

SAYINGS

May 1942

Daddy to Carol at the table when she wanted something done for her: "Can't you do anything?"

Carol: "You silly, I can do a few things."

Aug. 8, 1942

Dougie looking at some cucumber on the cabinet wanted to know if we were going to have "caulicumber" for supper. We had had some cauliflower within the past few days.

October 21, 1942:

Carol's Mother wanted her to wash and dry the supper dishes to which she was opposed.

Carol: "Do you think I'm an artist or a hired girl?"

Monday, October 26; 1942:

Carol had been out at Fay Healy's for a few days and saw a threshing machine in action while she was there. We were asking her about it and she said the threshing machine was "an electric house with a spout and the straw came out like a rainbow onto a haystack."

Some time in October, 1942.

Billy woke up during the night and I asked him what he was doing. "Going to sleep Daddy."

Another night when he woke up I told him to go to sleep and he said "Okay, Daddy."

I was raking up leaves on the lawn and Billy was

watching me. "That's a boy Dad." Later when I bumped into him - "I sorry Dad."

- Back in July when Dougie had a fair bit of money collected I took it and put it in the bank and bought a War Savings Certificate for him. He was none too well pleased with the idea of having all his money taken away. So we explained the reason for buying W. S. Cs so that our side would beat Hitler. He still didn't think much of the idea but later we heard him giving Sylvia Johnston a sales talk on the importance of buying them.

September 29, 1942:

Carol's Mother got a new slip and was telling Carol about it. Carol: "Mum, ~~xxxx~~ you're a lucky pooch."

September 16, 1942:

Carol talking to her Mother about ~~xxxxxx~~ dyeing a ribbon asked "Can you dye it?" Mother, "I don't know." Carol, "You're a lady and should know everything."

Carol describing a soda to Dougie: "Its pink stuff with bubbles and here its more and its going down."

Dougie used to say "beard" when he meant "beer".

Sunday, March 15, 1942

Carol was listening to a church service on the radio in the afternoon, something to do with baptism.

Dougie - "Come and lie down and rest".

Carol - "No! I'm listening to this. This is going to be my benediction".

May 14, 1942

Dougie complained of a cut on his hand made by a dirty screw.

Dad - "We'd better put some iodine on it".

Dougie - "It won't do anything. It will just soak right through and make my blood black".

May 17, 1942

Dougie - "My shoes are as old as the dead grass".

Thursday, May 27, 1943, at dinner table:

Billy - "It is a wee little Dougie and it's ours".

Dougie told Billy that he wasn't little and to shut up. Billy looked hurt and told me what Dougie had said to him.

November 19, 1942

Dougie gave me 9¢ for my birthday.

A sample of Dougie's impromptu versifying:
Some time in spring of 1943 - Billy and Dougie
playing on the floor by the stove with toys:

"These are yours and those are mine.

All the Christian soldiers line;

I get three and you get two;

Billy Goat likes ice cream too".

Second line something like Onward Christian Soldier
as ~~is~~ SS. Last line from under picture in book.

August, March 18, 1942

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"It is a wee little Dougie and he's just a wee little Billy that he wasn't little and he just up, Billy looked hurt and said he was Dougie and said to him."

November 19, 1942

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Random Sayings

Dougie - "He met twelve angels and killed them all"

Joseph Majakey

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First Attempts at Letters

March 15, 1942

To Carol Douglas

I am 6 Billie is 1

Dougie is 5

but Billie is not

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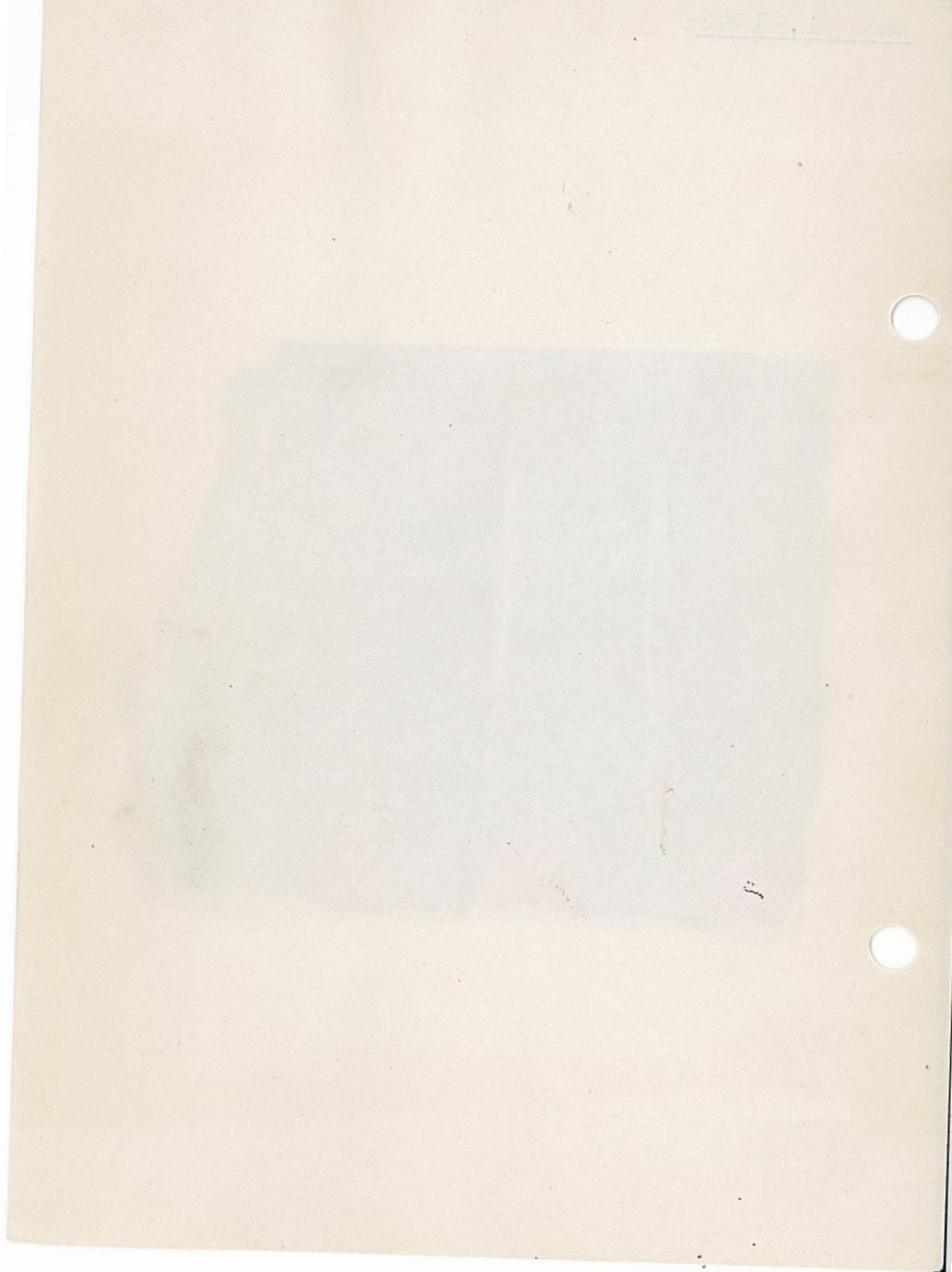
well to-day.

First Assembly of Deacons
March 15, 1941
Lafayette

May 31, 1942:

Rec'd at door May 31, 1942.

Dear Mrs. Wells,
Grace had a little
powder box with a
glass bulb on the
top of it. Coral tore
the bulb off
and went home with
it. Grace wants
it back if Coral
has it please.
By Joyce



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Thursday, June 11:

This was a red letter day in Dougie's life. He went up town this morning all by himself and got the meat for dinner at the Alberta Meat Market. Marion phoned up to them telling them what she wanted. They were on the lookout for him when he showed up and gave him a weiner. He was as pleased as Punch with himself and told me all about it when he came home for dinner.

There was a red letter day in George's life. It was down this morning all by himself and got the best for dinner at the Alberts West house. They were on the lookout for him when he showed up. He was as pleased as punch and gave him a winner. He was as pleased as punch and told me all about it when I came home for dinner.

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Saturday, June 13:

Went home for dinner at 12 o'clock after working on gathering Penhold Log all morning. In the afternoon Wright and I trimmed the books and did them up. The Editor took them down as his share in getting it out.

Went to a football game in the evening at the Fair Grounds. No. 36 S.F.T.S., Penhold, versus No. 37 S.F.T.S., Calgary. The game, one in the Services Football League, was a 4-4 draw. Penhold was rather lucky in getting a draw as they got the ~~winning~~ tying goal just before the whistle. Quite a large crowd of airmen and some civilians were there. Charlie Martin, Stan Philp and Geo. England were beside me at the game. Best football ever played here as some of the players had played professional in the Old Country. I got the line-ups on the goals after the game.

Dougie: "When I get big I'm going to get a saw and butcher knife and stick it right into Hitler and carry him over to the river and throw him right in it!"

Carol: "And Mussolinitoo!"

Sunday, June 14:

Wrote up football for Albertan and took a copy over to Joe Majakey. He gave me some dope on game at Olds last night which he attended. We were supposed to be ready to go to the Lake with the Majakeys at 11:30 and finally got away about 12:30. Joe posted my press at the train. Joe, myself, Carol and Dougie rode in the front seat, Esther, Marion, Vernon and Billy in the back. Went to Hussfeldt's Camp Grounds and parked the car. Walked around some. Then made a fire in one of the kitchens and had dinner under the trees. Good accommodation in the kitchen. Sat around for awhile after and then walked down main pier. Vernon went in swimming and the kids went wading. Carol got cold, Dougie wouldn't go very far in and Billy got splashed and got discouraged. Back to the car and got the kids dressed. After resting we all walked up ~~the~~ towards the C.P.R. station, going up about half way. Passed ~~some~~ some very nice homes. Walked down the main stem and Marion saw some dress material in Cobb's Store which she liked. To the boat-house where we had drinks, ice cream and later some pop corn. Vern joined us at the beach and beat me at horse shoes. Back to camp and supper inside of the kitchen as it was cooler. Had been quite hot all day but was nice in the shade at the camp. Got packed up finally and started to town. Got home about 9 o'clock after a very pleasant day.

Carol had to miss Sunday School today in order to go to the Lake. It was the first time she had missed since the term started and it will be a disappointment to her if she doesn't get a prize at the end of the year.

WEDNESDAY? JUNE 17:

To work in fair time and got out a 12-page paper with lots of cuts in it. Got home shortly after 5 p.m.

Mother up to dentist's in the morning and I gave her a couple papers on her way home. Over to Kennedy's in the afternoon and for supper.

Sat around and read in the evening while Marion worked on a dress for Carol, cutting it out.

Got some more cabbage plants from Ed. Gehrke to replace the ones Dougie took out as weeds last weel

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

I slept until about 8:20, or rather shut the alarm off at 7 and then slept until then. Sketchy breakfast, but got through the morning with aid of a lunch.

Billy went down the other side of the street pulling his wagon, as far as the minister's place. Marion brought him back and spanked him. Later he vanished again and she ran him and the wagon down about Springbett's on Third Street. Another spanking and she took the wagon away. Marion washed in the morning. Carol and Dougie and Sylvia played in the house in the morning. Carol went to school in the afternoon. Wore her new dress so was quite pleased with things and did not make any fuss about going.

In the afternoon Marion took Billy up town. They left some parcels for me through my back window. Went up to the folks to see Marion's Mother. Had a visit and tea. Billy walked both ways. The Jack Walkers are away at present - he is in Calgary.

We sat around reading after supper after the family were off to bed and Bob, Lil and Catherine came in. They felt like we did - sort of dead - and being out for a walk did not stay long. Left the baby at home with a girl. Have a girl coming to work steady tomorrow. Bob was going to bottle four gallons of dandelion wine tonight. Billy came out while they were here and was quite conversational.

Marion worked on another dress for Carol in the evening - material that Grandma Stephenson gave Carol on her birthday. I hoed the rest of the garden back to the potatoes. Our garden is very slow. Potatoes are starting to break though. Mother did not come down today. Some of the irises are in bloom.

Cast cuts and worked on cuts all day. Anne did not come down this morning but was there in the afternoon.

Sunday, June 28:

I went out and took a couple snaps of Ross Street and the K.C. Hut in the morning. The children went to Sunday School. Dougie brought home a card with the Lord's Prayer on it and an inscription - "

June 30, 1942.

Presented to Douglas Wells by Knox Presbyterian Sunday School, Red Deer, for memorizing the Lord's Prayer before he was six years old. Teacher, Miss Walton." he handed it to me when he came in: "Here Dad, will you keep this. I got it because I prayed one Sunday".

Marion did not feel like walking so Carol and Dougie and I walked down to Bob and Lil's in the late afternoon. Had some cake there and short visit. W.J. came along to take them over to the folks for supper. Bea Wilson and her baby came in while we were there. From there we went along past Burnett's and down into Gaetz Park. Took a couple snaps of the kids in the Park. They were interested in getting over to Grandmass. We got ~~there~~ at last and found Bob and Lil and family there as well as Doug. Ruth and Sharon. All of us took some snaps. Carol begged an ~~invix~~ invitation to supper and we walked home with Doug and Ruth. Had late supper.

Before I had finished supper Alex McKenzie came along wanting me to go up to the schools. I went along and he took me pretty well all through the High School. Was interested in some old photos of different graduating classes (among which I was not, having skipped the photo the year that I could have been in it). Saw Marion in one of them. Went to the Intermediate School, first time I had been in the building. Went all through it. The gym is a fine large one. Found my initials carved on one of the old desks. How they last! Jeff Hunter's on the same desk. Saw some of the shop work in the shop room. Should have had some of that when I was in school.

Monday, June 29:

Took \$20 to the Royal Bank this morning and while I was waiting to see Jim Stephen Mrs. E.A. MacDonald (Lowes) of Regina, walked in. Talked for awhile. She expects to move into her house here on July 3. We had heard that she was coming although we had heard nothing directly from her since she left here.

Burglars got into Eaton's store sometime this morning and made an attempt to blow the safe. They were not successful but made quite a mess of the place. They piled bedding and mattresses up around the safe to deaden the blast and they caught fire. The men used fire extinguishers to put out the fire. Mother heard the blast this morning and some other people did also. The men had soft drinks in the store and apparently took their time at the job.

continued from Sunday:

The shop is pretty well equipped with tools, benches, jig saw, lathe, sander, etc. and Alex showed me some nice work although most of it had been taken home. Household Ec. room was another interesting place. There is some sense to the educational system now.

When we came back home, Marion and Billy were waiting for Carol to come home. It was getting late and she wanted him to go to bed. However just before going in Grandpa's car came along and Carol got out. Billy had expected a ride and was somewhat taken back when the car drove off without him.

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Wednesday, July 1:

Up in fair time for a holiday. Went down to the morning train and collected \$15 from Joe Sauve who was there. Wrote press for Albertan and Bulletin and thus went to north train also. We all went to see the parade after one o'clock. Stood at the City Hall in the shade as it was very hot. Took some snaps. Carol and Dougie quite thrilled with parade but it didn't mean much to Billy. The soldiers and ~~WAC~~ CWAC from the Training Centre stopped opposite the City Hall while the parade was being marshalled and one of the girls started to wobble and was taken to Mrs. Lundie's. The heat was too much for her probably but she recovered and we saw her walking around before the parade moved off. The vets, High School cadets, 2/78th Battery and Tanks were in it. Marched up to Buffalo, turned and past City Hall and to the Fair Grounds. Mother came over to Armoury corner with Kennedys to see it.

Didn't do much in the afternoon. Marsh Lees came along about 5 p.m. and we went out to the golf ~~tournament~~ tournament. Entry of 82. Very hot out there. Got list of entries, etc., in good time.

Wrote up golf for both papers and wired it. Walked down to Auto Camp looking for Joe Majakey to give him the golf. He and Esther looking for me and just pulled in at same time. He had been at Fair Grounds running booths at Army sports. No news in sports. Drove me up town. He goes to Edmonton tomorrow to try and sell his house there. Marion and the children walked over to the folks in the evening but I did not get there.

Carol: "Mum, I'll tell you what my kids' names are going to be. Sylvia Clara Prescott and Margaret at Clare Prescott". Evidently an admirer of Margaret Prescott.

Thursday, July 2:

Back to usual work at the office today. Sid took the day off to play in the golf tournament. Lost out the round before the money, i.e., the semi-finals. Marsh and Ethel came along about 7:30 and we went out to the course. Got the final dope in less than an hour, about the quickest ever for us. Glen Gray, Edmonton, won the title, beating Vince Mohs, Edmonton, 3 and 1 in final. Red Deer players did not get into money except in as runner-up in last flight. Sid was in the third flight. Brother Doug reached the semi-finals of the ~~fifth~~ fourth flight after playing no golf for the last couple of years. Hot out there again. Wrote stories for both papers and wired.

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture met here today in first day of second annual convention. Harris covered it for me and was around in the evening. Dictated a Bulletin story which I wired. I wrote a mail Albertan story.

We got a letter from Patsy today saying that she expected both Carol and Dougie to go up this week-end for a week or so. It was rather news to us as there had been no definite arrangements as to when they were going up, if at all.

Marion cut out a blue spun rayon with white ~~emb~~ coin dot material for a good dress last night and worked on it again tonight. yesterday

Alex McKenzie started work ~~today~~ as head janitor at the Central Schools. He had been assistant janitor for about the past 18 months. Succeeds Ted Wilson who had the job for 17 years. Alex will get \$105 per month, plus a bonus of \$100 a year. H.A. Sanderson, who used to be on the City Police force, is the new assistant

Friday, July 3:

We decided to send Carol up to Edmonton tomorrow after all. Marion did a wash after supper and started getting her clothes all ready. Phoned Pat in Edmonton and she heard the phone downstairs in the Shaws (who were away) and later called us from somewhere else. Told her Carol would be put on the 12:25 p.m. train ~~Wednesday~~ Saturday and would stay in the train until Pat came for her. Carol was quite set up and was lording it over all the kids in the neighborhood about how she was going on the train to Edmonton all by herself. We later found out that she told Mrs. Johnston she was going to spend two ~~month~~ years there. Mrs. Johnston got her down to two months and thought it was probably two weeks.

A screen door came down today from the Beaver Lumber Co. Mr. Kennedy is going to hang it for us.

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture had their annual day today. Harris came in and dictated a long story which I wired to the Bulletin.

Dropped over to Mrs. MacDonald's house in the evening and found that she had moved in. Came up on July 1 and took a room at the Auditorium. Saw the Sinclairs move on Thursday and so moved in then. Her stuff had been stored at Denchs since May. Was pretty well settled down. Showed me through the house, which will need some work done on it. Has to hang pictures, curtains, etc.

