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- 1 - MON to FRI-5 - To Garske Conference. (North of Devils Lake). Snowstorm.
- 7 - SUN - Services in schoolhouse - Torvald Kopsland - (Vale T. Sec. 26). Text for 2nd Sun. after Easter - 23rd Psalm. Baptism - Theodore Roosevelt, B. Feb. 25. Parents - Mr. & Mrs. Selius Ahre. (This was the first baptism he performed in his ministry. Also noteworthy, this infant was named after the current President of the United States.)
- 8 - MON - Ladies Aid at Barmoens.
- 9 - TUES - Services at M.T. Stensen. 23rd Psalm. Stensen's baby baptized - Lloyd Lewis - B. Feb. 26. (Big Butte congregation - east and south of Macroom).
- 14 - SUN - Services in Vale Schoolhouse. Gospel for the day.
- 15 - MON - Services at Anton Sommerness - (Short Creek T - Sec. 35). 23rd Psalm. Sommerness' baby baptized - Oscar Orris, B. April 25.
- 17 - WED - Syttende Mai Festival at Ole (Rasmussen) Hatlelid - (Harmonius T - Sec. 4). Auction sale of Sewing Society articles.
- 18 - THURS - L.A. at Ole Mebust. 16 present. (Soo T - Sec. 35).
- 21 - SUN - Kopperud Congregation. Canada. 23rd Psalm. (Across the line - north of Northgate).
- 24 - WED - Wedding in Flaxton - Frank Bannister and Selma Johnson.
- 28 - SUN - 5th Sunday after Easter. Services in Shervey school (between Flaxton and Lignite - south. Dale T - Sec. 23). Then at 4:00 to O. Carberg (Vale T. - Sec. 24). Baptism for their baby - Peter Olaf, B. April 10. Gospel for the day.
- 29 - MON - L.A. at Martin Mattison. (Macroom).

JUNE

- 1 - THURS - Ascension Day - Kristi Himmelfartsdag. Services at Even Haugen. 23rd Psalm. (Williams Co. then - Now Divide. Border T - Sec. 22. Border T is directly west of Harmonius T. First time to Garfield congregation - south of Noonan).
- 4 - SUN - 6th Sun. after Easter. Services at O. Hatlelid at 11:00.
- 6 - TUES - First I had services in the Swedish settlement - south (SW of McGregor). Then to L.A. at M. Glasoe - (Border T. - Sec. 23 - Divide Co.)
- 11 - SUN - Pentecost - Pinse. Services in Flaxton at 11:00 - Englund's Hall. At 3:00 to Ole Hatlelid, 9 miles west of Flaxton, (Portal T. - Sec. 26). Gospel for the day.
- 12 - MON - Services at Martin Bjorngjeld at 11:00, 1 1/2 miles west of Fern P.O. (Fay T. - Sec 20). To P. Barmoens at 4:00. Same sermon. In Macroom, affirmation of baptism for Theodore Bakken's baby - Alma Christine. B. Mar. 30 - baptized at home Apr. 22 by Mrs. E. Mattisen. I had received a Letter of Call from Fern congregation through the Seminary and accepted it in June, 1905. This congregation had been organized by Pastor S. Peterson, May 22, 1904.

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He had started meeting with them in the summer of 1903. Since coming to Flaxton in April, I have met with them several times also. They have offered to pay \$35.00 a year in salary and special offerings at Christmas and Easter. The following were members in June, 1905: John Wrolson family; Torvald Rossym family; Hans Hassel family; Martin Bjorngjeld family; Olaus Bjorngjeld; Ole Bjorngjeld and Mrs.; Martin Barduson family; John Haugerud family.

- 13 - TUES - Baptism for Jens Brodahl's baby - Johan Adolf, B. May 22. (Fern). Services at M. Stensen at 2:00 p.m. 14 - WED - L.A. in Flaxton at Samuelsons.
- 15 - THURS - L.A. at Ole Garberg.
- 16 - FRI - To Church Convention - Synodemode - in St. Paul for 1 week. (To Colfax, Wisc. for 1 week. Then to Inwood, Iowa, and Canton, S. Dak.)

JULY

- 2 - SUN - I preached in Berge's church in Inwood, Iowa. 23rd Psalm. (From "Who's Who Among Pastors in the Norw. Lutheran Synods of America" - Pastor Oluf Lauritz Theodore Abrahamson Berge, Inwood, Iowa - 1888 to 1920).
- 5 - WED - Left from Canton, S. Dak. Arrived in Flaxton, FRI - 7.
- 8 - SAT - Wedding - Ole Ronning and Cora Ström (Macroom). \$5.00
- 9 - SUN - Services at M. Glasoe at 11:00 (Garfield) and Wrolsons at 3:00 (Fern). Baptism at Glasoe for Hans Sharphol's baby - Jacob Theodore, B. Jan. 21. Following services at Wrolsons - graveside rites for John Wrolson, 44 years, who had died April 2. There was a short congregation meeting at Wrolsons, following services and graveside rites. New members: Ole Rasmussen Hattelid family; Julius Gunderson family; Bernt Arneson. There was discussion about a cemetery site but decided that the one on the flats would be chosen first and later they would decide on a place for the south congregation. (Mom, Del and I met Brodahls and Sharphols in the Broste Rock Museum in Parshall, on Sept. 27, 1970. They are married to sisters - Harbig girls. Alma Harbig Brodahl recognized Mom and during the conversation Jacob Sharphol told us that the story had been told to him that when he was baptized (6 months) he was so big he had tried to take the book out of the minister's hand!)
- 10 - MON - Confirmation class at J. Haugerud. Also conf. class at E. Haugens. L.A. there also.
- 11 - TUES - L.A. at S.O. Berg (Harmonius 7 - Sec. 3). 12 - WED - L.A. at Olsons^(P. or C.) - Flaxton. 30 there.
- 16 - SUN - 4th Sun. after Trinity. Services in Macroom at E. Mattison at 11:00, and at M. Stensen in p.m. (Big Butte). Luke 14:16-24.
- 23 - SUN - 5th Sun. after Trinity. 11:00 at Flaxton. Luke 5:1-11. In p.m. - Fern L.A.

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- 24 - MON - Baptism at Andrew Grina - Clifford Gilmore, B. June 29. (Vale T - Sec 26). Over to Ole Randen - sickcall. (near Woburn) of Rennie.
- 25 - TUES - Funeral for Ole Randen's baby boy. Died at birth, July 23.
- 27 - THURS - L.A. at P. Grove (Soo T - Sec 31).
- 30 - SUN - Services at Hans Hassel at 11:00. Fern. (Fay T - Sec 8). To J. Haugerud in p.m. - at 4:00. Luke 5:1-11 - both places.
- 31 - MON - L.A. at Adolf Bruosen. Macroom. (Leaf Mt. T - Sec 1)

AUGUST

- 2 - WED - L.A. at Mrs. A. Ingebriqstson - Immanuel. (Dale T - Sec 4).
- 6 - SUN - Services with communion in Flaxton at 11:00. Luke 14:16-24. Services in Bombells - 4.
- 13 - SUN - Macroom - services at P. Barmoen. Math 13:31-34. Drove over to Ole Kristianson - Big Butte, but no services today. (Clayton T - Sec 28). Ice cream Social at Finkenhagen. (Vale T - Sec 13). 14 - MON - L.A. at T. Rossum.
- 20 - SUN - To Fern - Torvald Rossum at 11:00. Math 13:31-34. Garfield - Even Haugen at 4:00. 21 - MON - Read with conf. class at Haugens. L.A. at Adolf Holte. (Divide Co - Blooming Valley T - Sec 25). 22 - TUES - Conf. class at Haugeruds.
- 23 - WED - L.A. at Rasmus Shervey.
- 27 - SUN - 10th Sun. after Trinity. 11:00 services in Flaxton, Math. 13:31-34. In the p.m. to J. Fossum (Dale T - Sec 3). They had a surprise party for me and gave me a gift of \$66.56. To O. Hattelid at 4:00 (N of Lignite). To Finkenhagens in evening at 8:00 where the Young People's Society was organized. Ungdomsforening.

SEPTEMBER

- 3 - SUN - 11th Sun. after Trinity. Services at Finkenhagen at 11:00. Luke 18:9-14. Same text in Macroom at 4:00 at P. Graneng. (Foothills T - Sec 9).
- 7 - THURS - L.A. at Olaf Grondahl - near Rennie (Dale T - Sec 10).
- 10 - SUN - 12th Sun. after Trinity. Fern - at Nels Anderson (Leaf Mt. - Sec 7 & 18) at 11:00. Luke 18:9-14. Same text at Alfred Utne (Harmonius T - Sec 14) at 4:00. (Also Fern). 2 baptisms at Utnes: Clara Rosella, B. July 29 - Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Berg. (Maria) Judith Juella, B. July 26 - Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gunderson (Julia).
- 11 - MON - Conf. class at Haugeruds and then over to Williams Co. (now Divide Co.) for conf. class at E. Haugens. Also L.A. at Haugens.
- 12 - TUES - L.A. at A. Utne. Next to Ole R. Hattelid. Heard that Hans Hassel had died at 11:00.

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- 13 - WED - A lot of driving - O. Bjorngjeld - Joseph Grina - Hassel place - then to Mike Eliason (Vale T - Sec 3) - and back to Flaxton.
- 15 - FRI - Funeral for Hans Hassel, 39. Dedication of the Fern Cemetery with Pastor Samuel Peterson assisting. The land was given by Herman Kjoeglien, a portion of his homestead, Fay T - Sec 20.
- 17 - SUN - 13th Sun. after Trinity. Flaxton at 11:00. Text for 12th Sun - Mark 7:31-37. At 4:00 to Garbergs for Y.P.S.
- 24 - SUN - Macroom - services at Theodore Bakken at 11:00. Text for the day - Luke 17:11-19. To Big Butte at 4:00 but no service. Garbergs at 8:00. Same text.
- 25 - MON - On sickcall to Haugenuds - and on TUES -26- around to several places around there.
- 27 - WED - Conf. class in Flaxton. 28 - THURS - L.A. at Finkehagen. Also conf. class.
- 29 - FRI - Funeral for Sam Fengstrom, 22, who had died Sept. 25 from asphyxiation in a well. Hebr. 9:27. This accident happened on the C.L. Christensen farm - Richland T - Sec 27 - and another young man narrowly escaped death.

OCTOBER

- 1 - SUN - Services with communion at Ole Hatlelid - Fern.
- 2 - MON - Conf. class and L.A. at Glasoe - Garfield. 3 - TUES - L.A. at Hatlelid - Fern.
- 4 - WED - L.A. at Mrs Norby (Keller T - Sec 13). Fern. 5 - THURS - L.A. at Mrs Juul.
- 6 - FRI - To Ray. 7 - SAT - To Tioga.
- 8 - SUN - Services in Tioga, Williston, and Ray. Luke 18:9-14.
- 12 - THURS - Preached at 2 places out in the country - 2 steder paa landet. In the evening to Helle Stordahl. 13 - FRI - Back to Flaxton. (Ingvald Buckneberg came back with him).
- 14 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton. L.A. auction sale held in Free church.
- 15 - SUN - Ingvald preached in Flaxton at 11:00. Offering \$6.00. I went to Macroom at 11:00. Text Mark 7:31-37. In p.m. Y.P.S. at Kopslands - Ingvald there. In the evening I had services in Flaxton - text - Luke 18:9-14. 2 baptisms: Alice Cerine, B. Aug. 11 - Parents, Tom and Thilda Jacobson; Alvin Edgar Leroy, B. Aug. 17 - Parents, Edvard and Elise Ingebregtson. 16 - MON - Ingvald and I visited C. Hanson and T. Samuelson.
- 17 - TUES - To A. Nygaard, H. Berg, and T. Lee (NE of Flaxton). Getting subscribers for the Church paper, "Kirketidende". 18 - WED - Ingvald left. I went to L.A. at Ole Stompro - Carter T - Sec 18. 14 there. 19 - THURS - L.A. at Kopslands. To Barmoens in the evening.
- 20 - FRI - To Martin Helseth (Sec 2) and Gundersons (Sec 17 & 20) in Leaf Mountain T, and in Harmonius T - Martinus Dahl (Sec 11), A.G. Berg (Sec 12), and Anton Wilson (Sec 11).

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- 21 - SAT - To Rossum, Edon Christianson, C. Larson, in Keller T, and Even Running and Henry Agre in Fay T.
- 22 - SUN - 18th Sun after Trinity. Services at Even Running - Fern. (Fay T - Sec 6). 8 families desire membership. At 3:30 to Nels Anderson. Mark 7:31-37. Luke 18:9-14 at E.R.
- 23 - MON - Same text (Mark) at Glasoe. L.A. and conf. class.
- 24 - TUES - To M. Dahl - A.G. Berg. L.A. at Wnolson. To Haugerud. 25 - WED - Conf. class at Haugeruds. Then back to Flaxton by way of A. Grina, O. Garberg, O. Finkenhagen (all in Vale T) and Ole Holen, A. Hostbjor, (in Dale T) and P. Grove (Soo T).
- 26 - THURS - Back in Flaxton. Snow today. Sne idag. 27 - FRI - To Peter Steene (Carter T - 12) and Torvald Lee (Richland T - 26). 28 - SAT - Flaxton conf. class. Congregation meeting.
- 29 - SUN - 19th Sun. after Trinity. P. Grove school at 11:00 - Matt 25:1-13. Baptism - Clara Genoveva, B. July 20 - Parents, Marius and Martha Slotsve. Y.P.S. at Kristensons at 4:00. Flaxton at 8:00 - same text.
- 30 - MON - L.A. at Barmoens. They voted to send \$10.00 to Lutheran Normal School.
- 31 - TUES - From Macroom to Big Butte - O. Kristenson. Then to C.P. Christenson. (Clayton T - 12)

NOVEMBER

- 1 - WED - L.A. at Christ Hanson - Flaxton.
- 5 - SUN - All Saints Day - Allehelgens Dag. Services in Flaxton at 11:00. Text for Reformation Day - Ps. 119:80. To Finkenhagen in evening for singing.
- 6 - MON - To Kopstads, S. Ahre, A. Erickson, A. Brusven, R. Holte, M. Runningen, A.H. Brusven, Mattisen. 7 - TUES - To P. Barmoen, Ed Steen, C. Steen, Gundersons, Utne, M. Dahl, M. Bjornngjeld.
- 8 - WED - From Fern to Flaxton. L.A. at Fossums. 9 - THURS - L.A. at Garbergs. Singing in evening at Finkenhagens. 10 - FRI - Pastor Fladmark, Kenmare, came to Flaxton tonight.
- 11 - SAT - L.A. auction in the Hovland & Swennes Hall in Flaxton. Dinner was served prior to the sale and other refreshments afterwards. The sale amounted to \$88.55 which went to the church building fund. I went to A. Sommersness in the evening.
- 12 - SUN - 21st Sun. after Trinity. 11:00 - service at M. Bjornngjeld - text for Reformation S. Macroom at 3:00 - P. Barmoen. Same text. Baptisms: Hazel, B. July 11 - Parents, Julius and Olava Wenstad; Ingvald, B. Oct. 18 - Parents, Peder and Ronnong Bakken. Offering to Home Mission - Indremission - \$9.05.

After the services at Barmoens, there was a meeting for the purpose of officially organizing the congregation - Macroom Norwegian Evangelical Cong. The following families became members: Peder Barmoen; Ole Barmoen; Christ Steen; these 3 families were transfers from Immanuel. Peder Graneng; Peder Bakken; Theodore Bakken; Martin Mattison;

NOVEMBER

- 12 - (cont.) - Tosten Rossum; Adolf M. Bruusven; Nils Eggen; Julius Wenstad; Iver Barmoen; Ed Lokke; Peder Berg; Ringwald Holte; Martin Helseth.
The congregation accepted as their constitution the first 5 or 6 paragraphs of the Synod's congregation regulations - menigheds ordning. The following officers were elected:
Trustees: - P. Barmoen, T. Rossum, A. Bruusven. Secr - P. Graneng. Treas - P. Bakken.
U.P.S. at Svenskeruds at 2:00 with about 75 in attendance.
- 13 - MON - L.A. at Miss Lina Olson. 11 there. I went back to Flaxton.
- 14 - TUES - To Minot for Circuit Meeting. Ingvald and I stayed at P.P. Lee. There were 17 ministers in attendance at the meeting.
- 16 - THURS - Pastor Martin Teigen, Souris, was married to Mathilda Wollan.
- 17 - FRI - Back to Flaxton. 18 - SAT - Out to J. Haugerud.
- 19 - SUN - Conf. class at Haugeruds. Services at Utnes. 22nd Sun. text - Luke 17:11-19
Congregation meeting following service, 9 families became members: Martin Gunderson; Mrs. Bradley; Anton Wilson; Andrew Anderson; Nels Anderson; Henry Agre; Even Running; Casper Larsen; Even Sletvold. Election of officers: Trustees - Even Running, J. Haugerud, T. Rossum. Treas - Ole Hatlelid. Secr - M. Bjornsgjeld. The L.A. had been working since S. Peterson started in this area - both in the north and south congregations.
- 20 - MON - Conf. class at E. Haugen. Services at A. Holte - same text. Following the service there was a meeting for the purpose of organizing the congregation - Garfield congregation, Garfield P.O., Williams Co. (Became Divide Co. later when Williams was divided). A great many of the people in this settlement had come from Pope Co., Minn. near Starbuck.
Membership: Even Haugen, Michael Glasoe, Adolf Holte, Ole Amundson, Edward Glasoe, Otto Glasoe, Gustav Holte, Odin Holte, M. Stenstrom. They accepted as their constitution the first 5 paragraphs of the Synod's congregation regulations. Election of officers: Trustees - E. Haugen and A. Holte. Treas - Otto Glasoe. Secr - M. Glasoe. A committee of 3 was chosen to locate a suitable site for cemetery.
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- 22 - WED - To Christ Hagen. Flaxton. Iver Hatlelid. Ole Mebust.
- 23 - THURS - To C.P. Christianson - Big Butte - services at 2:00. Luke 18:9-14. Baptism for Paula, B. Sept. 18 - Parents, Ole and Inga Kristianson. To Finkenhagens - singing - evening.
- 24 - FRI - To A. Hostbjorn - L.A. Auction. Many there took in over \$100.00. (He had first put down \$99.75 but then had crossed it out for the larger amount). Dinner served before the sale. To Flaxton in the evening.
- 25 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton at Hanson. Lodmell's Benefit Day. The church received \$26.00. ("For the benefit of the new Lutheran Church I have decided to set apart a day at my store which will be called "Benefit Day". The purpose is to give the church 10% of the entire

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- 25 - (cont.) - cash sales, except flour sales, for that day. The date will be Sat., Nov. 25, all day. Let everyone interested in the new Lutheran Church bring their cash trade to my store at that time. L.B.Lodmell." From Flaxton Times).
- 26 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00. Ps. 23. 3 baptisms: Alden Gerhard, B. Sept. 16 - Parents, Gilbert and Emily Grondahl; Mabel Ruth, B. Oct. 10 - Parents, Hans and Ida Kragrud; Elise Marie, B. Oct. 13 - Parents, Ole and Marie Mebust.
- 27 - MON - Snowstorm. Also on TUES-28. 29 - WED - Better today. Conf. class in Flaxton. Mebust brought in a load of hay. (Dad kept his team in the Livery Stable and apparently furnished his own hay.)
- 30 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. Services at Baglien^J at 2:00. Jer. 5:24. (Dale 7 - Sec 7). Baptism for J. Baglien's baby - Alma Emilie, B. Aug. 28. Flaxton at 8:00 - same text.

DECEMBER

- 1 - FRI - Conf. class at Bagliens. 2 - SAT - To Fern - then to Tosten Rossum.
- 3 - SUN - Services at A. Brusven. Jer. 5:24. Y.P.S. at Sherveys. 4 - MON - Back to Flaxton - by Kopsland and Fossum. 5 - TUES - Bought my cutter. Then to Ole Rykken.
- 8 - FRI - To Macroom for L.A. auction. They took in \$82.00.
- 9 - SAT - By Otto Oas - to Mrs. Norby for conf. class - to C. Hagen - Joseph Guina - H. Agre.
- 10 - SUN - 1st Sun. in Advent. Services at H. Agre at 11:00. Gospel for the day. To M. Dahl 3:00 - same text. Baptism for M. Dahl's baby - Frances Viola, B. Nov. 5. Baptism at Wilson's for their baby - Eleanora Kristine, B. Nov. 5. (Anton Wilson was a half-brother of Wholson, and Mrs. Wilson was a sister of Mrs. O. Krutson and Hans Olson).
- 11 - MON - Conf. class at Haugenids. At 2:00 - service at M. Glasoe in Williams Co. - same text. L.A. and conf. class there same day. 12 - TUES - Illness at Glasoe. Went to Portal - stayed at S.P. (Samuel Peterson) - saw Pastor Stolt (Mo. Syn.).
- 13 - WED - To Hirsch, Canada, services at James Ender at 2:00 - same text. 500 R.R.
- 14 - THURS - Back to Portal and then Flaxton. 16 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton.
- 17 - SUN - 3rd Sun in Advent. Services in Flaxton at 11:00. Text - Gospel for 1st Sun in Adv. 3:00 - services in P. Grove school. Baptism for Ole Hatlelids baby - Gilfred Orvald, B. Nov 10.
- 23 - SAT - To Tom Jacobson^{services} - Big Butte. Then to P. Graneng.
- 24 - SUN - Christmas Eve - Juleaften. Christmas services at P. Graneng. Luke 2:1-14. Baptism - Halvor, B. Nov. 12 - Parents, Nils and Marit Eggen. 3:00 at Finkehagen.
- 25 - MON - Christmas Day - Juledag. Services in Flaxton at 2:00 with Christmas Tree and program by the choir and children.
- 26 - TUES - Christmas services in Fern at Even Running.
- 27 - WED - Wedding at M. Dahl at 11:00 for Torger Hysjulien and Lina Iverson. Christmas services

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- 27 - (cont.) - at Haugeruds at 2:00. Baptism - Linnea Wilhelmina, B. Nov. 10 - Parents, Charles Aavid and Charlotte Ljunggren. Also read with the confirmands.
- 28 - THURS - Conf. class at E. Haugen - Williams Co. Christmas services at Liedahl.
- 29 - FRI - By Hatlelids and over to Hassels for auction. Then to Agre.
- 30 - SAT - To Flaxton. Then by train to Halbrite, Saskatchewan, Canada. 500 R.R.
- 31 - SUN - Conf. class at Nordquist at 10:00. Christmas services at the Promhouse.

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JANUARY

- 1 - MON - To Weyburn and then 10 miles to S. Swenson. Conf. class and New Year's Day services. Then to Mrs. Johnson. 2 - TUES - To Ralph. By train at 4:00 to Portal - then Flaxton.
- 3 - WED - L.A. at Svenskeruds. 4 - THURS - Y.P.S. at Bagliens. 5 - FRI - Services at Carberg.
- 6 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton.
- 7 - SUN - Services in Flaxton. Nice weather. Fint veir. Finkenagens in evening for singing.
- 8 - MON - In Flaxton. Cold this morning but better later in the day. Koldt om morgenen men bedre udpaar dagen.
- 9 - TUES - Congregation meeting in Flaxton. Among other items of business - the congregation accepted, with thanks, 3 acres of land from J. Svenskerud for the west congregation cemetery.
- 10 - WED - New Year's service in Macroom at M. Mattison. Congregation meeting following service. 2 families became members - Ed Rasten and C. Kjereng. It was decided that each member should give to the church building fund the harvest from 1 acre of wheat - or $\frac{1}{2}$ acre - depending on their individual circumstances. The L.A. has been working since summer of '05.
- 11 - THURS - L.A. at Mrs. Hovland in Flaxton. 12 - FRI - Services at T. Lee - Luke 18:9-14.
- 13 - SAT - To Kopstands - then back to Flaxton.
- 14 - SUN - New Year's Day services at Joseph Grina. Baptism - Norbert Tilman, B. Dec. 4, 1905, Parents - Ole and Karen Hovland. 15 - MON - Conf. class at Mrs. Norby. L.A. at Mrs. Agre. Then to M. Bjorngjeld. 16 - TUES - Services at O. Hatlelid. Luke 2:21.
- 17 - WED - Conf. class at Haugeruds. 18 - THURS - Fern congregation meeting at T. Rossums. Very few able to attend due to extremely cold weather. Mrs. Norby and her 5 children, and John Norby, her older son, became members. 19 - FRI - Services at H. Snelling. Sermon on "Prayer".
- 20 - SAT - To Hatlelids - but there was no Y.P.S. meeting.
- 21 - SUN - To E. Haugen - sickcall. Services at M. Glasoe. Prayer.
- 22 - MON - Conf. class at Glasoe. L.A. at Mrs. Sandberg. Over to S.O. Berg. 23 - TUES - To Flaxton. Very cold for driving - holdt at hjone. Stayed in Flaxton for the rest of the week.

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- 28 - SUN - 4th Sun. after Epiphany - Hellig Trekongers S. Services in Flaxton at 2:00 - Mt. 8:23-27.
The storm seems to be letting up somewhat. 29 - MON - In Flaxton. Mild weather. Veiret mildt.
30 - TUES - Y.P.S. at J. Fossum - 70 present. Debate. 31 - WED - L.A. in Flaxton - Mrs. Lodmell.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - THURS - Funeral for P. Johnson. Graveside rites for 2 babies - Pauline Olivia, 6 hours, B. Aug. 11, 1904; Baby boy (unbaptized) B. Jan. 12. 2 - FRI - In Flaxton.
3 - SAT - In Flaxton. Snowstorm all day. Snestorm hele dagen.
4 - SUN - Services at O. Grondahl (Immanuel) and E. Mattison (Macroon) at 3:00. 26 below zero.
5 - MON - Nice weather again. Services at J. Gunderson (Julius) - then to Nels Anderson.
6 - TUES - Services at O. Melsrud. Baptism - Clara Helen, B. Jan. 15 - Parents, Gustav and Kristine Fossen. Colder weather.
7 - WED - By Knophs over to A. Holte and then to Krenethas for the funeral of their child. The child had already been buried. Back to Flaxton by way of E. Punning. A trip of over 60 miles. Well done - godt gjort. (E. Punnings were about halfway between Garfield and Flaxton and Mrs. Punning made coffee and lunch for Dad and the horses had a rest also.)
8 - THURS - to 10 - SAT - In Flaxton. Conf. class in Flaxton on SAT.
11 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 2:00. Math 20:1-16 - Workers in the vineyard.
12 - MON - Drove around to various places - August Peterson - Slotsve - P. Grove - T. Iverson. Back to Flaxton. 13 - TUES - To Christ Halvorson, P. Johnson, R. Shervey. Flaxton. 30 below.
14 - WED - In Flaxton. Celebrated my birthday quietly - feirede min Geburtsdag i stilhed. 31 yrs.
15 - THURS - To Alf. Ingebregtson - O. Fredrickson. Then L.A. at Garbergs.
16 - FRI - To John Olson - K. Kittelson - A. Mtrne - and Hatlelid. 17 - SAT - To K. Kittelson - Bonsness - Mrs. Norby - Odland - H. Snelling. (All those visits in 30 below weather!)
18 - SUN - Services at H. Snelling at 2:00 - Fern. Math 20:1-16. 5 more families as members: Hans Snelling - Ketel Kittelson - John Olson - Edon Christianson - Ole Sletvold.
19 - MON - Over to Adolf Holte - services at 2:00 - and L.A. Some text today.
20 - TUES - To Wells - English services at 2:00. To E. Haugens (over night).
21 - WED - Conf. class at Haugens. Services at M. Sandberg at 2:00. L.A. also. Conf. class at Haugeruds. 22 - THURS - By Nels Anderson - Gundersons - over to Macroon. Thick fog. Services at Theodore Bakken at 2:00. To Flaxton. (He had been gone from Flaxton since Feb. 15 - and in those 8 days had stopped in at 20 places!). 24 - SAT - Conf. class - Flaxton.
25 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 2:00. Baptism for Arthur Johannes, B. Jan. 27, Parents - Torvald and Anna Lee. (Dad was one of the sponsors). There was a Silver Wedding celebration for Kopstands before the service. There was an offering at the service for "Laerelon Kassen" - \$7.80. (This was a fund which paid the salaries of the teachers at the Sem-

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- 25 - SUN (cont.) - inary and church affiliated schools - Luther College and Lutheran Normal School. This was the first reference he made to this fund.)
26 - MON - In Flaxton. Quite cold. Samuel Peterson came from Knoff. (S. Peterson - Pastor in Flaxton area 1903 - 1905; Moose Jaw, Sask. 1905 - 1910).
27 - TUES - Birthday party at Mrs. Samuelson. S. Peterson there too. 28 - ~~WED~~ - In Flaxton.

MARCH

- 1 - THURS to 3 - SAT - In Flaxton. Conf. class in Flaxton on SAT. Surprise at Koplands.
4 - SUN - Services at P. Johnsons at 11:00. Gospel for 2nd Sun. in Lent - Faste. Quite a few there. 3:00 at P. Grove school. Same text. Many there also. Brandsen had had services there at 2:00 and stayed on for our services. What next?
5 - MON - To Macroom - Mattisen. 6 - TUES - To Christ Steen - services at 2:00. Baptism for Clifford James, B. Nov. 12, '05 - Parents - Christ and Sophie Steen. Sermon text - The Pharisee and the Publican - Farisaeeeren og Tolderen. To Barmoens.
7 - WED - Services at Barmoen at 2:00. Few there. Text - Woman of Canaan - Kananaeiske Kvinde. 8 - THURS - Had to borrow Barmoen's buggy. Dick had gotten into a barbed wire fence a day ago but recovered soon. Drove by S. Ahre. L.A. at Carbergs. By Svenskeruds.
9 - FRI - Bought a stove, bed, table, chair, etc at Hovlands - Kjobte stov, seng, bord, stol osv. hos Hovlands. (This was the first furniture he bought for his "Shack" on the claim. Dad had applied for a homestead Sept. 19, 1905, in Harmonius Twp. Grandpa Isakson had urged him to do this when Dad was in Wisconsin in June, 1905. Even though most of the best land had been signed up, Martinus Dahl, "The Homestead Promoter", helped him find this homestead land. Utne built his 1-room house and it was hauled over to the place on "skids". This room was our dining room after the house was enlarged later.)
10 - SAT - West by H. Agre - E. Running - and over to M. Bjorngjeld. Cold.
11 - SUN - Services at Henry Rude. Very cold - few there. Proverbs 22:6. To Utne in p.m. for services. More there - same text.
12 - MON - Services at E. Haugen. Matt. 15. 13 - TUES - Conf. class at Haugens. To Hatlelids.
14 - WED - By Utnes to Haugeruds for conf. class. By J. Berg to Svenskeruds.
15 - THURS - To Flaxton. 17 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton.
18 - SUN - 3rd Sun in Lent. Services in Flaxton. Text - Gospel. Many there - meget folk.
19 - MON - A very cold and stormy day but I drove out to my claim. First I stopped at Nels Anderson - then to my house - then to Utne to get the key - back to my house - then to Nels Anderson (to leave my horses as I had no barn on my place yet) - walked back to my house but lost my way on the prairie for awhile. Finally find my place at 11:30 p.m. A very cold first night. Koldt og stormende - kjorte paa min claim. Forst til Nels Anderson - saa mit hus - saa til Utne for nokel - til mit hus - N. Anderson - til mit hus - gik vildt paa praerien. Frem kl 11:30. Koldt forste nat.
20 - TUES - By Utnes - then to Flaxton.

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- 21 - WED - Stormy and cold. Y.P.S. at P.Grove. Not many there - only about 25 - 30. Debate and discussion on Secret Societies and Lodges - a good going-over. Hot debate. Hemmelige selskaber fik haardt medfart. Varm debat. Back to Flaxton.
- 22 - THURS - Beautiful weather - udmerket veir. 23 - FRI - Cold and stormy. Baptism for Sigurd Emmanuel, B. Jan. 30 - Parents, Hans and Emelie Rasmussen.
- 24 - SAT - Milder weather. Conf. class in Flaxton.
- 25 - SUN - Services at Hostbjørn at 11:00 - Mid-Lenten Sunday - Midfaste S. - Matt 26:30-50. 3:00 service at Kjereng - Macroom. Same text. Mild weather.
- 26 - MON - From Barneen to Ole Western - sickcall. By Holen to Flaxton. In Flaxton 27 & 28.
- 29 - THURS - To O.Gron Dahl for L.A. Many there. Back to Flaxton - there on FRI - 30.
- 31 - SAT - Drove west to H. Agre - Fern.

APRIL

- 1 - SUN - Services at H. Agre - 11:00. 3:00 at M. Dahl. Matt. 26:30-50. To Haugerud in the evening. Read with conf. class.
- 2 - MON - To Williams Co. - services at Liedahls at 2:00 - English. Isaiah 30:21. To Glasoe - read with conf. class. 3 - TUES - To Mrs. Norby - conf. class. Stopped in at M. Eliasson on way to Flaxton. In Flaxton rest of the week. 7 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton.
- 8 - SUN - Palm Sunday. Services at 11:00 in Flaxton and at 3:00 - P.Grove school.
- 9 - MON & 10 - TUES - In Flaxton. 11 - WED - Wedding for Ed Rusten and Andrena Mattisen.
- 12 - THURS - Holy Thursday - Skjaextonsdag - Snow - rain - sleet - sneslud. From Iver Barneen to Big Butte. Back to Barneen - Mattisen - Rossum.
- 13 - FRI - Good Friday - Langfredag. Services at Rossum - 11:00. Luke 23:32-46. In p.m. to A. Hostbjørn - services and communion. Same text. Back to Flaxton.
- 14 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton. Nice weather - fint veir.
- 15 - SUN - EASTER - Paashedag. Services in Flaxton at 1:30. To Sommernesses in evening.
- 16 - MON - 2nd day of Easter. Services at T. Rossum at 11:00 and J. Haugerud at 3:00.
- 17 - TUES - By J. Johnson to M. Glasoe for 2:00 services. Conf. class following.
- 18 - WED - By Norby to J. Grina for L.A. To O. Hatlelid in evening.
- 19 - THURS - L.A. at Svenskeruds. To Flaxton in evening. 20 - FRI - In Flaxton. Ligesaa.
- 21 - SAT - To Crosby - to H. J. Nordstog. (Long trip with horse and buggy).
- 22 - SUN - Services in Crosby at 11:00. 2 baptisms: Hjalmar Theodore, B. Jan. 9 - Parents, Peder and Berta Haugland; Selma, B. March 15 - Parents, Ole and Tomine Huso. Congregation meeting. 23 - MON - Conf. class at Onstad. Over to Mrs. Bilstad.
- 24 - TUES - To O. Gron Dahl - O. Hagen - M. Bjørngjeld - J. Olson.
- 25 - WED - Svenskerud's auction. Bought for \$13.30. (Moved off the farm and moved to town).

