DIARY OF MARGARET L. BUSER
1905

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Top: Margaret Buser. Bottom: Frank Storm. Left: Conesville Class of 1905 (Margaret and her classmates).

January 1, 1905 (Sun)
Went to Sunday school this morning. Had a very interesting talk by Mr. Thomas. Did not go to Reform Church because it was too late. Rosa, Nellie Miller, and Geneva told me about the Maxwell's party. Grace Gunderson came over and we went to Grace Stickney's. Learned many things about the girls. I never thought they would (*talk about such*) things. Heard a sad story about Elsie and Anna Owens. Frank did not come down; I went to League with Merlin (*Margaret's brother*) and then to Reform Church. Went in church with Grace G. and Byron McKee, and Jessie and John Ferry was there. Came home with Merlin. Very foggy and muddy.

January 2 (Mon)
Off school today. Almost like an April day but very cold in evening. Went to Grace G's. in afternoon, and then went to town. Saw Frank, but did not speak to him, and he thought I was mad. Grace spent rest of afternoon here. Frank came down in evening and stayed until half past nine, and then went to band practice. Reason he did not come last night was because he thought it was going to storm. He said he would rather take a whipping than not come tonight—he didn't get one!

January 3 (Tues)

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School began today. Rather hard to study after vacation. I made resolutions not to talk about any of the school girls. Saw (*teacher*) Miss Abel at noon, she told me all about her trip to Burlington. Nettie (*Frank's sister*) said Frank did not want to come see me Sunday night, and his folks wanted him to leave the (*Conesville*) band. I walked uptown after school with Nellie Miller. After I got home, I wrote a letter to Frank asking him about what Nettie said. Don't know whether to send it or not. Spent evening over to Grace G's. Rosa was there, and we played Animal and Flinch (*parlor games*), and ate popcorn and candy. Begun book called "School Life."

Jan 4 (Wed)
Nettie was not in school this morning, so I did not get to give her the letter for Frank. Frank brought her at noon, and she is going to stay down and is not going home. Nettie said she only told me about Frank not wanting to come down on Sunday for fun, so I wrote the letter for nothing. She invited me to a masked party at the Cecil's. Guess all of the girls will go in a load. Frank came down tonight to play for the Woodman Oyster Supper. He asked me to go to a party with him Friday night. I said I may go if I do not have to wear a mask, and if Nellie Miller goes with us. Frank could not come in, but had to go right back uptown. He came back at 10 o'clock with Roy Maxwell, (who left early), and stayed after 12. Frank was a little mad; he had asked me to go to the McCullough's party (not the masquerade) with him Friday night. I guess i will go there instead.

Jan 5 (Th)
I asked Nellie Miller to go with me Friday night, said she would if she didn't have to go home. Told Nettie that Frank said Roy Maxwell was too young to ask her to go to party with him; she got a letter asking her to go, she says she will if she can. Roy been teasing me all day about last night. Frank did not come to band practice tonight. He said last night they asked him (when he came in) if he had been lining track, and how many spikes and trestles they used. Nettie came down from Jones' house (where she is staying), and stayed a little while. Went to prayer meeting in evening with Nettie, and Rosa, Grace Gunderson and myself started to take Nettie back to the boarding house. We met Roy Maxwell, John Ferry and Chester Jarrad. I got an introduction to John Ferry. We all talked awhile, and Roy took Nettie on home. Frank very nearly got my diary! Mercy!

Jan 6 (Fr)
Had a literary program this afternoon. Mrs. Underwood came and gave a speech which lead up to the lecture next Monday night (not in literary) RG(*?*) was presiding, and appointed Glenn McCullough as secretary (as Elsie was not there). I got the wrong Roll Call and had to read it twice, then I got the wrong copy of the program, what a mixup! There was one song on the last program but not any on this one. RG asked why was it that we did not have any more songs. I got up and said that there was one song last time, and if he wanted to sing this time, he could sing by himself. They all clapped and laughed. Went to McCullough's party with Frank. We stopped at the rooms for Nellie Miller but (she) had went home. We then stopped at Millers' for her. Got my shawl on upside down. Frank pulled Nellie's skirt, he thought is was a robe. Awful cold. Had a good time. The horse broke the shaft and Nellie was afraid to ride home behind the horse (I was afraid too), so we stayed at McCullough's. Got home after one. S. asked me to go to the show. I might go with him. I did not say whether I would or not.

Jan 7 (Sat)
Went over to Emerson's and tried to get Nellie Miller over the telephone but could not. Got ready to go over Grace Gunderson's in the afternoon but just as I opened the door to go, there was Grace just getting ready to knock. My, but I jumped! We went over to Nan's uptown and to the bank. Saw Mr. Storm (*Frank's father*) uptown. Then we went over to Grace's and spent the rest of the afternoon there. S. did not come, so I did not go to the show. George, Merlin and Paul (*Margaret's brothers*) went. It was very funny. The show was not out until about 10:30. I am glad I did not go. Finished "School Life" and read "A Real Diary of a Real Boy."

Jan 8 (Sun)
Went to Sunday School and choir practice, but did not go to Reform Church. Read a letter Rosa got from Elsie. Elsie tried to say that what the girls said about her and Anna was not so; she said the boys was not there until

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5:30 in the morning, and the only thing they did was to put their arms around them and kiss them when they went away. That was bad enough! I went over to Grace Gunderson's this afternoon. Rosa was there and played the organ and guitar. We then walked up to the depot. John Ferry and Artie Trautman was talking to Maudie Maxwell. We took a little walk and then met the boys. Talked a little while and we all went down to Gunderson's. Spent the rest of the afternoon there. JC told some funny things about Crete Hannan. Paul (*brother*) came after me at six o'clock, I was frightened half to death for fear Papa would find out. Frank heard some things about it in church, but he was not mad. I sang in the choir. Frank stayed until about 12 o'clock. Asked me to take him to lecture tomorrow night.

Jan 9 (Mon)
Went to school today. Awful cold and very windy. If I had not caught hold of the door when I did, it would have blew me off of the porch. Nettie (*Storm, Frank's sister*) did not come down to school. Church has begun, as the Reform Church will continue all week if the people are interested. Told Mamma about yesterday afternoon, she did not agree. Went to the lecture with Frank at the ME (*Methodist*) church. Mr. Pace lectured on "Life Choices". It was very good. RG and Jessie Smith, Glenn McCullough and Grace Stickney, and FS and MC were there. JT + Artie Trautman took Rosa and Geneva home. Frank spent rest of the evening here. He did not go to band practice. I wanted to take some notes on the lecture, but did not get to. Read "Woman's World".

Jan 10 (Tue)
Went to school today. Got a note from Glenn Trautman this afternoon asking me to go buggy riding with him in the evening. I could have been knocked over with a feather, I was so surprised. I told him I was going to choral class and would have to pay a fine if I did not go. He said he would pay it, but I would not go. He asked Crete afterwards but she would not go either. Graduating class did not meet after school. Saw Clyde Wolford and shook hands with him and said good-bye. Went to the Choral Class in the evening. Frank said he was going to bring Nettie down, and Nettie was to go with me, but they did not come before the 6 o'clock train came. I went over to the schoolhouse and filled the lamps and washed the board for the Choral Class. No one else to do it, so I did it. Read "The Delineator".

Jan 11 (Wed)
Snowing like everything this morning. Nettie came to school and she is going to stay down here. Lura is rooming at Cone's with Geneva, and Nellie can't look up without seeing Glenn Trautman looking at me. Graduating class met after school. Nettie is to give the class history and Geneva the class prophecy. Grace Gunderson is president, and I am secretary and treasurer. There is twelve of us in all, and we have to get our subjects for oration ready in three weeks. Went to church in the evening. Grace Gunderson, Rosa Miller and myself went up after Nettie, but she did not hear the bell. On the way home, we got out by the corner and Roy Maxwell drove up and asked us to take a sleigh ride. John Ferry took Rosa home, and Grace and myself had to take the ride with Roy. Mamma was mad, I guess because it was late. Read "Brown Book of Boston".

Jan 12 (Thur)
Nettie found out about the sleigh ride, but is not mad. Elmer Black took Rosa Miller, Nettie, Maudie Maxwell sleigh riding at noon; he asked me to go but I didn't. I wrote a note to Frank asking him to come down half a second for I wanted to tell him about the ride last night. He came down but did not come in. Stood on the porch and about froze. I guess he did not care very much. He said he wouldn't come down again (ha! ha!). I did not go to prayer meeting. The girls did. Chester Jerrard and Lura McCullough, Geneva Miller and Artie Trautman were sleigh riding in one sleigh. John Ferry and Rosa Miller, Grace Gunderson and George ? in another. Crete Hannan, Jessie Smith, Elmer Black in another. Frank and Roy Maxwell were riding around together. Some sleigh stopped here (*at Margaret's house*) but no one called, and it went on after a while. I wish I could have went sleigh riding. Frank did not come in; he said if he came in he would not want to go on to band practice. Read "Brown Book of Boston" and "Woman's Home Companion".

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Jan 13 (Fri)
Did not find out what sleigh stopped here last night. The girls told me all about the fun they had. A good many of them are going to the Baker (*schoolhouse*) Literary Society tonight. Geneva and Artie, Lura and Chester, Rosa and John, Grace Gunderson and Ransom McKee, Crete & Glen Trautman, Jessie Smith and Royce. Roy Maxwell was not to school today but after school he came to town for Maudie (*his sister*). He asked me if I was going to Baker, and said he did not know whether he was or not. If I would have waited I think he would have asked me to go with him. When I went to take the milk, I saw some of them on their way to Baker in a wagon. I guess the big ones went too. I should have thot they would have froze—it was awful cold. Did not have any Literary Society this afternoon.

Jan 14 (Sat)
Last night was the coldest night this winter. I went over to Grace Gunderson's in the afternoon and we went uptown. Got some confectionary sugar and made some candy. It was awful stuff. We then made some other candy with English walnuts. It was good. My chair went out from under me, and I went down to the floor pretty hard with the chair on top of me. We almost killed ourselves laughing. Lewis McCullough and Bill Dyche took a load to Baker last night. Glen Trautman, Crete Hannan, Jessie Smith and Roy Abbott, Grace Gunderson and Ransom McKee was there. Rosa, Geneva and Lura did not get to go; their folks came after them so they had to go home. Frank came down this evening and stayed until after eleven. He said he called up Roy Maxwell last night over the telephone just to see if he took me. Jealous. He is always a little behind the times. I read "Home Life" and "The Woman's Farm Journal".

Jan 15 (Sun)
Awful cold this morning. Went to Sunday School and Reform church. Nettie went to church but not to Sunday School. Frank was not at church but came in the sleigh after; Nettie, John Ferry and others took Frank's sleigh for a ride. Frank stood on the corner and waited for them. He said if Grace Gunderson and myself would wait, he would take us for a ride but we would not. He said he had half a notion to ask us if we would go in the afternoon, but he didn't. I went over Grace's in the afternoon. We looked at the funny paper. We went over to Nan's after the milk. I went back to Grace's to eat the rest of the candy we made yesterday. Went to MC (Methodist Church) League (with Frank) I thot he never would get thru playing with the cat before we went and after we came home. John Ferry and Rosa, Ransom McKee and Grace, Artie Trautman and Geneva Miller and myself and a whole lot more went over to Reform Church, but there wasn't any church, so we had to go home and eat candy. Frank always brings some. He asked me to go to Baker Thursday night.

Jan 16 (Mon)
Nettie came down in a sleigh this morning. I guess she is trying to cut John Ferry out. The girls went for a sleigh ride at noon. I took exams in General History this afternoon; wasn't so bad. Frank asked me last night if I would go sleigh riding with him tonight (if he would come down early and get in before and after practice). I said I would, and he asked if I would ask Grace Gunderson if she had any engagements for tonight. Grace said that she had to go over to Geneva's, so I did not tell her. Frank and I went sleighing in the evening. It was fine. It was such a beautiful evening. Roy Maxwell drove up here just as Frank did. I think he did it just to tease him. Frank told me that he rang up Roy last Friday night to talk to him, just to see if he was at home and had not taken me to Baker. Met Arto Beaty, and his horse got frightened. We almost upset once.

Jan 17 (Tue)
Grace Gunderson said she was sorry that she went to Geneva's last night as she would rather go sleighing. Roy Maxwell & Glenn McCullough drove around here in a sleigh, and Roy said "I am here, come on," but I only waved. They got some other girls and Elmer Black got a load and sleighed until after the last bell rang at noon. Mr. Abel (*school principal*) made them all stay in after school and correct the spelling papers. Grace Gunderson stopped for me to go to CCC after supper, so I went to the post office and then stopped for Grace Stickney. While we were waiting there, Nettie and Frank drove up. Frank took Nettie down to Crete's and then took Grace Gun-

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derson and myself for a short ride. He told us to be ready at 8:30 and he would take us for another ride after CCC (and would not take Crete and Nettie). The girls got hold of Chester and Roy Maxwell, and they had to take them for a ride. When they came in they said they had something to tell me—to go in the hall with them at 8 and the boys would take us for a sleigh ride (it was a lie). I told them to take someone else and they went downstairs and begged ??? to take them, but they would not. Then they asked Roy Maxwell and Chester, and they took them. Mr. Abel was awful mad at them leaving. Roy Maxwell came up and asked for me, and Mr. Abel told him it was out of order and then told me I could go if I wanted to. But I told him I would not. After CCC was out, Frank took Grace Gunderson and I for a ride, and also took Nellie Miller home. We stayed late and when we let Grace out after, Roy Maxwell had his arm around Nettie and Crete.

Jan 18 (Wed)
I forgot to say that Roy Maxwell broke his sleigh when going over a crossing last night. We girls all held the horses while the boys helped Roy to fix up his sleigh. I think it was "arms going to waist" and "shoulder of arms" with some of the girls. I think it is awful. I do not think there will be any more sleighing until it snows again for it is melting very fast. I did not say very much to Nettie today. I cannot get over the lie she and Crete told. She was once so good. It is too bad she is being led off like she is. This writing in this book is awful but I do it after night and I cannot see good, and how I spell the words. Rosa is crazy to go to Shake Rag (*School*) tomorrow with John Ferry. I hope her folks will let her. She has wrote enough letters to get to go.

Jan 19 (Thur)
Lura McCullough and Roy I, Geneva Miller, Nellie Miller and Artie, Grace Gunderson and Ransom McKee, Crete Hannan and Byron McKee, John I & Rosa, and Frank and myself are going tonight. Rosa got a letter from her folks telling her she could not go, but she telephoned her father and told him she would go with Grace Stickney and he said she could go. I had my picture taken at noon. When Grace Gunderson and I were coming from school, Nellie Gunderson took our pictures. We had hold of hands and were laughing. I had on my old coat, black apron & my cap on the back of my head. I expect they will be awful. I had a short talk with Miss Abel at noon. I didn't get started for Shake-Rag until 7:07. We was late and it was awful crowded, there was only standing room. I had to stand up most of the time. I had a headache and was awful tired and hot. We went home about 10:30 and it was not out then. I did not get home until one o'clock.

Jan 20 (Fri)
I have an awful headache. I am glad I did not stay last night until the end of the program. It was not out until twelve o'clock. The girls are all talking about it today. I guess they had a pretty good time especially going and coming. I saw the proofs of those pictures I had taken. There is the shade of a branch of a tree across my face. They are not so very good but I guess they will do. We had Literary Society this afternoon, and I wrote an essay and read it. A good many of them that were on the program was not there or not prepared.

Jan 21 (Sat)
It is colder today than yesterday, quite a change in the weather. Worked all morning, baked a cake, etc. Roy Maxwell went by twice and waved each time. Went uptown twice in the afternoon. Once by myself and once with Grace Gunderson. I made some candy this afternoon, some with walnut. The kind Grace made last Saturday. I thought I knew how to make it but it did not look the way I thought it should so I added a whisk of an egg and ran over to Grace's to see how she did it, but she was not home. My candy was all right but I did not need the egg. I read "The New Idea", "The Nichols Gazette" and "Columbus Safeguard".

Jan 22 (Sun)
Went to Sunday School but not to church for we practiced for choir. Mr. L. Miller wanted me to take the alto part alone in one piece but I wouldn't. I went over to the Gunderson's in the afternoon and I took Nellie and Grace's pictures with the camera. I had to stand on a chair to take it. We went over to Nan's and then Grace came over here to get my literature. Uncle Jone (*Jonas*) was here and he said I was getting him pretty well cornered about

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the watch. He said he would give it to me when I graduated or was married, if my beau did not get it. He said he thought I would have gotten it on Christmas. I told Frank this evening that Uncle Jone thought I was getting him cornered. Frank said he bet I would get one before the year was over. I went to ME League & Church with Frank and I sang in the choir. We had a grand sermon. Mr. B the Reform minister was there, and Clara S & Della M went forward. In the evening we ate all the candy I made. Frank said that he might be down tomorrow night, and he asked me to go to Baker School entertainment with him.

Jan 23 (Mon)
Snowed until noon and all night today. I do not think it is very good sleighing. Nothing very much happened today at school. I very nearly had a bad accident happen to me last night. Just as I left Frank in the parlor and stepped in the kitchen, I looked down and my white shirt was coming off. I tell you, I went upstairs quick! Nettie and Crete have been cutting up again today. I spent almost all of the evening writing on my "Life of Goldman" for tomorrow. I am very tired. I began "The Old Stone Chimney" yesterday and finished it today. Frank did not come down here. I wonder if he went to band practice.

Jan 24 (Tue)
Blizzard today, snowing and an awful cold wind. I thought I never would get to school. It did not snow very long but drifted. I was shuddering away in the afternoon. Once I looked up and saw a little mouse beside me. I took hold of Rosa and shook her and said "Whee! There is a mouse!" And she said "Where?" and I said under the seat. I said it pretty loud and everyone laughed at me. After school I went to the post office and I thought I would freeze. Artie visited school in the afternoon. Nettie came down and is going to stay down. Choral class met in the evening. If they have choral class in such weather again, I do not think I will go. I cannot help but think about Sunday's sermon. It began about Belshazer and then spoke about a room with scales which weighed nothing but character. An angel noting between with the book of life. Those going to the right the good, and to the left the bad, etc. I wish I could remember every word and never forget it.

Jan 25 (Wed)
Awful cold last night.14 below zero they said. Roy Maxwell wanted to treat me to gum this morning, but just before he handed it to me he remembered I do not chew gum. So he gave Nettie and Rosa a piece. I got an invitation to Liza Wolford's party. Grace Gunderson and Rosa Miller are setting it up. I guess they are all going in a load. I do not think I will go. I do not believe I will go to Baker either. I got some yarn to make me a cushion but I cannot find a pattern for a star. I have got an awful headache. I have had one for two or three days. I believe I always have one. I spent the whole evening lying on the couch. Nettie went home tonight.

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Jan 27 (Fri)
It looked like it was going to snow today but it did not. The girls are all talking about going to the party Saturday night. They are trying to get someone to take a load. Grace Gunderson asked Roy Maxwell to take them, but he did not give her a satisfactory answer. Nettie was mad about it, I guess she thought he was asking to take Grace. Papa said I could never go in a load. Mr. Abel caught Geneva Miller waving during school time at Leander McKee and Frank McCurdy. I went to Grandma's and telephoned Frank. He came down and took me to the party. I ate supper (fruit salad, cake and popcorn balls). Heard a good joke about Razzle Dazzle. Frank said he wanted me to go awful bad with him tonight and tomorrow.

Jan 28 (Sat)
I do believe we have been alone five minutes today. Company all of the time. I told Frank last night I would go up to Liza Wolford's with him tonight. The girls stopped for me to go down to the Milwaukee depot in the afternoon, but I was not ready. I called on Mrs. Trautman about 6 o'clock. I wanted to see Rosa and Grace Miller, and I met them coming home. I went up to Wolford's party with Frank. Nellie Miller was going to come with us, but

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she did not go. I missed her. I got awful cold going, but not so cold coming home. I ate supper (ice cream and two kinds of cake) with Elmer Black. Roy Maxwell promised me his picture. We had a nice talk sitting in the box window. Frank was awful jealous.

Jan 29 (Sun)
Went to Sunday school & Reform church. Talked with Roy Maxwell, John Ferry, Artie and Chester after church. John had Grace Stickney's cards. Silvia and Callie were here for dinner. Grace Gunderson, Rosa Miller, Grace Stickney, Charles, George and myself went down to the picture car. Chester, John & Roy Maxwell wanted to take us girls down, but they could not. Rosa and Grace Gunderson wanted Roy Maxwell and John to take them home, but Roy wouldn't take Grace. George (*brother*) got his pictures taken. Mamma wanted me to have mine taken but I wouldn't. Aunt Ann and Uncle Sam (*Buser*) was here in the afternoon. Teased like everything. Frank and I went to M.E. League and Reform Church. I almost fell down, and Grace Gunderson did—full flat. Frank seems to think the ??? belongs to Roy Maxwell. He asked me who I liked the best, Roy or him. I would not tell him. He said it made him have a headache when I told him about Roy wanting to take me to the Milwaukee (Cure). He went home about twelve o'clock. He never goes home until then.

Jan 30 (Mon)
Went to school today. It began to snow about noon. The girls had a big time laughing about our falling down last night. I almost fainted during arithmetic class when I went to the board. I had to sit down. Glenm McCullough had a sick headache, Grace Gunderson a toothache, Grace Stickney a bad cold. I guess Mr. Abel thought he was starting a hospital, for he said something to that effect after school. Elmer Black said he would take a lot of us girls sleigh riding tomorrow night after CCC. I guess I will ask Arthur and some more of the boys to join. They can all sing and it would help the CCC. Frank did not come down here tonight; I do not know whether he came to band practice or not. I worked on my cushion.

Jan 31 (Tue)
I went to school today. It is cloudy but not snowing. George (*brother*) got his proof for his pictures yesterday. They were awful good. I asked the boys to join CCC. I do not know whether they will or not. I got a note from Roy Maxwell full on nonsense. I gave it to Frank in the evening. We all had to write 30 three syllable words after school for whispering. Mamma almost bothered the life out of me, asking to go to CCC with me. I took her, but not home. Before CCC Maude and Crete went sleigh riding with Roy Maxwell, and they came in late after CCC. Lura, Rosa, Grace and myself got to the corner and met Frank and ??? They asked to take Geneva and myself sleigh riding. Elmer and John Ferry took Grace Gunderson, Rosa and Lura. Geneva and Artie went in our sleigh, but we let them out before the evening was over. Nettie did not come down. I do not know why. Frank said she was not ready when he left. He said he and Roy wanted to join CCC. We took Arthur and Artie Ingraham (*Margaret's uncle, they were very close in age*) in CCC last night. Chester took Maude and Crete after CCC.

Feb 1 (Wed)
Awful cold this morning. Nettie said if she did not stay down, she was going to make Frank bring her down. She said he did not think she was going last night and went off, then she called but he did not hear. She is mad at Crete and Maudie, but got over it I guess. She did not go home tonight. I heard today that Les Hill was being converted and was about to join the church. They are holding big meeting at the junction. I hope he will be converted in earnest. I forgot to say last night when us four was in the sleigh and went to town around down by the Milwaukee, we got stuck and had to get out to get the sleigh around. Frank asked me to go to Shake-Rag with him Thursday night, but I told him I wouldn't. The graduation class met at Grace Gunderson's tonight to decide on the arrangements. Some boys were outside, but I do not know who they were. My eyes hurt tonight.

Feb 2 (Thurs)
Groundhog Day and the sun shone, and 30 below zero. Whee but it is cold. I never whispered a word today or yesterday, but all the girls have, and Mr. Abel never asked us about it. That is always the way: if I do whisper he is

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sure to ask if any of us whispered. Nettie went home tonight. Jess & ? did not have much to do with Crete today. Elmer treated us girls to gum this afternoon and I gave my stick to Geneva. He said he would take us girls sleigh riding after prayer meeting tonight (it was at Underwood's), but I did not go so I do not know whether they went or not. Studied all evening on "Thanatopsis" (*poem by William Cullen Bryant*) for tomorrow's literature. We had to get up and recite part of it before the class today. Grace Gunderson forgot some of hers and said "Gee!" out loud. Frank said he would come down tonight with Roy Maxwell. He did not come over, so I do not know whether he is in town or not.

Feb 3 (Fri)
Still very cold. Got a note from Frank this morning. Said he was not down to band practice and would come down tonight if it was not storming, and also for me to answer. I wrote and told him not to come, for I was too cold. Bill Dyche visited school this afternoon. He wanted to take a load of us to Baker tonight. He asked me before I went home, and told me he was going away and that he wanted me to write to him. I just got home when he drove up and asked me again. I do not know whether he got any of the girls to go or not. I did not whisper in school today except during literary program. I got up to speak part of "Thanatopsis"; Maude Maxwell kept looking at me and making remarks, and I could not speak it. I went home at noon and cried. The girls were mad too because Mr. Abel talked to me about it. They said he said more were attending to me than the rest. Merlin acted up awful during Literary Society, made me feel bad. Very blue Friday.

Feb 3 (Sat)
Miss Abel (*Mr. Abel's sister, also a teacher at Conesville School*) went to Burlington and will not be back until Monday noon. Grace Stickney is going to teach for her. Mamma said she would not let Paul go (*to school*). I have done about a million things today. I made walnut filling for my cake—something new. Finished my cushion this eve. Wrote a letter to Merle D and sent for a book this afternoon, then went uptown with Grace Gunderson and ordered my graduation slippers and a runner at Smith's store. Jessie and Grace did the same. Went with Grace up to the dentist's office. I never saw such a dirty place. I never would get a tooth fixed there. Frank came down to get his hair cut but it was so crowded he came over here. He said he would stop by again as he went back up; he came back down this evening. He said he knocked seven or eight times before I heard him (Mamma was scolding Merlin). Roy Maxwell hollered as he went by tonight and I waved to him.

Feb 4 (Sun)
Snowed all night, morning and later part of the afternoon and early part of evening. Papa worked just about all day. Went to Sunday School. Grace Gunderson, Ransom McKee, Rosa Miller and John Ferry went sleigh riding in the afternoon and got caught in a storm. I got ready to go to League when the last bell rang, and Frank had not come. I tried to get George (*brother*) to go with me, but he wouldn't, so Papa was going down in the Milwaukee (*RR depot*) and he said he would take me to church. When I got to church, Maudie, Mable, Iva and Grace Stickney, Elmer and John Ferry came in the hall from the other church. I was just going in, and John said Frank was uptown, and just then Elmer said "There he is". John run out and held the horse while Frank came in. He wanted me to wait for him, but I got in the sleigh and went home while he hitched up. An alderman was killed at the Milwaukee, and about three hours after they found him, they found his arm. It was very sad. I studied literature almost the whole day, read McCall's Magazine and began "Eben Holden" (*novel by Irving Bacheller*)

Feb 5 (Mon)
Went to school today. I did not whisper today. We did not recite "Thanatopsis"; we'll do the whole piece for tomorrow. Elmer broke his sleigh last night. He said he would take me sleigh riding tomorrow night. He threw a brass ring at me in school.They have some beautiful valentines at Smith's. Roy asked me if I would be down and said something about a sleigh ride. Frank came down early and took me for a ride before band practice. He said he would come down tomorrow. George (*brother*) and Grace Gunderson and Rosa, Chester and Grace Stickney & Maudie, Artie & Geneva, Nettie & Roy Maxwell, and myself all went down to Muller's. We only intended to stop and get warm, but it ended in a party. We played all the games, including Spite. Lura and Roy Tipton left to

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go sleigh riding. Crete and Byron, and Roy Abbott & Jessie went sleigh riding, and did not come to CCC. Frank said he went with Maudie Maxwell for spite. He is mad, and so am I. I wouldn't take his candy and wouldn't talk. I told him he must not say anything now if I went with the other boys and he said he would not. I did not say good night.

Feb 6 (Tue)
Snowing awful today. Did not go to school in the forenoon. When Frank left here last night, the bells slipped down some way on his horse & it began to kick. It kicked the sleight all to pieces. I do not know whether it can be fixed or not. Frank was kicked too, I guess. Roy Maxwell & Net(tie) said they would meet him up the road and when they heard the kicking they drove up in a hurry. Roy and Frank both whipped the horse. Roy had to take Frank and Nettie home. Frank brought Nettie back down this morning and came after her this evening. I did not see him, but he took Nettie and Maudie for a sled ride. The first boy that asks me to go sledding I am going, I guess. Finished "Eben Holden" tonight. It was a good book.

Feb 7 (Wed)
Went to school today. Snowed this afternoon, and they got everyone frightened by saying a big blizzard was coming this evening. I do not see anything of it, only that it is colder & the wind is blowing. I did not whisper today or yesterday. Mr. Lee took us girls for a bobsled ride after school. It was a short one. Rosa said Nettie told her that Frank said that I scolded him all the way home about playing those games. He or she must have told a big lie for I never said a word about the party & hardly spoke about anything. He did not come down to our house tonight. I do not know whether he is in town or not. I read "The People's Home Journal" & "Woman's World". I wish it was for good that I was clear of the rubbish.

Feb 8 (Th)
Went to school today. Rather cold. Frank brought Nettie down to school. I saw him go by the schoolhouse. Roy Maxwell was rather friendly. Forgot to say yesterday that I was invited to a girls party. Some of the girls dressed up as boys. I did not go. Papa worked until two o'clock down to the Milwaukee (*RR depot*) last night. Lura bet a treat that Frank would take me to supper tonight. I bet he would not. Frank came down after Nettie after school. He did not take anyone sleigh riding because he had a load of coal. Grace, Rosa and Nellie came after me to go to the Reform Social. I got as far as the hall with them when Elmer, John Ferry and Roy Maxwell came out of the store and wanted to take us sleigh riding. Grace and Rosa went with Elmer and John. Roy wanted to take me but I would not go. so I went home. Frank came to town after that, and Roy told him all about it and sent him his sleigh and horse. We went sleigh riding then and made up. Saw a great many sights. Roy jumped on and rode a little ways with us. We went home about ten o'clock and Frank stayed until almost twelve. He said he would not go with any other girls. I read the "Woman's Magazine".

Feb 9 (Fri)
Snowed all day. Started my oration. I have got about 260 words written. I went over to Grace Gunderson's in the afternoon, and then we went over to Rosa's and went uptown. Went over to Nan's; when we came back we met John Ferry & Ransom. They treated us and wanted to know if we were going to the Lecture at the Reform Church that night. We told them we might go. Talked awhile over to Grace's before going home. Rosa said she was getting tired of John Ferry and would like to trade him off. Artie's cousin (*John Heath*) is here from someplace and Grace is going to try and get him. John Ferry went over after the girls to go to the lecture, and they stopped for me but I was not ready— Uncle Jonas was here, so I went with Merlin. The lecture was fine. Frank said he was coming to town to show me how he got his sleigh fixed, but I did not see him.

Feb 12 (Sun)
Awful cold. Wind terrible & also the drifts. Went to Sunday School, and then over to the Reform Church but did not stay for church. I got into a snowdrift over my knees. Rosa gave John Ferry the bounce last night. I feel sorry for him. She said N. could have him now. I did not go anyplace in the afternoon. Ruth came over after a book.

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I wrote some more on my oration. The girls made fun of me yesterday because I would not go with every Tom, Dick and Harry. I went to League in the evening, fell down, and the drifts were awful deep, and was awful cold and windy. Frank was not down; I expect it was too cold. Ransom took Grace Gunderson home and I guess John Heath, Artie's cousin, took Rosa. I do not know how the rest got home. I think Rosa is crazy.

Feb 13 (Mon)
Snowed. Coldest night we have had this year—38 degrees below zero. At school we sat around the stove all forenoon. Elmer is the only one in from the country. Seventeen scholars in the forenoon and eighteen in the afternoon. I do not know whether there was any band practice tonight or not. I do not believe Mr. Pleiffer (bandleader) could get down. I had the sick headache all evening and lay on the lounge. If it gets warmer, the girls are talking of going to Nichols to a Valentine party. It was Jennie that took Rosa home, not John Heath. Mrs. Trautman said she did not want John Heath to meet any of the girls but me. I wonder if I will get a valentine tomorrow. I will not get any, I believe.

