HENRY H. SCADIN DAIRIES

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Tuesday, Jan. 1

Ther.: 12+, 28+, 22+

The sun shone brightly the most of today, but it looked stormy toward night. I did some writing this forenoon and this afternoon Dewey and I cut some more wood.

Wednesday, Jan. 2

Ther.: 20+, 28+, 20+

There was quite a fall of snow again this forenoon, but Dewey and I got up some wood as we have to keep up fires steadily. We received considerable mail today.

Thursday, Jan. 3

Ther.: 14+, 28+

It was a cold morning in spite of weather report for warmer weather. Looked over our garden seeds.

Friday, Jan. 4

Ther.: 12+, 36+, 24+

It was cold this morning, but moderated some in the middle of the day. Dewey and I did more sawing and getting up wood. Mr. Staton telephoned this evening that he would bring a man out to see out place tomorrow.

Saturday, Jan. 5

Ther.: 22+, 50+

I went to town this forenoon and settled up at Baker's Art Gallery, so I have a little more money in the bank. It warmed up so as to thaw and make roads sloppy.

Sunday, Jan. 6

Ther.: 38+

It rained considerable during last night. This forenoon the wind is N.E. and there is a cold rain on.

Monday, Jan. 7

Ther.: 30+, 38+, 24+

Grew cold today. The sun shone in the morning, but it soon clouded u and has acted like squalling and there has been a few flakes of snow. Kate and I did the washing this forenoon. Dewey and Ewart cut wood and I wheeled up some this afternoon.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

Ther.: 18+, 31+, 24+

Did some wheeling up of wood and got some broom sedge as litter for the hen house. Kate brought four of our old hens back from the Blackwell's. Dewey and Ewart continue cutting wood.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Ther.: 20+, 34+, 23+

I went over to the company orchard this forenoon to see the young trees. Found one had been gnawed some. Called on Mr. Ward as I came home, and he gave us a pumpkin.

Thursday, Jan. 10

Ther.: 20+, 40+, 25+

Got up some more wood this afternoon. This afternoon Mr. Staton brought out a New York man to see our place. He seemed to like it here, and is planning to come and board with us a while. It has been a very pleasant day.

Friday, Jan. 11

Ther.: 26, 30+, 32+

It was snowing when we arose this morning, and has stormed almost steadily all day. There has been rain too, and trees are loaded with ice. This afternoon I salted some water color paper, so as to make prints for Kate to color. It is raining hard tonight with lightening and thunder.

Saturday, Jan. 12

Ther.: 7+, 21+, 8+

Very cold again but clear. All trees are covered with ice, and there is a heavy crush on the snow. Dewey and I cut some trees and sawed up into wood. We have to carry it to the house. Our garden seeds came by today's mail. The cold is biting tonight.

Sunday, Jan. 13

Ther.: 4-, 20+, 14+

The cold seemed fairly to creep into the house during last night. We got up early to start fires and get the house warm. We did not try to go to church.

Monday, Jan. 14

Ther.: 18+, 44+, 32+

Growing warmer fast this morning. As Kate was not feeling well we did not do the washing. Dewey and I sawed down a big oak tree to work up into wood. Had a letter from mother and she is still in Ann Arbor. It is raining tonight.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Ther.: 38+, 30+, 24+

Helped Kate wash this afternoon. She is not feeling at all well and I am worried about her tonight. It grows colder again.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Ther.: 19+, 28+, 22+

Read and wrote a letter this forenoon. This afternoon Dewey and I did some more wood sawing, and then carried some to the woodshed. It has been squalling snow this evening.

Thursday, Jan. 17

Ther.: 22+, 36+, 24+

Quite a nice winter day. We are doing considerable reading these cold days, but Dewey and I do saw some wood. Billy Case brought a load of coon fodder for his horse which he is going to leave in Dewey's care for a while.

Friday, Jan. 18

Ther.: 14+, 34+, 18+

Clear day but not getting any warmer.

Saturday, Jan. 19

Ther.: 7+, 30+, 28+

Sharply cold this morning. I went to town this forenoon and attended a farmer's meeting at the Court House from noon till 2 o'clock, then I went and called on Mr. Blackman at the Dixon Health Resort. Walked home this afternoon and called at Marshall's where I brought some peanuts for seed and to eat. It was dark when I got home.

Sunday, Jan. 20

Ther.: 26+, 32+, 14+

We stayed pretty close at home all day. Dewey went out and took a little horseback ride this afternoon to exercise Billy's mare. It has grown colder tonight.

Monday, Jan. 21

Ther.: 20+, 32+, 20+

Helped Kate wash this forenoon and went up to Cagle's to see Miss Enla about charges for trips in her Ford as Mr. Blackman wished me to. Dewey and I sawed more wood this afternoon and carried some to the shed. Tonight there is a sort of sleety snow storm.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Ther.: 24+, 34+, 22+

Just read papers, sawed wood, built fires, and passed a pleasant winter's day.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Ther.: 16+, 33+, 24+

Dewey sorted out corn for seed and put some to test by the "Rag baby" method. I did some corn shelling. This evening we moved the bus to a new place. Dewey took a horseback ride by moonlight tonight.

Thursday, Jan. 24

Ther.: 18+, 44+, 32+

It became quite warm today and appears like a January thaw. I made a call on the Hill's this forenoon. Dewey rode the pony over to see Tommy Renshowe.

Friday, Jan. 25

Ther.: 24+, 54+, 10+

Been the warmest day for a long time. Dewey and I sawed some wood this forenoon, and he got Hiram Pace's mules and wagon this afternoon and we drew up quite a pile of wood. It was a hard job digging it out of snow and ice.

Saturday, Jan. 26

Ther.: 30+, 54+

More thawing today and a shower tonight. Kate has been in bed most of the day, with a hard pain in her right lung, so I have been doctoring her and hanging about the house.

Sunday, Jan. 27

Ther.: 42+, 60+, 48+

There was excitement on the place early this morning, and now Ewart has a son. Dewey went to church. I had Dr. Brown see Kate and he thinks she will get on all right. Mr. And Mrs. Hill and Raymond came over and called on us tonight. It is raining tonight.