Fire Signal Gun For Last Time

VANCOUVER, July 2—Vancouver's famous nine o'clock gun, which has been fired as a time signal at 9 p.m. P.D.T., almost every night since being set up in Stanley Park in 1894, will be silent for the duration. The aged cannon, which was cast in England 126 years ago, was fired for the last time last Sunday night. Its blast has been eliminated to save explosives.

Saturday, July 4:

I got up about 6:30 for a wonder and none too soon as Lochie Kennedy was over before 7 to hang our screen door. Had it hung soon after 7. Later when I wanted to pay him he wouldn't take anything.

This was the BIG Day for Carol. Going to the city. Marion was busy all morning getting her ready and getting her stuff packed in a carton, due to lack of a suitable suitcase. Grandpa gave me 50¢ to give Carol when I was in the store. They stopped at the office on their way to the train and I gave Carol the money. She had quite a little fund - \$2 she had got on her birthday, \$1 which her Mother gave her for the holiday and the 50¢ from Grandpa. She was quite tickled with the prospects of the trip when she said good-bye to me I had typed out a passport for Carol and Marion had given her all kinds of instructions.

The train which was due in at 12:10 did not get in until about 1 o'clock and Marion and Carol nearly died waiting around for it. Marion saw a woman, Mrs. McClune, who lives somewhere near here with two small children, who was going to Leduc to see a sister, and asked her to look after Carol that far. Her youngsters were Freddie and Rose Marie.

Marion put a note in Carol's purse asking Pat to phone us in the evening and let us know how Carol arrived. She didn't phone and Marion phoned the J.J. Shaw's, where Pat lives, from about 8 until 11 p.m., but could not raise her. Concluded that Carol had got there safely or we would have heard something.

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(Copy of Carol's Passport)

July 1, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Department of Justice

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you

regarding the matter

of the recent visit

of the delegation

to the United States

and the results

of their trip to

the various points

of interest.

I am sure that you

will find this

information of interest

to you and the Bureau.

Sincerely,

(Copy of Carol's passport)

Sunday, July 5:

Marion finished up her blue spun rayon dress. We all walked over to the folks in the afternoon, taking some ice cream which we ate over there. There for while, W.J. going to bed as he was played out. Then went on over to Bob and Lil's. I carried Billy astride of my neck for a good way. Bob and Catherine were out in front where Bob was digging. The baby was in her carriage outside. Lil was out lking and we did not see her. Then on home after a brief stay. Mrs. MacDonald was here visiting Mother when we got home. She stayed for awhile and we had tea.

When we were at the folks we paid Marion's Mother \$4 on an ice box deal. Years ago the folks gave us their ice box when they got the new elec. one. We never got around to pay them anything for it. Earlier we had bought for \$4 a box from the Kennedys. We have now sold this one to the J.A. Habkirks, (who moved into Kennedys bungalow down the street) for \$4.

Monday, July 6:

After supper Doug and I and Sharon went over to the folks and hoed and hilled our potatoes on the old H.H.Gaetz place. Had a pretty fair crop of weeds. The folks were out, having gone to the show. The girls did not go with us.

Marion cut out and made a house dress, one with a blue ruffle around the neck. She saw the material at Sylvan Lake the Sunday we were there with the Majakeys and wrote out to Alice Shira and had her buy it and bring it in.

Tuesday, July 7:

Usual at office. In the evening Alex McKenzie and I went up to the High School taking my lawn mower. Alex sharpened it with my help and when we tried it out on the school lawn it worked very well. It missed some down one side but we could not get it straightened out.

Engle found the time under his pitkin this morning. He fixed the fairies for his tent. He did not know the tent but the fairies he had did not right thing after his own idea. He found any xxx

Got a post card from Dick Gaetz today. He is in Edmonton and wanted their paper sent there. I had been talking to him a few days before the end of June and he was going to go to Sarcee for July and cook at the camp there. He had wanted to get into Y.M.C.A. war work and had been able to get very little satisfaction out of the Y people. Had just about decided to give up the Y idea and try and land a town school. The post card said that the cooking job had fallen through as Lister had stalled him off and finally fallen down on the job

Wednesday, July 8

Got out a prosperous ten-page paper. Out in good time.

The R.A.F. at Penhold had a big sports meet at the Exhibition Grounds in the afternoon. It rained in the morning but cleared off and the events went off quite well.

I went over to Mrs. MacDonald's after work and took an Advocate for her. She is scrubbing the upstairs floors clear of paint and is getting settled down. Going up to Lamonts after supper tonight. Looked at the garden Mrs. Sinclair had planted for her. Mrs. Payne brought in some green stuff while I was there. She came to Red Deer in 1909.

Helped Doug look for Sharon before supper. Walked several blocks but Marion spotted her in Johnston's yard. Mother was down for supper.

Wrote some press for both papers in the evening. Sent off a snap of Billy on his second birthday for the Journal Snapshot Contest.

Dougie went up to the dentist's this morning with his mother. Had a tooth pulled on the upper and one filled. Has to go back again next Wed. Was very good, which Hubby remarked on. Afterwards Grandpa gave him 5¢ in the store. He told me that he had been as good as Carol when she had her tooth pulled.

Thursday, July 9:

Slept late and went short on breakfast. Read proofs on Penhold Log most of the morning with a little work on cuts. Read more proofs in afternoon and did some more on cuts. Charlie Martin was up until late afternoon. Got one run down and I ran the press while George watched the ink. Manager down at the back all day. Editor went to Edmonton for the day. Brief shower before 6.

Ruth left Sharon here this morning while she was getting a permanent. Marion cleaned house during the day and worked on her dress in the evening. Mother was at Kennedys for supper but came home early as they were going to the show and she didn't feel like a show.

Finished making a screen for the cellar window on the landing. Alex was over for awhile talking. Their boy, Norman, went out to her sister's farm last week. The Currs are in Calgary for the Stampede.

Mr. Glasson was in during the afternoon and had a visit with Marion and went up to see Mother for while.

Sat next to Nan (Skene) Doan at soda fountain in drug store and asked her about Bessie Storek. One of the Parker girls, don't know which one, sitting there volunteered that Bessie and her husband were back farming on the old Storek place and had been there for some months.

Dougie found a dime under his pillow this morning, left by the fairies because he had a tooth pulled. He did not have the tooth but the fairies did the right thing a little belatedly after he hadn't been able to find any money there.

Friday, July 10

Usual at office. Cut small part of lawn and most of the lagger side except a small corner which I left last time. Raked grass up and with help of Dougie, Billy, some of the Johnstons, etc. got it taken off. Billy got his hand caught in the mower and Mrs. Pullen took him in to her place for a time. Dougie was full of capers and with his little friend, Donnie Sansom (has rooms over at Johnston's) finally got cut over the right eye in two places and thought he was killed. ~~xxx~~ Marion walked over to Lil's after supper for a visit. The lawn mower works fine after Alex sharpened it. Hilled all the potatoes and cut some weeds in the garden.

Marion's Dad left on the morning southbound train for the Coast. Went alone as he plans on golfing, seeing traveller friends and taking it easy.

Ruth's nieces, Ruby Ann, 12, and Mary Lou, 8, **LEVERSON**, from Saskatoon, daughters of Ruth's eldest sister, arrived today to visit them. They all passed through the yard a couple of times while I was cutting the lawn.

Saturday, July 11

Worked all morning with Beaumont gathering on Penhold Log job. I gathered 425 of them. In afternoon Harris came in and helped Beaumont, Sid and Mgr. put in Art Section which Sid finished in the morning. Sid stitched the books. Lawrence sent in some shoe ads and I cast them and mounted some other cuts. Worked until about 5 p.m. Did a little shopping for Marion. Rained most of the day and really hard in the afternoon and evening. Still raining when we went to bed about 12:30. Did the books in the evening and got car money and reporting money straightened out. Got Bulletin cheque today, \$9.90 for last month, short some. Marion cut out a jacket for her good dress in the evening.

Sunday, July 12:

Up about seven and went down to the office about eight. Wright was there and we trimmed the Penhold Log and parcelled them up. Finished about 11 a.m. Ralph came in before we left. Got back from Calgary last night. Beaumont went up to Lacombe on evening train last night and rode 5 miles into country to a farm where he closed a deal with someone for some money owing him and with help drove 19 head of cattle into the Lacombe yards for shipment to Edmonton this morning. Got a ride home and got to bed about 3:30.

Wrote some Albertan press when I came home from office and Doug and I went down to noon train with it.

It sprinkled some during the afternoon. Billy wouldn't go to sleep when he was put down first time but did the second time after being very cross in between. Marion and I slept most of the afternoon and Dougie played around. Bob, Lil and Catherine over at Doug and Ruth's with the car in early afternoon.

Bob and family, Doug and family and nieces and Marion's Mother drove out to the Lake in the family car this afternoon. Saw Bob and Alice Schaer there.

Dougie found the Johnston's rabbit in the Pullen's yard this afternoon and as a reward was given five cents by Mr. Johnston and another five by Mrs. Johnston.

Monday, July 13:

Usual at office. Yesterday we decided to go up to Edmonton this week and decided to leave on Wednesday night so as to have as much time as possible and come back Monday afternoon. Marion wrote to Pat telling her the plan and asking her to phone on Tuesday night to let us know if that was satisfactory.

After supper Esther and Vern Majakey came around for a visit. Vern had just got back from a boys' camp at Gull Lake and Esther has been taking it easy in their trailer at the Auto Camp. Joe is attending a cadet instructors' camp at Sarcee but was up over Sunday. They are trying to sell their house in Edmonton and are having quite a time. Esther is going up there soon and then on to Tofield to visit her people. Had a nice visit with her. We all went out to say good-bye to them and Billy wanted a car drive so badly that they had him and Dougie get in the back seat and go around the block. Billy was certainly ticked and waved gleefully to us as they drove away. He was considerably crestfallen when they stopped again and we took him out.

Tuesday, July 14:

Martha Weaver was in today to see Marion and came in while I was home at noon. She and Verna and Elli, Carol and Billy Douglas are here from Trail visiting their folks at the Lake and the Weavers up on the north hill. Martha sold the buffet of the breakfast suite we stored to Mrs. Cobbetto and in the evening Doug and I carried it over there. Martha was here most of the afternoon and she and Marion had a good visit although Marion was busy getting things ready for our trip. Martha & Mrs. Weaver were in yesterday.

Pat phoned in the evening and Marion discussed our plans with her. She will be able to put us up. Carol was there and talked to both of us on the phone. She reported she was having a good time. Wanted to talk to Dougie but he was playing outside.

Wednesday, July 15:

Got out a 12-page paper. Press broke down in the morning for about an hour and a half. Same trouble as a few weeks ago. Didn't help much as I wanted to leave early. Marion took Dougie up to Dr. Husband's in the morning and he had a tooth filled. Was just as good ac Carol had been so he told me.

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Tuesday, July 21:

Got up early and said good-bye to Fritz when he went to work. Got our stuff packed with the minimum of trouble, after borrowing a suitcase from Pat. Shooed the children outside as much as possible. Mrs. Shaw went up town after awhile. Took the street car down to the station and wonderful to relate got there about half an hour before train time. Got on the train after a bit and Pat said good-bye and left us. Train was due to leave at 12:10 which it probably didn't as they had several coaches of airmen on. Very slow trip down, stopping a long time at every station. At Ponoka a fair or carnival was in progress and we stopped right beside the merry-go-round. Carol and Dougie wanted rides but we were afraid we might miss the train - although they could have had a number of rides - we stopped so long. The luncheon which Pat put up was very welcome on the trip. Train was very hot and the water ran out as our children did their share in using it. Had better seats than on the way up and had Carol & Dougie in a seat across the aisle. Got to Red Deer at long last, about half an hour late. Dad was at the train to meet us. He had been rained out at the Coast and came home last Friday. The presence of Billy probably prevented the folks from going to Banff. He took us home and we unloaded. Then to the folks. Collected Billy and Marion's Mother, who came down down with us. Billy glad to see us and Carol pestered the life out of him she was so glad to see him. Got the fire on, etc., and Marion went up town to get some groceries. Had to get into house via window as Ruth with our key was out. In the evening I went over to Mrs. MacD's and let Mother know that we were back. She had been keeping pretty well. Our place looks overrun with grass and weeds. To bed in fair time as everyone was tired. We all slept downstairs.

Wednesday, July 22:

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Got up about 6:30 and got down to work before 7:30. Was the second one there. Found the Editor had left for the Peace River country on tour last Saturday and still away. The manager had been in a stew when I had not shown up Monday and Beaumont told him that I might be sick and had been feeling poorly for months. It was news to him. Got out a ten-page paper. Ann gave me my last week's cheque. Paid for the two and a half days I had been away. The Op went out to Benalto in the afternoon to judge at the Benalto Fair. Wrote some press in the evening.

The folks drove up to Edmonton last night after we got back. They took back Pat's suitcase. In the evening I went over to Mrs. MacDonald's and brought Mother home.

Thursday, July 23:

Elli and Carol Douglas came in through the morning and stayed for dinner. Elli hasn't changed any but Carol has grown some. The two Carols had a great play. I had a bit of a visit with them at noon and they stayed until near supper so Marion had a good visit. Took some snaps of them. They like Trail better now and Lorne and Verne are both making good money. The Weavers have sold their car. We didn't see Billy Douglas as he was out at the Lake with Elli's parents. Elli and Carol are staying over at Marion Huget's and they got caught in a dust storm just after they left here.

The Pullens came back last night or today after a trip to Banff. Jack has the rest of this week and all of next yet on his holidays.

Friday, July 24:

Elli was in again today for a minute to look at her Carol's table and chairs. She would like to take them back with her if she can.

Billy seems to have picked up a few tricks in our absence. He informed Grandma Wells the other day that she was silly and to me "Daddy, you are a silly dope". Comes out with it in a very deliberate tone of voice.

Saturday, July 25:

Worked on cuts all morning. Had afternoon off. Marion went up town late in the afternoon and I looked after the children. Did not do anything of much account. Washed my hair and the dishes. Went up town in evening and got a haircut at Dell's. He came here fifteen years ago from a place near Prince Albert. In to office to give Harris a hand with some work. Spent part of the afternoon trying to sort out the money. Got paid in full while I was away.

Marion was over to see her Mother in the afternoon and took her a pair of pants for her birthday which had been on Monday, 20th., and a brooch as a little present for looking after Billy

Sunday, July 26:

We slept in until about 9 o'clock and then had to get up on account of the children getting hungry. There was no stalling them off after that. I wrote a lot of press for the Albertan and took it down to the noon train. Saw Joe Sauve and he promised to pay up the rent on August 1. Maybe. Wrote more press after lunch for the Bulletin. We did a little work in the garden, weeding. Late in the afternoon, about five o'clock we walked down to Bob and Lil's. Got marooned by rain in front of the house next to Botterill's. Thorne's, it was, Carol's Sunday School teacher. She came out and invited us into the porch but Marion and the children under the eaves were fine and I was under a spruce. We heard the rain on the roof of the Arena before it reached us. They are taking out a basement just west of Botterill's for a new house for the Habkirks, who are living in Kennedy's bungalow down our street. Chas. Scott's three houses over on First St. South in Parkvale are coming on well - one in nearly finished. Found Lil picking sakkatoons in their yard and Bob throwing a pile of wood to another spot so that he can get some coal in. Catherine playing around and Barbara in her carriage waiting for something to eat. Visited there for awhile. They still have a girl working for them. Bob is making from \$20 to \$25 per month as commissions on overseas tobacco and cigarette orders. Easy money. He had a letter recently from Wally Annable overseas. Wally weighs 175 and has never felt better. Rod Humber has been called up for the army and has asked for a postponement.

Came back past the schools and picked some flowers. Walked part of block with Vera Nechkin and her youngsters. Got ice cream at Red Deer Creamery and home to supper. Went to bed fairly early.

Monday, July 27:

Usual work at office. Pictures got here on time, first time in weeks, so cast cuts in the morning. Editor got back yesterday from the Peace River country. Went up by plane, visited Masonic lodges and got as far as Fort St. John up where the Alaska Highway is being built, 610 miles north of Edmonton.

Martha and Verne Weaver were in for awhile after dinner. Verne arrived Saturday from Trail for a few days.

Marion's Mother was over in the afternoon and brought a birthday present.

Percy Gay and Mrs. Gay, who used to live in Kennedy's bungalow, when Percy was B#A agent here were visiting Eleanor and Cliff Maxwell over the week-end. Percy is a F/O in the R.C.A.F. now and is stationed at one of the wireless schools in Calgary. Johnny Kennedy was down from Edmonton for the week-end. He is still waiting to be posted somewhere.

Today was Jerry Haddow's second birthday. In the afternoon I mailed a little present of two pairs of ankle sox from us, together with a little thank you note for ~~xxxx~~ Lenore's kindnesses to us.

Tuesday, July 28:

Today was Marion's birthday. The children and I gave her a card and a dollar to buy something. Her Mother gave her a krinkle crepe nightie and her Dad gave her a cake plate. Mother gave her a dollar to buy something with.

At supper time when I came home Marion had a picnic lunch packed for us to go down to the Auto Camp. Billy turned up missing just as I came home and we were delayed some time looking for him. Nessie Kennedy found him at last in someone's car. Got away and down to the Park. Had nice supper under the open kitchen shelter. The children had swings and then we climbed "Piper's Mountain Hill" and stayed there for some time. Billy kicked off one of his shoes and I had to do a mountain goat act down almost to the creek to recover it. Saw a great many planes leaving the Penhold airport. Most of them turned off west and did not pass over the town. Came down the "tunnel path" and back into the camp. Walked along the road leading up the hill through the camp and back again. Mona MacDonald was down there with some of her family. A Bearchell family - nine children and the parents - are living in a tent at the camp. The Majakey's trailer was in the camp but Esther was away. Marion left a note for her. Finally we rounded up our flock and came home, picking flowers on the way. Had a nice outing.

Marion's Dad came around at noon with the cake plate for Marion.

Wednesday, July 29:

Got out a 12-page paper. Editor came down late and left before 9 for southern Alberta on another tour of inspection. Did nothing much after the paper was out. Getting out a four-page circular this week-end - about the first one this year. Went over to Mrs. MacDonald's on the way home and took her a paper. She is getting the place fixed up and has had the roof repaired.

Got the August Readers' Digests and read after supper. Both of us. Finally wrote some press for the Bulletin when I should have been going to bed - or so I was told.

Mrs. Healy was in yesterday and brought in some saskatoons. Came back in the afternoon and Marion gave her some tea.

I trimmed the west hedge after supper and cut the corner of the lawn I missed last time. Ruth went out picking saskatoons with the Harry Browns in the afternoon and left Sharon with Marion. Came back about supper time with quite a good pick.