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APRIL

- 26 - THURS - In Flaxton. Rainy. Regnagtig. 28 - SAT - Surprise in evening at Svenskeruds.
29 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 2:00. 30 - MON - Out to my claim. First to Wrolsons - then to my claim. Over to Utnes with my horses - then back to my house - saa til mit hus.

MAY

- 1 - TUES - To Utnes to get my horses - then to Nels Anderson - Cundersons - C.Hanson (S of the Kleppen place) and back again to Haugeruds for L.A. Many new members.
2 - WED - SW to J. Johnson - 16 miles from Tioga. Services and baptism for Matt Nicolaus, B. Jan. 6 - Parents, Nils and Mathilda Lagerberg. Over to Haugens.
3 - THURS - Conf. class at Haugens. Back to Flaxton. Heard about the funeral for Svenskerud's nephew. 4 - FRI - Cold - snow flurries. Sneeskuren.
5 - SAT - Funeral for Svenskerud's nephew - Anders S. Haslerud. Then by Finkenhagen to Graneng - Barmoen - P. Berg - and Graneng again. Stayed there over night.
6 - SUN - 11:00 service at Granengs. Many there. Baptism for Harry Dennis, B. Mar. 2 - Parents, Knut Axel and Anna Erickson. To Big Butte at 3:00 - services at Stensen. Baptism for Emil Melvin, B. Jan. 20 - Parents, John and Ingeborg Stensen. There was a congregation meeting following the service for the purpose of organizing the cong. Menigheds dannelselse. I had been coming out there for services since last summer and they now wished to work as an organized congregation. Members: Ole Erickson; Ole Kristianson; Julius Pederson; Martin Stensen; John Stensen; Louis Kalvig; Sivert Sivertson; Alfred Olson; Peder Landsverh; They decided to wait until next service to decide on a constitution and election of officers. Then a committee would also be chosen to find a cemetery site. To Ed Rusten over night.
7 - MON - Cold and snowing. In the p.m. to E. Mattison for L.A. Stopped at P. Berg and Granengs on way to Mattison. 8 - TUES - To Flaxton. Tom Mattison rode along.
9 - WED - In Flaxton. 10 - THURS - To O. Stompro - P. Johnson - Rykkens - to Flaxton.
11 - FRI - To A. Nygaard - T. Lee - Flaxton. 12 - SAT - Svenskerud - Mebust - Eliasson - Ulsrud - to E. Running (over night).
13 - SUN - To M. Bjorngjeld for services at 11:00. Baptism for Olav Sivert, B. Apr. 7 - Parents, Martin and Rebecka Bjorngjeld. Services at O. Hatlelid at 3:00. Over to Bergs - baptism for Alice Marion, B. Feb. 25 - Parents, Sivert O. and Jennie Berg. Back to Hatlelid.
14 - MON - Rain during the day. Over to Anton Wilson in the evening. 15 - TUES - By Utne - A.G. Berg - to A. Grina for dinner - by Finkenhagen - O. Holen - to Flaxton.
16 - WED - L.A. in Flaxton at Mrs. Ingebrigtsen. They worked in church - cleaning etc.
17 - THURS - L.A. at Mrs. Holen. Flaxton rest of the week. 19 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton. Baptism for Richard Merrivell, B. May 6 - Parents, Peter and Oline Paulson.

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MAY

- 20 - SUN - 11:00 services in Flaxton - in the new church for the first time. Text from Ecclesiastes 4:17 (Praedikerens Bog 4:17). (In looking up this text verse in the English King James Version Bible - Chapter 4 has only 16 verses. The Norwegian Bible has 17 verses, however. Verse 17 is Verse 1 of Chapter 5 in English.) Services were announced for p.m. in P.Grove school but Brandser was there so we had no services. The Y.P.S. met in the school at 7:00. Very good program. Braatelién spoke (lawyer). There was singing - readings - dialogue - etc.
- 22 - TUES - By Finkenhagen - Nels Anderson - Haugerud - out to my claim.
- 23 - WED - Rain during the night. Walked over to Nels Anderson (for horses) - then to Carl Brothen - Haugerud - measured the land - maalte op landet. By Glasoe to A.Holte.
- 24 - THURS - To Bilstads - Crosby - service at 2:00. Text - Pharisee and the Publican. Many had been there at 11:00 but it was 2:00. Rain during the day.
- 25 - FRI - Conf. class in Crosby in a.m. In p.m. drove east - past Holte - Larsen - Kristianson - to M.Bjornsgjeld. 26 - SAT - Cold and stormy from east. To Flaxton. Dahlen came. (Seminary student). Conf. class in Flaxton. (Mom remembered a story about Dahlen's diplomacy. Mrs. Nodsle had told this to Mom when she came to N.Dak, in 1907: Dahlen taught 1 month of parochial school in the Gunderson school - children from Gundersons, Nodsles, Helseths, C.Hanson. Dahlen had been asked by someone if the Pastor had a girlfriend. He answered that he did. Did she live in Flaxton? No - she was east of Flaxton. He did not say that she was as far east as Wisconsin, however. They did not get any details from Dahlen!)
- 27 - SUN - We started out early this morning for Big Butte - services at 10:30 at T.Jacobson. Dahlen was along. The congregation was organized following services. T.Jacobson and J.Hagen - new members. Constitution accepted. Election of officers: Trustees - Tom Jacobson (2) , Ole Erickson (1); Secr. - Ole Kristianson; Treas. - Louis Kalvig. Committee chosen to find a cemetery site: Martin Stensen, Johannes Hagen, and John Stensen. J.Stensen was not present so L.Kalvig was chosen as a substitute in case Stensen could not serve.
- To Barmoens - services at 3:00. Text - Gospel for Ascension Sunday - Kristihimmelfart. No communion. Report from the cemetery committee. Stayed at Barmoens over night.
- 28 - MON - Took Dahlen over to Haugeruds (to start teaching parochial school). Back to Flaxton by way of Utne - Fern - Kittelson - Rykken - Shervey. Rainy and cold. Nicer on THURS.

JUNE

- 1 - FRI - Funeral for Jessie Vinson, 12, (Fern). English service - 1 Sam.3:18. Warm weather.
- 2 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton 10:30. Cong. meeting in p.m. - 4 families became members:

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- 2 - SAT - (cont.) - Ole Rykkens; Ole Stompros; Osten Fredrickson; M. Eliasson.
- 3 - SUN - Pentecost services in Flaxton at 2:00. Nice weather and many there. At P. Grove school at 7:00. Many there - 2 baptisms. Arthur Franklin, B. Feb. 21 - Parents, William and Jeanette Manning; Roy Palmer, B. Apr. 23 - Parents, Peder and Karen Grove. Back to Flaxton.
- 4 - MON - In Flaxton. Baptism for Mildred Marion, B. Aug 3 - Parents, Gustav and Bertha Flugee.
- 5 - TUES - Rain - but I drove out to Haugerud. 6 - WED - To E. Johnson for services at 2:00. Rain during the day. 7 - THURS - To E. Haugen. More rain. No L.A. auction.
- 8 - FRI - By Ronholdt to Haugerud - conf. class. Scattered showers - regn iblandt.
- 9 - SAT - To S.O. Berg and Hattelid. Nice weather.
- 10 - SUN - To J. Haugerud for Confirmation services at 11:00. Nice weather and many people there. 3 in the class: Oscar and Rose Haugerud, and Halvor Haugen (Even). 2 baptisms: Isabel Louise, B. Mar. 5 - Parents, Gunder and Anne Marie Gunderson; Clifford Justin, B. Apr. 22 - Parents, Julius and Lina Gunderson. Communion service at 3:00 - sermon by Dahlen. A very nice day - en hyggelig dag. Congregation meeting following service. Alfred Utne family as new members. A cemetery committee, J. Haugerud and J. Gunderson, to find a suitable site for southern part of Fern congregation. Some discussion about dividing the congregation (2). In evening to Nels Anderson - left my horses there and walked to my claim.
- 11 - MON - Back to N. Anderson for the horses - then to O. Hagen by Knoph for 2:00 service. By Norby to H. Agre. 12 - TUES - Conf. class for Norby boys. By Fern - J. Olson - to Flaxton.
- 13 - WED - Flaxton. Stormy day. 14 - THURS - To John Hagen - Big Butte - baptism for Thomas William, B. Jan. 18 - Parents, John and Amanda Hagen. By O. Grondahl to Flaxton.
- 15 - FRI - Conf. class - Flaxton. 16 - SAT - The ministers arrive for the festivities tomorrow.
- 17 - SUN - CORNERSTONE Laying of the new church in Flaxton. 11:00 - sermon by Fladmark - also a talk by Larson. Offering of \$45.00 to the church. Good. At noon dinner was served - to about 300. A picture was taken of the church and the congregation. Service at 3:00 in English with talks by S. Peterson and N.A. Larson. It was a wonderful day for all. (Dad's first church - and still in use after a little remodeling - 1970).
- 18 - MON - Several of us left from Flaxton for Minot. 19 - TUES - To Fergus Falls, Minn.
- 20 - WED - We drove to Pelican Rapids - 10 of us. Arrived there at 10:00 a.m. Ingvald and I stayed at H. Hagen. Good meeting - 1 week. 27 - WED - To Fergus Falls. To Minneapolis in evening. 28 - THURS - To Colfax, Wisconsin.

JULY

- 1 - SUN - Over to Christ Braaten - choir. 4 - WED - Drove in to Colfax in the evening - to visit Rev. Vikre. (Vikre was a cousin of Grandmother Buckneberg and belonged to the United Church Conference - Forenede. Mom and Dad rode in to Colfax in Grandpa Isakson's surrey

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JULY

- 4 - WED - (cont.) - with a fringe around the top! 5 - THURS - To St. Paul. 6 - FRI - To Flaxton.
- 7 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton. Drove by Carbergs - J. Olson - to E. Running.
- 8 - SUN - Services at E. Running - 11:00. Baptism for Esther Leonora, B. May 23 - Parents, Hans and Karoline Snelling. Services at S.O. Berg at 3:00 - baptism for Hazel Adelaide, B. May 30 - Parents, Mathias and Bertha Sandberg.
- 9 - MON - Wedding for Bernt Anneson and Matilda Nelson. Then to Utne - Wilson - Ronholdt - Anderson - Hattelid - Glasoe. 10 - TUES - L.A. auction at Glasoe. Good weather and many there. Spoke a little also. They took in over \$130.00. Stayed at Glasoe over night. (Dad had bought a laundry bag and some pink slippers at the sale but left them with Mrs. Glasoe - to be picked up some time later. Mrs. Glasoe enjoyed telling Mom about this when they met - 1907).
- 11 - WED - Services at John Bergemoen at 2:00 - L.A. following. (Big Meadow area). To J. Anderson.
- 12 - THURS - By Wholson - Hangerud - Utne - my claim - L.A. at Hattelid - J. Gundersen - G. Gundersen - Brother. 13 - FRI - Had stayed on my claim over night. By Fern to Flaxton.
- 14 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton.
- 15 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00 and Svenskeruds at 4:00. To Finkenhagen.
- 16 - MON - To school - Carbergs - Macroom - Hanson - Gundersons - Nodsle - Helseth - Hoie - Hanson - arranged for 1 month of parochial school.
- 17 - TUES - From Hansons to Macroom - the school - J. Berg - Portal - Flaxton.
- 18 - WED - To Ole Rykken - L.A. To Flaxton rest of the week. Conf. class - Flaxton - 21 - SAT.
- 22 - SUN - Services in Big Butte at 11:00 - M. Stensen. 3 baptisms: Olga Emilie, B. June 15 - Parents, Ole and Ellen Erichson; Minnie Elida, B. May 23 - Parents, Martin and Olga Stensen; Earl Lewis, B. June 4 - Parents, Fred and Henrietta Sorenson. Services in Macroom at 4:00 - T. Bakken. 3 baptisms here also: Ernest Lorentz, B. May 29 - Parents, Martin and Thilda Mattisen; Edward Emil, B. Apr. 22 - Parents, Martin and Ingeborg Ronning; Walter Chester, B. June 17 - Parents, Lars and Sina Grinde. There was a short congregation meeting following the service at Stensens. The offer of land on the O. Kristianson for cemetery was accepted. New members: Ole Bergeson family; Anne Anneson; Karl Martinson; L.A. Johnson. The L.A. was organized, having as their aim to work for the interest and needs of the church. The 11 members: Mrs. Ole Bergeson, Mrs. M. Stensen, Mrs. O. Kristianson, Mrs. O. Erichson, Mrs. J. Stensen, Mrs. J. Hagen, Mrs. J. Pedersen, Mrs. F. Sorenson, Mrs. Jacobson, Mrs. Iverson, Miss Hilda Landsverk.
- 23 - MON - To Gundersons - my claim - measured land. To Fern - Norby - Rossum - Lanson - Kristianson. 24 - TUES - By E. Running - Columbus - Hovland - Vigen - Ulsrud. To Flaxton.
- 26 - THURS - L.A. at O. Grondahl. Flaxton. Baptism for Alvera Loretta Sophia, B. May 9 - Parents, Willie and Maggie Bergstrom. 27 - FRI - Flaxton. Olaf Ylvisaker came.
- 28 - SAT - To Crosby with Ylvisaker. To Nordstogs. (A trip with horses and buggy - no R.R. yet).

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- 29 - SUN - Services in Crosby with Installation services for Pastor Olaf Ylvisaker - in which I presided. He preached the sermon using as his text 1 Cor. 2:1-5. There were 4 baptisms. L.A. at Nordstogs following service. 30 - MON - To Colgan P.O. Services at Christiansons. Congregation organized. 31 - TUES - Back again by Thomson - Storve (or Størue - unfamiliar word and difficult to read) - Crosby - Nordstogs
(There are 2 baptisms recorded for Fern congregation on Sunday, July 29. Mabel Sylvia, B. June 14 Parents, Jens and Maren Olson; and Stanley, B. May 31 - Parents, Anton & Borghild Jacobson. As Dad was in Crosby that day, Student Dahlen must have had the authority to do it.)

AUGUST

- 1 - WED - From Crosby to Barduson - L.A. - only a few there. It rained as I drove (horses and top-buggy). 2 - THURS - From M. Bjørngjeld to my claim - Haugerud - Wholson - Wilson - and to S.O. Berg for L.A. Back to Flaxton on FRI - 3.
4 - SAT - To Macroom - L.A. Ice Cream Social at T. Rossum.
5 - SUN - From Rossums to Svenskerud's place (or school). Dahlen along. Services at 11:00. Dinner was served after which we had the school program and offering. There was also a surprise for A. Hostbjørn - \$96.75 in cash and \$362.00 pledged. (Hostbjørn had lost house and all belongings when his house burned after being struck by lightning during a storm. Mom remembered that Dad had written about this.) Many people there. To Flaxton in evening.
6 - MON - In Flaxton. 7 - TUES - By Lee to Vien. 8 - WED - By Lee to Flaxton.
9 - THURS - Meeting with the Trustees of the Flaxton congregation. Application for Hail Insurance sent. Hailstorm - haglstorm. Mandius was here 8th - 11th.
11 - SAT - By Columbus to Carfield.
12 - SUN - Services at Glasoe at 11:00. Baptisms for: Arnold Modolf, B. June 6 - Parents, Mikael and Emma Glasoe; Iver Orville, B. June 17 - Parents, Lauritz and Nancy Kjos, Cemetery dedicated. 3 families became members: Edward Melby; L. Kjos; Hedin. Karl Vollar had become a member before. At 4:00 services in Big Meadow - at Eric Johnson. Baptism for Ruby Christine Oline, B. July 8 - Parents, John and Lettie Anderson.
13 - MON - From E. Johnson - by Ronholdt - to my claim. Carl Brothen painted my house. By J. Gunderson - over to see Dahlen. Columbus. Back to my claim. There on TUES - 14.
15 - WED - By A. Watterud - J. Gunderson - S. Rosten - Macroom - Flaxton.
16 - THURS - To A. Gordon - Halvorson. Flaxton. 18 - SAT - Conf. class - Flaxton. To Garbergs.
19 - SUN - To O. Ronning - Macroom - services at 11:00. Baptism for Gladys Elenora, B. Feb. 10 - Parents, Edwin and Ellen Johnson. To Big Butte at 4:00 - at J. Hagen.
20 - MON - To the store. By Holen - O. Fredrickson - to Flaxton.
24 - FRI - Conf. class in Flaxton. 25 - SAT - To O. Howland.
26 - SUN - Services in "new" Columbus. (The original site of Columbus was NW of the present town.

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- 26 - SUN - (cont.) - When the Soo R.R. extension came through, Columbus was NW of the R.R. so they moved the buildings they had there and relocated the town.
In the p.m. to Adolph Watterud (coulee) for the school program. To Norby - Rossum. Baptism for Oral Oswald, B. July 4 - Parents, Olaf and Lina Ronholdt.
- 27 - MON - Hatlelid - to my claim - L.A. at M. Ronning. To Graneng.
- 28 - TUES - My claim - Rossum - Norby - Fern - back to my claim. 29 - WED - From my claim over to C. Hanson and back again. 30 - THURS - C. Hanson - Macroom. Dahlen along to Flaxton.
- 31 - FRI - Conf. class in Flaxton.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - SAT - Congregation meeting in Flaxton. They had bought 2 Acres of land from J. Croft - 1 mile south of Flaxton - for cemetery for the east congregation. They paid \$50.00 for it.
- 2 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00 - Svenskerud school at 3:30. Back to Flaxton.
- 3 - MON - In Flaxton - one of my horses was sick - hest syg. In Flaxton on TUES also.
- 5 - WED - L.A. at O. Ulsrud. Back to Flaxton. 6 - THURS - L.A. at O. Hostbjor. Back to Flaxton.
- 7 - FRI - Conf. class in Flaxton. 8 - SAT - To Garfield - Hedin.
- 9 - SUN - Services at Hedin at 11:00. Then at 4:00 to Ole Wick (home of Betty and Alma).
- 10 - MON - From Wick - H. Bye - Nelson - Wholson - my claim - Haugerud - back to claim.
- 11 - TUES - J. Gurderson - Haugerud - Norby - J. Ulsrud - Columbus - Flaxton. 12 - WED - Rainy - regnlgt. In Flaxton the rest of the week. Conf. class in Flaxton on SAT - 15.
- 16 - SUN - To Big Butte - services at Tom Jacobson at 11:00. At 3:00 to C. Kjerling - Macroom. To Barmoens. 17 - MON - L.A. at Graneng. To my claim. 18 - TUES - L.A. at Mrs. Olson. Flaxton.
- 19 - WED - Conf. class in Flaxton. 20 - THURS - To Ole Berg (east of Flaxton).
- 22 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton.
- 23 - SUN - Confirmation Day in Flaxton. A very nice day and the church was full. Offering to Home Missions - Indremission \$36.04. Text - John 15 - The Vine and the branches. Members of the class: Otto Clarence Grina (Andrew); Lina Fossum (John); Anna Shervey (Rasmus); Inga Olga Baglien (John); Helga Eline Finkenhagen (Ole); Caroline Svenskerud (John); Ida Selma Samuelson (Tonger); Clara Mathilda Halverson (Christ). This was the first confirmation service in the church. The congregation decided to go in with the Minqt Circuit for Circuit Meetings - Samtalemoder. There have been 2 L.A.s working in this congregation since the summer of 1905.
- 26 - WED - L.A. at Mrs. Fossen. To my claim. 27 - THURS - To Wholsons. T. Rossum - to Flaxton.
- 29 - SAT - To H. Agre.
- 30 - SUN - Service at J. Ulsrud at 11:00. Baptism for Aasta, B. Aug. 5 - Parents, John and Anna Ulsrud. Out to the hills at 3:00 for services at O. Hatlelid.

OCTOBER

- 1 - MON - Norby - Fern - Bjornsgjeld - my claim. 2 - TUES - To L.A. at Helseths. Back to claim.
 4 - THURS - By Columbus to Flaxton. 5 - FRI - Flaxton. 6 - SAT - To E. Mattison.
 7 - SUN - Macroom - services at Barmoen. Mission sermon.
 8 - MON - From Barmoen - M. Mattison - Brusven - Grondahl - Flaxton. 9 - TUES - In Flaxton. Had a visit from Fladmark, Kenmare, who came last night and spent the day here.
 10 - THURS - and the rest of the week in Flaxton. Conf. class SAT before Communion tomorrow.
 14 - SUN - Communion service in Flaxton.
 15 - MON - Funeral for T. Lee's baby, Arthur Johannes - about 8 months. Service at 2:00. At the home I spoke, using as text Jer. 31:3 and in the Danish church - Ps. 103:15-16.
 16 - TUES - By Macroom to C. Hanson for L.A. Then to my claim.
 17 - WED - To A.G. Berg. Norby for conf. class. To E. Running for L.A.. Back to my claim.
 18 - THURS - To J. Johnson for dinner. To Glasoe for L.A. Then to Ole Wick.
 19 - FRI - Henry Bye - Andrew Erickson - Ole Wick (John?) - S. Wigdahl - J. Anderson - Thonson - Bisbee. 20 - SAT - A. Anderson - O. Hauge - P. Hanson - J. Bergemoen - Lagerberg - Molander - Berg - Schroeder - Paulson - Stone - Hedlund - Berg - Lynne - Lagerberg.
 21 - SUN - Services at Lagerberg at 11:00. Congregation organized (Big Meadow) with about 7 - 8 families. At 3:00 to Hedin (Garfield). Many there.
 22 - MON - By Femreite - SW to William Toso - N to Lundstad - A. Holte - C. Olson. There over night.
 23 - TUES - By Kermit - H. Snelling. Knogh along. To Norby for conf. class. Fern - to Flaxton.
 24 - WED - Talked with Teslow about the homestead. Westerheim from Fertile, Minn. Shervey for L.A. They had their Annual meeting. They decided to buy a stove for the church and use the remaining money for other church matters. Each one also to give 25¢ towards the purchase of a Baptismal Font. Bestuttet at Kvindeforeningen kjober stov til kirken og ovrigt penge til Kirken - samt at hver giver 25¢ til Dobefont. To Flaxton in the evening.
 27 - SAT - By Fern out to my claim.
 28 - SUN - Services at M. Bjornsgjeld at 11:00. Stormy - few there. Stormende - faa tilstede. In the p.m. up to the Hills at 3:00 - stormier but more people present. Mere storm - flere der. To Utnes over night. 29 - MON - A little snow on the ground - lidt sne paa marker. To my claim. N. Anderson. Flaxton.
 30 - TUES - From Flaxton out to my claim with a load of things - table, chairs, fence posts and wire. By M. Bjornsgjeld. (Mar. 9 he wrote that he had bought some of these things for his place. The stove must have been put in earlier as he stayed there frequently.)

NOVEMBER

- 1 - THURS - Funeral in Big Butte for Olga Emily, Ole Erickson's baby (B. June 15). Cemetery on Karl Martinson's land dedicated - Kirkegaard's indvielse.

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- 2 - FRI - From M. Stensen to Kopland for L.A. To Flaxton. 3 - SAT - Flaxton.
4 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00. All Saints Day - Allehelgensdag. Few there. Faa.
At 3:30 to Svenskerud (school). Back to Flaxton. 5 - MON - In Flaxton.
6 - TUES - By Finkenhagen to M. Hoie for L.A. 16 there. Stayed there over night.
7 - WED - Claim - Norby conf. class - Grina - Running - Columbus - Ulsrud - Running.
8 - THURS - My claim - Haugeruds for L.A. Back to my claim overnight.
9 - FRI - Wrolson - sickcall. C. Hanson - C. Steen. Rosten sickcall. Barmoen.
10 - SAT - Besaa gravgaarden. Inspected - looked over - cemetery site. (Location or congregation
not mentioned but appears to be Macroom as Dad was in that area.) To Rosten so he could
receive Holy Communion - Altergang. To Graneng auction.
11 - SUN - Macroom services at E. Mattisen - 11:00. To Big Butte at 4:00 - Jacobsons. Flaxton.
12 - MON - To Grand Forks (for Synod Conference). 13 - TUES - Snow in Grand Forks. Meeting in
Pastor Lars Haatvedt's church. 14 - WED - Meetings all day. Skovgaard concert in evening.
(Violinist). 15 - THURS - Visited the Grand Forks College. L.C. Club festival - program -
in evening. (Luther College). Left Grand Forks at 11:00 p.m. (train).
16 - FRI - Got to Minot by 10:00 a.m. (11 hours from Grand Forks to Minot - 210 miles). Left
Minot at 2:30 p.m. - to Kenmare. Snowstorm. 17 - SAT - To Flaxton in evening - snowstorm.
18 - SUN - Same kind of weather. No services in Fern today. 19 - MON - Snowstorm continued.
20 - TUES - Very cold. 21 - WED - Somewhat better. 22 - THURS - Quite improved. Ulvisaker was
able to leave for Crosby today - no trains had gotten thru during the storm.
23 - FRI - Drove west - borrowed the cutter from Swennes. A great deal of snow. It took all
afternoon to get from Flaxton to M. Eliasson (9 - 10 miles).
24 - SAT - Weather much improved. To Anton Sommerness - baptism for their baby - Amy Jeannette,
B. Oct. 24. To Columbus - Running - Agre - Galgerud - J. Ulsrud.
25 - SUN - To Norby - conf. class and then to Running for services at 2:00. Agres in evening.
26 - MON - To Gillie mine - Fern. Carberg - Finkenhagen - Holen - Flaxton. A little cold.
27 - TUES - In Flaxton. Also WED. Nice and mild weather.
28 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day services in Flaxton at 2:00. Snowstorm. In Flaxton FRI and SAT.

DECEMBER

- 2 - SUN - Services at O. Carberg at 11:00. Baptism for Pearl Stella, B. Oct. 24 - Parents, Selius
and Thilda Ahne. Services in Macroom at 4:00 - A. Brusven. Much snow - few there.
3 - MON - L.A. at Mrs. Tosten Rossum - Macroom. 4 - TUES - To Big Butte for services at 2:00 -
at O. Bergeson. Also L.A. To J. Hagen in the evening.
5 - WED - Services in Gunderson schoolhouse. Cold and much snow. To G. Gunderson in evening.
6 - THURS - To Sandbergs for 2:00 services. So much snow - faelt med sne. To Hattelids.

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DECEMBER

- 7 - FRI - Snowstorm. Could not get to Norbys. 8 - SAT - Conf. class Norby. To Haugeruds.
9 - SUN - To Garfield - services at E. Haugen at 2:00. 10 - MON - Snowstorm. Could not go to Big Meadow. 11 - TUES - To J. Nodsle for L.A. 12 - WED - Conf. class at Nodsle.
13 - THURS - To M. Bjornkjeld - snow and storm. Terrible driving. Sne og storm - faelt at kjore.
14 - FRI - To Flaxton. Almost impossible to get through. Naesten ufrenkommeligt. Flaxton - SAT.
16 - SUN - No services in Flaxton. Cold - and no coal in church. Koldt og intet kul.
17 - MON and all week - in Flaxton. Cold and stormy weather all week.
18 - TUES - Funeral for Ferdinand Jensen's baby daughter, Leona, about 9 months old.
23 - SUN - To M. Stensen - Big Butte. Christmas services. Luke 2. Few there.
24 - MON - From J. Hagen to Flaxton.
25 - TUES - Christmas Day. Services in Flaxton at 1:30. Christmas Tree and program at Svenskeruds at 8:00. Many there.
26 - WED - Services at Finkenhausen at 11:00. To Macroom at 4:00 - Tosten Rossums. Baptism for Olga Natalia, B. Nov. 29 - Parents, Edward and Cerine Steen.
27 - THURS - Services at Norby at 11:00. To Haugerud at 4:00. Also baptism for J. Haugerud's baby - Esther Louise, B. Oct. 16.
28 - FRI - Christmas services at J. Nodsle at 2:00. Christmas Tree and festivities afterwards. There were about 150 there. (This number seemed to be unusually large to me, but Mom said that for a special event like Christmas they moved out all the furniture - beds - tables - cook stove - leaving only a heater in one room. This made room for the large number of people that came from all around to celebrate Christmas.)
29 - SAT - To T. Hysjulien. 30 - SUN - To Garfield - services at Liedahls.
31 - MON - Hatlelid - to Dahl - to Henry Bye.

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JANUARY

- 1 - TUES - At H. Bye. Could not go to Bergemoens because of the bad snowstorm.
2 - WED - To B. Anneson. 3 - THURS - To Utnes. Wedding for Christian Meiling and Bertha Johnson. Over to my claim. 4 - FRI - To Wrolsons - sickcall - sygebesog. To my claim.
5 - SAT - To Norby - conf. class. To J. Grina.
6 - SUN - Services at J. Grina at 1:30. To Flaxton. In Flaxton the rest of the week.
13 - SUN - Services in Flaxton. Few there because of the weather and roads - veir og veie.
14 - MON - The coldest day of the year this winter - 42 below zero in Flaxton - 47 below in Pontal and 32 below in Macroom.
15 - TUES - To O. Holen for services at 2:00. Bitterly cold and not many there.
16 - WED - To Macroom. Services at Barmoen at 2:00. Clear and cold. Klart og koldt.

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JANUARY

- 17 - THUR - To Sven Rosten, Martin Rønning - Oas - Westerness - Helseth. 18 - FRI - Services at H. Helseth at 2:00. Good weather and many there. Baptism for Linda Otilda, B. Oct. 28, '06 - Parents, Ole and Hilda Hengebol.
- 19 - SAT - Ferocious snowstorm - forrygende snestorm. Stayed at Helseths again.
- 20 - SUN - Cold and clear. 40 below. Services at Nels Nelson at 2:00 but not many there. A congregation meeting had been announced for today but there were too few there.
- 21 - MON - Weather is improving a little but continues very cold. Over to Hoies - read with Eldor Rusland. Then over to C. Hansons.
- 22 - TUES - Continued storming all forenoon - big snowdrifts now. Could not think about driving over to Big Butte but about 2:30 I left Hoies and drove by Macroom - Rival - to Flaxton.
- 23 - WED - Nicer weather - L.A. at Mrs. Grina - Flaxton - 16 women present.
- 24 - THURS - Snowstorm and cold the rest of the week.
- 27 - SUN - About 30 below with a sharp wind. Did not make the trip out to J. Ulsvud - Fern - for services today. Trains have been blocked and snowbound for about a week now.
- 28 - MON - Colder again. 29 - TUES - A little better today. Went to E. Rønning - Fern - but no services in Carfield - at Melby - today. Could not get thru. Kunde ei naa did.
- 30 - WED - Conf. class at Haugeruds. To Wrolsons - Communion. (Ella very ill).
- 31 - THURS - Snowstorm again - could not go to Thorson. Went to M. Bjørngjeld later but it was very difficult to get thru - blev haardt at komme frem.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - FRI - Snowstorm. Left M. Bjørngjeld about 11:30 for J. Ulsvud - then to Columbus and on to Flaxton. A terrible trip - fael kjonetur. 2 - SAT - 40 below zero.
- 3 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 2:00. Cold - 35 below zero.
- 4 - MON - Made a call out to Hansons - 6 miles SE of Flaxton. Maggie is very sick. Cold.
- 5 - TUES - Services at O. Carberg. Not many there - so cold.
- 6 - WED - Services in Macroom - M. Mattisen. Few there - very cold.
- 7 - THURS - Services at J. Nodslø - milder weather and more there. 8 - FRI - Read with conf. class at Nodslø. Then over to my claim. Milder weather now.
- 9 - SAT - To Fern. Conf. class at Norby. To Rossums. Nice weather.
- 10 - SUN - Services and congregation meeting at A. Utne. Baptism for Alvina Josepha, B. Jan. 11 - Parents, Mr & Mrs Alfred Utne. Nice and mild today. For some time now, the idea of dividing Fern Congregation into 2 congregations had been under discussion. Today this group decided that they would organize as the southern congregation of Fern, taking as their name South St. Olaf. They also accepted the offer of the cemetery on Pastor Buckneberg's homestead - which had already been measured out by the cemetery committee. This congregation decided to raise the minister's salary from the \$35.00 to \$100.00 a year. Election of officers:

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- 10 - SUN - (cont.) - Trustees: Alfred Utne (3); J. Nodde (2); Nels Nelson (1). Treas - Anton Wilson. Secr - John Haugerud. Klokker og Kirkesanger - A. Utne.
- 11 - MON - From my claim out to H. Bye - Ole Wick - Bergemoen - Lagerberg - Erik Johnson. Mild.
- 12 - TUES - By Lynch P.O. - to J. Anderson - K. Thorson - nice weather.
- 13 - WED - Services at J. Anderson at 2:00 - for the first time (Scandia - Thorson). Many there.
- 14 - THUR - By Lynch P.O. to E. Johnson for services. Many there. (This was Dad's 32nd birthday but he did not remember to mention it.)
- 15 - FRI - From Braaten - by E. Haugen for conf. class. To Hatlelids.
- 16 - SAT - To J. Ulsrud - conf. class. Mild weather.
- 17 - SUN - Services in Columbus at 2:00 in the Langseth Hotel. Many there. Baptism for Verna Ingrid, B. Nov. 11, '06 - Parents, Richard C. and Irene Rasmussen. After the service there was a meeting of the congregation, known as the North Congregation of Fern. I informed them that the South Congregation had decided last Sunday to organize as a separate group to be called S. St. Olaf. They accepted this and it was decided that this group would also organize taking the name of North St. Olaf. Election of officers: Trustees - Nils Duckstad (3); Even Ranning (2); Tovald Rossum (1). Treas - Henry Agre. Secr - Martin Bjornkjeld. T. Rossum made a motion that the pastor's salary be increased to \$150.00 per year but I advised them that it might be well to start a little smaller. They then decided to set it at \$100.00 - the same as S. St. Olaf. (Increased from \$35.00 annually.)
- 18 - MON - Services at Edor Christianson. Baptism affirmed - Edwin Harold, B. Dec. 29, '06 - Parents, Andrew and Anna Haraseth. He had been baptized Jan. 11 by Mrs. E. Christianson. Over to Haraseth. 19 - TUES - To Macroom - L.A. at M. Mattison. To Graneng.
- 20 - WED - To Big Butte - services at John Hagen at 2:00. 21 - THURS - Back to Flaxton - rest of week in Flaxton. (He had been gone from Flaxton since February 5th).
- 24 - SUN - Services in Flaxton - Many there. Baptism for Delbert Raymond, B. Jan. 11 - Parents, Frederick and Celia Jensen.
- 25 - MON - In Flaxton. We have had nice weather from Feb. 3rd and up until now.
- 26 - TUES - Went out to John Hanson - 6 miles SE of Flaxton - sickness there. Baptized Esther Harietta, B. March 17, 1902 - Parents, John and Mathilda Hanson. One of the older girls is also sick. Cold. In Flaxton WED and THURS.