Monday, Jan. 28

Ther.: 34+, 38+, 40+

Kate and I did the washing this forenoon, but the clothes had to go up in the attic as it has rained hard all the forenoon and more or less all day.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Ther.: 40+, 54+

Been very pleasant all day, and the thawing is making the mud deep. I sent to Garrett's this afternoon to see about getting seed corn. Was over on the north end of the place where Dewey is cutting wood and cleaning up old fields.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Ther.: 34+, 34+, 32+

A rainy foggy day, and we did reading and loafing and talking about what we would like to do.

Thursday, Jan. 31

Ther.: 32+, 48+

More thawing weather. I helped Kate pare up some small apples which she canned. Dewey drove to the store this morning and got some feed.

Friday, Feb. 1

Ther.: 32+, 48+

Dewey and Ewart are at wood chopping on the north end of the place. I cleaned out the cow shed and fertilized some shrubbery and flower plots. Had a letter from Mr. Freeman, and he is in better health and seems to be doing well out in Colorado. It looks stormy tonight.

Saturday, Feb. 2

Ther.: 36+, 38+, 36+

It is raining steadily and the ground hog can come out of his hold without any sign of his shadow, so we should have a very early spring. Wrote to brother Will to tell him the buckwheat flour he sent was safely here.

Sunday, Feb. 3

Ther.: 36+, 52+

Stayed at home all day. It has grown cooler tonight.

Monday, Feb. 4

Ther.: 18+, 24+, 16+

Quite cold this morning with a howling N.W. wind. Kate and I did the washing this forenoon. Dewey at work in the woods.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Ther.: 10+, 38+, 26+

A pleasant sort of day but looked like storming until tonight, when it cleared off nicely.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Ther.: 22+, 46+, 44+

I went to Hendersonville today to get my Liberty bond and do several errands. It has been a pleasant day. Mr. Baker had the new books for Dewey and me and I have been interested in my "Star Book" tonight.

Thursday, Feb. 7

Ther.: 36+, 60+, 40+

Dewey went to town today and took a physical examination of a doctor to see that his health was all right. Mr. Fleming, the county farm agent, and Mr. Ward, visited me this forenoon. Helped Hate a little with the house cleaning and sawed down some wood. It has been warmer.

Friday, Feb. 8

Ther.: 31+, 64+, 54+

A very spring-like day. Dewey took the mare and wagon and drew some fodder for Mrs. Case and a load home that I brought Billy. I went over to Marshall's with a jug for more molasses this afternoon. There is still snow and ice in the deep woods.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Ther.: 50+, 64+

Quite a pleasant day with some floating clouds and real spring showers this evening and tonight. Did some sawing and splitting of stove wood.

Sunday, Feb. 10

Ther.: 40+, 59+

We all went to church this forenoon. Prof. Melton and his wife and baby came home with us and took dinner. Mr. Hill then took them over to where they left their car in the mud and Dewey went along to help them out. It has been a very pleasant day.

Monday, Feb. 11

Ther.: 36+, 64+, 46+

Very nice day. I rode Billy Case's mare over to Mr. Garrett's and got a peck of seed corn this forenoon. Have been splitting wood this afternoon.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Ther.: 46+, 65+

Nice warm day with a few gentle showers afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Corwin came and took dinner with us. They are looking for a small farm to buy. Mr. Hill called a little while this evening.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Ther.: 40+, 62+

This has been another fine day. Dewey got Mr. Pace's mule and we started plowing a small field here I think of planting potatoes. I had Ewart help him this afternoon and I set out some fruit trees.

Thursday, Feb. 14

Ther.: 40+, 60+, 50+

I spent considerable time working on the Trail. The Corwins were here at dinner again today. This afternoon they went to look at the Niblock place over more thoroughly.

Friday, Feb. 15
Ther.: 54+, 66+

Dewey had the mule today and got the plowing for the potato patch completed and the garden plowed. I finished setting out the fruit trees. I got the last fall, It has been a fine day.

Saturday, Feb. 16
Ther.: 42+, 44+

It began storming early this morning and has rained all day quite steadily. We spent the day reading and choring about.

Sunday, Feb. 17
Ther.: 34+, 50+

Kate and Dewey went to Sunday School this forenoon. This afternoon I went to see Eula Cagle about going for Mr. Blackman and his cousin on Tuesday, and then I called at Huggin's. It looked very stormy this evening.

Monday, Feb. 18
Ther.: 30+, 42+

Helped Kate wash this morning but it looked so stormy she hung most of the clothes in the attic. Dewey worked at splitting wood over on the north of the place.

Tuesday, Feb. 19
Ther.: 36+, 54+

Rained quietly all last night and continues this morning. I did some cutting of wood in the shed and spent some time reading.

Wednesday, Feb. 20
Ther.: 52+, 58+

Quite pleasant today. I worked at the wood pile this afternoon. Went up to Mr. Ward's this afternoon and got 1 ½ bu. Rye for our "War Bread", then I went at work fixing up the trail, as Mr. Blackman wants to come out tomorrow. Kate and Dewey called at Mrs. Foutz tonight.

Thursday, Feb. 21
Ther.: 26+

I went to Cagle's this forenoon to get Cala to go for Mr. Blackman and his cousin but she broke down as she started so they got a car over town to bring them out this afternoon, and are here at last after so many times trying to start.

Friday, Feb. 22
Ther.: 30+, 50+

Been threatening to storm considerable during the day, but is very clear tonight. I worked at the wood pile this forenoon. Took Mr. Blackman around the trail this afternoon. Dewey has gone to Fruitland tonight to an entertainment.

Saturday, Feb. 23
Ther.: 24+, 58+

This has been a fine day. Dewey came home about noon, saying he had a fine time at Fruitland. This afternoon we sprayed the peach trees, sweet cherries and some other things. Had a letter from mother and it was very cold.

Sunday, Feb. 24

Ther.: 36+, 64+

Dewey, Kate, and Mrs. Ashworth were at church this forenoon. I stayed home to keep the chicken baking and be with Mr. Blackman. Mr. Corwin and Mr. Bley called just a minute. Dewey went on the mountain with some boys.