Harris is all crippled up with his usual summer ailment. He was around to see Dr. Pearson at the Health Unit about it and he told him that it was not psoriasis or rabies. Harris thinks it is psoriasis plus some blood condition. He had the same trouble last summer and has his legs all bandaged. I helped him out today by bringing up papers quite often.

Thursday, July 30:

Usual at office. Castc cuts, etc. Beaumont worked all day on page ad for Lawrence. Saw Mrs. Wood, Nobby' mother up town today with Mrs. Cravath. First time I have seen her up town for years. Mrs. Healy was in again today with some more ~~xx~~ saskatoons. Poked around in the garage after supper for awhile. Alex McDonald stopped by for awhile. He is taking a week's holiday but had been loading hogs all day. Last week he was also on holidays but worked down at the Arlington beer parlor while Ernie Moseley was at the Lake for a week. Marion got a case of apricots today and put them down in the evening.

Friday, August 7:

Not very busy at the office and might as well have spent the day at the Fair. Manager there most of the day and Editor there in afternoon ~~with~~ with his daughter. Marion took Carol, Dougie, Billy and Faye down in the afternoon and gave them rides, etc., until her money ran out. I had two books of passes, four in each, which Walter Harris gave me this morning, which helped a bit.

It was Billy's first Fair and he had quite a time. Marion took him on the Merry-go-round twice and he was on the little cars once by himself and once with one of the others. He yelled bloody murder when he had to get off. The Fair was fine with him as far as it went. Was in a pretty bad mood the rest of the day. The rides were 12¢ each which soon used up Mother's funds. The kids had ice cream cones for which they were nicked 10¢ each much to Marion's disgust, etc. After that she went around warning any friends she saw not to buy from the Midway people but from local booths.

I went down to the Fair about 8 p.m. and met the folks just driving home. They had got there about 7:30 and were too late to get a seat on the grandstand. They had plenty of company as they turned away a lot of people. Took my mill with me and typed out all the prize list - it ran 62 inches when it was complete and set. Worked to about midnight, Harris helping me for the last while. Norman ~~Baxter~~ Bowles, who now has the Herald, came in and used a mill in the office and I gave him the use of the prize list results. During the evening I turned aside a great many requests for information on one thing and another from people who thought I was connected with the Fair. Four or five lost children turned up during the evening or were brought in and were cheered up until their owners were found. Ice cream was a ~~popular~~ popular part of the cheering up.

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Sunday, August 9:

We all slept in this morning and hence did not do so well all day. I wrote Fair story and races for the Albertan and took it down to the noon train. Very hot today and none of us had much energy after the Fair. Wrote Fair story and races for the Bulletin and mailed for the evening train. Sat around all day and it was too hot for a walk although we had hoped to get out for one. Mrs. MacDonald came over in the evening and visited Mother until quite late.

Doug, Ruth and Sharon left for the Lake today to spend a week. They have a cabin at Hussfeldt's camp ground. ~~Bill and~~ Bob and Lil got the folks' car and took them out. We are to look after their plants, etc.

Monday, August 10:

Cut up the pages for the Penhold Log. Took quite a while. Started to gather them in my spare time when I got through. ~~Start~~Read proofs, etc. Mother went over to Kennedys for the afternoon and evening. Mrs. David Walmsley, a niece of Mrs. Kennedy's (daughter of Oscar McCune) and Nessie brought her home.

Marion did a wash today.

Tuesday, August 11:

Usual at office. Got in some work on gathering Penhold Log. Wrote a little press in the evening. We talked to Mrs. Loveland in the evening some. She got back yesterday after visiting her daughter two weeks in Edmonton. Her place looks nice now with lots of flowers and shrubs. Our place is looking better this year than it ever has. Mrs. MacDonald came around after supper and visited Mother. Had to go home in quite a heavy rain which started on in the evening.

Marion and Billy went over to the folks in the afternoon. Took some ice cream and had a visit.

The government has stopped civilians sending complete newspapers and periodicals overseas in order to save shipping space. They advise sending newspaper clippings which is what we will have to do for the boys. Will have to stop sending the Reader's Digest to Dave. Had started sending it in January of this year. Got them all off except the August issue.

Wednesday, August 12:

To work in fair time. Manager there. Op. came in about 8 o'clock with some story about his alarm falling over and not going off until 7:45. Got out a ten page paper. Sid and Editor worked in morning gathering Penhold Log. I had 200 of them gathered in my spare time. The whole crew, except me, gathered them in afternoon and finished them. I started to crimp the backs while Sid was stitching them. An old time printer who worked for the Albertan fifteen years ago came in as I was leaving for dinner and came back later for a touch. Only got the manager.

We had planned on going to the Lake with the folks after 5 for a picnic lunch by ourselves. Ruth and Doug had invited them out for Sharon's birthday party, today being her second birthday. However it rained off and on most of the day and we decided to skip it my to the disappointment of the children. They took Billy out however at Marion's suggestion and reported that he had a wonderful time with Sharon and was very good. Brought him back about 8:30. He was very loathe to stay here, wanting to go in the car again.

The kids made about four trips up town this afternoon to get chocolate bars in the course of which Carol got one chocolate bar for 12 cents at the Dutch Mill.

Mother went over to Mrs. MacDonald's after dinner. I took her as far as the church and Carol and Fay went the rest of the way. Is going to spend a couple of days there.

Wrote press in p.m. The Jack Walkers have a baby girl - born at Hospital tonight. They stay at the folks' place. She had gone to the Hospital last night.

Thursday, August 13:

Trimmed the Log today. Did it by myself and got finished early in the afternoon. Takes about an hour for each side. Sid packaged them up and the Editor took them down to Penhold, spending most of the rest of the afternoon there. Manager had to go somewhere for a while in the afternoon and was no seen after 1 o'clock. Cast cuts late in the afternoon.

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Mrs. Hopfe called to see Mother and talked at the door for a time. Clare's husband and young Kenny Hope are learning to be welders in shipyards at Vancouver and are each making ~~at~~ \$52 a week. Will get \$72 per week when they have completed a six months' course.

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Mrs. Hope called to see Mother and talked at the door for a time. Clara's husband and young Kenny Hope are learning to be welders in ship yards at Vancouver and are each making \$22 a week. Will get \$72 per week when they have completed a six months' course.

Saturday, August 29:

Read proofs until about 10:30 when Lawrence came in with about eights ads and a lot of cuts. Cast cuts as I had the machine on all morning in readiness for him. Worked until 1 and had quite a few of them ready. George was away again and Sid was on the machine. Ralph also away. Came back in the afternoon and worked from 4-5 on Lawrence's cuts. Beaumont had some of the ads set. Read a few proofs while it was there and sawed up a few flower sticks for myself.

Mrs. Healy, Daisy and Fay were at the house when I got home. Daisy is going back to work at the Hospital. Fay is going to continue going to school in the country as Daisy may have to give up the job at the Hospital on account of her health and her plans are uncertain. Hence goes our hopes for a little income from Fay's board. Fay stayed for supper. Carol is still tired and was too tired after supper to play so Marion put her to bed. Fay and Dougie played quite well outside. Daisy and her mother came in later and collected. Fay and Daisy checked in later at the Hospital. Started to sprinkle in the evening as they were leaving.

Got paid 75¢ overtime for working $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours on Wednesday. Also got 60¢ cost of living bonus second week in succession.

Over to Kennedy's in evening to pay him for carpenter work but they were out.

Sunday, August 30:

Up in fair time. I slept part of the morning and was wakened up about 1:30 by Harris coming in with some yarn about a soldier being beaten up by some Germans and tied to the C.P.R. tracks. He was rescued by a train crew of a freight. Asked Harris to cover it for the Bulletin.

Went up to the Hospital fairly late in the afternoon. Mother was fair. Went up in such a rush that I forgot to take the papers. Mrs. McKay, wife of the North Star Oil agent, came in to see her. Fellow Lodge sister. Brought some flowers for her. The MacKays gave me a ride down town.

Marion had spent most of the day finishing making a pair of Sunday School pants for Dougie, longs, from an old pair of Johnny Kennedy's that Mrs. K. had given Marion. Looked very nice when they were finished and was Dougie proud of them. Everybody got ready and were went over to the folks having been invited over for dinner. Had a very nice dinner, pie being a highlight for the kids and for us too. Dougie and Carol probably ate too much and both went to sleep later in the evening. Billy was apparently trying to promote a car ride and went around carrying his coat and talking about it. The Jack Walkers came down from upstairs for us to see the new baby - Brenda Lynne who was born on August 12. The children were much taken with the baby. Jack got on fine with Billy and made a great deal of him. Dad drove us home about 8:30 and the children were tired and soon settled down. We were tired ourselves and went to bed soon after 10:30.

Monday, August 31:

Usual work at office. Spent good part of day on Lawrence's cuts. Read proofs, etc. Editor back on the job and well pleased with arrival of his son. Got back on Saturday.

In the evening I cut half a dozen glads to take up to the Hospital. Went in to see Joe Sauve on way up and he paid me \$35 on the rent. Leaves him owing \$34 to September 7. Wants some insulation put in walls and some shingles for roof when he gets caught up. As I was leaving Joe Moseley flagged me and I came back and he gave me \$15, the August rent. They are keeping the bed-bugs under control pretty well now. On up to the Hospital and found Mrs. MacDonald in to see Mother. Not feeling too bad and on a diet which she wasn't any too well pleased with. Had Mrs. Kennedy up to see her on Saturday afternoon. Glad to hear of the rent collections. Saw Alex McKenzie leave the Hospital and the Editor. The Pullens were also up to see some lady friend of Mrs. Pullen's. Went down and came up again. Saw Daisy in the hall. Walked down with Mrs. MacDonald to Gatz-Cornetts. Met Alex McKenzie there and walked home with him. His wife and daughter are getting on well.

Marion was busy shelling peas, etc., when I got home. Has crabapple jelly under way also. The Albertan had phoned for me re the soldier on the track story. They had phoned the Mounties but had not had much luck. I couldn't even raise them on the phone and Marsh Lees did not know anymore than I did. Reported back to the Albertan again to Andy Garrett.

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In the evening I cut half a dozen glands to take up to the Hospital. Went in to see Joe Barrow on way up and he paid me \$25 on the rent. Lawrence paid him owing \$24 to September 7. Wants some information put in wills and some things for foot when he gets caught up. As I was leaving Joe Hossley flagged me and I came back and he gave me \$15, the August rent. They are keeping the beds under control pretty well now. On up to the Hospital and found Mrs. MacDonald in to see Mother. Not feeling too bad and on a diet which she wants any food well pleased with. Had Mrs. Kennedy up to see her on Saturday afternoon. Glad to hear of the rent collections. Saw Alex McKenzie leave the Hospital and the Editor. The Pullens were also up to see some lady friend of Mrs. Pullen's. Went down and came up again. Saw Daisy in the hall. Walked down with Mrs. MacDonald to Gesta-Cornette. Met Alex McKenzie there and walked home with him. His wife and daughter are getting on well.

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Tuesday, September 1:

First day of school again and the start of Carol's second year at school. She went off bright and early and all polished up. Came home at 12 - last term she got out at 11:30 in the morning - and during the noon hour she and her Mother went up to see Grandpa and got her school supplies. A big scribbler, some crayons, two pencils, an eraser and a work-book - total 70¢. She had a ruler from last year. She has to take 25¢ to school for six school scribblers from the school. Got out at 4 p.m. - last term it was 3:30 Also has to get some glue. Miss L.M.Foster is her teacher again, although Miss Foster said something about a new teacher coming - she may be moving to the Central School. There were 73 registered at the South School today.

We did not start Dougie today and will wait another year for him. He is rather small and if the kids picked on him he would have a bad time of it. Sylvia Johnston will be starting next fall and they can go ~~knack~~ together.

Billy had dinner over at Ruth's as he went over there when Marion was up town with Carol. Sharon was here for the afternoon while Ruth was taking a sewing lesson up town.

Went over to Kennedy's after supper to pay for his work on our shelves, etc., but they were out. Over at Doug and Ruth's for a while.

Marion ~~continued~~ continued preserving and put down five quarts of crabapple jelly and six quarts of beans and peas. She is getting the shelves filled up and running out of fruit jars.

Bob and Lil were having some calcining done at their place today so were at the folks. W.J. was terribly busy at the store with the school book rush.

Wednesday, September 9:

To work in good time and got out a 12 page paper, some good government ads in it. Editor went to Calgary on afternoon train. The A.B.C. artist came in on afternoon train from south to do the audit and came around. Anne had to stay until 6 with him. Manager went out stooking after the paper was on the press. Worked to 5 and then to Dell's to get a haircut.

Marion gave the woodwork in Mother's room the first coat of paint this morning and gave it another coat in the evening. Some it got three coats as it had never been painted before. I put the kids to bed in the evening while she was up stairs. Billy, being chased by Carol bumped into my chair and his nose started to bleed. I picked him up and let him lie on my knee until it stopped. He went to bed without any trouble.

Wrote press for both papers and mailed it.

Thursday, September 10:

Slept in but to work almost on time. Marion painted the floor in mother's room this morning, ground color. After supper she put a coat of varnish on it to give it a gloss. Put up five quarts of crabs in the afternoon. Cleaned paint off the window and put the curtain back on.

Worked on Eaton cuts most of the day. Cast cuts late in afternoon. Lawrence got in rest of mats late in afternoon. Manager went stocking again in the afternoon - was too wet in the morning he thought. Little shower early this morning. Editor still away. A.B.C. artist in the office all day. Anne took the figures home last night and worked on them. Manager showed the artist around some this morning and acted as though he knew something about the A.B.C. business.

Went up to the Hospital in the evening to see Mother. She was feeling pretty well. Thelma had seven girls from the Dormitory up to see her in the evening. She had some nice glads. Mother also had some which Mrs. Kirkpatrick had brought up. Talked to Daisy for a few minutes. Meeting with the Hospital Board went off pretty well - the Board was as scared as the nurses. They have a better deal on the night duties - another nurse put on but they now have a three week stretch. Don't know about the money yet or whether Daisy is on the permanent staff yet. Walked down the hill with Mrs. Percy Johnston. She had spent the day at the Hospital with Harriet Robertson's youngster who had her tonsils and adenoids out today. Robby and Harriet picked her up when we were almost down town. She told me they have some health scheme at Stettker whereby by paying the doctor \$25 in January a person gets medical service the rest of the year without extra charge.

Wrote press for both papers and mailed.

Thursday, October 1:

Friday, October 2:

I elected to take the afternoon off. I worked on the fruit room and at the end of the day had it all sealed up and the new work painted. I had all the little door from under the stairs earlier in the week, saving part of an old casing. It fits quite well and the fruit room should be much cooler this winter. Marion is trying with the idea of making another room downstairs for the children to play in and for us to work in. Marion also elected to take the afternoon off. Took Billy up town. Got her hair done in the a.m. The High School students had installation today and were up town in the afternoon. The girls were in shorts and skirts and the boys were dressed as girls. Tess Trueman and Milton Knapp were among those Marion knew. They were singing songs. "Hill out the Barbel" "Tipperary", etc., and generally blocking traffic. When they got up to 5th Street they met Marion's Mother coming down town. Back to the house and then down town together. Brought Billy home and then back to Max Johns where Mother bought six dining room chairs with money of Ted's which had been sent her. Close to \$40. Marion got a wine skirt (Algonia skirt) at \$2.00. Ruth and Sharon went up to Harrison on the train to visit Jackson for awhile.

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Ruth and Sharon went up to Edmonton on the noon train to visit Leonore for awhile.

Saturday, October 3:

Worked until 1 p.m. Read proofs, cast cuts, some for Lawrence. He had more to come which did not show up until after I left.

Marion took Dougie up to Dr. Husband at 4 o'clock and he pulled an upper right tooth which was really a whopper. Had three big roots, Hubby broke a needle in freezing it. Dougie cried some for the first time in his trips to the dentist. It was pretty tough on him.

The Majakeys are in town today, came up last night for the marriage of an R.A.F. lad to Annie Kirsch. Marion and Dougie went into the Household Furniture Store hoping to see them as the Mills's are friends of theirs. Joe was there and they visited for a time, Esther being out. Came home after picking up a ~~blue~~ navy chinchilla coat for Billy at Eatons, size 4, \$5.95, red flannel lining. It fits Dougie quite well. After coming home Marion went up town again and did some shopping.

Daisy phoned that she and George were coming in after supper. I went up town and did some shopping and they were her when I got back. Sat around and visited for awhile. Daidy had been sick and had been given Saturday off. Decided to pass up a dance and go back to Hospital.

Joe and Esther dropped in later in the evening and we had a nice visit. I had seen Joe in the office in the morning. They are living in their new house in Calgary and have it pretty well finished. May sell it in the spring. Joe lives 44 minutes by street car from his school or 10 minutes by car.

Vern is staying at the Bowles while they are up and Joe and Esther at the Mills. Esther's sister, Ardis, who was matron at the Macleod Hospital, is going to live with them for a time, as she has to give up her job a/c her health. Joe left his hat here and phoned later about it.

Sunday, October 4:

Got up in fair time. I spent the morning in the basement cleaning up in general. Marion bathed the three children. Carol and Dougie went to Sunday School. Alex McKenzie taking up his garden today. Got it all up and in the cellar. Borrowed our light extension. Saw Doug. around a few times. Billy had quite an interesting morning eating apples, biting into quite a few more than he finished.

I went up to the Hospital after 3. Mary Bell had gone home on Friday so Mother had the room to herself. Not feeling too bad. No other visitors. Took some papers up. Some of the poplars in front of the Hospital are still holding their leaves. Saw the Asmundsons and Annie (Goodacre) leaving. Mrs. Johnny Asmundson has a baby in the H. Walked to and from the Hospital.

When I got down the family was all ready to go for a walk. Went over to the folks. Passed the Jack Walkers out with their baby. Lil, Bob and the children were at the folks. Lil came back from Calgary Friday after having a really good time there. Folks had bought some dining room chairs with money that had come to them from Ted's pay. Nice chairs. Stayed there awhile and then we all walked over to Bob and Lil's. There a few minutes and then on home. Carol and Dougie up town to get ice cream but RD Creamery closed and they later went to Gaetz-Cornetts and got some. Marion made pancakes of which we ate scads. She also made some syrup using potato water flavored with some maple flavoring. It improved after it cooled. Mrs. John Spence had told her about it, having been told of it by a German woman. Joe Majakey came around while I was at Hospital and got his hat.

Marion read in the evening and I wrote a couple of business letters for Mother. Made list of War Savings Certificates, amounts, serial numbers, and will put Certificates in the bank box this week. C & D thought Wagner radio program was good. They had wakened up about 11 p.m. for drinks & heard it

Monday, October 5:

Not up in very good time. Went to Royal Bank with deposit for Mother. Cast a flock of cuts for Lawrence - has about seven ads, which he should have got in last Friday. Lot of pictures too. Nearly dead by supper time.