MARCH

- 1 - FRI - To P. Grove - Ingebriktson - Fossums.
- 3 - SUN - Sunday morning to Finkenragens at 11:00. Many there. To Macroom at 3:00 - at Theodore Bakken. Baptism for Alfred Thomas, B. Feb. 9 - Parents, Theodore and Maggie Bakken.
- 4 - MON - Services at Jacob Gunderson at 2:00. Conf. class afterwards. To my claim.

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- 5 - TUES - M. Dahl - services at 2:00. To Wrolsons. Haugerud - conf. class. Stormy.
- 6 - WED - Out to Thorson - Wigdahls at 2:00. Baptism for Ervin Telmar, B. Dec. 23, '06 - Parents, Andrew and Julia Erickson. 7 - THURS - Services at J. Bergemoen. Baptism for Bertha Margit Louise, B. Oct. 30, '06 - Parents, Edw. and Tolla Lynne.
- 8 - FRI - M. Glasoe - conf. class. 9 - SAT - By A. G. Berg - C. Larsen.
- 10 - SUN - Services at C. Larsen at 11:00. To Columbus at 3:00. Stayed there over night. Wedding for Thomas Mattison and Anna Sophie Hanson.
- 11 - MON - Snowstorm. To Norby - conf. class. Rossums - Dahl - out to my claim.
- 12 - TUES - To Wrolsons. Ella, 19, had died yesterday (TBI). ^{11:30 a.m.} Back to Flaxton.
- 13 - WED - In Flaxton for the rest of the week.
- 17 - SUN - Services with communion in Flaxton at 2:00 (7).
- 18 - MON - Congregation meeting announced for Flaxton at 1:00 - too few to hold a meeting.
- 19 - TUES - Out to my claim. 20 - WED - Funeral at Wrolsons for Ella. Cemetery dedicated. (This had to be the one on our land. Dad had given the land and it had been accepted Feb. 10). Nice weather and many there. Baptism for Elsa Augusta, B. Jan. 17 - Parents, Charles A. and Charlotte Ljunggren.
- 21 - THURS - By Columbus to Flaxton - rain and slush - sleet - bad travel and road conditions. Regn og slud - slent fore.
- 22 - FRI - In Flaxton. Mild weather - the snow is disappearing fast. Mildt veir sneen gaar fort.
- 23 - SAT - Mild day. L.A. served a Lutefisk dinner in Flaxton - took in \$45.45. (This dinner had been planned for Feb. 23 but due to snow blockades the Lutefisk did not arrive then and the dinner had to be rescheduled.)
- 24 - SUN - Flaxton at 2:00. Fladmark, Kenmare, preached for me today. He couldn't get to Canada and I couldn't get to Big Butte either. Han kunde ei reise til Canada og jeg ei heller til Big Butte.
- 25 - MON - Out to John Hanson. Esther, 5, died today, and Maggie is near death. Maggie and the baby were baptized today. Maggie Ann, 21, B. Sept. 18, 1885 requested this as she knew she dying. Gladys Elizabeth, B. Jan. 18. I stayed there thru the night and watched with them.
- 26 - TUES - Snowstorm today. Drove back to Flaxton. 27 - WED - Maggie Hanson died today.
- 28 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Skjaertonsdag. Could not get out to Macroom. Bad roads. (These last 2 words were written in English - in his Norwegian Diary).
- 29 - FRI - Good Friday - Langfredag. Services with communion at J. Baglien - 2:00. Many there. Offering \$10.90.
- 30 - SAT - Funeral for the Hanson sisters - church in Flaxton at 1:00. Many people came.
- 31 - SUN - Easter Sunday. Paaske. Services in Flaxton at 2:00.

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APRIL

- 1 - MON - 2nd Easter Day - 2den Paaskedag. To Columbus for services at 3:00.
- 2 - TUES - Services at M. Hoie at 2:00. 3 - WED - Services at B. Anneson at 2:00. Stormy weather. Baptism for Esther Cecelia, B. Feb. 26 - Parents, Bernt and Mathilda Anneson.
- 4 - THURS - Services out near Thorson P.O. - at John Anderson. L.A. organized. Baptism for Gilbert, B. Feb. 4, - Parents, Peder and Kari Hanson. 5 - FRI - Services at Ole Wick.
- 6 - SAT - Read with the conf. class at Even Haugen.
- 7 - SUN - Services and communion at Hedin. Y.P.S. organized. Name - "Norden".
- 8 - MON - Back to Flaxton. Nice weather but hard to get thru as the roads are bad. To Kenmare by train (Soo). Met Samuel Peterson on the train. We stayed over night in Kenmare at the Florence Hotel. 9 - TUES - Left at 7:30 a.m. by train - Kenmare to Overly. Arrived there at 11:30. Left Overly at 1:00 by freight train - arrived Landa at 5:00 p.m. Quite a few of the pastors were already there: N.A. Larson, Minot; Ingvald Buckneberg, Charlson; Nels Ulvisaker, Mohall; Christen Davick, Crary; Joseph Unseth, Edmore; Christian Eikeness, Overly; Brevig (could have been either of 2 - Oluf, who was in Leeds from 1899-1912, or Severin, who was in Knox from 1906-1907); Lars Haatvedt, Grand Forks; Sigurd Fladmark, Kenmare. Later - H.H. Frost, Sheyenne; Jacob Hesteness, Wiprud; and Knut Bjorgo, who was Pres. of Minnesota District from 1892-1917. We had a very pleasant visit at Teigens. Havde det overmaade hyggeligt hos Teigen. Meeting continued thru Thursday.
- 12 - FRI - Left this morning for Overly. 3 of us had dinner at Eikeness. Kenmare 11:00 p.m.
- 13 - SAT - Got to Flaxton about 5:00 a.m. Had a chance to rest a little. Lagde mig lidt.
- 14 - SUN - Big Butte - services at M. Stensen at 11:00. Many there. Received offering and a little salary - lidt lon. Baptism for Olaf Aaron, B. Dec. 13, '06 - Parents, Ole and Inga Christ-ianson. To Macroom at 3:00 - services with communion at Granengs. Congregation meeting after service. Election of officers - embedsmaend valgt: Trustees - A. Bruusven (3); Secr - P. Graneng; Treas - P. Bakken. It was decided to name the congregation "Tonseth" instead of Macroom. Hans Ejsing - new member. Talked about going in with the Synod - no decision.
- 15 - MON - In a.m. to Greenberg for 2 baptisms: Milo Henning, B. Jan. 20 - Parents, Charlie and Annie Greenberg; Kenneth Thomas, B. Jan. 18 - Parents, Louis and Ingeborg Hage. A cold, raw day. To Fern - conf. class at J. Ulsrud. To Norby - M. Bjornkjeld.
- 16 - TUES - Services at C. Hanson at 2:00. To my claim.
- 17 - WED - Toso and A. Watterud visited me - besøgte mig. Then to Dahls for conf. class - enrolled 4 new ones in the class. To Mattisons - Macroom.
- 18 - THURS - By Holen - Hostbjor - Shervey - P. Johnson - to Flaxton. Received a card - brevkort - from Greenberg that his baby had died - the one I baptized Monday. Wedding at T. Larson for Harry C. Wood and Ellen Koeppen.
- 19 - FRI - In Flaxton. Little Beulah Swennes died today.

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- 20 - SAT - Funeral for Bentah Swennes, almost 5, at Presbyterian Church (Rev. Kingston, Bowbells, and Dad officiated). Conf. class in Flaxton at 2:00. Wedding at 7:00 at H.C. Hollingsworth for Bernt Ellestad and Stella Wheeler.
- 21 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00. Baptism for Denver Phillip, B. Apr. 4 - Parents, Henry and Alma Berg. To Svenskerud school at 3:00. Same text - Luke 7:11-18 - The widow's son of Nain. To Andrew Grina for baptism of their baby, Esther Marie, B. Mar. 31.
- 22 - MON - Funeral for C.Greenberg's baby - Milo Henning, 3 months. Over to Barmoens.
- 23 - TUES - To my claim. Nelsons - sickcall. Communion.
- 24 - WED - Out to Thorson for services at H.J.Johnson. Baptism for Edna Kristine, B. Feb. 15 - Parents, John and Rosie Sorenson.
- 25 - THURS - L.A. at Lynne. Over to M.Glasoe. 26 - FRI - Services at E.Melby - Prayer Day - Bededag. Conf. class. Y.P.S. Congregation meeting with election of officers: Trustees - E.Melby (3), L.Kjos (2), E.Haugen (1); Treas - Otto Glasoe; Secr - A.Holte. They decided to change the name of the congregation from Garfield to "Zion". Pastor's salary will be collected in Oct. E.Melby was chosen as delegate to the Circuit Meeting with E.Haugen as an alternate. They also decided to give the yield or harvest from 1 acre of wheat to the church fund.
- 27 - SAT - Conf. class at Dahl. To my claim.
- 28 - SUN - S.St.Olaf - services at O.Hattelid at 11:00 - communion. Business meeting following service to choose delegates to the Circuit Meeting, Tioga, in June. Hattelid was elected with Anton Wilson as an alternate. N.St.Olaf - H.Agre at 3:00. Bad weather. Congregation meeting. They decided to build a church this summer in Columbus - cost estimated between \$2000.00 and \$2500.00. Building committee of 3 chosen: N.Duckstad, E.Punning, O.Ulsrud. Olaus Bjornkjeld was chosen as a delegate to the Circuit meeting with Ole Bjornkjeld as an alternate. 29 - MON - To Columbus. Norby - conf. class. My claim.
- 30 - TUES - To Hoie for conf. class. Back to my claim.

MAY

- 1 - WED - L.A. at Mrs. Sandberg. Decided to have 1 month of parochial school this summer. Claim.
- 2 - THURS - To Mrs. Wrolson - Dahl - M.Bjornkjeld - O.Ulsrud - Flaxton. Cold weather.
- 3 - FRI - In Flaxton. 4 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton at 1:00. Out to John Hagen.
- 5 - SUN - Big Bitte - Tom Jacobson at 11:00. John 14:21. Have decided to donate the yield from 1 acre of wheat to the church fund. To Macroom - Barmoens - at 3:00. Many there. 2 baptisms: Alf, B. Jan. 10 - Parents, Ole and Ragnhild Barmoen; Alma Louise, B. Mar. 11 - Parents, Louis and Anna Sophia Steen. Delegate to Circuit meeting chosen. On the way to Fossen - we had snow. To A.Brausven. 6 - MON - To G.Fossen - communion. To Flaxton. Sickcall at Samuelson and Kopslund. 7 - TUES - In Flaxton - also WED.

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- 9 - THURS - Ascension Day. Services in Flaxton. Gospel for the day. By Svenskeruds - Lignite - and M. Eliasson. (Building had started in the new town of Lignite in April, 1907, and Svenskeruds moved there where he operated a hardware store.)
- 10 - FRI - By G. Fossen to Columbus. To J. Ulsrud - conf. class. To my claim. Stayed up until 2:30 a.m. because of a prairie fire. Theodore Utne there too.
- 11 - SAT - Conf. class - Haugeruds. By N. Nelson - H. Bye - O. Johnson.
- 12 - SUN - Big Meadow - services at 11:00 at O. Johnson. Baptism for Mabel Evelyn, B. Sept 26, '06 - Parents, Gotfred and Kristine Johnson. To Thorson - services at S. Wigdahl at 3:00. Baptism at Knute Thorsons for their baby, Ruby Ethel, B. Jan. 30.
- 13 - MON - By Sheldon Ranch - a terrible trip. To my claim. 14 - TUES - Fern - G. Fossen - Flaxton.
- 15 - WED - In Flaxton. 16 - THURS - To Christ Halvorson. To Flaxton. 18 - SAT - Conf. class - Flx.
- 19 - SUN - Pentecost - Pinse. Services in Flaxton at 11:00. Baptism for Carl Norman, B. Mar. 6 - Parents, William and Anna Smith. To Svenskeruds school at 3:00. In the evening to Sherveys for wedding of John M. Johnson and Kristine Shervey. To O. Grondahl.
- 20 - MON - To Macroom - services at Charlie Greenberg at 11:00. Then to Tom Jacobson - Big Butte - at 3:00. L.A. at Barmoens.
- 21 - TUES - To J. Nodskle - L.A. at Julius Gunderson. To Hattelid. 22 - WED - To A. Holte at 11:00 - Garfield. Conf. class following. Baptism for Bonghild Evelyn, B. April 15. To S.O. Berg for L.A. and then to my claim. There on THURS - 23.
- 24 - FRI - Conf. class at Nels Anderson at 1:00. To Axel Johnson. To my claim.
- 25 - SAT - To J. Ulsrud conf. class at 1:00. To Columbus - Langseth Hotel.
- 26 - SUN - Services at J. Ulsrud at 11:00. Many there. Services in the schoolhouse near Tvedts at 3:00. Many there. Y.P.S. organized. Later to Olaf Ulsrud. Baptisms at both services: Julian, B. April 22 - Parents, Julius and Olava Wenstead; John Alvin, B. April 19 - Parents, John and Anna Nodskle. (The Tvedt school was located in Harmonius Twp. Sec 10 - and Ole Tvedt lived in Sec. 11. The school was later known as the Sorlie School).
- 27 - MON - Funeral for Gustav Fossen, 29, at 10:00 a.m. Many there. To cemetery. Rossums. My claim. 28 - TUES - Out to Thorson about parochial school. (Mom said that Knute Thorson paid the Seminary student for 1 month of school besides rooming and boarding him). To claim.
- 29 - WED - By Fern to Flaxton. 30 - THURS - Decoration Day. In Flaxton. Nice warm day.
- 31 - FRI - Out to Lee.

JUNE

- 1 - SAT - Conf. class at 1:00 - Flaxton. Student Hegg came this evening.
- 2 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 1:30 - many there. Baptism for Oliver Arthur, B. Apr. 13, - Parents, Ole and Gunhild Stompro. Congregation decided to become affiliated with Synod.

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- 3 - MON - Drove out to Thorson with Student Hegg - by A. Wilson. 4 - TUES - Back to Flaxton.
- 5 - WED - In Flaxton. 6 - THURS - Went to Minot. 7 - FRI - From Minot to Benson, Minn. for the Church Meeting - Synod Meeting until June 13.
- 14 - FRI - Ingvald and I went to Minneapolis. Stopped in to see Reque. Snelling. Northwestern Hospital. (Dad had taught Sunday School in Reque's church when he attended Seminary. Mom thought this was Christ Church on Capitol Hill where Grandma Isakson and Caroline belonged years later. The stop on Snelling was at a jewelry store for wedding rings.)
- 15 - SAT - To Minnetonka Bay. 16 - SUN - To Colfax, Wisc. 17 - MON - and 18 - TUES - In Colfax.
- 19 - WED - OUR WEDDING DAY. (Some of Mom's recollections: They had chosen June 23rd as their Wedding Day but Pastor Kvaase had too many prior commitments on that Sunday they changed it to the 19th. He wanted to perform the ceremony - and Mom and Dad wanted him to - but the days of preparation were a little more hurried this way. Kvaase had even gotten the license for them, to save time. When the day had to be changed, to accommodate Kvaase, Mom had teased him about getting another minister, as there were others - Ingvald or Vikre Ingvald, being Dad's brother, was logical, but Pastor Vikre, Colfax, a cousin of Dad's Mother, was a minister in the United Church Conference and hardly acceptable to Kvaase of the Norwegian Synod. It was, according to Kvaase, bad enough to include him on the guest list, but unthinkable to have him marry them. Never!
- They were married at Isakson's, at noon, with Caroline and Ingvald as their attendants. Mom remembered that these friends and relatives were there: Auntie Margit (Grandma I's sister) and Ingemand; Auntie Berte and Hans Frogner (Grandpa's sister); Auntie Rardi and Chris Fingerson from Fountain (Grandma's sister); Kristi and Jake Braaten; Olga and Inga Braaten; Christ Roa and daughter Alma; Mr. and Mrs. Christ Braaten; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jensen; Mr. and Mrs. Matt Christopherson; Mr. and Mrs. Hans Peterson; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson; and Gustav Hanson, Seminary Student. He had spent the whole morning roaming around in the woods picking flowers which he had made into a beautiful wreath by braiding the stems together, and had then presented it to the lovely bride! There were many flowers to pick in June and he had made a very colorful wreath. It was a beautiful day - no wind - no rain - not hot - just perfect. Mom's dress was light blue taffeta with a white yoke and lots of white lace and lace on the sleeves also. It was "boughten" - ready-made. Blue was a popular color that year and Mom remembered several others that year that chose the same color. She had black slippers but with floor length dresses they were not visible. After the wedding ceremony a dinner was served to all the guests. There was a lot of fried chicken, meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes and all the things that went with a company dinner. There was a very long table set, with a cake at each end. Grandma Isakson, with a 6-week old baby, Agnes, had been busy, but she had also had a lot of help with sisters and cousins and aunts - and neighbors.)

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23 - SUN - Preached in Elk Mound for Kroase.

26 - WED - We left from Colfax - for Minneapolis. (More of Mom's recollections: Conrad, 7, had gone to school in the morning but became ill (?) and came home about 10:00 a.m. He insisted that there weren't too many in their family and that Ida didn't have to leave! He did get home before Mom and Dad had to leave for Colfax to get on the train. It was hard for a little boy to understand why his big sister should want to leave them and go to a place called North Dakota. Where was North Dakota anyway! Mom had quite a bit of luggage - trunk, suitcases, boxes, etc., containing all her worldly goods - linens, quilts, household furnishings, clothes, wedding gifts. They had to leave a beautiful lamp in Wisconsin - one that was about 30" high with a large china globe hand painted with a floral design. Some time later they were given one as a wedding gift in N. Dak. that was very similar. They stopped at the Jewelry store in St. Paul, on Snelling, to have the rings engraved. Dad had not been real sure of the correct size for Mom when he purchased them so did not have it engraved until later. The remarkable thing about it was that the ring he gave Mom fit perfectly. He had asked the lady clerk what size she wore, as she was about Mom's size. They had them engraved then - "A.B" in Mom's and "Ida" in Dad's. She also remembered going from St. Paul to Minneapolis by streetcar but there were a lot of open spaces between the 2 cities.)

27 - THURS - Got to Flaxton in the afternoon. (They walked from the depot to Lodmell's Store - then got a ride over to Hovland's after getting their luggage etc. Their "honeymoon cottage" was the upstairs room at Hovland's that had been Dad's home since coming to Flaxton in 1905. It was equipped primarily with books and Mom remembers that there was only ONE chair!)

28 - FRI - Got my horses that had been at T. Lee.

29 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton. L.A. Auction in Flaxton. This was followed by a Surprise Party for us and a gift - \$27.00.

30 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00. To Lignite at 4:00 - first time there. To Flaxton. (Lignite - new town. Construction begun in April, 1907 as G.N. branch R.R. came thru.)

JULY

1 - MON - From Flaxton out to Haugenud to get Hegg. 2 - TUES - By my claim. Macroom - Carberg. Back to Flaxton. (Mom had stayed in Flaxton). 3 - WED - In Flaxton.

4 - THURS - A quiet day in Flaxton. Hegg here. There was a storm last night to the west - hail and rain. Hagl - regn - uveir. (Mom remembered a few more things about her first 4th of July in N. Dak. It was a quiet day in Flaxton as most of the people had gone to other towns and places to celebrate. Hovlands were gone and so was their hired girl.

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- 4 - THURS - (cont) - Mom and Dad, Hegg, and Mr. Samuelson, were going to have dinner together. There were some nice T-bone steaks and a good coal burning stove. The only thing that was wrong with that was that the new cook came from Wisconsin where they burned wood! The more Mom fussed with that lignite coal, the worse it got. Finally Dad and Hegg found some wooden crates that they chopped up to get the fire going. After a longer countdown than planned, there was ignition, and the steaks were prepared. The bride's first dinner was a little later than planned - served at 3:00 a.m. - but it was delicious and they were very hungry.) 5 - FRI - In Flaxton.
- 6 - SAT - L.A. Sale in Lignite. Also a Surprise for us with a gift of \$35.00. To Columbus in the evening and we stayed at the hotel.
- 7 - SUN - To Larson - services at Torvald Rossum at 11:00. 2 baptisms: Curtis Orville, Born Apr. 28 - Parents, Casberg and Olava Larsen; Edna Charlotte, B - May 29, Parents, Edor and Kristine Christianson. To Garfield for services at 4:00 at Glasoe. Terrible wind from W. to drive against. (Mom's first visit to Garfield and her first look at a sod house. From the outside it looked like what it was - a sod house - but inside it was as cozy as any home she had ever been in. The walls were papered, there were rugs on the floor, and in the living room she had a reed organ that they had brought from Minnesota. Mom and Dad stayed there over night and had a very enjoyable visit.)
- 8 - MON - Conf. class at M. Dahl. To Utnes over night. (Mom remembered that as the confirmation classes met in the various homes, the women sat in on the classes too and if the men weren't too busy with outdoor work they also listened in.)
- 9 - TUES - To Mrs. Nordby for Conf. class. To Agres over night.
- 10 - WED - To J. Nodsle for L.A. Sale. Drove by our claim - Ida saw it for the first time. On vor claim - Ida saa den for forste gang. (They drove past the homestead before going over to Nodsles. None of the places Mom had seen so far looked anything like Wisconsin, so the future Buckneberg home was no more or no less glamorous than the next homestead shack. There were piles of dirt near the house from the cellar excavation because this "shack" had a foundation and a small cellar underneath. Some didn't. The original building is still standing and is the dining room of the larger house that was built around it.)
- 11 - THURS - To Columbus for lumber for the claim. Ida stayed at Nodsles. (Dad used Nodsle's wagon to haul out some lumber to build a "lean-to" kitchen on the shack.)
- 12 - FRI - Left Nodsles - by Rossum - Grina - Rossum - Graneng.
- 13 - SAT - To Ole Running but no auction. To P. Barmoen.
- 14 - SUN - Services at Gunderson at 11:00 - H. Bye at 4:00 - and Y.P.S. at Tvedt at 8:00. There was baptism for Karen Margrethe Louise, B. Feb. 28 - Parents, Nels and Anna Nelson. Claim.
- 15 - MON - Conf. classes at N. Anderson at 10:00 and Liedahl at 4:00.
- 16 - TUES - Conf. class at Nordby at 10:00 and auction at Rossums in Macroom at 2:00.

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- 17 - WED - From Granengs to Flaxton. To H. Berg - Flaxton. (Mom had seen a lot of N. Dak. prairies, having been on the go from July 6 until the 17th.) In Flaxton 18 & 19.
- 20 - SAT - I went to Macroom - to J. Krudson. Then to Rosten to trade horses. By Gundersons - Toso - to Haugen. Rainy weather.
- 21 - SUN - Services in the Tvedt schoolhouse at 11:00. Baptism for Melvin Winfred, B June 4 - Parents, Andrew N. and Margit Anderson. Columbus at 3:00. To M. Bjorngjeld.
- 22 - MON - To Iver Toso - read with the class. To Hatlelid after Krudson. To Rosten - Brother - my claim. 23 - TUES - To Columbus - bought some things for the house on the claim. Flaxton.
- 24 - WED - Didn't get back to Flaxton until 2:00 a.m. To Lignite. Fossum. Back to Flaxton. Got some packing done during the day.
- 25 - THURS - Got a load packed and loaded and drove out to the claim with it. By Garbergs on the 26th to Flaxton. 27 - SAT - I went out to Big Butte. Hegg read with class in Flaxton.
- 28 - SUN - From Hagen to M. Stensen at 11:00. Macroom at 3:00. 3 baptisms: Alice Helena Synneva, B. May 30 - Parents, Nels and Alice Nelson; Hazel Josephine, B March 22 - Parents, George and Lina Hanson; Maurine Olive, B. May 4 - Parents, Thomas and Sophie Mattison.
- 29 - MON - Conf. classes at Ulsrud and Haugerud. To E. Running. 30 - TUES - To Flaxton. T. Lee.
- 31 - WED - Out to my claim with another load. Worked until 2:00. (a.m. or p.m.?)

AUGUST

- 1 - THURS - Back to Flaxton - out to Lee - back to Flaxton. (Used his wagon).
- 2 - FRI - Stopped to see Hegg - Fossum. Out to William Olson - 2 baptisms: Luella Mildred, B. July 28 - Parents, William and Emma Olson; Kenneth Allan, B. Dec. 23, 1905 - Parents, A.P. and Sophie Van Vorst. Out to my claim. 3 - SAT - Working on my claim.
- 4 - SUN - Services at Ole Wick at 11:00. Garfield school at 3:00. To Glasoe. My claim. Baptism for Lorentz Henry, B. Feb. 12 - Parents, Harold and Anna Carlson. Big Meadow.
- 5 - MON - To Dahl for conf. class. E. Haugen. My claim.
- 6 - TUES - By Nodsles for the buggy. Then to Flaxton to get the stove for my claim. Got home about 1:00 a.m.
- 7 - WED - On my claim. (Mom remembered that this was the day they were officially moved out on the claim.) 8 - THURS - Ingvald came to visit.
- 9 - FRI - To Columbus to get some wall paper and a door frame. Ida along - to Grinas.
- 10 - SAT - In the afternoon the S. St. Olaf congregation came over to our place - Surprise Party. Gift of \$47.00. There was some rain and hail - regn og hagl. (Mom remembered that they set up planks on sawhorses for tables for all the food they brought along. Then the weather changed and there was wind, rain and hail. The women had to work fast to cover up the things they could not bring in the house. Mom stepped on a nail and they had no medication so Dad hurried to the nearest neighbor, Andrew Watterud, and borrowed som liniment. It could

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- 10 - SAT - (cont) - have been Wards or Watkins - and Mom laughed as she said "It could even have been Horse Liniment! Whatever it was, it was effective, because there was no infection."
- 11 - SUN - Mission fest at Watteruds (coulee) - many people there. Offering - \$29.24.
- 12 - MON - Ingvald and I worked in the cellar, digging out a larger area.
- 13 - TUES - Ingvald left today at 2:00 but first to Fern. Conf. class there at 2:00.
- 14 - WED - Last day of school - Gundersons. (Hegg's first summer in N. Dak. had been quite a contrast to his native Iowa. One hot day he had made the comment that he would gladly pay \$5 or walk 5 miles just to sit in the shade of a tree again!)
- 15 - THURS - Stormy. To Kjos in Carfield for L.A. and conf. class.
- 16 - FRI - To Fern - Stampede - Columbus. To Nordby for conf. class. 17 - SAT - To Eric Johnson - Big Meadow - L.A. auction - \$77.90. (L.A. sales - the women made fancywork and clothing to sell. They sold home-made ice cream but lunch was usually free. By these means they were able to earn money which was used for building their churches etc.)
- 18 - SUN - Services at E. Johnson at 11:00 and at J. Anderson at 3:00. Text: The rich man - - - Baptism for Mamie Susanne, B. July 5, - Parents, John and Thea Marie Wick.
- 19 - MON - From J. Anderson to my claim. Conf. class at 2:00.
- 20 - TUES - To Stampede - Columbus - O. Ulsrud - Claim. 21 - WED - To Lignite for funeral of Paul Paulson, 20, cousin of C.S. Hanson. To Fossum - Lignite.
- 22 - THURS - From Lignite to Flaxton - back to Lignite - claim. 23 - FRI - Ulsrud - conf. class.
- 24 - SAT - To Flaxton - conf. class at 2:00. Hovland - Grondahl - Hotel.
- 25 - SUN - To Fossum for services at 11:00. School Program in afternoon. Many there. To Ole Hatlelid in evening. (Lignite). 26 - MON - By Columbus to my claim.
- 27 - TUES - Conf. class at Haugen. 28 - WED - Conf. class at our home. (The "claim" is now "home"). A rainy day. Hegg came here from Lignite. 29 - THURS - At home. 30 - FRI - To Columbus.
- 31 - SAT - Very stormy.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - SUN - I had services in the Tvedt school at 11:00. Baptism for Alice Marion, B. July 22, - Parents, Adolph and Marie Berg. To Carfield in p.m.. Hegg had services in the Gunderson school and in Columbus. 2 - MON - Hegg left today. Nice day. Conf. class at home.
- 3 - TUES - By Carfield - Kermit - to Bilstads - Crosby. 4 - WED - To Norstog.
- 5 - THURS - Home - by Liedahl. Read with the conf. class. 7 - SAT - Conf. at home. To Macroom. Cold.
- 8 - SUN - Rained all day - no services. Home in the evening.
- 9 - MON - To Stampede - to Ulsrud for conf. class - then Columbus - and home. Home 10 - 11 - 12. Rainy. 13 - FRI - Cloudy but went to Carbergs. 14 - SAT - Class in Flaxton. To Rykkens.
- 15 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00. Many there but no communion. Baptism for Mabel Bothilde, B. Aug. 7 - Parents, John and Christine Johnson.

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- 15 - SUN- (cont) - Services in Lignite at 3:30 - with communion. Baptism for Elsie Marie Julianne, B. July 30 - Parents, Martin and Ottilde Hovland. To Hansons over night.
- 16 - MON - By Columbus - Ulsruds for conf. class. Home. 17 - TUES- Home.
- 18 - WED - By E.Haugen to Tioga. To J.Isakson over night. 19 - THURS- Over the Missouri River on the Davis Ferry. By Charlson - to Ingvald. 20 - FRI- Home at Ingvald - also Saturday.
- 22 - SUN - Mission Festival - one of Ingvald's churches. Cold weather. 24 - TUES- L.A.
- 25 - WED - Home at Ingvald - also THURS. 27 - FRI- Left Ingvald today and went as far as J.Isakson, near Tioga, again. (Mom had visited with Mr. Isakson - no relative - in Minot at the Rest Home in the '50s. He remembered her and enjoyed reminiscing over the times she and Dad had stayed at their place on their visits to Ingvald. They were members of one of Ingvald's congregations and he made "reservations" with the Isaksons when Mom and Dad came by in horse and buggy rig.) 28 - SAT- To Tioga - stayed at E.Johnsons. (Good chicken dinner).
- 29 - SUN - Services in Thorson at J.Anderson. Baptism for Selma, B. May 9 - Parents, Nels and Ingeborg Pladsen. 30 - MON- Home again.

OCTOBER

- 1 - TUES - Conf. class at Nordby. 2 - WED- Conf. class at home. 3 - THURS- L.A. at home.
- 4 - FRI - Services and conf. class at Hedin - Garfield. By Amundsons on way home.
- 5 - SAT - Did a lot of driving around in N.St.Olaf for Kirkesubscription. (Kirketidende - the church publication).
- 6 - SUN - Rain. No service in S.St.Olaf and just a few came in Columbus at 3:30. Conf. class following services. Heard about the 2 boys of O.Evenson that had died - scarlet fever. To O.I.Ronning (for lunch). To Agre - baptism for Harry Clifton, B.Aug. 25 - Parents, Henry and Carrie Agre. Home.
- 7 - MON - Funeral for the 2 Evenson boys - Emil, 19, and George, 7½, who had died of scarlet fever. Conf. class at home at 4:00. (The doctor had told Dad that he should chew tobacco when he went into the homes where they had scarlet fever and he would not get sick.)
- 8 - TUES - It was stormy but I went to Macroom - Greenbergs - then to Ed Rusten.
- 9 - WED - To Big Butte - read with conf. class at Jacobsons. Home.
- 10 - THURS - West L.A. at home. 11 - FRI- L.A. at Rossums.
- 12 - SAT - By Columbus to Flaxton. Conf. class. To A.Nygaard.
- 13 - SUN - Service with communion in Flaxton at 11:00. Baptism for Paul Gerhard, B. Sept. 7 - Parents, Torvald and Anna Lee. Lignite at 3:30. To Finkenhagen (over night).
- 14 - MON - To Grina - M.Eliasson - Columbus - home. 15 - TUES- Class at Galgerud. M.Bjornngjeld.
- 16 - WED - L.A. at H.Holte - near Thorson P.O. Home again.
- 17 - THURS - Conf. class at home. (The young people liked to come to the minister's place because Mom served refreshments to them. They had to drive to some place anyway.)

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- 18 - FRI - Conf. class at Galgeruds. 19 - SAT - To Granengs - Macroom.
- 20 - SUN - To Big Butte at 11:00 - at Jacobsons. Few there as they were busy with threshing. To Macroom at 3:00. Baptisms for Morris Martin Leonard, B. July 14 - Parents, Martin and Lena Hanson; Agnes Helene, B. July 26 - Parents, Hagen and Ethel Moe. Then home. Saa hjem.
- 21 - MON - Threshing at our place today. To G. Gundersen. Conf. class at Ulsruds. (Mom did not remember that there was much field broken yet on Dad's 160 Acres but Ole Tvedt and Ole Bakken had teams of oxen that they used for breaking up the sod and plowing and had done some for Dad. 22 - TUES - Conf. class at home. To Hatlelid in the forenoon.
- 23 - WED - Stopped by O. Evenson - those who were sick are now well - de syge var nu bra. To Fenreite - (Garfield) - services and baptism for Olga Mathilda, B. Aug. 18, 1906 - Parents, Peter H. and Perrille Wick. Conf. class. Then home.
- 24 - THURS - L.A. from Garfield here at home. (Mom remembered that this was a big day - not only to be entertaining the L.A. but to have so many come that distance. This was Mom's 3rd L.A. in October.)
- 25 - FRI - Conf. class at Ulsrud. To Columbus. Home. Stormy from south.
- 26 - SAT - A cold day. To Columbus (to get Louise Fossum, photographer from Flaxton, to take pictures tomorrow of the Confirmation class at Tvedt school.)
- 27 - SUN - Confirmation services in Tvedt school for 3 congregations. A cold day. Wedding at our place first for Knut Wrolson and Sina Haugerud. Members of the class: From Garfield - Hilma Josephine Melby (Ed), Anna Kristine Haugen (Even); From N. St. Olaf - Ole and Jacob Norby (Mrs. Anna), Johan Hendrikson (Ole), Ole J. Galgerud (J.O.); From S. St. Olaf - Clara Emelie Dahl (Martinus), Milla Josine Watterud (Andrew), John Melvin Watterud (Andrew), Chester Albert Haugerud (John), John Eldor Rosland, Oscar Melvin Toso (Iver), George Joseph Johnson. (The picture taken of the class and the congregation in front of the Tvedt school shows it as tarpapered and unfinished but in use. There was a very large crowd that filled to capacity this schoolhouse.
- 28 - MON - To Columbus with Miss Fossum (where she took the train back to Flaxton). By A. Pederson on the way home. 29 - TUES - L.A. at Ole Stompro - Flaxton.
- 30 - WED - L.A. at Hansons - Lignite. Home.
- 31 - THURS - Reformation Day services at J. Anderson near Thorson P.O. Few there. Then home.