Monday, Feb. 25

Ther.: 66+

A warm day during the forenoon with cloudiness and a slight mist in the air this afternoon. Dewey and I worked at fixing up some young grape vines and I hoed some raspberries.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Ther.: 33+

A very heavy wind during last night, and a sharp drop in temperature. Dewey and I did some work on the road this afternoon.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Ther.: 26+

Dewey and I left early this morning and walked to Bear Wallow Mountain where we ate our noon lunch and took in the scenery. It was a great trip. We got home about 6 o'clock tonight.

Thursday, Feb. 28

Ther.: 47+, 72+

Dewey and I worked on the road this forenoon and also tried cleaning out the kitchen chimney flues. Kate and Dewey planed early potatoes and onion sets this afternoon. The bid county road machine came down as far as our gate this afternoon.

Friday, March 1

Ther.: 50+, 75+

This has been a warm say. The rhubarb is starting, and the fruit buds smelling fast. Dewey and I did spraying this forenoon. I set out a row of strawberry plants this afternoon. Went to Mr. Hill's and got some apple scious to graft with. A cool breeze came up this evening.

Saturday, March 2

Ther.: 46+, 60+

Cooler, but a pleasant day. Dewey and I did more on the road this forenoon and sprayed trees this afternoon. Received a Seattle picture book from cousin Jessica Williams.

Sunday, March 3

Ther.: 46+, 64+

A fine day, but much smoke from forest fires. I started up King Mountain with Mr. Blackman and Mrs. Ashworth, but hearing an auto horn I came back to find some of Baker's Art Gallery folks.

Monday, March 4

Ther.: 50+, 48+

Helped do the washing this morning as usual. Dewey got Mr. Garrett more and plowed the little field for corn. A shower came up at noon and drizzled considerable this afternoon. The Corwin's came and took dinner with us.

Tuesday, March 5

Ther.: 50+, 71+

Fine day. Dewey got the Garrett mare and did more plowing. This forenoon I went with Mr. Garrett to see some land he had bought, and then we visited our young orchard. Matters came to a crisis this afternoon and dealings with Mr. Blackman about renting or selling to him are all off. I did more fixing of the strawberry bed and put fertilizer on it.

Wednesday, March 6

Ther.: 52+, 76+

Dewey got up very early this morning and started for Flat Rock to catch the train for Tryon, so as to see the friends there. He has about decided to start north next week. I pruned some trees and grape vines today, and find the say is rising very fast. The Japan plums are blossoming.

Thursday, March 7

Ther.: 50+, 60+

Cold wind this forenoon. Mr. Blackman and Mrs. Ashworth went back to Hendersonville this afternoon and Kate went along to get a tooth treated. Dewey came home with her tonight. Our acid fertilizer came this afternoon.

Friday, March 8

Ther.: 33+

Some frost this morning. I worked on the company orchard spraying and pruning.

Saturday, March 9

Ther.: 48+

Mr. Staton brought a man out to look at our place this forenoon and I went over considerable of the place with him. Dewey and I sawed up a couple of pine trees this afternoon.

Sunday, March 10

Ther.: 52+, 48+, 36+

Went up to church this forenoon but did not stay for the meeting. Dewey had to resign as Secy of the Sunday school. It has turned cold after our thunderstorm last night.

Monday, March 11

Ther.: 22+, 51+

A freeze this morning that may kill some fruit buds. It is not so cold tonight.

Tuesday, March 12

Ther.: 40+, 54+

Fortunately it was warmer this morning. I spent most of the day pruning grapes and finished the job. Dewey and Kate are busy getting him ready to travel. He went over to Fruitland this afternoon.

Wednesday, March 13

Ther.: 54+, 69+

A warm day and threatening rain this forenoon. Dewey and Kate are very busy getting his things packed up. I sowed a row of spring wheat to try. Did some pruning and hoeing.

Thursday, March 14

Ther.: 60+, 76+

A warm but windy day. Mr. Pace took Dewey's trunk to the station this forenoon and he and I walked over later in time so he could get his money from the bank and secure his ticket for Springfield, Mass. I think he was a little homesick at leaving, but he feels that he can do better up in New England. I saw him on this train, then rode back to Dana with Mr. Pace. Mrs. Foutz was here with Prof. And Mrs. Melton called just a little while.

Friday, March 15

Ther.: 38+, 44+

Very windy this morning, and much cooler. I grubbed out some briars on the "Brow" this afternoon. Tonight we are fearful of a freeze.

Saturday, March 16

Ther.: 28+, 54+

There was much white frost this morning and the ground was some frozen. Mr. Staton brought a man to look at our place. Had Ewart help me saw up some wood in the woods.

Sunday, March 17

Ther.: 38+, 52+

It rained during last night and this morning. Kate and I stayed home all day thinking and talking about Dewey and his plans. It has cleared up tonight.

Monday, March 18

Ther.: 36+, 62+

We got up early this morning and rushed the washing so we were through by the tie Mr. Staton got here with the people who are looking at it with some idea of buying. It has been a very pleasant day. We had them all here for dinner. Had a card from Dewey that he posted at Washington.

Tuesday, March 19

Ther.: 41+, 62+

More people here this forenoon with Mr. Staton, and while we thought we had surely sold to Mr. Merrimon, that deal is all of tonight and another prospect on hand. It has been a fine day in spite of the very red sunrise. We had another card from Dewey and he had a hard time finding Nellie last Friday night as they had moved again.

Wednesday, March 20

Ther.: 52+, 60+

It began to rain this morning and may be the usual equinoctial storm of this time of year. Mr. Staton telephoned that the Dr. who was coming to buy our place today was taken seriously ill and all trade was off. It looks as though we were doomed to disappointment in selling out. I split and wheeled up some wood this afternoon and did some sprouting.

Thursday, March 21

Ther.: 49+, 64+

A very pleasant day. I tied up grape vines most of the time. We had a letter from Dewey written at Nellie's last Sunday. He planned to go on to Vermont Tuesday.

Friday, March 22
Ther.: 56+, 70+

A real warm day. Kate and I sprayed the grape vines with Lime-Sulphur solution. Mr. Corwin and real estate man from Asheville were here a little while this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Trask called on us. We had a letter from Dewey telling of his arrival in Brattleboro, VT.