When I got home at noon Bessie (Storek) Henry and her husband were here. Marion and I went to High School with her. Later she went to California and did one thing and another there before being married to R.J. Henry, who is a good deal older than she is. Her health has not been good and through an accident her right arm is crippled. They came up from California after the war started to Victoria and were there for awhile. Bessie has a farm in the Penhold district and this spring they came over to look after it. Have it rented and have been working on it to help out. Have a car. Marion had written to Bessie some time ago and we had heard that they had gone back to the Coast. Were in town Saturday but did not get down to see us. R. J. is apparently divorced and has a boy who is 33 and is married and has a child. Lives in Spokane. R. J. is quite fond of children and made friends with ours.

-Marion had Doug in for dinner today.

Walter Harris was in at noon today and told me that he has a job at the Buffalo Hotel. Is on the desk, works 10 hours one day and 6 the next, etc. Will have one day per week off. Makes \$19 odd after deductions, Income Tax, etc. Started last Friday. Will still do some Advocate reporting but will not be here on Wednesdays to help with the papers. Glad he has landed a job and hopes it lasts. Will be better than \$30 odd a month at the office together with plenty of abuse.

Wrote letter to Mutual Life re insurance at night. Marion ironed and read. Did not work in basement tonight, first time for week.

Tuesday, October 6:

Usual at office. Marion and I were both tired today as the night was restless or words to that effect. The children did not sleep well and I had some raw cabbage for supper which did not go so well.

Carol came up to office just before 6 and we got a basket of grapes and some apples at Eatons. Then to Gaetz-Cornetts for some chocolates for Mother and some ice cream for ourselves at Carol's suggestion. Dad had a small book A.R.P. for Canada - Vera Knight, 30¢ which he had ordered for me. Bob makes about \$25 per month as commissions on overseas tobacco orders in the store. Has been getting it for some months now. Very little work attached to the job and he does most of it in store time.

Went up to the Hospital in the evening. Cut some stocks and phlox as a small bouquet. Mother feeling pretty fair. Mrs. Lamont came in while I was there, in fact soon after I got there so that cut into the visit. Other bed in the room still empty. Saw Mac Parsons in his operating gown as I came down the hall on the way out. Dark as anything on the way up and street lights came on about 7:45. Into office for few minutes on way home. Soaked my feet in formaldehyde when I got home. Marion reading David Copperfield with gt. enjoy.

Dougie was on the rampage today and pretty well demolished a coal chute which really belongs to Jack Pullen. Jack apparently doesn't know it, tho. Also smashed some glass. Marion patched his gren overalls today. Last night he started to tear down the old coal bin and did a fair bit of damage to it before Carol informed on him.

Today is Peg's birthday.

Wednesday, October 7:

Got out ten page paper in good time. Walter was not with us today for the first time in years as he is on duty at the Buffalo. Sid had the job of looking after the papers and did a slap-dash job. Had trimmings all over the place and didn't shake the papers out all the time. Probably plans on getting rid of the job as soon as possible as he has never liked it.

Wrote press at noon for the Albertan. Wrote more after supper for both papers and took it to the Post Office. Over to Mrs. MacDonald's with a paper. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pearce were there for supper. Dick told me something about his job at Eaton's. He took Howard Johnston's place when Howard went to Prince Rupert to work as steam-fitter in the ship-yards. Dick gets about \$100 a month and is getting along well. The three of them were going to an R.A.F. concert in the United Church and I came out with them. Wrote a lot of press when I got home.

Marion put down two baskets of B.C. grapes today, jelly in the morning and jam in the afternoon. Sixty-nine cents a basket.

Mrs. Healy came in with Fay after supper and visited for awhile. She had brought Daisy in from the farm after her day off. Mr. Healy's brother, Sid. Healy is quite sick in the Hospital. His appendix burst about a week before they brought him into the Hospital and his case is serious.

May Creelman and Patsy were in during the aft. for awhile. Patsy and Carol ~~and~~ had a play. Rex is working on an emergency airfield at Big Bend and is also at Penhold some. May brought the car in to get the rear end looked over. They had laid the car up for a time because of lack of tires but have it out again. He hasn't been paid for some time.

Thursday, October 8:

About two and a half pages for Eatons next week so worked on cuts all day. Not a great many at that. Rest of the boys worked on the Penhold Log. Charlie Martin is at Regina doing some harvesting. Left earlier this week and George is acting editor in his absence. Manager rustled ads in the a.m. and went shooting in the p.m. Editor worked hard as usual. Newspaper convention on in Calgary this week and he is going to tell them off for having it then with a holiday coming up. When he has to get out a paper in spite of the holiday.

Went up to the Hospital in the evening. The street lights in the south end of town were out both ways and was it dark going ~~up~~ down the hill. Mother not feeling too bad tonight although she ~~is~~ had been sick yesterday. A patient from the west country came in just before I left, Dr. F.H. Coppock, of Eckville, bringing her. A sister of Jean Hepburn's had been in the room with Mother for about 24 hours, going out last night.

Doug. put up a clothes line pole last night, first they have had since they moved in across the lane. Will relieve the pressure here on wash day. Fred Lawson has painted his house white and it looks pretty nice. Harry Brown has his place stuccoed including a garage which he built on at the back and it also looks nice. Now if the Wells would only paint their place?

Marion dug some of our carrots today which turned out pretty well. Talking to John Bergdal tonight and he told me he had about 40 bushels of potatoes. Had two lots on new ground and they were fine, large, clean ones. Has all his garden stuff up. Alex McKenzie has all his up too and the Pullens got the R.A.F. to dig theirs some time ago.

Friday, October 9:

Marion up town in a.m. to get hair done at Eleanor Maxwell's. Left Dougie and Billy at home with various instructions. Worked at cuts, etc. Editor went to Calgary this a.m. for newspaper convention. Manager away all day shooting I guess and was away all afternoon yesterday. Too much work in office for him. Boys on Penhold Log.

Took apple box up to Eaton's in aft. and got a box of Jonathon apples, 30 lbs., at 3¢ per lb. They got in a carload of them today. Carol came up at 6 with the little wagon and we brought them home.

Marion went into the Wartime Prices and Trade Board this morning to see about getting a ration card for Billy. He did not get one when the rest of us got ours on August 28, although he had a temporary one when they were first issued. I wrote to the W.P. & T. Board in Calgary on September 15 about it and had had not word. The local office said they would take it up with Calgary.

When I was at the bank on Monday I clipped the coupons on Mother's bonds in the safety deposit box to save myself some work on the 15th. Also put the family's War Savings Certificates in the box. Carol has \$35, Dougie \$35 and we have \$60. The amounts are the values at maturity.

Saturday, October 10:

Marion cooked some apple sauce and baked a cake in the morning. Cleaned the house in the afternoon. Went up town late in the day and came home with me.

I worked on cuts for awhile in a.m. and then on the Log. Manager, Sid, Beaumont and myself gathering with some help from Ann. Sid stitched. Mgr. found it a very monotonous job. Finally finished them. Wright will trim them tomorrow. Went out for milkshake after job and did some other work when I got back. Editor still in Calgary. Marion came in and I went shopping with her. Left office about 5:30.

Got Bulletin cheque today for September - \$9.15 just about right.

Up town in evening to get some nails, screws. Around by Buffalo Hotel and saw Mrs. J. and a lady friend go in and come out with a case of beer. Saw ~~Ethel~~ Ethel (Robertson) Martin on the street with her mother. First time I had seen her since last summer.

Leonore phoned in the evening from Edmonton about a coat she had been looking at for Dougie. Tweed and same style as Reggie's, blue instead of green, \$6.95 at Woodward's. Marion is to let her know about it by mail on Tuesday.

Very hot today, hot wind most of the day.

Sunday, October 11:

Looked and felt like snow all day, when it didn't feel like rain. Did sprinkle a couple of times. Wind blew some.

Up in not very good time. Kept an eye out for Doug. and finally went up to the office about 10 o'clock. Beaumont was trimming the Penhold Log. Helped him and finished them up and put in one huge carton. Bid was there for awhile but did not do any work. Then home and took up carrots and beets. Doug showed up just as I was through. He was going up town to eat and then to dig spuds. I met him up town and we went over to folks. Dug all our patches. Turned out very well, big ones and good yield, not many small ones. Dirt stuck to them like gumbo. Left them out to dry and went in to house. Mother made tea and gave us some lunch. Dad dug his spuds also. Sat around and read and finally Doug got the car and we came home.

Carol and Dougie were just starting off to the folks when I got home. Marion suggested that they go over to Lil's for a visit with Catherine which suited them fine. They started off and got there alright. First time they had gone to Lil's alone. Lil's brother, Fred Alexander, is up from Calgary for the week-end. Doug was anxious to get the spuds up so we called at Lil's and picked up Dougie as Carol wanted to stay there. Bob was in the garden to folks and picked up spuds, Started to rain but did not last. I got $4\frac{1}{2}$ bags and Doug had about 4. Brought mine over in car in first load and took Billy and Carol (who had come home) with us for ride. Collected Doug's spuds and Dougie. Doug. at folks for supper. To Hospital in evening. Mother fair. Off meals yesterday acct. smell of ether. A Mrs. Koski is in the room with her, came in the other night. Had Mrs. Lamont and another lady in since I was up Thursday.

To bed early.

Monday, October 12:

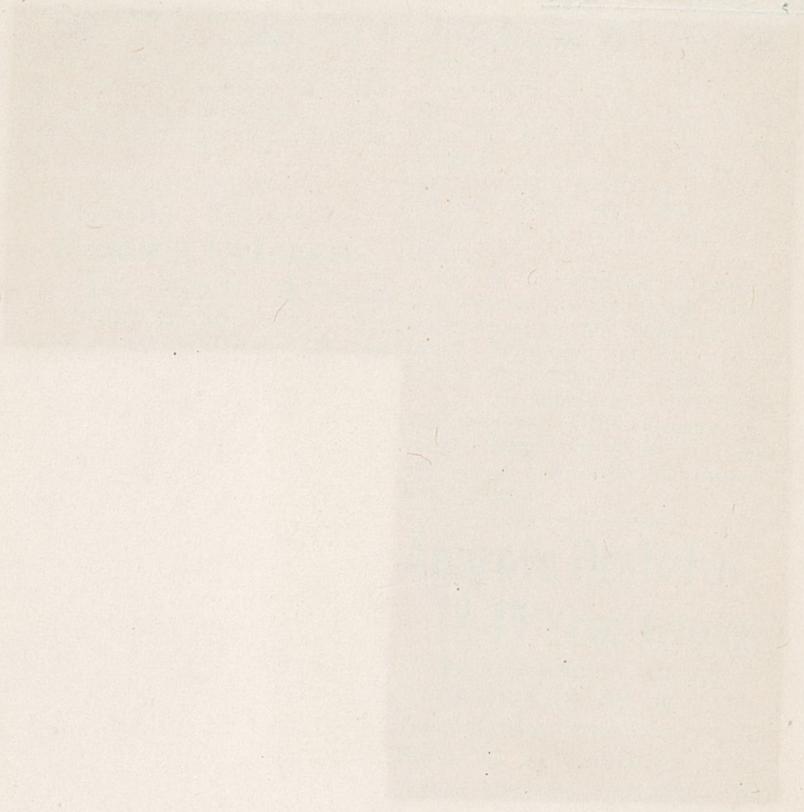
Today is Thanksgiving Day and a public holiday.

Did not get up very early and got little done in the a.m. Marion wrote a letter to Leonore telling her to get the coat for Dougie and sent an Express Order for \$7.30, to cover the coat and the phone call. I got the order at the Telegraph office and the letter went on the noon train.

Doug. got up at 6 a.m. (or was supposed to) to go shooting with Reg. Whyte and Art Lindskog out Bluffton way. Saw a light at his place late at night.

Dug the potatoes in our garden at home with some help from Billy and Dougie at times. Raked up some of the garden rubbish and burnt it. Took 2½ sacks of spuds out of garage from folks and dumped them out on ground to dry. Got about two sacks or better from garden patch. Marion cleaned storm windows for upstairs back and I cleaned the windows up there and put them on. Took screens off upstairs front and tried to tighten up casings. The siding on the house needs renailing as it is loose and the boards give when the old nails are pounded. We cleaned the storm window and glass on the north downstairs bedroom window and put it on. Needs and adjuster put on bottom. After supper I threw some wood out of the coal bin and piled it around the corner on the south wall. Fixed up a contraption at the door to set in boards to hold the coal back. Found a poor join in the hot air pipe which heats the downstairs bathroom and bedroom.

Dougie and Billy's little wagon vanished Saturday night. They had the box off it. I with Dougie and Sylvia looked pretty well all over this end of town yesterday without any luck. Marion offered a reward of 25¢ for its return today and Joyce J. found it at Myrna Hanson's (former St. James' place) She bought cones around for the kids with the reward.



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Friday, October 16:

Giant Empress Liner Sheds Name of Japan

MONTREAL, Oct. 16.—(CP)—The Empress of Japan, Canadian Pacific liner of the White Empress Fleet, which has been under charter to the British Admiralty since the outbreak of war, has been rechristened the Empress of Scotland to rid "so fine a ship of so unfortunate a name," it was announced last night by D. C. Coleman, chairman of Canadian Pacific Steamships Limited.

The Empress of Scotland holds all speed records for Pacific crossings, the announcement said, and has been transporting troops "to all parts of the globe" since the war started. She has been under bombing attack and the ship's Chinese quartermaster received the British Empire Medal for his conduct during the attack.

The last Canadian Pacific steamship to bear the name Empress of Scotland was destroyed by fire shortly after her sale 10 years ago. Originally the Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, the German-built vessel was turned over to the company in reparations following the first Great War.

Saturday, October 31:

Worked to 1 p.m.

In the afternoon we got Jack and Peg's parcel wrapped up and I mailed it. Cost 36¢. Sent two cotton shirts for Peg, some tea bags and 4 skeins of wool - 2 2oz skeins of khaki for socks for Jack and 2 2oz of red for something for the baby.

After supper I went up to the other house rent collecting. Light in ¹/₂ Saue's side but couldn't raise anyone. In to Moseley's and she paid me \$15, rent for ~~November~~ October. They were finishing supper and had three soldiers there and some liquid refreshments, which I declined. One of soldiers was sleeping. Joe gave me a long lecture on the condit. of the furnace. I saw Burnett when I came down town and asked him to check it over. In to Johns and paid our account there - \$3.80 for paint for the upstairs. Lights went pretty dim for some time tonight. I noticed that the fluorescent lights in the stores were all turned off.

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Big Motor Convoy Heading For North

Heavily loaded with equipment and supplies for R.C.A.F. bases along the Northwest Staging route between Edmonton and Whitehorse, a large convoy of trucks arrived here Sunday night from the south on the way to the Alaska Highway.

The convoy, was made up of between 60 and 70 trucks, a majority of which were four-ton vehicles.

The convoy will soon head north and will be the first of the kind to move over the new Alaska Highway.

Wing Commander Con Farrell, D.F.C., is in charge of all airport bases, occupied by the R.C.A.F. between Edmonton and Whitehorse.

The convoy was "piloted" by R.C.M.P. cars on the trip to Edmonton and city police escorted it across the high level bridge and along Jasper avenue to the No. 3 "M" depot.

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Dougie and I walked up to the Hospital in the afternoon. First time any of the children had been up. Dougie held up the mitts ~~xxxxxxxknitted~~ Mrs. Anderson had knitted for Carol to show Mother how they fit. She was quite tickled to see him. I had to leave him outside as regulations don't allow children in to see patients. When I came down he was standing inside the door. A soldier man had told him he could come inside and get warm. The soldier man

had been with a soldier lady (CWAC). Mother was feeling pretty well. Sent some candy down and 5¢ for Dougie and Billy and 10¢ for Carol. As D and I were coming down Hospital hill we saw a lot of air force trucks and other trucks and when we got down to Gaetz Avenue they were stopped and reached from the foot of the hill to the Texaco Service Station. They were headed for the Alaska Highway we guessed. More than 40 of them.

While we were away Carol went over to the folks and had a play with Catherine who was over there with her parents.

Monday, November 2:

Ruth washed today but Marion didn't. Mailed a letter to Dave which was started by Marion on Oct. 12. I finished it off last night. Sent five snaps - Mother and Dad, the Wells family, Dougie on his 6th birthday, Billy among the hollyhocks and one of the Intermediate and High Schools. Two page letter written on both sides.

Tuesday, November 3:

Marion, Billy and Dougie, Ruth and Sharon walked over to the folks in the afternoon. Were darned cold by the time they got there. Had tea. Got home after 6. Marion's Mother was over here in the morning. Had been up town shopping for Christmas parcels for the folks overseas.

Got Dave's small Christmas box off. Consisted of a pair of khaki wool socks which Aunt Carrie had knitted for Marion with wool which M. supplied; some toffee, chocolate bars and a few tea bags. Postage was 12¢ so it must have been not over one pound.

Carol went over to Lil's after school and had a play with Catherine and was over at Grace's when we came home.

I was late getting home from work as Frank Coulson came in just before quitting time with a little news. Went up to the Hospital after supper. Started to snow before supper and kept it up. Was miserable coming down. Mother not feeling too bad. Weighs 77 lbs. now. Still alone in the room. The preacher-plumber was waiting at the H. door for a taxi. His wife is coming along after a serious operation. Walked down short hill with Mrs. Lamont. Called at Sauves. He was down town, having come up from Calgary. I searched the town without luck. In Funk's pool room for while and in the bowling alleys. First time I had been in for some years. Colin Clark was there, first time I had seen her in a long while. Had a visit.

Home about 10 p.m. Marion is knitting a pair of mitts for Billy, red wool.

Wednesday, November 4:

Got out a 12 page paper in good time. Did odds and ends afterwards. Took a paper over to Mrs. Macs and sat and talked for awhile. She has not been up to the Hospital this week.

Went down to afternoon train in hope of seeing Joe Sauve leaving but had no luck.

Wrote press in the evening.

Thursday, November 5

Usual at office, cast cuts, etc. Boys are working on the Penhold Log.

Too tired at night to go up to the Hospital. Wrote some press.

Editor went to Calgary last night on lodge business. His daughter, Mary, has Scarlet Fever. Is not very sick with it but he is out for a month.

Friday, November 6:

Usual routine. Joe Sauve came in before the south train in morning. No money. He had his cheque stopped and most of it extracted for an old doctor bill owing four years or so. Frank Warshawski's are moving from the rooms soon and he has another tenant on view. Promised some money when the move takes place. Only had ~~\$\$\$~~ \$12 left from his cheque. Off to Calgary to work and may have to go to Lethbridge to get work.

Editor back at noon.