Feb 14 (Tue)
Regular blizzard this noon & afternoon. Mr. Storm brought Nettie down, and she is going to stay here. Mina Emerson gave me a pretty valentine that she made. I got a comic one thru the mail. I think I saw Rae Nolind mail it. Maudie gave it to her to mail. Arthur saw it too. Geneva got one from Artie. Crete got one from someone. Roy Abbott put one for Jessie in her desk. These are pretty ones, not comic. Cass Hawkins took us girls and Clay & Artie on a bobsled ride after school. Bill Jones took Nellie Gunderson to CCC. She had better watch out. Was invited to a girls party for Thursday night at Jessie's. Went to CCC in evening. Had to wade thru some awful snow drifts. On the way home, went up around town.

Feb 15 (Wed)
Got a note from someone (I can't imagine who). It was an invitation to a dance at the hall tomorrow night, and it was signed by Gypsy Johnson. Glenn McCullough asked me to go to Baker with him Friday night. I said I would see. He waited on the corner to walk with me to the post office. The girls went bob sledding with Cass. I was afraid to go for fear the sideboards would break; they almost did last night. Elmer took Nellie & Maudie sleigh riding after school and took Grace Gunderson & Rosa Miller in the evening. Artie Ingraham and Geneva, Roy & JM were also sleigh riding, I should have thought they would have froze. Frank was down after his sleigh. Nettie said he intended to come down here, but he did not. John English and Ernest wrote that note about the dance. Read "The Home Maker".

Feb 16 (Th)
Elmer asked to take Rosa to Baker tomorrow night if she did not have any company, but she was busy. He then asked to take Lura and she refused him, but let him take her up to Mrs. Harper's after school. Nettie said she would come down here in the eve, and we would go sleigh riding, but she did not come. She and Maudie were riding with Byron & then Maudie alone with him, and Nettie & Crete with Chester. There wasn't any band practice. John Heath, Artie Ingraham, Lura McCullough & Geneva Millller were sleigh riding. Grace said Frank asked if I was mad at him, and she told him I was not. He came down about eight o'clock and asked me to go riding. I was afraid at first but I said I would go. He then sat there until nine and finally said he was waiting until I got ready. I told him I was not going to get ready until he went uptown and got the horse and sleigh tethered. He went and got it, and we rode until after ten. He wants me to go to Baker tomorrow night.

Feb 17 (Fri)
I had the headache, stiff neck, soar throat and bad cold. The girls laughed at me and said last night was too much for me. Had a Literary program in the afternoon. A little baby died over by Baker so they decided not to have Literary. Frank said he would not go unless I went to Baker. I do not think he came at all. Glenn McCullough came up to me at noon and asked me if was going to Baker. I told him yes but I did not tell him I did not intend to go with him. What a nuisance boys are. Clay & Grace Stickney, Roy Abbott & Jessie, Byron McKee & Crete

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were sleigh riding tonight. Those that were going in a load to Baker were going sleigh riding, but Rosa and Geneva went home. Then Grace Gunderson went with the old maids and bachelors to Maxwell's, and Rosa are there. Roy's face was swollen awful with the toothache.

Feb 18 (Sat)
Beautiful day. It would be very warm if it were not for the southwest wind. Just got started to write some more on my debate when Grace Gunderson came after me to go uptown. We went uptown & then over to Nan's, and then home again, and then uptown again. The slippers I ordered for graduation came. They were not the ones I ordered. Those that I ordered did not have any tip, and these have huge patent leather all around. They are so large I am afraid I cannot wear them. Frank came down about half past eight and took me sleigh riding. I didn't want to go but I went. He was getting his haircut, and that made him late. He got it cut two weeks ago. Said he would be down tomorrow night & would come before to take me for a sleigh ride, but I told him not to.

Feb 19 (Sun)
Went to Sunday School but not to Reform Church because the rest of the girls did not go. Nettie came down to Sunday School, but went right home; said she and Frank were going down to Maxwell's in the afternoon. But Nettie did not go, she came here & spent the afternoon, and stayed for supper. Frank went down to Roy Maxwell's. The family were all gone, only Chester and Roy was there. Roy & Frank intended to come up and take us girls sleigh riding, but they didn't. Roy has had a toothache but he came to church. Frank took Nettie & I, Glenn McCullough drove up and wanted to take me sleigh riding, and then to church, and take me home and riding after church. I had an excuse for all of them. Frank said it would take more than Glenn to scare him away.

Feb 20 (Mon)
Cloudy and snow melting; looks very much as if we would not have sleighing very long. Glenn asked Geneva about coming over here last night, and got Nellie to come along to ask me so it would not be so embarrassing for him. He said he would take her home after he got me. He wants to take me to Baker Wednesday night & take Nellie along as a blind. George (*brother*) got his pictures. They are good of him. Went sleigh riding with Frank before band practice. He had the new horse that his father bought for Nettie to drive to school. It is just like Kit and its name is Roy. We were going along rather fast, and he called out "Whoa!" and it stopped still. Frank said he would be down tomorrow night & we would go sleigh riding again. Read "Ladies World".

Feb 21 (Tue)
Went to school today. Snow melting very fast. Nettie drove to school on the horse her father got for her. She told all of the girls its name is Roy. Roy Maxwell brought (*his sister*) Maudie to school this morning and said "Hello Roy" to me and I said I was afraid I would get the two Roys mixed up. He said he was a little faster than the one up north. I wrote Frank a note telling him that he was invited down to Miller's tonight and that I did not care to go, and for him not to come down unless he brought Nettie to CC. He did not come down. I went to CC. The Crowd went down to Rosa's. Roy Maxwell wanted me to go with him and Grace, so I walked home & asked, but I couldn't go. I did not want to anyway. Read 3 "Ladies Worlds".

Feb 22 (Wed)
Went to school today. Looked like it would rain or snow, but cleared up in afternoon. Had an awful headache until evening. I guess they had a rather good time at Miller's last night. Frank was not mad about not going. Grace Gunderson, Grace Stickney, and Roy Jean, Crete, Maudie and Elmer, and the old maid crowd went to Baker tonight. Nettie came down to my home and then went from here with Roy M. The program was all right. First time I ever was to Baker. When we came back we drove around town once waiting for the train--something funny happened and I jumped when we stopped, oh dear! We waited for the train at our house then Frank wanted me to go to Shake-Rag tomorrow night. He said to let him know.

Feb 23 (Thur)

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Went to school today. Had to tell the girls all about Baker. Nettie was laughing and teasing me today about Old May. I did not whisper yesterday or today. All of the girls in my class got 90 in deportment but me, and I got 100. It's cloudy and foggy this evening. I expect it will rain. I wrote a note to Frank telling him that I did not wish to go to Shake-Rag. I do not know whether he was down to band practice or not. Don't care. Read two "Ladies Worlds".

Feb 24 (Fri)
Rained all day today. Went to school. I guess almost all of the scholars were there. If it was cloudy outside, it was sunshine inside. Some of the girls are talking about going to Nichols tomorrow. I could go if I wanted to. I received a letter from Will Dyche this evening. He asked me if I would be at home tomorrow evening, and if he and Ethel Crow could come and spend the evening. I wrote and told him I would be at home and for them to come. George was mad, for tomorrow is his birthday and he said he invited his friends to come and spend the evening. Read 4 "Ladies Worlds."

Feb 25 (Sat)
Beautiful day, but very muddy. Made a fig cake and a dozen other things. Mamma popped a lot of corn and I made some candy. Grace G. came after me to go up town and she helped me pull the candy. Grace got her goods for her graduating dress. It's beautiful. I wish I had have went to Nichols with Geneva, Grace Stickney and Lura. Bill Dyche and Ethel Crow came about seven o'clock and stayed to eleven in evening. Frank came downtown and was going to come down here but Roy Maxwell told him that someone was here, so they came down and looked at the horse, and about 9:00 Frank & Elmer came back and looked to see if they had gone. Roy Maxwell thought it was Frank's horse and buggy, and called out something funny to Frank. He got left for once anyway.

Feb 26 (Sun)
Begun to snow about six o'clock & snowed all night, I guess. The roads were awful muddy. Mr. Trautman died about four or five o'clock. I went to Sunday School in the morning. Mr. B went to Ohio so there wasn't any church. Frank came down for church in the morning; he rode around town once and went back home. I finished my oration. I have nine hundred and twenty two words written. I am glad it is done. Frank came down again in the evening. We went to League and came home and ate the rest of the candy I made yesterday. Frank said he was sorry he did not come in last night, but he said he thought I might have been alone with Bill Dyche. He said he would come in the next time. Revival meeting begins tomorrow night. Frank said he would be down tomorrow night.

Feb 27 (Mon)
Beautiful day today. Roy Maxwell came to school this morning and I got a note from him; he and Elmer teased me all day about Bill Dyche and Ethel Crow. They pretended like they were chewing gum and such like. Ethel came in the afternoon to visit school. She went to the Junction on the five o'clock train. We had a class meeting after school and chose our class yell. The preacher (Mr. B.) did not come, so we did not have any church. Frank came down in the evening and stayed about two minutes. The roads were awful muddy. Mina and Winifred were here also. I spent the rest of the evening reading. I read 3 "Ladies Worlds".

Feb 28 (Tue)
Beautiful day. Elmer Black was not to school today. Clara Stemen visited school today, Grace G., Byron McKee & myself performed an experiment in Physics today. Revival meetings began tonight. Mr. Someone from some-place conducted the meetings. I don't like his preachings, but I hope he will be successful. Roy Tipton had Lura McCullough to church, oh my! They are soft. Text of sermon "Verily, verily I say unto you unless a man be born again he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

Mar 1 (Wed)
Went to school today and also to Mr. Trautman's funeral. They let school out after our arithmetic class. I went

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with Nellie to her rooms and then to the church. It was the first verse of the 23 Psalm. Mrs. Harper died this morning at 8 o'clock. She will be buried Friday. Nettie's horse Roy horse kicked last night and Nettie's folks had to come down after her. She is going to stay down the rest of this week. The Reform girls want to use the CCC for their moving picture show tomorrow night, but I will not go on account of the meetings. They are going to have moving pictures Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Saw Frank when I was coming home from the church. He was untying the horses at the hitch rack. He said something to me and Aunt Min. Roy Maxwell tipped his hat to me, and Chet said something. Nettie came down after me to go to church with her. The Crowd went to church together. Frank came in late, and him and Roy took Nettie and I home. Frank and I took a little walk; we stopped at the gate and talked a little while, and then Roy and Nettie came by to get a ride home with Frank.

Mar 2 (Thu)
Went to school today. Very cloudy. Looks like it may rain, but it didn't. The Reforms wanted us to sing for the moving pictures, but I won't on account of meeting at the ME church. The other girls will not sing either. Frank said last night he would be down tonight and if there was not band practice, he would take me to church, and if there was band practice, he would come down to the church after. I guess he did not come. We had a fine sermon. We girls had to sing in the choir. We got the flowers for Mrs. Harper's funeral tonight; we were awful tired.

Mar 3 (Fri)
Great crowd to Mrs. Harper's funeral. Mr Telfer preached. We took the flowers home tonight after school. There wasn't any school from eleven o'clock until one. Artie and Geneva have fell out. I got a note today from Byron asking me if I was going to church tonight, and if not would I accept his company to the entertainment. I wrote back and said that I was going to church. When he got it, he looked at me so funny and then looked at Artie and Jerry (they were all visiting school), and then they all began to laugh, and Rosa laughed out loud. Artie had wrote the note and signed Byron's name to it. Rosa said my face got as red as scarlet. School is out for a week. Went to church. Mr. Rutledge went home last night but the trains were late so Mr. Brinten (preacher) could not get here. Mr. Telfer preached until time for his train. Frank came down and met me at the church, and took me home. He wanted me to go to the show at the Reform Church, but I said we would be late so we did not go. He asked me to go tomorrow night and I said I would, for there is not going to be any church.

Mar 4 (Sat)
Beautiful but cloudy in the morning. Worked all morning & very tired. Baked a banana cake. Popped some popcorn in afternoon. Ethel Crow came back from the Junction this evening but is going back tomorrow night. Will Dyche intended to meet her at the train, but he didn't. Grace Gunderson & Ransom McKee have quit. Such a time. Went to the Reform Church show in the evening with Frank. It was fine: gramophone music and moving pictures. From the birth of Mary Queen of Scots to her execution and the places where she had lived was given. A song called The Blue Bell was sang on the Gramophone and pictures by the machine. It was beautiful. It was about a soldier bidding his sweetheart good bye and telling her he is going to war. There was other pictures about history, and geography, and funny things. Frank and I spent the rest of the evening eating popcorn and candy. I read "Munsey's Magazine".

Mar 5 (Sun)
Went to Sunday School & Reform Church—quite a crowd. I visited with Ethel Crow. Mina, Ruth & Myrtle Foster was here this afternoon. I went to ME League this evening. Frank was not down in time to take me. He brought his mother and sister to church later. He took me home and then went right back to the chuch. He did not come in and I told him not to stop at the gate for he would keep his folks waiting. He went off a little mad I guess, but I don't care. Mr. Briten preached. His text was found in Heb. 9-27. John Heath had Rosa to church. Read "Ainslee's Magazine".

Mar 6 (Mon)
Cloudy all day. Went over to Grace Gunderson's, and then went uptown. Grace is not very well, she has a cold.

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George (*brother*) said Nettie and her father was in town this morning. I went to church this evening. Mr. Rutledge preached; his text was "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." The sermon was good. Iva Jarrad was converted. Paul (*brother*) took me to church. Just as I was going in, I met Mrs. Abbott and we went in together. In the hall was Frank, Roy and Byron McKee, just getting ready to go in. I did not speak to them, or them to me. They came in for a little while and left just before the preacher began to preach. They had to go to band practice—I do not think I would have went to church if I were them. John Heath said he was not going with Rosa anymore. Read "The Cosmopolitan" magazine.

Mar 7 (Tue)
Wrote two letters, one to Minnie and the other one to Clara. I went over to Grace G's and we went uptown and then over to Abel's. It is so sad to think that the baby is blind, and you can notice it too. After I came home, Mama wanted me to take some beets over to the Gunderson's, so I went over and stayed the rest of the afternoon. I did not intend to stay but we got to talking over old times and forgot how time flew. Went to church in evening. The text was found in Luke 26-23, very good sermon. Frank was not there. I wonder if he thinks I am mad. Read the "Argosy Magazine".

Mar 8 (Wed)
Beautiful day and such a contrast to yesterday. Grace G. came over and we went over to Nan's and then uptown. It was too nice to stay indoors. Grace got eighteen copies of class books. Rosa got the class pins but she did not come up to church, so we did not get ours. Geneva had her pin on. Went to church tonight alone but Grace and Paul came home with me. Lura said something to me so I did not hear the text of the sermon, but it was about Elijah calling on God to consume the alter with fire. Began to read "The Delineator" (magazine).

Mar 9 (Thu)
Charlie Marshall, Mamma's half uncle from Colorado, came today to visit us. Mamma's Aunt Carrie from Minnesota is at the Junction but cannot come because she took sick. (*Note - Charlie Marshall and Carrie Marshall were half-siblings of Louisa Marshall Ingraham, Carrie Ingraham's mother, and Margaret Buser's grandmother*). Uncle Charlie was here 16 years ago. Artie Trautman and John Heath took Grace and myself buggy riding this afternoon. They had an awful nervous horse. I was frightened half to death all the time. Grace and myself was uptown twice. I mailed three letters: picture & letter to Aunt Mary Ingraham (*Margaret's grandfather David Ingraham's sister in Massachusetts*), and a letter to Frances J. Went to church with Grace. Text of sermon was found in Luke 14-18. Frank came to church, then went to band practice, then came back and took me home, and then went back again. He said he would be down maybe Friday, Saturday or Sunday. I said he makes me tired.

Mar 10 (Fri)
Uncle Charlie was here all day and for dinner. He wanted me to go to Junction with him in the evening, if not then tomorrow. Mamma, Aunt Min and George went to the Junction. Uncle Charlie paid their way down and back. He calls me Madgie. He is coming back again soon. Went uptown in afternoon with Grace & over to Nan's. Went to church. Text was found in Luke 9-61, very good sermon. Mrs. Foster sang a solo. Read McCalls Magazine. Begun "Peggy". Frank did not come down tonight.

Mar 11 (Sat)
Beautiful day. Word sent from Junction for me to come down today, but I am not going. Finished reading "Peggy" this afternoon. It is a very good book. Frank came down and took me to church this evening. I heard him knock once, but I thought it was Paul upstairs. When he knocked the second time, I went to the door. I was ready to go to church so we went to church. Frank spent the rest of the evening here. He said he was helping someone move yesterday and went by here six or seven times. The boys said they saw him, but if I did, I didn't know him. Text of sermon was found in Gen. 15-12. Frank and I have decided to keep on going together.

Mar 12 (Sun)

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Uncle Walter (*Ingraham, Margaret's mother Carrie's brother*) was coming over but didn't. Went to SS & ME Church. Roy Abbott sang in choir and so did I. Text of sermon was found in Jeremiah 18-4. Mrs. Storm and Nettie was to church. Preacher asked me what my name was and held my hand a long time. My! Snowed all afternoon & evening. Begun "Vara". I did not sing in the choir this evening, I didn't want to. Frank came down and took me to League. Text was found in Daniel 7-9. Nellie Miller, Nettie, Frank & myself all sat in that little short seat. Mrs. Storm was in front of us. When the call came for the Christians to come forward, I and Nellie went up, and I left my money for collection in the seat. Frank & Nettie had an awful time finding it. I searched my gloves and pockets. The League intended to continue meetings this week, but there was not any conversions so they ended last night. Frank and I spent the rest of the evening here at home, a very pleasant evening. Frank said if he wanted to go with anyone, he would let me know and asked me to do the same. Frank promised not to read any of the letters I wrote to Roy Maxwell.

Mar 13 (Mon)
Snowing all day. Uncle Charlie and Ina (*daughter of Margaret's Aunt Carrie Marshall Reed*') did not come. Mrs. Foster sent word to me that she thought it was my Christian duty to talk to Roy Abbott. I wrote to him and he said if he only had faith he would become converted. Mr. Rutledge changed his mind about preaching and we will continue the (conversion) meetings. The text was found in John 5-8. Frank was here until the 8:18 train came, and then he went to band practice. Mrs. Underwood said she was going to ask Roy Abbott to her house tomorrow and have the preacher talk to him. Glenn McCullough is also interested in him. Silva H and Audra Foster were converted. Geneva asked me to lead league with her next Sunday night. We are going to take final exam in General History tomorrow..

Mar 14 (Tue)
Snowed almost all day today. Took Exam in General History. Questions were rather hard. Roy Abbott wants to lead League with Geneva. I guess he will. Grace Stickney wanted me to sing a duet with Jennie Reeder next Friday at Literary, but I won't. Roy Abbott ate dinner at Underwood's, but he is not converted. Finished reading "Vara" and begun "Hilda Strafford". Frank came to take me to church and home. He also brought Nettie and had to hurry back to church after her. He said if nothing happened he would be down tomorrow night. He belongs to church and said he would go up front with me when they called for the Christians. Nettie was up with the girls tonight. Winifred English, Zula Abbott & Ida Heath were converted tonight. Frank said that Chet Jarrard was going to ask to take Geneva home.

Mar 15 (Wed)
Beautiful day. Nettie came to school today and took her examination. Nellie Miller told me a secret that no one knows (except Geneva, Rosa, Artie, John Heath and Nellie). She told me never to let on that I know it. Artie and Geneva have quit only for two weeks, and then they are going together again. They are pretending that they have quit and are mad. Frank came down and took me to church. He spent the rest of the evening here. We read part of a book that has Bible verses in puzzle form and those we could not make out we hunted up in the Bible. In church we sat over on the boys' side, third seat from the front. I only sat there once before and that was the evening of the dedication. Frank said he would like to come down tomorrow night but he has to go to band practice, so I told him not to come.

Mar 16 (Thu)
Did not whisper today at school. Mr. Reeder does not like it when Roy Maxwell hollers when he goes by their home (he always hollers when he comes by here, too). Mrs. Reeder told Ed Bennett, and Ed said he would slap him sometime, so this afternoon Ed went up and said some things to him and slapped him twice and left the prints of his fingers on his face. Roy jumped on his horse and went right home. I do not think it was any of Ed's business. Went to church and sat beside Lewis McCullough and sang with him out of the same book. Frank thought I came with him, and Elmer said he was done for, and the boys thought it a great joke on Frank. When he saw that Lewis did not take me home, Frank took me home. He said he would not be down tomorrow night

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for he was about dead for sleep. Sleepy head! Said he would come down Sunday night. He was a little cross.

Mar 17 (Fri)
Nettie had me come in the hall this afternoon and told me that she did not want to have anything more to do with Crete, and that she had heard a bad story about her and she never did enjoy herself in Crete's company. She also said that her mother forbade her going with her. Mr. B. gave us a lecture for our Physics class about the Telephone. Went to church tonight. Text of sermon Luke 19-10. Very good. Mr. Brenton will preach tomorrow night. I guess Roy Abbott and Jessie have made up for he took her home. Learned some more of my oration. Rosa got a letter from John Heath. Papa got his coat torn to pieces by the train. Uncle Charlie came last night. We got word the other day that Ina was worse. They sent for her mother for they thought she was dying. Aunt Carrie came, and now Ina is better.

Mar 18 (Sat)
Beautiful day but rain rain rain all evening. Uncle Charlie went out to Uncle Walter's & stayed all night. Was here all forenoon today and stayed for dinner. We had company almost all day. Went uptown twice with Grace Gunderson. Ransom McKee took her home from church tonight. Was up to Grandma's and stayed a while. Uncle Charlie gave Grandma and Aunt Min each a shirtwaist set and a new gingham dress apiece. Went to church; quite a crowd there, and raining too. Scripture lesson found in SS John 10 chap, a portion of it. Mr. Brenton begun a very interesting sermon but took sick suddenly and then fainted. I was sitting up in choir, and when he stopped, I told GG he was going to faint. They got the doctor and took him to Underwood's. Poor man. He looked quite white and sick. He is working himself sick going to college and preaching.

Mar 19 (Sun)
Mr. Brenton went home to Iowa City last night. He was too sick to preach, the doctors said, and he was too sick to go home, but he would go. They had to almost carry him to the depot. The doctor told him if he did not stop and take a rest, he would get down and never get up. Went to ME Sunday School & Reform Church. Went to the League in afternoon with Grace G., and then we & Jessie went over to Grace Stickney's and spent rest of afternoon there. I got a letter from Will Dyche and he wants me to answer, but I will not because Papa does not want me to. He said he heard Will making fun of Frank and me, and if he had not stopped when he did, Papa would have made him stop. I went to League. Frank came down a little after the last bell rang, then he took me to the Reform church and we spent the rest of the evening at home. Frank and Nettie went over to Letts Saturday, and on account of the storm did not get back until 4 o'clock today. Roy Tipton & Lura McCullough, Byron McKee & Crete Hannan, Geneva & Artie, Nellie B & Ralph T were to church. I copied my oration over in the afternoon and gave it to Mrs. Underwood to read because she said she would not be here to hear me say it and she would like to see it.

Mar 20 (Mon)
Cloudy today and misting this evening. Nettie was not to school today. I do not know why she did not come. The roads are awful bad. Grace Stickney said Will Dyche's letter was as good as a dime novel. I found a letter Grace Gunderson wrote to me when she was ten years old. I took it to school and we all almost laughed ourselves sick over it. We had a class meeting after school and decided not to have all the orations given when we graduate. We will have the class history & profess?? and Mr. Abel is to choose three other ones, and then we will have a play. Mr. Abel is awful cross today. Uncle Charlie started to Battle Creek, Mich. tonight. Aunt Min went to Junction, I read.

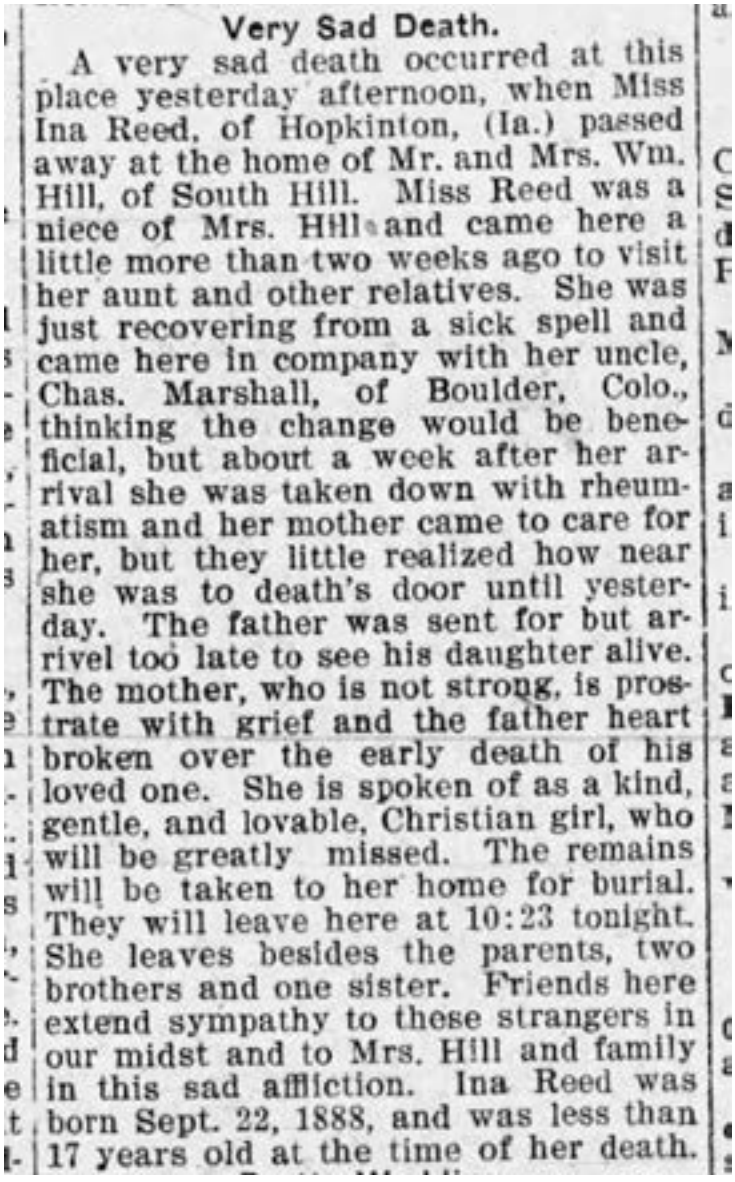
Mar 21 (Tue)
Nettie came down today. She will not have anything to do with Crete and Maudie. They was walking the street all evening together and then with some boys. We are going to have an evening program next Friday. I did not whisper yesterday or today. Walked uptown with Nellie Miller and then down home and over to Grace's barn with Nettie. She said Frank did not come down last night. She gave me a letter for Roy Maxwell, and I was to give

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it to Papa (to give to Roy) when he went uptown, but Roy and Chet was not uptown. Did not have CCC because Mr. Abel had to go hunting. Will have it Thurs. night. Read Ladies' Home Journal.

Mar 22 (Wed)
Got over to the corner just as Nettie did, so we walked to school together. Almost all the girls in our class got brown caps. I and Nettie did not. Mamma wanted me to get one. Crete and Maudie are trying to get Nettie to be friends again, but she won't. I hope she will never chum with them again. We was going to have class meeting tonight, but Mr. Abel went to a reading. I did not whisper today. There is to be a social at Woodman Hall Saturday evening by the Reforms. Ice cream, cake and coffee served. Awful wreck in Iowa City today. Someone unsp??? the switch. Shake McKee was here and took the assessment this evening. Read People's Home Journal.

Mar 23 (Thu)
Ina (Reed) died today. They sent for Uncle Charlie and Arthur Reed (*her father*). Mamma and Aunt Min was going down but decided not to go until tomorrow noon. A conductor was killed last night near West Liberty. Uncle Sam (*Buser*) had a runaway and was hurt pretty bad. I was talking to Aunt Ann over the telephone tonight after school. Nellie Miller, Lura McCullough, Jessie Smith & myself was to have a duet for tomorrow night, but we have decided not to. CCC met tonight. A whole string of boys followed us uptown.

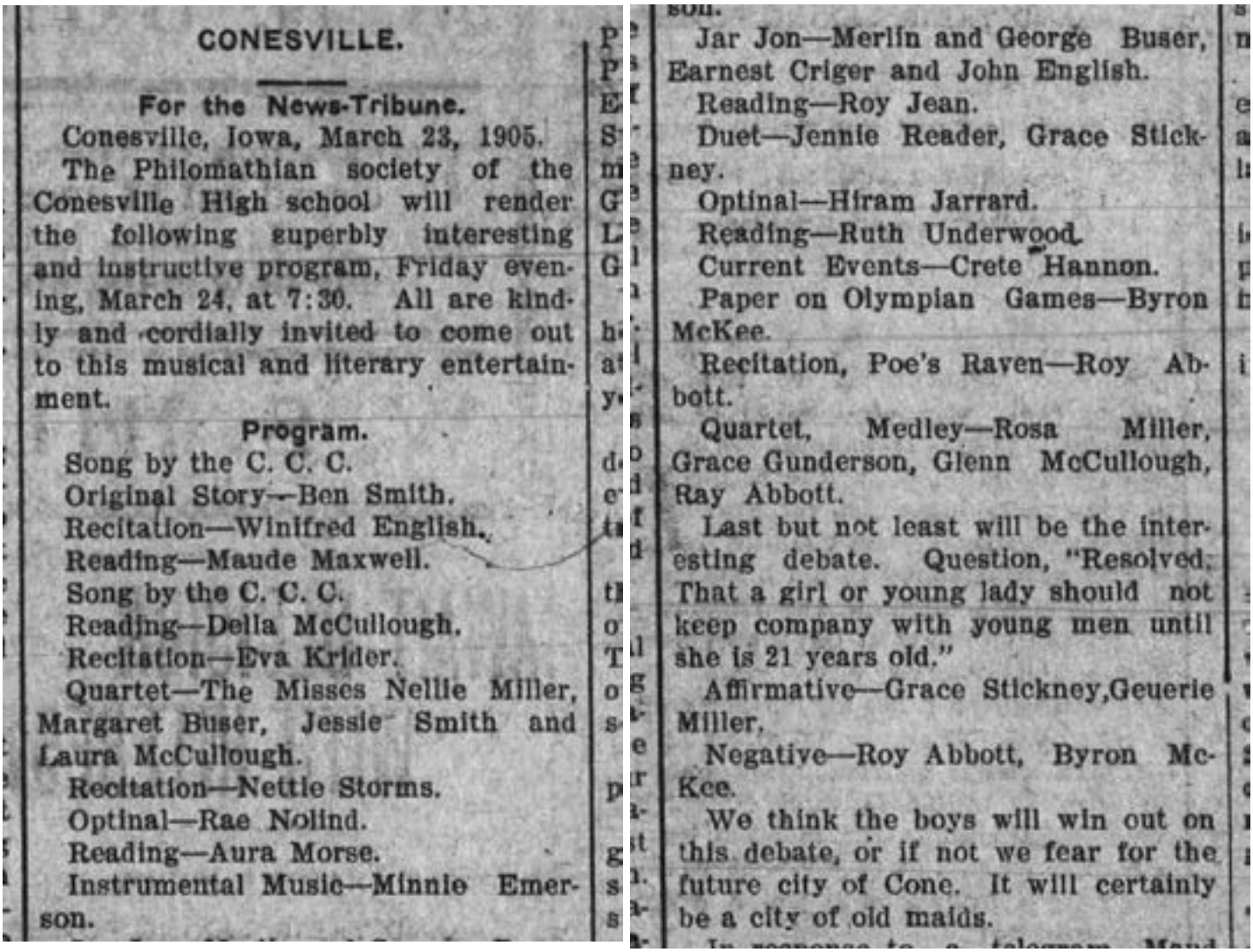


Very Sad Death.