Saturday, March 23
Ther.: 50+, 62+

I burned some trash and brush this forenoon, but a rain came on and put a stop to the work, so I wrote a couple of letters. It cleared up for a time this afternoon and I tied up grape vines. Mrs. Hill came over and helped Kate with her bus. It rains again tonight.

Sunday, March 24
Ther.: 42+, 48+

Some showers today and much cooler. We went to church and heard a missionary talk on his work in South America. Wrote a letter to Dewey and did some reading.

Monday, March 25
Ther.: 43+, 54+

Cool weather and very breezy. Mr. Staton brought Mr. Merrimon and his son out to look at our place and so there is some prospect that we may sell to him yet. We were disappointed at not hearing from Dewey today. The Hill's drove over and called on us tonight.

Tuesday, March 26
Ther.: 38+, 61+

Continues cool, but there was no frost. I puttered about all day but did not do much hardly knowing how to go at anything when we may sell out tomorrow.

Wednesday, March 27
Ther.: 40+

I went to Hendersonville this morning, but just before leaving had a phone that Mr. Marshall our old Sapphire friend, was dead at Davis, so I went out there to pay my respects to the family. Our sale of the place has entirely fallen through, Mr. Merrimon having changed his mind again. Took dinner with the Corwins. It looks some rainy tonight.

Thursday, March 28
Ther.: 44+, 64+

Pleasant and warm this forenoon, but with showers, some hail and much cooler this afternoon. We had a letter from Dewey and he has gone at work on a farm near Marlboro, VT. He writes of snow there.

Friday, March 29
Ther.: 36+, 52+

Did a little fruit tree pruning this forenoon. Carl Garrett came with their mare this afternoon and we drew up some wood and dragged some garden ground. Mr. Pace plowed down on the flat where we he will put in some potatoes. Mr. Staton was here with some people again. There was a light frost this morning.

Saturday, March 30

Ther.: 32+, 60+

Heavy frost this morning which will kill our early strawberries probably. I fixed up the pasture fence this forenoon. Hoed grape vines this afternoon. It has been a pleasant day.

Sunday, March 31

Ther.: 32+, 62+

More frost this morning. We have moved our time pieces up one hour to comply with government orders. Kate attended Sunday school. We took a little stroll up on the Ridge this afternoon. Mr. Pace and Elbert with the elder Mr. Taylor called this afternoon.

Monday, April 1

Ther.: 50+

This is Kate's birthday. There were showers during last night. We did the washing this morning, then worked at cleaning up in the pine grove. I planted a pick of potatoes in the garden. Had the cow out in the pasture for the first time this spring.

Tuesday, April 2

Ther.: 52+, 98+

This has been a real summer day. Kate and I burned a lot of brush form the grove this morning. Did hoeing and fertilizer in the vineyard on the Knoll. We planted the sweet peas and some garden peas. There was a shower and some hail.

Wednesday, April 3

Ther.: 50+, 70+

Did some hoeing and fertilizing of young fruit trees. We planted our new potato "The Snow" to try out its merits here. There came up a short thundershower this afternoon.

Thursday, April 4

Ther.: 52+, 74+

A nice day, but grown real cool tonight. We failed to get a letter from Dewey today. Mr. Curtis and niece came and made us a visit this evening staying for supper with us.

Friday, April 5

Ther.: 34+, 53+

There was a hard frost this morning which has killed the strawberry blossoms. Carl Garrett and I worked in the company orchard all day putting on fertilizer, plowing and hoeing about the trees. Kate has covered some garden things.

Saturday, April 6

Ther.: 28+, 58+

There was almost a freeze on this morning and so many apple blossoms look brown that we fear much damage was done. I went to Hendersonville this afternoon and got my new spectacles and did a few other errands.

Sunday, April 7
Ther.: 46+

A rain started this morning and has kept up all day. We just read most of the time, though I wrote a letter to Dewey.

Monday, April 8
Ther.: 50+, 58+

Rain all last night and most of today. We did the washing and hung clothes in the attic. I did a little tree pruning toward night.

Tuesday, April 9
Ther.: 36+, 50+

I burned brush this forenoon. The wind had blown fairly from the north and it has grown cold. There were snowflakes in the air this evening and apparently real squalls over n Sugar Loaf. We tried to protect some plants.

Wednesday, April 10
Ther.: 30+, 50+, 37+

There was quite a freeze last night. Water in the hen house has a film of ice over it. Kate went to Mrs. Hill's this afternoon. I worked a while at the woodpile and hoed some trees.

Thursday, April 11
Ther.: 36+, 44+

Cool with mists and some showers. Ewart moved most of his goods and his family to their new home. I did some cleaning up about the woodshed and hoed a row of grape vines. We got a card from Dewey, and one from mother.

Friday, April 12
Ther.: 38+, 48+

Still very cool. We did more covering of things this evening fearing a frost tonight.

Saturday, April 13
Ther.: 36+, 50+

There was some frost this morning. Kate and I sprayed the crab apple trees and some other early blossoming apples, also some plum and sweet cherry trees. We had a letter from Dewey. He seems to like it where he works. The war news makes us feel the uncertainty of the great battle now on in France.

Sunday, April 14
Ther.: 30+, 62+

A heavy frost this morning. Kate and I went to church this forenoon. Mr. Melton preached a fine sermon. I wrote to Dewey. Called at Marshall's this afternoon. It seems to be warming up.

Monday, April 15
Ther.: 46+, 68+

It got quite warm today. Helped Kate do the washing. I did some hoeing among the grape vines. Officers of the law came this evening and served a subpoena on me to appear before the court at Greenville, S.C. tomorrow, but I just cannot go on such short notice.

Tuesday, April 16

Ther.: 54+, 68+

We had a nice spring shower about noon. Ad a telephone message from a lawyer in Greenville, S.C., and I have to go down there tomorrow sure.