Went up to Hospital in the evening. Mother has knitted one mitt for Carol and I took it home for her to try on.

Saturday, November 7:

Worked until 1 p.m. Worked on cuts, Lawrence sending in an ad. Manager ducked working on Penhold Log and went shooting. Helped Wright cut Log pages. Wright, Ralph and Sid gathered. Wright worked all afternoon alone gathering and finished them. Insert did not show up until near supper time. Did nothing much at home. Marion's Mother came over and Marion and Ruth went to Post Office with Ruth's overseas parcels and then up town to shop. Marion's M stayed here while they were away and rode herd on the kids, including Sharon.

In the morning Ruth and Marion took Sharon and Billy to the Health Unit for their first inoculations against Whooping Cough. Sergt. Bert LeChasseur from across the lane, other end of Ruth's house, was there with his two youngsters. They have had shots for about everything there is.

Sunday, November 8:

Up in fair time. Shaved, wrote some press and took it down ~~the~~ to the morning southbound train. Carol and Dougie went to Sunday School, getting there before church was out which was record for us. I had a bath upstairs, all fear of hornets being removed by colder weather. Had dinner. In the afternoon Carol and I walked up to the Hospital. Carol waited outside and would not come into the waiting room. Mother not feeling too bad. Showed her Carol's mit, which she had knitted. Too wide but otherwise satisfactory. Sent some candies down for the kids. Carol and I walked down through the Auto Park on the way home. Three of the cabins are in use. The town police car was parked in the middle of the road in the camp. Got home a little before 5 p.m. Marion baked a pie for supper and with a roast and trimmings we had a nice supper.

In the evening I wrote a three page letter to Bill Martin. First one I have written to him for a long time. Rounded up eight snaps for him, some views of the town, one of the Wells family, one of Omar Khayyam and one of ~~the~~ Walter Harris. Sent 3 hockey clippings too.

To bed, too late.

Dougie and Billy walked over to the Post Office with me before supper. Dougie remarked on the snow and said that God must have a big board over a hole in the sky and when he wanted it to snow he took the board off.

The radio is full of news of an American invasion of the North African French colonies. Not much detail but it was the largest armada yet seen in this war and supported by British sea and air units. Landed in many places and making good progress in most.

Monday, November 9:

Marion washed this morning, quite a large wash. Usual at office. Picture service did not show up until middle of afternoon so I read proffs in the a.m. Cast cuts in p.m., lot of them. Mgr. smashed his car up some while shooting Saturday. Twelve pages this week.

News from North Africa good. British still chasing Germans who are reduced from about 140,000 to perhaps 30,000. British too busy to take all the prisoners who want to quit. Americans making good headway in French colonies in N.A. and probably in Tunisia by now to cut off German retreat that way.

Rewrote first page of letter to Bill Martin and will post it tomorrow. Got a Christmas card ready to send Harold Maynard in army overseas.

Mother got a letter today from Youell who had rented her place at Victoria last year. Sent another \$28 for rent again. She had a letter Saturday from a party wanting to buy the place and wanting to know her price.

To bed in better time.

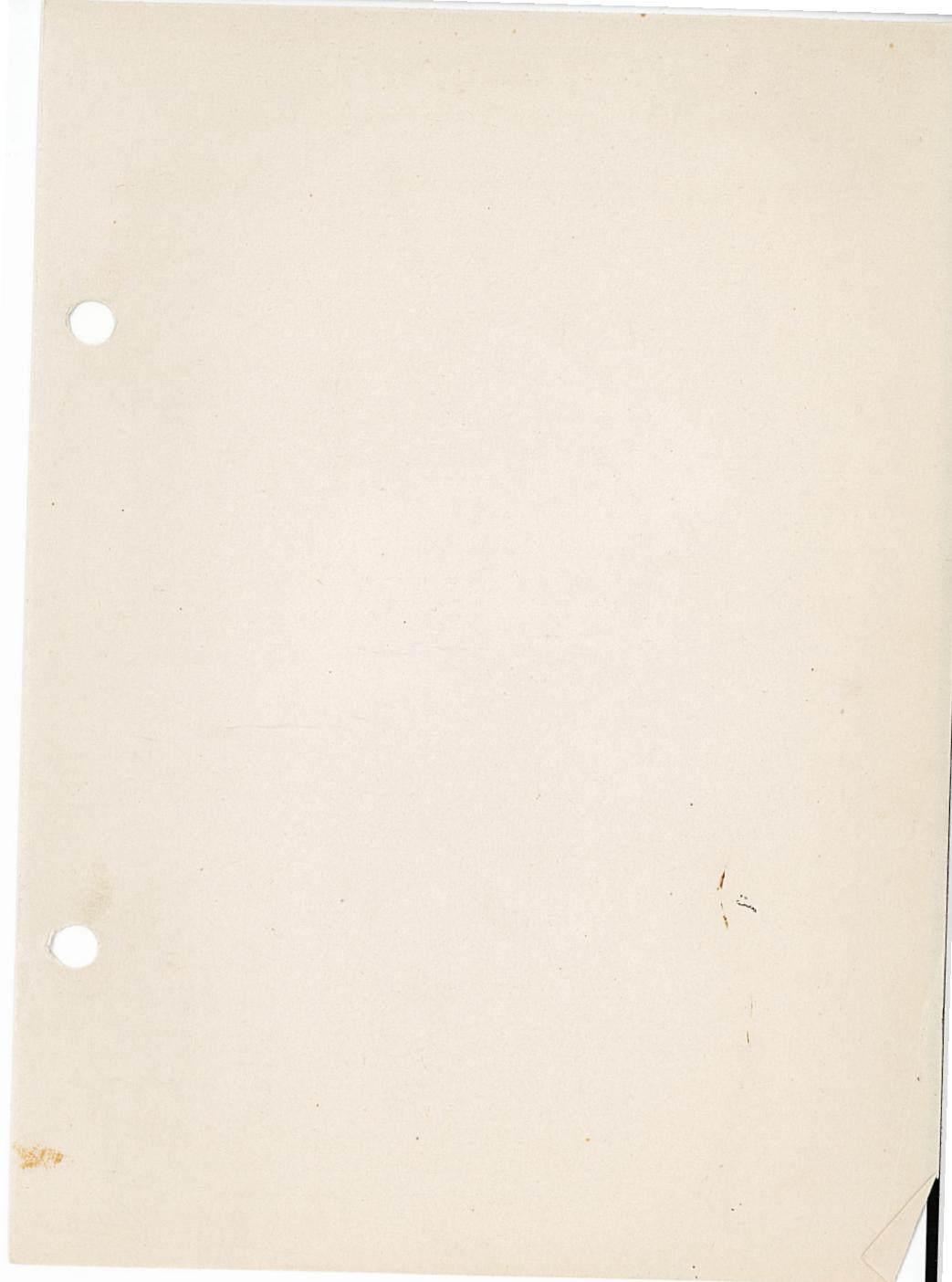
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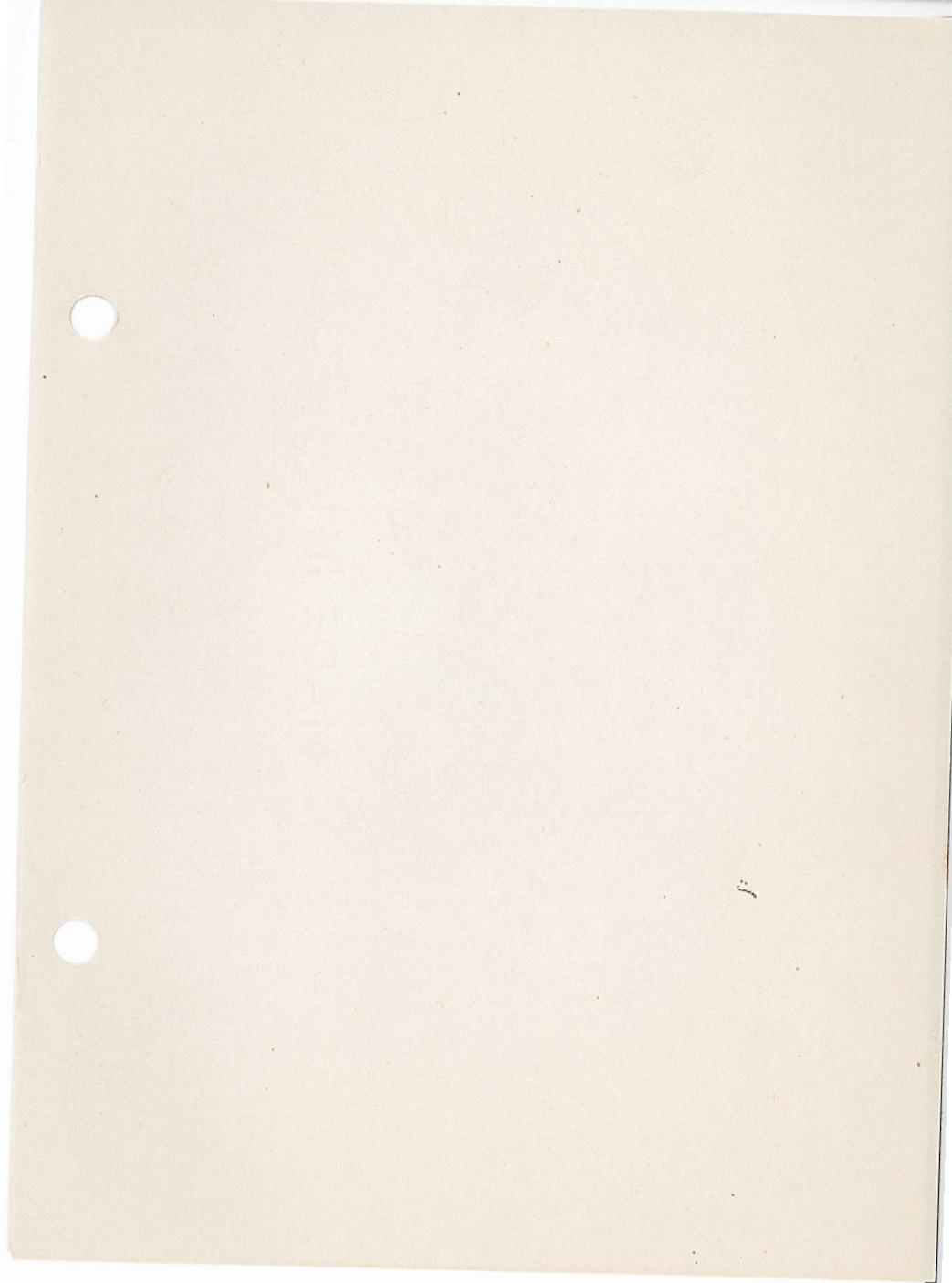
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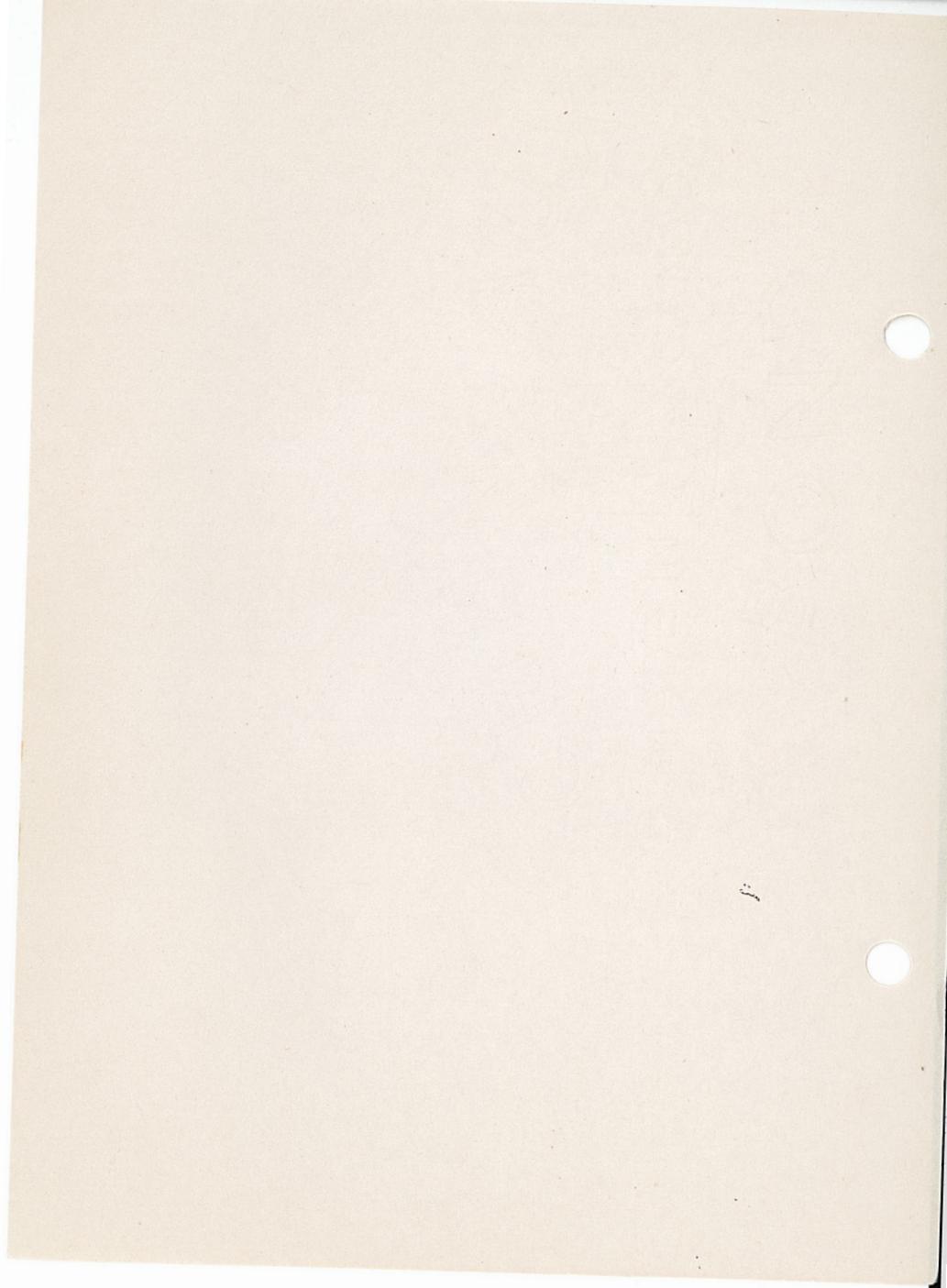
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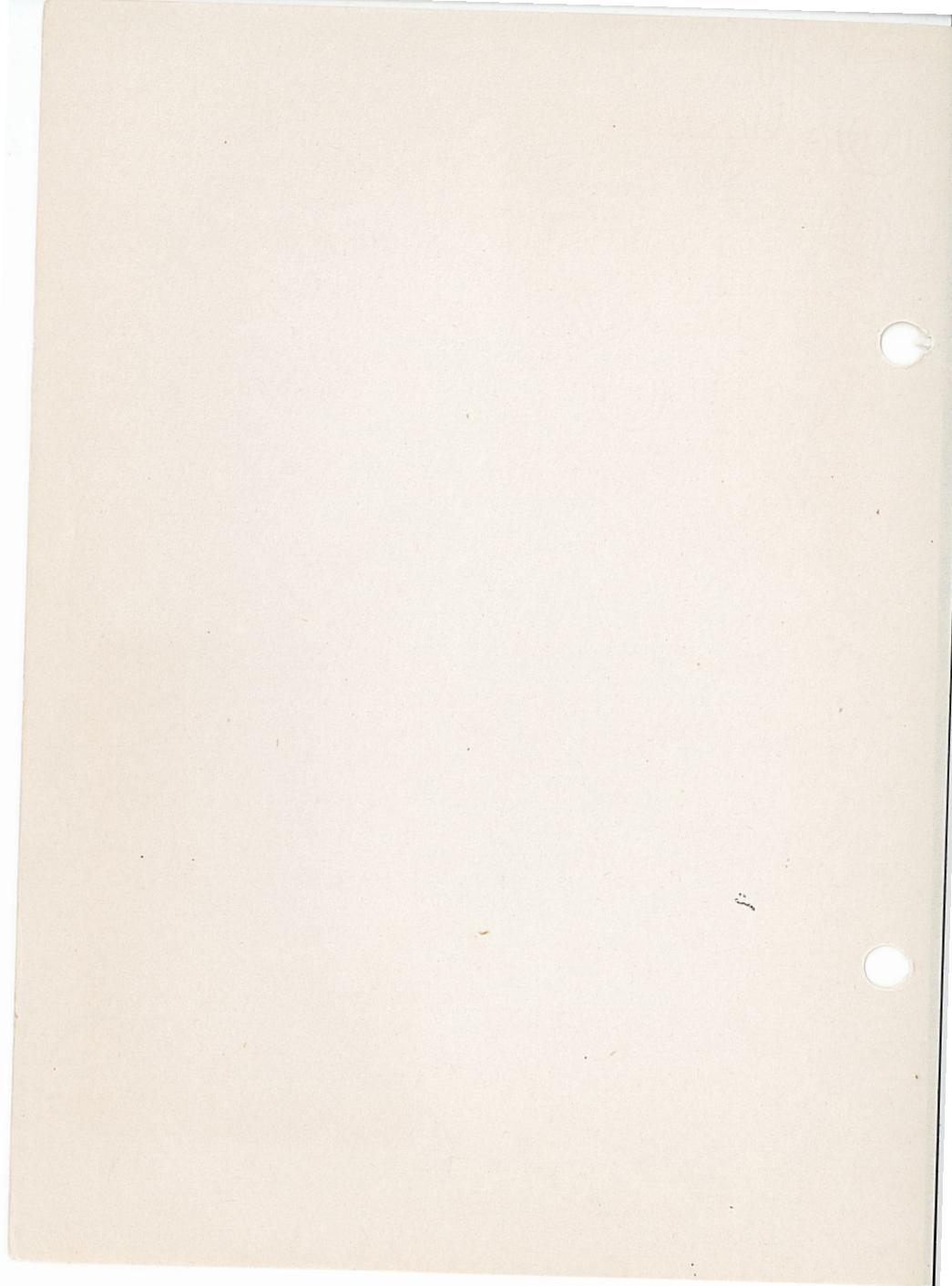












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Friday, January 1:

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their first game of the winter. Defeating Galt's
Baraback 2-1 in a good game. Tommy Anderson and
Don Benson were missing from the Calgary team.
Did not work today. Pretty well all the stores
and offices in town were closed up for the day.
Got off a New Year's Boxing Day and a right sound
idea.

Saturday, January 2:

Went to hockey game at night. The Wheelers won their first game of the winter, defeating Currie Barracks 3-1 in a good game. Tommy Anderson and Don Deacon were missing from the Calgary team.