A very sad death occurred at this place yesterday afternoon, when Miss Ina Reed, of Hopkinton, (Ia.) passed away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill, of South Hill. Miss Reed was a niece of Mrs. Hill and came here a little more than two weeks ago to visit her aunt and other relatives. She was just recovering from a sick spell and came here in company with her uncle, Chas. Marshall, of Boulder, Colo., thinking the change would be beneficial, but about a week after her arrival she was taken down with rheumatism and her mother came to care for her, but they little realized how near she was to death's door until yesterday. The father was sent for but arrivel too late to see his daughter alive. The mother, who is not strong, is prostrate with grief and the father heart broken over the early death of his loved one. She is spoken of as a kind, gentle, and lovable, Christian girl, who will be greatly missed. The remains will be taken to her home for burial. They will leave here at 10:23 tonight. She leaves besides the parents, two brothers and one sister. Friends here extend sympathy to these strangers in our midst and to Mrs. Hill and family in this sad affliction. Ina Reed was born Sept. 22, 1888, and was less than 17 years old at the time of her death.

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Mar 24 (Fri)
Mamma & Aunt Min went down on the noon train. It is sad to think Ina died so young. They wanted me to come, but I did not know it. Nettie said Frank came to town last night. Nettie called me in the hall and told me all about it. She said Frank and Roy Maxwell last night heard Crete Hannan & Maudie laughing, and followed them, and found them and Bryon McKee & Roy Jean in an old house by McCurdy's. Nettie said she was not going to have anything more to do with Crete. Nettie and I came back here in the afternoon and she stayed all afternoon. She came to practice her two pieces for tonight at the Literary Program. A large crowd was there. The girls won the debate question: "Resolved, that a girl or young lady should not keep company with young men until she is 21 years old." Geneva & Grace Stickney were on the side for the girl not to go until 21, Roy Abbott & Byron McKee against them. Frank took me home and we took a walk around town. The reason we did not go in (to my home) was Will James from West Liberty was here and stayed late. Frank said he would be down tomorrow night if it did not rain.



CONESVILLE.

For the News-Tribune.

Conesville, Iowa, March 23, 1905.

The Philomathian society of the Conesville High school will render the following superbly interesting and instructive program, Friday evening, March 24, at 7:30. All are kindly and cordially invited to come out to this musical and literary entertainment.

Program.

Song by the C. C. C.
Original Story—Ben Smith.
Recitation—Winifred English.
Reading—Maude Maxwell.
Song by the C. C. C.
Reading—Della McCullough.
Recitation—Eva Krider.
Quartet—The Misses Nellie Miller, Margaret Buser, Jessie Smith and Laura McCullough.
Recitation—Nettie Storms.
Optinal—Rae Nolind.
Reading—Aura Morse.
Instrumental Music—Minnie Emerson.
Jar Jon—Merlin and George Buser, Earnest Criger and John English.
Reading—Roy Jean.
Duet—Jennie Reader, Grace Stickney.
Optinal—Hiram Jarrard.
Reading—Ruth Underwood.
Current Events—Crete Hannon.
Paper on Olympian Games—Byron McKee.
Recitation, Poe's Raven—Roy Abbott.
Quartet, Medley—Rosa Miller, Grace Gunderson, Glenn McCullough, Ray Abbott.
Last but not least will be the interesting debate. Question, "Resolved, That a girl or young lady should not keep company with young men until she is 21 years old."
Affirmative—Grace Stickney, Geuerie Miller.
Negative—Roy Abbott, Byron McKee.
We think the boys will win out on this debate, or if not we fear for the future city of Cone. It will certainly be a city of old maids.

Mar 25 (Sat)
An April day: rainy and then sun shining. We moved the dresser upstairs. Never knew we could get it up before. Rosa and Grace Gunderson came after me to go uptown. Nettie and her mother came down and right back. Nettie told the girls that she could not come down tonight but Frank would. Anna Owens is in town. We saw her on the street and we went to Grace Stickney's to get away from her. I telephoned down to Nettie and asked her why she would not bring down the butter. She said Frank did not churn it, and for me to come up and churn. I could not hear her for someone was talking on the other line about babies and chickens, and we got all mixed up. There

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is a couple in town; they came to be married and their name is Johnson. They came two or three days ago and are staying at Beck's now; couldn't get anyplace else. The first night they was to Mr. George Clifton's. They walked to Junction one night and back the next day. There was some merchandise stole out of a car in town, and there is a detective of the Rock Island RR here watching them (this is a secret Papa told us). The detective searched this couple's things and found something, but not what they wanted. Frank did not come down tonight. Crete Hannan came over and asked to go to social with me. She went with me, and Byron took us home. She thought Byron was not coming and she wanted me to call him. I was mad—I did not want to be seen in her company. She came because Maudie did not come down.

Mar 26 (Sun)
Beautiful day. Went to Sunday School and Reform Church. Nettie came down for church with Grace Yocum. She brought the butter down and brought me home in the buggy. Papa, Mamma, Merlin, Paul and myself went up as far as the crossing on the hand car this afternoon and walked the rest of the way to Uncle Sam's; he broke his ribs in that runaway. He is a little better I guess. I talked to Nettie over the telephone for over one half an hour. Frank tried to interrupt us, he would whistle, sing, halloo, crow like a rooster and at last put the gramophone up there and played a piece. We had a big time. Frank said if he had known that it was me talking, at least he would not have kept as still as long as he did. We certainly did have some fun. Frank came down and took me to League and Reform church. He spent the rest of the evening here. I wrote 20 votes for councilman for Papa when Frank was here. It did not take very long. We spent a very pleasant evening.

Mar 27 (Mon)
Papa went to West Liberty to load sails today. Maudie Maxwell's mamma made her quit Crete. She is going with Nettie now. Crete walked uptown with Nellie and I. She need not think she can go with me. Nettie said someone paid me a very nice compliment but did not say who. I went uptown after supper to mail a letter and get a money order for Easter programs. Artie was just mailing a letter to Geneva. Papa was elected councilman. Shake McKee told me he wondered who wrote the tickets. I am awful glad there will not be a saloon now. Frank was in town for band practice but but did not come down here. I read People's Home Journal.

Mar 28 (Tue)
Nettie and I went in the hall this morning. I had my waist (blouse) tried on after school. Roy Abbott asked to take Rosa home and buggy riding after CCC. She told me she would not go riding with him, but she let him take her home after CCC. Roy and George was the only boys there. Nettie did not come down—too rainy. Awful dark night. Grace Gunderson fell off the sidewalk. Mina and I went after Nellie Miller and Geneva, and we took them home.

Mar 29 (Wed)
Cloudy until after dinner and then the sun shone beautifully. Someone, I think it was John English, put a large dead rat in our desk at school. It frightened us a little. We got our class ribbons at noon. There is to be a class meeting tomorrow night at Gunderson's. Nettie and I was in the hall this morning and afternoon. When we were in there this morning, Roy Maxwell came along and talked to us a long time. Did not whisper today or yesterday. Almost lost my underskirt at noon. Nettie told me before I got to the door. Frank Dyche had a runaway (horse) about eight o'clock at the train depot. Mable Creiger was in the buggy. It happened in front of our house. They were all thrown out, and the buggy wheels went over Frank D's head. Mabel was hurt a little bit, but Frank most of all. Got my oration committed.

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THREE HURT IN RUNAWAY.

Accident at Conesville Injures Party, One Perhaps Seriously.

Conesville, Ia., March 30.—Three persons were injured, one perhaps seriously, by a runaway team here last night. The occupants, Frank Dyche, Mabel Creiger and Iva Orr, were hurled from the buggy, which was dashed against a telephone pole by the maddened horses, which were frightened by the 8 o'clock passenger train. Miss Creiger was so badly wounded that it was necessary to take her home in an ambulance. The other two received a number of severe bruises. The vehicle was demolished.

Mar 30 (Thu)
Beautiful sunshiny windy day. Nellie Ballard & Ralph Tipton, Geneva Millller & Artie Trautman were buggy riding last night. Crete was with Maudie this morning. Nettie & Maudie walked uptown together, and Nellie Miller and myself started, but Crete caught up with us. About five o'clock I was upstairs dressing. Crete came over and asked for me. Merlin went to the door and Mamma told her I was dressing and also motioned to Merlin not to ask her in, but he did and I had to come down. She and Geneva were to go to Class meeting together but Geneva got a letter from Artie and could not go. Crete then asked me if I was going buggy riding with Frank before the meeting, if I was going to have any company and if she could go along. I told her I was not going buggy riding, and Nettie was coming down and I supposed she could go with us, it was such a short distance. She came over at seven and it was not to begin until half past. Nettie came after me and when we stepped out of the door there was Frank standing there ready to take me and Nettie for a buggy ride. Roy Maxwell was to take Nettie as soon as he came from uptown. Nettie said something about a buggy ride, and when Frank saw Crete he jumped into his buggy, said "I guess not", turned around and went uptown as hard as he could go. Nettie was mad at Crete. We did a lot of business at the class meeting. Was not out until after nine. Byron took Crete home. Nettie & I went uptown and back. Roy Abbott & Rosa, Ransom McKee & Grace Gunderson, Geneva & Artie sat on the depot platform and listened to the band. Also Jessie, but she did not have any boy. About ten the band tried a march, it sounded beautiful. Nettie and I went out on the porch and sat a long time. Frank did not come down for Nettie until 11:30. They started right home and Roy Maxwell stopped a while to talk about Crete. Frank came back and went across the track and said it looked like someone was trying to "butt in". He came back and said he didn't care if we talked all night. Then Roy went home.

Mar 31 (Fri)
Today—beautiful day. Crete told an awful lie. Geneva did not ask Crete to go to the class meeting, and Crete said I asked her to go with me. Goodness. Nettie said that Frank came back to see what Roy Maxwell was talking to me for. He was awful mad about Crete, and so was I. Nettie and I ran away from her after school.

Apr 1 (Sat)
Beautiful day. Very warm. Went over to Underwood's in the afternoon & then up to the post office. Meet Nellie Miller on the corner and went to Smith's store. Jessie came in and we went to the post office again. I went over to Jessie's and read the Gazette. Aunt Lil (*Buser*) brought some queer Cone items. Grace Gunderson came while I was there. She had been to the dentist office and said she had been looking all over town for me. Grace wanted me to come over in the evening. Nellie Miller came over for me to take a walk. We went up around the town, and just as we got to the corner, Frank drove up and asked us if we wanted a buggy ride. We got in and rode around

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town and past McCormick's, and when we came back we let Nellie out and then we took a ride. I got a good April Fool on Merlin, Mamma and Paul.

Apr 2 (Sun)
Beautiful day. Went to Sunday School & Reform Church. Frank brought Nettie down. Bill Dyche was in town, he brought Ethel down from Junction last night. I guess he wanted to take us for a ride after Sunday School but Nettie was with me, and I was glad of it. Band played in the afternoon. Frank came down to play in the band. Artie & Geneva, Roy Abbott & Lura were buggy riding in the afternoon. Frank stayed down all afternoon and came to my house before League. We went to League and ME Church. Text sermon Matthew 24-27. I read a reference in League. Mrs. Top Miller's hat fell off in League. Maudie almost had her arm around Frank, teased him like everything. He said he was always worrying for fear I would go with someone else. He treated me to candy and gum; I did not take the gum. Read "The Begger Maid", T"he Book", "The Grandmother", "The Letters", "Enid". Rained a little in the evening.

Apr 3 (Mon)
Nellie Miller said that they intended for me to come home with them for dinner, but I went to Sunday School so quick they didn't have time to ask me. Went in the hall with Nettie in the morning and afternoon. We drew lots after school as to how we were to come on the program commencement night. I got #3. I am glad I am not the last. I wanted the first after the Class History, but Grace Stickney got it. I went to business meeting of League at ME Church in evening. Frank was down to band practice but did not get to see him. Read "Good Literature".

Apr 4 (Tue)
Nettie said Frank was counting on having a good time Thursday night. Rosa got a note from Roy Abbott asking to take her home tonight from CCC. She said "Another note! I haven't got time to write him all the time!" and also a lot of other things. He heard her, for when she went in the hall he came back and asked about it. I did not tell him whether she said it or not. He said he was playing a rather desperate game, and what did I think? I said he had better watch out. Rosa came out of hall then, and Roy went back to his seat. He wrote several notes asking me about it. I said, didn't she let him down once?, etc. He said it was his turn now. He had her dated for tonight, and he said he would let her down. I tried to get him to talk to her. I wish I was not in it. I did not tell him anything she said. Rosa said something about it at CCC, and is mad I guess. Nettie did not come down to CCC. Will Jones from West Liberty was here when I got back.

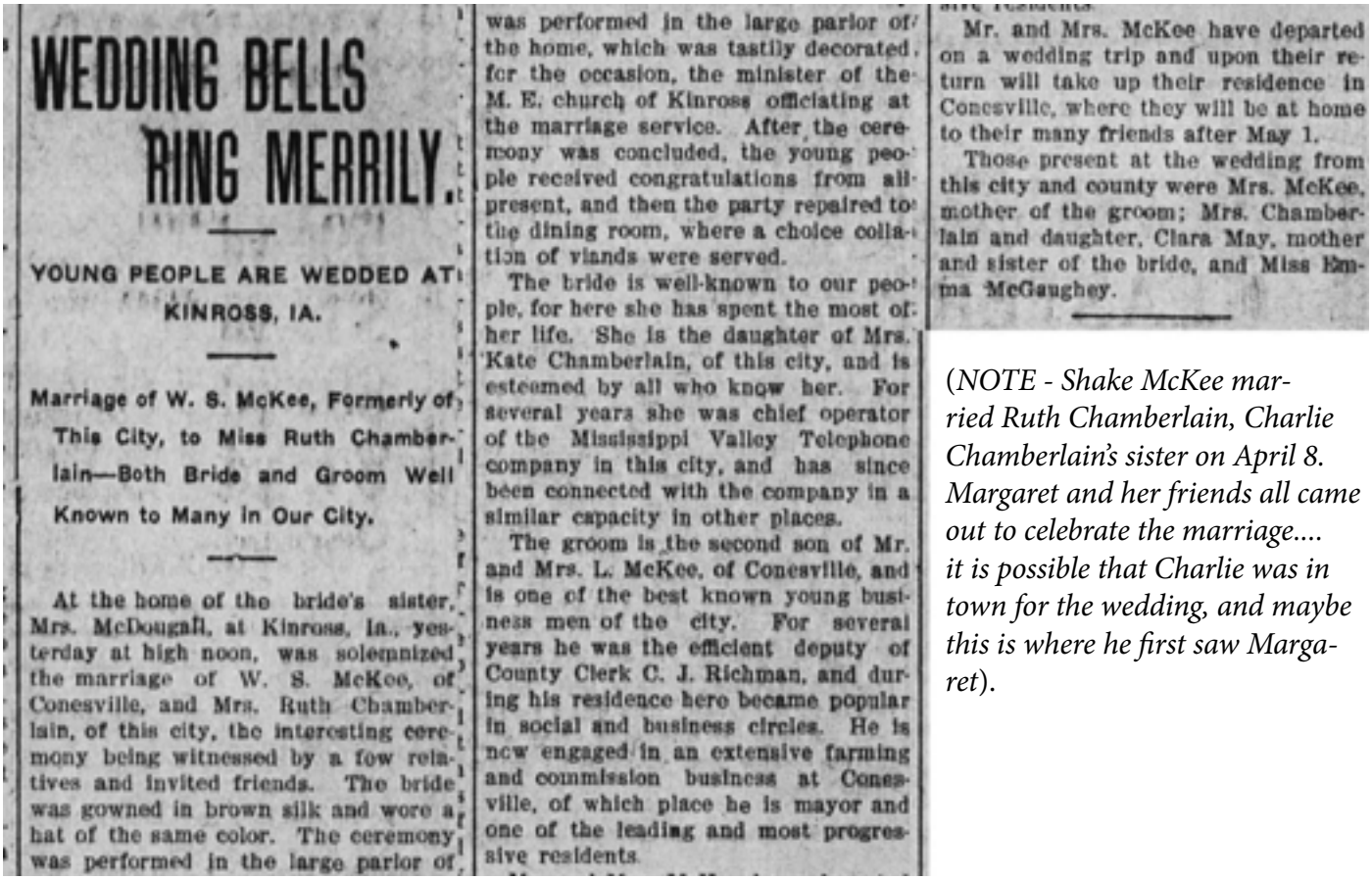
Apr 5 (Wed)
Well, another cloudy sun shining and windy day. Cold too. Oh dear! Grace Stickney's father died this morning. She has been to New Bedford a week. A man came to the school house and wanted a teacher for Pike School House, two miles and half from Nichols. Miss Abel said Grace wanted a school to teach at, so the man said she could have it if she would get there by Monday. Mr. Abel sent a letter to Grace last night and she answered it today. She said she would accept the position and go to Muscatine School and take the exam. She will get thirty dollars a month. I hope she will pass. Mr. Whitted (county superintendent) will help her. Roy Abbott did not come down last night. Him and Rosa do not speak now. She was awful mad at me, but she is not now. Nettie told Frank that we were going buggy riding with someone else while they were playing in the band, and he was raving mad. She done it in fun. Nellie Miller said someone told her we were to be married in June. Such a lie. Roy Maxwell brought Geneva and Maudie to CCC. Nettie is mad about it. I do not blame her.

Apr 6 (Thu)
Grace Stickney's father is to be buried today at the Junction. Mrs. Daniels paid Geneva's way there and back for taking Charlie down. I sent for the books. Gave Geneva 40 cents for Grace Gunderson's book, but I noticed it only cost 35. The other one did not come. Grace Stickney is going to Muscatine to take exam tomorrow. Crete came over just as I was going to class meeting and we met Nettie at the gate and went to Grace G.'s. After the meeting we slipped off from Crete and came home, and then took a walk around town two or three times. Frank

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did not come down after us to take a ride as he promised, so we were mad. We came home again, and then went to Butcher's Hall just as the band began to play. The band played the march and they had the ice scream supper downstairs. 14 girls went over to the train to meet Geneva, and Nettie and I to get the book. The band stopped playing then, and Frank came over and followed us back. I did not speak to him. After a while he came in and asked to take me to supper, but I said I was not ready. He took me there around eleven. Roy Maxwell did not take Nettie, and she is mad, and I guess he is too. Frank brought me home and said if I would forgive him this time and go with him again, he would never let it occur again. He asked me to forgive him twice, and said he had intended to come down but kept waiting for Roy Abbott to come to class meeting, and but Roy did not come. Frank said he would be down Saturday and Sunday night. He sat down on Nig the cat. He did not get to stay more than ten minutes (for Mrs. Storm & Nettie came down after him because the horse was cutting up.)

Apr 7 (Fri)
Beautiful day. Nettie and I set together all forenoon, most of afternoon and was in hall. Nettie said they were all invited to go to Maxwell's Sunday, and was going if they could get her father to go. She is awful mad at Roy Maxwell, and I would be too. Chet Jarrard asked to take Rosa to supper last night after she had eaten, and Earnest C asked Jessie Smith. I guess Glenn McCullough & Roy Abbott was going to ask Jessie Smith and Lura McCullough, but was too slow. I think the boys were all asleep last night. Had election of officers this afternoon. Roy Abbott and myself were appointed on two program committees. Dear! Gave Grace Gunderson her book and she was pleased. She is eighteen years old. Read Aylemer's Field.



WEDDING BELLS RING MERRILY.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE WEDDED AT KINROSS, IA.

Marriage of W. S. McKee, Formerly of This City, to Miss Ruth Chamberlain—Both Bride and Groom Well Known to Many in Our City.

At the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. McDougall, at Kinross, Ia., yesterday at high noon, was solemnized the marriage of W. S. McKee, of Conesville, and Mrs. Ruth Chamberlain, of this city, the interesting ceremony being witnessed by a few relatives and invited friends. The bride was gowned in brown silk and wore a hat of the same color. The ceremony was performed in the large parlor of the home, which was tastily decorated for the occasion, the minister of the M. E. church of Kinross officiating at the marriage service. After the ceremony was concluded, the young people received congratulations from all present, and then the party repaired to the dining room, where a choice collation of viands were served.

The bride is well-known to our people, for here she has spent the most of her life. She is the daughter of Mrs. Kate Chamberlain, of this city, and is esteemed by all who know her. For several years she was chief operator of the Mississippi Valley Telephone company in this city, and has since been connected with the company in a similar capacity in other places.

The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. L. McKee, of Conesville, and is one of the best known young business men of the city. For several years he was the efficient deputy of County Clerk C. J. Richman, and during his residence here became popular in social and business circles. He is now engaged in an extensive farming and commission business at Conesville, of which place he is mayor and one of the leading and most progressive residents.

Mr. and Mrs. McKee have departed on a wedding trip and upon their return will take up their residence in Conesville, where they will be at home to their many friends after May 1.

Those present at the wedding from this city and county were Mrs. McKee, mother of the groom; Mrs. Chamberlain and daughter, Clara May, mother and sister of the bride, and Miss Emma McGaughey.

(*NOTE - Shake McKee married Ruth Chamberlain, Charlie Chamberlain's sister on April 8. Margaret and her friends all came out to celebrate the marriage.... it is possible that Charlie was in town for the wedding, and maybe this is where he first saw Margaret*).

Apr 8 (Sat)
Beautiful day. Shake McKee was married Thursday, and Mrs. McKee gave a dinner today. Shake and his bride came on the noon train. The band met them at the train and played from the time it came in until it went away. Then they put the relatives that came with them in a carriage, and bride and groom in an open road engine, and the band marching ahead went over by McKee's down that street by Hoffman's and over to the house up Main Street by Grandma's, on up by Jones, and to McKee's. When they got to Jones, they stopped and Eva took their

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pictures. Frank was to Lone Tree, so he was not in it. We were all up to Grandma's with our sunbonnets on. Grace Stickney got her school and passed the exam. It was part oral and written. I was talking to her after the band. Grace Gunderson and I went uptown in the afternoon. I went up again after she went home. Sent a birthday card to Clara. Nellie Miller came after me and we went walking in the evening. Frank drove up just as I was in front of Miller's. He had been to my home to call on me. We took a fine ride. We could hear them hollering and shooting. The horse almost fell once, and shied twice.

Apr 9 (Sun)
Uncle Walter (*Ingraham*) and family were over. Frank came down in the afternoon and took me buggy riding until six. Artie & Geneva took Grace Stickney to her school, and we went up that way for we thought we would meet them, but we didn't. We had a very pleasant drive. Frank said his back began to hurt when we were up by the schoolhouse, but did not say anything about it until we were in front of Tipton's. He put his horse in George T's barn and came down here for me to go to League (I was Asst. Leader at League). His back still hurt and his face was awful red with a fever. He kept getting worse, so after League was out we came home. Mrs. Storm and Nettie came down but they didn't know he was sick. Just as soon as we got home, he lay down. He kept getting worse, and all the timed was in awful pain. About 9:30 we sent for the doctor. He was awful bad. The doctor gave him two kinds of medicine, one to deaden the pain. The doctor stayed about an hour and then went home. Before the doctor came, we kept putting hot water and camphor on his head. The doctor told him he could not go home. He wanted to go and said he would run off when we went to bed, but I made him promise he wouldn't. I set up until after one and gave him medicine. My, but his hands and feet was hot. He said the only objection his mother had to his going with me was because I would not make a good farmer's wife. He said I was always his choice of the girls (soft soap!)

Apr 10 (Mon)
I got up before 5. Frank did not sleep any more than an hour all night. His back was a little better. The doctor said he had congestion of the kidneys. I went up at 6 and telephoned to Nettie. They was frightened; they said they thought he'd had a runaway. They was afraid to telephone down for fear people would think he and I had run off. Mrs. Storm run out of the house when she heard the telephone bell ring. George went over to the doctor after the rest of the medicine. We tried to make Frank go to bed again, but he wouldn't. We told him he couldn't go home and he got up and sat up awhile but had to lie down again. Mrs. Storm & Nettie came down about 8:30 and we had to tell the whole thing. Frank was worried so, for he was afraid people would talk. Merlin went up and got the horse and buggy, and Mrs. Storm and Frank went home about 9. Nettie and I went to school then—I wasn't going to, but then I did. Everyone had something to say, even Mr. Abel (not bad though). Nettie telephoned at noon and Frank was sleeping. Poor boy. He said he had cried many a time for fear I would quit him on account of the thing his mother said. He almost cried, he was in such pain last night. Glenn McCullough drew a funny picture about us and I sent it up to him with a few words written on it. The doctor said Frank's illness was due to exposure.

Apr 11 (Tue)
Frank's back was better and he was up and around, but his eyes hurt him. They put a mustard plaster on his back, but Nettie said he lost it in the night. His back is still sore. Glenn McCullough calls me "nurse" all the time. Eva was talking to me about it, and she said Frank was a crank not to do what we wanted him to. Papa said that Mr. Spaulding (a railroad man) was here to see about the claims and when he found that Mr. Rude had not settled ours, he wrote to Chicago and they are going to settle it soon. I do hope we get the money. Wrote a note to Frank about the claim this evening after I came home from CCC.

Apr 12 (Wed)
Grace and Nellie Gunderson came from Letts last night. Nettie and I went uptown before school in morning and I got her a pink neck ribbon. We had three cents left and Mr. Mincher gave us about five cents worth of candy for it. We went in the hall and got our Algebra lesson and ate candy. Nettie turned sixteen. She looks to be older than

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I. I finished Frank's note at noon and sent it up by Nettie. Frank was about the same today. I told Nettie about the claim and she was very pleased. Went to church in evening to practice for Easter. Read The Delineator. I guess there was several couples riding.

Apr 13 (Thu)
Beautiful day but got awful cold in the evening. Nettie forgot to bring a note Frank had for me. She said she would tell me what was in it, but I wouldn't let her. Geneva and Crete dared each other to wear their sunbonnets in the afternoon to school. They came with their sunbonnets on. They looked queer. Crete was riding with Chet J. last night. Frank is better; he got his back blistered from that mustard plaster. He came down to band practice this evening. He said he would only stay an hour and then go home. He was down here about an hour. He said he would be down Saturday night and take me for a ride. I made him promise he would send that note tomorrow. Read McCalls Magazine.

Apr 14 (Fri)
Beautiful cold day. Snowed and sleeted last night. Nettie said that Roy Maxwell & Frank are planning to take us on a buggy ride Saturday night before practice and after. She gave me Frank's note. Better late than never. I let Mamma read it. Grace Gunderson, Geneva Miller, Roy Maxwell and myself spent the whole afternoon in the Laboratory. We was looking at different things through the telescope. We also experimented with the glass prism. It was beautiful. After school I saw the shoe man and ordered another pair of slippers (the ones I ordered and did not get the other time). I am to give back the ones I have if I get the others. Grace Stickney came home on the five o'clock train. I got a new belt buckle and spent the evening making a white silk belt. The girls were intending to get these kind of buckles when they graduated.

Apr 15 (Sat)
Snowed almost all night last night. Cold today, but the sun is shining and the wind is blowing. Eva Jones came down to Grandma's (*Louisa Marshall Ingraham*) this morning and took Shepherd's (her dog) picture twice. Grandma had to stand by him to keep him still so she was taken too. Made me a silk tie and an India linen one this afternoon. Wrote a letter to Frances and Prudence. I did not go uptown. Nettie & Frank stopped for me to go to practice in the evening. We rode around up through town and then to the church. Lee Miller and Geneva & Rosa was not there and we didn't practice. Talked to Grace Stickney awhile and then Nettie and I came home. Frank and Roy Maxwell came down after us and we took a buggy ride about nine o'clock. Went down to Port Allen where there was a show. We drove up to the window, looked in and came right back and let Nettie and Roy out. We stopped in front of my house and waited about 15 minutes. We then rode around town and round them. Frank had an awful cold. Couldn't speak.



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Apr 16 (Sun)
Went to ME Sunday School and stayed after SS to practice for Easter. Leland Crider was here for dinner. Grace Gunderson and Ransom McKee took Grace Stickney to her school. She was dressed in green silk, even her hat. Frank came down and took me to League and church. Very good sermon. I didn't hardly expect Frank. He said last night he would come down if he did not get worse. Surprise party for Underwoods at Chapman's. Temperance lecture Friday night by Pool. Frank said he would come down and take me. Temperance lecture Sunday evening & stereoptic views Monday evening. Chemistry lecture by Austen. Convention held here 29 & 30th. Mr. Brenton has resigned. Frank went home about 10:30, had an awful cold. Don't know whether he will be down tomorrow night. Read "Locksley Hall".

Apr 17 (Mon)
Nettie had a lot of jokes to tell me about Saturday night. Frank had quite a time trying to find them after he left me. Roy Maxwell took her almost home and they had to turn around again and come to meet Frank. He was running around town for them but had started home at last. We had a class meeting after dark at Grace Gunderson's. Frank came down to band practice but did not bring Nettie; I didn't see him. Rosa, Grace G. and myself went down to the surprise party for Underwoods at Chapman's after the class meeting. We had a fine time. They got Mrs. Underwood to sing a medley and then to sing "The Old Armchair". After she got through, they brought in a large rocking chair and presented it to them on behalf of the Sunday School. They were so surprised they couldn't say anything at first. We girls and Mrs. Snyder came home early. They were singing when we left. The band was playing when we got to town. I wish the Underwoods weren't going away.

Apr 18 (Tue)
Beautiful day and warmer. Nettie, Roy Abbott and Maudie did not come to CCC. Others did not come either. Geneva was not there. Grace Gunderson, Rosa and myself went up town to mail a letter and get some lined paper. When we got almost to the schoolhouse, a couple of boys came around the ME church and called us. One was Carl Selden and the other was a Kall/Hall? boy. I guess Carl asked Rosa and Grace G. to go with him to a party at Jarrard's. The girls told him there was a temperance lecture that night and couldn't. We experimented some in the laboratory and then sang. After CCC, Grace G., Rosa and I took Jessie home. We all went to town to see why Geneva did not come, and Roy Maxwell looked in the window and saw Artie Trautman, and we started to run, and they went after us and caught us. Nellie had the window open and I went in that way, and the rest was surprised when I came on them. That evening we met Bill Dyche and he ??? to take us home, so he did. Donkey! Read "The Home Maker."

Apr 19 (Wed)
I wore my new sailor suit today. Nettie said we were sisters. I dreamed last night Mrs. Storm had twins. Gee! I was in the new milliner's store after school. Rather fine for Conesville. Went to Easter practice. Nettie and Frank came down and stopped for me, but I was gone. After practice we met up to the post office and went home. I guess the boys were intending to take us girls riding, but they were too slow. They were over by the Reform Church and did not notice when our practice was over. Frank came down after Nettie just as Roy Maxwell got out here with Maudie (*Roy's sister*). They stood and talked awhile. I shut the door and left them to talk. I never spoke to any of them. Rosa and Elmer, Artie and Geneva were riding. I think if there was anyone crazy and slow it is Frank.

Apr 20 (Thu)
I am eighteen today. Mama gave me $1.75 and a washbowl and pitcher. Merlin and Paul a belt. Grace Gunderson a bottle of crabapple perfume and a lay-down collar. Aunt Lil a picture, and Mrs. Reeder a dish. Papa said he was going to get me something but could not get anyplace. Mama wanted me to go to West Liberty with her yesterday but I wouldn't. Pretty slim birthday to what I generally get. Mr. John Shomler from Shellsburg was here this evening. He is brother in law to Prudence (*McMahon*). I am glad I have something to remember my birthday. I

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got a letter from Clara and she said she would send me a birthday present when she could get anyplace. Worst birthday I ever had. Such a day.