NOVEMBER

- 1 - FRI - To Columbus - had the horses shod. Home. 2 - SAT - Conf. class - Flaxton at 3:00.
- 3 - SUN - At Swennes last night. Services in Flaxton at 11:00. Mission offering \$8.65. To Lignite at 3:00. To O. Grondahl. 4 - MON - To John Christ - Macroom - baptism for Ellen Marie B. June 1 - Parents, Oscar and Netta Olson. Then home.
- 5 - TUES - L.A. at Hoie. Baptism for Regina Theodora, B. Aug. 29 - Parents, Hans & Ida Kragerud.

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- 7 - THURS - Conf. class at home. 8 - FRI - Conf. class at Ulsrud. Cold wind.
9 - SAT - L.A. Auction in Columbus. Surprise Party for us too - \$45.00. Cold weather - snow.
10 - SUN - Services with communion at 11:00 - S.St.Olaf. 3:00 in N.St.Olaf. Cold - and snow.
11 - MON - To H.Helseth. Columbus - then home. 12 - TUES - To Garfield - services with communion at Glasoe. Grave side rites for 2 of Marius Titerud - Baby girl, B. Oct. 20, 1906, lived 9 hrs., unbaptized; Anton, B. Sept. 10, lived 4 hrs. baptized at home.
13 - WED - To McKeen - S. Wigdahl - no auction. Home.
14 - THURS. - Wedding - Albert Sendaal and Martha Gunderson. 15 - FRI - Home. 16 - SAT - To Macroom.
17 - SUN - Big Butte at 11:00 and Macroom at 3:00. By Lignite to Flaxton.
18 - MON - To Minot - then to Williston for Circuit Meeting Nov. 19 - 21. 22 - FRI - Home.
23 - SAT - Flaxton - congregation meeting. Conf. class - 6 new ones. The debt on the church is completely paid off. Gjelden til kirken betalt.
24 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00 and Lignite at 3:00. Then home.
25 - MON - To Columbus - M.Bjornsgjeld. Home. 26 - TUES - Class at O.Evenson. 27 - WED - Home.
28 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. Services at S.Wigdahl at 2:00. Discussion about organizing a congregation - Foredrag. I had been coming out there to conduct services for them for over a year now and the majority of them indicated a desire to organize a congregation but a few had doubts as it had been tried twice before and failed each time - with Pastor Aune from the Hauges Synod and Pastor Lee of the Free Church. 13 families wished to go ahead again and several others would wait and see and then affiliate if it seemed to work out. The 13 were: Henry Bye, Andrew Erickson, Svend Walseth, Peder Hanson, John Wick, Mrs. McKeen, Sam Wigdahl, J.Anderson, Olaus Hauge, Peter Sathre, Gustav Hildre, John Furness, Peder Olson. They decided to wait until next meeting for organization.
29 - FRI - Home. We have had nice weather all week - especially WED and THURS.
30 - SAT - To Columbus - funeral for Martin and Ladie Marcussen's little one yr. old boy - Slater. Home.

DECEMBER

- 1 - SUN - Nice weather. Services at Gunderson school and in Columbus. Baptism for Orris Burdett, B. Nov. 16 - Parents, Joseph and Gunda Grina.
2 - MON - To Columbus - Fossen - 2 baptisms: George Torsten, B. Oct. 25 - Parents, Hans and Helga Sorlie; Dona Constance, B. Nov. 13 - Parents, Anton and Borghild Jacobson. To Sommerness. Home. 3 - TUES - To Garfield - Melby for services and Y.P.S. Enrolled confirmands.
4 - WED - Services at Lagerberg at 1:00. Home. 5 - THURS - To Gunderson school for rehearsal for Christmas program with the children.
6 - FRI - Confirmation services at Evenson for Lottie Evenson (Otto) and Carl Evenson (Ole). 2 baptisms: Nory Arnold, B. Oct. 14 - Parents, Nels and Ida Nelson; Korman Jord, B. Jan. 17 -

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- 6 - FRI - (cont) - Parents, Kristoffer and Petra Anderson.
- 7 - SAT - To Big Butte Hall for L.A. Auction. To O. Erickson over night.
- 8 - SUN - Services at 11:00 at O. Christianson - Big Butte. 2 baptisms: Walter Marvin, B. Oct. 23 Parents, Martin and Olga Stensen; Olga Emelie, B. Nov. 5 - Parents, Ole and Ellen Erickson. Snow. No services in Macroom. 9 - MON - Stayed home - did some fencing.
- 10 - TUES - To Columbus and Gunderson school for practice with the children.
- 11 - WED - Services in Tvedt school. Nice and mild. 12 - THURS - Home. Cloudy.
- 13 - FRI - Columbus - then Iver Hatlelid. 14 - SAT - Conf. class at 1:00 - Flaxton. To Lodmells.
- 15 - SUN - Flaxton at 11:00. Lignite at 3:00. In Flaxton there were delegations from 2 congregations, Brandser's near Bowbells, and Hjelmelands near Portal, interested in having me serve them. Nothing decided. (Each of these congregations was about 25 miles from home.)
- 16 - MON - From Lignite to Flaxton to get my cutter. A little snow. Columbus. Home.
- 17 - TUES - L.A. at Julius Gunderson - and Christmas program by the children - Christmas Tree.
- 18 - WED - Services at Ole Wick at 2:00 - and L.A.
- 19 - THURS - Services at J. Anderson at 11:00 - Thorson. More discussion following the service, about organizing the congregation. The Peter Rysgaard family and Anton Anderson also wished to become members. It was decided that the congregation be called "Scandia" and a constitution was accepted. Election of officers: Secr. - Svend Walseth; Treas. - John Anderson; Trustees - Henry Bye (2 yr), Peder Hanson (1). There are now 15 families - 43 souls - sjæle.
- 20 - FRI - Funeral for Andrew Anderson's 6 mon. old baby boy - Melvin Winfred. 1 Sam. 3:18. Annual meeting for S. St. Olaf at our place at 2:00. Reports heard from secretary and treas. New families received as members: Olaf Ronholdt and Louis Henderson. Election: Trustee - Nels Nelson (3); Secr. - J. Haugerud; Treas. - Anton Wilson; Custodian - A. Wilson. Decided that each member would give the yield from 1 acre of flax or wheat to the church next year. The 10 present pledged this and hoped to persuade others to do the same. The 10 were: John Nodsle, Louis Henderson, John Haugerud, Nels Anderson, Nels J. Nelson, Olaf Ronholdt, Anton Wilson, Ole R. Hatlelid, Mathias Sandberg, and S. O. Berg. A committee of 2, J. Nodsle and O. R. Hatlelid were chosen to measure the cemetery for lots.
- 21 - SAT - Home. 22 - SUN - Services in Big Butte. Home. 23 - MON - To Columbus.
- 24 - TUES - Christmas Eve. Started snowing and it turned cold.
- 25 - WED - Christmas Day. Services in Tvedt school and Columbus. Baptism for Floyd Dillon, B. Nov. 6 - Parents, Roy and Gina Traver. To Flaxton in the evening.
- 26 - THURS - Services in Flaxton. Baptism for Orville Kenneth Edmond, B. Nov. 23 - Parents, Alfred Ingegrigtsons. Services in Lignite. To Carbergs. Good weather and many people out.
- 27 - FRI - A little colder. Services in Macroom. Baptism for Albert, B. Nov. 14 - Parents, Adolph M. and Fredrika Bruusven. Not as many in Macroom. Home. (This was the Christmas that Dad had had lutefisk twice a day for 3 days. Mom was planning a special treat for Dad

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- 27 - FRI - (cont.) - when he came home - lutefisk - what else. She served something else!
28 - SAT - Services at Nodsles with Christmas Tree. Nice weather. Big crowd - full house.
29 - SUN - Garfield school - services and Christmas Tree. Big crowd - school was full. To George Witty for baptism - Clarence Theodore, B. Oct. 2.
30 - MON - To Liedahl for conf. class and baptism for Lila Pearl, B. Sept. 26 - Parents, Perry and Judith Smithburg. Home.
31 - TUES - To Columbus. Then home. Wonderful weather. Udmerket veir.
Til Gud tilhører tak og æren.
We give praise and thanks to God.

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JANUARY

- 1 - WED - Christmas services at K. Thorson at 2:00. Remarkable mild and clear weather. Udmerket mildt og klart.
2 - THURS - Christmas services at Erik Johnson - Big Meadow - and L.A. Nice weather. Home.
3 - FRI - Home - same nice weather. Same on SAT -4.
5 - SUN - Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:00. Text - Luke 2:33-40. Baptism in Flaxton for Ethel Agnes, B. Dec. 20, 1907 - Parents, John and Amanda Vien.
6 - MON - Conf. class at 1:00 in Flaxton. Quite stormy. To Ole Grondahl.
7 - TUES - Congregation meeting in Flaxton at 1:00. It went well. Quite a few there.
8 - WED - L.A. at A. Nygaard - many there. Left Flaxton at 4:30 (Nygaards) - got to Columbus at 7:30 - and home at 9:30. Nice weather.
9 - THURS - Home. Also FRI. 11 - SAT - To Frank Bureau for baptism - Loretta Frances, B. Apr 27, '07. (Mom remembered that she went along too.)
12 - SUN - To Short Creek congregation for the first time. I was called to be their pastor. This congregation had been organized by Pastor Hjelmeland of the Free Church, Portal, and been served by him for several years. He had left in the fall of 1907, upon accepting a call to Fertile, Iowa. We had services in the school house. 13 - MON - Home.
14 - TUES - To Big Butte. Many there. Baptism for Lillian Mae, B. Dec. 9, 1906 - Parents, John and Emily Lundquist. Stormy in the afternoon.
15 - WED - From T. Jacobson to Macroom - not many there. Home. 16 - THURS - Out to S. Wigdahl for the funeral of Mrs. Wigdahl. There were many people there. Mrs. Wigdahl had died during childbirth - the Dr. had not been able to get there until after her death. The baby, Louise Severine, B. Jan. 10, was baptized at her mother's funeral. I spoke both in English and Nor-

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- 16 - THURS - (cont.) - wegian. The Cemetery on S. Walseth's land was dedicated. By Erickson on the way home. 17 - FRI - Services in Gunderson school at 2:00. 18 - SAT - To Columbus. 19 - SUN - Services in Tvedt school at 11:00. 2 baptisms: Kalmar, B. Nov. 1, 1907, - Parents, Anton and Marthea Watterud; Ragna Borghild, B. Dec. 3, 1907 - Parents, Sivert O. and Jennie Berg. Columbus at 3:00. At Duckstad. Home. Beautiful, mild weather. Snow melting fast. 20 - MON - Home. 21 - TUES - Services in Carfield - at Hedin - also conf. class. Home. 22 - WED - Services in Thorson at John Wick. Over to Walseth. 23 - THURS - Services in Big Meadow at O. Johnson. Also conf. class. Home. 24 - FRI - To Finkenhausen - Lignite - L.A. at Slind - annual meeting. Then went to Flaxton. Didn't feel well - had a cold and felt like I was getting the flu. Syg - forkjolet - grip. 25 - SAT - Conf. class at 1:00. 26 - SUN - I could not conduct services in Flaxton this morning as I was sick. I did get to Lignite and had services there at 3:00 - and then home. Baptism in Lignite for Mabel, B. Dec. 16, 1907 - Parents, Peter and Ellen Amundson. 27 - MON - At home. Sick. 28 - TUES - Wedding at Wholsons for Josie and Peter Sathre. (Mom had made Josie's wedding dress for her - white wool. Mrs. Wholson had brought her sewing machine over for her to use as Mom had not gotten one yet.) Also baptism for Hazel Leona, B. Dec. 13, '07 - Parents, Olaf and Karoline Ronholdt. 29 - WED - To Short Creek - Columbus - home. Home the rest of the week.

FEBRUARY

- 2 - SUN - Snowstorm - did not go to Macroom. 3 - MON - Nice weather - to Columbus. 4 - TUES - Another snowstorm - but not too bad. 5 - WED - At home. 6 - THURS - Services in Short Creek at Ingebrigt Nygaard - then by Columbus - and home. The membership in Short Creek: Ingebrigt Nygaard, Frederick Peterson, Andrew Bratsberg, John Larson, Even Stompro, John Uleberg, Andrew Lee, Sigurd Ness, Andrew Roen, Olaf Smeby, Einar Negaard, Nils Odegaard, Louis Negaard. 7 - FRI - Snowstorm. Home. 8 - SAT - At home. Weather a little better. 9 - SUN - Services in Gunderson school at 11:00 and in Columbus in the Methodist church at 3:00. Baptism for Cona Orvetta, B. Jan. 1 - Parents, Ole and Karen Hovland. Nice weather. 10 - MON - Home. 11 - TUES - Service in Big Butte at O. Bergeson. Home. 12 - WED - Services in Tvedt school. 13 - THURS - Services in Carfield - Liedahls. Home. 14 - FRI - At home. My birthday - 33 years. 15 - SAT - To Lignite - conf. class. To O. Hatlelid over night. 16 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:00. To Lee over night. 17 - MON - Conf. class in Flaxton. Sick calls - Haagenon - Blom - Kittleson. Then home.

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- 18 - TUES - To K. Kittleson again - Mrs. K. received Holy Communion - Alterens Sakrament.
- 19 - WED - Home. 20 - THURS - Home also today - too stormy to go to Thorson.
- 21 - FRI - By Columbus to C. Larson for services at 2:00. 22 - SAT - Home - nice, mild weather.
- 23 - SUN - Services in Macroom and Big Butte. Mild weather - snow melting fast. Wedding in Macroom - Jacob Knutson and Clara Haga. From J. Hagen to Barmoen. Home. 24 - MON - Stormy.
- 25 - TUES - To Columbus to get Fladmark. (Pastor Fladmark, Kenmare, had written to say he would like to come and visit them for a few days. To accommodate their guest, Mom hung a sheet across one end of the room for his bedroom. This was something she should not have done as it brought on premature labor for the baby that was not due until sometime in April.)
- 26 - WED - Fladmark left again. No services at Cunderson school - Ida was sick. About 11:10 p.m. our little daughter was born. Julia Marie. She came into this world about 6 - 7 weeks before she was expected and was very small, thin, and weak - kept her wrapped in flannel for several weeks and she slept most of the time. I baptized her shortly after she was born because we were sure she would die. Feb. 27 - Julia Marie.
- As Dad wrote it in Norwegian: "Klokken 11:10 p.m. fødtes vor lille datter, Julia Marie. Hun kom for det første 6 - 7 uger til verden for tidlig - var svært liden, spæd og veik - laa indtullet i bomuld flere uger og sov mest. Hun blev hjemmedøbt straks efter fødselen da vi tænkte hunskulde dø.
- (Mom remembered that John Watterud took Fladmark back to Columbus to get the train for Kenmare. John was also going to notify the Dr. that he was needed but Dr. Jensen wasn't there. Dad had gone to get Mrs. Wrolson when Mom got sick. Mrs. Wrolson told them about Mrs. Nelson, a well-qualified midwife, who had learned her profession in Sweden. She carried a real black "Doctor bag" and was very efficient. She came, and stayed for a week, taking care of Mom and the tiny little baby, until she was needed some other place. She was the mother of Mrs. Arneson and Mrs. Ljungren. Marie was so tiny and weak she couldn't eat by herself even if Mom could have supplied it - so they boiled water and added sugar to it and dripped it slowly into her little mouth. She lived from day to day - to the great surprise of everyone - and little by little started gaining strength. Some time later, when the weather had warmed up, they took this little bundle over to Watteruds and weighed her on the Kitchen scale. She then weighed a little over 4 pounds! Really a miracle.)
- 27 - THURS - Home most of the time. Also the rest of the week - 28 and 29.

MARCH

- 1 - SUN - Services in Short Creek at 11:00 at Nygaard and in Columbus at the Methodist church at 3:00. Home in the evening. Beautiful weather all day. Deiligt veir hele dagen.
- 2 - MON - To Mrs. T. Lund - Macroom - for wedding. Anton B. Anderson and Annie Lund. Home.

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- 3 - TUES - Home. Nice weather. 4 - ~~WED~~ - Services in Tvedt school at 2:00. Colder.
- 5 - THURS - Stormy weather. Did not go to Segrud - Garfield.
- 6 - FRI - To Utnes and B. Arneson. Brought Mrs. Wick home. (Mrs. Wick was either a relative or friend of the Utnes and had been visiting there for awhile. She came to help Mom for a few weeks before leaving for Canada to look for a homestead.)
- 7 - SAT - Stormy again, especially during the forenoon. Should have gone to Flaxton but could not start out in this weather - did not go to Kittlesons either.
- 8 - SUN - Got up at 4:00 and got to Flaxton for 11:00 services. Lignite at 3:00. To C. Hanson. Baptism in Lignite for Nancy Clara, B. Jan. 23 - Parents, Andrew and Celia Garberg.
- 9 - MON - Back to Flaxton for conf. class at 1:00. By Lignite - Columbus - and home.
- 10 - TUES - At home. Wedding for Nils Austaraa and Mrs. Gunhild Hassel here at home.
- 11 - WED - To Thorson P.O. - by McKeen to P. Hanson for services at 2:00. Baptism for Johan Andreas B. Jan. 11 - Parents, Peter and Tolvine Rysgaard. N. Pladsen and family - new members.
- 12 - THURS - To Oscar Johnson - Big Meadow - conf. class and services. Home.
- 13 - FRI - Snow and rain. 14 - SAT - Home.
- 15 - SUN - Services in Gunderson school at 2:00. Baptism for Palmer Knut Tideman, B. Feb. 10 - Parents, Jacob and Julia Gunderson. To Wattenuds in the evening. (Mom said they got milk from Wattenuds.) 16 - ~~MON~~ - Home. Snowstorm all day.
- 17 - TUES - To Big Butte - O. Kristianson - no services. 18 - ~~WED~~ - Macroom at 2:00. Wedding at Nodsles afterwards. Charlie Ringvald Holter and Marie Boen. (Charlie was Mrs. N's brother).
- 19 - THURS - By Columbus to Eder Christianson. Few there - some had gone - bortreiste.
- 20 - FRI - Home. 21 - SAT - Snow during the forenoon.
- 22 - SUN - Services in Tvedt school at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Cong. meeting following.
- 23 - MON - Home. Snow melting fast. 24 - TUES - To Garfield - Segrud - services and conf. class. Snowstorm in the afternoon. 25 - ~~WED~~ - Stormed all forenoon.
- 26 - THURS - By Stampede to Short Creek - services with communion. Baptism for Orlando Melford, B. Dec. 20, 1907 - Parents, Nils and Julia Ganslow. By Stampede - Columbus - home.
- 27 - FRI - Home. Hauled in some hay. Cold. 28 - SAT - Snow and stormy during the forenoon. In p.m. went to Lignite - Finkenhagen.
- 29 - SUN - Lignite at 11:00 - communion. Baptism for Helen Sylvia, B. Mar. 9 - Parents, Ole and Josephine Hatlelid. Flaxton at 3:00 - no communion. To T. Lee over night.
- 30 - MON - Conf. class in Flaxton at 1:00 - 14 present. To Lignite. Baptism at the Hotel for Theodora Kristine, B. Aug. 24, 1907 - Parents, Kristin and Yelva Jensen. By Columbus and home. Storm and snow in the evening.
- 31 - TUES - Terrible weather - stygt veir. Storm and snow. No services in Gunderson school 4:00.

APRIL

- 1 - WED - Home. 2 - THURS - Home. Much snow - didn't go to Garfield. 3 - FRI - To Columbus.
 4 - SAT - Wedding here for Mikkel Myhre and Martha Grina.
 5 - SUN - Service with communion in Thorson - Bye. 6 - MON - Home. Also TUES.
 8 - WED - Conf. classes in Flaxton and Lignite. Home. Home rest of week but went to Columbus on FRI - 10.
 12 - SUN - Palm Sunday. Services in Macroom and Big Butte. Home. Home on MON and TUES.
 15 - WED - Wedding at Nodstles - Karl Karlstad and Christine Holter. L.A. at Sathre.
 16 - THURS - Holy Thursday - Skjaentonsdag. Services in Garfield - Melby - and conf. class. Baptism for Mabel Pauline, B. Sept. 1, 1907 - Parents, John and Minnie Hendrickson.
 17 - FRI - Good Friday - Langfredag - services and communion - Tvedt school at 11:00. Baptism affirmed for Edna Lillian, B. Feb. 7 - Parents, Mathias and Bertha Sandberg. She was baptized at home Feb. 9, by S.O. Berg. Baptism for Noel Lydian, B. Feb. 15 - Parents, Julius and Lina Gunderson. Columbus at 3:00 - no communion. Got a message that Ingvald was sick. To M. Eliasson. 18 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton. Telephoned to Ray - about Ingvald.
 19 - SUN - Easter Sunday - Paaskedag. Flaxton at 11:00. Baptisms for: Reuben Luther, B. Feb. 4 - Parents, Ole and Thilda Berg; Russell Owen, B. Mar. 23 - Parents, Martin and Henrietta Grina. Lignite at 3:00. Remarkably beautiful weather. Many at the services. To O. Garberg. Heard that Ingvald was better.
 20 - MON - By Lignite - Columbus - home. Services in Gunderson school at 4:00. Few there.
 21 - TUES - Home. Also WED. 23 - THURS - Garfield - Liedahls. Conf. class. Stormy and rainy.
 24 - FRI - Home. Stormy - rain. 25 - SAT - Columbus. Storm and snow. Worse in afternoon.
 26 - SUN - Stormy and snowing until about 3:00 p.m. Did not go to Short Creek. Over to Hoie in p.m. for wedding of Gilbert Peterson and Annie Johnson.
 27 - MON - Went in to Flaxton for conf. class. Terrible for driving - muddy. Fael sole og kjone i. Left in the evening for Kenmare by train - to Fladmark. Peter Paulson died - brother of Dr. Paulson.
 28 - TUES - To Rolette for Conference. N. Ylvisaker, Mohall, and Teigen, Landa, on the train. I preached for Eikenes in Overly this evening. Didn't get too much out of the Conference the first day. Fik intet udbytte af Konferencen forste dag.
 29 - WED - To Rolette - more had come. Left again on THURS - 30. Besides the 3 already mentioned and myself, present were: Nicolai Larson, Minot; Karl Figenbaum, Esmond; Joseph Unseth, Edmore; Christian Davick, Crary; Sigurd Fladmark, Kenmare; Stener Svenningsen, Sherwood; Oluf Brevig, Leeds; Severin Meisel, Garske; Theodore Gryting, Palermo; H.H. Frost, Sheyenne.

MAY

- 1 - FRI - Got back to Flaxton today - out to J. Fossum to get my horses - then O. Stormpro.
 2 - SAT - Conf. classes in Flaxton and Lignite. To O. Holen.

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- 3 - SUN - From O.Holen to J.Hagen - Big Butte - services at 2:00. Many people there. Baptisms for Paul Ludvig, B. Mar. 20 - Parents, C.P. and Marie Christensen; Gilbert Kristoffer, B. Jan. 20 - Parents, Johannes and Amanda Hagen. To Macroom at 3:00 - communion. Home.
- 4 - MON - To Columbus. 5 - TUES - L.A. at Mrs. Julius Gunderson. 6 - WED - Home. To Wrolsons.
- 7 - THURS - Conf. class - Hedin - Garfield. 8 - FRI - Home - also SAT. To Columbus.
- 10 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00. Baptisms for: Mary Idella, B. Apr. 1 - Parents, Austen and Annie Fredrickson; Ida Bernice, B. Apr. 16 - Parents, John and Ingeborg Holland. Flaxton at 3:00. Started to rain. To Lee in the evening.
- 11 - MON - Conf. classes in Flaxton at 10:00 and Lignite at 3:00. Drove by Rival - Short Creek - Columbus on the way home. Home then thru THURS. Some rain.
- 15 - FRI - Conf. class in Macroom. 16 - SAT - Conf. class at home.
- 17 - SUN - Syttende Mai. Rain. To Short Creek at 11:00. Few there. To Columbus but so few we did not have services. (Rain on gumbo.)
- 18 - MON - Conf. class at Long - Garfield. 19 - TUES - L.A. at home. 20 - WED - Snowstorm.
- 21 - THURS - More of the same. 22 - FRI - Terrible driving conditions to Columbus. Stygt at kjore. Student Mortenson came. To Lignite - then home. Anderson came along. (Anderson was a brother of Mrs. C.Hanson and he had told Mrs. H. later that he had NEVER seen a baby as tiny as Marie - nor had he ever seen one so good!). 23 - SAT - Conf. class at home.
- 24 - SUN - Tvedt school at 11:00 - baptism for Edna Emelie, B. Febr. 13 - Parents, Bernt and Mathilda Arneson. Garfield school at 3:00 - baptism for Agnes Theoline, B. Apr. 1 - Parents, Mikael and Emma Glasoe. To Glasoe.
- 25 - MON - By the Swedish settlement (Wildrose area) - to Stordahl - by Sven Strand to Salvesson. Ingvald and I met at Old Salvesson. (Dad by driving south, and Ingvald by driving north, met for a visit with friends.) 26 - TUES - I went home and so did Ingvald.
- 27 - WED - By Columbus - Stampede - to A.Lee in Short Creek for L.A. Then home.
- 28 - THURS - Ascension Day - Kristi Himmelfartsdag - services in Thorson at 11:00 - A.Erickson. Baptisms for Mabel Frances, B. Mar. 13 - Parents, Claus and Martha Nelson; Albin Alfred, B. May 6 - Parents, John and Amanda Narin. To Lynne at 3:00 - Big Meadow. Home.
- 29 - FRI - To Lignite - Fossum - Flaxton - Fossum. 30 - SAT - By Lignite - Macroom for conf. class. To Big Butte - Theo. and Sarah Cullickson for baptisms: Twins - Elvin and Melvin, B. Apr. 14.
- 31 - SUN - Services in Big Butte at 11:00 - baptism for: Twins - Floyd Edward and Florence Elfrida B. Apr. 2 - Parents, John and Augusta Christ. New members in Big Butte: C.Christenson, John Christ, Henry Olson, Knut Christ, Christ Hagen, Andrew Larson. To Macroom at 3:30. Gunderson school at 7:00. Then home.

JUNE

- 1 - MON - To Columbus. 2 - TUES - Conf. class - Glasoe - Garfield. L.A. at Gunderson.
- 3 - WED - Rain. Home. 4 - THURS - Rain. To Columbus. 5 - FRI - Measured cemetery on homestead.
- 6 - SAT - Conf. class at home.
- 7 - SUN - Pentecost - Pinse. Tvedt school at 11:00. Columbus at 3:30 - many people. Baptism for Esther Marian, B. May 22 - Parents, Even and Marie Running. By Hatlelids. Home.
- 8 - MON - Services - Hedin. 9 - TUES - To Flaxton - all 3. We stayed at Lodmells. Circuit Meeting from WED to FRI 10-12. A very good meeting. (Mom remembered that Pastor Fladmark had been surprised when he had seen Marie. How could anyone so tiny have "chased" him away when he came to visit in February'. Mom also remembered that the weather had been cold while they were gone as some of the things in the garden were frozen when they came home - especially the string beans.)
- 13 - SAT - Funeral in the Danish church for Mrs. Marie Mogenson, 79. Home.
- 14 - SUN - Lignite - baptisms for Arthur Bennie, B. May 6 - Parents, Ole and Gurine Garberg; Lima Lenora, B. May 16 - Parents, Tövald and Jeannette Larson. To Hansons - Halvorsons. To Lodmells for baptism - Arthur Lenier, B. Mar. 18 - Parents, Lewis B. and Hilda Lodmell.
- 15 - MON - Conf. class - Flaxton at 10:00. At 1:00 on the train to Minot - St. Paul - and on to Chicago for the Synod Meeting. (During the next 3 weeks while Dad was gone, Gina Bradley, stayed with Mom.
- 16 - TUES - To St. Paul - Hamline - Chicago. 17 - WED - Chicago. P. Johnson. Ride on the Lake.
- 18 - THURS - until 25 - THURS - The Synod Meeting. Left Chicago evening of the 25th.
- 26 - FRI - To Canton, S. Dak. by noon. 27 - SAT - Out to Martin (brother, Inwood, Iowa).
- 28 - SUN - Fladager and I preached in the Inwood church today for Rev. Berge. There was a drowning that SUN. at a picnic. (Oliver Fladager was born near Inwood so was a "home-boy" and Dad was given the same consideration because he had made his home at Martin for awhile when he and his parents had come from Norway to the U.S.)
- 29 - MON - Akre - Klondike. (A visit to the 2 Akre girls - Dad's cousins - maiden ladies living in a very nice home, as they managed their farm.)
- 30 - TUES - From Klondike to Canton (sister, Lina Nelson).
- 28 - SUN - Baptism in Columbus (by Student Mortenson) for Hilda Margaret, B. June 2 - Parents, William and Magnhild Johnson.

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- 1 - WED - To Sioux Falls at 1:00. Over to Lutheran Normal School. Stayed at Phillips Hotel.
- 2 - THURS - From Sioux Falls - Willmar - St. Cloud - Ada. 3 - FRI - To Twin Valley - Midthuns.
- 4 - SAT - To Waubon for celebration - Indian Dancers. 5 - SUN - Ingvald Buckneberg and Tina Midthun's Wedding Day. 6 - MON - To Thief River Falls. 7 - TUES - To Kenmare - and to Flaxton during the night. (Grandpa Buckneberg came with Dad).

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- 8 - WED - Baptism for Russell Edward, B. June 14 - Parents, Peter and Oline Paulson. Flaxton. Drove by Columbus - then home. 9 - THURS - Carfield L.A. auction. All went very well
- 10 - FRI - L.A. auction at Gundersons. 11 - SAT - L.A. auction in Short Creek. Home.
- 12 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00 and at Molanders at 3:00. Also conf. class and a wedding for Omund Ege and Carrie Olson. 4 baptisms today: Raymond Milo, B. May 30 - Parents, Lauritz and Nancy Kjos; Sigurd Willie, B. Mar. 7 - Parents, Jens and Augusta Brodat; Borghild, B. Mar. 27 - Parents, Hans and Aagath Holte; Bron Cothart, B. Apr. 12 - Parents, Chas. A. and Charlotte Ljungren.
- 13 - MON - To Lignite - conf. class. Baptism for Leslie William, B. Jan. 27 - Parents, William and Marie Kopsland. To Flaxton. 14 - TUES - Classes in Flaxton 10:00 - Macroom. Home.
- 15 - WED - To cemetery with Hatlelid. 16 - THURS - Funeral for Arnt Holmlie, 71, (father of Mrs. Oscar - Dick - and Iver Hatlelids. He was killed in a runaway and was buried in the cemetery on our land). A rainy day. L.A. at Wholsons.
- 17 - FRI - To Liedahl - Columbus - then home. 18 - SAT - Over to Erik Dihle - then to Ljungren - sick call - Mrs Nelson - communion. (This was the lady who had been midwife when Marie was born. Mrs. Nelson always asked about Marie - "Vesle mennesket" - the little person - and had never quite gotten over the miracle of her survival.) To Macroom - L.A. auction.
- 19 - SUN - Big Butte at 11:00 and Macroom at 3:30. Then to O. Grondahl. 3 baptisms today: Sadie Florella, B. June 11 - Parents, Christian and Sophie Steen; Raymond Hallet, B. June 9 - Parents, Charlie and Annie Greenburg; Karen Mollie, B. June 1 - Parents, Sigurd & Jenny Ness.
- 20 - MON - Lignite - conf. class - 10:00. Ole Hatlelid - Columbus - Home. Ingvald and Mrs. had come for a visit. (Grandpa B. was already there. I asked Mom how they managed for sleeping and eating. They had a small table - slightly larger than a card table - for eating. They had one double bed, a cot with drop-down sides that could be made into a full-sized bed or at least a 3/4 sized bed, and a single cot. They managed!) Home on TUES and WED.
- 23 - THURS - Ingvald and Tina left today for Ray. I went to Bye for conf. class.
- 24 - FRI - Conf. class at Kjos - Carfield. Rainy. 25 - SAT - Warmest day this summer. Wedding for Iver Berg and Martha Krogh. Home.
- 26 - SUN - School festival in Lignite. Father was along and spoke in the forenoon. Baptisms for: Agnes Cunnelde, B. Apr. 30 - Parents, Gilbert and Anna Peterson; Arthur William, B. June 19 - Parents, Peder and Karen Grove. After the ladies had served dinner there was a program by the school children (Parochial School - Student Montenson). To I. Hatlelid.
- 27 - MON - Montenson to Lignite for conf. class - I went to Flaxton for class at 1:00. Home.
- 28 - TUES - Took Father over to Gundersons - to teach Parochial school. (Grandpa stayed at Julius Gunderson then. They enjoyed him very much - he was a very congenial person and interesting conversationalist - quite a philosopher. He conducted services too and everyone enjoyed his sermons - talks.)

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- 29 - WED - Macroom - conf. class. 30 - THURS - L.A. at Hatlelid - annual meeting.
31 - FRI - To Columbus.