Wednesday, April 17

Ther.:

Got up at 4 o'clock this morning, walked over to Hendersonville, and took the train for Greenville. It was after 12 when I reached there, but Mr. Dawling met me and rushed me in an auto to the courtroom, where I was a witness in the case of Dawling against a Film company. I dreaded the ordeal, but stood the examination and got through in time for the train back home. I saw some of Camp Service, and the young soldiers training, and there are soldiers everywhere, Miss Artie Barber came back on the same train. Farry brought me out home I a new auto. Found Kate all right.

Thursday, April 18

Ther.: 56+, 74+

Fine, warm day, and as there was a good shower during the night, it will make things grow. We had Shannon Mitchell here helping hoe in the orchard vineyard.

Friday, April 19

Ther.: 50+, 60+

We worked in the orchard again today. Kate and I sprayed some young apple trees that are to bear fruit. A shower came up near noon and put an end to the work for today, as there came mists and showers all afternoon. I went over the Hill's tonight and got some lime-sulphur.

Saturday, April 20

Ther.: 50+, 56+

There was a heavy rain during lat night, and it showered a good share of today. I shelled some corn and did a little tree trimming. We have failed to have any letter from Dewey this week.

Sunday, April 21

Ther.: 486+, 64+

Nice day, but very windy, and growing colder tonight. Kate went to Sunday school, but I have remained close at home all day.

Monday, April 22

Ther.: 38+

Real cool this morning. Kate and I did the washing then went at spraying apple trees. It looked very stormy this afternoon, but cleared up tonight. We had a letter from Dewey today.

Tuesday, April 23

Ther.: 40+, 72+

Kate and I continued spraying this forenoon, and I had to go to Hendersonville this afternoon to get more poison. Shannon was here to do hoeing. It was much warmer.

Wednesday, April 24

Ther.: 48+, 72+

We continued the spraying this forenoon, but the wind blew so hard this afternoon we could not work at it, so planted some garden. Found 3 ripe strawberries this afternoon. There was a patriotic meeting at the school house tonight conducted by some Hendersonville men, so Kate and I attended.

Thursday, April 25

Ther.: 50+, 70+

We finished the spraying this afternoon. A cold wind came up from the N.E. and brought a fog that obscured the distant mountains.

Friday, April 26

Ther.: 44+, 58+

Showered during last night and this morning. I shelled up what corn we had remaining on the cobb. Made some photo exposures on dogwood which is now in full bloom and the finest I ever saw.

Saturday, April 27

Ther.: 46+, 60+

Spent most of the day hoeing young apple trees. Kate set out some tomato plants in the garden this evening.

Sunday, April 28

Ther.: 50+, 59+

I went to Mr. Garrett's this forenoon and we went to his new farm and then over to our young orchard. A shower came up this afternoon just as Kate and I were to go to church.

Monday, April 29

Ther.: 70+

We did the washing this morning then went at putting out tomato plants. Mr. Staton brought out a gentleman and lady to look at our place. We got a letter from Dewey and he is all enthusiasm over a place he has seen near where he is. We finished setting the tomato plants.

Tuesday, April 30

Ther.:

It has rained about all day so we have been unable to work on the land any. I went over to Hill's this evening to get some more lime-sulphur, and found that Mrs. Hill was real sick.

Wednesday, May 1

Ther.: 42+, 58+

Had a telegram from Dewey and he has found a place he thinks we will want, but the message was so fuddled we would not tell the price. Kate spent most of the day over with Mrs. Hill. It has been very windy and growing cold, so we fear frost tonight and have covered some garden stuff.

Thursday, May 2

Ther.: 34+, 60+

There was a considerable frost all about this morning, but we don't think much damage was done. I built and put up a gate to the pasture. Sent a telegram to Dewey also a letter. We planted some popcorn this afternoon.

Friday, May 3
Ther.: 38+, 72+

I got Garrett's mare for today and Kate and I planted out ½ acre of corn. We think we put it in good and will hope for results.

Saturday, May 4
Ther.: 46+, 78+

Been real warm today. I helped Kate clean up the house this forenoon, as Mr. Staton phoned he would bring over some folks to look at the place this afternoon. Kate went to Fruitland to attend a demonstration on care of bees this afternoon. We had no further word from Dewey. Kate and I attended a patriotic meeting at the school house tonight. The man and wife are here to stay over Sunday.

Sunday, May 5
Ther.: 46+, 79+

This has been a warm day. I spent much time showing Mr. Fanchler [sic] about the place. His wife has not been able to go around any. Kate attended Sunday school.

Monday, May 6
Ther.: 50+, 78+

Another warm day. Mr. Fanchler [sic] went away this forenoon on business to S.C. Kate and I did the washing. This afternoon I thinned apples on the young Red June trees.

Tuesday, May 7
Ther.: 54+

I spent most of today hoeing trees at the company orchard. Mr. Fanchler came back tonight.

Wednesday, May 8
Ther.: 60+

Today has been very exciting. Dewey came home this morning because he thought he must see us about plans, and Mr. Staton was here this afternoon and the papers were made out for the sale of our place here. There have been several showers during the day.

Thursday, May 9
Ther.: 54+, 76+

We have been very busy today starting the packing. Mr. Staton was here and said arrangements had been made so I could get all the money for the place. We had several callers. This was Dewey's 20th birthday.

Friday, May 10
Ther.: 62+

The Fanchler's came today with two truck loads of their things. We have continued packing.

Saturday, May 11
Ther.:

All day we have been so busy with our packing. Strawberries are ripening pretty well now.

Sunday, May 12

Ther.:

We all attended church today, then Kate and I went to Mrs. Foutzs' for dinner. Dewey has been making calls and enjoying the day.

Monday, May 13

Ther.:

A heavy rain came on during last night and it has stormed a good share of the day. We have been busy with the packing all day. Mr. Fansler had some help on the place and has begun his farming.

Tuesday, May 14

Ther.:

It has been pleasant today and we have rushed the packing.

Wednesday, May 15

Ther.:

We all went to Hendersonville this forenoon, where Dewey took the cars for his trip back to Vermont, and Kate went down to Tryon. I settled up with Mr. Staton at got the pay for our place. Ordered sleeper for next Monday for Kate and I to start North.

Thursday, May 16

Ther.:

Had our boxes and barrels hauled to Hendersonville and put in storage. I went over with Lee Hill this afternoon and saw to putting them away. Took our trunks over to the station too.