Did not work today. Pretty well all the stores and offices in town were closed up for the day. Sort of a New Year's Boxing Day and a right sound idea.

Sunday, January 3:

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Tuesday, January 5:

Wednesday, January 6:

Got out the first paper of 1947 today - 5
pages and not much in them. This is the first
half-holiday of the year for those who get it.
Leithridge Bombers beat Red Deer 4-3 in over-
time here tonight. The largest crowd of the winter
packed the arena. I got there late and had to
wait until the end of the first period to get to
my seat. The Army band was out and a large cheer-
ing section from the High School. Bert Ja-
cobsen was one of the cheer leaders. Talbot
is one of the Leithridge players after the game
and he said the crowd helped the game considerably
and was larger than the crowds they got at last.

Wednesday, January 6:

Got out the first paper of 1943 today - 8 pages and not much in them. This is the first half-holiday of the year for those who get it.

Lethbridge Bombers beat Red Deer 4-3 in overtime here tonight. The largest crowd of the winter packed the Arena. I got there late and had to wait until the end of the first period to get to my seat. The Army band was out and a large cheering section from the High School. Bert Le Chasseur was one of the cheer leaders. Talked to one of the Lethbridge players after the game and he said the crowd helped the game considerably and was larger than the crowds they get at Leth.

Thursday, January 7:

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Saturday, January 9:

Worked all morning on the Penhold Log, 20 pages this time so we folded the 16 page sheet and inserted the four which was printed upstairs. Went home for dinner about 12:30 and back about 1:30. Helped Wright trim the books and pack them up. Finished and did few other odds and ends and left about 3:30. Only W and I in back office.

Went to the Library in the evening. First time I had been there for books since February 1941. Did not have much time and didn't know my way around. Got "Lost Horizon" by James Hilton and "The Sea Wolf" by Jack London. Started to read the former. Picked up work trousers at Munro and Baines \$1.80 for cleaning, pressing, two new pockets and new cuffs on them.

Got cheque from office for December reporting. Amounted to \$13.85. For the first time in history I charged them for the locals I turned in. Had 52 for December amounting to $24\frac{3}{4}$ inches, roughly \$2. No complaint from front office. Should have done it years ago. Have probably donated them over \$100 in last ten years. They used to pay Bill Martin for his locals. I turned in 19.5 % of paper's locals in 1941 and 300 or 18.25% in 1942.

Faye Young and Mrs. Healy were in during the afternoon and Faye stayed for supper. She and Carol were over to MacKenzie's rink and had a great time. Faye did not bring her skates, in fact had not tried them yet so Carol let her use hers and they really enjoyed themselves.

Mrs. Chris. Anderson, from RR 3 Eckville, was in this afternoon to see Mother. She was in the Hospital at the same time as Mother for about a week. Lost a boy in the Navy in this war and has several more boys in the forces. Is a real good sort. Dutch.

Sunday, January 10:

Set the alarm to get up in time to hear Nobby Wood on the CBC at 8:30 but too tired to get out of bed so we didn't hear him. Got up late. Over talking to Alex Mackenzie for awhile. Bright out but cold wind. Carol and Dougie went to Sunday School. We got ready and went over to the folks getting there earlier than usual. Doug, Ruth and Sharon came soon after we arrived. Bob, Lil, Catherine, Barbara and Lil's sister, Elsie, were there when we got there. They stayed until 6 so we had a little visit. The baby is quite cute now. Had a nice supper, turkey and all the trimmings. In fact we all felt like stuffed turkeys when we got through. The girls helped with the dishes and the rest of us sat around reading. Came home before 9, all of us, Dad driving us. Got children to bed and read. I finished my first book, Lost Horizon.

Monday, January 11:

Worked on cuts all day. Editor took the Penhold Logs down to Penhold in the morning. Doug phoned from work that Ruth had eaten too much yesterday to wash today. She did however wash in the afternoon.

The manager and his wife left for the Coast this afternoon. Most of us didn't know about it until he had gone. Told Wright as sort of an after thought.

We got a load of kitchen stove coal today from Paul Redman. Have ~~xx~~ over two tons in now which should see us through this month.

Carol was skating on Mackenzie's rink after school. Marion kept her at it. She is getting better. Is really looking forward to the Elks' Kiddies Carnival. Free hot dogs and free ice cream are big attractions. She doesn't know much more about the Carnival than that, which some other youngsters have told here. Had a time telling us about the free part of it, couldn't think of the right word.

To City Hall at noon and paid lights and water and Hospital Tax for ourselves and Mother. The city has put up a shelter with seats, nails for clothes and a light beside the skating rink on the City Square.

The hockey team was beaten 5-1 at Lethbridge on Saturday night.

Tuesday, January 12:

Usual at office. Read proofs all morning and cast a cut in afternoon. Wright leaving on the evening train for Edmonton, will be back on Monday. Doug went to the Library and got The Green Light - Lloyd C. Douglas ~~xxxxxx~~ renewed for Marion as she borrowed it from them. She finished it before she came to bed in spite of my remarks. I read some more of the Sea Wolf.

Mrs. Arthur Davison was in to see Mother in the afternoon. Mrs. Healy was in for a time in the afternoon to see Marion.

Dougie spotted some bare ground under the spruce tree between our place and Mrs. Loveland's this morning and made plans for a party on it. Marion stalled him off until Carol came home from school. Dougie and ~~Rosie~~ Rossie Simituk took 12¢ given them by Marion and went up town for some popcorn and Mrs. Simituk donated some marshmallows. Marion made cocoa and sandwiches and they had the party here indoors, our kids and Rossie. A great success. They told me all about it when I came home for supper.

Marion put up the kitchen curtains which she had washed. Great improvement.

Marion phoned Jack Pullen today to find out how his wife is. She has been home for several days but is still poorly.

Wednesday, January 13:

Very hot in the house last night in spite of a small furnace fire and we did not sleep well. Woke up number of times. Marion got up before 7 and got breakfast. I caught a cold. To work better time than usual. Ralph there ahead of me. Late in getting paper out. Had trouble with machine last night burning out fuses every three-quarters of an hour or so. Missed east mail. Dougie came up to office with some money for me to get groceries before dinner. Anne gave him two cents and so he think she is a very nice lady.

Had a bad time with my stomache pretty well all day. Went over to Mrs. MacDonald's with a paper after work and visited for awhile. Eight pages.

Wrote press for both papers in evening. Ran in differnt stories for Bulletin. Hope to stir them into better space. First press for either one since Jan. 2. dining

Marion put up ~~xxxxx~~ room curtains. Washed walls there also which was quite an improvement. Did some work in living room also.

I called Billy a "red-headed little cuss" at supper time and afterwards Dougie was speaking of custards. Billy - "Daddy, don't call me a custard" Then someone mentioned apricots and Billy told me not to call him an "aproncot". He has taken a great notion to pull Dougie's hair of late and pulls until D cries. He got a spaking and was put to bed for it after supper. Carol was out skating before supper and fell on her nose making it bleed. She thought it was a tough world after that

We had celery soup for supper, first celery we have had all winter.

It was quite mild all day. Raining some when I went to work and quite slippery. I finished reading the Sea Wolf after supper.

Friday, January 14:

Today was as dirty a day as anyone could ever hope to see. Blew hard and snowed all day and was quite cold. Carol did not go to school. Drifts all over. I was mighty glad when I finally struggled into the office. Dark enough to be unable to see where the drifts were and so windy that it took your breath away and with the blinding snow made it almost impossible to see where you were going.

I was the first one at work and at 8:30 too.

No one else there to be impressed. The office was none too warm and neither was the house all day. The rest of the family stayed indoors.

The Editor was back to work this morning. Had to walk to work.

The cafes did a record business at noon today. Great many people stayed up town for dinner. George and Jean England were among them.

Marion fixed up a bed for Dougie on the two big chairs in the dining room.

Saturday, January 16:

Read proofs and got out the foreign advertising and that was about all in the morning. Did not work in the afternoon. Sat around and rested. Mrs. Kennedy was in to see Mother in the aft. Went up town and did a little shopping in the evening. Paid phone bill. Paid Munro and Baines \$7.05 balance of my account. Went to Library, taking back two books. Got two more - "Microbe Hunters" by Paul de Kruif and "Rate, Lice and History" by Hans Zinsser.

To Arena about 9:15 for a miserable night. Calgary R.C.A.F. Mustangs beat Red Deer 6-1 without much trouble. Poor crowd - too cold, must have been about 30 below. The Band was there - hardy souls. Stuck it out the first two periods and then headed for the waiting room to get thawed out. Hugh Shipley and I went into Mustangs dressing ~~room~~ room after the game to check the scoring. I had it right and the scorekeeper had it wrong. Mustangs seem like a good bunch, especially "Tiny" Thompson. Home about midnight. What a life.

Editor walked to work again this morning. What a life!

Sunday, January 17:

Did not get up until after 9 o'clock and the house was quite cold. We had five milk bottles on the steps and the milk was well above the tops on all with three bottles broken. Got the milk out of them however. Too cold to send the children to SS. Daisy phoned George at Penhold and got a weather report of 44 below last night. None of us did much all day. I slept some. Wrote up some curling in the evening but didn't have the stomach to tackle the hockey story.

Monday, January 18:

Cold again this morning but only down to about 20 when I went to work. Nothing much to do at the office. Ralph looked in in the morning but did not work. Wright was back from Edmonton and on the job. Picture service didn't come. Wrote my hockey story in the afternoon at the office. Got phone call from Andy Garrett at the Albertan wanting me to run down story about a troop train here hitting an Army truck. Same train which was in Almonte train wreck in Ontario on December 27 with troops from her for overseas. Phoned camp, unable to get Major Cooper, O.C., and assistant adjutant said nix on info. Phoned Albertan to that effect.

We got two letters from Dave today. Posted on December 22 and 23. He has a bookkeeping job with the Administration Wing, No. 3 C.A.R.U. and likes it. Got our ~~box~~ Christmas parcel, sox and candy on Dec. 20 so his second note stated. Also folks' Christmas parcel and one from Goldie. Was up to Scotland on last leave. Sent a post card of street in Lochgilphead, Scotland, home of Don McLevin, former shoemaker here, and copy of The Argyllshire Advertiser and Lochfynside Echo - 4 page penny sheet about the size of the Optimist, carried an ad for Mrs. McLevin - rooms.

Carol also got some mail today - her first copy of Jack and Jill, children's magazine which her Grandmother Stephenson got her for a Christmas present. Quite a nice little mag.

I also got a cheque for 47¢, dividend on Can. Gen. Investments shares.

Dougie is quite disappointed that he hasn't got a mag. from anyone. His mother wanted him to get ready for bed, drinking up his milk first and he protested at being treated like a baby and being called "Sonny" "I'm not a baby". Mother - "Well". D - "You call me Sonny". M - "Well what do you want to be called - Dougie?". He didn't know but made a face.

Daisy took Faye up town in the afternoon and they met George and all had supper up town and then to the show, "The Forest Rangers". Daisy brought her home after the show but George did not come in as he was afraid he would get started talking and wouldn't get away. Daisy went out again and Marion put Faye to bed.

Tuesday, January 19:

The Editor went to Edmonton on the noon train leaving his work to me. Phoned Fred Vincent re story on death of his father at Vancouver on Sunday. Did not get him until 6 p.m. Wrote odds and ends in afternoon and read proofs. Down after supper about 7:30 and worked until 10. Wrote up Vincent story and rounded up some material for a war story. George had lunch uptown and worked through until about 9:15. I went home about 10 and finished the war story there. Quite a job sorting out the different parts of the Russian war front when you haven't been following it closely. Got it all put together at last.

The Manager sent a note from the Coast with a clipping about the wedding of Dr. MacCrostie's son there. He hadn't been out of the hotel since getting there; was cold and snowing; had a miserable cold. Probably just as happy there as if he was here.

Wednesday, January 20

To work in fair time as befits a busy man. Wrote up a bit on the steel strike and some filler. Ralph read the proofs. To press in fair time and caught the east mail, first time in three weeks. Harris came in before I went to call him which helped. I had nine stories on the front page - about 28 inches with a hockey story inside.

Wrote some press for myself in the afternoon for both papers and posted it. Went over to Mrs. MacDonald's with a paper. She was just about out of coal. Had some come down yesterday from Stewart Cartage and was shovelled out the road to the coal hole. The trucker wouldn't do any shovelling and took the load away. She was to have the load brought back today but it ~~wasn't~~ hadn't come when it was there. At her request I phoned Stewart and they had forgotten about her but promised to send some down. I later saw a truck leaving her place.

The Editor came back on the afternoon train which did not get in until about 5 p.m., which gave me time to do a little running around on my own.

Currie Barracks was to have played here tonight but the game was postponed until Friday because of the cold weather. Satisfactory with me.

When I went home for supper Fred Smith, our neighbor on the east of Pullen's was taking coal in from his back gate. He had not had time to dig out the road to his coal hole and sooner than have the truck take the coal back had them dump it at the gate. He was using an apple box and a small sleigh so I loaned him a tub and our heavy wooden sleigh. Would have helped him but it was supper time.

Thursday, January 21:

Usual at office. Cast cuts in the morning. Wright and I took stock in the afternoon. Have a lot more stock on hand than ever before. Some of it can't be bought now. Editor remarked this morning that I wrote a good war story. That was the only mention any of us heard about the paper whether it was good, bad or indifferent and then it came rather casually when I happened to mention something about the paper.

Marion and I prettied ourselves in haste at supper time to go to the Crescent to see "Mutiny on the Bounty". Daisy and George had been to see it last night. For some reason we phoned to see what time it started and were informed that the Crescent was closed due to the coal shortage. George came in, presumably to spend a quiet evening with Daisy while we were out, and also told us there was no show. Didn't like the sound of what was on at the Capitol and as it was so cold to go visiting we just stayed at home. I had to write an Albertan story on the coal sit. and took it down to station. Sat around and read and had eats later in the evening. George went home about midnight.

Doug was digging out a road to his coal bin last night and tripped and fell on a stake in the garden. Crippled up his hip and did not go to work today.

Carol and Faye came home at noon with word that the school was to be closed on account of lack of fuel. Spent most of the morning running around, etc., in school getting warm. All the Element. schools closed today. Faye had been going to school past few days. Carol was entrusted with two of the school's plants to care for. She was pretty particular about where they were put in the house too.

Friday, January 22:

Still plenty cold. We have great trouble trying to make the place livable. Frost so thick on the windows without storm windows that you can't see out. Frost along the east base board in the kitchen and the same in the living room. Got so cold in the fruit room that there is ice on some of the fruit jars and some of the vegetables are frozen. Have been leaving the door to the room open some. Daisy noticed the cold quite a bit and is going over to the Duncan Wilson's on First Street North tomorrow. She nursed Mrs. W. somewhere before they moved to Red Deer.

Daisy sewed on pyjamas most of the day for Faye. When George came in last night he told us that they had closed up the hangars and all work at Penhold on account of the lack of coal. Would likely stay closed over the week-end. They had a stock pile of some 3200 tons of coal dumped in the open down there but moisture had got into it and when they tried to chop it loose it broke into small pieces.

Saturday, January 23:

Worked until one o'clock. Daisy worked on clothes for Faye, two suits of pyjamas and when she had them finished she and Faye packed up to go over to the Duncan Wilson's, next door to Paul Redman's on First Street North. I carried their suitcase over and left them at the door. Went to Mrs. MacDonald's but she was not home. Tracks of a coal truck into her place and she had some shabs at the back of the lot so I guess she is doing alright. Got mail, etc. Down to station. The engine on the afternoon southbound came off the tracks and they had to put another engine on. Were trying to get engine back on tracks but it was too cold so stand and watch.

Hockey team played Currie Barracks in Calgary tonight and lost 10-3.

I got \$1.25 overtime on my cheque. That's all it's worth to work two hours overtime on Tuesday night and do all the Editor's work Tuesday after. and all day Wednesday.

Marion moved Carol downstairs tonight and put her to bed on the chesterfield. Closed the heat off in the upstairs bedroom and may move out of the downstairs bedroom if this weather continues.

Sunday, January 24:

Up about 9 a.m. Cold house, ice in the milk bottles, etc. Put up a few hooks in the cubbyhole new door stop in bathroom and hook on bathroom door. Some more hooks in bathroom cupboard. Sergt La Chasseur was in during the morning to see about putting half a ton of coal in our garage. Had a big army truck and four men. Coal came from the mines out at Ardley. Put it in garage. He is getting some more later this week. Pays \$2 per ton for it at the mine and the army does the hauling. They had some coal for a man named Anderson as well. Cold out again today. Shovelled out a road from the lane to the coal hole. Threw some blocks down into the basement. Our coal has certainly gone down this spell.

We didn't do much today. Carol gave her Mother 5¢ and the same to me in the general joy over my putting the hooks up.

I slept some after supper in the bedroom and caught more cold.

Monday, January 25:

Slept in until about 8:15 and so missed most of my breakfast. Ralph did not work today. Looked in twice in the morning. Lawrence came along with an ad late in the afternoon after saying he wasn't having any this week and we had to have 10 pages. Got run down about 5 o'clock and I made the run. Got through about 7:50. Some trouble with static.

Weather very much better today. Got up to about 10 below zero. Some of the ice melted off our windows and it felt like the first day of spring.

Marion washed in the morning and Ruth in the afternoon to take advantage of the weather. Marion worked on a nouse dress in the evening. A sort of red and white striped material. Mrs. Healy phoned ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ last night that a milk truck was going out that way today in case Daisy wanted to send Faye home. Marion told her to phone Redman's.

Marion's Mother came over in the afternoon. The Captain Jack Walkers are leaving soon for Calgary. The folks had a long letter from Dave on the same day as we got one. No mail from Jack or Peg tho. Pat's baby is supposed to arrive tomorrow.

Tuesday, January 26:

After a grand build up over the past few days it was announced over the air tonight that Roosevelt and Churchill had met at Casablanca, North Africa, in a conference to discuss the war.

Usual at office. Took some locals down in the evening and read a couple of proofs. Only about zero when I was coming home. Not as warm today as yesterday through the day though, no sun. Wrote some Albertan press in evening and some diary. Sid brought up the forms from the second run after supper before Ralph was through with the run. The Army trucks have been hauling a lot of coal into town from Ardley and Three Hills. There are mine strikes at Drumheller which won't help the situation any. A steel strike involving about 13,000 men down east has been settled after two weeks' idleness.

Marion worked at her house dress through the day and evening and had it pretty well finished by night.

Carol and Dougie made two or three trips up town this afternoon. Dougie decided to buy a blue Teddy Bear like Billy's brown one. They went into quite a few stores but did not find a blue one. Faye came over and they all went up together. C took a notion to buy her Mother a brooch and D a hank for me. Carol got thr brooch but D. was unable to get a hank to suit him. Faye went home to get money for a brooch for her Mother. Altogether they had a grand time, Dougie found when he went to his bank that he didn't have as much money as he thought he should. I had taken most of it and put in into War Savings Certs. for him. However we agreed on a loan to cover the Teddy Bear.