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- 1 - SAT - Took Mortenson out to Bye. To Ljungren - sick call - Mrs. Nelson.
2 - SUN - Services at O. Hatlelid at 11:00 and Garfield at 3:00. Father spoke in Garfield.
3 - MON - To Columbus with Mortenson. 4 - TUES - Conf. class at 2:00 - Flaxton. To Fossums.
Ida went to L.A. at Jacob Gunderson - annual meeting.
5 - WED - Class in Lignite at 10:00. L.A. in p.m. Many there. Home.
6 - THURS - Garfield - conf. class at Liedahl at 10:00. L.A. in afternoon.
7 - FRI - Columbus - p.m. Rain. 8 - SAT - Conf. class at home at 2:00. Mortenson - Macroom class.
9 - SUN - Father had services in Short Creek and I had services in Columbus. Baptism for
Myrtle Alfa Lenora, B. July 5 - Parents, Nels and Bertha Duckstad. Mortenson had services
in Macroom and Big Butte - also read with the class.
10 - MON - Took Father over to Gunderson school - I had class in Lignite at 4:00.
11 - TUES - Conf. class - Flaxton at 10:00. Home. Home on WED. 13 - THURS - L.A. at Sandbergs.
14 - FRI - Conf. class in Thorson - at Bye. Only Signe came. 15 - SAT - Home.
16 - SUN - Rainy in the morning. Confirmation in Flaxton in the p.m. at 1:30. Father went with
me. Many people there. To Hansons in Lignite in evening. Members of the Confirmation Class:
Millie Josephine Hanson (Christ Hanson); Aletta Shervey (Rasmus); Anna Marie Grondahl (Ole);
Hannah Kopsland (Torvald); Hilda Antonia and Arthur Sanford Berg (Ole); Martin Adolf Fossum
(John); Lauritz Alfred Halvorson (Christ); Berman and Hilda Jacobson (Lars); Anton Johan-
nes and Anne Marie Winther (Ole); Viggs Bernhard and Valborg Lydia Strandskov (Mads);
Valborg Caroline and Hilda Kristine Pedersen (Paul).
17 - MON - By Columbus - Agre - home. 18 - TUES - Class in Macroom at 2:00 - to Graneng - home.
19 - WED - Conf. class at Hedin - Garfield. Then to Bye - Erickson - and home.
20 - THURS - Garfield L.A. at our place. Almost all of them came. (Mom described to me what was
involved in serving L.A. at that time. They came for dinner - at noon - and she served a
meal consisting of meatballs and potatoes and other things that went with that. The meet-
ing followed the meal and then later before they left she served coffee and cookies to the
ladies and men that had come along with them. This particular time, Mom said she even ser-
ved watermelon! From the rinds, Mom made watermelon pickles. She had plenty of dishes.
She had her dishes that she had brought along from Wisconsin, and Garbergs had given them
a nice set of dishes for a wedding present. Mom had also brought along a dozen or more
cups from Wisconsin that they had gotten as premiums in cereal boxes - a corn flake type
cereal called "Zest". She had nice tablecloths and plenty of silverware. Grandpa Bugfneberg
thought his daughter-in-law had done very well and told her so. The house was small then as

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- 20 - THURS - (cont) - it consisted of the room that we later knew as our dining room and a small built on kitchen. It was small for 2 or 3 people but they had many gatherings there.)
- 21 - FRI - Home. 22 - SAT - To Columbus for Mortenson. Father had conf. class at home.
- 23 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00 and E. Johnson at 3:00. Also class. Then home. Student Mortenson had services in Tvedt school at 11:00 and Garfield at 3:00. Father had services in Gunderson school at 2:00. (Art Wholson, a neighbor, came by to give Mom and Grandpa a ride to the schoolhouse. Some people walked, and some rode, and there were many different kinds of vehicles to see - single buggies, double buggies, wagons, and Albert Sordahl even came on a stone boat! Grandpa conducted the services, but after pronouncing the Benediction, the people remained instead of getting up to leave. So - Grandpa talked some more. And the people listened. They came home about 6:00p.m.)
- 24 - MON - Took Mortenson in to Columbus - a rainy day. 25 - TUES - Home.
- 26 - WED - L.A. at Sigurd Ness - Short Creek. To Columbus. 27 - THURS - Class in Macroom - 2:00.
- 28 - FRI - To Columbus. 29 - SAT - Likewise - Ligesaa. To get Fladmark.
- 30 - SUN - Mission Festival in the Adolf Watterud coulee. Services at 11:00 with Fladmark giving the sermon. Dinner served by the ladies. School program in the p.m. by Mortenson and Father. Many people there.
- 31 - MON - To Stordahl with Father. Then home. (Ingvald met them there and Grandpa went home with him for a few weeks.)

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - TUES - At home - Fladmark here. 2 Ladies Aids. 2 - WED - Fladmark left this morning - had a ride in to Columbus with John Watterud - went to Kernare by train. Ida and I went to Glasoe for conf. class at 10:30 and L.A. at Hedin at 2:00. Home THURS and FRI.
- 5 - SAT - To Lignite for conf. class at 10:00 and Flaxton at 3:00. The discussion today centered mainly on the Sacrament of the Altar.
- 6 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00 - communion. To Lignite at 3:00. To P. Grove. Baptisms for Lyle Walter, B. July 25 - Parents, Henry and Marie Wanne (Flx) Palma Odelia, B. July 30 - Parents, Andrew and Carrie Bratsberg (Short Creek).
- 7 - MON - To Flaxton - Mortenson left for the Seminary. By Columbus and home.
- 8 - TUES - Funeral in Columbus for the 5 month old baby - George Ingeman - child of Andrew and Anna Anderson. 1 Sam. 3:18 in Norw. and Jer. 31:3 in Eng. (Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Nels Duckstad were sisters and their husbands operated a hardware store in Columbus).
- 9 - WED - Home - hauled hay. 10 - THURS - Conf. class at home 2:00. 11 - FRI - To Columbus.
- 12 - SAT - Ida's birthday - fodselsdag. At home until noon. Class in Macroom at 2:00. E. Mattison.
- 13 - SUN - To Big Butte - Tom Jacobson - sickness there - no services. To M. Stensen - Macroom -

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- 13 - SUN - (cont.) - at 3:00. Home. 14 - MON - To Henry Bye - conf. class at 2:00 - Thorson.
- 15 - TUES - Garfield - class at Melby. 16 - WED - At home - threshed at our place.
- 17 - THURS - L.A. at Ronholdts. 18 - FRI - To Columbus.
- 19 - SAT - To John Johnsons (S.St.Olaf) for funeral and baptism. Funeral - Lillian Mildred, 2½ years old, died Sept. 18. Baptism - Leon Harold Selmer, B. Aug. 15 - Parents, John and Anna Johnson. (Burial in cemetery on our land. This may have been the little grave that Adolph, Julien and I tried to fix up one summer. We found a flat stone, rounded on one end, that we set up for a headstone. It may have been another child's grave - there was no identification.)
- 20 - SUN - Services in Thorson and Big Meadow. Baptisms there for: Gjertrud Mathilde, B. Apr. 5 - Parents, Helmer and Tillie Hanson; Harold, B. July 28 - Parents, Ole and Inga Wick. Then to Tioga to meet Father.
- 21 - MON - Rain. Ingvald and Father came about 11:00. We left immediately after dinner.
- 22 - TUES - Home - went out to do some hunting - shot a few ducks. Hendrickson came to visit. (P.A. Hendrickson was President - Formand - of the Northwest District. There was no one in Columbus to meet him because even though Pastor Hendrickson had written to Dad to tell him he was coming, Dad had not been in Columbus since Fri., Sept. 18, where he would pick up his mail. There was no rural mail delivery near our homestead at this time. O.I. Ronning was able to find 2 rides for him south in the hills to Buchnebergs - John Haugerud and Nick Larson. The choice was between Haugerud's wagon and slow-but-sure team and Larson's buggy pulled by a team of rather lively horses. Hendrickson chose the latter. This turned out to be an unnerving experience for him, jolting along over ruts and rocks, Pres. Hendrickson hanging on to the spring seat for dear life! He remarked to Dad after he finally arrived - "What kind of a country IS this? No roads - no mail - no telephones!!" It had been rather amusing at the time, and even though the people living there did not have the best in Communication and transportation, they were working on it and accepting what they had. Dad told Hendrickson that it would be a good idea to wait for a reply to his letter next time so he would be assured of being met. Next morning Mom made pancakes for breakfast and they were excellent. Northwest North Dakota was redeemed!)
- 23 - WED - Macroom conf. class at 2:00 - Hendrickson along. 24 - THURS - Rain. Took Hendrickson to Columbus where he got on the train to go to Crosby.
- 25 - FRI - Snow and cold. 26 - SAT - Home. Cold.
- 27 - SUN - Services at Gunderson school at 11:00 and Garfield at 3:00. Father went along and stayed there.
- 28 - MON - Home for the most. Dug up potatoes. To Thorson - Bye - conf. class at 2:00. (This fall the folks had garden produce that they had raised themselves. Last fall they

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- 28 - MON - (cont.) - had received a lot of vegetables from Ole Hatlelid, who was a great gardener. Mom remembered that they had gotten potatoes, carrots, onions, cabbage, parsnips, turnips and kohlrabi, which was a new vegetable to her. This fall Mike Eliasson had given them a cabbage so large that it was just barely possible to fit it into the back end of the one-seater buggy that Dad drove. They had never seen any cabbage like this before (or since) and it was solid cabbage - not just a bunch of loose leaves. Mom prepared cabbage as many ways as she knew how - canned Chow-Chow - and also gave away cabbage to the neighbors. The back part of the buggy was just large enough to hold Dad's brown leather suitcase that went with him on all his trips. It must have been new at one time, but by the time any of us children became aware of it, it was a well-worn, much travelled suitcase. In it he carried his books, gown, and round metal container with his fluted collar.)
- 29 - TUES - Home. 30 - WED - L.A. at W. Johnson - Columbus.

OCTOBER

- 1 - THURS - L.A. at Mrs. Nels Nelson - S. St. Olaf. To Liedahls in evening. 2 - FRI - Home.
- 3 - SAT - To Flaxton. Cold driving against the wind. Did not read with the confirmands. To Garbergs later in the evening.
- 4 - SUN - No services in either Lignite or Flaxton due to rain and stormy weather - paa grundet regn og uveir. To Finkenlehagens Sunday evening.
- 5 - MON - Macroom - M. Sorenson - conf. class at 1:00. 6 - TUES - L.A. at Wrolsons. Conf. class at home at 2:00. 7 - WED - Home. 8 - THURS - Conf. class at Bye - 2:00.
- 9 - FRI - Garfield - Long - Conf. class at 3:00. Father came along home with me.
- 10 - SAT - To Columbus to get a heating stove. (Up until this time they were using a small "laundry" stove in the main room - the combination living room-bedroom - and they had a cooking range in the kitchen. This one was second-hand, having belonged to Swennes who bought a new one about the time the folks moved out to the homestead. The "laundry" stove was not adequate for heating over night, so Dad bought one at Duckstad's which was more suitable because it could be banked over night.)
- 11 - SUN - Services in Short Creek at 11:00 - communion. Baptism for Arthur Ingmar, B. Sept. 12 - Parents, Even and Marit Stompro. To Columbus at 3:00. Baptism for Herbert Sherman Konrad, B. July 22 - Parents, Nils and Gunhild Austaraa. Home. Father had had services in Tvedt school at 11:00. Only a few there.
- 12 - MON - Took Father over to Garfield in p.m. (Teaching school). Hauled hay in forenoon. (The barn was large enough for 3 horses and a cow. Hay was put up by neighbors on share.)
- 13 - TUES - Home. 14 - WED - Hauled some hay. 15 - THURS - L.A. at Ole Evenson. Auction - O. Amundson.
- 16 - FRI - To Columbus - then by train to Flaxton - whole family - to have Marie's picture taken.

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- 16 - FRI - (cont.) - Back to Columbus by train by 9:00 p.m. We stayed there over night. (Louise Fossum was the photographer).
- 17 - SAT - Snow. Drove home from Columbus. Had lost my pony. (They had a team and a "spare". Mom used this horse (pony) with a small 1-seater buggy that had shafts for one horse. Mom could hitch up the horse by herself and it was no problem to get Mrs. Wrolson or one of her girls to go along to hold Marie. This pony was quite old and so gentle that there was no risk involved at any time. Dad had bought the horse and buggy from Erik Erikson because it was necessary to have a second "car" on the place when he was gone so much of the time.)
- 18 - SUN - Out early to get to Big Butte - T. Jacobson - at 11:00. Baptisms for Clifford Christian, B. Aug. 21 - Parents, Fred and Henrietha Sorenson; Arthur Leroy, B. Sept. 6 - Parents, Tom and Tillie Jacobson. To Macroom at 3:00. Baptisms for Karl Marvin, B. Sept. 3 - Parents, Martin and Ingeborg Ronning; Orville Alexander, B. Sept. 10 - Parents, Ole and Gina Martinson. Then home. 19 - MON - Rain. Home. 20 - TUES - Same - Ligesaa. Same kind of weather. Rain and storm. 21 - WED - Same kind of weather. Father came home - had finished school.
- 22 - THURS - To Bye for conf. class at 2:00. Then to Erikson to get my pony. (Dad had either gotten information or just plain guessed that the "old pony" - if she got loose - would go to her old home - and she had.) 23 - FRI - To Columbus.
- 24 - SAT - To Flaxton - conf. class at 2:00. To L. Jacobson.
- 25 - SUN - Service in Flaxton at 11:00. Baptisms for Ruby Olive, B. Aug. 22 - Parents, Oscar and Olava Boe; Nils Juul, B. May 17 - Parents, Jacob and Dorah Gagnum. Lignite at 3:00. To C. Hanson. 26 - MON - Conf. class - Macroom at 1:00. Then home.
- 27 - TUES - Took Father in to Stampede where he left on the train for Canton, S.D. and Inwood, Iowa. (Grandpa Buckneberg was 79 - born in 1829 - and was still teaching and preaching. Retirement at 65 was not heard of. He received a pension from Norway for his 45 years of teaching there. It was not very much but Mom thought it was about 100 kroner every quarter, but he did not have a great need for money. He was a wonderful baby-sitter and loved to bounce Marie on his knee - and Marie loved it! When she saw him coming she became all excited, knowing it was playtime. She thrived on it too and became stronger from all the exercise. Mom said she had been very worried at first thinking that Marie would fall apart when Grandpa started bouncing her around but he told her that Marie needed all the handling and exercise she could get - and Mom said - he was right!
- Grandpa Buckneberg was Seminarist and Klokken in Norway - liturgist - he read the Gospel and Epistle for each service and participated in other parts of the service also. He read with the confirmands every other time. One time during Grandpa's stay in N. Dak. he and Dad were discussing a certain text for a certain Sunday and Grandpa knew it without looking it up. Dad asked him if he was as certain of other Sundays also. "Try me." So - they went thru the

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- 27 - TUES - (cont.) - whole church year - both series - and Grandpa didn't miss a single one!
Mom said it was lonesome after he left. Grandpa was good company.)
- 28 - WED - Sick call - to Mrs. Nelson. (She was quite sick - dropsy. Mom and Marie went along this time and Mrs. Nelson was so pleased to see Marie. "At de kunde bli no menneske af dig." She was amazed that Marie had survived as she had not expected more than a few hours of life for Marie at the time she helped bring her into the world.)
- 29 - THURS - L.A. at home for the west congregation. Home on FRI and SAT.

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- 1 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00. Baptism for Otto, B. Oct. 10 - Parents, Theo and Tillie Seim. Alfred Nelson and family - new members. To Ole Wick at 3:00.
- 2 - MON - To Columbus. 3 - TUES - ELECTION DAY - Taft or Bryan for President. L.A. at Julius Gunderson in p.m.
- 4 - WED - Funeral - Short Creek - for Karen Mollie, 5 mon. - Sigurd and Jennie Ness's baby. Isaksons came this evening. (Dad borrowed Nels Anderson's double buggy to go to meet them.)
- 5 - THURS - To Garfield - Melby for L.A. Isakson went along. Baptism for Emery Preston, B. Feb 27 Parents, Emery and Mary Scott. Home on FRI and SAT. Beautiful weather. Rain SAT evening.
- 8 - SUN - Service - communion in Tvedt school at 11:00. Baptism for Lillian Mildred, B. July 17 - Parents, Martinus and Sina Dahl. Ida and Isaksons to A. Wilsons. I went to Garfield at 3:00. Not many in Garfield but many in Tvedt school. Cold and stormy from NW. (They had all been invited to Wilsons for dinner after church - Dad then went to Garfield and came for them later.)
- 9 - MON - Cold and a little snow. To Columbus - went by train to Minot. At N.A. Larson over night. (Grandpa Isakson rode along with Dad to Columbus and then drove home with the rig - buggy. He was a little worried about the weather when he was in Columbus so went to the restaurant and ate a big dinner before he started for home, thinking he might run into bad weather on the return trip. He had heard about the N. Dak. blizzards and wasn't taking any chances. He at least wouldn't be too hungry, just in case. He did not have any trouble but he had a few choice comments to make about Dad's horses - real "beer wagon horses" - wanted to turn in at each place they went by!)
- 10 - TUES - To Palermo for the Circuit Meeting - several of the ministers coming on the same train. The meeting opened at 11:00 with services - Fladmark preaching. 11 - WED - Meeting continued. Cold and a little more snow. 12 - THURS - Cold and clear. Meeting concluded.
- 13 - FRI - Left today - by Berthold - to Stampede. Isakson there to meet me. Then home.
- 14 - SAT - Funeral for Mrs. Nels (Kristine) Nelson, 62. S. St. Olaf. Cold but clear day.
- 15 - SUN - Short Creek at 11:00 - many there. Invited to Fred Petersons for dinner. Columbus at 3:00. By Stampede to M. Eliasson. Mrs. Eliasson is sick. Home by midnight.

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- 16 - MON - Conf. class at Bye - 2:00. Home. Left at 6:00 p.m. for Eliassons again - sickcall - communion. Home again at 3:30 a.m.
- 17 - TUES - Wedding for Carl Overlie and Thora Wold here at home. Services in Gunderson school at 4:00. To Haugerud - then home. Baptism for Martha Julia, B. Sept. 17 - Parents, Anton and Ingeborg Olson.
- 18 - WED - Services in Macroom at 11:00. Baptism for Milford Lovvis, B. Oct. 13 - Parents, Martin and Josephine Sorensen. Also conf. class. Stayed there over night.
- 19 - THURS - To Big Butte but no services at O. Kristianson because of illness there. Home.
- 20 - FRI - Home. Conf. class here at 2:00. 21 - SAT - Stopped in at M. Eliasson on way to Flaxton for conf. class at 2:00. To J. Fossum over night.
- 22 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:00. To Mebust. Nice, warm weather.
- 23 - MON - Home - went by way of Columbus. 24 - TUES - Services in Tvedt school at 2:00. Baptism for Oscar Alvin, B. Oct. 12 - Parents, Erik and Anna Dihle. Over to A. Ultnre - baptism there for Palmer Raymond, B. Sept. 21 - Parents, Kristoffer and Petra Anderson. Foggy day - snow in evening.
- 25 - WED - Started out for Garfield school but turned around and came back as there was a snowstorm coming from north. Went by Hatlelids and left the Song Books. Wedding at home for Christ Rud and Ella Pederson. Snow getting worse and worse. Sne vaerre og vaerre.
- 26 - THURS - THANKSGIVING DAY - Stormy and snowing until noon. Did not go to Short Creek even though conditions improved in the p.m. (Short Creek served their annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Ingebrikt Nygaard with services announced for the afternoon.)
- 27 - FRI - To Columbus - by H. Agre. Nice weather again. All 3 out today. (Mrs. Agre insisted on taking care of Marie while Mom shopped because it would be easier that way). Home SAT-28.
- 29 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00 and O. Johnson at 3:00. Then home. Baptisms in Thorson for Olga Josephine, B. Aug. 27 - Parents, Andrew and Julia Erickson; Claus Merrill, B. Oct 25 - Parents, Svend and Anna Walseth. 30 - MON - Stormy with more snow.

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- 1 - TUES - Home - weather improving a little. 2 - WED - Home - butchered. (Dad would get several small pigs in the spring to feed during the summer for part of the winter meat supply. The butchering was done by a neighbor for a portion of the meat.)
- 3 - THURS - L.A. at S.O. Berg. 4 - FRI - Home. Should have gone to Lignite for the L.A. Sale but the weather looked so threatening and stormy I did not go.
- 5 - SAT - Conf. class at home. Some snow.
- 6 - SUN - Columbus at 3:00. Baptism for Donald Mark, B. Jan. 29 - Parents, Ervin and Mary Bugby. A nice day but became stormy towards evening again. 7 - MON - Home. Somewhat stormy.

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- 8 - TUES - Over to Glasoe - C. Larsen - Columbus - home.
- 9 - WED - Services at J. Nodstle at 2:00. 10 - THURS - To Garfield - at Long - for services and Congregation meeting. Baptism for John Henry, B. Oct. 16 - Parents, Knut and Augusta Fagerland. Election of officers: Trustees - M. Glasoe (3), Melby (2), L. Kjos (1). Secr. - Adolf Holte. Treas. - O. Glasoe. A committee of 3, Holte, Melby, and Long, chosen to seek out a new site for the cemetery - a little farther west. It was decided that a trial subscription list for building a church would be tried on the condition that if sufficient money was pledged, the list would become valid and building would be started immediately, with the money to be paid next fall. If the list did not come up to the required amount it would be considered just a trial list. Holte, Long and M. Glasoe on this committee. Oscar Long and family new members. No pastor's salary has been collected so far this year.
- 11 - FRI - Stormy. Congregation meeting for S. St. Olaf to be held at our place but it was not held as too few could come due to the weather.
- 12 - SAT - By Columbus over to Iver Hatlelid for wedding of Oscar Hatlelid and Mabel Holmlie. Baptism for Clarice Norine, B. Nov. 23 - Parents, Iver and Bessie Hatlelid. By Lignite to Nils Scott.
- 13 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00 - nice and mild weather. To Lignite at 3:00. Baptism for Alma Marie, B. Oct. 31 - Parents, Nils and Julia Scott. To Stampede.
- 14 - MON - By Columbus - J. Ulrud - home. Over to Gunderson school (Christmas program rehearsal).
- 15 - TUES - Services in Tvedt school at 11:00. Baptism for Knut Vivien, B. Nov. 16 - Parents, Anton and Bridget Wilson. Congregation meeting. Election of officers: Trustees - J. Nodstle (3) B. Arneson (1) to replace A. Utne. Secr. - J. Haugerud. Treas. - A. Wilson. Kirkevaerger - Custodian - A. G. Berg. N. Nelson had collected \$35.00 in Pastor's salary. They decided that the money Wilson had collected for the church fund should be deposited in the bank. New members: S. O. Berg, Erik Dihle, Otto Evenson, Karl Karlstad, all with families. After church over to Otto Evenson to get Edwin. Home. (Edwin, 14 yrs. was going to stay at our place to carry coal, water, etc. and do chores when Dad was gone.)
- 16 - WED - To Big Butte - services at 2:00 at M. Stensen. Baptism for Peter, B. Sept. 24 - Parents, Ole and Inga Kristianson. Quite a few there. They took up the Festival Offering (Christmas) today as they knew it would be several weeks before I could get back again. \$10.75. Congregation meeting. Election: Trustees - Tom Jacobson (3), John Christ (2), O. Erikson (1). Secr. Louis Kalvig. Treas. - M. Stensen. There was some discussion about salary for the minister. Left Stensen's about 5:00 p.m. The sky became very dark and it started storming. Lost my way a little west of Macroom. Finally came to an empty shack or stable where I spent the night. In Norwegian he wrote only a few words to describe his ordeal: "Reiste omtrent kl. 5. Skyet. Blev faelt mørkt. Stormendes. Kjønte vild lidt vest af Macroom. Stansede tilslut om natten i en tom stable."

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16 - WED - (cont.) - (In the Golden Anniversary booklet published in 1954 for the celebration of 1st Lutheran Church, Columbus, N. Dak., Mrs. Leon Post wrote a story entitled, "Through the Years", where she tells about some of the problems that Pastor Buckneberg had to face: "Rev. Buckneberg traveled many miles from his homestead in Harmonius Twp. to fulfill his pastoral duties - - - baptism of a new born infant with a short lease on life - - - funerals - weddings - confirmation classes. There were endless miles of driving with horses in all kinds of weather. In early days a parish paid a mere \$50.00 a year - more or less - to their man of God. Rev. Buckneberg nearly suffered tragedy one time when he was returning to his homestead shack after a long drive from one of his services. There was a blizzard and he became lost. He was aware of the fact that his horses were exhausted, and if they failed - - - all was lost. Providence provided an empty shack, where he unhitched his horses and led them into the shack. He removed the robes and blankets from his rig and put them on his horses - and then proceeded to walk to overcome drowsiness that would mean death. He walked around his horses and out into the storm around the shack. When nearly exhausted, he would lift the robe off a horse and lean against the warm animal, drawing the robe over both - - and rest a bit before walking some more. Dawn came at last with enough visibility so that he at last found his own place. Certainly, a pioneer minister was definitely not as the "lilies of the field". "

Mom remembered a few other other things: When daylight came Dad hitched up the horses again and started driving. There were no recognizable landmarks to be seen, no roads, just lots of snow and drifts. Before too long he saw another rig approaching and it was someone he knew - Louis Steen - on his way to Columbus. He asked Dad what he was headed for so early in the morning, and Dad told him about spending the night in an old abandoned building after becoming lost and was now heading for home. Steen told him that he was headed in the wrong direction then. So Dad turned around again and started driving west - finally reaching home at 11:00 a.m. He was very tired and hungry but could stay home only long enough to eat, change clothes, refresh himself a little, and then started out again at 12:00 - Noon - for Thorson.)

17 - THURS - Foggy this morning also. Hard to find the way but finally made it. Home by 11:00 a.m. Left again at noon - 12:00 - for Thorson - services at 2:00 with congregation meeting. Quite a few there. Baptism for Lillian Mildred, B. Dec. 3 - Parents, Peter and Josie Sathre. Home in the evening - very tired.

Election of officers: Trustees - Alfred Nilsson (3), P. Rysgaard (2), H. Bye has 1 year left. Secr. - S. Walseth. Treas. - John Anderson. The treasurer announced that \$31.00 had been collected for pastor's salary - prestelon. There was some discussion about this congregation going along with White Earth to call a pastor. Not much enthusiasm for that but it was granted that there was a need. Any decision would have to wait until next meeting as there were some missing today. Mr & Mrs Carl Overlie - new members.

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- 18 - FRI - Funeral at John Ulsrud for their baby, Marie, 1 month old, at 11:00. In p.m. over to Hatlelids for Song practice.
- 19 - SAT - Home in the forenoon. To Gunderson school at 3:00 to rehearse the children for Christmas program. Nice and mild weather.
- 20 - SUN - Macroom at 2:00. By Graneng. Home. 21 - MON - Wedding for Carl Granrud and Marie Baglien at our home. (Mom remembered that it was a cold day and that Marie had brought her wedding dress along to change into after they came there. She did this out in the little kitchen which was very cold as there was a wind from NW. Mom remembered that she had served coffee to them before they left for Lignite again after the wedding. Hazel McLean, Bismarck, daughter of Carl and Marie Granrud told me some more things about the wedding, in 1975. The reason she had to change her dress was very simple. She had ordered this dress from a mail order catalog but it had not come for the day chosen as their wedding day. However, on their way to Bucknebergs they drove past the mailbox and there was the package containing her wedding dress. So, instead of having to wear an old dress, she changed into the new one after coming to Bucknebergs. Marie also remembered that Dad had sung both before and after the vows, Not only did she remember him singing, but at age 89 she could still remember the numbers of the hymns in the hymnbook and the words - ##437 and #438 in Synodens Salmebog - and sang them to her daughter. Marie told her daughter that she had also been at Dad's Ordination in Flaxton - she was about 17 - and she remembered the ministers wearing white. And the moment when Dad kneeled and placed his hand on the Bible for the vows of Ordination were the most solemn and impressive she had ever experienced. She also remembered the day of their wedding when Mom had taken her by the hand and remarked about how cold her hands were and that they must not leave until she was nice and warm again. She said Mom had made supper for them before they started out for Lignite again. Mrs. Granrud died during the summer, July, 1975 at the age of 89, alert and sharp up to the last and enjoying these memories. Carl Granrud is still living, age 94, in Noonan at a daughter.)
- 22 - TUES - Home in a.m. To Gunderson school in p.m. for rehearsal with the children for the Christmas Tree Program. 23 - WED - To Columbus. Edwin along.
- 24 - THURS - Christmas Eve. At home. Cold and stormy in the evening.
- 25 - FRI - CHRISTMAS DAY - Services in Tvedt school at 11:00 and Garfield school at 3:00. Christmas Tree and program in Garfield - Juletraefest. Ida and Marie stayed at S.O.Bergs while I went to Garfield. Christmas Tree in Tvedt school at 7:00 - many people there. Program by the children and adults - born og voksne. The L.A. gave us a dining room table for Christmas present.
- 26 - SAT - 2nd Christmas Day. Stormy here this forenoon in the hills - did not go to Columbus for services at 11:00. It had not been so bad down on the flats and many had been there and expected me. To Short Creek at 3:00 at Negard. From there to O.Hatlelid.
- 27 - SUN - To Flaxton for services at 11:00 and Lignite at 3:00 - services and Christmas Tree.

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- 27 - SUN - (cont.) - There were many people there. Left later in the evening for Columbus and stayed at the G.N. Hotel.
- 28 - MON - Home in the morning. (Mom remembered that Dad brought along a huge sack of nuts and candy for "Baby Buckneberg" that had been given to him at the Lignite Christmas Tree Program. The sack was as large as the baby herself!) Services and Christmas Tree at J. Nodsle at 2:00. Many there and the weather was nice.
- 29 - TUES - Out to Thorson. It was a very nice day so Ida and Marie went along too. First we went to P. Sathre for the funeral of their little baby, Lillian Mildred, B. Dec. 3, less than a month old. She had died Dec. 22. By noon a real blizzard had developed - hard to even go to the cemetery from the house - just a few did. Ida stayed at the house with Marie. The storm kept getting worse and worse - and we had to stay there over night. Services had been announced for 2:00 but could not have any. The weather was the same all night and WED -30- also bitterly cold but it cleared somewhat so we drove home later in the p.m. and got home before dark. (Mom remembered that trip vividly. All the people that came for the funeral had to stay over night - Nelsons, Mrs. Wrolson, Ronholdts, Arnesons, Sathres. Mrs (Ida) Nelson and Mrs. Ronholdt were sisters. Sathres house consisted of one room and there was one bed. Mom and Mrs. Nelson had babies so they slept in the bed and all the others slept on the floor - or sat in chairs - bringing in all the blankets and robes from their rigs. Not only did Mrs. Sathre have to house all these people, but she had to feed them. They had brought in a frozen hind quarter of pork so they had a meal of that. She then put the remainder of it outside to firm up again for easier slicing, as it thawed out in the house. They never saw it again because Pladsen's dog ran away with it. When they ran out of bread, she made pancakes. They had lots of coffee and there was milk for the babies because they had a cow. It was an unforgettable trip for all. When they came home Mom found that her big Myrtle Tree, a gift from Mrs. M. Eliasson, had frozen. It had gotten quite cold in the house.)
- 31 - THURS - Bitterly cold weather. Home - the last day of 1908.

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- 1 - FRI - New Year's Day. A cold day. To Macroom for services at 11:00. Few there. To Big Butte to Tom Jacobson - only 4 visitors. No services. To Granengs.
- 2 - SAT - Read with Clara Hanson. Mild weather today. Home.
- 3 - SUN - To Columbus for services at 11:00. Few there. To Larson at 3:00. More there. Baptism Onton Clarence, B. Nov. 28, '08 - Parents, Nils and Grace Gunderson. To Rossums for baptism - Korine Thelma, B. Dec. 13, '08 - Parents, Thorvald and Ida Rossum. Stayed there over night.
- 4 - MON - Cold. Snow drifting. Home. Broke a part on the cutter - kjorte cutter sundt.

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- 5 - TUES - Home - extremely cold - 44 below zero. Did not drive in to Flaxton. Congregation meeting was announced for today but that will have to be later. Heard that Dr. Paulson in Flaxton had been badly frozen. (Mom had tried to talk Dad out of making the trip to Flaxton but he felt that he had to go - because it was announced - and also did not feel that he would have too many problems driving by daylight. After he left, Mom watched him drive off - and kept watching the rig, a dark spot on the white snow, getting smaller as the minutes went by until it disappeared over the hill north of Watteruds. But she kept watching the horizon thru the little hole she had melted in the thick frost on the window and before many more minutes had passed, she was very thankful to see his rig returning. One mile out of the 30 ahead of him had convinced Dad that this day was not one to be spent on the road. Later they found out that it was 44 degrees below zero. Dr. Paulson had made a call to someone living about 7 miles out in the country and on the return trip to Flaxton he had fallen asleep. He was exhausted from working 4 days and nights without much sleep. Even without his hands on the reins, the horses had taken the right road back to Flaxton and stopped out in front of his office. He was discovered and carried in to the Drug Store where they worked with him to revive him. It was feared that he had frozen his lungs from inhaling so much cold air thru his mouth while sleeping, but he recovered. If the distance and time had been greater, the results could have been tragic for the Dr. and the whole area that depended so much on him.)
- 6 - WED - To Columbus. L.A. at Mrs. A. Anderson - not many there. Took my cutter over to Hoiby (blacksmith) to get fixed.
- 7 - THURS - I rode horseback over to Utne - he took his big rig and we went to the schoolhouse (Tvedt) to get the table - spisebord - that we had received from the L.A. for Christmas. The Utne family came along to our place for awhile - had coffee served on the new table. Cold.
- 8 - FRI - Cold and snow. Did not go to Garfield - Longs - for class. 9 - SAT - Home - still cold.
- 10 - SUN - To Thonson. Cold and much snow. No service. Only 5 men showed up.
- 11 - MON - Home. Cold and snow. 12 - TUES - To Columbus for congregation annual meeting. Election: Secr. - M. Bjorngjeld; Treas. - H. Agre; Trustee - A. Sommerness (3). John Salvesson and family - new members. They decided to assess - udligne - each member \$5.00 for minister's salary - and to pay the \$25.00 annual rent for the use of the Methodist church that we are using for our services. 13 - WED - Home. Conf. class.
- 14 - THURS - To Short Creek - services at Sigurd Ness. By Columbus. Dark for driving and I lost my way. Came to Axel Pearson and stayed there over night. (Driving south from Columbus - all he could see was a vast, white wilderness; after dark one snowdrift looked just like all the rest. After driving for some time and unsuccessfully locating anything familiar, he realized that he was lost. He kept driving, however, and finally saw a tiny light off in the distance and darkness and headed that way until he was stopped by a wire fence. He tied his team of horses to a post and started walking towards the light, hoping and praying that this little

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- 14 - THURS - (cont.) - Light would continue burning until he reached it. There was a coulee between him and the light, but he kept on walking thru the deep snow and finally reached the house, which was Axel Pearson's home. Axel and Dad went back to get the horses and then Dad spent the remainder of the night there.)
- 15 - FRI - Snow and stormy. (But he did get home during the forenoon.)
- 16 - SAT - Mild this morning but snow and storm later in the day.
- 17 - SUN - Very cold. Did not make the trip to Lignite and Flaxton. (Dad's announcements were always made with the preface, "God Willing", so any failure on his part to show up for a service had to be for a very good reason.)
- 18 - MON - Nice today. Home. 19 - TUES - To Big Butte - T. Jacobson at 2:00. Stayed overnight.
- 20 - WED - Macroom at 11:00 - services and annual meeting of congregation following. Read with conf. class also. Drove to M. Myhre in evening. Election of officers at meeting: Secr. - P. Craneng; Treas. - P. Berg; Trustee - Tom Rossum (3). They discussed salary and decided they would try to pay \$50.00 annually and more if they could manage it - besluttet at love \$50.00 aarlig til prestelon og hvad mere dem kan skaffe. A committee of 2 was chosen to look into obtaining a better site for the cemetery - Craneng and L. Steen - and to report on this in February. The date for the annual meeting was changed to 2nd Wed. in Dec.
- 21 - THURS - Stormy again. No services at Gundersons. Drove home. Home the rest of the week.
- 24 - SUN - Services in Tvedt school at 11:00 and Garfield at 3:00. Home in evening. Home MON.
- 26 - TUES - To Lignite for Congregation meeting. Nice weather and there were many there. At Hansons over night. Election of officers at meeting: Finkenhagen re-elected as secretary. Treas. - Ole Holen; Trustee - J. Berg (3). There was some discussion about dividing the congregation. (Lignite and Flaxton were Immanuel Cong.) O. Finkenhagen, Lignite, and John Vien, Flaxton, were chosen to be responsible for laesegudstjeneste - reading the service by laymen - if the pastor is unable to be there for some reason. Svenskerud and Lee were chosen as ushers (or custodians to have things in readiness at meeting place).
- 27 - WED - Short Creek - services, L.A., and congregation meeting at Odin Stompro. Every one present. I had been serving them now for a year. Salary paid as promised. There was some discussion concerning the site for the cemetery. Baptism for Bertha Amanda, B. Nov. 22, '08 - Parents, Andrew and Bertha Lee. To Negaards over night.
- 28 - THURS - By Columbus and home. Stormy again. 29 - FRI - Clear and cold. Klart og koldt.
- 30 - SAT - Colder. Julius Jaeger (Dad's nephew, Ingeborg's son) came here from H. Bye. He had filed for land Jan. 26 in McKenzie Co., Sec. 15, Twp. 152, R. 96.
- 31 - SUN - Services in Larson at Beito - 11:00 - and Columbus at 3:00. Two baptisms: Sverre, B. Nov. 14, '08 - Parents, Anton and Borghild Jacobson; Erik Bennett, Dec. 12, '08 - Parents, Henry and Carrie Agre. To Agres over night.