Apr 21 (Fri)
Nettie said she thought today was my birthday. She said she was going to get me a book, but she forgot it Saturday. She gave me a collar. Nellie Miller said she sent her mother for a present but she forgot it so I will get one from Nellie when she can get to the Junction to get it. The Reform girls did not come to school in the afternoon. They was decorating the church for Easter. The JJJC were going up after Grace Stickney this afternoon and Hiram J. was going to let them have his horse, but he came to school so they didn't get to go. Rosa, Grace G., Nettie and myself went out after evergreens, and then practiced and decorated the church after the grammar class. Clara Clemon is very sick with pneumonia. John E. got a whipping in the laboratory at noon. Frank came down and we went to the Temperance lecture and then spent the rest of the evening here until eleven. He said he would be down tomorrow night. Geneva's father will not let her go with Artie anymore. She wrote him a letter in the morning and at noon, and was crying. "Good Friday".

Apr 22 (Sat)
Mr. Underwood was here and had bade us goodbye in the morning. Mr., Mrs., and Ruth stopped at the gate when they went to the train. They are going to Newton IA. Mamma and Aunt Min went to West Liberty on the same train with them. Mamma got my graduation dress. It is Persian Lawn. Also lace insertion and all over lace to trim it in. George got me a book (Lowell's poems) for a birthday present. Toodles had three little upstairs this afternoon. Oh my, such a time as I had! Frank came down with Nettie for Easter practice. They came down early and we four (with Roy Maxwell) buggy rode until eight and then we (Nettie and I) went to practice, and then we took a buggy ride after practice. Rode until after eleven. Nettie and Roy M. rode up to Carpey's (?) and then waited for Frank there.

Apr 23 (Sun)
Went to SS in the morning and we had our Easter program. Frank was there. He went home with Roy Maxwell and stayed there until evening. He got his horse clipped. Read "The Princess" and begun Lowell's Poems. I went with Frank to League. I led and Grace G. assisted. I did not stay to the Lecture but went to the Reform Church. They had their Easter Program. Such funny things happened. Frank cannot come and take me to the lecture tomorrow night. It is band practice night. We went buggy riding after we came from the Reform church. Rode until eleven. Mamma was talking to Auntie Held(?) at West Liberty yesterday and Auntie said she heard I was going to be married soon. I don't see how such stories get out. I think they had better wait until we think of such things first. Mr. Brenton preached his farewell sermon this morning, but he is going to stay until after classes.

Apr 24 (Mon)
Cloudy day but warm. Miss Abel and Miss Jones had a quarrel. Something about something Miss Abel said about her. It begun at noon. They had Mr. Abel in it. They begun again after school. I don't know how it ended. Rosa, Grace G. and Geneva were in the hall in the afternoon and they got to laughing, and Mr. Abel went and knocked on the door and told them to take their seats. My but they did look ashamed when they came out. Went to Astronomy lecture in the evening. Ransom McKee had Grace Gunderson there and Will Jones had Nellie Gunderson. Mr. and Miss Abel sat in the same seat with me. I thought I heard Roy Maxwell laughing outside. I suppose he and Frank were out there. Quite a crowd. Good lecture. Ransom wrote down a lot of points for me. Awful dark night.

Apr 25 (Tue)
Rain, rain, rain. Nothing but rain. Begun in the night sometime. I was talking to Nettie about what Auntie Heald said about me getting married soon. She said she had never said anything and it was just some people that was not minding their business that started it. She said her mother said that she wished that Frank would hurry up and settle down or make up his mind to what he is going to do so they could move to town. But Nettie said she

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never said it to anyone but her. I don't care for people will find out they are badly mistaken. Did not go to CCC. I have an awful headache. Geneva Miller is to get the school Clara taught at, she is going to Muscatine Sat to take exam. Clara a little better.

Apr 26 (Wed)
The rain, the awful rain. I do not believe it can clear up. I wish it would hurry up. I am getting tired of it. Nettie did not come to school today. She wanted to stay home yesterday, but her mother wouldn't let her. The Van Tyles have been visiting Emersons all week. Some of them came with Mina to school. The oldest girl (12 years) was with Mina this afternoon. Nice girl. Roy Jean wrote a note over to her asking her if he could see her out buggy riding. We all had a big laugh over it. Read "The Woman's Magazine". If it does not stop raining soon we will all turn into rain. Saw Roy Maxwell uptown.

Apr 27 (Thu)
Misty and cloudy in the morning, clearing a little in the afternoon. Rosa took sick last night (she went home) with the pleurisy. I guess she thought she was going to die. She came to school in the afternoon but took sick again, and her father was in town so they took her home. Bill and Frank Dyche were visiting school today. Frank Dyche had Crete buggy riding before they came to school in the morning. Frank Dyche goes with Grace Yocum. She sets in the front seat with Della McCullough. Jessie sits back of her. Frank came down tonight but did not stay very long. He did not like it because I would not go to Baker or (the) party with him. Said he supposed the reason Roy Maxwell said he was not going was because I was not. Frank is crazy and mad, I guess. I have still got the headache. Oh! My!

Apr 28 (Fri)
I did not go to school this morning but stayed at home and helped Mamma instead. I went to school in the afternoon. The girls said Nettie was laughing with Roy Maxwell and got called down. I wrote a letter to Frank this morning telling him I would go to Baker, but I did not send it. Got an invitation from Clara J. to a select party down to Rosa's. I did not know how I was to go, but Clara sent word up about 5 o'clock to invite Frank and Nettie. Jessie and Crete was not invited. I went right on over and set with Jessie so he (*Frank Dyche?)* could talk to Grace Yocum. After a while Jessie got up and sat with Grace Gunderson. After Grammar class, Frank Dyche got up and set with Grace Yocum the rest of the afternoon. Sickening. Bill Dyche handed Rosa and I a picture on a pin, and it was Rosa's picture. She tore it up and gave it back to him. After she was gone, he wrote a note to me about it. I also got another note from him asking to see me after school. He saw me. It was to tell Ethel Crow that he could not come to see her Saturday and not until two weeks, etc. Golly!

Apr 29 (Sat)
Rosa was worse again in the night, but was better in the morning. She took worse again about ten o'clock, and they sent for Geneva to come and do the work for Mrs. Miller while she took care of Rosa. Rosa was better at noon, and Geneva came back to school. It's her mother that makes Rosa worse. She thinks she is going to die. She has indigestion. Claude Neil was up but he went home on the five. He was down here a short time. Nettie heard that Roy Maxwell took Iva home last Sunday night. She wrote him a fine letter this afternoon. I told her what to say in a good many places. John English ran off this morning. Drew his money out of the bank (five dollars) and went.

Apr 30 (Sun)
Grace Gunderson came over in the afternoon and we went to Grace Stickney's. She has been having quite a time. Ben Abbott, where she boards, fell in love with her. He got her an eight and one half dollar ring for a graduation present. One opal and six diamonds. He got mad at his mother and was going to leave home, and Grace got him to stay and then they got to talking and she said she didn't like him any more than a friend, and it made him mad and he ran off to Nichols and missed his train. When he came back, Grace gave him his ring back and he went off again, and they don't know where he is. He never said goodbye to Grace or anything. Mrs. J. Abbott said

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she never did believe in love at first sight. Grace Gunderson went to the Junction and I went to the train with her. Mrs. Daniels went and got Grace Stickney her graduation dress—the same as mine. Frank came down in the evening and stayed until church time, and took me over to the church door and then he went on up to the band concert. I went up after church. Mr. Thorn preached. It was very good. After band concert I met Frank at the B. Hall and we went in and got our supper (Reform meal). We then took Nellie Miller home and took a walk and then stood at the gate until 11:30. He said after Roy Maxwell took Iva Orr, he wanted Frank to go with Zona Cash(?) He said we girls would never know it. But Frank wouldn't. He said he cares too much for me to do that..

(*Inconsistency with dates here*)

Apr 30 (Sun)
Went to SS & ME church in morning . Mr. Thorn preached. Frank was there but left before it was over, and he looked at me so. I sang in the choir. We had communion and Mr. Thorn spilled the wine on me. All over my hat and white waist and down my neck. It just went drip drip from my hat. I guess everyone had a hard time to keep from laughing. Nettie came down in the afternoon and we went down to see Rosa. Ransom took Grace Stickney and Grace Gunderson down there after Nettie and I came back. We rode around town a while and then went up and visited Clara Steman a while. Nettie telephoned up to her mother and Frank answered. He said for her to stay here and he would bring her mother down. She stayed to our house for supper. Frank took us to League and after League Papa hitched up Nettie's horse, and Nettie and her mother went home. Frank and I went to church. I never saw or heard such a long sermon. I had an awful headache all day. Frank asked me to go to Nichols with him two weeks from tonight. We took a buggy ride after church; it sprinkled a little. Classes are to be held here next week, beginning Wed. Baseball game in afternoon. Frank said the reason he didn't go was because I thought it was wrong, and (*it was*) too late.

May 1 (Mon)
Rosa not so well today. Nettie got a letter from Roy Maxwell, but Maudie (Roy's sister) lost it and Byron McKee found it and opened it and read it. Nettie was mad, and so was I. It was about his going with Iva. Nettie wrote him another one this afternoon. I wrote a note to Clara Steman and sent her two "classmates". Nettie forgot her belt and had to come over and get one of mine. We had an awful time to get one to fit her. She had to get a ribbon. Nellie Miller was over after school She came over after me after supper and I went over there and stayed until after first bell rang for League business meeting, and then went there. I got an introduction to Mr. Cose(?), a worker for Uncle Jone. His folks live at Cone. Religious young man I guess. He had Maude Newcomb to League and then took her to church, but she got up and left him. Harvey S and Ransom and Frank gave Nellie Miller and myself a May basket. I gave mine to the little Foster girl. Band does not play anymore on Monday. Six years ago today we moved from Shellsburg.

May 2 (Tue)
Nettie set with me almost all day today. Grace G. and I said our oration to Mr. Abel after school. He gave me good encouragement about my Physics. He said I had good class grades and had no fear of my not passing. Mr. Abel wants me to add more to my oration. Oh! Dear! Nellie Miller came over after me about 6:30 to go to her house and stay until time for CCC. I went and Mina Emerson came over and we all three went together. Frank and Nettie came down and stopped for me. Then Nettie and Maudie Maxwell went to CCC together. Frank was down there almost all the time I guess. He followed us girls uptown (he and some others). Frank asked us if we wanted a ride, so four of us rode with him, and then he took Grace Gunderson and I for a ride, and then he took me alone. Roy Maxwell had Nettie and Maudie. Roy wanted to get home early I guess, but we wouldn't stop. We had a fine time.

May 3 (Wed)
Nettie went to Lone Tree today so it was very lonesome at school. Rosa is better. Nettie is going to get her brown silk dress for second dress, and Persion Lawn for graduation dress (same as mine). I do not know what to get for

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second dress. Oh! Dear! I wish it was over and I had a lot of money. I went over to the "Gruna? Hall" after supper. Stayed over there quite a while. Then we started for church (Nellie Miller and I). Jessie was out on the porch so she got ready and we took a walk, for there was not very many at the church. Mr. B. preached. Someone else read the scripture lessons. I took Nellie home and went the rest of the way alone. Roy Abbott took Jessie home. Read McCall's Magazine.

May 4 (Thu)
Nettie was to school today so it was not so lonesome. She got both of her dresses for graduation and also her fan. I wished I had both of mine. I took my graduation dress up to Aunt Min and she has begun to make it. I didn't like Crete's. I hope mine will not look like hers. Hers is almost done. She said if she got it done before that night she might wear it. Aunt Min said she would get mine done as quick as she could. Nellie Miller and Jessie came down this evening and we went up to the milliner's store where Nellie got a very pretty hat, and then on to church. Mamma was up to the milliner's store in the afternoon and also got a hat. Mamma said Frank came down in the buggy after me. I saw him uptown but did not speak to him because he was surrounded by so many boys.

May 5 (Fri)
A greater part of the school went to the woods. I didn't; I don't think I could walk so far. Glenn McCullough hinted about driving me, but I didn't take the hint. Mamma was very sick when I returned at noon from school. She took sick after I left in the morning and didn't get to do any work, so I had to do it all in the afternoon. I thought I never would get ready to go to church. Nellie Miller came over in the afternoon and we went uptown and came back and started to make our sun hats. Jessie and Nellie came in the evening after me to go to church. I was there a few minutes when Frank came. I met him at the church door so we went in church together, and went buggy riding after. Frank was mad at me because I didn't speak to him last night. He said he was jealous of Roy Maxwell, and said a whole lot of things. But he got over his mad spell and said he would be down tonight. There was a wreck on the Rock Island and a great many was hurt and killed. About 30 came up in the truck and waited here for the 8:15.

May 6 (Sat)
Mamma was sick all day. I had all the work to do. Baking (except the pies). Swept the whole house, scrubbed the kitchen on my hands and knees, and also scrubbed the well room(?) and the porches. My, but I was tired. I never got through with the work until after four o'clock, and by the time I got my dress changed it was time to get supper. Frank came down to take me riding before church but we just got up by the church when the bell rung. It was a Ladies Missionary meeting program. Very good. Frank had to leave for the band concert, so he went before it was out. He asked where I would be but I didn't know. But he kept track of me just the same. The girls and I sat on the depot platform all the time. George Dyche, Roy Hill, Earl Selders, Jay Wall and Chet Jerrard asked me at different times to go riding. Frank and I went riding after the concert until almost twelve. John English was in town, also Crete, Charley C (*Chamberlain?!*), Grace Yocum & Frank Dyche, so was Geneva and Artie. Almost all of the girls were riding. Nettie and her mother were down. Frank said Roy Maxwell was drinking away and yelling was going on.

May 7 (Sun)
Beautiful day. Went to S. School in the morning; taught Nellie Gunderson's class. Then I went to Reform Church. Mr. Black preached. Frank was there. Nettie and her mother came down together. In the afternoon they had Young People's Meeting. I went. It was very interesting. After it was over, I took a walk with Maudie, and Jessie Smith, Dolly Jones & Mrs. Nayley & Eva, and Mr. Black or Mr. Bloom (I do not know which) went riding. Grace Stickney & Mabel Foster and two Nichols boys were riding and they took her home. I was just eating supper as Frank came down this evening. He had to wait for me. We went riding before League. Went to League and then to the Reform Church. Fine music. There is going to be a supper party at Foster's for Mr. Brenton. Everyone to bring a pound of something Sunday night. Frank said he would take Nellie Miller and I, and then come to get

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us after band concert. Nettie can go alone with Roy Maxwell to Nichols Sunday night, for her mother said she could. Frank and I were riding after church. Rather enjoyable time. Tonight is the end of the classes.

May 8 (Mon)
Wore my linen skirt and white (shirt)waist today. Nettie was down. She went to Lone Tree yesterday afternoon after her dressmaker, Grace Richey. She is an old maid, Frank said. Party at Richey's but he said he was not going. Mamma is better. Nettie is just crazy about next Sunday night. I guess there is quite a number going. I do not know whether Rosa will get to go or not; if she can she is going with Grace Gunderson and Ransom. After supper Jessie, Grace G. and Nellie Miller came down here and we went to the ball grounds and stood on the amphitheater and said our orations. After that we took a walk.

May 9 (Tue)
Oh, my! What a rainy, windy cold day this is! Nettie did not come down today. So it is very lonesome. Nellie Miller did not come either. Grace Gunderson and myself practiced our oration after school. Mr. Abel said he could not do much more to mine, but just keep on practicing. Mina, Jessie, Maudie, Grace G. and myself went to CCC and Mr. Abel had not come yet so we went in through the window. Byron and Roy Jean came, but we did not have much of a CCC.

May 10 (Wed)
Sunshine in the morning and afternoon, but it rained in the evening. Very hot and sultry. Several cyclones in Kansas City and around there. Jessie and I got our graduation hats after school. All white shufaun (*chiffon*). Not sure how I spelled that! Everyone that saw them said they thought they were pretty and we looked good in them. We had a class meeting in the evening at Grace Gunderson's. Nettie and Frank was coming down, but it rained.

May 11 (Thu)
Rained in the morning and afternoon. Did not go to school. Nettie was not there in the morning but came in the afternoon. Roy Maxwell came along in the wagon in the morning and stopped and was talking to me. He said he had a letter with him for Nettie asking her to go with him to Nichols Sunday night. Mamma and I decided to go to West Liberty about a half an hour before train time. My, but we did have to hurry. I went over to the school house and got George to come over to get the key. I got my second dress, gloves, belt, slippers, underwear, etc. There was two cyclones just a short distance from West Liberty. We saw it. The people were all excited over it. We went to McMillan's in the afternoon. Came home on the train. The brakeman tried to flirt with me, but did not get to. I was tired. Begun "Mildred, or The Child of Adoption". I did not get to see Frank, for he was at band practice.

May 12 (Fri)
Nettie was to school today. We had a big time planning to go to Nichols next Sunday night. Nettie wanted me to go up with Roy Maxwell but Frank does not want to me to, so Nettie said. I forgot to say yesterday that I got my ring that Mamma had fixed. It is nice, but too large. I have to wear another ring over it to keep it on. Mr. Baumgartner has gone now for good. I do not suppose they will have a preacher in the Reform Church for a long time now. I went to choir practice in the evening. Nettie and Frank was coming down, but I guess they thought it was going to rain. Mr. Whittier visited school yesterday. I would have liked to have been there.

May 13 (Sat)
Baked two cakes after school yesterday, and put the filling on them this morning. One of them was for the Pound party. Nellie Miller came over in the afternoon and we went uptown. She got some pickles for her pound to take to the party. I got some sugar. I came home and in a short time Grace Gunderson came over for me to go uptown with her. I wrote a letter to Clara R. Grace and I got caught in the rain uptown, so we went in to Stickney's. Grace Stickney was trying on her graduation dress. Pretty. Nellie Miller and I went out and decorated up the carriage that the two Nellies were to ride in. Johnnie Bradshaw wrote Nellie Gunderson a nice letter asking to take her to

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the party, and said he would be at her house if convenient at 7:30. She never answered it. Johnnie came and she slipped out the back way and went to the party and left him sitting there. I don't know how long he stayed. Frank came and took Nellie Miller and I out to Foster's. The rest went in a load. But the boys came after them. Frank took me for a ride after we let Nellie out. We sat out here by the gate and talked a long time. The preacher was here, but not his wife.

May 14 (Sun)
Went to Sunday School. Mr. Brenten preached here in the morning. Nettie went to Lone Tree with their sewing girl and returned in time for her and Frank to come down to church. In the afternoon, Roy Maxwell stopped here and said Frank told him to bring me up there, so I went up with him. Had a fine time going up. He told such funny stories and said such funny things. We ate a lunch at Storm's, and we four went to Nichols to the Baccalaureate Sermon. Had a fine time. There was three girls and one boy in the graduation class. They almost run when they came in. Mr. Brenton preached the sermon. The seats were awful. Stella and Bertha talked to Ransom McKee, Grace Gunderson, Grace Stickney and Artie Ingraham. Elmer said he thought he could beat Frank's time. I think not. Frank said he thought more of me than he thought of his own mother, and more than my own mother thought of me. He said he thought enough of me to kiss me, but he wouldn't because I didn't allow it. We saw some queer sights. Ransom and Grace Gunderson... there's a great many fools in this world. Such is life.

May 15 (Mon)
Nettie set with me almost all day. We had some fun in talking over last night. I told Mamma all about it. Nettie and Jessie had to say their orations tonight after school. Nellie Miller was not there. Johnnie Bradshaw tried to take Nellie Gunderson home, but Nellie ran away and Johnnie ran after her. She ran until they got to Gunderson's and Nellie beat him there. He tried it again that night at church, but she slipped away from him. She wrote him a letter today telling him that she wanted him to leave her entirely alone. I also heard some other things about him. Such is life. Nettie has to write her oration all over again. Rosa is coming to school again Wednesday. She has got her nose glasses with a chain on them, I heard. Finished "Mildred, or A Child of Adoption".

May 16 (Tue)
Rained all day. Oh! rain, rain, rain. I am getting tired of it. I had to go up to Grandma's early this morning to telephone Mr. Stemen to come down. Old Jersey is very sick. She had a little calf Sunday night. She took a fever some time last night. Oh I do hope she will not die. She is such a pet. She knew us until noon, but she does not know us now. I wish Dr. Hederick was here. He is a regular veterinary surgeon. If she dies I suppose it is what has to be. Poor thing. I ironed this morning at noon and at night, some last night. Nettie stopped here at noon for me to go uptown with her. She waited until I got what I was ironing done. Got a letter from Nellie Miller. She is going to Burlington. Rained so that we couldn't have C.C.C.

May 17 (Wed)
Poor old Jersey died. It's awful sad to think of it. Papa said he would sooner lose a hundred dollars than have had her die. Wrote a letter to Nellie Miller. She came up to CC. She is going away to Sperry and not coming back until commencement, and then is going back again. She wanted me to go back with her. We sold our little calf to John Hawkins. Frank and Nettie came down before CC and we drove down past Carney's and met Roy Maxwell and we let Nettie out. We then came back and I went to CC. I went riding with Frank after CC. Had a nice time. Read "His Great Responsibility."

May 18 (Thu)
Mr. Abel said today that we would take exams next week. Oh my. Glenn and Lura went to the commencement exercises at the Junction tonight. I had half a notion to go, I spent my evening until eight o'clock mowing the yard. I was awful tired. I guess Ralph and Nellie B. went to the Junction too. Frank came down and we took a short buggy ride. He asked me to go to Nichols with him tomorrow night, but he is so busy and has not any horse to drive. I don't suppose we will get to go. He said he would telephone down if he could get another horse.

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May 19 (Fri)
I got two letters from Nellie Miller. She said she was going to Sperry Saturday and for me to be at the train to say good bye. The other letter was from Prudence. A class book and invitation to their commencement exercises. Theirs is on the same night as ours, so I can't go. Shoot! Maudie and Jessie went up to Geneva's school in the afternoon. Crete and Grace J went fishing I guess. Our class books came. I had to try on my graduation dress after school. It is all done and at home. After trying on my dress I went over to Grace Gunderson's and we began to put the books together. We worked until six and then I took some home and finished them and went back again after supper and worked until after nine o'clock. We got them done. Jessie came over and did a little. There was over 260 books. Whew! I am tired.

May 20 (Sat)
Beautiful day. Addressed almost all of my class books, two dozen. Went up town with Grace Gunderson. Met John Heath. He brought Grace Stickney and Lina Trautman down from Nichols. He took Grace Gunderson down to Rosa's and they brought her up here. They took a ride in the evening. Myrtle Foster came down. I was with Myrtle, Lina and Grace S. after the band began to play. I saw Nellie Miller off; my but I hated to see her go. Nettie was with Maudie, Jessie with Geneva. Geneva came up with Maudie and Roy Maxwell. Roy stopped and said a few words to me. Frank came down and we took a buggy ride before band concert and after. He got the letter back from Roy Maxwell. I would rather he would have read any of the rest of them than that one. It made me mad to think Frank was so careless. He was talking about the ballgame tomorrow, and he asked me what I would do if he should go. I told him as many hours as he stayed down there (at the ball game), that many Sundays he would have to stay away from my house. He said there wasn't any danger of his going. He thought too much of me. We stopped at the store to get some candy, and Elmer B. stepped up to the side of the buggy and talked to me until Frank came out of the store.

May 21 (Sun)
Went to Sunday school. Frank brought Nettie down but he did not come in. I met him as I was coming home. He said "Good morning." Rosa was to Sunday School, and she and Grace Gunderson were riding with John Heath in the afternoon. She went home before League. Grace Yocum and Frank Dyche, Crete Hannan and Charlie Criss was also riding. They went up to the graveyard and broke almost all of the snowballs off of the bush on Grandpa's (*David Ingraham*) grave, almost ruined the bush. Baseball game in the morning and big one in the afternoon. Lots of people in town. Frank came down before League and we took a ride. Will Dyche called Frank last night and asked him where I was, he wanted to take me for a buggy ride with him and Ethel. I kept out of his road. Ethel said he had something to tell me. Glenn McCullough had her riding after League. Frank and I were riding. He said he always did like me but even more last Fall, and he said it was worse than ever this Spring. Silly. Read People's Home Journal.

May 22 (Mon)
Frank came down with some hogs for Gacles(?) and I saw him. He was standing in a wagon by the cattle yards. I was a little mad at Nettie. She said she would invite Frank and Roy Maxwell to the banquet, so I went and invited Stella D. and George. This morning she said for me to invite Frank, because she wanted to invite someone else. I told her it was too late. Then she said Frank would not get to go, and I said it would not be my fault. Frank said last night she wanted to invite Maudie and Roy Maxwell. We had a class meeting this evening. Glenn McCullough asked to take me home, but he didn't get to. Nettie was not down.

May 23 (Tue)
Rosa came to school today. She did not study any. She looks fat in the face and does not look like she had been sick. John Heath took Grace Stickney to Nichols to church and then home. Byron McKee took Myrtle Foster home to Nichols. Lina Trautman and some girl with Crete was visiting school today. Rosa is going to invite Maudie to the banquet; Nettie wanted to. She sent Roy Maxwell a graduation card, and another one to the family.

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Frank took me riding after CC and before. He said he thought I acted mad, and so did Roy Maxwell think that way. Roy said he thought I should invite Frank to the banquet and also he would not give any present to a girl if she didn't give him a card. So Frank said he would give one even if he didn't get a card. I think anyone is silly if they give anyone in town a card.

May 24 (Wed)
Got a letter yesterday from Aunt Lil and Nellie Miller. Answered them both today. Nettie was not to school today. Rosa was this morning. In the afternoon she and Grace Gunderson went out to Shoonberg's to try on Grace's graduating dress. Crete got a cramp and had to go home, so she said. Show in town tonight. The children all got free tickets because it was on the railroad ground. I did not go. Frank asked to take me, but I didn't want to go. I guess he didn't come down. Frank Dyche and Charlie Criss was here in the evening and asked for Papa. They was frightened about the mischief they did in the graveyard Sunday, that Papa was going to get after them. They begged Papa's pardon. Exam tomorrow. Oh my!

May 25 (Thu)
Raining until about noon. Took examination in Literature in the morning. We would have taken an Algebra exam this afternoon if the state questions would have come, but they didn't come. All those that didn't take it went over to the church and practiced our orations. Almost all of us said ours three times apiece. After four o'clock, Jessie and I went around and engaged flowers for Sunday night. In the evening Frank came down and we took a short ride. Read Woman's Magazine.

May 26 (Fri)
Took examination in Physics. It was an awful hard and long one. Eleven questions and five parts to each question. Mr. Abel said he didn't want it said that we got off easy in Physics. I do not think they would say it if they only can get a look at the questions. We came to school at noon and stayed about half an hour talking about seats, and then he dismissed school. Jessie and I ran around seeing about decorating for Sunday eve. We spent almost all the afternoon here arranging the colors for our seats. Nettie changed her mind about going to West Liberty with me so I asked Jessie. They did not send the train pass but wrote and asked what the girls names were, for Papa made a mistake and said two daughters. I had to go up to Jessie's in the evening to tell her we couldn't go. I guess I will go Monday by myself.

May 27 (Sat)
Cloudy day. Rained a little and was very dark in the evening. Went uptown about eleven o'clock with Grace Gunderson, and in the afternoon went uptown with Jessie Smith and got some white ribbon for my hair, belt and neck to wear with my banquet dress. After I came home, Grace Gunderson came over so I went uptown again with her. Dale (*Storm*) Gunderson and Johnnie Gunderson and their children came. Johnnie is to stay until Monday, and Dale will stay until after commencement. Mrs. Storm and Nettie went to the Junction, and Mr. Storm came down in the afternoon. He and Mrs. Storm took Dale and John up home with them. Nettie brought them down to band concert and they went up home alone after it was over. Nettie went up with Roy Maxwell. Frank came down and we went out to Uncle Will's (for I had a card for them) and back before band concert. Walked around with Nettie after the concert. We four walked around town, and then Frank and I went to the Reform social, and had some ice cream and went buggy riding. Harry Abbott had Grace Stickney, and Glenn McCullough had Ethel Crow there. The horse got scared and came very nearly kicking. Very nice drive, short and very dark.

May 28 (Sun)
Rained this morning after Sunday School and was very hot in the afternoon. Rained about League time and was an awful dark night. Frank came by with Johnnie and he saw me sitting in the classroom window counting the collection. He said he said something to me, but I didn't hear him. Grace Gunderson, Rosa and I went up to town to get Jessie and we met him and Roy Maxwell. We carried some of the flowers, Jessie and I finished the

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decorating the afternoon from one o'clock until five. Awful tired. We met John Heath and Artie Ingraham, and they helped us carry the flowers (Palms). Artie walked with me, and John with Jessie. We got the church decorations up. Rather nice. Well, it rained, but we had a large crowd for the Baccalaureate sermon. We met at Grace Gunderson's. We all had our new hats on but Jessie and Grace Stickney, and all had our banquet dresses on but Lura, Grace Stickney and Jesse Smith. Mr. Abel took us in and seated us in the two front seats in the middle row. They were marked with the class colors and flowers. We all wore the class flower. Mr. Abel led and Rose, Grace Stickney, Byron McKee, Crete Hannan, Roy Jean and I sat in the front seats. Jessie Smith, Nettie Storm, Lura McCullough, Geneva Miller, Mr. Abel set in the next row. Mr. Brenten preached a fine sermon. We gave him 5 dollars. Frank spent the evening here. He said I was the neatest dressed girl in the graduating class. Had a pleasant time.

May 29 (Mon)
Rainy in the morning but cleared off. I got a letter from Nellie Miller and a graduation present from Mrs. Underwood. It was a book "Aesthetic of the Dust". She sent Grace Gunderson, Rosa Miller and Roy Jean each a book. I got the present and letter yesterday morning. We built the stage and did a great deal of decorating. It is going to look very pretty. I tore my (shirt)waist and had to come home but went back again. I was very tired. Mr. Armbright came down on the five to settle the claim. Storms wanted $75 and he said he would only give them $35. They had a big time and were awful mad. He came down here and I was mad at him. I would not settle. He came back again and gave us $15. I was awful mad. I will never touch the old money. I think he is mean. He might give Frank what he wants anyway. They aren't settled yet.

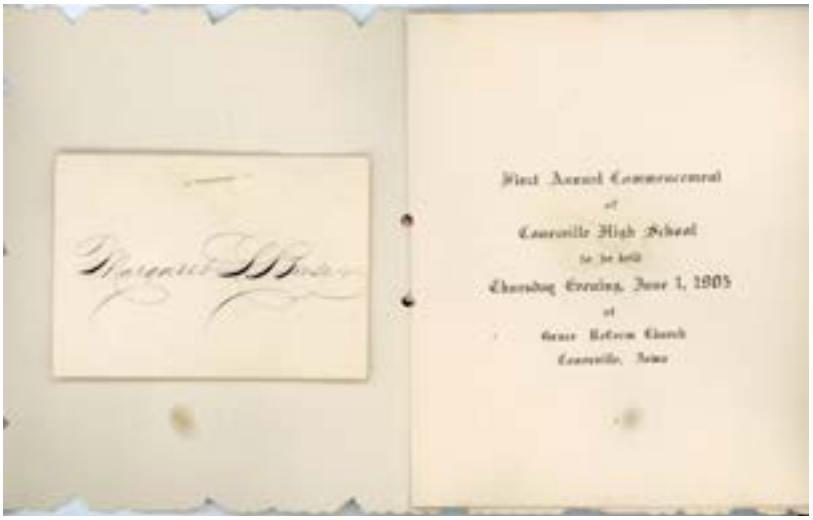
(*Note: This settlement may have had to do with injuries Margaret and Frank sustained in a runaway the year before. The Muscatine Journal, June 17, 1904 ran a short announcement that "Frank Storms and Margaret Buser had a runaway Sunday evening. Both were thrown out and escaped with slight injuries."*)

May 30 (Tue)
Raining this morning and decoration day. I went to West Liberty and took Paul along. Got a skirt and a fan for Jessie. Mr. Smith and Ben went up there too. We did our trading and then the band came, all with green coats on, and then the old soldiers and a long row of women first two and last two with flags after them, the children and teams. It was a fine parade. They went to the graveyard. Paul and I went also after we came from McMillan's. There was music by the band and choir, prayer and benediction by two different preachers. List of the soldiers that are buried at West Liberty and poem by a young man and an address by McCauley, all at the graveyard. After that we walked around the graveyard and then came back to town. There is a show there tonight "Ten Nights in the Bar Room" and the band came out on the street and played, dressed in red coats and white pants. Mrs. McMullen wanted me to stay and so did Mr. and Mrs. Heald, for I saw them. Mrs. Jean came up on the train and we talked. Went to CCC. Frank stayed down here and talked to Papa before CC.