Friday, May 17

Ther.:

Got up early this morning and built a fire, then went over to Mr. Hill's to say goodbye and take them to ice cream freezer. After breakfast I slicked up the attic and put away some things I will leave here. Then I took our old photograph over and gave it to Allie and Ruth Garrett. Picked strawberries for dinner.

Saturday, May 18

Ther.:

I left the Dana home this forenoon and may never see it again. Mr. and Mrs. Fansler rode over in the auto with me to Hendersonville. I called at Baker's then took the train to Tryon and found Kate all right ant the Conner, Cushing hone.

Sunday, May 19

Ther.:

Mr. Howes, Mr. Conner, and I took walks both this forenoon and this afternoon. There was a shower this afternoon. I called at the Tea House and saw the Mortons.

Monday, May 20

Ther.:

We went up to Hendersonville this morning where we got our through tickets to Brattleboro, Vermont and left on a train at 1:30. Tonight we are in a sleeping car bound for Washington.

Tuesday, May 21

Ther.:

We reached Washington this morning in time for the Colonial Express and come on north on time. We had a shower during the afternoon. Dewey met us at the train and had rooms engaged for us tonight. It is so stormy he is staying too.

Wednesday, May 22

Ther.:

It rained some this morning. Dewey went back to his work and I went a ways with him and we looked at a place in the country, and Kate and I looked for rooms to keep house in this afternoon, and have engaged some at West Brattleboro.

Thursday, May 23

Ther.:

This forenoon I got in touch with Vermont National Bank and deposited my draft and some cash. Kate and I brought some furniture and an oil stove. This afternoon we got out trunks hauled to our new rooms, and the furniture was brought up so we began housekeeping and had supper at home. The trolley runs by the door and mail is delivered twice a day so we are quite situated.

Friday, May 24

Ther.:

Before we had finished out breakfast this morning, the florist came to see if I would work for him, so I said I would try and would start this afternoon. I went down town and got a few things at the 10 cent store. This afternoon I started work on my new job and was turned loose in a very weedy garden with a wheel hoe. Was pretty tired when I got back tonight, but Kate had a good supper and feel well.

Saturday, May 25

Ther.:

Worked at the florists all day this forenoon weeding in the garden and this afternoon at staking and moving young tomato plants in the green house. I am offered \$13 a week to stay there and think I will continue for a while. It is raining quietly tonight.

Sunday, May 26

Ther.:

Kate and I attended the Cong. church near here this forenoon. The people were very friendly. We found Dewey in the rooms when we returned. After dinner we all walked up a hill street and took a peek at a farm that is for sale. It looks stormy this evening. Dewey has gone back to Marlboro.

Monday, May 27

Ther.:

There was some rain during last night. I worked at the florists all day, doing a variety of things. Skinned my hand pretty badly for one thing. Our mail was delivered to us for the first time.

Tuesday, May 28

Ther.:

There was some thunder and lightening during last night and a light shower. Worked today at fixing up sweet peas and running the wheel hoe. I brought 6 tomato plants for Kate's war garden. It has seemed a hot day.

Wednesday, May 29

Ther.:

Cool, cloudy and with some rain. I hoed and weeded among cabbage plants, and near-ranged some potted flowers in the green house during the rain. Kate was down at the Red Cross rooms at work.

Thursday, May 30

Ther.:

A legal holiday but worked this forenoon. This afternoon Kate and I walked out and looked at a fine dairy farm, but it was too big a proposition for us. Then I walked several miles out in the country in another direction.

Friday, May 31

Ther.:

Worked at the green house all day. Kate was at the Red Cross rooms as stopped a little while where I was working.

Saturday, June 1

Ther.: 92+

It has been very hot today and my work seemed pretty hard.

Sunday, June 2

Ther.:

I got up very early this morning and walked out to where Dewey works, going over Ames Hill and by Marlboro village. Dewey came part way home with me and we look at an old farm in the hills that is for sale.

Monday, June 3

Ther.:

I went to work in the greenhouses again. Spent all day setting out carnation plants. Kate thinks I better go to long for a home or we wont be settled this year, so I am not going back to work tomorrow.

Tuesday, June 4

Ther.:

I pulled off from work today and went out to look at some places on the Sunset Lake road. I walked up there this forenoon and was so pleased at the looks that I got a buggy and horse this afternoon and took Kate up to see one place, but it rained some and spoiled our looking.

Wednesday, June 5

Ther.:

I worked today at the florists. Found Dewey there when I got home tonight. He and Kate had been taken up to the Goodnuff place by Mr. Sylvester. They seemed to think it a very good farm.

Thursday, June 6

Ther.:

Dewey and I spent most of today looking at places on the Sunset Lake road. We got caught in a rain, but kept on looking. We returned rather discouraged and almost homesick. War news tonight not quite so discouraging as last night's reports.

Friday, June 7

Ther.:

It rained this morning and I rode down to the greenhouses on the trolley. Dewey went back to Marlboro but intended to come back tonight. He failed to get here for some reason. The sun came out this afternoon and it made us feel more cheerful.

Saturday, June 8

Ther.:

A pleasant day. I worked for the Hopkins' today, but told them I could not come any more, as we have about decided to buy the farm up in the hills and start fixing a home. Dewey came back today.

Sunday, June 9

Ther.:

Kate and I went to church this forenoon. It was Children's day and the exercises were by them. Dewey and I went up to the Goodnuf farm and gave it a better look over, and we feel as though it might be too heavy a job to fix it up. There is a magnificent view from the place.

Monday, June 10

Ther.:

It rained during the night. Dewey called on a man who knows of farms just south of here and we are going to look at some of them. Mr. Hopkins took me to see one place. A lot of our papers and magazines came, and we rested and read this afternoon.

Tuesday, June 11

Ther.:

Mr. Weatherhead took Dewey and I over to see a farm south of Brattleboro. We walked over and pretty well over the place over which seems pretty well situated for a home and fruit growing as well as farming. We rested and read this afternoon.

Wednesday, June 12

Ther.:

We were to go with Mr. Weatherhead today to look at some farms but it rained so hard this morning we couldn't go. I went out to the Norcross farm this afternoon to get more information about the place. There was a heavy shower while I was there.