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- 1 - MON - Home. 2 - TUES - To Macroom at 2:00 - M. Ronning - services and conf. class. Home.
- 3 - WED - To Thorson - services at 11:00 - at Waltheth. There was a special meeting called following the service concerning the Call Letter which was to be sent out by the trustees for another minister. They promised \$60,00 in salary plus festival offerings - Hoitids offer. (The reason for calling another minister was that Dad and Mom were planning to move to Lignite in the fall and Thorson was too far away to serve very regularly. The congregation in Lignite had already made plans to build a parsonage during the summer.)
- 4 - THURS - To J. Nodde - and G. Gunderson. Baptism for Nils Julien, B. July 9, '08 - Parents, Cunder and Anne Marie Gunderson. Home on FRI and SAT.
- 7 - SUN - Cold and drifting. Could not go to Lignite and Flaxton as announced.
- 8 - MON - To Columbus. 9 - TUES - Short Creek - services at Andrew Lee at 11:00. Home.
- 10 - WED - Macroom for services at 2:00. Conf. class. Nice - but cold. Report from the committee on cemetery sites. Choice of 2 places - on P. Berg's or O. Berg's land.
- 11 - THURS - Snow and cold wind from NW - drifting. Didn't go to Big Butte. Went home. Had stayed at Cranengs last night. Julius along. 12 - FRI - Home. Cold but clear.
- 13 - SAT - Same kind of weather - to Columbus - home.
- 14 - SUN - Services in Tvedt school - 11:00. Baptism for Sigurd Arctander, B. June 30, 1908 - Parents, Mons and Marie Stokke. Gunderson school at 3:00. My birthday - 34 years old.
- 15 - MON - Home. 16 - TUES - Garfield - services at Melby at 2:00. Baptism for George Martin, B. Sept. 23, '08 - Parents, Anton and Thora Johnson. Report from the cemetery committee and it was decided to move the cemetery to a new site. The committee will measure out the 2 acres and also get the deed for it. Julius went along. Nice weather.
- 17 - WED - Very stormy and cold again - could not go to Lignite.
- 18 - THURS - To Flaxton for services at 2:00. Baptism for Joseph Isak, B. Jan. 1 - Parents, John and Amanda Vien. Rather stormy in the forenoon but quite nice later in the day.
- 19 - FRI - Stayed over night at Paulson - Grina (Store). By Lignite - to Macroom for conf. class. Home in the evening. 20 - SAT - Home for the most. Funeral for Leon Harold Setmer, 6 months, son of John and Anna Johnson (S. St. Olaf).
- 21 - SUN - Short Creek - 11:00 at E. Stompro. Nice weather and many there today. To Columbus at 3:00. From A. Sommerness - home. Julius along. 22 - MON - Home.
- 23 - TUES - To Larson for services at 2:00 - Nordby. By Columbus - home. Clear - nice - a little cold. Klart - pent - lidt holdt. Julius along.
- 24 - WED - To Ole Wick at 2:00 for services. Many there but the weather was stormy. To Overlie.
- 25 - THURS - Services in Thorson at 11:00. Mild - but not many there. Home. A little snow during the day - heavier towards evening.
- 26 - FRI - Home. Weather quite nice. Marie is one year old today.

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- 27 - SAT - Mild. By Columbus to I. Hatlelid - P. Grove.
28 - SUN - Flaxton at 11:00. To Lee. Lignite at 3:00. Mild weather. Julius along. Home.
Baptism for Arnold Nelius, B. Nov. 24, '08 - Parents, Ole and Gunhild Stompro.

MARCH

- 1 - MON - Foggy weather. To Tioga - nice weather - left home at 1:00 and arrived there at 5:30. 2 - TUES - Met Ingvald this morning. Theodore Gryting, Palermo, came last night also. Meeting held in the schoolhouse at 1:00. We all stayed at Olson Hotel.
3 - WED - Went home - nice mild weather. Left there at 9:00 and got home at 3:00.
4 - THURS - Services in Gunderson school at 11:00. Baptism for Louis Adolph, B. Jan. 7 - Parents, Albert and Martha Serdahl. Tvedt school at 3:00. A little stormy but mild. Roosevelt steps down - Taft is inaugurated as President of U.S.
Roosevelt's Aftraedelse og Taft's Tiltraedelse Dag - Torsdag, 4de Mars, 1909.
5 - FRI - Home. Remarkably beautiful and mild today. Udmerket pent og mildt.
6 - SAT - Colder. To Macroom - conf. class at Barmoens at 2:00.
7 - SUN - Big Butte - at John Christ at 11:00. Macroom at 3:00. Baptism for Hazel Margarethe Constance, B. Jan. 19 - Parents, Jacob and Clara Knutson. Many at both places but especially so at Macroom. The congregation voted on their choice of cemetery site to be located on land belonging to P. Berg or O. Berg. 6 voted for O. Berg and 5 for P. Berg. Also collected for Laererton - Teacher's Salary Fund - \$6.25 at Big Butte - \$8.50 in Macroom - \$10.50 in S. St. Olaf Mar. 4. A little snow but mild during the day. Home.
8 - MON - To Columbus. Drove with buggy. 9 - TUES - Services at Signud - Garfield - at 2:00. Conf. class. Home. 10 - WED - Home. Nice day. Nodsles came over to visit us.
11 - THURS - L.A. at Sandberg. Ida along too. 12 - FRI - Home in a.m. To Theo. Westernness in p.m. for baptism of Mabel Bertha, B. Jan. 23. 13 - SAT - To Macroom - conf. class.
14 - SUN - Larson at 11:00 - Columbus at 3:00. Then home. Drove with buggy.
15 - MON - Home thru WED. Nice, mild weather. 18 - THURS - Services in Short Creek. Over to Fred Peterson. Columbus. Heard about Adolph Watterud's death - endeligt.
19 - FRI - Home. Also SAT. Beautiful, mild weather. Snow goes fast. Sneen gik hurtig.
21 - SUN - To Lignite and Flaxton. Baptism for Mavis Idella, B. Jan. 23 - Parents, Erik and Petra Myhre (Lignite). Colder. A little snow, fog and rain. Lidt sne, taage og regn. Bad roads. Many in Lignite - few in Flaxton. Over to Lee for a little while. Also saw Dr. Paulson. Stayed at the hotel over night.
22 - MON - By Lignite - John Otheim along. At Svenskeruds for dinner. By Macroom - home. Foggy during the morning but better later in the day.
23 - TUES - Colder. The east L.A. at our place today. Funeral for A. Watterud today too.

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- 24 - WED - The west L.A. met at Nels Nelson. Mild day.
- 25 - THURS - Services in Tvedt school at 11:00 and Gunderson school at 3:00. Baptism for Calma Aletta, B. Feb. 7 - Parents, Karl and Christine Karlstad. Mild and cloudy. Then about 4:00 it became stormy with snow from NW.
- 26 - FRI - Macroom - conf. class. Terrible driving conditions - Slept at kjore.
- 27 - SAT - Home. Colder with a little more snow.
- 28 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00. By Alfred Nelsons. Baptism for their little girl, Inez Christine Alfrida, B. Feb. 16. Then to Louis Lovdahl for services at 3:00 - Big Meadow. Baptism for Lovdahl's boy, James Lorentz, B. Dec. 22, 1908. Home.
- 29 - MON - Home for the most. Over to A. Watterud in a.m. - til forlig - counselling.
- 30 - TUES - To Big Butte at 2:00 - Ole Kristianson. Many there. A Skogheim spoke briefly. Received some salary - \$21.00 - from O. Erickson, trustee. Home.
- 31 - WED - To Garfield at 2:00 - M. Glasoe. It was such a nice, mild day that Ida and Marie also went along with me. Home in the evening.

APRIL

- 1 - THURS - Home - nice weather. 2 - FRI - Conf. class in Macroom at 2:00.
- 3 - SAT - Nice and mild. Home. Julius came home from Flaxton.
- 4 - SUN - Confirmation and communion service in Macroom at 2:00. Many there. There was snow during the night and cloudy with snow this forenoon but it turned nice in the p.m. Members of the class: Clarence Benjamin Grinde (Lars); Henry Gerhart Hanson (George); Clara Marie Hanson (Martin).
- 5 - MON - I was at home today. Julius and Ida went to Columbus; Marie at Watteruds.
- 6 - TUES - Spent the day studying. Ida and Julius to L.A. at Nodsles.
- 7 - WED - L.A. at B. Arneson in p.m. 8 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Nice, mild day. Services in Tvedt school at 11:00 - also communion. Baptism for Gladys Eleanora, B. Mar. 12 - Parents, Bernt and Mathilda Arneson. Gunderson school at 3:00. Stormy in evening & night.
- 9 - FRI - Good Friday. Services in Columbus at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Many met up in Larson. To E. Ulsrud over night. 10 - SAT - Conf. class in Columbus at 10:00. 5 enrolled in class. By Lignite to Flaxton.
- 11 - SUN - Easter Sunday. Services in Flaxton at 11:00 and Lignite at 3:00. Colder. To S. Ness.
- 12 - MON - Services in Short Creek at 11:00 at Negaard. Baptism for Esther Linnea, B. Feb. 7 - Parents, John and Tecla Larson. Storm and snow in p.m. Home.
- 13 - TUES - Services in Thorson at 11:00. Baptism for Lila Levernie, B. Mar. 3 - Parents, Louis and Ingeborg McKeen. J. Johnson at 3:00. Milder. Home.
- 14 - WED - Home in a.m. In p.m. to S.O. Bergs and Hatlelids. 15 - THURS - To Columbus to get

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- 15 - THURS - (cont.) - trees - and other things. Julius along.
- 16 - FRI - Home most of the time. 17 - SAT - Conf. class at home - 2:00.
- 18 - SUN - Services in Garfield at 3:00. Baptism for Arthur Trenton, B. Feb. 2 - Parents, Edw. and Hannah Shirley. Young People's Society - Ungdomsforening - at M. Glasoe at 6:00. Over night at Glasoe. 19 - MON - Conf. class at Liedahl at 10:00. Julius to work at Otto Glasoe.
- 20 - TUES - To Thorson - conf. class at J. Johnson at 2:00. By the Store. Home. Beautiful weather this week. Home rest of week until SAT. Then to Stampede in a.m. Conf. class at Anderson in Columbus. Then home.
- 25 - SUN - Tvedt school at 11:00. Baptism for Eddie, B. Mar. 15 - Parents, John and Tillie Haugerud. Gunderson school at 3:00. Mild but cloudy.
- 26 - MON - South to Ole Erickson for baptism of Karl Johan, B. Dec. 18, '08 - Parents, Jens and Marie Ness. To H. Bye for conf. class. Stormy and cold. Home.
- 27 - TUES - Conf. class at home at 2:00. Home thru FRI. Cold - some snow but beginning to melt some towards the last part of the week.

MAY

- 1 - SAT - To Columbus.
- 2 - SUN - To Lignite at 11:00. Edwin took my horses home and I went to Flaxton by livery and had services there at 3:00. Left during the night by train from Flaxton to Minot.
- 3 - MON - Left Minot about 11:00 a.m. for Devils Lake. There I met Helge Aanestad, Carpio; Christen Davick, Pingree; and N.A. Larson, Minot. Later - Ole Akre, Velva; Edwart Struxness, Mohall; Martin Teigen, Landa; Herman Sauer, Towner. Left Devils Lake at 4:00 - arrived in Garske at 5:00 where Severin Meisel is pastor.
- 4 - TUES - Conference began. The following came in the evening: Jacob Hesteres, Wiprud; Carl Quill, Bowden; Anders Fimmeland, Carrison; Hans Hjeremstad, Lakota; H.H. Frost, Sheyenne; Christian Eikenes, Overly.
- 5 - WED - Joseph Unseth, Edmore, came this morning and Sigurd Fladmark, Kermare in evening. Services with communion. Under discussion were the following subjects: America; Luther College; Sons of Norway; illegal living together; illegal marriage - ulovligt aegteskab; When can a minister withdraw from the ministry; Conference division; etc.
- 6 - THURS - Left this evening by automobile for Devils Lake - 6 of us. Took the train from D.L. and came to Minot during the night. Some of us went over to N.A. Larson.
- 7 - FRI - Left Minot at 2:30 p.m. on the Soo - Aanestad and Fladmark also. Got to Columbus in the evening and took the livery home. Hotel in Columbus had burned last night.
- 8 - SAT - To Columbus for conf. class at 2:00. Then home.
- 9 - SUN - Services in Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Then home.

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- 10 - MON - Conf. class at H. Bye at 2:00. Also planted 750 trees. Rain during the night.
- 11 - TUES - L.A. at Hoies - not many there. 12 - Home - rain - no class. Home 13 - THURS -
- 14 - FRI - Conf. class at L. Kjos at 1:00. Home. 15 - SAT - Conf. class at Bye at 2:00. Ida and Marie to "Young Girl's Society" - Smaapigeforening - at J. Gunderson. (Mom and Mrs. Julius Gunderson started working with this group which had as its aim to raise funds for something in the church that they would eventually build.) Jens Nygaard, Seminary student came.
- 16 - SUN - Macroom at 11:00. Baptisms for: Clarence Tilman, B. Mar. 19 - Parents, Charles and Marie Holter; Gudrun, B. Mar. 18 - Parents, Ole and Ragnild Barmoen. To Big Butte at 3:30 but few there. 17 - MON - To Miller mine and Columbus. Home. Rain and wind.
- 18 - TUES - Home - working on my report for Circuit Meeting in Carpio. Referat. Also WED.
- 20 - THURS - Ascension Day. To Garfield school but no service. 21 - FRI - Class at home.
- 22 - SAT - Conf. class in Columbus at 2:00. Home.
- 23 - SUN - I went to Thorson at 11:00 - baptism for Henry Orlo, B. May 1 - Parents, John and Lettie Marie Anderson. To Lagerberg at 3:00. Also conf. class. Home. Student Nygaard had services in Tvedt at 11:00 and Gunderson at 3:00. Baptism for Mabel Elizabeth, B. Apr. 14 - Parents, B.S. Siverson - wife Bertha Marie.
- 24 - MON - Beginning of term of parochial school in Tvedt school. Drove around to quite a few places to let them know about it. 25 - TUES - Home.
- 26 - WED - Class in Garfield at Long - 1:00. Wedding at Kleinschmidts at 6:00 for Lydia and Henry Halvorson.
- 27 - THURS - Home. Wedding here for Gustav Swenson and Hannah Hagen.. L.A. at Hatlelid.
- 28 - FRI - Home. 29 - SAT - Pinseaften - Pentecost Evening. It rained all day.
- 30 - SUN - Pentecost - Pinse. Should have had services in Flaxton and Lignite but it rained heavily until noon so I could not go. Had also rained all evening and night. Nygaard could not go to Garfield at 2:00 as announced either.
- 31 - MON - Home most of the day. To Ole Watteruds in evening to baptize their little girl, Sylvia Luella, B. Mar. 10.

JUNE

- 1 - TUES - Nice weather - I went to Columbus - Ida to L.A. at Serdahls. 2 - WED - Class at Liedahls. 3 - THURS - Home - also home on FRI.
- 5 - SAT - To Columbus - conf. class at 2:00. Home. Julius to Garfield (to work).
- 6 - SUN - Services in Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Home. Cloudy.
- 7 - MON - We drove in to Columbus but were too late for the train (to Carpio). Ida drove home and I had a ride to Flaxton with Mr. Stenvud. Stayed at the Hotel.
- 8 - TUES - Could not leave on the night train as it did not stop in Carpio. Left this morning

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- 8 - TUES - (cont.) - on the 10:20 a.m. from Flaxton. Rain. Meeting began this p.m. in Carpio at 2:00 with Fladmark delivering the sermon. I gave my report (paper) - not very many there. 9 - WED - Nicer weather today. N.A. Larson, S. Peterson, Fladmark, Aanestad, Student Alfred Hendrickson (son of P.A. Hendrickson, Pres. of the NW District), and I were there. There were also 3 delegates there from my congregations: Negaard, Edlrsrud, and Finkenhagen. I spoke this evening. 10 - THURS - Left Carpio at 3:00 p.m. Home. 11 - FRI - Home today.
- 12 - SAT - Conf. class at Glasoe at 2:00.
- 13 - SUN - Confirmation and communion services in Garfield at 2:00. Mission offering \$11.20. Baptism for Berenice Mathilda, B. Apr. 13 - Parents, Bernie and Mathilda Ledahl. Nice weather and many people there. Members of the class: Julia Severina Evelyn Long (Oscar); Emma Jonetta Ledahl (Andrew); Linda Emilie Myhre (Iver); Kaja Siggerud and Carl Siggerud (Cornelius); Elmer Milo Glasoe (Mikael); Albert Oliver Melby (Edw.). Home in evening. Julius went in to get Caroline who came on the train at noon. (Caroline came to visit and help during the summer as a baby was expected). Nygaard had services in Flx. & Lign.
- 14 - MON - They built the leaf bower - lovhytte - at home for the auction. Class at 2:00. (The L.A. from the east congregation were getting ready for their annual auction. Mom had not been very eager to have it take place at home because her baby was due quite soon. The L.A. members, however, had promised her that she would not be expected to do a thing if they could have it at our place. They felt that this location would attract a larger crowd. The women had promised that there would be someone there to clean up afterwards also, so Mom wouldn't have any extra work - so she agreed. The men had been down to the coulee in the morning, cutting down many large branches which were then used to build the bower for shade. Mom has a picture that was taken the day of the sale and the "instant shade" looked very nice.)
- 15 - TUES - L.A. auction from Gunderson at our place. Nice weather and many people.
- 16 - WED - Conf. class at J. Johnson. 17 - THURS - Home. Dug out stones - rocks - with Julius. No solar eclipse, as predicted. Ingen solformorkelse som spaaet.
- 18 - FRI - Home. This year I did not go to the Synod Meeting. (Baby due any time now).
- 19 - SAT - Conf. class in Columbus at 2:00. Home.
- 20 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00. Baptism for Alvin Obert, B. June 9 - Parents, John and Ingeborg Holland. Flaxton at 3:00. Small turnout here - conflict with a ball game. From Flaxton to Fossums - Oster Fredrickson - Baglier.
- 21 - MON - To Lignite - congregation meeting in regard to the building of a parsonage for us in Lignite. Bought a new buggy (2 seats) - by Columbus - home.
- 22 - TUES - Took Julius out to Thorson in p.m. - to H. Bye. 23 - WED - Home.
- 24 - THURS - To Macroom - to T. Lunds for a wedding of Bennie Steen and Stina Lund.

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- 25 - FRI - To Columbus - Short Creek for sale - rain. Columbus - S.O. Berg - more rain - home.
- 26 - SAT - Thorson - conf. class at Bye at 10:00. Foggy. Thorson sale in p.m. Over 100 there.
- 27 - SUN - Confirmation and communion service in Thorson at 2:00. Baptism for Karl Helmer, B. May 22 - Parents, Peder and Kari Hanson. Mission offering \$10.45. Many people there. Members of the class: Johan Oscar Olson (Gustaf); Signe Theressa Johnson (John & Marit). A cool day. Home. * Baptisms in Columbus and Short Creek. See below.
- 28 - MON - Fenced around the cemetery on my land and measured lots. 8 - 9 men there to do it.
- 29 - TUES - To Columbus - then home. Home on WED - 30.
- * Melvin Roy, B. May 19 - Parents - Martin and Rebecca Bjorngjeld; Alfred Oliver, B. May 31 - Parents, Emil and Martha Hagen.

JULY

- 1 - THURS - Home. 2 - FRI - Conf. class at home. Ida became ill this evening.
- 3 - SAT - This morning at 12:30 a.m. our second little daughter was born. Everything went fine. Caroline was here and for a little while she was alone with Ida. I drove over to the Sendahl boys and got Ole to drive in to Columbus to get Dr. Blanchard. Then I drove over to Julius Gunderson to get her to come over. Before we came home - Thelma had arrived. The doctor came 3 hours later. She weighed about 8 lbs. and was plump and well developed. Kl. 12:30 om natten blev vor anden liden pige født. Alt gik vel. Caroline var her og for en liden stund var hun alene med Ida. Jeg kjørte bort til Sendahl gutterne - fik Ole at reise in til Columbus after Dr. Blanchard. Jeg kjørte saa til Julius Gunderson for at faa Mrs. med. For vi kom hjem var Thelma kommet - og Dr. kom 3 timer senere. Hun var fed og stor og saa vel udviklet og har altid holdt sig godt siden. Hun veiede omtrent 8 pund. There was a grand celebration in Columbus - I had to go in to Stampede in the evening to get Nygaard. Then home.
- 4 - SUN - I had services in Tvedt school at 11:00 and Gunderson at 3:00. Baptism for Selmer Melvin, B. April 28 - Parents, Omund and Carrie Ege. Nygaard had services in Garfield at 11:00. In the evening I took Nygaard to Stampede again. Home.
- 5 - MON - Dug out rocks - cleared out stones - brod sten. Karl Tetzlaff, a German from the Columbus area came to get me to conduct a funeral tomorrow.
- 6 - TUES - By Columbus - A. Anderson (Hardware Store and Funerals) came along to the funeral Lenora Minnie, 8½ month daughter of Carl and Minnie Tetzlaff. (The Burke Co. Book gives the information that they lost a twin daughter in infancy so this child was no doubt a twin. They lived in Forthun Twp. about a mile from Pleasant Prairie Church). From Larson back to Columbus. Home. Cloudy. Bad thunderstorms during the night - tordenveir om natten.
- 7 - WED - Cloudy and a little rain during the day.

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- 8 - THURS - Bad storm from west. Did not drive in to Flaxton for the L.A. auction. To Carlsons for baptism of Oscar, B. June 23 - Parents, Ole and Helmina Carlson. Then out to Bye with books for school. 9 - FRI - To Columbus - conf. class at 2:00.
- 10 - SAT - To Columbus shortly after noon for auction. Caroline and Marie along.
- 11 - SUN - I had services in Macroom at 11:00 - and baptism for Arthur Sylvester, B. June 6 - Parents, Theodore and Sarah Gullickson; then to Big Butte at 3:00 - baptism for Bendie Ruben, B. June 7 - Parents, Martin and Olga Stensen. Nygaard had services in Flaxton and Lignite. Baptism for Russell Chester, B. May 6 - Parents, Frederick and Cecelia Jensen (Flx). In Macroom they decided to meet July 14 to measure out lots on the cemetery. Big Butte decided to put up a fence around the cemetery on July 21. O. Erickson chosen to take up a subscription for this work with help from M. Stensen, J. Christ, and O. Kristianson.
- 12 - MON - Home - rain. Home for the most the rest of the week. Conf. class at home on TUES and to Columbus on THURS -15. Home on FRI -16.
- 17 - SAT - Auction in Garfield - terribly warm - did not go.
- 18 - SUN - Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00 - baptism for Milton Odmar, B. June 14 - Parents, Iver and Martha Berg. Wedding in the evening at Bjornjelds for Olaus Bjornjeld and Karen Bondrud. Warm day. Home.
- 19 - MON - By Dihle - to Thorson - about school. 20 - TUES - L.A. sale at S.O. Berg. Not very many there - very warm - but the sale went well. 21 - WED - To Columbus. Home THURS & FRI.
- 24 - SAT - To Columbus - Nygaard along home. (Student Nygaard had told Mom one day that he thought it would be a good idea if the Pastor would wear a Prince Albert coat at all times as it would add more prestige to the position. This had really tickled Mom, and she diplomatically agreed that it might be very nice, but also very impractical to wear a Prince Albert coat while traveling over the North Dakota prairies with his horse and buggy.)
- 25 - SUN - Services in Tvedt school at 11:00. Our little Thelma Louise, B. July 3, was baptized. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. P. Craneng, Pete Berg, and Caroline Isakson. This was the warmest day so far this summer - really felt it. Gunderson school at 3:00. Nygaard had services in Thorson at 11:00 and at J. Johnson at 3:00. Baptism in Thorson for Lillian Sophie, B. July 6 - Parents, John and Thea Wick.
- 26 - MON - To Columbus in morning with Nygaard. Stormy day. 27 - TUES - Home.
- 28 - WED - To Garfield - talked with M. Glasoe, Long, Melby, about having parochial school for a month. Decided to start Aug. 9.
- 29 - THURS - L.A. and annual meeting at S.O. Berg. Our whole family went.
- 30 - FRI - To H. Bye in a.m. - school finished in Thorson today. To Columbus in p.m. with our baby to see Dr. Blanchard. (She cried a great deal but with the little square pills he gave them, she improved.) Nygaard along home. 31 - SAT - Home in a.m. To Macroom in p.m. for ice cream social. By Rud to get the buggy. To Lignite - stayed at C. Hanson.

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- 1 - SUN - 8th Sun. after Trinity. Services in Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:00. Baptism for Olive Johanna, B. Feb. 12 - Parents, H.B. Bjertnes - wife, Anne. Gospel text - false prophets. Warm today. Many in Lignite - fewer in Flaxton. Stopped in to see Mrs. Peter Paulson - Ole Holen - Ole Carberg.
- 2 - MON - By Lignite - to P. Johnson - M. Eliasson - Columbus. 2 rigs home.
- 3 - TUES - Home in a.m. L.A. at Jacob Gunderson in p.m. Home WED and THURS.
- 6 - FRI - Conf. class at home - 2:00. Then Ida and I over to Hatlelid.
- 7 - SAT - Ida and Caroline over to G. Gunderson for Pigeforening - Young Girl's Society.
- 8 - SUN - I had services in Macroom at 11:00 and Big Butte at 3:00. Ice cream Social at ^{Tulsa} J. Gunderson in p.m. - quite a few there. Nygaard had services in Short Creek and Columbus.
- 9 - MON - Home in a.m. In the p.m. to Stampede with Caroline so she could take the train to Crosby. By Columbus and home. (Caroline went to Crosby to visit Mrs. Sam Nelson (Emma Halgrimson), a cousin of the Isaksons, and also to visit the Bilstads and Husos who were friends from Minn. or Iowa). 10 - TUES - Home. 11 - WED - To Columbus and Short Creek. Home.
- 12 - THURS - L.A. at Mrs. E. Dohle. Home on FRI. 14 - SAT - Conf. class at 2:00. Then to Columbus to meet Caroline who came on the train. Nygaard also came along home.
- 15 - SUN - Tvedt school at 11:00 - Nygaard preached. I went to Garfield at 3:00 and Nygaard had services in Gunderson school at 3:00. 3 baptisms today: Myrtle Berenice, B. June 24 - Parents, Matt and Bertha Sandberg; Alvin, B. July 12 - Parents, Carl and Randi Brothen; Elmer Bertin, B. July 7 - Parents, Nels and Katrine Kleppen. Extremely warm and dry all week. Harvest has begun.
- 16 - MON - Nygaard started parochial school in Gunderson school today.
- 17 - TUES - We drove in to Columbus. Ida drove home alone as I left by train for the Conference in Red Wing. Left Columbus at 6:00 p.m. for Kermare; there I got on the Flyer and went to St. Paul. Fladmark was on the train and Akre, Velva, also.
- 18 - WED - Arrived in St. Paul at 1:00 p.m. - left at 4:00 p.m. for Red Wing. There were many there already as we were a day late.
- 20 - FRI - Services in evening with Pastor Daniel Jordahl, Norway Lake, Minn. speaking. (V. Pres. of Minn. District.) Mary - Martha text. Communion services conducted by Gullickson.
- 22 - SUN - English services conducted by L. Gimmetad at 11:00. Used as his text - Light - Salt. (He was Pastor in Galesville, Wisc. and Pres. Of Gale College). Services in evening at 8:00 with B.E. Bergeson, Chicago, speaking - text - The narrow way.
- 26 - THURS - Got to St. Paul this morning and left at 10:30 for Columbus on the Soo.
- 27 - FRI - Columbus at 9:30 a.m. By Agre - home. 28 - SAT - Conf. class at home. To Columbus.
- 29 - SUN - I was home today. Nygaard to Thorson and Ole Wick. Baptism for Alfred Victor, B. July 22 - Parents, Nils and Ingeborg Pladsen.

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- 30 - MON - Took Nygaard over to Gundersons (school). Class in Columbus at 2:00. Then over to Serdahls to get the mower.
31 - TUES - Mowed hay for awhile this a.m. The east L.A. met at our place this p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - WED - Home a.m. Raked hay in p.m. 2 - THURS - Took Caroline in to Columbus as she was to leave for Wisconsin now. Brought Nettie Anderson along home (teenage daughter of A. Anderson - Hardware Store). 3 - FRI - Home.
4 - SAT - Home. Mowed some more hay. Mrs. Bye and Miss Martha Stenvrodden stopped by. (They had been to Columbus and were on their way home but stopped by for a little visit and a cup of coffee. Martha was a cousin of Mrs. Bye, who was visiting. We knew her some years later as Mrs. Peter Rysgaard. When the 2 ladies were ready to leave everyone was horrified to find that the minister's cat was up in the buggy eating hamburger that they had just purchased in Columbus!)
5 - SUN - Services in Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Then home.
6 - MON - Home. 7 - TUES - Duck hunting season opened - shot a few ducks. To Hosar in p.m.
8 - WED - To Columbus - L.A. at Sommerness. 9 - THURS - Conf. class at home - 2:00.
10 - FRI - Home in a.m. School program - skolefest - in Gunderson school in p.m.
11 - SAT - Mr. and Mrs. Anderson from Columbus came out. Anderson and I went hunting in the a.m. In the p.m. there was Young Girl's Society at our place. I became sick later on.
12 - SUN - I was sick in bed all day. Could not go to Lignite and Flaxton as announced. Rain during a.m. Ida's birthday.
13 - MON - Nygaard to Columbus - ready to leave for the Seminary. He read with the conf. class in Columbus at 2:00 - at Anderson - as I could not do it. He also had services yesterday at Tvedt at 11:00 and went to Garfield at 3:00 but did not have services. I feel better today. 14 - TUES - To Columbus. The whole family along.
15 - WED - Home in a.m. In p.m. out to Thonson Store - Ole Hanson. Funeral for Mrs. J. Noren.
16 - THURS - To Lignite. Baptism for Myrna Beata, B. May 6 - Parents, Dr. Henry L. and Mary Grace Halvorson. (Mrs. Halvorson was Christ Hanson's daughter - lived in Deslacs).
17 - FRI - Strong wind. Home. 18 - SAT - Conf. class in Columbus at 2:00. Nettie Anderson went along home to Columbus. Gulla Gunderson (daughter of Gunder Gunderson) came in a.m.
19 - SUN - Services in Gunderson school at 11:00. Ida along. Home for dinner. Then out to Thonson at 3:00. 20 - MON - Home. 21 - TUES - Expected A. Anderson and Rev. Stein (Mo. Syn. Pastor) from Columbus for hunting but they did not come. Shot a few ducks.
22 - WED - To Columbus. Home. 23 - THURS - Conf. class at home at 2:00. 24 - FRI - Home.
25 - SAT - To Columbus for conf. class at 2:00. At 5:00 to Finkenhagen - Lignite.

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- 26 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00 in Svenskerud Hall. The Swedes were using the school house. Baptism for Oliver Cyrus, B. July 9 - Parents, Anton and Josephine Rolfshus. To C. Hanson for dinner. Flaxton at 3:00. Baptisms for Joseph Orville, B. Aug. 11 - Parents, Ole and Caroline Rykken; Grace Helen, B. Aug. 7 - Parents, Henry and Mathilda Halvorson. Stopped in at the hospital - Lee. Stampede.
- 27 - MON - Had the horses shod. By Columbus - home. Very warm. 28 - TUES - Home - nice weather.
- 29 - WED - To Thorson - L.A. at Rysgaard. 30 - THURS - Home.

OCTOBER

- 1 - FRI - Class in Columbus at 2:00. 2 - SAT - Conf. class at home at 2:00.
- 3 - SUN - Services in Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Baptism for Ida Bergette, B. Aug. 14 - Parents, Carl and Elsie Lien. Very dry. Terribly dusty for driving.
- 4 - MON - Home. Fixed up a bin for the grain to be threshed. Lavede til en binge for treshing. 5 - TUES - L.A. at Nodsles. Met Mrs. Nodsle's parents.
- 6 - WED - Nodsles came to visit us. 7 - THURS - Got the threshers - Gundersons - a little rain in p.m. 8 - FRI - To Columbus to see about my grain that had been hauled in after threshing. Cold. 9 - SAT - To Columbus again. Conf. class there at 2:00.
- 10 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 11:00 and Big Butte at 3:00. Baptism for Arthur Raymond, B. Aug. 4 - Parents, Knut and Maggie Christ. Over to Mr. Theis for baptism of Herman William, B. Apr. 21 - Parents, Henry and Johanne Theis. To M. Stensen overnight. A little snow.
- 11 - MON - Cold wind from NW. Came home at 11:00 a.m. Conf. class at home at 2:00.
- 12 - TUES - Over to B. Arneson - Haugerud - M. Glasoe - N. Anderson - home.
- 13 - WED - To Columbus. Proved up on my claim. Haugerud and N. Anderson were my witnesses - vidner. Paid Ware \$11.50 and Columbus Reporter \$6.50. Total of \$18.00.
- (The \$6.50 was for the cost of the Legal Notice in the paper that was published Sept. 17-24 - Oct. 1 - and 8 before the day set for the final proving up. The print was very fine and occupied about 2 inches of space 1 column wide:

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION * * * U.S. Land Office at Minot, N. Dak., Aug. 21, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that ADOLF BUCKNEBERG of Columbus, N. Dak., who on Sept. 19, in 1905 made H.E. (Homestead Entry) No. 35552 Serial # 16312 for $5 \frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 13 and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 24, township 161 North, Range 94 West of the 5th Prime Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final 5 year proof to establish claim to the land described before Paul S. Ware, U.S. Commissioner at Columbus, N. Dak. on the 13th day of Oct. 1909. Claimant names as witnesses: John Haugerud; Bernt Arneson; Nels Anderson; Adolph Berg; all of Columbus, N. Dak.