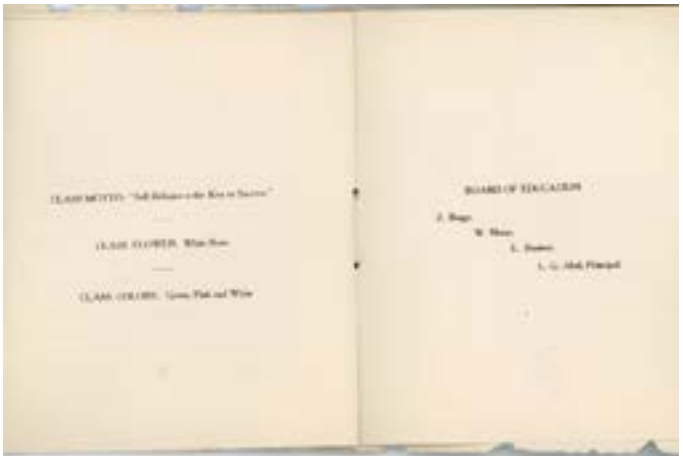
May 31 (Wed)
Beautiful day. Went to the train and gave our class yell at eleven o'clock. We thought Nellie Miller was coming. Got through with the decorating. Got a dollar from Aunt Lil last night for a graduation present and a silver spoon with "M" on it from Della Hill this morning. Geneva got a lovely pen from Artie. Got the decorating done all except a few finishing touches. The piano came and we had a big time practicing. Tomorrow is the day. Goodness but it makes me shake to think of it. I am awful tired. The girls are all receiving presents. Frank came down this evening. We took a ride before band practice. Mr. Abel said he wanted us to have a good sleep tonight.I had an awful headache. Sick last night and tonight.

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June 1 (Thu)
The Day! Beautiful. It looked a little rainy about time for it to begin. Practiced this morning, made a little mistake in my oration. I got a lovely fan from Uncle Artie (*Ingraham*). Collar from Frances. Handkerchief from Mrs. Boles & Nellie Miller. 25 cents from Aunt Lil. Bouquets from Nettie, Eva Jones, Miss Abel, two from Mrs. M & Millers, and one from Silva. Fan from Mrs. McMillan. Nellie Miller came on 11 o'clock train, Velma on the twelve. Sick at noon. Laid down and slept about two hours. Della Hill & Aunt Nora drove up. Said my oration once before I dressed. We all met over at Jessie's. I was nervous. Mr. Abel kept patting me on the back and speaking encouraging words to me. There was an awful lot of people there. GS, RA, JS, I, GG, BM, GMc, RM, LM, CH, RJ, NS, GM is the way we marched in single file, and Mr. Abel following. GS, BM, RM, CH, RJ sat in the front row; RC, JS, GG, GMc, LM, NS, & GM sat in the back row. We all said our orations all right. JS had to stop and think a little once. My but it was hot. Frank kept looking at me. When I looked at Mamma, she frightened me once. Mr. Whittier(?) was there. Lots of congratulations. Frank took me home and spent the evening.

June 2 (Fri)
Beautiful day. Roy Maxwell gave Frank a brooch to give to Nettie last night. Miss Abel had a picnic for her relatives. Velma went with Winnie and Mina. The class all went to the Junction to have their pictures taken. Nettie stopped for me. Roy Abbott took care of my suitcase. Byron McKee sat with me on the train. We got to the Junction a little after 12 and went to the Studio and was there until after 3. I got my pictures taken 5 times. Twice with the class, twice alone (whole form and head & shoulders), and with the PMQ(?). Nettie and I went up to Hill's. Les took us up in the store wagon. We changed our dresses and came down. Mr. Abel took us to the restaurant and treated us all to ice cream. Had a fine time. Just before that, Glenn McCullough took Nettie and I on a short carriage ride. Glenn, Nettie and I went to Lover's Leap, and Glenn kept hold of me when we went across. We walked up to Hannan's together. Mr. and Mrs. Hannan had the whole class there for a fine supper.

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Later, I was over to McCullough's twice, then went up to Hill's again, then Glenn and I went back to Hannan's, he with my suitcase and jacket. Had a big time. Roy Maxwell came downtown for Nettie and I. We started right out for home, and met Frank about half way home. We got in town the same time as the nine o'clock train with the rest of the class. I enjoyed myself very much, and I will always remember the day. Frank had a big sack of candy. He asked me if I would accept a watch for a graduation present. I said no, and he said he would get me one for Christmas, but he won't.

June 3 (Sat)
Mr. Brenton and some kind of a college professor or principal from Mt. Pleasant was here this morning. I was just thru sweeping and had just begun to dust. Frank came down before band concert and took Velma and I for a ride. After the ride, Velma and I went over to Grace Gunderson's, where they had class meeting. During the concert, Velma, Grace Stickney, Miss Abel and Papa and I sat on the depot platform. Frank was hunting all over every place for me, but found me, and we went buggy riding. Well, I guess we have come to another understanding. He asked me if I would consent to an engagement. I said my folks might. When I got home, I asked Mamma and she said yes; Frank acts as though he likes me very well. He asked me if we couldn't be married on his birthday or mine.



June 4 (Sun)
Beautiful day but very warm. Got my proofs for my pictures. The one standing was the best. Nettie was here and looked at them. Grace Gunderson got the proofs for the school picture. Frank was downtown to see Mr. Sullivan, but I did not get to see him. Velma and I went to Sunday School. When I went to read my secretary report, I came very nearly starting out on my oration. Nellie Miller and Winifred was here all afternoon. Velma went with Mina to League. She can't get over the big time she had at the school picnic Friday. Frank and I went to League. Paid Mr. Thomas 30 cents for League dues. Frank and I went riding after League. Frank said this was the happiest day of his life. Roy Maxwell stopped here in the afternoon and looked at the proofs of my pictures. Frank does

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not want me to give RM one. The very first thing he wanted to know if Mamma gave her consent. He was very pleased. He said it didn't seem true that we were engaged... We are not truly, I think.

June 5 (Mon)
A hot, windy, sunny day. We washed but did not get to hang out the clothes. Velma went home this morning. In the afternoon I wrote for my pictures, and also for Sunday School supplies, but did not get to send the last letter. Nellie Miller came and I went up to the train with her. I went over to Grace Gunderson's after the Sunday School money. Mr. Storm was down with some straw for his cattle cars. I read "Homestead on the Hillside", "The Widow's Son", "The Missing Link" and begun "The Rector of St. Marks." Cleaned my room upstairs, and George's room.

June 6 (Tue)
Frank came down this morning with the cattle and I think he went home right away, but he must have come down again for I think it was him that was loading the cattle. It was some fellow with a brown hat and when they started to go away, he stopped and looked over here and then waved. I baked a cake for the Banquet—a mahogany cake (*Mahogany cake dates back to the late 1800s in America, and is the first "chocolate cake" on record*). Grace Gunderson came over and we went uptown and I mailed the letter for supplies. Mrs. Storm and Nettie was downtown, and they stopped and showed me the proofs for the PMQ. Very nice. Grace and I went over to Abel's and was there a short time. I read "The Rector of St. Mark", "The Moorhouse Tragedy" and "Circumstantial Evidence."

June 7 (Wed)
I went over to Grace Gunderson's in the afternoon and helped decorate for the banquet. We started to gather up the dishes, but Crete Hannan and Lura McCullough came so we didn't have to. We fixed the tables and went up town over to Abel's and to the Church after chairs. We had quite a great deal of fun. Frank and Nettie came down and we three took a short ride before the banquet. Aunt Lil gave us some flowers. The banquet was a success. Table decorated with two cakes with class colors, flowers, our napkins with CHS 1905, and beside each of our places a carnation. The supper was in three courses: tongue, chicken, salted buns and pickles & olives passed around. 2nd course was strawberries & cake. 3rd course was ice cream and cake. Frank and I was out on the porch during the last part of the evening. We took a slow walk and then came back, and then we started home.

June 8 (Thu)
Awful tired, slept about half an hour before dinner. Went over to Grace's and got our dishes. I had two basketfuls and all I could carry besides. Grace sent over a pitcher of frapie (*frappe*). Such a looking kitchen. The waiters last night (Jennie Noland, Bessie McKee, Nellie Gunderson, Nellie Balard) or the cooks (Miss Abel & Mrs. Jean) must have lost one of my waiters, for I can't find it. We, the Class, eat at the first table. It was fine. But I guess we are all tired. Ethel Crow was here and spent the whole afternoon. She and Bill were crazy to take me on a buggy ride. Frank came down this evening and we took a buggy ride until ten. He didn't go to band practice. He was so tired. Read "The Cedar Swamp Mystery" and "The Mysterious Key."

June 9 (Fri)
Mina wanted me to go up to visit Geneva's school this afternoon, but it looked too much like rain. Mrs. Miller stopped in the afternoon and got three books for me to read. Grace and Rosa was here about two seconds. I looked over my old doll things and gave Mable Newcomb a box full. Read The Delineator, "The Gable-Roofed House at Snowdon," "The Odd Red House Among the Mountains" and "A Fiery Trial". Awful rain this evening. Trees blowed down, bandstand twisted around, and a regular flood. Papa had to go to the depot, but not over the track.

June 10 (Sat)
Rainy, cloudy day and cloudy evening. Read "The Last of the Mountjoys" and "Autumn Leaves". Grace & Rosa

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stopped here for me to go up to the hall with them, but I was not ready to go so I went up after. Roy Maxwell & Chet Jarrard asked us girls to the restaurant and wanted to treat us to pop, but I wouldn't take any. Grace Stickney came over to Grace Gunderson's and we had a social time in the afternoon. Grace G., Rosa and myself run around every place getting ready for the EL (*Epworth League*) social. I helped wait on the tables a short time in the evening. Frank came down before band concert. He got the engagement ring. It has three emeralds and ten pearls. It is too large. I did not want him to get a ring and did not know he had. Papa knows about the engagement. There wasn't any band concert so after a while Frank came in the hall and treated me to ice cream. Then we went buggy riding.

June 11 (Sun)
I was to Sunday School. Frank brought Nettie down. Nettie, Geneva and I went up to the post office together. Frank was going to go up to Lone Tree to a funeral, but he didn't. I wore Frank's ring all day. I do not think anyone noticed. I tried to keep it out out of sight. He brought a nice bouquet of flowers down to me before League. We went to League together. Mr. Brenton preached. Frank and I took a ride after church. Read "Good Literature", "The Charity of the Bronze Avenger".

June 12 (Mon)
Beautiful day and beautiful evening. Begun "Meadow Brook". Frank said last night he might come down Tuesday night. I told him he didn't have any excuse to come, and he said he didn't need any. We had an awful large washing today. I am getting ready to go to Muscatine. I wrote a letter to Nellie Miller and Minnie, and I took it up to the postoffice in the evening.

June 13 (Tue)
Clara Stemen rang Aunt Min (*Ingraham*) up and asked her to tell me to talk to her some time today. I went up in the afternoon and the 'phone was busy, so I went uptown and then called her when I came back. She said we could board at her Grandmother's (at Muscatine)—Clara and Lura together, and I alone. I did a big ironing today. Nellie Gunderson came and took the cats' picture. One little kitten is sick. I gave it some catnip tea. Nellie took the picture when I wasn't ready and took me in with it just as I was putting a cat on the porch. Frank came down in the eve and took me a ride, and treated me to candy. The girls got in the buggy when Frank was hitching up, and we took them on to town. Roy Maxwell and Artie had to take them home.

June 14 (Wed)
Hot beautiful day until in the afternoon and then there came up a sudden storm. A small cyclone. If did not do very much damage. Cleared up and we had a beautiful evening. Finished "Meadow Brook". Decided not to go up to Geneva's school, it is too hot. Got a long letter yesterday from Nellie Miller. Finished the rest of the ironing this morning. The little sick kitten has disappeared. We can't find it anyplace. We gave Winnie one of the this evening. George said there would be riding every night until I went to Muscatine; I gathered together some of the things I am going to take to Muscatine.

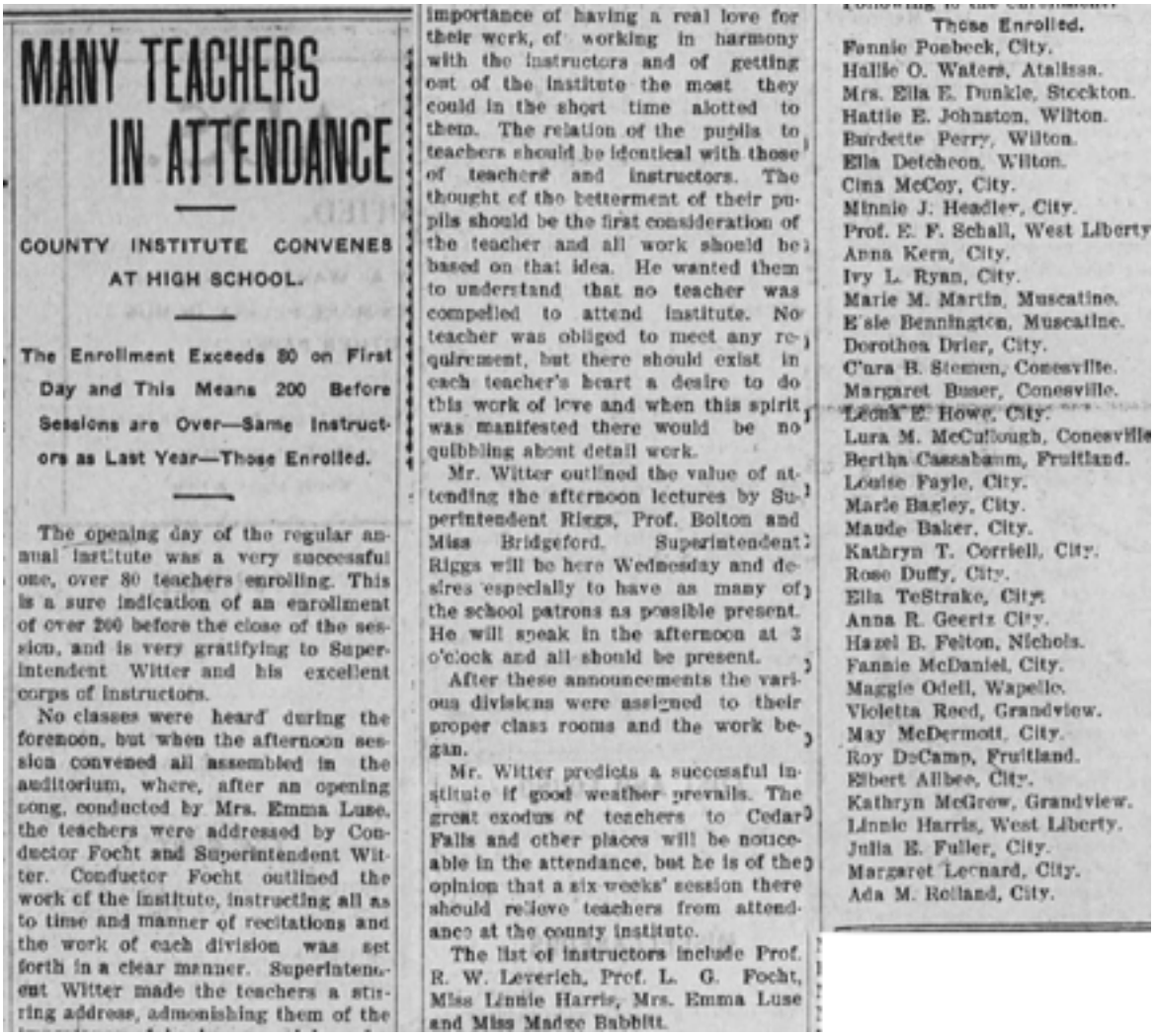
June 15 (Thu)
Washed again today and packed some. Got a letter from Minnie Carr. Wore my engagement ring this evening. Read "Womans World", "The Illustrated Companion" and "The Youth's Companion". Frank came down and we took a ride before band practice. He brought me home when it was time for the band practice to begin, and went uptown. Quite a number of the band and other people went to the show at Muscatine so they didn't have any band practice. Frank walked down here again and called me out, and asked me to go riding again so he went uptown and got his horse and we went riding. Roy Maxwell and Elmer Black tried to follow us around, but we got away from them.

June 16 (Fri)
Grace Gunderson and Ransom McKee went riding in the evening. We ironed today. George and Paul (*Margaret's*

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brothers) went down to Port Allen picnic and program. They had a fine dinner and program. After the program, ice cream was served. Mrs. Miller stopped here this afternoon and asked me to go with her up to Geneva's school. My, but I was hot and dusty. We got there just as Geneva was walking up. Read "Three Classmates."

June 17 (Sat)
Beautiful day, very warm in the morning but got cooler after eight o'clock. I wrote a letter to Mrs. Underwood. I got my pictures except for PMQ. They were good. I gave Frank one. Aunt Anna (*Sam Buser's wife*) and the rest of the family came down before band concert. Frank came down before band concert and we took a ride. Met Bill and Ethel. Frank and I went up to the Reform Social at the hall, and then we went riding again for there wasn't any band social. My, but I do dread tomorrow, for that is when I have to go to Muscatine. Frank does not want me to go.



MANY TEACHERS IN ATTENDANCE

COUNTY INSTITUTE CONVENES AT HIGH SCHOOL.

The Enrollment Exceeds 80 on First Day and This Means 200 Before Sessions are Over—Same Instructors as Last Year—Those Enrolled.

The opening day of the regular annual institute was a very successful one, over 80 teachers enrolling. This is a sure indication of an enrollment of over 200 before the close of the session, and is very gratifying to Superintendent Witter and his excellent corps of instructors.

No classes were heard during the forenoon, but when the afternoon session convened all assembled in the auditorium, where, after an opening song, conducted by Mrs. Emma Luse, the teachers were addressed by Conductor Focht and Superintendent Witter. Conductor Focht outlined the work of the institute, instructing all as to time and manner of recitations and the work of each division was set forth in a clear manner. Superintendent Witter made the teachers a stirring address, admonishing them of the importance of having a real love for their work, of working in harmony with the instructors and of getting out of the institute the most they could in the short time alotted to them. The relation of the pupils to teachers should be identical with those of teachers and instructors. The thought of the betterment of their pupils should be the first consideration of the teacher and all work should be based on that idea. He wanted them to understand that no teacher was compelled to attend institute. No teacher was obliged to meet any requirement, but there should exist in each teacher's heart a desire to do this work of love and when this spirit was manifested there would be no quibbling about detail work.

Mr. Witter outlined the value of attending the afternoon lectures by Superintendent Riggs, Prof. Bolton and Miss Bridgeford. Superintendent Riggs will be here Wednesday and desires especially to have as many of the school patrons as possible present. He will speak in the afternoon at 3 o'clock and all should be present.

After these announcements the various divisions were assigned to their proper class rooms and the work began.

Mr. Witter predicts a successful institute if good weather prevails. The great exodus of teachers to Cedar Falls and other places will be noticeable in the attendance, but he is of the opinion that a six weeks' session there should relieve teachers from attendance at the county institute.

The list of instructors include Prof. R. W. Leverich, Prof. L. G. Focht, Miss Linnie Harris, Mrs. Emma Luse and Miss Madge Babbitt.

Those Enrolled.

Fannie Poebeck, City.
Hallie O. Waters, Atalissa.
Mrs. Ella E. Dunkle, Stockton.
Hattie E. Johnston, Wilton.
Burdette Perry, Wilton.
Ella Detcheon, Wilton.
Cina McCoy, City.
Minnie J. Headley, City.
Prof. E. F. Schall, West Liberty
Anna Kern, City.
Ivy L. Ryan, City.
Marie M. Martin, Muscatine.
E'sie Bennington, Muscatine.
Dorothea Drier, City.
C'ara B. Stemen, Conesville.
Margaret Buser, Conesville.
Lena E. Howe, City.
Lura M. McCullough, Conesville
Bertha Cassabaum, Fruitland.
Louise Fayle, City.
Marie Bagley, City.
Maude Baker, City.
Kathryn T. Corriell, City.
Rose Duffy, City.
Ella TeStrake, City.
Anna R. Geertz City.
Hazel B. Felton, Nichols.
Fannie McDaniel, City.
Maggie Odell, Wapello.
Violetta Reed, Grandview.
May McDermott, City.
Roy DeCamp, Fruitland.
Elbert Allbee, City.
Kathryn McGrew, Grandview.
Linnie Harris, West Liberty.
Julia E. Fuller, City.
Margaret Leonard, City.
Ada M. Rolland, City.

June 18 (Sun)
Well Frank came down at 8 o'clock and I said goodbye to the folks and went to Muscatine. Clara, Bartie, Lura and Roy A. went in the carriage. They started before we did so they got there first. Our horse got very badly frightened just as we got in town. I thought we was going to have a runaway. I saw the orphans asylum on the road. When we got in town we had a hard time finding the place. We had a fine dinner, and it is a nice place and nice people. Mrs. Rumles took Frank and I to the river and showed us the lumber mill. All three of us couples went to an ice cream restaurant for some ice cream. Such ice cream, and I guess it was a gallon. The two other couples went off riding, so Frank and I took a short walk and after supper we went back to the river. He started home about 8. Oh but I wish I would have went too. The rest come back after dark. It rained awhile. I went to bed

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before the rest. Awful hot.

June 19 (Mon)
Awful warm day. Went up on the streetcar to Normal (*Teacher's School*). We registered and there was not enough teachers there so there was not anything going on. We went uptown again and went in several places. Went in the music store and heard some fine music. A lady sang a solo, it was a fright. High toned music. We went to the depot and met Glenn. He brought my jacket (I forgot) and also a note from Mamma, finest treat that was. We went to the restaurant and got our dinners, and then went to the public library. I started "A Young Girl's Waking". We then went to Normal. I am in the W Class. They just give us questions for tomorrow. Came home on streetcar. Glenn came over and we all studied together. Had music in the evening.

June 20 (Tue)
Raining this morning but cleared up before noon. We was a little late to Normal. I finished a twelve page letter to Mamma and begun one to Frank. We went to the music store after dinner and heard some fine music on the phonograph. Saw several people from Nichols. I was glad to see them. The river is raising; we went down to see it after supper. We also went over to Miss Earl's and had music. We had a fine time. Mrs. ??? daughter-in-law came, so she is to room with me tonight. We went to the county aid at noon.

June 21 (Wed)
We go to a different restaurant every day. Went to the library before dinner and after dinner to the music store and heard the phonograph. Finished my letter to Frank, eleven pages. Saw Crete, she had her graduation dress on. It is getting worse and worse every day. We went down to the river after supper and it is still raining. We saw a livery barn burn, and we also saw a large steamboat go down the river. I wish I was home. Oh! I wish this was the last week.

June 22 (Thu)
Yesterday was Mamma's wedding day anniversary. She will be married 21 years. We went down to where the fire was at noon; it was Bowman's livery barn. Two horses burned. The girls went off from Glenn and I at noon, and we had to go home together from school, for they went to see someone. I wished I would get a letter from Mamma and was disappointed, for I thought I would get one. I was surprised when I got home after school. There was a letter waiting for me from Frank. I was awful glad to get it. I wonder how many times I have read it. We went to the river after supper and took a walk. Last night I went to sleep before Mrs. Remels came upstairs. When she started up, I woke up screaming, I guess I screamed something awful.

June 23 (Fri)
Beautiful day and cool. We walked to town and I never will do it again. I was awful tired. It is over a mile. Clara went off someplace at noon. Glenn, Lura and I got our dinners after being at the public library and then we ran around town. After Normal, we went and got some ice cream soda and then came home. I wrote a letter to Aunt Lil and after supper we three girls went down to the river. We came back and went over to Mrs. Earl's and had some music. I wish Mamma would write. I do not see why she does not. I go to the post office morning and noon.

June 24 (Sat)
Glenn went up town and stayed all day. Came home before supper and brought me a letter from Mamma and the boys. I was so glad, I cried. I wrote to Aunt Lil, Nellie Miller, Mamma & the boys today. We started down towards the river and saw someone bathing down there, and came back. Took a short walk and came home. Company came to see Clara. I met Mrs. Jeppson. Begun "Elsie Venner". Today isn't much like one week ago. I put on the same dress I had on then. I wish I was at home.

June 25 (Sun)

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Bartie and Roy T came about eleven o'clock. I got awful sick in the morning. Almost fainted. Fell down the last two steps on the stairs. The boys and Glenn was here for dinner. After dinner we six went downtown and got some ice cream, and walked over the Mississippi River bridge and back. Awful windy. Came back and got some lemonade and peanuts. Took the streetcars and went to the fairground, the park, and went to the cemetery. Went to the restaurant and got our suppers and lemonade. Returned home very tired. The boys went home late. I went to bed before the girls did. This Sunday wasn't much like last Sunday. I am glad this is the last Sunday I will have to stay here.

June 26 (Mon)
Beautiful hot day. Got up before five o'clock to finish Mamma's letter. Eva Jones, Ransom McKee, Grace Stickney and Geneva came last night on the train. I saw them today at the Normal and restaurant. Eva stayed with us all noon. We went to the library. I saw Mr. Stemen after Normal. I got Papa a cup and saucer, and Paul a book. Clara gave me a lovely tumbler as a remembrance of this trip. Had a long talk to Mr. Winther(?) at noon. I only have to take two examinations. Music is one, and my choice out of five. I guess I will take History. Clara went off after General Exercises and stayed until after school was out in the afternoon. Someone spoke a lovely piece during the exercises. Mrs. Rehmel's daughter-in-law started for Arkansas this evening. Glenn spent the evening with us.

June 27 (Tue)
Beautiful cool day, rained some in the evening. I am studying for History examination. I was only in the History class & Music today. Mr. Bolton gave a lecture this morning. He gave one in the afternoon, but I did not stay. Eva, Clara, Lura and I went to rest in our rooms before dinner. After dinner Clara went off someplace, and Lura and I went shopping. I got Frank a collar and cuff box, Lura a vase, Clara a celery dish, and Merlin a book. Lura gave me a vase. When I got home there was a letter from Frances J. and from Frank. He wrote a fine one. I answered it this evening. Glenn came over and spent the evening.

June 28 (Wed)
Got a letter from Mamma and Paul. I sent Frank's letter off this morning and wrote Mamma one. We all took examinations today. I took History in the morning and Music in the afternoon. We went down to the river this evening. Large church revival at the church this evening. Lost 5 cents today. My pocket book came open.

June 29 (Thu)
Lura went home this morning, and Glenn this afternoon. Clara was visiting all day. I went up to Normal and loafed around there and took part of an exam in Orthography. Went downtown with Belle and she treated to ice cream soda. Went to dinner with Eva, Geneva and Grace Stickney. I went up to the rooms after dinner at the European. Heard a fine lecture in the morning and afternoon by Miss Bridgeford. Went downtown with the girls. Bought a few things and took a car for my boarding house. Got a telephone message from Frank about 8. I was awful frightened. Mr. R and Clara went to the telephone office with me. We had to go to two different places before we got to the right one. I thought I never would get there, the car was so slow. It was Frank that wanted me. He said he could not come out on account of the horse and for me to take the 4.40 train for the Junction and he would meet me there. I said all right and then Clara talked awhile. When I got home I fainted. I thought some of my folks was hurt. I made up my mind to go home tomorrow morning.

June 30 (Fri)
Got ready and came home this morning. I took the Milwaukee. A trainman gave me me some flowers. When I got to Cone I did not know the place—came very near getting left. The breakman said if he had time he would take me to town, but Mrs. Chapman brought me home from the train. I surprised them all. I knocked at the door and Mamma didn't know me at first and neither did Papa. They were all pleased with the presents I brought them. I telephoned up to Frank at noon; he was getting ready to go after me to the Junction. He acted as though he was mad when I told him where I was. I went uptown in the afternoon with Grace Gunderson. It rained awful. Regular cloudburst.

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July 1 (Sat)
Frank and Nettie came down with the butter. Frank acted as though he was mad. Mamma and I washed and ironed some and also baked. Frank came back before band concert and took me for a ride. He had a fine new suit on. He looked grand. He said he couldn't get down here quick enough. He didn't want to play in the band this evening, but he did. I went uptown with him and found Grace Gunderson, Rosa Miller, Grace Stickney, and Geneva. We walked around but then I got sick and came home. Mamma was up to Grandma's, so I went up there and stayed until the band stopped playing. Frank and I then went riding. It seems so nice to be home again.

July 2 (Sun)
Frank brought Nettie down to Sunday School. After SS, Nettie and I walked uptown and then Frank brought me home and treated me to candy. In the afternoon the band was going to march, so Nettie came to my house. We had a big time. She pushed me off the sofa twice. There was a big ball game here today. Frank came back and took Nettie and I to League. Roy Maxwell started to take all of us to church but it began to rain, so he took Frank and I downtown and I got my jacket and parasol. We met them at the church door and we went in together. Roy took Nettie home after church. Frank and I started to take a buggy ride but it began to rain again, so we spent the evening at home. I am almost sick, I have such an awful bad cold.

July 3 (Mon)
A very rainy day. If not raining it was cloudy. We washed today. I got up and did about half of it and then I had to go back to bed again. I had an awful cold and was just crazy with my head. I got up about noon and had to go back to bed again after dinner. I think if it keeps on we will not have a very nice fourth. Frank said if he came to town tonight he would come down, but he didn't come to town.

July 4 (Tue)
Cloudy until about five o'clock and rained about every five minutes. The band got about 30 gallons of ice cream. There were three ballgames: one in the morning and two in the afternoon. Frank stopped here as he was going down to the ballgame in the morning. I asked him to eat dinner with us. When he came back he stopped and took dinner here. After dinner the band marched down to the grounds. We had music at all hours. Frank was by here several times during the afternoon and stopped. Quite a number of races out here in front of the house. Great crowd of people in town. Roy Maxwell went up and got Nettie, and took her riding in the evening. Several of the boys, Frank included, didn't play in the band in the evening. Frank and I went riding. The horse got frightened at the fireworks and we had a big time with it. After a while I jumped out right in the mud and got my white dress all muddy. Elmer Black then took the horse and gave her treatment I guess. We went and got some ice cream. Elmer came back with the horse about ten o'clock. We then finished up the rest of the eve with riding. I saw Artie & Grace Stickney together in the afternoon. Someone was to our house the whole day. Grace Gunderson, Rosa and John Heath were riding all day almost.

July 5 (Wed)
I lost my brooch someplace last night. I hope Frank finds it in the buggy. I wrote a letter to Clara R, Minnie Carr, Cousin Fannie and also sent her a picture. I got a letter from Fruitland where I had applied for a school. It said to write to someone else, so I wrote another letter of application. Lillie Hill was married today. Grace G. and Rosa stopped here today with my pocket book. Grace is going to Jonnie's tomorrow to stay all summer. Finished reading "Elsie Venner."