To Royal Bank at noon and put in Ad. rep. cheq for Dec. \$13.85. We have paid \$23 on our Victory Bond and balance in bank will pay all but \$9 odd as well as loan interest for next two months.

Tuesday, March 30

Walter Harris came in today and informed us
that he would not be here tomorrow as he was
joining the H.A.F. - going to Iceland to work in
the Y.M.C.A. Took a great deal of pleasure in
telling us with which we agreed. Will be much
better off down there financially and in other
ways.

Tuesday, March 30:

Walter Harris came in today and informed us that he would not be here tomorrow as he was joining the R.A.F. - going to Penhold to work in the Y.M.C.A. Took a great deal of pleasure in telling us with which we agreed. Will be much better off down there financially and in other ways.

Wednesday, March 31

Walter looked in today about noon and got an Advocate but declined our suggestion that he carry a mail sack over to the Post Office. The Editor took the papers over to the P.O. until Sid came in on the morning train from Coronation.

Wednesday, March 21

Walter looked in today about noon and got an
advocate but declined our suggestion that he
call back over to the Post Office. The
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Saturday, April 10

Walter Harris came in to the house in the evening and stayed for a while. He is getting on well at Bethel working on the office counter in the canteen. Likes the work and the people he works with. Gets \$20 a month plus his meals, room and laundry and 50¢ extra twice a month when they have dances. Has breakfast about 8 a.m. which is something new for Walter. His hours are not too bad. Has Bonaya off at present.

Saturday, April 10

Walter Harris came in to the house in the evening and stayed for a visit. Is getting on well at Penhold working on the coffee counter in the canteen. Likes the work and the people he works with. Gets \$50 a month plus his meals, room some laundry and 50¢ extra twice a month when they have dances. Has breakfast about 8 a.m. which is something new for Walter. His hours are not too bad. Has Sundays off at present.

Wednesday, April 15

Got a letter today from Ray Greenham with a
check for \$15 on the car account. First payment
since August 8 last year. She has now paid \$275
on the deal. We sold the car to her on November
24, 1941, and there is still some money to come
to it. May be teaching school at the Edwell school
the former teacher, Miss Fairbairn, North Red Deer
joined the forces.

Wednesday, April 14:

Got a letter today from May Creelman with a cheque for \$15 on the car account. First payment since August 8 last year. She has now paid \$250 on the deal. We sold the car to her on November 24, 1941, and there is still some money to come on it. May is teaching school at the Edwell school the former teacher, Miss Fairbairn, North Red Deer joined the forces.

Charlie Martin from Fenhold was in this after-noon and made the rounds of the office xxx saying good-bye to us. He is going back to the Old Country soon. Did not tell us the day he leaves but said that he wouldn't be here a week from now. He quite pleased with prospects of leaving. His youngster is considerably better and only has occasional spells of and is such a stronger and the doctor thinks he is growing out of it. Charlie's wife is also some better. Charlie is going to go up for a commission when he gets home. He has had enough of the underdog life to get to know some of the ropes now. Is a corporal now.

Tuesday, April 20:

Charlie Martin from Penhold was in this afternoon and made the rounds of the office ~~xxx~~ saying good-bye to us. He is going back to the Old Country soon. Did not tell me the day he leaves but said that he wouldn't be here a week from now. Is quite pleased with prospects of leaving. His youngster is considerably better and only has occasional spells ~~wh~~ and is much stronger and the doctor thinks he is growing out of it. Charlie's wife is also some better. Charlie is going to go up for a commission when he gets home. He has had enough of the under-dog life to get to know some of the ropes now. Is a corporal now.

April
Monday, May 26:

Daisy Young was in today with Mrs. Healy and Fay. Daisy phoned the airport to get George Parker and was told that he had left Penhold for the Old Country this afternoon. She had been talking to him on Saturday and at that time he had not known anything about going away and they had arranged for him to come in to our place tonight and for them to go to the show - Bambi. It was naturally a good deal of a shock to Daisy. They went to the evening show, taking Carol with them. May Creelman, Patsy and Jimmy were here today. They came in before dinner and were here for dinner and supper, Ma putting up some ice cream, etc. They went to the evening show also and came back here and picked up their stuff and left for home.

If George left for the Old Country today it is probably that Charlie Martin also did.

Monday, May 10:
Lela Young was in today with Mrs. Kelly and
Mr. Kelly phoned the airport to see if they
and her boys that he had left behind for the Old
Country this afternoon. She had been talking to
on Saturday and at that time he had not known any-
thing about going away and they had arranged for
him to come in to our place tonight and for them
to go to the show - Bah! It was naturally a good
deal of a shock to Lela. They went to the evening
show, taking Carol with them. My Grandma,
Lela and Jimmy were here today. They came in for
one dinner and were here for dinner and supper, be-
putting up some ice cream, etc. They went to the
evening show also and came back here and stayed up
until still and left for home.
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probably that Charlie Martin also did.

Saturday, May 1

Cast cuts at office, some coming in from Lawrence. Had the afternoon off. The army and the air force co-operated in a big Victory Loan parade starting at 3 p.m. Lot of men and great variety of vehicles from Training Centre, jeeps, motorcycles, ambulances, etc. The band was at Gaetz-Ross corner. Saluting base across from it. I took six snaps of parade. Was posted at lane by White Bakery. Large crowds all up and down street. Came down Gaetz to corner of Second Street and then down our street to Second Avenue and then to in front of City Hall. Marion and the kids saw it from in front of the house. Billy unfortunately had an accident just before it came along. Lt.-Col. John Begg, D.S.O., who took command of Tanks at Dieppe when O.C. out of action, spoke at saluting base and told something about Dieppe. Either Tommy Cornett or Allan Glenn (a Major from Wainwright) first to land at Dieppe. Begg met next of kin after speech. Big display of army trucks, arms, etc., on City Square after for most of aft. Bowles was with me & took some movies of parade. Talked to Tom Smethurst for a while. 11 weeks ago that he was injured in Dawson Creek explosion and will have cast off his arm tomorrow likely. Told me that his boy, Ken, at Dieppe with Tanks, and several other men and hidden all day after the battle and waded out into the Channel with idea of using planks to get out for a chance to be picked up. Germans spotted them however Mrs. Simituk and the children got home from Ed. on aft. train, after a week there. To other house in evening. Got Joe Moseley receipt. His wife had paid rent in the a.m. at office. Sauve not home.

Got 50% overtime for working an hour on Tues. night on big press.

Met Colin Clarke up town in evening and talked to him for a while. They are quite busy at the shop. No tennis balls this summer for civilians so he says.

Sunday, May 2:

Up in fair time. Did a parade story for the Albertan and took it to train. Checked papers. Had 110" with Bulletin and 113" with Albertan for April.

Carol and Dougie went to Sunday School. The arm had a big church parade to the City Square where they held an open air service. Billy and the other pair went over before SS and I think Billy went over later alone as he mentioned the band and was lost for a while.

On in the afternoon we walked down to the A.T.s and had a visit. Nancy was out raking their lawn, over which there was a layer of clay as result of high water in the creek. Doris was there and John was home from Edmonton. Aunt Bud and Uncle Stevie also home. Showed us a scrap book to do with Audrey in South Africa. Stevie gave me a bunch of flower seeds which he had saved himself and we talked gardening. He had not been well but is getting around again. Nancy has had a number of letters from Embury overseas. Adelyne was up at Banff with Flo and some of the other teachers. Left there rather late and came home by way of town. I had done a parade story for the Bulletin and mailed on way home. Carol and Dougie made the rounds to get some ice cream. RD Creamery Milk Bar closed, no ice cream at Home Grill, couldn't get waited on at Paris but had success at the Club. Me Ruth and Sharon on same mission. Had pancakes for supper. I went over to Doug and Ruth's after S for a while. Listened to Roosevelt speak on coal strike in States, half million men out. On news it said they were going back to work for two weeks th Ruth came over to our place later and Marion went through a number of hordes of the children's old clothing.

Monday, May 3:

Schools opened today after the Easter holidays and Carol started back again. Had only two errors in Number Work this morning. Seems to be doing much better. Her Jack and Jill magazine came at supper time and she read a story out of it after supper. The reading is helping her at school. D. had an accident at supper time so went to bed early. Marion and Ruth both washed today. Ruth's clothes line is down after a sudden high wind a few weeks ago so she used our line. Marion ironed in the evening.

Cast cuts twice today and got them all mounted. Ralph came in after dinner and took the run. 12 very good pages. The Albertan had my parade story over half a column this morning. Nothing in the Bulletin.

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Doctor Dies



Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe, 60, famous country doctor who brought the Dionne quintuplets into the world, died in a North Bay, Ont., hospital today.

Of Pneumonia

Dr. A. R. Dafoe, Quints' Doctor, Dies Suddenly

NORTH BAY, Ont., June 2.—
(CP) — Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe,
former physician to the Dionne

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Dr. A. R. Dafoe Buried With Simple Rites

TORONTO, June 5.—(CP)—

Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe, the country doctor who attained world fame for his care of the Dionne quintuplets, was buried here today after a simple service attended by hundreds of friends.

The body of the 60-year-old physician, who died suddenly in North Bay Wednesday, was taken from the home of his brother, Dr. W. A. Dafoe, to Rosedale United Church where Rev. G. B. McLeod, the pastor, conducted the service.

An old friend of Dr. Dafoe's, Rev. Canon G. I. Oliver, of Montreal, formerly of North Bay, spoke the tribute, saying that in him was "enshrined all that is best in the tradition of the general practitioner, the country doctor. His name will go down to posterity as one who resisted great temptation and remained absolutely true to the highest and best in his profession."

SON AT SERVICE

Among the mourners was Sub-Lt. William Dafoe, the quint doctor's only child, who flew from Newfoundland to attend the funeral.

The pallbearers were: Frank Dafoe, a cousin, Madoc, Ont.; Colins Ross, Madoc; Kenneth Morrison, Callander; Dr. Gordon Cameron, Toronto; Dr. Robin Pearce, Toronto, president of the Ontario Academy of Medicine; Dr. Fletcher McThedran, Toronto; Frank Bowden, Toronto, and A. E. Fulford of The Canadian Press, representing newspapermen who worked on the quintuplet story. There were no honorary pallbearers.

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Air Force Personnel Produce Corking Show

Wishart Campbell
Directing 'Blackouts
Of 1943'

The Albertan
June 10, 1943.

A show that was a marked success when it played before a full house of airmen at No. 37 S.F.T.S. recently, and has won acclaim from every air force station it has visited in No. 4 Command, will again play before a Calgary audience when "Blackouts of 1943" is presented at No. 3 S.F.T.S., Currie Barracks Thursday at 8 p.m.

"Blackouts of 1943" is an all-air force show, written, produced and played by members of the R.C.A.F. and W.D.'s for the air force.

For more than two hours the 30 members who make up the cast go through a fast-moving, sparkling revue of comedy, musical numbers, dramatic skits and chorus routines.

Under the direction of Flying Officer Wishart Campbell, well-known to C.B.C. listeners as the golden-voiced baritone, the cast includes R.C.A.F. personnel from throughout Canada who remustered from their former jobs to join in making the show.

Many of the songs were written by the actors, and include the favorites, "Why Am I Always Joe," "Yoh've Been Darn Swell," "He's My Acey Deucey," "Air Force Girl," and "We're Flying To a New Horizon," the last two of which were written by F/O Campbell.

A preview rating in "Variety," Broadway's own magazine, listed the show as one of the best produced for servicemen's entertainment.

Only members of the R.C.A.F. and invited personnel of the two other services will be allowed to attend the show.

Stage effects and settings are supervised and carried out by members of the cast.

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Friday, June 11, 1943:

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA,
June 11.—(AP)—Allied ground forces landed at noon
(5 a.m., C.D.T.), today on Pantelleria, met some slight re-
sistance but reached all objectives by 12:22 p.m.

By REYNOLDS PACKARD

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, June 11.—

The vaunted Axis island fortress of Pantelleria ran up the white flag of surrender today after almost three weeks of unprecedented bombardment in which air power almost single-handedly for the first time reduced an enemy bastion and cleared the invasion path to Sicily.

The eight-mile long island surrendered by raising a white flag and putting a large white cross on the airfield at 11:40 a.m. and Allied troops began occupying it on the 20th consecutive day of attack from the air, supplemented by six British naval bombardments.

A total of 15,000,000 to 17,000,000 pounds of bombs was dropped on the 32-mile square island of Pantelleria in the last 13 days of intensive attack. On Thursday a total of 39 Axis planes was shot down and the Allied ratio of airplanes lost was about one to 18 in the last phase of the offensive.

Greatest Bomb Load For Area's Size

In the final phase of attack starting at dawn Thursday the greatest load of bombs ever dropped on such an area was loosed by many hundreds of Allied planes of all types which were over the target in such numbers that they had to "stooge around" in circles awaiting their turn to dump high

Thursday, July 29

- Up to see Pete Graham today about Joe Sauve's rent account. Up before and he had written him with no reply so far. Owes \$217 to Aug. 7. He decided to write him again and then sue him next Monday if he doesn't come in and make some arrangement about settlement.

Friday, July 30

Mrs. Healy, Daisy and Faye were in this afternoon. They left Faye here to play and came back after supper. Decided to leave Faye in for a few days as she and Daisy were coming in next week for the Fair anyway.

October, July 21

worked until 1 o'clock. Mailed about 2000
envelopes and read a few books. Ralph wasn't here
today. The manager showed off before 12 for his
day off. Yesterday afternoon he brought a pair of
shoes from Eaton's and returned his shoes.
They really cost about \$1.75 and Eaton with a few
things needs a pair. It takes time to get along
the way he does.

Didn't do much in the afternoon. Marion and
I went up town shopping. The children
played around and nearly drove me crazy with
their questions. Started down to Parkville to see
Oval Miller in the evening but it looked too
much like rain so I turned back.

Marion got a case of spruce budy - \$3.25
and put them down in the evening. Made 12 cents
It is the first time she has put down this summer.
We haven't a jar of anything left from last year
and haven't had for some time. Have been able to
get two small jars of peanut butter - just work
and some ketchup about the same time. Mrs.
Bennett gave us three small jars of jelly which
helped some. Ruth will have done a lot of fruit
left from last summer.

Marion got a pair of glasses this afternoon
from Dr. Gunn. Fred has had since she broke
her last pair last fall sometime. For the new
ones.
Bennett had a letter from Olive at Victoria
where she took summer school. Mrs. Eddie White
son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry White, now living
at V.I.C., is missing. He was a boy in the
U.S.A.F. and a wireless air-gunner.

Saturday, July 31:

Worked until 1 o'clock. Mailed about 3000 circulars and read a few proffs. Ralph wasn't here today. The manager shoved off before 12 for his day off. Yesterday afternoon he borrowed a pair of hedge shears from Eaton's and trimmed his trees. They ~~only~~ cost about \$1.75 and anyone with a few shrubs needs a pair. It takes nerve to get along the way he does.

Didn't do much in the afternoon. Marion and Ruth went up town shopping. The children played around and nearly drove me crazy with their quarrels. Started down to Parkvale to see Orval Snider in the evening but it looked too much like rain so I turned back.

Marion got a case of apricots tbdy - \$3.95 and put them down in the evening. Made 12 quarts. It is the first fruit she has put down this summer. We haven't a jar of anything left from last year and haven't had for some time. Have been able to get two small jars of peanut butter - last week and some marmalade about the same time. Mrs. Beaumont gave us three small jars of jelly which helped some. Ruth still has quite a lot of fruit left from last summer.

Marion got a pair of glasses this afternoon from Dr. Bunn. First she has had since she broke her last pair last fall sometime. \$16 for the new ones.

Beaumont had a letter from Olive at Victoria, where she took summer school, that Eddie White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry White, now living at Vic., is missing. He was a Sergt in the R.C.A.F. and a wireless air-gunner.

Sunday, August 1

We got up about 9:30 . Marion went to church while the rest of us stayed at home. The girls did up the dishes and I checked papers. Two of Ben Murray's step-children, Jimmie and Helen, were in the yard with a Shetland pony. Billy showed the greatest unconcern about the animal and was around it's hind feet until I brought him in the house. He sat on it's back for a time and was quite at home.

Doug and Ruth are not so keen on going to Banff for their holidays now so they told Marion. After dinner I did some electrical repair work in the basement, fixing up the sockets for the washer and the one in the coal-bin which has been out of order for a couple of years. Sorted over some old shoes - we have about ten pairs of old shoes of the children's, numerous overshoes and rubber boots.

After supper we went down to near the Fair Grounds looking for saskatoons. Left Billy at Ruth's. The other three looked like tramps, they all had the seats out of their pants, Carol went through hers today sliding on the playhouse roof and Fay did the same yesterday. Our combined efforts only produced a little over a large granite cup of berries. Someone else had been there first we guessed. Marion was over to Ruth's after supper and when I came in Billy in our bed told me that the bed was broken. It was pulled out at the bottom. His mother said she would fix it when she came in and he said "That's a good girl".

Mother came home in the evening, Mrs. Mac. coming over with her.

Had 102 inches with the Albertan for July and 65 with the Bulletin.

Walter Harris was in for a short visit after we came home from berry picking.. Has been raised \$5 per month - now getting \$55 with board and room.

Monday, August 2

Usual work at office. Cast cuts, etc. Having 12 pages this week. Bad hail storm from Eckville to Rocky last Friday.

Went down to Parkvale after supper to see Orville Snider, a carpenter, about price on shingling roof on Victoria Avenue house. He was out in the country until the end of the week. Talked to another Snider, friend of Alex McKenzie's for a while. Then down to see Caul and Bea. First visit there for a long time. They had just finished supper and Halley May had been put to bed but wanted to see who the visitor was. Had a nice visit and it was almost dark when I left. As I was passing ~~Reidys~~ Reidys, Mrs. R in their car asked if I wanted a ride home and Anne and she drove me home.

Tuesday, August 3:

Very dull day at the office. Not enough work to keep me busy. Developed a kink in my left side after I got up yesterday morning and it did not add to my pleasure today. Gradually worked off towards evening though.

I had been on the watch for some rooms for Mrs. Dandy, wife of Sergt. Bill Dandy, of A20 and she came over in the evening to find out about them. They have two children, a boy and girl and have rooms at Cobbettos, which is not very satisfactory. She stayed for quite a visit. They come from Vegreville where her husband was a plastering contractor. She knew Russell Hogg when he was in the bank there years ago. The rooms I had in sight weren't much good as she had seen one lot of them and the others were too far out. After she left we walked over to the City Square and had a look at the Elks' wading pool which is coming along well. They seem to have the concrete work pretty well finished and are building some kind of a shelter at the south end of the pool and apparently will have a fence around the pool. It is just east of the City Hall - not the best site in the world.