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- 13 - WED - (cont.) - (The \$11.50 was paid to Paul Ware for handling the official business as a U. S. Land Commissioner in Columbus. Previously they had to go to either Minot or Williston for this.)
- 14 - THURS - In a.m. I fenced around a haystack and dug some potatoes and carrots. In the p.m. funeral for Gilbert and Anna Peterson's little baby, Peter, 3 hours. S.St.Olaf.
- 15 - FRI - To G.Gundersons for Gulla. 16 - SAT - Home. One of A.Watterud's calves had fallen in a well and I helped pull it out. To G.Gundersons in evening.
- 17 - SUN - It had snowed during the night. Services in Tvedt school at 11:00 and to Garfield in p.m. but no services. 18 - MON - To Columbus - conf. class at 2:00.
- 19 - TUES - Home - worked on and wrote out a Mission sermon. 20 - WED - Class at home at 2:00.
- 21 - THURS - Home - also FRI. Worked on my report - referat - for the Conference in Carpio.
- 23 - SAT By Columbus - to Lignite - C.Hanson.
- 24 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00 - rainy - few there. Did not take up the Mission offering. Weather improved by p.m. and there were many in Lignite. Over to Kopslands for baptism of Vivian Regina, B. Oct. 20 - Parents, Hans and Ida Kragerud.
- 25 - MON - Home. Worked on and finished my Conference report.
- 26 - TUES - To Carpio Conference. Ida took me in to Columbus and then drove home alone. Left Columbus rather late for Flaxton - up until 1:30.
- 27 - WED - Took the train from Flaxton at 10:20 a.m. and came to Carpio shortly before noon. Went directly over to church. Already there were: Formand - President Hendrickson; Fladmark; S.Peterson; N.A.Larson; T.Cuyting; Ingvald B.; H.Aanestad; C.Davick. Ingvald and I stayed at Hauge. Fladmark and I had reports.
- 28 - THURS - Most of them left this evening after the meeting was over. I waited until FRI.
- 29 - FRI - Left this a.m. for Minot - with Hendrickson. In Minot I saw Nestos - and went to the Land Office - Courthouse - about 2nd Papers. To N.A.Larson in the evening.
- 30 - SAT - Got on the Soo at 1:05 a.m. to go to Flaxton. Got to Columbus at 11:00 a.m. and was home by 12:00 noon. Oscar Watterud was there to meet me. Class at home - at 2:00.
- 31 - SUN - Services in Gunderson school at 11:00 and Thorson at 3:30. \$10.55 in Mission offering at the last place. Heard early this morning about the death of John Vien, who was killed by the train. Will have funeral on TUES. (The newspaper told about how he was hit as he crossed the track but Mom says he was caught in the suction created by the train as it whizzed thru town. However it happened - it stunned the community.)

NOVEMBER

- 1 - MON - Went by Columbus to Flaxton - terrible prairie fire to the S today. (This fire had done a great deal of damage in the Macroom and Smishek area, fanned by a high wind that

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- 1 - MON - (cont.) - swept the prairie at a terrific speed, destroying in its course, claim shacks, barns, granaries, hay, feed, horses, and thousands of bushels of grain. The fire was from 5 to 12 miles wide and extended to the vicinity of Powers Lake. At one place, over 100 men were engaged in battling the flames. Considerable back firing and plowing was employed to cut off the fire and in some areas this resulted in saving much of the actual property in the way of farm buildings.)
- 2 - TUES - Funeral for John Vien, 38, in Flaxton at 2:00. Many people there. Used Rev. 2:10 as text for Norwegian talk and Hosea 6:1- for English talk. He had been killed by the train on Sat. Oct. 30. Home in the evening.
- 3 - WED - To Columbus - conf. class at 1:00. Home.
- 4 - THURS - To Ottoe Evenson for wedding - Ole Dillerud and Pauline Evenson.
- 5 - FRI - Class at home at 2:00. 6 - SAT - To Columbus - a quick trip - ensnartur.
- 7 - SUN - Services with communion in Short Creek at 11:00 - Mission sermon. Columbus at 3:00 for Mission service. Home. 8 - MON - Home - busy with outside work. Strong wind.
- 9 - TUES - Studying. 10 - WED - Likewise - ligesaa. 11 - THURS - To J. Nodsle - cold - looked like we could get some snow so they did not have the auction, as announced by the Young Girl's Society. 12 - FRI - Conf. class at home at 2:00. 13 - SAT - Home.
- 14 - SUN - Confirmation service at 2:00 in Tvedt school - also communion. Baptism for Isabel Eileen, B. Aug. 2 - Parents, George and Ragna Witty. Offering to Missions - very good. Cold but many there. It all took 3 hours. Nodsles over in the evening. Members of the confirmation class: Martin Arthur Hatlelid (Hans); Arthur Julius Wrolson (John and Oline); James Henry Haugerud (John); Sigvald Magnus Dahl (Martinus); Olga Engethe Toso (Iver); Gina Randine Bradley (John and Gunna).
- 15 - MON - Cold with a little snow. To Lignite for Circuit Meeting. Fladmark had already arrived - with 1 delegate. Aaenestad came on the train; he had 5 delegates with him. We stayed at C. Hanson.
- 16 - TUES - Circuit Meeting opened this morning with Fladmark delivering the sermon at 11:00. S. Peterson came from Flaxton. In p.m. discussion on the Sacrament of the Altar - Aaenestad. Quite a few at the meeting. 17 - WED - Meeting continued. More there. A little cold. Afternoon session with S. Peterson - discussion on the 3rd Commandment. English sermon in evening - Aaenestad. Many there. 18 - THURS - Discussions continued. More there - milder weather. Communion service in evening with Fladmark and Olaf Ylvisaker.
- 19 - FRI - All left this morning. I went by Columbus on the way home. Gina Bradley had been at home helping Ida while I was gone. Good meeting and good fellowship. Godt mode og godt besøgt. 20 - SAT - Home.
- 21 - SUN - Services in Lignite and Flaxton again. Cold, but many there. O. Stompro over night.

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- 22 - MON - By Lignite - bought a stove. By Columbus - home. Cold and snow. (The stove was a heater for the parsonage in Lignite. The new plaster was not drying too well so the house felt cold and damp. Mom said the plaster was not thoroly dry when they moved in Dec. 1, and they had colds all winter.) 23 - TUES - Home.
- 24 - WED - Home. Nice weather. Annual meeting for S. St. Olaf congregation at our place at 2:00. Reports read by Secr. Haugerud and Treas. Wilson. Treasurer reported that for the year 1908, \$86.00 had been collected for pastor's salary - lacking \$14.00 of what was promised. For 1909 - a total of \$96.00 had been collected (of \$100.00). Election of officers: Secr. - J. Haugerud; Treas. - A. Wilson; Trustees - B. Anneson (3), J. Nodsle (2), E. Dihle (1) to replace N. Nelson. M. Sandberg and Albert Sendaht with families new members. There was also about \$200.00 that had been collected for the church fund - and deposited in the bank.
- 25 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day - services in Garfield at 2:00 at M. Glasoe. Baptism for Lloyd Herman, B. May 19 - Parents, John and Marie Hendrickson. Quite cold and a little snow.
- 26 - FRI - Home. Sendahts here in evening. 27 - SAT - Conf. class in Columbus at 2:00.
- 28 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 11:00 and at Tom Jacobson - Big Butte - at 3:00. Home.
- 29 - MON - Also TUES. Busy packing up our things to move in to Lignite. P. Barmoen and J. Nodsle each came with a rig (hay rack bottoms) to haul loads and O. Hatlelid came to get our cow. A. Watterud and Nels Anderson came in the evening but did not finish loading until next morning. (Allied Friends and Neighbors Van Lines!)

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- 1 - WED - Nice weather. Everyone left this morning with their loads and we (family) left at about 11:00. It was somewhat sad to be leaving our first home. Noget vemodigt at forlade vorit forste hjem. On the way to Lignite we stopped at Anton Ness for baptism of Raymond Alexander, B. Oct. 28 - Parents, Anton and Randi Ness. Came to Lignite shortly before dark. We were invited over to C. Hanson for supper. They had planned that we should stay there over night too but we thought it would be just as well to go directly to the new parsonage and start getting settled. Barmoen and Nodsle left for home after unloading but Watterud and Anderson stayed overnight in the parsonage - prestegaarden.
- 2 - THURS - L.A. here in Lignite at A. Carberg but we were too busy to go - havde det for travelt at gaa. 3 - FRI - Busy getting unpacked and settled in the new house.
- 4 - SAT - L.A. auction in Lignite. Took in \$63.00. A little cold.
- 5 - SUN - Services in Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Baptism for Ida Lillian, B. Nov. 4 - Parents, William and Magnhild Johnson. Home in the evening. Cold wind from NW.
- 6 - MON - Cold wind from NW and some snow. Had planned on driving west but did not go.
- 7 - TUES - Cold but clear. Up early and started out at 7:00 for Garfield. Got to L. Kjos at

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- 7 - TUES - (cont.) - at 12 noon. Had services but not many there. Very cold. To O. Hatlelid. (According to the Flaxton Times, this was the day Mr. O.A. Boe installed a telephone in the new parsonage.)
- 8 - WED - To Thorson for services at 2:00. Stopped in at Haydon. To Alfred Nelson over night. 22 below. Annual meeting of the congregation. Report of secr. heard. Treas. J. Anderson had left for Minnesota so a report was provided by the trustees. \$54.00 of the \$60.00 promised in salary had come in - \$32.00 collected by A. Nelson and \$22.00 by Rysgaard. Election of officers: Secr. - S. Walseth; Treas. - P. Sathre; Trustee - P. Hanson (3), as Bye had finished his term and A. Nelson has 2 and Rysgaard has 1 left. Nick Fredrickson new member. A motion was made by Nelson that the names of the members who did not contribute to the church treasury should be stricken from the list. It did not pass - gikk ei gjennom. A collection was taken to reimburse S. Walseth for the trees he had planted on the cemetery yard. It was decided that they should all meet at the cemetery Dec. 11 at 2 to measure out the lots. Walseth will be in charge. A school committee was chosen - Bye and Walseth.
- 9 - THURS - Colder - 24 below zero. Wind from SE. To A. Wilson - S. St. Olaf - services at 11:00. Few there. Took up a collection for Utne. (He had taken the responsibility for having the schoolhouse warmed up for services, etc. and was now leaving for Canada). Over to Nodste - no services. To Lignite. Terribly cold for driving. Home shortly after dark.
- 10 - FRI - A little milder - snow and stormy off and on from SE.
- 11 - SAT - Nice weather today - made a trip to Columbus. Home.
- 12 - SUN - To Flaxton at 11:00. Stormy with snow drifting from SE. To Nygaards after services for wedding of Benjamin Franklin Toby and Gunhild Anderson. Then over to Bottons for baptism of David Leonard, B. May 25 - Parents, Louis and Esther Botton. Came back to Lignite too late for the time services were announced - 3:00 - and there had not been laeseguds-tjeneste - reading service - either. (In Jan. 1909, men had been chosen in both Flaxton and Lignite for just such an emergency.) Over to Grondahls for baptism of Clifford Oriene, B. Nov. 1 - Parents, Gilbert and Emily Grondahl.
- 13 - MON - Mild - a little snow falling. 14 - TUES - Colder - NW wind - and drifting. Services in Macroom at 11:00 and congregation meeting. The ladies had brought dinner along and had their auction following that. There weren't too many there because of the cold weather. Heard reports by Secr. Graneng and Treas. P. Berg. Berg said that about \$60.00 had been collected for the 1908 salary and \$68.50 for 1909. Graneng and Berg re-elected to their offices. Trustees: Theo. Bakken (3), J. Knutson (2), Ed Rusten (1). There is about \$70.00 in the Bank of Lignite for the church treasury.
- 15 - WED - A little milder - wind from west. Services in Big Butte at 11:00 at John Christ. Congregation meeting following services. Secr. Kalvig did not have a report as the book

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- 15 - WED - (cont.) - was over at O. Erickson but I had notes on the most important business that had been covered, as well as a list of the membership, which I read. Theodore Gullickson and family became members. Election of officers: Secr. Kalvig re-elected; Treas. M. Stensen re-elected; Trustees - Ole Erickson (3), T. Jacobson (2), J. Christ (1). Of salary, I had received \$20.00 during the summer (O. Erickson) and \$26.00 recently (T. Jacobson) - total of \$46.00 - and a little more pledged but not paid yet. It was announced that the fence and posts for the cemetery were all paid for. Home.
- 16 - THURS - Home. Colder. Choir practice at C. Hanson in evening. 13 met up for it.
- 17 - FRI - Cold. Home. Wedding for Ole Edward Undhjem and Agnes Oravrud.
- 18 - SAT - Nice weather. To Columbus for conf. class at 1:00.
- 19 - SUN - Home. Choir practice in the school house at 3:00. Finkenhagen rehearsed with the children at 2:00. Finkenhagens and I. Hatlelids at our place for dinner.
- 20 - MON - Home. Also on TUES. 22 - WED - Choir practice in schoolhouse at 8:00. Many there.
- 23 - THURS - Home studying. Also on 24 - FRI - Home studying.
- 25 - SAT - Christmas Day. Nice Christmas weather - pent Juleveir. Roads just fair for sleighing - passende slædefore. To Juleotte at 6:00 a.m. in the Swedish church. Services in Lignite at 11:00 - many there. To Flaxton at 3:00 - many there also. O. Carbergs and O. Hatlelids at our place for dinner. Christmas Tree program in the Hall at 7:00 - children and adult choir. T. Lees and one of their children came along from Flaxton and stayed at our place. (Mom told about the furniture they had in the new parsonage. They had to buy some new things when they moved into a bigger house. Their guests slept on the new black leather davenport that could be made into a bed. That sturdy davenport was with us until Mom left N. Dak many years later. Other furniture included 6 cane-bottomed dining room chairs, a kitchen cabinet, a chest of drawers, and a few other things.)
- 26 - SUN - A little colder. Short Creek at 11:00 at Negaard. Columbus at 3:00. To M. Bjornsgjeld in evening. Baptism at Vestnes for Herman Johan, B. Dec. 3 - Parents, Ben and Julia Vestnes.
- 27 - MON - Tvedt school at 11:00 - a little stormy but quite a few there. Baptisms for Reuben LeRoy, B. July 21 - Parents, Ole Tobias and Annie Hysjulien; and John Oral, Theodore, B. Nov. 26 - Parents, S.O. and Jennie Berg. To A. Watterud for dinner. Gunderson school at 3:00. Weather improving. By Sendahls to Arneson.
- 28 - TUES - Henry Bye at 2:00 - not many there. By Wigdahl to O. Hatlelid over night.
- 29 - WED - Garfield - Liedahl at 2:00 - few there. Many had been there yesterday. To Carlsons in evening for baptism of Minnie Alvida, B. Nov. 18 - Parents, John and Emelia Carlson. To Liedahl again. 30 - THURS - By Noonan, Larson and Columbus - conf class there. Home. Gone since Sunday. Arthur Salvesson came along home with me. (He was a nephew of John Sal-

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- 30 - THURS - (cont.) - veson, and stayed with the folks for quite awhile - helping in many ways and spending time on his confirmation lessons.) Nice, mild weather. Kopstands over.
31 - FRI - Home. A nice, mild day for the last day of 1909.

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- 1 - SAT - It was a cold, stormy day, so I did not go to Macroom as announced. Baptism here for Orville Marshall, B. Oct. 25, 1909 - Parents, Roy and Gina Traver.
2 - SUN - Weather a little improved. Went to Big Butte for services at 2:00 at C.P.Christensen. Then home. 3 - MON - Cold and clear. 32 below zero.
4 - TUES - Immanuel congregation meeting at our place - in the new parsonage - prestegaarden - at 2:00. Not very many there - none from Flaxton - as the weather was stormy. I opened the meeting with Devotion and then my yearly report of work done. Reports by Secr. & Treas. 6 families became members: A.Grina, M.Hovland, P.Amundson, J.Wilson, A.Garberg, and O.Hatlelid. Election of officers: Secr.-O. Finkenhagen; Treas. - O.Holen; Trustee - J.Fossum (3); Custodians - Svenskerud and Lee; Ushers - C.Hanson and Lee; Organist - Mrs. J.Wilson - who was promised an offering on a festival day - hoididsoffer; School Committee - C.Hanson, Finkenhagen and Lee. A delegate was chosen for the Synod Meeting in Minot in June - J.Baglien - with M.Hovland as alternate - suppleant. A committee was chosen to maintain the cemetery with Nils Scott put in charge of lot selections. The division of this congregation was tabled until next year. Decision was made to fence in the lots in town as soon as there is money available for it - naar penge findes i kassen dertil. Decided to insure the parsonage for its valuation of \$1350.00.
5 - WED - Stormy but a little milder. 6 - THURS - L.A. and annual meeting at our place - many there. \$5.00. 7 - FRI - Home. Pete Amundson brought a load of coal.
8 - SAT - Cold and clear - 10 below zero. Class in Columbus. Eliasson brought a load of coal.
9 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00 and Lignite at 3:00. Stormy but not cold.
10 - MON - Clear - nice - klart og pent. Home.
11 - TUES - To Columbus for congregation's annual meeting at 2:00. Nice, mild weather. John Nordstog visited us in the morning and left in the evening for home (Crosby). I opened the meeting with Devotion and then gave my report of work done during the past year. Secr. report heard and Treas. report informing us that \$87.00 had been collected for Pastor's salary and that there was still \$20.00 owed on the rent of the church. William Johnson and family - new members. Election of officers: Secr. - M.Bjornngjeld; Treas. - H.Agre; Trustees - John Ulsrud (3), A.Sommerness (2), T.Rossum (1). Duckstad completed

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- 11 - TUES - (cont.) - his term as trustee and was chosen as custodian - kirkevaerger. Even Ulsrud offered - tilbod sig - to haul some coal for the church. J. Salveson and A. Sommersness were chosen to attend the annual meeting of the Short Creek congregation Jan. 19 to find out if they would be interested in joining the Columbus congregation. A committee of 3 - Duckstad, Anderson and Salveson - chosen to check on the possibility of buying 2 acres of land near town for cemetery. It was also decided that the annual meeting would be held on the 1st Tues. in Dec. instead of the 2nd WED. in January.
- 12 - WED - To Martinus Dahl for wedding of Hilda Marie Dahl and Axel Watterud (oldest son of Andrew Watterud). 3 Nordstog girls came on the train this morning and visited us for 3 days - Wed., Thurs. and Fri. (The Nordstogs in Crosby had been acquainted with the Isaksons when both families lived in Worth Co., Iowa. The Isaksons had moved to Wisconsin in 1900 and the Nordstogs moved to Crosby, N. Dak. Sophie Nordstog and George Thompson were going to be married - by Pastor Buchneberg - so the 3 girls got off the train in Lignite and Mr. Thompson went on to Minot to get the license. There he was informed that as neither of them were residents of Ward Co., the license to wed would have to be obtained in Williams Co., where Williston was the county seat. He had just enough time before getting on the G.N. to call Buchnebergs in Lignite to tell them about his predicament and that he would get there as soon as possible. Luckily, the parsonage now had a telephone! He didn't get back to Lignite before Fri. After getting the license in Williston, he still had to get back to Minot before he could get on a train for Lignite.)
- 13 - THURS - Beautiful, mild day. The L.A. served their Lutefisk dinner. Many people came.
- 14 - FRI - A little stormy - but not too cold. Choir practice in the school house in evening. George Thompson came back in the evening with the license and he and Sophie Nordstog were then married. (Daughter of Halvor Nordstog). (Mom remembered that they had had a lot of fun those 3 days - waiting for the license! They had been a big help to Mom in caring for the little girls - Marie and Thelma. Mom also remembered that Dad was given \$10.00 - and so was she!)
- 15 - SAT - To Columbus for class at 2:00. The Nordstogs left in the p.m. - to Rival to get on the train at 2:00 to go east. I went to C. Larsen over night.
- 16 - SUN - Nice and still in a.m. - some snow during the day. Services in Larson at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Home again. 17 - MON - Nice weather - no wind.
- 18 - TUES - Services in Macroom at 2:00. Some snow and drifting but not cold.
- 19 - WED - Services in Short Creek at S. Ness at 2:00. Nice, mild weather. Congregation meeting. Election of officers: Secr. - S. Ness; Treas. - E. Negaard; Trustee - F. Peterson (3); School committee - A. Lee and O. Stompro and maybe F. Peterson. There was some discussion on a possible merger with the Columbus congregation but no decision was reached - om at slutte sig sammen med Columbus - intet resultat. Another matter was brought up by Secr. Ness.

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- 19 - WED - (cont.) - He had received a letter from the Free Church - asking them to collect money for their church treasury - samfundskassen. The only thing done about that was that Secr. Ness was instructed to reply to the letter saying that this group felt no obligation to support the Free Church. There are now 13 voting members - stemmeberettigede medlemmer.
- 20 - THURS - Services in Big Butte at 2:00 at O. Erickson. Nice, clear day. Baptism for Leona Dorothy, B. Aug. 4, 1909 - Parents, Lars and Tillie Hanson.
- 21 - FRI - Home. Nice again.
- 22 - SAT - Another nice day. To Columbus for conf. class at 2:00. J. Salveson. To H. Agre.
- 23 - SUN - Tvedt at 11:00 and Gunderson at 3:00. To J. Nodsle. Remarkably nice, mild weather.
- 24 - MON - From Nodsle to Garfield - E. Melby at 2:00. Services and congregation meeting. Stormy.
- 25 - TUES - To Thorson - baptism at Wigdahls for Annette Josephine, B. Jan. 2 - Parents, Sam and Andrea Wigdahl. Services at Nelsons at 2:00.
- 26 - WED - Funeral at Walseths at 11:00 for Erik Gotschalk Grong, 29½, died Jan. 19. Also graveside rites for a little stillborn baby of Carl and Thora Overlie - B. June 17, 1909. Home to Lignite. Nice weather.
- 27 - THURS - L.A. at Garbergs. Continued nice weather.
- 28 - FRI - Home. Also home on SAT -29.
- 30 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:00. Not very good for driving - slemt at kjore. Collected for Laererlon - fund for teacher's salaries - in Lignite.
- 31 - MON - Nice and mild - snow melting.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - TUES - Home.
- 2 - WED - Pigeforenning - Young Girl's Society organized at our place - 9 girls.
- 3 - THURS - To Larson but no services.
- 4 - FRI - Home.
- 5 - SAT - Class in Columbus at 2:00. To A. Anderson over night.
- 6 - SUN - Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Baptism for Hilda Dolores, B. Dec. 23, '09 - Parents, Hans and Helga Sorlie. Nice weather and many people. Collected for Laererlon - \$11.00 in Short Creek and \$9.00 in Columbus. Home.
- 7 - MON - Home. Baptism for Signe Kristine, B. Jan. 6 - Parents, John and Anna Caroline Gustafson. A. Bratsberg came to visit us.
- 8 - TUES - Home.
- 9 - WED - L.A. in Flaxton at Mrs. Paulson - annual meeting. Many there. Home. Home on THURS.
- 11 - FRI - Big meeting in Lignite - farmers interested in starting a Creamery and then a meeting in regard to the division of Ward Co.
- 12 - SAT - Did not go to Columbus - roads are impossible - veiene umulige.
- 13 - SUN - Macroom at 11:00 - collected for Laererlon - \$15.50. Went to Big Butte in the p.m. but had no services because of a misunderstanding of announcements. Terrible driving today - ice and bare ground - faelt til veie - is og bar bakke.
- 14 - MON - My birthday - 35 years old. Cloudy with a cold wind. Looked like snow but none came.

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- 14 - MON - (cont.) - Went to Stampede in the afternoon.
- 15 - TUES - Drove home again from Stampede - did not go out to Gundersons. Weather was too bad. Snow and stormy. 16 - ~~WED~~ - Better but cold - 25 below zero this morning. Did not drive out to Fagerland's. 17 - ~~THURS~~ - 30 below. Stayed home - did not go to Thorson.
- 18 - FRI - Cold. To Columbus - J. Salveson - class at 1:00. Home again.
- 19 - SAT - Home. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nelson came in the evening from Crosby (by train). Ida's cousin.
- 20 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00 and in Lignite at 3:00. Baptism for Olga Mabel, B. Jan. 15 - Parents, Carl and Marie Granrud.
- 21 - MON - Cold. Nelsons left again this evening. I went out to Holen's at 2:00 for baptism of Clifford Ferdinand, B. Feb. 2 - Parents, Austin and Annie Fredrickson.
- 22 - TUES - Home. Also WED. 24 - THURS - To J. Fossum, T. A. Lee, O. Rykken - collecting for church.
- 25 - FRI - Home today. Storm and snow from SE yesterday and during the night.
- 26 - SAT - Columbus - conf. class at 2:00. To E. Ulsrud. Marie is 2 years old today.
- 27 - SUN - Services in Larson at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Home. Baptism for Mabel Violet Marie, B. Jan. 30 - Parents, Frank and Selma Bannister.
- 28 - MON - Over to Mrs. Vien - Julius along to see about a team of horses. Started snowing and storming from west when we left there for home.

MARCH

- 1 - TUES - Nice weather. Services in Short Creek at A. Bratsberg.
- 2 - ~~WED~~ - Services in Macroom at 2:00. Baptism for Melvin, B. Nov. 15, '09 - Parents, Ole and Hilda Hengebol. Used the buggy for the first time since last fall.
- 3 - THURS - To Big Butte - Gullicksons - for services. Mild. Snow disappearing fast.
- 4 - FRI - Went to Flaxton to get the team of horses Julius had bought. Roads were terrible. Det var stygge veie at reise did. He bought harness and sled in Lignite. Han kjøpte saeler og slaede i Lignite.
- 5 - SAT - Julius left this morning - went by my claim (out to McKenzie Co.). I left a little later - over to Ringwall for 2 baptisms: Eva Theressa, B. Jan. 16 - Parents, Hjalmar and Rose Ringwall; Clifford Loriene, B. Feb. 9 - Parents, Ole and Karen Hovland. To Columbus for conf. class at 2:00. Terrible storm in evening. To M. Bjornkjeld over night.
- 6 - SUN - Still storming. I drove out to Gunderson school anyway but had no services - too stormy for anyone to come. Stopped by Julius Gunderson for baptism of Orville Abraham, B. Feb. 12 - Parents, Julius and Lina Gunderson. Then to Bensons for baptism of Grace Margaret Eleanore, B. Jan. 15 - Parents, Godfred and Alma Benson. Then to Tvedt school - services. Storm seems to be letting up towards evening. To A. Berg.
- 7 - MON - To Thorson at 2:00 - P. Sathre. There was more snow in the hills than down on the flats - made it difficult to get thru with buggy. To A. Serdahl in evening.

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- 8 - TUES - Services - Tvedt school at 11:00. To A. Wilson - then Columbus and Lignite. There was a Peterson looking for land out in the hills - I gave him a ride in to Lignite. (This was Alfred Peterson - he stayed overnight with the folks and then left the next day on the train. Peterson had come from the same place in Norway as some of the people in S. St. Olaf. Peterson worked Anton Anderson's farm for awhile when he came back to N. Dak. before moving to the Macroom area - Foothills Twp.)
- 9 - WED - Home. Nice weather. Wedding here for John A. Norby and Julia Stromme.
- 10 - THURS - L.A. at Finkenagens. 11 - FRI - Home. 12 - SAT - Class in Columbus at 2. Nice day.
- 13 - SUN - Services with communion in Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:00. Beautiful weather.
- 14 - MON - By Stompro - Nygaard - to Canada to H. Hinsverk. 15 - TUES - Services at Hinsverk at 11:00. Conf. class following.
- 16 - WED - To Garbergs to visit - i besog - whole family. 17 - THURS - Home. 18 - FRI - Class - Col.
- 19 - SAT - Home during the day. In the evening I got on the train in Lignite to go to Noonan. Had a ride with Mr. Toen out from Noonan to A. Holte - had to walk the last $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Got there at 10:30 p.m.
- 20 - SUN - Services in Garfield school at 2:00. Rode with Holtes over to school - then Liedahl gave me a ride to Hedin and Hedin to Noonan. Stayed in the hotel overnight. Baptism for Mabel Irene, B. Jan. 4 - Parents, Knut and Augusta Fagerland.
- 21 - MON - Home to Lignite by train. Home on TUES - 22.
- 23 - WED - Out to the hills. To A. Sendahts for dinner. Services in Gunderson school at 3:00. Baptism for Gilbert, B. Feb. 28 - Parents, Andrew and Elise Helland. To Nodsle over night. Rain and stormy during the evening and night.
- 24 - THURS - Holy Thursday - Skjaertorsdag. By my claim out to Thorson for services at 11:00 - communion - and same at Tvedt school at 3:00. Stopped by Wilsons before going to Hattelids for over night. (Lignite is now "home"; the farm is "Claim" again.)
- 25 - FRI - Good Friday - Langfredag. Services in Columbus at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Over to C. Larson. 26 - SAT - Class in Columbus at 10:00. Then home. Baptism for Evelyn Alice, B. Jan. 6 - Parents, Tovald and Jeannette Larson.
- 27 - SUN - Easter Sunday - Paaske. It started raining last night - Paaskeaften - and today we had snow. Did not go to Flaxton for 11:00 - terrible weather and roads - stygt veir og fore. Had services in Lignite at 3:00 but there were only a few there.
- 28 - MON - Big Butte at 11:00 - J. Christ - terrible roads - few there. Macroom at 3:00 - not many there either. Home. In the evening we went to a slide presentation - Lysbilleder - in Lignite - "A Trip to Norway".
- 29 - TUES - Should have been in Kopperud congregation in Canada today - drove about 4 miles and then turned back. Rain. 30 - WED - To Twetens - N of Larson. Home again.
- 31 - THURS - Lignite L.A. at Mrs. Erik Myhre.

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APRIL

- 1 - FRI - Took the train to Minot - stayed at N.A.Larson over night.
- 2 - SAT - Took out my citizenship papers - borgerpapir - - then over to the Land Office where I got my Homestead proof straightened out. Home in the afternoon.
- 3 - SUN - Services with communion in Flaxton at 11:00 and Short Creek at 3:00. Home. Strong wind blowing from N.
- 4 - MON - Home. Today Pastor Peter Blicher, White Earth, takes over serving the Thorson congregation. Services at Alfred Nelsons today. Tomorrow I go to Velva for Conference.
- 5 - TUES - Left this a.m. on the G.N. Olaf Ylvisaker, Crosby, was also on the train. Met Ingvald in Minot; also T.Coyting, Palermo; G.Hegg, Bonetrail; M.Holey, Arnegard; J.Wulfsberg, Williston; E.Struxness, Mohall; H.Aanestad, Carpio; The following had already come to Velva - where Ole Akre was pastor: President - Formand - P.A.Hendrickson, Valley City; S.Fladmark, Kenmare; N.A.Larson, Minot; C.Davick, Plaza; S.Peterson, MooseJaw, Sask.; N.Njus, Landa; H.H.Frost, Sheyenne; O.Brevig, Leeds; M.Teigen, Max; A.Fimmeland, Garrison; K.Figenbaum, Esmond; A.Buslee, Balfour; S.Meisel, Carske. English services in the evening with Struxness; next evening I conducted Norwegian services with communion. Meeting concluded THURS noon - the 7th. Left for home in the p.m. - Ingvald along. Came home on the 8th. Spent some time studying for Confirmation in Columbus on Sunday.
- 9 - SAT - Conf. class in Columbus at 2:00. Home.
- 10 - SUN - Confirmation services and communion in Columbus at 2:00. Ida and Thelma along. (Mom said Kopslands had 5 daughters that loved to take care of the little girls so leaving them was no problem. Marie stayed with them today.) Nice weather. First to Duckstads - then to Bugby's for dinner. Baptism there for Russell Kenneth, B. Feb. 1 - Parents, John and Josie Uleberg. The church was filled to more than capacity - kirken overfyldt. The confirmation service was witnessed in reverent awe by the large congregation. Den Hellige handling paahortes med stille aerefrygt af den store forsamling. There were 6 in the class: Arthur Theodore Salvesson (Svend S.); John Martin Salvesson (Jonas); Mathilda Cecelia Salvesson (Simon); Korinne Hendrikson (Ole); Cora Rebecca and Netta Theoline Anderson (Andrew). Offering to Home Missions - Indre Mission - \$20.90. We were invited to Duckstads for supper. Then home. 11 - MON - Home.
- 12 - TUES - Out to my claim. Enrolled a new class of confirmands there at 2:00. Funeral at 3:00 for Oscar Watterud, 20, son of Andrew and Laura Watterud. Stayed at the claim over night. (Mom thought he had died from what would now be diagnosed as leukemia. Mrs. Kopsland had sent along flowers for the funeral from some of her plants she had growing indoors.)
- 13 - WED - Rainy at times. Left about 2:00 - to O.Galgerud - Stampede - home. 14 - THURS - Rain.
- 15 - FRI - Home today too. Rather a strong wind - unpleasant weather. Did not go to Big Butte for class at C.P.Christianson. 16 - SAT - Class in Lignite at 2:00. Cold weather.

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- 17 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:00. Cold. Home on MON -18.
- 19 - TUES - To Ole Berg, C.Olson, Stompro, Fred Christenson, Ole Mebust, A.Engelbriqtsen - collecting money for the church - indsamling til kirken. Went well - hefdig. Have now gotten \$425.00 - of which \$260.50 is cash.
- 20 - WED - Sent in \$250.50 today to John Streeter. (???)
- 21 - THURS - L.A. in Lignite at Mrs. G.Gron Dahl. Stormy from NW but many there. Svenskerud plowed up a garden plot for me not far from the house.
- 22 - FRI - A little cold but went to Big Butte at 2:00 for class at C.P.Christenson.
- 23 - SAT - By Columbus - out to claim for class at 2:00. Nice weather. Over to S.O.Berg.
- 24 - SUN - Services in Tvedt school at 11:00. To S.O.Berg (dinner) - then to Garfield at 3:00. Baptism for Theodore, B. Dec. 24, 1909 - Parents, Anton and Thora Johnson. There was a congregation meeting about calling another minister to serve them - not very enthusiastic - ikke svaert villig. They will have another meeting in a week. Over to Liedahls.
- 25 - MON - By my claim - to E.Ulsrud - started with a new class there at 1:00 - 4 today. Strong wind from S. By Columbus - home.
- 26 - TUES - Planted some of the garden today. Around 4:00 we had a terrible dirt-storm from E.
- 27 - WED - Planted some potatoes. 28 -THURS - Put up a fence for the chickens - hone fence. Rained a little during the night. 29 -FRI- Some rain - good for the garden.
- 30 - SAT - Conf. class in Lignite at 2:00.