July 6 (Thur)
Read "The Youth's Companion" and "Madame." Read some more of "Duke" which I started to read one day in Muscatine. About seven o'clock we found Toodles dead along the railroad track. She was killed by a train. We all feel bad about it. We hadn't saw her all day but we didn't think very much about it. Frank was down this evening and stayed about five minutes. He didn't see my brooch but will look for it tomorrow. He asked me to go to the

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Wapello Fair with him one day.

July 7 (Fri)
Grace G. went to Jonnie's today to stay all summer. Finished reading "Duke". I don't believe my cold gets any better. We miss Toodles awful. We have only two of Nig's and one of Toodles' left. I hope Frank has found my brooch.

July 8 (Sat)
Beautiful day until in the afternoon and then it rained some. Nettie was down with the butter in the morning. Ironed today. Read "The Delineator" and McCalls Magazine. Frank came down in the evening and we took a buggy ride before band practice. Got a letter from Nellie Miller and she wants us to come down next Weds or Thurs. When the band was playing, was walking with Geneva, Grace Stickney and Ethel Crow. They went off and I stayed with Ethel. Geneva said for all of us to go Thursday, so I am going. Frank doesn't want me to go. The band had the rest of their ice cream. Frank treated me and then we went riding. It was 10:00 before we started. Frank got a new buggy whip and someone stole it. He also got Elmer Black a new one.

July 9 (Sun)
Went to Sunday School at the ME, and church at the Reform in the morning. Saw Frank; he tipped his hat to me but that was all. Frank came down in the afternoon and took me to a baptizing at Cedar Bridge. He was to be baptized, but only about seventeen was baptized. Big crowd there. Saw Uncle Walter (*Ingraham*), Clara B and Roy. I was down to Lura McCullough's this afternoon. They and Glenn wanted me to come down. Frank would have had a fit if I would have. Frank took me to ME League and church. After church we went riding. I had an awful headache. Frank said he was going to Chicago some day next week. He said he would be down here Wed. evening. He said I couldn't go if my cold didn't get better.

July 10 (Mon)
Rained all day today. I wrote six letters. I wrote one letter to Frances Jackson and sent her my picture, Great Aunt Mary (*Ingraham*) in Massachusetts, Nellie Miller, the shoe man in Burlington and also a dry goods man in Burlington. I also wrote to Mr. Witter. Put in the whole afternoon in writing letters. I didn't find my brooch. I do not suppose I will ever find it now. It is not mine, it was one I gave Mamma one Xmas.

July 11 (Tue)
Aunt Lil sent a note over to me asking me if I could call up Uncle Sam's over the telephone and if so, would I go by and get Aunt Belle's, Carrie's and Cousin Lina's address. I went up to Aunt Min's and telephoned to Aunt Ann and got Aunt Carrie's address, and I then took it over to Aunt Lil's. I looked at some views and she gave me some flowers and I came home. I went uptown after supper for some yarn. Mamma is making me a commode set, yellow and white. Read "Good Literature".

July 12 (Wed)
Rained all morning until noon. We washed after dinner. Cleared up after dinner and the rest of the day was beautiful. We all had a lovely evening. Read "People's Home Journal" and "Youth's Companion". My pass didn't come today to go to Sperry. If it doesn't come tomorrow noon I will not get to go with the girls. Frank said he wished it would never come. He came down in the evening and we went riding. I got a letter and a picture from Prudence, her graduation picture.

July 13 (Thu)
Frank had to help Mr. Colburt bring some cattle down so when he came back from Milwaukee he stopped here and stayed quite a while. He pulled my sunbonnet and I went to catch it, and I had my pen knife in my hand and cut two of my fingers. My pass didn't come so I didn't get to go to Sperry on the 5. Rosa, Geneva and Anna went. It makes me mad. I wanted to go when the girls did. I'll go tomorrow if the pass comes. Frank said he would

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come down tonight and if I was at home we would take a ride. It rained, so he didn't come. Did up my white dress today. Read "Good Literature."

July 14 (Fri)
Beautiful day but very warm. Awful hot evening. I went up to the depot about two o'clock and my pass was there. I also went uptown. Came back and got ready to go to Sperry. I came on the 5 o'clock. Bessie McKee went as far as Columbus Junction. Clara James got on at Wapello and went to Burlington. There wasn't anyone that knew me when I came. I went to Rieple's. They had all changed, but I knew them all. Everyone that I knew before, I know now. After supper I went with Clara to milking and then went up to see Nellie Carlson. I also saw Alma Gellet and Nellie Nelson and other people. When the girls came to Sperry yesterday everyone thought that Geneva was me and felt mad because I didn't speak or wave. They found out their mistake today. I stood on the back of the car until I passed Papa when I was coming to Sperry. I waved and he did too.

July 15 (Sat)
Beautiful hot day and very warm evening. The evenings are awful hot here. I wrote a letter to Nellie Miller and sent it out with the mailman. I wrote a letter to Mamma and got an answer in the evening. I was very glad to hear from her. I and Clara went up to Nellie Carlson's in the afternoon and ate supper there. Stayed until late in the evening. We had a fine time. Mrs. Hankins has a little girl one year old. It's name is Miriam. Tried to get Nellie Miller on the phone but they was not at home.

July 16 (Sun)
Beautiful day but awful hot and also the night was hot. I and Nellie Carlson went to the Baptist Church to Sunday School and church. Mr. Miller was the name of the preacher. The Rieples had a reunion at their Grandfather's. I eat dinner with Nellie C and then Esther H came over and we went down to the store and came back and made fudge and went down to the park and eat some. Came back and Clara treated us to pop. I then telephoned out to to where the girls are and talked to Geneva. They do not know when they can come after me. I am invited to a party out at Loper's. I guess I will go. We all eat lunch at Rieple's, and then the girls went home. Walter took us on a buggy ride before church, five in a buggy. We went to the Baptist church. After church Clara and I went home and soon Esther and Walter drove up and wanted me to go with them, so I went. Came home early. Almost everyone I saw I know. They all want me to come and see them. I would have to stay a month if I did.

July 17 (Mon)
We all made big plans for the party. I didn't get to go. Nellie and Jim came after me and I went out to Dodgeville. The Miller home is a very nice place. Such a big house and so cool. I like the place awfully well. Geneva was away but came with a Mrs. Banard and went to Burlington. The girls' Uncle Philip and Jim also was here for dinner. Mrs. B had two children. Jim and Uncle Philip went away to harvest. We girls and Aunt Lindy will be here all alone until Sat. We girls went up to the store and was treated to pop and candy by a Mr. Elding. Mr. Elding took all of us girls in the buggy and stayed some time. The people are queer here. They do not heat(?) you torpe(?) strangers. Miss Miller wants me to see her Aunt Lindy.

July 18 (Tue)
I wrote Mamma and Frank a letter. We all went to the mail box. The girls got several letters, but I did not get any. The girls all went to sleep and I read "The Housewife" and "The Hearthstone." Company came but I wasn't in the room. This is such a nice large house and place. The graveyard is close to my bedroom window. Nellie and I sleep alone downstairs. Such queer sounds every night. After supper we girls were playing with the dog, then I said to Rosa "Let's race to the porch" and I said "Let's start fun!" and started out. The dog ran and tripped me up and I fell flat. How they did laugh. We all went up to the store and MR got some gum, and one of the store men treated us to candy. I got an introduction to about a dozen boys. We had a nice time.

July 19 (Wed)

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Beautiful day. We all went to the mail box, but we were late. Nellie and I went first, and when we found the mailman had gone, we went up to the corner and met him. Anna and Rose soon came. They all got letters except for Anna and I. I got awful sick in the afternoon, Cholera Morbus (*a common, non-contagious diarrhea occurring in summer or autumn*.) Jim came in the eve. We all went up to Beckmen's to a kind of a party. Jim took Nellie and I up. The rest walked. The horse was awful fractious. We were awful frightened. Jim brought Nellie and I home also. I said goodbye to him and shook hands. I had a nice time at Beckman's. They had ice cream, cake, lemonade. I didn't get to eat any of it because just then I got sick again and almost fainted. My, but I do feel sick. We are all going home Saturday I guess, but Geneva. She is going to stay for the dance given in our honor. I wrote a letter to Prudence. I am awful sick. Such pains. Read "Housewife".

July 20 (Thu)
Awful sick today. I got a letter from Mamma. My, but I was glad to hear from her. Merlin (*Margaret's brother*) is working for Storms (*Frank's family*). Just think of it. My! I was asleep almost the whole morning. Such awful pains. Read "Hearthstone" and "The Housewife" in the afternoon; the girls danced while I read. We all went out in the yard in the evening. Anna Berry came over and also said that Clara asked her to tell me to call her up tomorrow morning. The girls' Aunt Jennie came here in the morning, and we are going over there tomorrow. I expect we will have a nice time.

July 21 (Fri)
We ironed today. Nellie and I went over to Berry's to see what Clara wanted, but one of the boys answered and said Clara was not at home. We waited there a while and then came home. Miss Main and Miss Haag was there to take our pictures. One where we girls are leaning on each other's shoulder, setting down every way, and Miss Haag with us. Then Geneva, Rosa and Aunt Lind dressed up in boy clothes and Geneva had her arms around me and my head on her shoulder; Rosa and Nellie had their heads together, and Anna and Aunt Linda same way. In another one the boys were all proposing to us girls. The third one was where we all were sitting in an old apple tree. The girls was not dressed up yet. The two ladies from Burlington then gave us their cards and treated us to candy, and went home. The one that was light, Miss Main(?), took quite a fancy to me. Clara wanted to know when I was going home. I have the hives. I am having a time.

July 22 (Sat)
Packed some yesterday, and finished today. Read "Hearthstone" yesterday, "Housewife" today. We all went up to Dodgeville in the afternoon. I got 10 cents worth of those large chocolates to take home. Jimmy had a runaway with a team of mules and a horse hitched to some kind of a farm thing. Just as soon as he got them caught, he hitched them up and took us all to Sperry. Geneva and Aunt Lindy went back with him. Geneva is going to stay for the dance and is talking of coming home Monday. We girls went down to Reiple's and bought some candy, 10 cents worth, then we all took a walk. I said goodbye to everybody. Mrs. Farner gave me some flowers, and Mrs. Reible sent some cake. Almost everyone went to the Meadoplies to the band concert and saw them. We sang and played all the way up on the same train. Some man sang with us.... Papa met me at the train. Frank came down for dinner. My ear has been hurting all day.

July 23 (Sun)
Beautiful day and cool. I was awful sick all night with my ear. Took morphine and didn't sleep any. I have a gathering in my head I guess. I didn't get to go anyplace all day. I never dressed up any until about five o'clock. I can't hear out of my left ear and it is swelled up awful and hurts awful. I guess I will go crazy if it does not stop soon. Frank came down about League time but he would not go because I couldn't. He stayed here until church was out and then went over to the church and told Glenn where to meet him, and then he came back here and stayed a short time, and then went home. He said he would come down tomorrow night. Merlin and Glenn Trautman has been up there a week helping them harvest and he took them back up tonight.

July 24 (Mon)

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Spent an awful night. I never slept at all. My ear was awful. Papa saw the Dr. last night and he gave Papa some medicine. I went down there this morning but he didn't help me any. I thought I would go crazy after I got back. My left ear has begun to hurt. I do hope it is not going to gather too. The Dr. thought it was a boil in my left ear and wanted to lance it, but I wouldn't let him, and we all know he is mistaken. My, but I do suffer. I can't hear for talk hardly at all. Frank came down this evening. He said they would be through (with the harvest) tomorrow morning, and he would bring Merlin down tomorrow night.

July 25 (Tue)
I slept a little better last night, but I have to take morphine all the time. I believe I have had almost everything on my face. Both sides have swelled up awful. Charlie McWilliams were up to Beck's today. Charlie M said he didn't know my head would hold anything more after I graduated. Frank came down and brought Merlin. He stayed a short time and went uptown and ordered his band suit, and then came back and stayed until 10. The band reorganized. Merlin got $7 for the work he did up to Storm's. Frank is gong to Chicago Thursday. He is going to load some hogs tomorrow. I read "Good Literature" and "Woman's Magazine".

July 26 (Wed)
Spent another bad night last night. I wish the pain would stop sometime. Begun to make a bird cushion. I can't sit still and not do anything. Frank brought some hogs to town but I didn't get to see him. Merlin said that Frank asked him how I was. Roy Maxwell had Nettie to League and church last Sunday evening. The pickle factory is going up fast and lots of pickles are being brought in. Got a letter from the shoe man in Burlington that I got my shoes and he sent me $1.50.

July 27 (Thu)
Did not have quite so much pain last night but I didn't sleep very good. I can hear better and talk better today. Frank came to the door this morning and asked how I was. He said he wasn't going to Chicago but his father was, and he couldn't come in but would come down tonight. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Bolbea(?) was here this morning looking to get money for the preacher. Frank came down in the evening and stayed a short time. Said he would be down Sat. evening.

July 28 (Fri)
I can hear and talk lots better today. The pain is still in both ears. Geneva Miller stopped here yesterday afternoon and brought back two books of mine. She said that Rosa told about her staying to Dodgeville for the dance and that everyone knew about it. She also said they were going to take her name off the church book and make her resign as organist. I have almost finished my cushion.

July 29 (Sat)
Lots better in the morning, but I do not feel so well this evening. I did some work, or tried to. In the evening Frank came down and stayed until time to go to band concert. He came back after and stayed quite late. He wants me to take a ride tomorrow afternoon if it is nice. Grace Stickney and Rosa Miller came in during the concert. I finished my cushion today.

July 30 (Sun)
My head hurt me some last night. I went Sunday School in the morning. Nellie Abbott was there. It seems so nice to get out again. Uncle Walter (*Ingraham*) came over today. Zelma eat dinner here. Vivien came down and tore the house upside down. She is awful cute. (*Zelma and Vivien were Uncle Walter's children, Margaret's cousins*). Frank came down in the afternoon and we took a long ride. It was nice and warm and I enjoyed it. In the evening Frank and I went to League. Frank went uptown and got his horse so he would have it when he was ready to go home. He sent George up after some candy and peanuts. His birthday is tomorrow and I gave him the present I got for him. He seemed pleased and stayed quite late.

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July 31 (Mon)
I was sick all night last night with my head and was sick all day today. It is awful. I believe I will go crazy if it doesn't stop soon. Papa got me some medicine. Ugh! It is awful stuff. Geneva said yesterday that she was just joking about what she said about her going to be put out of the church (*for attending the dance in Sperry*). I do not like such lies. Read "Leaves of Light", "Youth's Companion" and started "Barbara Heathcot's Trials". I have to do something to drown the pain. Frank wants me to attend a good part of the Chautauqua* with him, but I am afraid I can't. Today is his birthday. He is 21 years old.

**Chautauqua - was an adult education and social movement in the United States, highly popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Chautauqua assemblies expanded and spread throughout rural America until the mid-1920s. The Chautauqua brought entertainment and culture for the whole community, with speakers, teachers, musicians, showmen, preachers, and specialists of the day. Former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt was quoted as saying that Chautauqua is "the most American thing in America."*

August 1 (Tue)
Beautiful day until about five o'clock and then it begun to rain. It rained all night I guess. I didn't sleep very much last night. Set up in bed almost all the time. It didn't hurt very much today. Read about all day. Nellie Gunderson stopped in the afternoon and talked awhile. Grace Stickney and her went down to the Chautauqua tonight. My but I do wish I was well.

Aug 2 (Wed)
Cloudy all day and rained some at different times. I saw quite a number of people come and go from the Chautauqua. My head is worse today. It is my other ear this time. They take turns about in hurting. Oh how I wish they would stop hurting. Mamma went uptown this afternoon. Read a good part of the day.

Aug 3 (Thu)
Cloudy all day. Had a little thunder storm about five o'clock. Lightening struck a post near the house. Mamma and the boys and Emerson's dog got a slight touch of it. Aunt Lil came over in the afternoon and brought her scope and 187 views. She brought the 3 children. Mr. Beck and Verna is at the Chautauqua. She brought me a lovely bouquet. My head hurts like everything today. The other ear is swelled up again. Got a postal card from one of the girls that took our pictures. Said the proofs would be sent Mon. Frank came down in the evening. Stayed until band time. He wanted me to go riding; he thought I was well. He wants me to go to the Chautauqua and big show in Muscatine with him. He left his horse and buggy down here and about 11 o'clock came after it.

Aug 4 (Fri)
Beautiful day and very warm. Quite a number went to the Chautauqua today. My head hurts me quite a great deal. I keep trying mustard plasters today. Frank came down in the afternoon and stayed until after five. He wants me to go to about a million places. I never saw such a boy. Ruth Miller came in yesterday and got a book to read for Nellie.

Aug 5 (Sat)
My head doesn't hurt me today but I can't hear. I blistered the side of my face last night. Mrs. Storm and Nettie went down on the train to the Chautauqua. Frank came down at noon for me to go to the Chautauqua with him. He wanted to take the train but he missed it so we drove down. We heard Alton Packard the cartoonist. He was fine. When we came back we stopped in town. I got me a new white silk waist. Frank treated me to ice cream and we came home. He put his horses up uptown and came down here for supper. He stayed here until time for band concert. After the concert, he came back here and brought some candy. We had candy and lemonade. Aunt Min went to Uncle Walter's tonight.

Aug 6 (Sun)

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Beautiful day. Went to Sunday School. There wasn't very many there, I was the only one there my age. The Preacher's wife was there. I forgot to say yesterday I read "The Woman's Farm Journal" and "McCall's Magazine". They voted at Sunday School to let Mr. Brenton have a vacation night off tonight, so we didn't have any preaching or League this evening. Frank came down quite early in the evening, and we took a short ride. Spent the rest of the evening here and had lemonade and candy. Aunt Min and Grandma came home from Uncle Walter's this evening.

Aug 7 (Mon)
Frank came down at noon and we took the noon train (to Columbus Junction) for the Chautauqua. It was William Jennings Bryan's day. He lectured in the afternoon and there was also several songs and readings. After the lecture we got Nettie's ticket and went to see Lover's Leap and from there we went downtown. We took supper down there and also had lemonade and ice cream. We then went back up to the grounds and heard the Jubilee Singers and a part of a lecture given by Mr. Otis. It wasn't very good and we got up and came downtown and got us an ice cream sundae, then took the 9 o'clock train for home. We intended to take the late train if the lecture had of been good. We spent the rest of the evening here.

Aug 8 (Tue)
My but I am tired today. I guess I walked and set too much yesterday. We ironed today. In the afternoon I took a nap and went with Frank to the Chautauqua in the evening. We drove down. The Jubilee Singers had the whole evening. My, but it was fine. We got up and came home before they got thru with the last piece. We did that so we would miss the crowd. We got out before the rest did. Several trains passed us but the horses didn't get frightened. I saw Blanca Coulder this evening. Nellie B and Ralph T drove down ahead of us. The dust was awful coming home. Frank asked me to go down Weds and Thurs but I didn't want to, so we are not going down any more.

Aug 9 (Wed)
Beautiful warm day. I wish it would rain before Saturday and settle some of this dust. It's awful dusty. Quite a lot of people went down to the Chautauqua today. I expect they went to hear Sam Jones (*a popular revivalist preacher of the day*). I wouldn't go across the road to hear him. I didn't do very much all day. The preacher and his wife called this morning. I was asleep and Paul said I was not at home (he thought I went to the Junction). They left their cards and went away. I wish my head would get better. I can't hear good at all. It is very embarrassing for me. I thought I saw Uncle Frank just as I got off the train at the Junction Monday.

Aug 10 (Thu)
Aunt Lil came over in the afternoon with the two youngest children. Frank and his father went along in the afternoon on a hay rack and came back with their new carriage. Frank bowed to me. He came down in the evening and took me a very short buggy ride. He was awful cross and cranky. Today is my sister's birthday and she would have been nine years old if she would have lived. Read "Youth's Companion" "Woman's World and Home Life". Today is the last day of the Chautauqua.

Aug 11 (Fri)
I went uptown in the afternoon and got a handkerchief for Minnie Carr, ribbon for Pauline and some other things for my waist. Stopped at Aunt Min's as I went up and also when I came back. Found a way to have my waist made. Geneva stopped here in the evening and I showed her the proofs of the pictures. Read "The Delineator" and "A Little Child Shall Lead Them" and "The Divas of Nowhere". Mamma was sick all night and sick in bed almost all day. I had all of the work to do.

Aug 12 (Sat)
Mamma is better today but George is sick. Mamma went up to Smith's store this morning. Frank came down quite early and we took a ride. I showed him the letter from Miss Moehn? and just as he was starting to read it, I happened to think of something in it and I didn't want him to read any more. He wasn't at all mad. I am sor-

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ry but then I couldn't help it. I showed him the pictures. When he first looked at the one where the girls were dressed as boys, he said "I didn't think that of you." He didn't know it was the girls until I told him to look at it again. Then he knew who it was. He said he would have been awful mad if it had been boys. There wasn't any band concert so we went riding again.

Aug 13 (Sun)
Cloudy all day. Rained in the morning, afternoon and during church in the evening. Went to Sunday School in the morning and it rained like everything during almost the whole Sunday School time. Jennie Noland and Nellie Gunderson went home with Grace Chapman for dinner. They wanted me to come but I couldn't very well on account of Mamma not being well. Frank came down and we went to League and Reform church. There wasn't very many to Sunday School or League, and a very few to church. Roy Maxwell & Nettie was to church and set right back of us. A Billick girl sat on Frank's hat. Frank got to thinking about that letter and got mad about it. I went to show him my commencement invitation from Winnie, and he wouldn't look at it. That made me mad and so we quarreled. I wouldn't forgive him until almost time for him to go home. He needn't of acted so cranky and hurt my feelings like he did. If it would have been anyone else they wouldn't have forgave him at all.

Aug 14 (Mon)
Cloudy and rainy all day. I got a letter from Prudence and wrote three letters to Augusta Mochin, Frances and Clara. I read "Madame". Went uptown as far as Smith's store, and was to Aunt Min's. She has begun my silk waist. I do not know whether I will go to the West Liberty Fair with Frank or not. I wish there was some other couple going too. I do not care to go anyplace, but it makes him mad if I do not go.

Aug 15 (Tue)
Wrote a letter to Grace Gunderson, and one to Minnie Carr and sent her a handkerchief for a graduation present. Read "The Comfort." Papa sent for my pass this evening for Sperry. I suppose I will have to go down there again and I do not want to. I want to see Frances and that is the only way. We washed today and had an awful big washing. I am awful tired.

Aug 16 (Wed)
Read "People's Popular Monthly" and also begun "500 Days in Rebel Prisons". Maxwells and Storms have been unloading coal all day, I guess. I saw Roy Maxwell go by several times. Miss Anna Bliven and Lura McCullough was calling on me this evening. Went up to Grandma's and tried on my waist. It is almost done. It looks better than I thought it would. Wrote a letter to Cousin Fannie.

Aug 17 (Thu)
Finished reading "500 days in Rebel Prisons" and begun "The Coming Race." Begun to make another cushion. Heard Roy Maxwell go by here about one o'clock. He was singing. He and Frank had been at Lone Tree. I got my pass this evening. Frank came down eight minutes of eight and took me for a short ride. Roy Maxwell and Elmer followed us as far as the Beck Farm, and then we turned around and got away from them and drove out to the bridge and back. The band music sounded very nice.

Aug 18 (Fri)
Cloudy almost all day. Rained in the night. Worked almost all afternoon on my cushion. Ruth Miller came over in the afternoon after some more books to read. I gave her some and then I took all my books out and arranged them in the book case again. I wrote out a list of all my books and I have about one hundred and fifty. I wish I had a nice book case to put them in. Wagon after wagon loads of pickles coming in. They have the pickle plant lit up quite late in the evening.

Aug 19 (Sat)
Mrs. Emerson and Mina came from Iowa City this evening on the five. Mina had not been home five minutes

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until she was over here. Went uptown after supper and got me a new brown hair ribbon and some other things. I was just going over to Mr. Snyder's after some missionary money when Frank came. I made him take me over there and get it, and then we took a ride until time for the concert to begin. We saw a straw stack in a field and he thought is was some trees with vines on them. After the concert, Frank came down and took me to the Reform Social and after that we went riding. The band played quite late.

Aug 20 (Sun)
Beautiful warm day. Went to Sunday School and Reform Church. Wore my white silk waist. I gave Mrs. Chapman $5.50 Sunday School Missionary money and .50 cents from myself for the preacher's salary. Nettie came over to the house with me and looked at the pictures (Got a letter and 3 pictures from Augusta Mochin this morning) and then we went to church together. Frank, Nettie, myself, Elmer and Roy Maxwell came to church together. The band met in the afternoon to learn to march. They played three or four pieces in town and then went down to the Lake to learn to march. Frank took Arthur (*Ingraham*) down and asked George to go also, but George wouldn't go. Frank and I went to League and church together in the evening. It was Mr. Brenton's last night. It was a fine sermon. Frank and I went riding after church. Just as we were ready to start, Mamma came out with some lemonade. Frank had two sacks of candy. We didn't eat it all. He is always asking me if I will go back on my promise.

Aug 21 (Mon)
Cloudy in the first part of the morning but the sun soon came out and was very hot. It clouded up again in the evening and began to blow hard and to lightning. Myrtle Foster and I stood out at the corner talking. She was waiting for her father. He came just as the wind and sand begun to blow. They started for home but came back, and came in the house. A small limb blew off the tree and hit John English on the back of the head. I lent Myrtle my macintosh and they went home. It rained. Mrs. Sullivan was calling here a short time in the afternoon. I read "The Good Literature" and "The Youth's Companion".

Aug 22 (Tue)
Begun at five o'clock to rain and rained hard until about noon. Awful muddy. Finished reading "The Coming Race." The band practiced tonight. It was beautiful music. Frank came down here for a short time. The band's suits came yesterday, so Frank got his this evening and he put it on. Violet, and the coat is trimmed in black braid and the coat in gold and black. He said his father had gone to the State Fair and from there to Omaha. His mother wants me to come up tomorrow night and go with them to the West Liberty Fair. If she could find someone to stay with her, we four could go in the carriage together. Or we may all go on the train.

Aug 23 (Wed)
Frank telephoned to me this afternoon that we would go to the fair on the train. Nettie and his mother was not going. He went down to the Milwaukee (depot) before supper and I saw him come back. He stopped and talked about half a second. He was in a hurry. Roy Maxwell is hauling watermelons. He also stopped, and we talked after Frank was gone.

Aug 24 (Thu)
Begun to rain about five o'clock this morning and rained quite hard. It may have rained before that. Cloudy at different times all day. About ten o'clock I went up to Grandma's and telephoned up to Frank and told him I didn't want to go to the West Liberty Fair. He was just going to telephone down to me about going to the fair. I went uptown in the afternoon and saw Frank. He was just untying his horse to go home. He had been after the laundry. He came down in the evening and we took a short ride. Read "Mary".

Aug 25 (Fri)
Beautiful day. I guess quite a number of people went to the fair today. Bessie and Jennie went yesterday and today, and came home on the midnight trains. Glenn McCullough waved at me as he was going by, but I did not

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know who it was. A carriage load of young people went by and one of the boys said "Hello, Madge". I guess it was Claude Hannan. We bought a bushel of apples from Storms and we put them up today. Mamma's birthday is the last of this month. I do not know what to get her. I am not going to Sperry. I do not care to go. Got a letter from Clara.

Aug 26 (Sat)
Finished the top of my cushions I had begun. Automobile stopped out here in front of the house. It was Stiles from Muscatine. They asked where Chapmans lived and they went down there and left a letter, and then went back. Mr. G. Hoffman's and F Miller's horses got frightened at it. Frank came down in the eve and we went riding before band concert. They all had their suits on. Frank looks fine. We took a short ride after the concert. Frank treated to candy.

Aug 27 (Sun)
Went to Sunday School in the morning. Frank brought Mrs. Storm and Nettie down in their new carriage in the afternoon. Mrs. Storm went to Gundersons, and Frank took Nettie and I for a short ride. The band marched and played all afternoon. They had their suits on. They marched around town about a dozen times. Nettie and I walked around together. She was here a short time. We then set in the carriage until the band stopped playing, and Frank drove me home before he took his folks home. He told me he wouldn't be down until late so I didn't wait for him but went to League with Paul. Went to Reform Church with Frank. After church we took a short ride. Had a nice ride. Nellie Miller lost her garter in League. Nettie wants me to go with her to Wapello.

Aug 28 (Mon)
Aunt Lil was here in the afternoon. I went over to Snyder's after for the supplies for Sunday School, then I went uptown and bought a black silk belt for Mamma as a birthday present. I wanted the children to all put our money together and get Mamma something nice, but Aunt Min got them not to do it. She wanted them to get something with her. Papa said Frank was in town asking about a car of cattle that was expected this evening. The band practiced, but Frank said he was not going. Read "Youth's Companion".

Aug 29 (Tue)
Begun "The Lacemaker of Brussels". About 150 went from here to Muscatine to the Show. They didn't get back until 10:30. They said there was an excursion train that was to take them, but when it got here it was nothing but a freight train with two passenger cars on it. Burt (*Burrel*) Trautman fell off the top of one of the freight cars that was standing on the side track and hurt his back quite badly. He and some other boys were playing. I was appointed one of the delegated to go to the Sunday School Convention, and Mae and Mr. Thomas and Rosa were also appointed to go. It is to be tomorrow. I guess I will not go.

Aug 30 (Wed)
I called up Nettie over the telephone this afternoon and Frank answered. We talked about two seconds and then Netiie came. Nettie said she did not know whether she could go to the Wapello Fair or not. We talked quite a long time. The Wilbur Chapmans have a little baby. Earl Chapman will be married today or tomorrow to some Cedar Rapids girl. I went uptown three times this afternoon—Nellie Gunderson kept making mistakes. Mr. Storm came home today with several loads of cattle. Frank came down but I didn't see him.

Aug 31 (Thu)
I got up early and saw the band boys off to the fair. I waved a pancake turner at them. Arthur, Roy Maxwell and Frank waved. Quite a number went on that early train. Telephoned up to Nettie but she did not know whether she could go or not. She then came down about 10 o'clock all ready to go, so I had to hurry. I wore my white dress. We went down on the noon train. Quite a number went. We had to walk so far to the grounds; we went past where the boys were playing several times but they didn't see us. Ernest C told them that we were there. Saw lots of people I knew. Awful tough place, and crazy fair. We walked uptown with the boys awful far. Nettie and

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I stayed at Aunt Fannie's for supper. We went uptown and I got some peaches for Mamma, and a glass dish for Aunt Lil to give to Mamma. We also went down to the bridge. The boys took us to the depot at 1:30 before it was time, and I was mad. Frank and I quarreled but made up at home where we spent the evening. I went to give him the ring back and he almost cried.

Sep 1 (Fri)
Mamma was 46 yesterday. The boys and Aunt Min gave her a dress. Aunt Lil gave her two dishes, myself a belt and box of peaches. Mamma was sick all day today and I had all the work to do. Grace Gunderson came home Thurs night and brought Wendall home with her. I ran over to Grace's in the evening for about two seconds. Rosa was over there also. Rosa had been to the show and I to the fair, so we had a lot to talk about . Roy Maxwell took Nettie home last night, Frank said. Roy was going to hire a livery ride and take her home, and then walk from Cone to his home. I would not like to have been him.

Sep 2 (Sat)
I baked a cake for the social and one for myself. I didn't go up and help them because I was so tired and didn't get through with the work soon enough. They came here about a dozen times after things. Aunt Lil promised some flowers for the social, so when Frank came down, he took me over there after them. We stayed out for a ride but got caught in a shower and had to come home. It cleared off and he went to the concert, and I went to M.E. Social. We girls ran around some. Glenn McCullough treated us to candy and gave me the rest of it. Chad Pierce got off the 9 and gave me a card from Calvin Williams from Columbus Jct. He lived in Shellsburg when I did. He wanted to come up next Sat to see me, and also to take me to the fair. Artie and Lura, Chester Pierce and Grace Stickney, and Frank and I went to supper together. Frank and I spent the rest of the eve at home. Pauline came home from Ohio this evening. She was over here and is looking very well. It's a shame she had to come home.