Thursday, June 13

Ther.:

We had our trip in auto this afternoon out into the township of Guilford, where we looked at three farms in the hills. This afternoon Kate and I went out to the Norcross farm 3 miles south of Brattleboro, so she could see the house and the farm. We have concluded it is our best chance to buy a home, so have arranged to conclude a bargain tomorrow. It is very cool weather.

Friday, June 14

Ther.:

Today we made out all papers whereby we became the possessors of the Norcross farm. There was a circus in town but we paid no attention to it. We rested most of the afternoon.

Saturday, June 15

Ther.:

We were all at our new home today. Dewey and I walked out early this morning and began work and Kte came on the trolley later bringing our dinner. She and Mrs. Norcross made a strawberry shortcake for dinner. We had a team and mowing machine do come cutting of grass and alfalfa this forenoon, so we started our haying. Picked and took some berries tonight. Dewey and I were rather late getting home. I found a few laurel blossoms on our place. It has been a fine day.

Sunday, June 16

Ther.:

Kate and Dewey went to church this forenoon but I stayed home to do writing. Dewey and I went over to the farm the afternoon.

Monday, June 17

Ther.:

I went down town this forenoon and bought a sprayer and come poison to put on potatoes, which I took out to the farm and did a little spraying. Dewey and I had Mr. Norcross' horse and wagon to draw up hay and the alfalfa. We brought back some strawberries and some milk tonight. It looks as though it might rain.

Tuesday, June 18

Ther.:

We all went to the farm for today. Kate put up some strawberries. I did more spraying on potato vines and Dewey and I finished drawing what hay is cut. We were all quite tired tonight.

Wednesday, June 19

Ther.:

Kate did packing up today getting ready to move as soon as I can get conveyance for the goods. I went through town and bought a fork and an axe. Dewey and I cultivated some corn and some of the garden, then we did some hoeing.

Thursday, June 20

Ther.:

It was cold this morning with lots of frost about. We were all out at the farm during the day, hoeing in the garden and working about.

Friday, June 21

Ther.:

Had an auto truck move our things out on the farm this forenoon, Kate came out on foot, and we fixed up so as to remain here from now on. Dewey has looked at a mare and decided to buy her for our work animal. The Norcross' are moving their things out but still live here.

Saturday, June 22

Ther.:

It rained all last night and most of this morning. I helped the Norcross' load up more goods and they went down to where they are to live. This afternoon I went over to town to buy some milk containers and get some stationary. Dewey went to West Brattleboro to complete his buying of a buggy and harness. This evening Mr. Norcross took off his cows, so the stable is free for Dewey to get his mare.

Sunday, June 23

Ther.:

There was more rain last night. Mr. And Mrs. Norcross took some more of their things and their dog and went to where they are to live this forenoon.

Monday, June 24

Ther.:

Did some mowing with the seythe, and some chopping of trees to rescue a couple of apple trees from encroaching forest.

Tuesday, June 25

Ther.:

Dewey and I used his new mare to cultivate some corn this morning, then he went to West Brattleboro to get his buggy and harness. This afternoon I went over town to do some buying of tools and to fix up about insurance and telephone. Mr. Norcross brought me home and the packing trunk that was sent down from Randolph. Kate and I are feeling pretty homesick and wish we were back in our N.C. home that we can never have again. I have been very foolish in my calculations and moves.

Wednesday, June 26

Ther.:

One of Dewey's Holstien cows was missing tonight and after a long hunt through the pines in the pasture I found her with a fine little heifer calf. Had a lot of [he..?] mowed down here today.

Thursday, June 27

Ther.:

Worked in the hay, but we didn't get any drawn for Dewey's mare took a kicking fit and broke Mr. Norcross' harness and hay rack. Is makes us feel pretty blue and more than ever homesick.

Friday, June 28

Ther.:

This morning I went to the man who sold us the mare and persuaded him to take her back. Such doings made me almost sick. We used Mr. Norcross' horse and got in some hay.

Saturday, June 29

Ther.:

I walked over to town this morning and took two lbs. of butter and a doz. eggs and sold them at the store. Dewey and I had the Norcross' rig this afternoon and drew some clover hay.

Sunday, June 30

Ther.:

It was damp this morning but cleared up by noon and was real hot this afternoon. Dewey walked to Marlboro today, having a good trip according to his report. Kat and I have been home all day feeling very homesick and discouraged until we got our for a walk up in the woods and pasture. Mr. And Mrs. Norcross and Mr. Sweeton and family were callers on us toward night. I wrote a number of letters.

Monday, July 1

Ther.:

Today we got rain, so did not get any more hay up. Mr. Norcross brought our box barrel that came by express from N.C. We don't seem to be able to shake off the depression that has overtaken us with our homesickness. I fear I made a vital mistake by coming north.

Tuesday, July 2

Ther.:

It cleared up this forenoon. Mr. Norcross helped me clear the spring and take up some of the pip connections and put them back. We are talking of selling this place back to the Norcross's. Kate is absolutely unable to do the work. Dewey and I got up another load of hay.

Wednesday, July 3

Ther.:

We have bargained to sell back the place and plan now to go to Michigan for an indefinite stay. We went over to the clerk's office this afternoon and made out all papers. I sent a telegram to Will but it got balled up and had to be sent over this again this evening. Tonight I went to an organ recital at the First Baptist Church.

Thursday, July 4

Ther.:

We all stayed home today and worked more or less at packing things and getting ready to move again. It has been a very pleasant day. Mr. Norcross has been getting up hay this afternoon. We do not know how to plan because of no answer to my telegram.

Friday, July 5

Ther.:

I went over town this morning and made a deposit in a savings bank, so some of our money can be earning a little interest. I got an answer from Will by night telegram letter, and he says come on out there. Kate has been packing as fast as possible, and I crated up some chairs. Had a letter from Will telling about the doings on our old place there. It got pretty warm during the today.

Saturday, July 6

Ther.:

I went over to town this forenoon and took butter and eggs. We have continued our packing and preparing to leave. Dewey helped Mr. Norcross so some haying, then he went to town and to West Brattleboro.