Nobby Wood was in to see me today about me taking over the inspector's job for the Retail Credit Company, Calgary. He has had it for about 10 years and is quitting. The Calgary mgr. I. Robison, phoned me from Calgary last week about it. Nobby said Robison told him it would pay from \$35 per month up but we both agreed that it would mean a lot of work. I did some work for them before at 25¢ per report and they would pay me 40¢ now. John Spence is doing it now and they are not very well satisfied. Could have had 90 reports last month. Nobby is very busy at archery but wants to quit it. Sold a story written in 4 days for \$125 recently.

Wednesday, August 4

Got outt the paper as usual - 12 pages, first 12 for some time. Rained on in the afternoon. May Creelman and the children were here for dinner. May has just returned from Summer School at Calgary where she did quite well. All her Grade 9 pupils last year passed which is quite a boost for her. She stands in well with Inspector Thurber and has a choice of schools for next term. She came back later in the evening to pick up some stuff - had supper at the Yuills - and discovered she did not have gas enough to get home on. Went to see the Mounties to get permission to get some gas which she must have managed as she did not return. The youngsters both looked well.

Nancy Stephenson Ross is going to teach at the South School next term and will be Carol's next teacher. She has been hired on the permanent staff.

Doug, Al White and his dad, Charlie White and another fellow went on a fishing trip this afternoon to somewhere west of Innisfail. Ruth and Marion went to the show - "In Which We Serve" about the Navy. I was nurse maid - Faye and Carol upstairs, Sharon on the chesterfield, Billy in his crib and Dougie in our bed. Had no trouble. The girls enjoyed the show.

Tiny State Ousts Fascist Council

LONDON, Aug. 3—The Rome radio tonight quoted reports from San Marino, independent republic 125 miles north of Rome in Italy, as saying San Marino's state council, which "had Fascist tendencies," had been superseded by a provisional council.

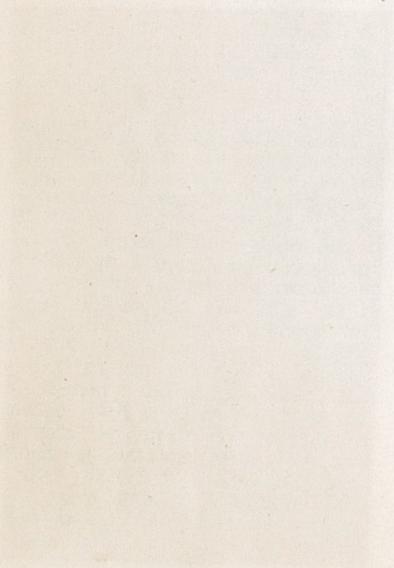
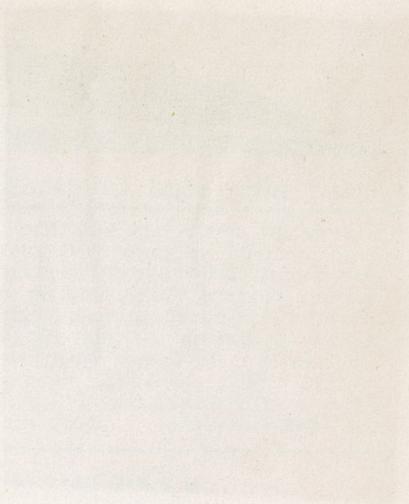
San Marino, which claims to be the oldest state in Europe, and the kingdom of Italy signed a friendship treaty in 1897 and renewed it in March, 1939. The state covers 38 square miles. Its population in 1939 was 14,545.

Allies in Sicily Near Nelson's Home

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, Aug. 6—Allied troops fought their way today toward a strip of British-owned territory in Sicily defended by the Axis armies.

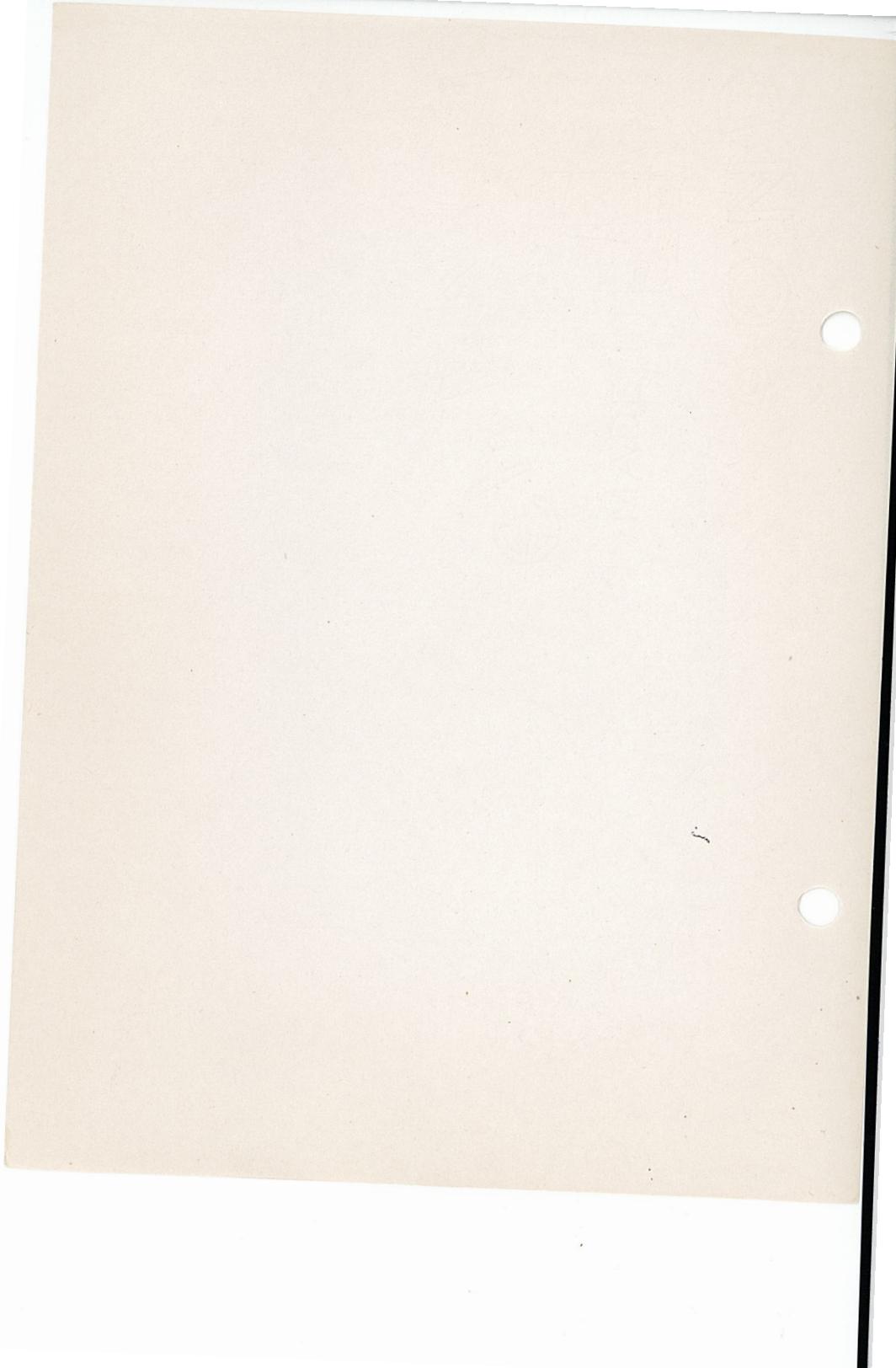
On the western slopes of Mount Etna, squarely in the path of the British and Canadian advance, there is the town of Bronte. And just outside of Bronte, there is a large estate that still legally belongs to the heirs of Lord Nelson, renowned British admiral.

The King of Naples made him the Duke of Bronte in 1798 after his victory in the Battle of the Nile and the title to the land has never been revoked.



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Saturday, January 1, 1944

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Monday, January 3

A Journal of Events

Tuesday, January 4

Wednesday, January 5

To work in fair time - quite sharp out. F.P.G. had to walk to work. Got out an eight page paper. Carried an announcement on the front page that we would not be able to accept any more new subs until April 1 at least on account of newsprint rationing. Ran 3620 papers today. On January 1, 1943, we ran 3195. Will still take subs for those in the armed forces, here or abroad. Read some Olds stuff after paper was out. Sid and I started to clean out some of old papers in basement.

Wrote a little press in the evening for both papers. First I have written for some weeks.

Mrs. MacDonald was here for breakfast but went up town afterwards and did not return as she had business to do. Went out on afternoon train down to Bowden. Her niece was to pick her up there and take her out to their place, 5 miles out. Her sister at Nightingale will come over for her later on. She gave me \$8 last night to pay Bus' old sub account \$9.50 at the office. He refused to pay it. F.T. cut the account down to \$8.

Ruth was under the weather today so Marion was over a number of times to see her and took some stuff over for dinner. I went over after work, emptied the ashes and got wood and coal in. Peg phoned over to give Mrs. Art Lindskog word that she was going to buy her studio couch and two chairs for \$70.

Pattern came from Johnstone-Walker, Edmonton, for Carol's coat. Marion finished a pair of pyjamas for Carol.

Thursday, January 6

Read balance of Olds proofs in a.m. Wright and I took stock in the afternoon - \$800 odd, not counting the newsprint. Afterwards I started to file away the 1940 papers and arrange others in the paper cupboard on the wall. We got the new paper cupboard in the basement moved into the front of the place and Sid got some old papers cleaned out. Wrote press in evening. Saw the M.O. who patched up my lip last Thursday as I was taking press to P.O. in evening.

Marion's mother and Leonore came over late in the afternoon for tea. First time Lee had been over since she came down from Edmonton. Peg bought Mrs. Lindskog's rug today so she has a start on some house furnishings. Marion practically finished her nightgown tonight - ready to wear anyway. Has a few details to finish yet. First nightgown she has ever made. Ruth is better today. Doug was in after supper and got a paper. They are through with basic training now and driving lorries is the next training. Taking lectures indoors since the colder weather. Not spending much time on the parade ground.

Weather a good deal milder today.

Saturday, July 1, 1944

Marion and I weeded in the garden most of the morning. In the afternoon I went to the second annual Model T races at the Fair Grounds, under auspices of the Lions and Elks. About 3500 people there and a good program. Four races. Aircraft Repair, Edmonton, won the Central Alberta championship and one other event of the four. Only one spill. Met R. M. (Dirk) Thomson, classified ad manager of the Edmonton Bulletin. He was one of the judges. Nice fellow. Told me they were getting out a special edition for the Canol project, about 100 pages, had been saving their newsprint for it. Hugh Shipley was at the races. Wrote story up for Bulletin and posted on evening train.

Sunday, July 2

Shipley and I took a taxi out to the golf course after supper to get the dope on the annual Central Alberta golf tournament. Bert Greer of Calgary won the title. 99 entries. We were held up for a couple of hours while the finals were coming in. Got ride back to town with Romano Truant. Went to Hugh's place and worked for a couple of hours doing the story for the Journal and the Bulletin. Too late for the Albertan. His wife gave us tea which was a life saver for me as my stomach was bad. They bought the house on Fourth Street North next to Casey Jones' in which Lill and Jim Scott used to live. Paid Mrs. Donald Thatcher \$3,000 cash for it. Have the upstairs rented to Lt. and Mrs. who used to have the upstairs at Mrs. MacDonalds on First St. After I got home in wrote some of the golf for the Advocate. Got to bed about 1:30

Monday, July 3

Went to Social Credit public meeting in the Orange Hall in the evening. Hon. Dr. W. W. Cross, Minister of Health, and Dave Ure, M. P. P., Red Deer, were the speakers. Only about 60 there. Dr. Cross gave good talk on health matters, etc. First time I had heard him. Dave Ure was nominated in afternoon as Social Credit candidate for next election. Sent Bulletin a short wire on meeting.

Tuesday, July 4

Today was Daisy' lasy day as special for Jock Anderson. He has been up and around outside some in past few days and is greatly improved when it was thought he would never come out again.

Wednesday, July 5

Got out an eight-page paper today. Off in good time. Read some of Olds stuff. Had a chat with Dave Dandell on my way to the Post Office about C. C. F., etc.

Daisy took the day off and did some business for herself.

Thursday, July 6

Daisy went up to the Hospital today to do general duty on the staff. Jock is supposed to go down to Calgary tomorrow but it is not likely as he is not so good today.

Doug came home from the Military Hospital at A20 today after being in quarantine for mumps for a day or two over two weeks. Was the only patient~~s~~ with mumps in the place. One other man in the same company came out about the time he went in. Pretty weak on his legs and was sick a number of times in the camp before coming home. Got Dad to drive down for him. Has four days of excused duty, which really meant confinement to barracks but talked his way home.

Carol bought a young rabbit from Bernard Wiley after supper (35¢) and brought it home. Hence I was at last forced to build her a cage for it, a job I had been promising for some weeks past. Made a fair cage out of two meat boxes that Dick Pearce at Eatons had given me. She was quite pleased with it. Had all the kids in the neighborhood here to see the rabbit and told Dougie off for trying to round up some more. Told him not to get all the kids here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hignell and Georgie went up to Edmonton this morning by bus to see Mrs. H's brother-in-law and sister from Victoria. He is Petty Officer Backus and is a nephew of Dr. P. L. Backus, formerly of Red Deer. He was on the

Jean was left at home with Pat (Bowles) Sharp in charge of her.

Carol said the rabbit was the first pet she had had in her whole life and Dougie told Grandma Wells that it was the first pet "we" had had in our whole lives.

Friday, July 7

Usual at the office. I met Peg just after 6 when she had just come from Dr. Bunn's office and she told me that she had to go up to the Hospital on Sunday night for an appendix operation on Monday morning. It had been bothering her for some time. Also going to get some other things fixed up at the same time.

Daisy was on general duty again today at the Hospital.

Doyle's cat got at Carol's rabbit this morning and mauled it through the wire netting and took some skin off its hind leg. I examined it at supper time and that was all I could find wrong. Patsy Lawson bought a rabbit from Bernard after supper and put it in Carol's pen. She had the active support of Carol and Dougie in raising funds by selling Sunday School cards, etc. Dougie seems to have contributed 19¢ which was his entire savings.

Wrote some business letters for Mother in the evening.

Carol had dinner with Jean at noon today and slept over there at night. Jean's parents came home on the evening bus.

Saturday, July 8

Dr. Arvid Johanson drove Jock Anderson and Daisy down to Calgary today. He was to call here about 8 and came about 9. Jock was going down to visit his son-in-law and daughter, Ralph and Jean Panrucker and Daisy went along in case he needed some attention after the trip. She had been his special nurse for about two months.

At the office we got out the Benalto Fair prize list, 800 copies and sent them out. Wright and I worked in the afternoon and I was there until 6. Carol came down and we did some shopping. It rained off and on all afternoon. I was too tired after supper to go uptown to get a much needed haircut.

The Edmonton Bulletin came out with a 100 page Canol and Good Neighbor edition today. Lot of information in it. They also had a story that Clint Richardson had been promoted from Major to Lt.-Col. and given command of the 14th Army Tank Regiment in Italy. He had been second in command. He and Fred Jenner are two Lt.-Cols. out of the same unit.

Got \$13.20 from the Bulletin and \$9.90 from the Albertan for June reporting.

Carol's rabbit was dead this morning and so the kids buried it to the west of the house with appropriate flowers.

Sunday, July 9

Did not get up very early. Faye Young and two little friends from the country, Ruth and Zella McCaw, came down about church time and went off the church with ours and Marion. They also went to Sunday School afterwards. They were here for dinner and supper. The kids went over to the wading pool in the afternoon although it was rather cool. The little visitors had come in with Mrs. Healy and Mr. H. on Saturday to have a play at the pool but when it rained they could not drive home at night. They went to the show and then spent the night at Rodways. They walked down from Rodways in the morning and later said the car needed some work done on it. Mrs. H. showed up in the evening and took them home.

After the children had gone to bed Marion and I walked down to opposite the South School where four new homes are going up and looked through two which are well advanced - Ralph Pallin's and Crawford, the man who bought out Munro & Baines cleaning business. Doug. Lowe has a basement out for his place and Angus MacLean has the forms in for his house. Met Charlie MacLean on the way back and talked to him for a bit. Walter Harris dropped in after we came home. Had been in while we were out and left a Natural History mag.

Monday, July 10/44

Marion and Ruth washed today. Marion also cleaned the kitchen stove with good results. Says I owe her \$3 for the job. Today was the day of the picnic for Dougie's class at school. They went up to Piper's Mountain and had a good time. Took their lunches in the afternoon and he had a bottle of Coca-Cola. Great sport sliding down the Mountain, presumably on the seat of his pants. Doug. went back to duty at the camp today after his bout with mumps. Peg had her operation this morning, appendix and whatnot. Took a spinal and came through ok. W. J. was up in the evening to see her.

Dougie was well pleased with himself after supper when playing ball he hit the ball at his turn at bat.

Anne started her holidays at the office today for two weeks. Read proofs in the a.m. and cast suts, etc., in afternoon. Started on mailing list In the evening I cut the big side of the lawn although it had sprinkled some after supper. The grass on the boulevard is coming along pretty well.

Mother went over to Kennedy's in the afternoon and stayed there for supper.

Albert Stephenson is discharged from the R. C. A. F. after $4\frac{1}{2}$ years service. He and Dixie and their boy were up from Calgary for a week and went back yesterday. I was talking to Nancy at noon. He had been in hospitals down East and at Col. Balcher since February. Has some jobs in sight in Calgary. Johnny Stephenson is on operations overseas and Embury is around Bournemouth.

Tuesday, July 11

Usual at office. Went back after supper and did the mailing list. Worked for hour and a half. To library with book, ~~Madam Curie~~ Madame Curie, most of which I didn't get around to read. Talked to Lachie Kennedy for a time and to Mrs. Kennedy. She is not much for going to B. C. and he says they don't know just where they are going out there. Johny was to have flown over today on his way to Alaska but did not make the trip. Was going to circle the house and gun the motor. Was expected about 2 p.m. to most of the neighbors were out craning their necks at every plane in the sky at that time. Marion Kennedy came up on the evening train from Macleod and told them the trip was off for the present. Johnny is coming up on Friday for ~~Wix~~ Phil Gordon's wedding.

Got a letter tonight from Bill Martin. It was posted on July 1 which was pretty good service. Things are going well with him and he hopes to be home by Christmas. He enclosed a circular which had been given to all the troops on D Day from the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force and signed by Gen. Eisenhower.

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