Sep 3 (Sun)
I was sick all night after Frank left and all day today. I got up this morning but had to go back to bed again and did not get up until five o'clock. I was awful sick. Merlin is sick also. Mamma is not well yet. I did not get to go to Sunday School, Reform church or League. I guess it was the ice cream that made me sick. Frank was to church in the morning, so George said. He also said that some of the boys asked Frank to flip nickels and Frank would not. Good for him! Frank came down quite early in the evening and stayed until 11. He wants me to go two days to the fair. I do not want to, but I said I would because he wants me to. He said if I was to die he would be an old bachelor all his life. I think he will not.

Sep 4 (Mon)
Mamma and I are not very much better. I do not believe that I will get to go to the fair if I and the weather do not get better. I wrote two or three letters this evening. Merlin is invited to a birthday party given by Zula Abbott. She will be 14 Sat. Paul Chapman and his bride was out yesterday. There was to be a shiveree (*a noisy mock serenade performed by a group of people to celebrate a marriage*) (Oh! My!) but I didn't hear anything of it. They say she is awful old looking.

Sep 5 (Tue)
Went up town in the afternoon and Ethel Crow went with me. Will Dyche and her are going to the fair Thursday and Friday. Frank wants me to go for the last two days but I do not care to at all. I suppose I will have to. I do not like to tell him I do not want to go. I am not feeling very well today. Grace Chapman came to see me in the evening. Got a postal card from Mrs. Underwood this morning. I wrote her a letter and I also wrote 3 or 4 business letters.

Sep 6 (Wed)
Mamma was going to West Liberty but it looked so rainy that she thought she had better not go. Dale (*Storm Gunderson, Frank's sister married to Grace and Nellie Gunderson's brother*) came this evening so she will go down

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to the fair with Storms I suppose. I saw the Storms go and come from the Fair. When they went down, Frank kept looking this way. If it is a cool tomorrow as it is today I guess I will not go. I wish I had a new jacket; I do not like to wear my old jacket. I could have one if I could only get some place to get it. Put the ruffle around my velvet cushion today. Read "Epworth Herald" today. Got an awful headache.

Sep 7 (Thu)
Dale went with Storms to the Fair. I went with Frank. Will and Ethel wanted us to wait for them but we didn't. They caught up with us about halfway down there. Frank and I ate dinner at the dining hall on the grounds. We 4 went up in town before we went on the grounds. I didn't bring any extra money and neither did Ethel, or we would have got us a new hat. I went up in the studio and ordered one picture for Mamma, and Mrs. Underwood, of our graduating class. Ethel had me get her one and I also got Aunt Lil's. We went in the glass blower's tent and got a few glass things. Walked around a great deal. Us 4 set in Uncle Walter's carriage awhile. We had some ice cream cones, Frank & I, twice. Roy and Nettie set a while in Roy's carriage. Frank ate supper here and stayed until 10 o'clock. We had some fun trying the new pens we got. Mrs. Emerson came in while we were eating supper. Awful headache.

Sep 8 (Fri)
Frank and I did not start so early to the fair this morning. Will and Ethel didn't go to the Fair together. Saw Will bringing a different girl home. Frank and I went up in town in the morning. I got me a new hat—dark black with white edge and blue plume. Frank and Nettie liked it. Frank got a new cap. Frank said Will told Dale that Ethel and him were going to be married in January. Mrs. Storm introduced me to Frank's aunt, Mrs. Taylor. Frank, Nettie and myself set in the amphitheater in the morning and watched the judges decide upon what horse should have the prizes. Frank and I ate dinner in the dining hall, then Nettie, Frank and I watched the parade of the horses, ponies and cattle. Very nice. Roy Maxwell came up and we four walked. We set in Storms' carriage for awhile. Saw an automobile race. Us four went into a moving picture show. Had a fairy land story, and a murder story in Battle Creek, Michigan, acted out by the pictures. It was fine. Frank got us some ice cream cones and us two went up in the amphitheater. This was after Nettie went home. We ate supper in town in the restaurant. Came home late.

Sep 9 (Sat)
Mamma went to West Liberty and bought me a new blue waist. I am awful tired today. I took Aunt Lillian's picture over to her in the afternoon. Violet got me a lovely bouquet of flowers. Aunt Lil was down to the Fair two days. Maude Newcomb fainted down there yesterday in the evening. Frank came down this evening and we went riding before the concert, and after. Nettie and her mother was down. Frank treated me to candy and it almost made me sick. Roy Maxwell did not go and play in the band. He and ??? had Seben Peterson and Rosa M out riding.

Sep 10 (Sun)
We went to Sunday School in the morning. Grace and Nellie Gunderson had nice hats on. Rosa had something to say about mine. I went uptown with Geneva after. Papa handed me the mail as I was coming home. I got a nutcracker and six (*nut*) picks. Geneva said that Mr. Abel (*school principal*) was drinking and gambling like everything. He tells his wife he is going fishing and then he goes to the sweet potato house and gambles. That is the result of bad company. Awful sad. I wish there was some way to stop him. Grace Stickney stopped here in the afternoon and got "Beautiful Joe" from me to read to her school. Lura said Grace was crazy after the pickle man. Frank came down in the evening and we went to League and Reform church.

Sep 11 (Mon)
I went down to Chapman's in the afternoon after the wooden needles. Mamma got some white wool when she was to West Liberty and she is going to make me a scarf. I went uptown and got a box of stationary and went also to the post office. I got a nice silver cold meat fork today. I wonder how Frank is. We started to go riding last

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evening but he took sick and he had to go home, so we only had a short ride. Saw Roy Maxwell today and he had something to say—he always does. He is a good hearted boy. I wish he would stop drinking.

Sep 12 (Tue)
Papa went to Wapello today on the noon train. The railroad sent for him to come as one of the witnesses for the trial that the railroad company and Mr. Waterhouse are having. It was about the burning of his barn. Papa returned on the 9 o'clock train. They put an end to the trial so Papa didn't have to stay all week. Went up to the post office and store in the afternoon. Boys club met here in the evening so I went up to Grandma's with Mamma in the evening. Roy Maxwell said something to me when I was uptown. Got an invitation to some kind of a party to Grace Gunderson's for last night. Didn't go.

Sep 13 (Wed)
Finished the bird on my cushion and begun to work the ruffle on the other one. I wish "The Prospector" hadn't ended so quick. Just like it had left out several chapters. It is a good book. Sylvia and Lenox (*cousins*) stayed here after school until Uncle Jone (*Jonas Buser*) came along and took them home. I wish I could get something to do. I hate to stay here and depend upon Papa to get me everything. I would like to earn my own money. I do not like to have him getting me clothes.

Sep 14 (Thu)
I wrote three letters before dinner. I guess I have all my letters answered now. Frank came down to band practice and we took a short ride before they begun to practice. Roy Maxwell had Seben Peterson, Grace Gunderson and others a-riding before the band practice.

Sep 15 (Fri)
About noon Uncle Sam (*Samuel Buser*) came with a bushel of peaches which we had ordered from him. I begun to peel them, and peeled until five o'clock, stopping only to eat my dinner. My but I was tired. Nellie Miller came in before I was through and set and talked awhile. Told me she wanted me to go to choir practice with her. I had an awful headache but she stopped for me at seven o'clock, so I went. We went up around town and stopped at the post office.

Sep 16 (Sat)
Frank brought Nettie down with the butter this morning. In the afternoon I read "The Youth's Companion" and begun "Ethics of the Dust". Frank came down in the evening. We went riding after the concert. The band has 30 pieces that they had played during the winter. They sounded very nice.

Sep 17 (Sun)
I went to Sunday School in the morning and also to Reform church. We elected officers for the Sunday School, and I was re-elected secretary. I think they could get someone else, I have been it so long. Frank was in town in the morning but he didn't come to church. His folks went away so he spent the whole day by himself. He came down early in the evening and we went to League and ME Church. We got Mr. Brenton (*preacher*) back again. It was a fine sermon. Frank and I went riding after church. It looked cloudy and sprinkled a little but soon cleared off. Frank said he would like to come down Tuesday too.

Sep 18 (Mon)
Nellie Miller came over after school and we went to the Dr. to get our eyes examined. The Dr. said I needed glasses for farsightedness and Nellie for nearsightedness. Nellie brought me some books. I have started to read "Babs the Impossible". I believe this is the worse writing I ever did (*messy diary?*).

Sep 19 (Tue)
Winifred brought my glasses over this morning. I am to try them for two or three days. I wore them all day today

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and I have not had the headache. If they will keep the headache away that is all I care about. Grace Gunderson and Rosa was here a few minutes this afternoon. Came for me to write a note for some money out of Sunday School. Nellie Miller stopped here after school for me to go with her over to Jennie Noland's. We also went over to Mr. Abel's after my diploma. He said something about having a class meeting tomorrow night.

Sep 20 (Wed)
I ran over to Grace Gunderson's in the evening to see whether we were going to have a class meeting or not. They postponed it until Saturday night. Grace was going home Tuesday but she decided to stay until about Monday or Tuesday. I have done more reading and sewing since I got my glasses then I have for a long time.

Sep 21 (Thu)
A beautiful still day. Such a still day such as this day is, always makes me feel so unsettled. I always want to be on the move and go someplace. I wish there was something going on. Not in the evening but in the day time. Nettie stopped this afternoon and took me down to the Milwaukee Depot after a box of merchandise and back and around town. I guess she has been over the river since Sunday. Her mother went after her, and they went to Muscatine Tuesday. Nettie has a new beau over there. Frank came down in the evening and we took a short ride before band practice.

Sep 22 (Fri)
I went down to the Dr. (*English*) in the afternoon to see about my glasses. He wasn't at home and I got to talking to Mrs. English and I stayed quite a long time. In the evening Miss Abel and Grace Stickney stopped out here at the gate and talked to me a long time. I finished reading "Babs the Impossible". It was a queer book. It didn't end to suit me.

Sep 23 (Sat)
Mamma and George went to West Liberty today. She got me quite a number of things, among them was a pink changeable waist with a green farquhar in it. She also got me some pretty ribbon. Paul went fishing. Mina came over right after dinner and stayed all afternoon. Went down to the Dr. and he wasn't at home. Saw him later and he said to try the glasses a while longer and then go without them a short time and see what my head would do. Rosa, Grace G., and Ethel stopped here a short time. Frank came down and we waited for Nettie, and then we 3 took a short walk. Nettie and I then went to the class meeting. When the band played, Nettie and I went down together until about 9 o'clock, and then Maudie joined us. Nettie went home after the train came and then Maudie and I went around together. Frank and I took a short ride after the concert.

Sep 24 (Sun)
Another beautiful day. Went to Sunday School. We elected the teachers this morning. Nettie, Geneva and I wore our graduating dresses. Nettie was going to stay down but she forgot to ask her mother. I begun "The Gadfly" yesterday. Frank came down in the evening and we went to League and then to the Reform church. I read a Reference in League. Roy Maxwell and Nettie set in the same seat with us at Reform church. Frank and I went riding after church. We got in early. My head has begun to hurt me again. At the class meeting last night, the class of '05 dissolved themselves into a Luminer(?) society with Roy Abbott as president, Rosa Miller the secretary and myself as Treasurer.

Sep 25 (Mon)
We washed and peeled a bushel of peaches and Mamma canned them. Finished "The Gadfly". Eva Jones came over after school and asked me if I would teach for her Thursday. She said they are going to have a family reunion and she would like to go. I said I would. My, but it will be hard with all of the small children. Aunt Min and Eva Jeans were down here a short time. Nine of the Lone Tree Band was here Saturday night and played with our band. It was very fine music. Conesville Band are going up there some night. Frank wanted to come down Tuesday nights but I will not let him.

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Sep 26 (Tue)
Another beautiful day but the wind blew very bad. Quite a number from Columbus Junction came this morning for a picnic on Cone Lake. Della Hill was with them. Les and Miss Swerley came in the afternoon. They stopped here and fixed themselves up a little bit. The sand blew so bad. Les wanted me to go down to the picnic with them but I wouldn't. Lura McCullough stopped here, and we went and visited school a short time. I set with Maudie Maxwell. I got 97 in Physics. Mr. Abel said I had a fine paper. I guess Lura and I will go back for graduate work. We stopped at Mrs. Abel's and I got Nettie's diploma. I got quite a number of compliments on my hat.

Sep 27 (Wed)
I forgot to write down yesterday that I read "The Youth's Companion", "People's Home Journal", "Woman's Magazine" and finished "The Gadfly". It is a rather sad book. I read "Sandy" today. It is good. Readers had some men come from the Junction and take their pictures. A family group. We had quite a lot of company today. Frank came down in the evening and we took a ride.

Sep 28 (Thu)
I took charge of Eva's room today. I taught all day and I am very tired. The children were good. I only had to punish one and that was Roy Smith. I made him stand on the floor. I also had a big time keeping Harry Criss in his seat. I like to teach that room. Method is the principal thing. Frank came down in the evening and we took a short ride. I read "The Delineator".

Sep 29 (Fri)
Beautiful sunshiny day. The wind blew and it is very dusty. I was over to Aunt Lil's this morning and she gave me a pressed moss out of a specimen book that Mamma's Aunt Mary made and gave to Grandpa and Grandma Buser at a Donation party that she was to when she was visiting here. I was over to Aunt Lil's again in the afternoon. I got a letter from Augusta Machen Wednesday. I read seven "Epworth Heralds".

Sep 30 (Sat)
Nettie was down in the morning with the butter and I gave her her diploma. The Reforms had a pumpkin pie social and popcorn and other things this evening. I did not go. Frank came down this evening and we spent the evening here at home. There wasn't any band concert. We looked over "The People's Home Journals" (a whole year) and made out the puzzles that was in them. Frank asked me if we couldn't be married one year from next Thanksgiving and I said "Yes, maybe." I thought I may not.

Oct 1 (Sun)
Frank said it rained very hard before he got home last night, but it didn't rain here. I went to Sunday School in the morning. Didn't stay for our practice. In the afternoon, I went over to Aunt Lil's. I promised her i would come. Mr. Beck's father, mother and brother were there. They had been to Colorado and were just returning home. Mr. Beck's brother is young and not very bad looking. Frank came down in the evening and we went to League and ME church. Mr. Brenton preached a very good sermon. Frank and I went riding after church. I wore my winter coat. A pleasant ride. I was talking to Lura; we will start to school Wed. I have an awful headache.

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Oct 2 (Mon)
Nellie Gunderson came over this morning with the pictures I ordered. One was of the Reform church commencement night, another one was a picture of the dining room table on banquet night. The 3d one was the picture of the cats and kittens, Toodles & 3 kittens and Niger & 3 kittens and Paul, Merlin and myself. They were taken when we did not expect it. Read 4 Epworth Heralds. Lura started to school today. Sets with Maudie Maxwell. I'm too busy; can't go until Wednesday. Made two milkweed balls this evening. The train set Beck's orchard afire. It was a big smoke.

Oct 3 (Tue)
Another warm beautiful day. Jessie Smith came home yesterday. She has been gone a long time. Lura came here at noon and stayed until after the first bell rung. She wanted to know whether I was coming to school Wednesday. I told her I didn't know whether I would or not. There is so much work to do. Arthur Beck is talking of staying here all winter and farming with Mr. Beck next summer. He got an introduction to Rosa Miller last Sunday. Read 7 Epworth Heralds. Made me a pink and white pin cushion this evening.

Oct 4 (Wed)
Aunt Lil sent over a letter she got from Cousin Fanny. It was very interesting. I got a note from Clara Stemen this evening. I also answered it. Two years ago yesterday was the first time I saw Toodles. My! I wish she was alive. I saw her when I was up to Storms two years ago. Papa was home for dinner today. Aunt Lil was also here. We put up a lot of green tomatoes and pickles.

Oct 5 (Thu)
Nettie and her mother went up to Dale's this morning. They will be gone until Sunday evening. Read seven Epworth Heralds and McCalls Magazine. Got an invitation over to Becks for this evening but did not go. Frank came down in the evening and we took a short ride before band concert. He drove Roy and May. Roy was talking to me for about half an hour yesterday at noon. We canned a bushel of pears today. Papa got two basketfuls of grapes tonight.

Oct 6 (Fri)
A beautiful warm day but very cool in the evening. Read 12 Epworth Heralds. Canned two baskets of grapes this morning. I also read "The Welcome Guest." There were quite a number of people buggy riding this evening. Frank Creger and Jess had a quarrel and have parted. He was drunk and knocked her down. Les and Miss Silay

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are going to be married next month.

Oct 7 (Sat)
Aunt Della, Zelma and Vivian came over this morning on the Milwaukee. Uncle Walter and Clarence are coming tomorrow. They were down here all afternoon and for supper. Zelma's (*12 years old*) larger than I am. Vivian is awful sweet and cute. There wasn't any band concert. Mr. Pifer's baby is sick. Frank came down and took Zelma and I on a long ride. After Zelma went home, Frank and I took a ride. He said he was beginning to think that we was not going to have a ride together.

Oct 8 (Sun)
A warm sunshiny day. The wind is blowing the dust awful. We need a rain. Uncle Walter and Clarence came over this morning. I went to Sunday School in the morning; Zelma wouldn't go with me. Frank was down town this morning, but I didn't see him. Bertha Foster was over today. We all eat dinner at Grandma's (*Louisa Marshall Ingraham*). We put our dinners together. Uncle Walter went home about four o'clock. Vivian and I started for a walk in the afternoon. Aunt Min and Zelma went walking after we had started. We met and took a walk together. Frank came down in the evening and we went to League and from there to Reform church, where they had a harvest home exercise. After church we went riding.

Oct 9 (Mon)
Mamma is not very well, so we didn't wash today. Put up some more grapes today. Nettie came down in the afternoon and we went over to the schoolhouse and visited Miss Abel's room. Nettie is going to start to school tomorrow. She was going to start this afternoon but got down here too late. She is awful mad at Roy. The section foreman's daughter called out to Roy yesterday afternoon, and he stopped and took her home. I told Frank and he told Nettie, but she knew about it anyway. Someone told Frank that Roy has been running around with those girls.

Oct 10 (Tue)
Washed today, and we had an awful big one too. I went school in the afternoon. I will have to set with Della for a while. Nettie came in the morning and she was setting with Grace Yocum. Nettie wrote a letter to Roy and just gave him fits. I wonder if she will really quit him. I do not hardly think so. Read 3 "Ladies Home Journals" and "Home Life". Seems like old times to be back to school. A little queer at first.

Oct 11 (Wed)
Ironed all morning but went to school in the afternoon. I have got an awful headache. Nettie was down. She got a letter from Roy. If I should ever get a letter from a boy like the one she got, I would never speak to him again. It wasn't bad, but it said such cutting things to her. He blames me for her knowledge of his being with the Section Foreman's girls. I am perfectly innocent. Read 6 "People's Home Journals."

Oct 12 (Thu)
Since Uncle Jone (*Jonas Buser*) went to Canada, Merlin has been staying with Aunt Rebecca Jane. Their pump froze. I went to school all day today. I have the blues most awful this month. I sometimes wonder if I ever knew what the word happy meant. I do not believe I ever was really happy. Frank came down this evening. He has a new horse. Got it at Letts; was there all day. He has gone out of the band. That just makes me awful mad at him. Read People's Home Journal.

Oct 13 (Fri)
Baked a cake in the morning. Went to school in the afternoon. Lura, Nettie and I visited Eva's room until recess, and Miss Abel's room after recess. Gained some good points about teaching. Heard Rosa was gong to have a party next Thursday. Nettie was coming down tonight to choir practice but she didn't. I think Frank was the biggest ___ that ever was for going out of the band. He shall not come down here on those nights if I can help it! He

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doesn't know what he wants to do anyway. Read "The Millionaire's Baby" today.

Oct 14 (Sat)
We got an invitation to Uncle Charlie's (*Charles Marshall, younger brother of Louisa Marshall, Margaret's grandmother*) wedding today. We were very much surprised. He is to be married the 18th at Colorado. He will be 44 years old the 28th of this month. Frank came down and spent the evening here. It makes me mad every time I think of him quitting the band. Roy and Elmer Black and those Milwaukee (Depot) girls were out here on Lover's Leap all evening, cutting up like everything, dancing and laughing. I would be ashamed if I were they. Read "The Homemaking of Julie."

Oct 15 (Sun)
Very cold. I wore my coat today. Went to Sunday School, and Nettie and I went to Reform church. Scott Beck (*Aunt Lil Buser's husband*) was installed as Deacon. Frank was to church, and he and Nettie brought me home. Nettie has a new dark red hat turned up in the back like mine. I went over to Beck's in the afternoon and took their "Ladies Home Journal". Arthur Beck (*Scott's brother*) was there. Frank came down in the evening and we went to League and ME church. Nettie set with us. Mr. Brenton had an operation performed and could not preach. Frank and I went riding in the evening. Roy Maxwell is calling up all the girls.

Oct 16 (Mon)
I did not go to school all day. Washing, took up the setting room carpet, washed windows, scrubbed floor, etc. It begun to rain so we didn't get the carpet dusted. Nettie was down to school. She came over after school and I went over to the barn with her. She brought me home in the buggy. Maudie Maxwell (*Roy's sister*) is mad at her, and Nettie said she supposes the whole Maxwell family was mad. Mrs. Cone was here in the evening a short time; she came to see Papa. (*Mrs. Cone was the widow of the founder of Conesville, and this visit was likely about railroad business*).

Oct 17 (Tue)
Cloudy all day and rained almost all day. Rained all night just awful. Blackened the stove but couldn't do anything towards putting down the carpet. I wish it was done. Nettie did not get down, and I did not go to school. We ironed. Papa went to the Junction to help to make a crossing. Was gone all day. He will have to go tomorrow again. Read three "Ladies Home Journals" It is not as cold today as yesterday but it is awful damp.

Oct 18 (Wed)
George went to the Junction with Papa this morning and came back on the eleven o'clock train. He got him a new suit. Finished cleaning the setting room, glad of it too. Gave Pauline Beck (*Aunt Lil's 9-year-old daughter*) a whole box of doll rags. Swept the whole house and did a dozen other things, awful tired. Elmer went by with the oldest Milwaukee Depot girl. Took her home, I guess. Well if nothing has happened, Uncle Charlie is married by this time. Belle Marehead and Will Read were married this evening up to Shake McKee's. George went uptown to see it done, but was too late. Ida Bennett and Sam Jones at Muscatine were also married today. Another couple were married in Nichols. Read two "Ladies Home Journals".

Oct 19 (Thu)
Rained hard this forenoon. Cloudy all day and also rained at times, blew hard also. Getting very cold this evening. Got a letter from Clara Riche this noon. Nettie came down to school today. After school, she stopped here at the door and was talking this evening. Pauline, Rosa and Alston (*Aunt Lil's children*) were here this afternoon. Alston is awful cute. Started to make me a silk biscuit cushion this afternoon. I do not think that I will have silk pieces enough. Mamma made a new chair cushion. Madge Hankins and Abe Gay were married this evening. If Madge's life is anything like her day it will not be very bright. Read two Peoples Home Journals.

Oct 20 (Fri)

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Nettie was down to school, but I decided not to go. Baked a cake this morning. Read two "Peoples Home Journals". Papa got me a pack of new shoes this evening. I do not like them very well, but they are the best we can get here. Worked up all the silk I had in my cushion. John English came over this evening and asked if I would make one of the biscuits for the cushion while he was here, he would go home and get some of his old neckties. He went home and brought over two and George found three of his so I treated them all to cake. (*John & George must have provided their old ties to Margaret so she would have enough silk to complete her cushion*). Papa went to council meeting tonight, but there wasn't enough there so they didn't have any.

Oct 21 (Sat)
Nettie did not come down with the butter. Aunt Min sent me down some silk pieces, so I finished the top of my biscuit cushion. Mamma wants me to make a whole comforter like the cushion, only make it worsted pieces. I guess I will try it. Glen McCurdy was down here about one hour and a half talking to Papa this evening. Frank came down this evening and we went riding. Roy Maxwell and Bessie McGraw (*one of the scandalous Milwaukee Depot sisters!*) followed us for quite a while. We got an announcement of Uncle Charlie's marriage. I got a letter from Prudence. Read "Ruth Endicott, School Mistress."

Oct 22 (Sun)
I went to Sunday School in the morning, a big crowd. Frank was down but I didn't get to see him. Read "The Mayor's Wife", "The Girl with the Blue Sailor", "Two Violins" and "The New Agent of Lebanon." They are all continued stories in The People's Home Journal. Frank came down in the evening and we went to League and Reform church. There was a large crowd at both churches. We went riding after. Rosa invited me to a surprise party on Nellie Miller tomorrow night. Maudie also invited me. Nellie's birthday is today. She is sixteen years old. Nellie went across the river visiting today.

Oct 23 (Mon)
Geneva told me yesterday that Nellie Miller is going to Toledo, IA next Thursday to have an operation performed on her hip. She is going to have the bone scraped, and then she hopes to be able to walk with an extension shoe. She will always limp. She will be gone 4 to 6 months. I told Frank to let Nellie go to Rosa's party with us. Rosa said not to take a present as they would take up a collection (but they didn't). Maudie and Lura were here at noon. Nettie came down with the butter at noon. George and Merlin are working for Uncle Jone (*Jonas Buser*). I went to the party with Frank and Nellie. I and Nellie wore our white dresses. We were to meet at Maudie's but we just got down there as they started to go—surprised them good. Nellie was getting ready for bed, we also surprised Geneva. They all danced, but Frank and I and Nellie. Roy Maxwell and Elmer had the McGraw (*Milwaukee Depot*) girls there. Claude Hannan had Jenny Noland, Ralph & Nellie. Harry Abbott, Jessie, Mina and others. We got back about 12. I stepped in a mud puddle and got some mud on me. Those McGraw girls are awful.

Oct 24 (Tue)
I slept rather late this morning. Mina told her Grandmother that she got home at 11 o'clock, and she hadn't started when we did. Mrs. Miller was awful provoked about the McGraw girls. Nellie and I were the only ones that had white dresses on at the party. They do not know anything about a party here. I guess this is my last party, or a dancing party anyway. I told Frank last Saturday night that he couldn't come down through the week and he was awful worked up about it, then I wrote a note today and told him he could come down any time. I gave it to Nettie after school. I went uptown and got a shirtwaist set for Nellie Miller. I wanted to give her something for a birthday present. I wrote Grace Gunderson a letter. I read "Woman's Magazine" yesterday. "The Ladies Home Journal" and "Welcome Visitor" today.

Oct 25 (Wed)
Another beautiful warm day. Nettie was not down to school today. Read "Good Literature", "People's Home Journal" and "Thanksgiving Party." Mrs. Emerson came over with a silk and wool coat, and she wants me to make two of those star cushions from them, one for her and one for myself. Mamma isn't very well, so I guess I will

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have to give up trying to go to school.

Oct 26 (Thu)
Read "Glen Creek" this morning. I begun the star cushion today. I went uptown five times this afternoon. The first time I went uptown I couldn't get anything I wanted. The next three times I went to the milliner store. I tried to get Mamma a hat, but she didn't look good in any of them. The last time I went uptown I got what I wanted. My but I was tired. Mrs. Bill Norris died some time this afternoon.

Oct 27 (Fri)
Sunshiny day. Very cool. Getting colder all the time. Worked some more on my cushion. I made me a Devil Food Cake this afternoon and made a chocolate icing for it. It looked rather nice. I made my first noodles Monday and they were also good. It's a good thing I brag on myself as I would never get a compliment. I got an invitation to Rosa's Halloween party. John English was here this evening.

Oct 28 (Sat)
I made some molasses candy with walnuts this afternoon. Frank came down in the evening. We did not go to the oyster supper but stayed at home—he didn't ask me to go to the oyster supper until so late that I wouldn't go. If he would have wanted to take me I think he would have asked me before it was so late. Frank read the funny papers, ate candy and grapes. He said if we didn't go to Rosa's party, he might come down that night. I got a post card from Nellie Miller telling me that she got there all right. Read "Home Life".

Oct 29 (Sun)
The boys have been husking corn for Uncle Jone all week. They came home last night and will go back tomorrow morning. Went to Sunday School, and to Mrs. Norris' funeral. Frank was to the funeral. He went to the graveyard but didn't ask to take me. He said in the evening that he thought about taking me but he didn't know whether I would go or not, and he didn't like to ask me. He had a notion to come by after me, after he had started. I thought he didn't want to take me and I felt rather hurt. Bill Dyche took Ethel and Aunt Min. There was a big crowd. Rosa had on a new turban. Maudie a fine new coat and her hat fixed over. I got an introduction to Bess McGraw (*one of the Milwaukee Depot girls*). Frank came down in the evening and we went to ME church and League. After church we spent the evening here at home. Frank treated me to candy.

Oct 30 (Mon)
Rained or sprinkled or misted all day. We washed today but did not hang the clothes out. Nettie came down in the afternoon with the butter. I went over to Englishes with her, and then uptown. The McGraw girls were uptown. Nettie got a letter from Roy; he wants to come back to her now. He said his folks said he would have to walk if he didn't stop running with every Tom Dick and Harry. He said that everyone said that he was foolish for quitting her and he asked for her company for Tuesday night. She is not going to answer his letter. Nettie and I took a short ride before she went home. She said Mr. Abel put us together at school.

Oct 31 (Tue)
Halloween, and not so very much excitement. Frank and I did not go to Rosa's party. I made a lot of candy in the afternoon. Frank came down in the evening. I worked some on my cushion. Frank made two pink points on the star. Nettie went to the party with Elmer Black. Uncle Sam (*Buser*) was here in the evening. He is going to move to Canada in the Spring. We may also go. Frank said he was worrying about it. I told him it wouldn't break his heart if I did go. Read Epworth Herald.

Nov 1 (Wed)
A bright beautiful day. Not a stir in the sky, not a stir on the earth. The town was as calm as can be (for Halloween). As far as I have heard and seen, there wasn't much damage done. I don't think there were very many people out anyway. There was someone throwing corn at the windows last night. Nellie B, Nellie G and Jennie N were

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throwing the first part of the evening. I think it was Bill Jones that was throwing about eleven o'clock. He stood out there a long time. I haven't heard anything about the party.

Nov 2 (Thu)
This day is like a day in April. The sun and the rain take turns about. The sun beat the rain this afternoon, and came out and stayed out. Grandma said that Nettie was down this afternoon, but I didn't see her.I heard of one or two tricks that they did at the party but that was all. Put up some pears today. We got another bushel from Uncle Sam. I read the McCalls Magazine.

Nov 3 (Fri)
Pauline (*Beck, Aunt Lil's daughter*) came over this morning and we had finished her skirt and underskirt and I did up her waist yesterday and we tried the things on her. I gave her my little collar, blue ribbon, belt, stick pin and pins and also a white under waist. I gave her my blue cap Monday, so she was quite filled out. She looked cute. I got the book I sent off for Merlin's birthday and also a letter from Nellie Miller. George was home a few minutes this evening. Merlin was also home one eve this week. I put the fringe on one end of my scarf. Nettie was down with the butter in afternoon.

Nov 4 (Sat)
I went up town in the afternoon and got Merlin a necktie for his birthday. I also bought two handkerchiefs for George and Paul to give him. I went over to Aunt Lil's with her "Peoples Home Journals" and she gave me two more to read. She also gave me a picture of Papa that he had taken when he first came from Colorado. It's awful queer of him. Frank came down in the evening and we went riding. I finished "The Mayor's Wife" after I came home.

Nov 5 (Sun)
I went to Sunday School, there was 30 there. Merlin is 14 years old today. Papa treated us to oysters this evening. Merlin had a big time. I got ready for League this evening and Papa was going to take me but Frank got down before I started. He put his horse in our barn. There was quite a number to League but there wasn't anyone to play the organ, so we didn't have any League. We went over to Reform church and no one was there but Deacon Beck, so we came home and spent the evening here.