Sunday, July 7

Ther.:

The Norcrosses brought up their cook stove today, so I helped them set I up. Kate had to finish knitting a Red Cross sweater.

Monday, July 8

Ther.:

Kate and Dewey went away this morning. Kate to stop at Nellie's and Dewey to start on for Michigan. I did more crating and packing up.

Tuesday, July 9

Ther.:

I had a motor truck today haul our things to a second hand store and to the station where I shipped some to Michigan. Tonight I got down to Springfield, Mass, and am stopping at a hotel.

Wednesday, July 10

Ther.:

Went to No. Wilbraham this morning and found where Nellie lives. Tonight Kate and I have taken the train for Detroit..

Thursday, July 11

Ther.:

We had a view of famous Niagara falls this morning. We had quite a wait at Detroit then got out to Dexter this evening. Couldn't get Will by telephone so had Mr. Hodgeman bring us out. Found Dewey at mother's so we are together again. It is very dry in this section.

Friday, July 12

Ther.:

Kate and I went down to look over Jessie Williams' house where we expect to live for a while. Dewey and Will went to Dexter and brought our trunks out. We put them in the cottage and opened them up. Called on Lew Bennett this afternoon.

Saturday, July 13

Ther.:

Kate and I went to aunt Delia's this forenoon. She is very ill and feeble. I picked some cherries for Kate to can.

Sunday, July 14

Ther.:

Went to church this forenoon and heard a very good sermon. Will and Ray went to Ann Arbor to attend church.

Monday, July 15

Ther.:

I went to the swamp and picked some huckleberries. It continues very dry.

Tuesday, July 16

Ther.:

The folks went to Dexter this afternoon, and Kate went along to buy some supplies.

Wednesday, July 17

Ther.:

Dewey and I went to the swamp this forenoon and picked some more huckleberries. Kate is sick in bed today. Dewey and I set some cabbage plants this evening in Will's garden.

Thursday, July 18

Ther.:

It stays fearfully dry. Kate and I went down to Jessie's house this afternoon and Kate put up some cans of huckleberries. Put out a few more cabbage plants tonight.

Friday, July 19

Ther.:

Will and I went up to the lodge tonight, which kept us out late.

Saturday, July 20

Ther.: 88+

It has been a hot day. Dewey went to a grange meeting this afternoon. I went twice to the swamp to pick huckleberries. Kate did some more canning.

Sunday, July 21

Ther.: 92+

Another very hot day. Kate still has a sore throat so did not go to church. We all ate at Will's table today noon. Our cousins, the Burkhart's of North Lake came down to make us all a call this afternoon.

Monday, July 22

Ther.:

Helped Will and Dewey get up the barley. They began cutting the rye this afternoon. There was a high wind at a sprinkle of rain this afternoon. Will took Nettie West down to Ann Arbor tonight in his car, and mother and I rode along.

Tuesday, July 23

Ther.:

Kate and I were down at Jessie's cottage this afternoon. The drouth [sic] was broken by a fierce wind and rain storm with sharp lightening and heavy thunder.

Wednesday, July 24

Ther.:

Got a few more huckleberries this forenoon. Will and Dewey are harvesting rye.

Thursday, July 25

Ther.:

Kate is having trouble with her eyes now, and feels very miserable generally. Will and I went to An arbor this afternoon and stayed to the Sousa Band Concert tonight. It was the finest thing of the kind I ever heard.

Friday, July 26

Ther.:

Kate did some canning down at Jessie's house this forenoon and I went to the swamp for huckleberries again. Will and Dewey cut the oats today.

Saturday, July 27

Ther.:

The Chautauqua at Dexter opened this afternoon. We went both afternoon and tonight. The war lecture tonight was very interesting.

Sunday, July 28

Ther.:

I took a good sleep during this forenoon. We attended the Chautauqua both this afternoon and tonight. It has been hot weather.

Monday, July 29

Ther.:

The Russian musicians proved good at the Chautauqua this afternoon and evening, as was the lecture by the Chicago preacher tonight. It grew very cool tonight.

Tuesday, July 30

Ther.:

Real cool this morning and again tonight. The funeral of Mr. R.C. Reeve was this afternoon at Dexter, and the masons took charge. We all went to the Chautauqua concert tonight and it was fine.

Wednesday, July 31

Ther.:

Thursday, Aug. 1

Ther.:

Friday, Aug. 2

Ther.:

Henry Oneal was over here a few minutes this evening. He wants to get Dewey and I to help him thrush the first of new week. Will took Kate out there this forenoon.

Saturday, Aug. 3

Ther.:

I went out to Henry's this forenoon, Will taking me as far as Byron Kenny's. It was real cool this forenoon.

Sunday, Aug. 4

Ther.:

Henry went and got Dewey this afternoon. He made ice cream for supper and we had a feast.

Monday, Aug. 5

Ther.:

Dewey and I worked in the oat fields today, starting a stack. The weather has turned very hot.

Tuesday, Aug. 6

Ther.:

The heat is fearful and I broke down entirely and had to quit work.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

Ther.:

I went to Strawberry Lake this forenoon and took a little swim which was refreshing. Henry brought us all back this evening. It is so hot Will and I are sleeping out on the ground tonight.

Thursday, Aug. 8

Ther.:

Kate and I went down to Jessie's house this forenoon, where Kate did a big washing of our clothes. There has been some breeze and a few sprinkles of rain, so the air is better. Reports in the papers tell of great heat all about and much suffering.

Friday, Aug. 9

Ther.:

There was a shower during last night.

Monday, Dec. 16

Ther.:

A very rainy time today and we are fixing up a few things to send as Christmas remembrances. It has been a long time since I wrote in this book and so much has happened. I came back to N.C., thinking it would be best for us all, but failed on buying the place we wanted, but got a little farm on the Hendersonville and Sugar loaf Mt. Road that had fair buildings and Kate and Dewey and mother came on to live here for a time any way. The war has ended and Dewey did not even get to a training camp though he had his medical examination and was ready to go. We have spent a very disappointing summer, and have sustained serious losses, but we hope to get along and come out in the future with a home to live in, at least.