Nov 6 (Mon)
Cleared off this morning and we had a very nice day. The boys went to work. We didn't wash today. Mina Emerson came over this afternoon and Mamma made her a blue velvet dickey. Mina gave me enough to make me one. She came over this evening and brought over a very wide dove colored ribbon and I made her a belt and a collar, and she gave me enough for a belt. We very nearly had an accident with Blue last night but I got her out of doors just in time. I would have had a fit if It would have happened.

Nov 7 (Tue)
9 years ago yesterday my sister died. 47 years ago today Grandma Ingraham was married. I went uptown this afternoon to the post office, Coffin's store and Smith & Jones store. Just as I left the post office, Mrs. Storm and Nettie drove in town. I wrote a letter to Nellie Miller and Augusta Moehn. I read a great big stack of funny papers.

Nov 8 (Wed)
Begun to snow about noon and snowed until evening. It doesn't seem like it is time for winter to be here. The summer has been so short. I got my floss and back for my "owl" cushion. I finished Mrs. Emerson's and my star cushions. Leslie Hill was married to Isabel Siverly this evening at seven o'clock. I hope her life will be happier than the day has predicted for her. Read another lot of funny papers.

Nov 9 (Thu)

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I begun my "Out Owl Night" cushion. Lura McCullough spent the afternoon here. She didn't speak very good of Rosa's party. Mrs. English was also calling here this afternoon. I got a letter from Grace Gunderson today. She has been having the rheumatism rather bad in her right arm.

Nov 10 (Fri)
Another beautiful day and moonlight evening. Almost too lovely to stay indoors. I finished my "Out Owl Night" cushion. It looked a little bit better than I thought it would. I got a letter from Nellie Miller today. She wants me to come up and see her when Geneva comes. Mrs. Cone was here this evening to see Papa about a council meeting.

Nov 11 (Sat)
Aunt Min and Ethel went to West Liberty today. Ethel got her wedding dress. I went over to Aunt Lil's this afternoon. Frank came down in the evening and we went riding. Will Reed's home got on fire and Belle Morehead is very sick over it. Read "The Youth's Companion".

Nov 12 (Sun)
I went to the ME, Sunday School and to the Reform Church with Nettie in the morning. It was holy communion Sunday at the Reform church. Frank came down in the afternoon and we went riding. Will Dyche was up there for dinner. Frank and I went to ME League and church in the evening. Geneva came out in a new coat, hat and skirt. Nettie had on a new red coat. I got an invitation to a surprise party on Roy Abbott. Begun to read "Lucile".

Nov 13 (Mon)
Finished reading "Lucile". Last Friday evening, Elmer Black and Roy Maxwell went down to McGraw's after the girls. Mr. McGraw came to the door and said that the girls were not at home, and he wouldn't tell where they were. The boys went over to the depot and the girls were there, and they got in the buggy and started to ride off. Mr. McGraw came out and said for both girls to get out of the buggy and they got out and went in the house. The boys drove off. I would have felt cheap if I would have been with the boys or the girls. Mrs. Cone has come over and cooked her some beans on our stove and upset a hole tub full of seeds on the floor. Oh! My! What a time Mamma and I had. Read "Comfort", "Life at the Manse" and begun "Wife in Name Only".

Nov 14 (Tue)
I got the pattern for my blue waist and we begun to make my waist this afternoon. It looks rather nice. I got an invitation to a class party at Mrs. English's yesterday. It is to be Thursday afternoon from two to four. I think invitations for parties are coming in rather fast. Finished reading "Wife in Name Only". I have read it before. It's a good book I think. I began to read "Silent and True". I have never read it before.

Nov 15 (Wed)
Mamma went to West Liberty today. Paul went also. I spent the afternoon alone. I wrote a letter to Nellie Miller, Grace Gunderson, Clara Rieple, Prudence McMahon and Great Aunt Mary (*Ingraham*). Mrs. Emerson was over here once and Mina twice. The door was locked so they did not get in. Mamma got the pattern and ribbon for my pink waist. She got me a new set of side combs also. Edith Miller was coming down but Mamma told her about the parties, so she didn't come. George came home sick with the tonsillitis. Mamma took my pearl brooch to West Liberty to get it fixed.

Nov 16 (Thu)
Mamma got my waist donw and I wore it to Mrs. English's party. We had a fine time. There was a big crowd there. Mrs. English served cake, peaches and bananas. Mina was there—and she wasn't invited. Nellie Gunderson took our pictures twice. Mamma got my scarf done and I wore it to Roy Abbott's party. I wore my tan dress. I went with Frank, Nettie with Roy Maxwell, Geneva, Maudie and Rosa together. Miss Hollenbeck from Cedar Rapids was here and also someone from Muscatine. The Abbotts served peaches, cake and popcorn balls. Roy A.

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was very much impressed. They had music in the parlor. Glenn McCullough, the company, Art & Eva and myself didn't dance, Lura only once. There was quite a lot there. They danced like everything, and Frank the head one! I never was so surprised in all my life when Mrs. Abbott told me he was dancing. I didn't believe it, and I also wouldn't believe Glenn McCullough, but when I saw it myself, I had to believe it. I didn't think Frank would tell a lie. I told him he need not come down Friday night and that was all I said.

Nov 17 (Fri)
I wonder if Frank is awful mad at me. I am at him. Mr. Thomas stopped here and told us that a presiding elder would preach tonight. Geneva and Roy Abbott stopped here, and Geneva came in and just begged of me to go to church with them. I wouldn't. Frank was down but he didn't speak to me or take me home. I can't imagine what he is going to do now. I told him he could not come down, and I guess he did not understand me. I got an invitation to a surprise party at Maudie Maxwell's.

Nov 18 (Sat)
I went over to the Dr. with my glasses, but he wasn't at home. I went uptown after something at the post office. Frank was in there talking to Crete. I went out, and then came back in and said, "Frank, did Nettie bring down the butter?" He said "No." I tell you I am mad at him. I never was so mad in my life as I was when I got home. I wrote a note to Frank and asked him to come down. Paul took it up but Frank was gone. I wouldn't believe it, so Paul went up again, and I went up back way to see if his horse was gone. It was gone and about 4:30 I went up to Aunt Min and tried to get Storms but the line was out of whack. I tried several times. Frank went to the party and took Geneva home. I thought i would go crazy this afternoon and evening with the headache. Read some.

Nov 19 (Sun)
I got up early this morning and wrote some more to Frank's note I wrote yesterday. Just as I started to Sunday School, I saw Frank come to town and I sent the note up by Paul. He gave it to Frank. I went to Sunday School. After Sunday School, Frank drove by here with Artie, and they both had cigars in their mouths. Frank was not smoking. I went to League in the evening with Paul and also to Reform church. Frank had Geneva Miller there. Everyone is talking awful and taking my part. I told several I was not engaged to Frank and we had broke our engagement. I hope Frank did not have any more peace than I did. I hope I will never put in another such a day as long as I have. I haven't eat or slept a moment since before noon with my head.

Nov 20 (Mon)
A very beautiful day. We washed today. I wrote a long letter to Frank. I told him to break up and get the ring. I also told him I was mistaken about something. Aunt Lil was here this afternoon. Mr. Storm and Nettie was down with the butter. Nettie looked awful guilty and she saw I was not mad at her. I will keep the ring until he comes and gets it. I told him to come and get it in his letter. Mrs. Cone and Mr. McCurdy were here this evening.

Nov 21 (Tue)
I went uptown this afternoon. I sent for my pictures. I had quite a talk with Crete about school and nothing in general. I saw my letter was gone out of Frank's box. We got our salad dish we ordered of Mr. Brown today. Mina was here in the afternoon. I got a letter from Frank this evening. It was not wrote by him, it was by Nettie and Roy Maxwell. He said to hand the ring to Nettie or mail it. I will never do either one. The only way for him to get it is to come after it. He was running around with the boys all evening and the boys were making fun of him, Papa said.

Nov 22 (Wed)
I went down to Englishes and saw about my glasses. Dr. English is going to send and get a size larger. He also looked at my wrist and said he thought it was growing a little. I went up to Smith's store. Had quite a talk with Mrs. Miller. She said that Nellie had had her operation performed and was getting along fine. She will have to have another one. Read "Madame" and "Home Monthly". "The Leaves of Light", "Classmate" and "The New Idea."

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Nellie Gunderson and Rosa Miller are going up to Jones' next week.

Nov 23 (Thu)
Cloudy all day. It began to rain and blow awful about 4:30. It rained all evening. It was a big storm. Mr. Storm went by here this afternoon. He got a box from the Milwaukee Depot. I suppose he got Frank's robe. I got all ready to go to prayer meeting and choir practice but it rained so there wasn't any. Read "The Girl's Companion" "Good Literature" and "Woman's Magazine."

Nov 24 (Fri)
Pauline and Rosa was over in the afternoon. Aunt Lil wrote to Aunt Mary for her to either come down after me or send for me to come up there. I am just crazy to go. I would like to stay all winter. Claude Hannan and Grace Yocum were leaning over Lovers Leap for about half an hour this afternoon. I read "Stella Newton". I can't read very much until I get my glasses. I have such awful headaches.

Nov 25 (Sat)
A rather nice day this is. I went over to Aunt Lillian's this afternoon. I didn't stay so very long. I also went uptown in the afternoon. I spoke with Roy Maxwell and Glenn Trautmann. Dr. English came in the evening with my glasses. They are a size larger than my others and the rims are this soft rolled gold. I went up to Grandma's to get Mamma after Dr. English went away. The children were cutting up so. Our "Blue" cat has disappeared. Last night was the last time we saw it.

Nov 26 (Sun)
Went to Sunday School. I also went to Reform church with Nettie and Miss McGraw. It was a good sermon "For give us this day our daily bread" was the subject. Elmer Black, Roy Maxwell and Frank were setting in the back seat and got called down. John English was here almost all afternoon. George and I went over to the schoolhouse after my book. Geneva and Grace Stickney came over, and we three girls spent the rest of the afternoon in taking a walk together. Geneva said tonight was the last time she was going with Frank. Frank brought Geneva to church. He set directly in front of me. I had to touch him when I got up to read and sing. Roy Abbott had Lura McCullough to church. Glenn had his girl also. Miss Abel told me Frank said he had lost three years of his life and he was going in for a good time. The sermon was the best one I ever heard. "Counting the Cost" was the theme. I hope it touched every heart that was there.

Nov 27 (Mon)
The wind blew and was cloudy almost all the morning. About noon it begun to rain. It rained and blew hard all afternoon, evening and night. I read "The Youth's Companion" in the evening. I am almost crazy with a headache. They say I do not sleep. I do not know. I can't get that sermon out of my head. I am counting the cost, and I wonder if some other liked it as well as I.

Nov 28 (Tue)
A very warm beautiful day. It looks more like a Spring day than a day in the Fall. I went over to the Dr.'s this afternoon and payed him for my glasses. Mrs. I. Miller gave me some sample Xmas programs to send for. I went uptown and then home. Nettie came down with the butter. She said she was going after her books, but she didn't. Harry Abbott and Glenn Trautman goes to school now.

Nov 29 (Wed)
Oh my, but it is cold today. The wind is blowing awful. The change came about five o'clock yesterday evening. The change is rather sudden. I went uptown this afternoon. I went over to Snyder's first after the money for the Xmas programs, and thenI went uptown and sent for them. Well, tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day. I wish I could spend it with somebody different than I did last year.

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Nov 30 (Thu)
Thanksgiving Day. The children were skating this afternoon. We had two chickens and a lot of other stuff for dinner. We didn't have any company for dinner. Miss O'Connell, Mrs. Sullivan's niece, was here this afternoon. I walked up to the post office and back with her. She sent word in the evening if I would take her to prayer meeting, so we went. I introduced her to Geneva Miller and afterwards to Roy Maxwell on the depot platform. Geneva and Frank quit Sunday night. I started home alone from the depot and Roy caught up with me, and walked home with me.

Dec 1 (Fri)
I went up to the depot to see Miss O'Connell this afternoon. Arthur came up after a while. When I started for home I met Miss Abel and we walked around the block together. She asked me a whole lot of questions that wasn't any of her business, and also told a lot of stuff about Frank. She said that Maudie Maxwell had been trying all summer to go with Frank, and thought her chance had come. Choir practice in the evening, and I guess Frank was down. I do not know if he was or not.

Dec 2 (Sat)
I got a letter from Minnie Carr. I went up to see if Jessie was going skating in the afternoon and then we stopped for Miss O'Connell. Jessie, Grace Stickney, Miss O'Connell, Claude Hannan and myself all walked down to the marsh together. There was a float down there when we got there. We went from the marsh to the "Bar Pit" across the Lake bridge. We had a fine time. Bill Dyche and Ethel Crow came down here and spent the evening with me. Everyone was wondering whose horse was tied out here. Frank and the boys kept riding around here. I suppose Frank will go with Maudie now.

Dec 3 (Sun)
I went to Sunday School in the morning. Nettie was there. Frank went by two or three times with a big cigar in his mouth. Nettie and him went down to Maxwell's for all day. Those four went skating in the afternoon. Frank brought Maudie and Roy brought Nettie to League in the evening. Frank brought Maudie in the Reform Church and set her down right in front of me. She had to go in the choir so he had to set alone. George took me to League and church and set with me. Ransom McKee had Geneva to church, and Roy Abbott had Lura. Harry Abbott took Rosa home. I wish something would happen to put an end to this headache. I wish rather we all would leave this "town".

Dec 4 (Mon)
We washed in the morning. I went over to Snyder's after the Sunday School supplies money. Rosa had gone to the dentist office. I got the money and then went up after her. We went to the bank and got a draft and then went to the post office and mailed it. We ran around town all afternoon. Nellie Gunderson treated us for going over to the church after a program. A big crowd of us went skating in the evening on the Lake. My, but we had a fine time. Papa was there awhile. When we started for home and was crossing the ice without our skates on, Rosa fell down and then I did, and George said "This ice is as slippery as soap," and then he fell down. We did have a big time. We got home about ten o'clock. The best time I ever skated on the Lake. Glenn Trautman walked to the gate with me.

Dec 5 (Tue)
Rosa came over for me to go skating this afternoon but I told her I couldn't go. Mamma, Merlin and Paul went to West Liberty and I had to stay at home and keep house. Rosa and some girls came over after me and we started for the post office. We met Geneva and then went in the store. Saw Roy Maxwell in the store. We then went to the depot and saw Frank drive along. We went down to the Doctor's and then took Geneva to the corner for she had to go to Jones (*store*), and then we went on to Gunderson's and practiced for Xmas. Nettie was there. She said that they were going to have party up there and everyone had to play those games. A good slam at me. A crowd went skating in the evening. We are all going skating Friday evening if the ice is good. Got a letter from Nellie

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Miller. I forgot to write down that there was a runaway by the cement house Sunday morning. I don't know who it was.

Dec 6 (Wed)
Rosa stopped for me this afternoon to go skating on the Lake, but Mamma did not want me to go so I didn't. The ice is melting anyway. There will be no more skating until colder weather, I am thinking. A big surprise party on Ralph Tipton tonight. Just the older crowd are in it. Rosa went home about five o'clock with Will Maxwell. Jack Davis' house burnt down about eleven o'clock. They got everything out I guess. They think the train set it afire. It is too bad, for they are so poor. I went uptown this afternoon. Mailed a post card. They are moving Abe Gay's house up. I heard some little child ask Mr. Smith if it was the house that burned up. I was in Smith's store quite awhile. Was taking to Maudie Maxwell. Eva got a book for me in Iowa City but it was damaged and she wouldn't give it to me.

Dec 7 (Thu)
A beautiful day and evening. It's not cold at all. We will not get to go skating tomorrow evening. Mama begun my pink and green waist today. Rosa came over this afternoon with her, but I wasn't ready so she stayed awhile and then went uptown. I went uptown about three o'clock and we went over to the church and gave the children their Xmas pieces. Rosa went home with Maudie Maxwell, and came back with Lea Miller. I went to prayer meeting in the evening and we practiced for Xmas after the meeting. Frank brought Nettie down but I didn't get to see him. Papa was talking to him uptown in Smith's store for some time. Three weeks ago today is when we had our misunderstanding. It seems to me like an awful long while. I wish we were going together again.

Dec 8 (Fri)
I got a letter from Grace Gunderson yesterday. Rosa got a letter from Clyde Wolford. 15 closely written pages. I worked on my waist quite late this afternoon. I went uptown in the afternoon. Rosa and I went over to Mulligans to see the girls about helping for Xmas. We then went to Coffin's store and looked at the new Xmas dishes he had just got in. My, but they were beautiful. Some would make fine wedding presents, so he said. We were talking to Glenn Trautman and John English a short time. I heard that Roy Maxwell thought a great deal of Franc McGraw. I read "The Delineator" this evening. Claude Hannan departed for MO today.

Dec 9 (Sat)
I got my pink waist done and wore it this evening. The Reform Ladies Aid gave an entertainment in the schoolhouse. Merlin took me over and I went in with Grace Stickney, Harry & Rosa & Elmer and John McGraw stood on a long seat the whole evening. Frank was there but he came alone. We all went over to the band concert and oyster supper after entertainment. Frank didn't have anyone there. He looked awful sober. Glenn McCullough was there with his girl. I went home with Jennie Noland and Bessie McGraw. I didn't eat any oysters.

Dec 10 (Sun)
I went to Sunday School. Nettie was there. Geneva and I went up to Jones store, and then to Reform Church. Frank and the boys came in late. When I started for home and got at the corner, Roy Maxwell said something to me. Frank & Nettie had drove up to Mrs. Maxwell's and talked to Maudie about a second. Quite a number were skating on the ice this afternoon. Arthur got my skates. I went to League in the evening. Frank brought Maudie. Nellie lead in League. I read a reverence. I also sang in the choir for church. Mr. Brenton preached a fine sermon. Franc McGraw walked home with me. Her brother followed behind. There is a skating party tomorrow night and Arthur is going to a take Franc McGraw and Arty to take Bess McGraw.

Dec 11 (Mon)
I went uptown in the afternoon. Went to the dentist's office after Rosa, and then we went to Smith's store. When Nellie Gunderson, Rosa and I got down to Lovers Leap, Frank & Nettie drove along. Rosa and Nellie said something to them about skating, and Frank said we would get drowned and I said the ice was safe enough. They went

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to English's and our house with butter, and then went to Smith's store. Rosa and I went to her place after some money and then I went to Mrs. Horton's with some books, and then we went to Smith's. We met Nettie and told her about Mrs. Patterson having twins. Roy Maxwell and Frank were leaning over the hitch rack (*hitch racks were used to tie horses at*). Roy was talking to me but I never looked at Frank. We stayed in the store a short time and then went to post office. We met Nettie again and said something to her. When we left the post office, Frank & Nettie were leaving town and I never looked at them. We went in and saw Roy Jean a short time and then went over to the church and practiced with the girls for Xmas. A big crowd of us went skating. Papa was down there. Bessie McKee and I walked back together. We left before the crowd did. I broke my skates.

Dec 12 (Tue)
I got rather tired last night. I guess it was on account of my broken skate. Rosa said yesterday the Mrs. Storm bet Frank five dollars that he would come back to me within a certain time, and that the boys were also betting about it. Rosa came here this morning and asked me to go skating this afternoon, but I didn't go. I went over to the church when school was out and helped practice the children. Rosa and the rest of the skaters came a little after four. After Rosa and I got through practicing the children, we went up around town and came home. The choir practiced for Xmas over to Gunderson's this evening. Rosa came after me. Nettie was down. I suppose Frank brought her but I didn't get to see him. I would like to know what they were trying to do yesterday. I believe Frank came down after his ring. They came for something and that is certain.

Dec 13 (Wed)
I wrote a letter to Grace Gunderson, August M and Nellie Miller. I and Rosa went uptown in the afternoon. We went to the post office, and I got all the Sunday School supplies and my pictures. The pictures are good. I got a dozen. I went skating in the evening. The ice was fine and I had a fine time. A large crowd was there. We came home before the crowd did.

Dec 14 (Thu)
Swept the house all over today. My, what a job! Rosa stopped here this afternoon and we went uptown together. I went to the bank. Nellie, Rosa and myself each wrote to Grace Gunderson a postal card. Nellie went to the Junction this evening and wanted me to go. I practiced the children all alone after school. Rosa went up to Marke's. I went to prayer meeting this evening. Nettie was down. I suppose Frank brought her but I didn't see him. We did not practice after prayer meeting, for Geneva and Mr. Miller did not come.

Dec 15 (Fri)
I baked a banana cake this morning. In the afternoon I went over to Snyder's with some music. Rosa did not come home from the Marke's this morning but came after school and went home with Maudie. I went up to Fred Coffin's store and got a quite little dish. I then went down to Smith's store and then Nellie and I went over to Jennie Noland's and stayed awhile. In the evening Jessie and the McGraw girls stopped for me to go skating. We went up around town and after Crete's skates. A big crowd of us went skating. We had a fine time. Harry Abbott and I skated up to the head of the lake several times. Nellie Gunderson sent me a post card from the Junction. I got it this morning.

Dec 16 (Sat)
I am not so very tired after last night's skating. I saw Roy Maxwell last night just as I was going through town. He was hitching up. I never spoke to him. I went uptown this afternoon to the post office and Smith's store. I had to have my skates fixed so Nellie told me to go down home and get them, and she would go to Brower's with me. We went to Brower's and then back to the store. Rae Noland, Jessie and some more came after me to go skating, but I didn't go. While Nellie and I were up to the store, Leander McKee came in and treated us to five cents worth of candy apiece. Bill Jones treated us to mints. We had a big time. It was Nellie B's birthday, 23 years old. 18 years ago yesterday, Aunt Lil was married. Aunt Lil got a letter that Great Uncle Milt/Nilt Lenox was dead. Nellie Gunderson, Jeannie Noland and I went to Lecture together. It was fine. It was an illustrated lecture given

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by a Missionary from China and Japan. Frank was just tying up when we went through town, and we passed him twice after the Lecture, and he rubbered out at us (*rubbered out means "got away"*). He didn't take anyone to the Lecture. Bill Jones took us home and treated us. I did up all of Frank's things last Sunday and Monday. Wish he would get them.

Dec 17 (Sun)
I went to Sunday School in the morning. I guess Frank brought Nettie down. I was talking to her but didn't get to see him. They decided to have a Xmas time Sat. night. They practiced the children after Sunday School but I didn't stay. Nellie Ballard and Jennie Noland came over in the afternoon for me to go to Swab's with them to see the new baby. I kissed it and made a wish. Nellie B. came after me to go to League in the evening. Frank came in League about a second before I did. I set in the seat ahead of him. He didn't have any girl. Maudie Maxwell was there with Jessie. Jennie and I went to Reform Church together and when we started for home, Maudie started for Mrs. Maxwell's alone, so we took her home. I walked from Gunderson's corner alone. Arthur and Franc McGraw, Jennie S and Bess McGraw, Nellie and Roy were to church together. I do not see why Frank didn't have a girl. Arthur (*Ingraham, Carrie's brother & Margaret's young uncle*) is 21 today. Geneva, Jessie, Grace Stickney and a big crowd went skating this afternoon. I tried to get Geneva not to go.

Dec 18 (Mon)
We washed today. I went uptown in the afternoon and helped clean up the Lacy Hall for the Bazaar. Nellie Ballard, Jennie Noland and myself ran around together. Nellie wanted me to go to the Junction with her this evening, but I could not. Jennie and I went to the depot with her. A freight train came when we three stood by Smith's talking to Eva, and Nellie thought it was her train. Oh, but she did run. I telephoned up to Miss Black's about the booth trimmings and after a while she telephoned to me. In the evening, Artie and Ernest Creiger came here and tried to get me to go skating. I wrote a postal card to Clara Reiple and got one from Grace Gunderson.

Dec 19 (Tue)
Mr. Snyder came and had me help him a little with the plan for the booth. The whole Buser family went to Burlington at noon and returned on the 9. Mamma got me a new plaid silk waist and white gloves for Xmas. I also got me a new black pleated skirt, belt and other things. I got 20 postal cards and sent out 10 to the girls and Roy Jean and Arthur. I also got some Xmas postals. I and Mamma got Merlin and Paul a sweater apiece for Xmas. I got Paul a box of perfume, George a necktie, Papa a book and us children all went together and got Mamma a lovely brooch, $2.50. I got Nellie Ballard, Jennie Noland, Nellie Gunderson, Rosa and Geneva Miller and Nettie a Xmas present. I also got several other things. Awful big crowd in Burlington, couldn't hardly walk. Miss Abel wanted to send for a few things, but we didn't think we would have time and we wouldn't have had. We had choir practice but I wasn't at home to go to it. I am glad the trip is over. I am awful tired and have a headache.

Dec 20 (Wed)
I was up to Grandma's twice this forenoon. I telephoned up to Black's about the Bazaar. In the afternoon I went up to the hall and helped. Jennie and myself took Thomas hoses and went down to Chapman's, and also up to Black's. Jennie said that Frank and Nettie were down yesterday afternoon and in the evening. Frank and Nettie took Nellie Ballard and Jennie home from practice, and they teased him about me. There was not a very large crowd at the Bazaar on account of the evening. Frank was not down. Nellie B, Jennie and myself ran the booth and Nellie Gunderson the mysterious counter. I and Jennie ate supper together. We ate ice cream, cake and pickles. I also ate a raw oyster. I wore my pink waist and scarf. Jennie and I came home together.

Dec 21 (Thu)
Mamma and Aunt Min begun my silk waist this morning and I tried it on at noon. I went uptown in the afternoon and mailed Mrs. Underwood a class picture and Aunt May one of my pictures. I also mailed Ruth, Fanny Wold and Frances Jackson a Xmas postal. In the evening I went to prayer meeting. We practiced after prayer

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meeting. Nellie Gunderson, Rosa Miller, Anna Owens, Jennie Noland, Nellie Ballard and myself went up around town and stopped at the depot until the train went, and they went to the post office. I got a postal from Grace Gunderson and Roy Jean. 5 weeks ago tonight was the last time Frank and I were together. I wonder if it was the last time all our life.

Dec 22 (Fri)
We got a package from Mrs. Underwood. Ruth remembered each one of us, and I also got a booklet from Mrs. Underwood. I got a memoranda from Ruth. Augusta Mochn sent me a telephone calendar and Grace Gunderson sent me her picture and a nice pin tray. I was uptown in the afternoon. We sent to Muscatine for a picture for Mrs. English and we also got her a nutcracker and picks. Jennie, Rosa and myself walked around town awhile and then went home. I went over to Aunt Lil's awhile after I came home. In the evening, we practiced the whole program at the church. Frank and Nettie were not down; they went to a Literary program up to their school house.

Dec 23 (Sat)
I went over to the church in the morning and helped decorate and went again in the afternoon. Frank and Nettie came down in the afternoon. They came to our house with the butter but I was gone. I guess Frank got his horses shod for he wasn't in the store and he drove to town just as I and Rosa came out of the post office, and him and Nettie went home. I was over town several times and over to the Reform Church. Aunt Becky Jane gave me a box of stationary. Our Xmas program went off ok. I wore my silk waist and black skirt. Frank was there; he went out once. He watched me close. I set by Nettie in the choir. Nettie, Rosa and I distributed the presents. I got a box of bonbons from Geneva, spoons from Eva Jones, fork box from Aunt Alida, calendar from Nettie, and cards from Mina. Art Abbott was Santa Claus. I got a handkerchief from Clara and Prudence, each, and a Xmas postal from Lura McCullough. I have now 24 presents in all. Grace was with a Wagner fellow. I wonder what Mrs. Stickney thought of him getting up and coming back again.

Dec 24 (Sun)
A beautiful sunshiny day. I sent to Sunday school and Reform Church. Nettie came down late to Sunday School. Frank brought her down, and he and Roy Maxwell and the other boys were to church. After church Frank and Nettie took Maudie a for sleigh ride, and Roy Maxwell and??? took Jennie and Rosa a sleight ride. It happened after I got home. I went over to Rosa's in the afternoon and we went over to Nan's, and Jen and Nellie Gunderson were there. After Rosa and I left Nan's, John English and Glenn Trautman drove up with a sleigh and took us for a ride. Aunt Lil was here all afternoon I guess. I went to League in the evening with George and came home with him. Frank had Maudie to church and they set back of me in League. I sang in the choir. I guess Frank watched me rather close and so did Mrs. Storm and Nettie. The preacher preached a fine sermon about a ??? that dreamed about the bad place.

Dec 25 (Mon)
Another beautiful day. Uncle Sam's family stopped by the gate and was talking to them for some time. All of Maxwells were to Grandma Maxwell's today. Arthur (*Ingraham, Margaret's young uncle*) eat dinner here. Aunt Min and Grandma didn't come. The girls came along and as soon as I could get ready, I went with them. Mrs. Miller went to see Nellie and sent up her birthday present. We all went up to the train with her. Ransom, Mr. Marks, Roy Maxwell and a lot more treated us girls. Geneva stayed up and Arthur drove her and I to the barn and unhitched for her. Rosa came over in the afternoon and looked at my Xmas presents. Nellie G, Nellie B and Jennie stopped here and we all went into town. Rosa and I went to Grace's after her and Geneva. The McGraw girls came uptown and we all bummed around town and got treated a dozen times. Arthur Ingraham and Artie Trautman, Elmer Black were riding in a buggy and Roy Maxwell and Chet in a sleigh. They tried to get us younger girls to go riding with them. After Roy Maxwell went home, Elmer took Rosa and I for a ride and I did the driving. In the evening I begun "When Knighthood Was in Flower". Arthur I. and Franc McGraw, Artie and Bess McGraw came in the evening and spent the whole evening here. I was in town and was talking to Papa. He said

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Elmer and Roy Maxwell were just crazy to find out who was here, and Roy asked Papa, but Papa wouldn't tell.

Dec 26 (Tue)
Arthur (*Ingraham*) was here several times this forenoon. I got 32 Xmas presents. I think I was well remembered. Aunt Lil sent over a picture yesterday. I went uptown this afternoon. I first went over to Aunt Lil's and then I went up to Smith's store. Nellie Ballard was there and we went to the post office, to Fred Coffin's store and then down to Snyder's. I promised Mr. Snyder a treat yesterday, so I brought it to him. We whistled Jennie Noland out and stood a long time talking to her. We then went back to Smith's store and Rosa was there, and Rosa and I went up to Coffin's. Uncle Sam (*Buser*) was up there and he teased me about Frank. Rosa and I then went home. I heard that Bessie McKee is going to have a party and invite some of the younger ones. Frank was downtown this evening, so Papa said. Papa said he had a long talk with him and that Frank told him that he came down to meet his father, who had been to a livestock show in Chicago. I wonder if Frank and I will ever make up.

Dec 27 (Wed)
I wrote a postal to Ruth Underwood. I went uptown in the afternoon. First to the post office and then to Smith's store. Nellie Gunderson said that Frank went up to Mt Auburn on the train to visit (*his sister*) Dale. I wonder if he remembers when he said he and I would take that trip together, and I would go to see Prudence. Not I! It wasn't very long ago. Franc McGraw came in the store, and I went to the post office with her, and then Nellie Ballard and Jennie came in the store and we started for home and we met Rosa and we all went back again. Rosa came over after me in the evening and we went to the Chalk Talk together. It was rather good. By C.J. McWilliams. Merlin came home.

Dec 28 (Thu)
Rained all day today and almost 5:00 it begun to snow and I guess it snowed about all night. Rosa came over in the afternoon and we went over to Rosa's 2nd cousin at Callie B.s. He is also Nellie's Uncle and is rather nice looking. From there we went to Geneva's. She has something the matter with her neck and couldn't teach school this week. Mr. Storm was in town this morning.

Note - Dec 29, 30 & 31 have crumbled and are no longer legible.

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