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- 1 - SUN - Macroom at 11:00 and Big Butte at 3:00 - also conf. class. Cold. Home.
- 2 - MON - Home - working with garden and various things - thru WED.
- 5 - THURS - Ascension Day - Kristihimmelfartsdag. Out to the claim - class at 1:00. To Gunderson school for services at 4:00. Baptism for Agnes Olive Charlotte, B. Mar. 19 - Parents, Charlie and Marie Nelson. To A.Watteruds for supper. Grey, cloudy day. Spent the night on my claim. 6 -FRI- Home. Also home on SAT.
- 8 - SUN - Nice weather. Short Creek at 11:00 - Columbus at 3:00 - Larson at 7:00. To Dille- ruds in the evening.
- 9 - MON - To H.Sneling - conf. class at 10:00. To Larson - Nels Gunderson - sickcall. By Columbus and home. Planted 30 trees that O.Hatlelid brought me. (Dad had bought the lot adjoininh the one on which the parsonage was built. This was where he planted the trees and had the garden. This piece of land cost him about \$50.00).
- 10 - TUES - Home - also WED. 12 -THURS- Conf. class in Big Butte - C.P.Christenson at 2:00.
- 13 - FRI - Bad dirt storm followed by rain in the p.m. In the evening to A.Grina for baptism of Alma Olive, B. April 18 - Parents, Andrew and Olive Grina.

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- 14 - SAT - Rain around noon. No class in Lignite due to so much rain. Student C.U. Faye came.
- 15 - SUN - Pentecost - Pinse. Rain and fog. Flaxton at 11:00 and Lignite at 3:00. Many in Flaxton - even some from Bombells. Congregation meeting in Lignite following services. O. Hattelid chosen as delegate to the Circuit meeting in Kenaston in June - Pastor Sauer's call. Christ Schultz and family became new members. Decided there would be a 6-week term of parochial school starting WED, May 18. Some discussion about fencing the yard of the parsonage. 16 - MON - Snow this morning - gone by evening.
- 17 - TUES - Nice weather. Syttende Mai celebration in Lignite. Many people in town.
- 18 - WED - Parochial school started today with 16 children. I went to Columbus for conf. class at 2:00 at E. Ulsrud. (Christopher Urdahl Faye, according to Mom, was a very interesting person. He was born in Entumeni, Zulu, 1886. Attended St. John's College, Sussex, England, 1901-04 and immigrated in 1906. Attended Luther College 1906-09; Seminary 1909-12. Went back to Natal, S. Africa as a missionary in 1912.)
- 19 - THURS - Cloudy and rainy - did not drive to Short Creek for auction. Yesterday and today there were some men from the congregation here to put in posts for the fence around house.
- 20 - FRI - Home - busy getting ready to leave tomorrow for our claim first and then on to McKenzie Co.
- 21 - SAT - A nice day. We left in the morning - stopped in at A. Watteruds - then to A. Serdahl. Conf. class at 2:00. By Wilsons - over to S.O. Berg.
- 22 - SUN - I went to Garfield for services at 11:00 - the family remained at Bergs. Services in Tvedt school at 3:00. By Anton Olson - Gunderson school at 7:00. To J. Nodsle.
- 23 - MON - By our claim - then S to McKeens - Sathres - White Earth to Blichers. In the evening we saw the lunar eclipse and the comet - maaneformorkelse og kometen. (Mom remembered that Halley's comet was quite spectacular. From the Columbus Reporter: With Halley's Comet shining brightly in the western sky and the moon in the SE sky passing thru a total eclipse, the people of this part of the good old USA had the pleasure of witnessing one of the grandest sights last Monday evening that has without doubt ever been seen by the human eye. The sight was indeed beautiful. The eclipse of the moon started about 9:45 and was total by 11:20. By the time the eclipse was total, Halley's comet with its long bright tail showed up exceptionally bright in the western sky. The people who were fortunate enough to see this sight, where the comet and eclipse were visible at the same time, had the pleasure of seeing something that no human eye has ever before seen and with all probability will never have the pleasure of seeing again. Halley's Comet will not be seen again for at least 75 years - or about 1985.)
- 24 - TUES - We went across the Missouri on Brevig's ferry - faerge - and drove to Ingvald's place near Charlson in McKenzie Co. The weather was somewhat chilly and the children

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- 24 - TUES - (cont.) - have colds. Ingvald and family were at home and all was well. Mildred a little over a year old. Jacob and Julius were there also. (Jaegers - Dad's nephews).
- 25 - WED - Went with Ingvald to Berg P.O. - about 10 miles.
- 26 - THURS - The women went to L.A. at Kvales. Ingvald and I stayed at home with the children. Marie, especially, was not feeling very well.
- 27 - FRI - Ingvald had conf. class today but he was at home on SAT -28.
- 29 - SUN - I went with Ingvald to Berg for services at 11:00. Also L.A. Services in p.m. at Ingvald - 3:30 - also communion. Later there was choir and band. (On the way out to Ingvalds Dad had asked some young men riding horseback if they were on the right road to the Buckneberg place. One of the young men gave directions and also asked Dad if he and Ingvald were brothers. Not only that - he told Mom that he was sure he knew her. He was right - his father was Isakson's minister when they lived in Lake Mills, Iowa, and now he was out in McKenzie Co., earning title to a homestead. Mom and Dad saw him again that Sun. afternoon when he came over as a member of the band - Abel Torgerson, son of Pastor A.J. Torgerson.)

Baptism in Flaxton for Alton Ruel, B. Apr. 3 - Parents, Ole S. and Thilda Berg.

- 30 - MON - Drove around to various places - Ida and I, Ingvald and Tina, - visited the claims of Emma and Helen (Tina's sisters who had taken out homesteads) - also to Jacob and Julius. We also drove over to the cemetery - and then back to Ingvalds place.
- 31 - TUES - At home at Ingvalds. The children didn't feel very well so we had the doctor from Charlson come out.

JUNE

- 1 - WED - Nice weather - we left Ingvalds about 9:00 a.m. Crossed the river on the Davis ferry. To Olaus Herfindahl for dinner. To Tioga - left there about 4:00 p.m. and drove to John Anderson in Thorson - got there a little after 7:00. It was cold. (Mom told about how much they enjoyed the Andersons. She had made dinner of course and they stayed up quite late just visiting and drinking coffee. Then about midnight, before retiring, Mom and Mrs. Anderson had taken a little walk outside and returned with the amazing information that it was snowing! The men couldn't believe it. It was June 1st!)
- 2 - THURS - It snowed all day - quite remarkable - noksa merkkelig. We were "snowbound" - veirfast - in Thorson all day. Between 4-6 inches.
- 3 - FRI - Much snow on the ground - meget sne paa marken - but it goes fast. We left Andersons about 9:00 a.m. We drove by our claim - to M. Bjornjeld. Stopped there to rest and had coffee and lunch. Wet and terrible roads all the way home. Everything was pretty good in Lignite except that some of our little chickens had died because of the cold, wet weather.
- 4 - SAT - Conf. class in Lignite at 2:00.

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- 5 - SUN - I had services in Larson at 11:00 and Faye went to Short Creek at 11:00. Both of us were in Columbus at 3:00. Then home.
- 6 - MON - Home. Busy with preparations for the Circuit meeting in Kenaston.
- 7 - TUES - Left for Kenaston - G.N. - for Circuit Meeting - also Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hatlelid and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hatlelid. We took the livery to the church which was 8 miles S of Kenaston. Many people there when we came. Fladmark conducted the opening service. Aanestad, Sauer, Gryting and Davick were there. Well attended meeting each day. We had a little rain WED and THURS. Home THURS evening.
- 10 - FRI - Home. Nice, mild weather. Everything is growing fine - alt vokser godt.
- 11 - SAT - Out to my claim for conf. class at 2:00 and Galgeruds at 4:00.
- 12 - SUN - Stayed over night on the claim - to Serdahls for breakfast. Gunderson school at 11:00. To Nodsles for dinner. Tvedt school at 3:00 - Faye preached. 3 baptisms today: Maurice Blanchard, B. May 4 - Parents, Melvin and Anna Ness; Ethel Marian, B. May 2, Parents, Erik and Anna Dihle; Alvin Orin, B. May 21 - Parents, Albert and Thilda Sorlie. Home.
- 13 - MON - Conf. class at home at 2:00. Later took Ida and the little girls to Portal where they got on the train at 8:30 p.m. to go to Wisconsin for a visit. Faye came back to Lignite with me. (They had to go to Portal to get on the "Flyer" as it did not stop in Flaxton. Student Faye was with them and when he saw the British Union Jack waving above the Port of Entry buildings across the line in Canada, he became almost hysterical! He ran across the line - took off his hat and bowed - and then jumped around, being very vocal all the while. Mom said that the 2 Hatlelid ladies - Bessie and Clara - were there and thought he had lost his mind. En galen mand! Crazy, for sure! Having grown up in Zulu under the British flag, seeing it again brought back his memories of home and his childhood, but to people who were unaware of his early background, he did indeed present an unusual sight. Faye returned to Africa for about 10 years after graduating from the Seminary, and then returned again to America. Grandpa Isakson came to St. Paul to meet Mom and the little girls because she had to change trains there for Elk Mound, and there were 5 hours between trains. Mom really appreciated having some help as Marie was not feeling very well. She had broken out with measles during the night! When they came to Wisconsin, Con didn't think very much about the "pretty" little girls he had heard so much about. Thelma broke out shortly after they came and Agnes a little later. After the measles were all gone and the girls were feeling better Con changed his mind and they became well acquainted.)
- 14 - TUES - Home during a.m. To Big Butte for class at 2:00. My pony is lost.
- 15 - WED - Took my horses out to O. Garberg. My pony had come to C. Ahre and later to Garberg.
- 16 - THURS - Went to Minot for the Synod meeting. Mr. and Mrs. C. Hanson also went. Met Hegg

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- 16 - THURS - (cont.) - there. Went over to church. Met T. Johnson there who would be my host.
- 17 - FRI - Meeting opened at 10:00 - communion service conducted by Olson - sermon by Abel Lien, Portland, N.D. Ingvald and Mrs. came - many people there. In the evening there was a lecture - foredrag - by Stub. (H.G. Stub was at this time Professor at the Seminary and Pres. of the Norwegian Synod.)
- 18 - SAT - A very warm day.
- 19 - SUN - Services by Prof. Preus. (C.K. Preus was Pres. of Luther College 1902-21.) Lecture - foredrag - by Hove. (Elling Hove, Prof. at Luther Seminary).
- 20 - MON - Extremely warm day - 106 degrees in the shade. Skraekkelig varm dag.
- 21 - TUES - A little better. Meeting concluded THURS noon.
- 23 - THURS - Home. Went to O. Finkenhagens at 6:30 for their Silver Anniversary dinner. Many there. It rained some. On June 22 - baptism for Arthur Benneth, B. Apr. 10 - to Anton and Martha Watterud.
- 24 - FRI - To Garbergs to get my horses. 25 - SAT - Home. Class at 2:00.
- 26 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 11:00. Baptisms for Lenora Jeannette, B. Mar. 15 - Parents, Louis and Anna Sophie Steen; John, B. Apr. 17 - Parents, Adolph M. and Fredrikka Bruusven. Big Butte at 3:00. Warm day. Home. Faye had services in Short Creek and Columbus - class also in Columbus. Baptisms for Olga Ruth, B. Apr. 7 - Parents, Knut and Ingeborg Reite, in Short Creek; Ruth Hildor, B. Apr. 23 - Parents, Anton and Borghild Jacobson, Columbus.
- 27 - MON - By Columbus - out to claim with Faye. Conf. class at 2:00. To S.O. Berg - A. Berg. Faye to A. Berg - will start parochial school tomorrow in Tvedt school. 28 - TUES - Home.
- 29 - WED - Election day. Warm these days. A little rain Wed. night.
- 30 - THURS - Cloudy. To Big Butte for conf. class at 2:00. Drizzle - duskregn - during the p.m. and night. Good for gardens and crops.

JULY

- 1 - FRI - Mostly cloudy in a.m. Warmed up in p.m. Faye came to Lignite in evening.
- 2 - SAT - Faye rehearsed with the children in the schoolhouse at 2:00. I had class at 3:00.
- 3 - SUN - School festival in Lignite. I had services there at 11:00 - then the ladies served dinner. In the p.m. Faye spoke - after which we heard the children's program. Many people there - good weather. Thelma - 1 year old today - in Wisconsin.
- 4 - MON - Cloudy. Rather quiet in Lignite today for the 4th of July. Many went either to Columbus or Powers Lake. I went over to Ole Holen to get a team of horses and a wagon and then went out to my claim to get a load of oats. Faye came along with me and then walked over to Sandbergs. I spent the night on the claim.
- 5 - TUES - Home again. Then out to Holen with the team and wagon.
- 6 - WED - L.A. in Macroom at Mrs. J. Krudson. Home. 7 - THURS - Class in Big Butte at 2:00.

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- 8 - FRI - Class in Lignite at 2:00. 9 - SAT - Class at 2:00 - claim. To E. Haugen - Garfield.
- 10 - SUN - Services in Garfield at 11:00 - many there. To Larson at 3:00 - at the depot. Class following. Baptism for Gladys Esther, B. Apr. 16 - Parents, Nils and Grace Gunderson; Paul Norman, B. May 29 - Parents, Jacob and Julia Gunderson (S. St. O). 11 - MON - Home.
- 12 - TUES - To Smishek P.O. - 16 or 18 miles S of Lignite - by Soren Hilde - to Nels Garness. Services there at 3:00 - and 3 baptisms: Edna Lucille, B. June 7 - Parents, Nils and Hilda Lien; Evelyn, B. Nov. 17, 1906 - and Belinda, B. Jan. 26, 1909 - Parents, Nels and Annie Garness. Then home.
- 13 - WED - Auction today at Jacob Gunderson - warm day - quite a few women there - fewer men - auction went well. Then to Williams Co. - 1 mile SW of Skarphols to O. Nelson for wedding of Fred Daley and Betty Nelson. Left there at 7:00 - drove by my claim - Watteruds - and came home at 12:00 midnight. 14 - THURS - Warm day - wind from west.
- 15 - FRI - Big Butte - conf. class at 2:00. Warm today also. Faye came walking in from the hills this evening - stayed over night. Started out early this morning to walk out to the hills again. (He was an exceptionally good hiker - he wore shoes with thick, heavy soles and this time had walked in to see what kind of mail he had received.)
- 16 - SAT - L.A. auction in Macroom in p.m. Jacobson from Lignite rode along with me. Quite a few there - a good sale. I bought for \$3.25 myself. Home.
- 17 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00 - full house. Flaxton at 3:00 - many there too - even some from Bombells. Over to Lodmells for baptism of Ethel Beatrice, B. Dec. 12, 1909 - Parents, L.B. and Hilda Lodmell. To Fred Christensen. In evening over to C. Hanson - mother of Mrs. Hanson received communion - fik gaa til alters.
- 18 - MON - Class in Lignite. 19 - TUES - Conf. class in Columbus - E. Ulsrud.
- 20 - WED - Out to my claim - and Serdahls. Home. 21 - THURS - Home. Read with Hunstad's boy. Painted some of the molding. 22 - FRI - Class in Big Butte. Good rain in evening.
- 23 - SAT - Home. Ole Hatlelid was here in the p.m. - helped with nailing up the picture moldings.
- 24 - SUN - Short Creek at 11:00. Baptism for Gilbert Selmer, B. June 26 - Parents, Christian and Anna Nelson. Columbus at 3:00 - baptism for Arthur Carlton, B. July 5 - Parents, Anton and Ida Sommerness. Stopped in at Sommerness before going home. Baptism in S. St. Olaf for Eunice Irene, B. June 20 - Parents, Ole and Thilda Watterud.
- 25 - MON - Conf. class in Lignite. 26 - TUES - To C. Holter with my horses to pasture.
- 27 - WED - L.A. in Flaxton at Mrs. F. Christensen. 28 - THURS - Left for Wisconsin.
- 29 - FRI - Arrived in St. Paul this morning - then on to Colfax, Wisc. - to Isaksons. Election.
- 30 - SAT - At Isaksons. Also 31 - SUN. Frogner boys over to Isaksons on Sunday. Faye had services at Gunderson school at 2:00.

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- 1 - MON - Received a letter from Martin saying that Thomas is very sick. I left Colfax then
- 2 - TUES - Got to St. Paul and in the evening from St. Paul to Wilmar to Sioux Falls.
- 3 - WED - Came to Canton about 12 noon and went to Nelsons. Lena went along to Martin's and we found that Tom is very sick. 4 - THURS - we called a doctor from Lennox, S.Dak. (near Sioux Falls) but he said that there was nothing that could be done for him. This is what Dr. Lemison had said too. Lena and Mandius went back to Canton.
- 5 - FRI - There were several that came to visit, among them Pastor Berge, from Inwood, Iowa.
- 6 - SAT - I went to Klondike to see Father. Tom is very patient - svært taalmodig. He likes to have us read, pray and sing with him.
- 7 - SUN - Martin and Mrs. and I went to Canton. Father and Ellen were at Martin's. we went back to Martin's in the evening and Mandius came along with us. (Baptism in Flaxton for Myrtle Vera, B. June 20 - Parents, Christ and Tina Shultz.)
- 8 - MON - and 9 - TUES - Tom is weaker each day. Mandius and I take turns watching with him.
- 10 - WED - Tom's eyes are often dim - death is near. The Akre girls came over in the p.m. I stayed with Tom the whole time. Shortly before 5:00 his last moments came. He sat up in bed and then it was all over. He had Jesus with him he said. Thank God for that. Martin went to Inwood to make the necessary arrangements for his funeral.
- 11 - THURS - The service was at 4:00 this afternoon - the church was completely filled. Berge gave a very good sermon - God's great love for us.
- 12 - FRI - Martin took me, Mandius and Lena to Canton. In the evening Mandius and I left for Sioux Falls - then on to Wilmar and St. Paul.
- 13 - SAT - Came to St. Paul in the morning - took the train to Colfax. Got to Isaksons right after dinner. Rainy day.
- 14 - SUN - Home at Isaksons. In the evening to Colfax. Pastor Saetveit preached.
- 15 - MON - Home at Isaksons. 16 - TUES - To St. Paul - and on to Red Wing. Some already there
- 17 - WED - Conference started. Ingvald came FRI evening. J.A. Thorsen preached in the church - Peder Dahl from Gayville, S.Dak. gave the Confessional address - Skriftetale - before the communion service. (Pastor Thorsen was born in 1838 - ordained in 1869 and served in Rock Well, Minn. from 1869 - 1916).
- 21 - SUN - Pastor John Andersen, Wilmar, preached for English services at 11:00. Pastor Wein of Big Bend, Minn. spoke in Norwegian in the evening. Some of us were out on the Mississippi River in the afternoon. (In Columbus there was baptism for Sivert Clarence, B. July 8 - Parents, Olaus and Karen Bjorngjeld).
- 22 - MON - Ingvald left MON. evening. I left TUES - 23 - evening. Mandius stayed until WED. noon and met me and my family at the St. Paul depot on THURS -25- when we came there from Colfax. Mandius then went on to Canton and we went home on the G.N., getting to Lignite FRI evening. (At the depot in St. Paul, while waiting to make train connections, Mandius

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- 25 - THURS - (cont.) - helped as baby-sitter - or baby-chaser - as Thelma had started walking and was in constant need of being watched as she ran around on her "new-found feet". One time she was well on the way to running out thru the open door but Mardius caught her.)
- 27 - SAT - At home. 28 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:00. Baptisms in both places: Selvin Gunerius, B. July 19 - Parents, Ole and Gurine Garberg in Lignite; Clara Pauline, B. July 9 - Parents, Peder and Karen Grove in Flaxton.
- 29 - MON - Conf. class in Lignite at 2:00. 30 - TUES - Out to C. Holter to get my horses - then to my claim - by Macroom - and home.
- 31 - WED - To Short Creek - L.A. at Vigen. By M. Eliasson. Home.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - THURS - There was a good rain during the night and early this morning. Cloudy all day.
- 2 - FRI - Conf. class in Lignite at 2:00. 3 - SAT - Conf. class in Big Butte at 2:00. Jacobsens and Edna were absent.
- 4 - SUN - Services in Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Faye in Larson at 2:00 and conf. class following. Rain during the evening and night.
- 5 - MON - Faye left this morning for St. Paul - Seminary. I had conf. class at 2:00 out on the claim. Only 3 there. Home.
- 6 - TUES - Conf. class in Lignite at 2:00. Jacobsen and I went out to the claim later.
- 7 - WED - Hunting season. We were going to try our luck at hunting. We got out to the claim about 10:00 last night - drove into a fence in the dark. Jacobsen got sick during the night. We did do some hunting during the day but the weather was rainy, foggy and cold and Jacobsen wasn't feeling very well. I shot 19 ducks - Jacobsen 2. Home in evening.
- 8 - THURS - L.A. in Lignite at Svenskeruds - at the restaurant.
- 9 - FRI - In the afternoon I drove to O. Ulsrud, O. Hovland, and Columbus and Stampede - discussing the cemetery for Columbus.
- 10 - SAT - Conf. class - Lignite at 2:00. Pige-forening - Young Girl's Society at home.
- 11 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 11:00. Baptisms for: Guy Norman Maynard, B. May 31 - Parents, Lars and Sira Grinde; James Clarence, B. July 31 - Parents, Jacob and Clara Knutson. Big Butte at 3:00 and conf. class. Then home.
- 12 - MON - Home. Ida's birthday. 13 - TUES - Out to my claim. By Nodsles - sold my pony for \$30.00. Conf. class at the claim at 2:00. To Omund Ege - Serdahls - claim over night.
- 14 - WED - Shot a few ducks this morning. Conf. class at E. Ulsrud at 1:00. Later to L.A. at Andersons in Columbus. Then home.
- 15 - THURS - Conf. class in Lignite at 2:00. 16 - FRI - At home.
- 17 - SAT - Conf. class in Big Butte at Christensons.
- 18 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00. Few there. Lignite at 3:00. Many there.

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- 19 - MON - Conf. class in Lignite at 2:00. 20 - TUES - This morning we all went out to the claim. Conf. class there at 2:00. After that we went out to Ericksons for communion.
- 21 - WED - I went to Larson - conf. class at H. Snelling at 1:00. By my claim and home to Lign in the evening. We left at 6:00 and arrived at home by 9:00.
- 22 - THURS - Wedding in Lignite for Anton Rude and Ottilde Kragerud.
- 23 - FRI - Conf. class in Lignite at 2:00. Baptism for Sverre, B. Aug. 7 - Parents, Ole and Ragnhild Barmoen. 24 - SAT - Conf. class in Big Butte.
- 25 - SUN - Up early to drive out to Tvedt school for services at 11:00. Came to my claim at 10:00. Cold weather - not many there. By Serdahls - then A. Watterud. No service in Gunderson school at 3:00. No one came so I went back to A. Watterud. Heard later that some had come after I left the school. To my claim over night.
- 26 - MON - Conf. class at my claim at 10:00. Class at Galgeruds at 2:00. Back to claim.
- 27 - TUES - Got the threshers on the claim. By Columbus - Stampede. Home to Lignite - late.
- 28 - WED - Home. Started digging up some of the garden vegetables. Got a load of coal.
- 29 - THURS - Conf. class at home. L.A. at John Otheim. Got a load of hay - Frank. (Tony Frank owned the Livery Stable). Mrs. Halvorson from Milan, Minn. came to visit us at noon. (Mother of Henry Halvorson who was our neighbor years later living on the Wrolson place.)
- 30 - FRI - At home.

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- 1 - SAT - Conf. class in Big Butte at 2:00.
- 2 - SUN - Services in Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Baptism in Columbus for Amy Lillian, B. Aug. 6 - Parents, John and Anna Ulsrud. Cold - started raining. To Larson but no services. To Casper Larsen for baptism of Evelyn Ottine, B. Aug. 28. Stayed at Larsons over night.
- 3 - MON - Conf. class at Snellings at 10:00. Class out on my claim at 3:00. To Serdahls. Stayed on my claim over night.
- 4 - TUES - Home. Class at home at 2:00. Later I dug up potatoes. 5 - WED - and 6 - THURS - at home studying for Confirmation sermon for Sunday, Oct. 9 in Lignite.
- 7 - FRI - Drove over to Woburn - saw Ole Berg, Ole Stompro and Ole Mebust. Going home I had to drive against a strong west wind.
- 8 - SAT - Conf. class in Lignite at 2:00. L.A. auction in Columbus today.
- 9 - SUN - 20th Sunday after Trinity. Confirmation service in Lignite at 11:00. Many people there. Service with communion in Flaxton at 3:00. Communion service in Lignite at 7:00. Members of the class: John Tilman Hanson (Christian); Oscar Finkenhagen (Ole); Joseph Elmer Holland (John); Edward Emil Hunstad (Louis); Mae Teresse Jacobsen (Martin).

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- 10 - MON - Out to my claim - Jacobsen along. Class there at 2:00. After that we went out hunting and looked over the land. 11-TUES- Some of the same this forenoon. To Jens Galgerud for conf. class at 2:00. Strong east wind all day.
- 12 - WED - Foggy - or smoky - and cold. The smoke could very well be from the forest fires - skogbranden - in Northern Minn. and Canada where several hundred have lost their lives and thousands of others are homeless - according to reports. To Christensens in Big Butte for conf. class at 2:00.
- 13 - THURS - Mr. Benge (Lignite Blacksmith) came along with me out to the claim where we put up a fence around the buildings and haystacks. 14-FRI- We kept on with fencing until 1:30 and then we went hunting - only got 4 ducks. Over to Sendaals for lunch. It was late when we got back to Lignite. 15 -SAT- Studied - Mission sermon.
- 16 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 11:00. 3 baptisms: Theresse Alvera, B. Sept. 5 - Parents, Thomas and Anne Sophie Mattisen; Melvin Otis, B. Aug. 5 - Parents, Theodore and Magrethe Bakken; Clarence Sylvester, B. Sept. 13 - Parents, Martin and Josephine Serensen. Mission offering here \$12.70. Big Butte at 3:00. Baptism for Luella Beatrice, B. June 21 - Parents, John and Augusta Christ. Home in the evening.
- 17 - MON - Out to the claim. Conf. class there at 2:00. Home again.
- 18 - TUES - Rainy and cold. Wedding here for George Weinmann and Hulda Vergin from Macroom. In the p.m. to Columbus. Berg from Galesville came with me. (Berg was a brother of Christ Hanson's wife). Stormy and windy from north. Class at Edlsvud at 2:00. Home.
- 19 - WED - Home. Weather improved but still cold. 20 -THURS- All to I. Hatlelid for L.A.
- 21 - FRI - To Flaxton for L.A. auction. Some Lignite women there also. Many there but mostly women - mange tilstede men helst kvinder. The sale went well. President Hendrickson came here this evening. 22 -SAT- Conf. class in Big Butte at 2:00.
- 23 - SUN - To Flaxton for Mission services at 11:00. Hendrickson preached. Few there. Offering \$7.05. Lignite at 3:00 - more there - also some visitors - \$10.95. We had company at our place in the evening.
- 24 - MON - A nice day. In the p.m. to Columbus for Circuit Meeting. Hendrickson and I stayed at A. Anderson.
- 25 - TUES - A rainy day. Some came in the forenoon but the meeting started in the p.m. at 2:00 with services conducted by Pastor Sauer - followed by a discussion - referat - led by Sauer on "Sunday - Its Use and Misuse" - "Søndagen, dens rette brug og misbrug". All the pastors came over to Andersons for awhile in the evening - Hendrickson, Aanestad (Carpio), Sauer, O. Ylvisaker and me.
- 26 - WED - Hendrickson and Ylvisaker left this morning. Better weather today - many in the a.m. and all filled in the p.m. There were people from Flaxton, Lignite, Macroom, S. St. Olaf,

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- 26 - WED - (cont.) - and Short Creek and delegates from Sauer's and Aanestad's congregations. Offering to Home Missions taken in the p.m. - \$24.40. About 3:00 Aanestad gave his discussion - referat - on the Sacrament of the Altar. English services at 8:00 conducted by Pastor Stein. (He was Missouri Synod - the ecumenical spirit was doing well).
- 27 - THURS - Cold wind from NW. Not as many here today as yesterday. Meeting concluded at 4:00. Aanestad and Sauer left for Kenmare by train. Hendrickson and I went back to Lignite. A collection was taken up for the President - amounted to a little over \$7.00.
- 28 - FRI - Hendrickson left today for home (Valley City). Weather improved today. Went to Big Butte for conf. class at 4:00.
- 29 - SAT - Conf. class at my claim at 2:00 - last time before confirmation. Stormy from west. Went by the Oscar Grina farm. To O. Hatlelid over night.
- 30 - SUN - A nice day even tho a little cloudy. The schoolhouse (Tvedt) was more than full for S. St. Olaf confirmation at 11:00 - went very well. Offering to Home Mission \$22.65. Members of the confirmation class: Andon Evenson (Ole); Alfred Haugerud (John); Edwin Evenson (Otto); Elmer Evenson (Otto); Alvera Watterud (Anders); Clara Watterud (Anton); Clara Nodstle (John); Ella Bredli (John and Gunna). From the school house I went to Hatlelids for dinner. Then to Garfield school for services at 3:30. This will most likely be my last time over there as Alfred Hendrickson, Wildrose, will take over in 3 weeks. (Son of Pres. Hendrickson). Over to Engel Watterud - Andrew Watterud. Back to Engel over night.
- 31 - MON - By Andrew Watterud again - Iver Toso - Columbus. Wedding at Andersons for Martin Lindberg and Gurda Kinsbeck. Then home.

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- 1 - TUES - Today we had a little snow - the first snow this fall. In the p.m. to Christensons in Big Butte for conf. class at 2:00.
- 2 - WED - Left at noon for Galgeruds - class at 2:00. Then at 4:00 to Agre for L.A. Many there. I stayed there over night.
- 3 - THURS - To Gunderson school for services with communion at 11:00. Over to Nodsles. To Tvedt school at 3:00 for services with communion. This morning the wind was from the south so I had to drive against it. This p.m. the wind had changed to NW so I had to drive against it again over to Tvedt school. To A. Sorlie after church. Home at 9:00.
- 4 - FRI - Strong wind from NW. Cold - some sleet along with the wind. Today I am going to stay at home. I dag skal jeg vaere hjemme.
- 5 - SAT - Weather somewhat improved today. Home today also.
- 6 - SUN - Nice weather. Service with communion in Short Creek at 11:00. Not very many there. Mission offering \$7.95. Services in Columbus at 3:00 - no communion here. Church was

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- 6 - SUN - (cont.) - almost full. Additional Mission offering there - \$3.25. Conf. class following services. Baptism for Edwin Bernhard, B. Aug. 12 - Parents, Mons & Marie Stokke. Then home. 7 - MON - Big Butte conf. class at our home.
- 8 - TUES - ELECTION DAY - Great excitement today - many in Lignite. The County Seat is the most important issue on the ballot - vigtigste paa programmet. Garberg and I went after a load of hay. Very cold wind. This evening it sounded like Lignite might get the County seat. Great jubilation. Stor Jubel.
- 9 - WED - Conf. class in Columbus at N. Anderson at 2:00. 10 - THURS - L.A. - Hansons - Lignite.
- 11 - FRI - Big Butte conf. class at 2:00. 12 - SAT - L.A. sale in Lignite at Jacobsen's restaurant. Cold and stormy - not many came but sale amounted to \$80.00 anyway.
- 13 - SUN - A raw, foggy day. Confirmation services in Big Butte at 11:00 so I had to get out early. Wind from NW. Many in Big Butte - even some who were not from the Norwegian settlement. Members of the class: Herman Palmer and Agnes Marie Christensen (Christian); Bella Gerda and John Leander Jacobson (Tom). Services in Macroom at 3:00 but no communion. Baptism for Caroline, B. Sept. 9 - Parents, Nils and Annie Garnes. Stopped in at P. Bar-moen for awhile. Home by 7:00.
- 14 - MON - Got the tar paper put on the stable in a.m. Conf. class in Columbus at 2:00.
- 15 - TUES - Home. Foggy and cloudy. 16 & 17 - Home also on WED and THURS. Same kind of weather. Skyet, taage og rimfrost. 18 - FRI - Better weather. Class at Galgerud at 1:00. Home.
- 19 - SAT - Young Girl's Society - Pigeforening - at us. On THURS Marie became ill. On FRI we asked Dr. Paulson to come and see her. She had a very bad cold and high temperature but bathing her helped to subdue - kue - the fever. She was a very sick little girl but by Monday she was fine.
- 20 - SUN - Services with communion in Lignite at 11:00. Baptism for Clarence Victor, B. Oct. 4 - Parents, Axel and Alma Blom. To Flaxton at 3:00. Many here. Baptism for Laura Marie, B. Oct. 22 - Parents, Fred and Sina Christenson. We had snow all day Sat. and some on Sun. but it wasn't very cold.
- 21 - MON - To Columbus - Nels Anderson - class at 1:00. Drove with cutter for the first time this fall. 22 - TUES - To Big Butte for communion service at 2:00. Milder. Snow almost gone. 23 - WED - At home.
- 24 - THURS - THANKSGIVING DAY. To Negaards in Short Creek at 11:00 for their Thanksgiving fest. Back to Lignite by 4:00 for wedding of Hans Sandberg and Jennie Elvera Bengtson.
- 25 - FRI - Confirmation service and communion in Larson at 2:00. Many there - offering \$11.60. Foggy all morning. Started snowing in the evening - from east. Home quite late. Class members: John Gilbert and Vidia Melvina Snelling (Hans); Gulla Malette Gundersen (Gunder); Halfdan Galgerud (Jens); Willie Trygve Johnson (Hans).

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- 26 - SAT - Snow - really coming down from east. Home. Finished with confirmation classes just in time. Jeg blev færdig med konfirmation i rette tid.
- 27 - SUN - Did not go out to the hills today - much snow - cold wind from NW.
- 28 - MON - Home. Cold. Same on TUES -29. 30 -WED- L.A. at J. Fossum. Quite cold but many there. Annual meeting for L.A. Mrs. P. Paulson elected president - blev bestyrerinde.

DECEMBER

- 1 - THURS - L.A. at Mrs. Austin Fredrickson - Ida along - many there. There was some discussion about having Christmas Tree and program but decided that it would be best to let it go this year as there is so much illness among the children.
- 2 - FRI - Weather much nicer. Home. Also on SAT -3.
- 4 - SUN - To Short Creek for services at 11:00 but only 3 men came so we had no services. Went home with Even Stompro for dinner. It snowed and drifted during the a.m. - difficult roads - vanskelige veie - weather improving towards afternoon. To Columbus at 3:00 - a few more there so we had services. Then home. Some damage to my cutter - kjorte sundt min cutter.
- 5 - MON - Cold today. Mr. Town brought a load of hay Sat. evening and unloaded it today.
- 6 - TUES - Should have gone to Columbus for Congregation's Annual Meeting but did not go. Snow and drifting from NW. Very cold during the night but it cleared later in the day.
- 7 - WED - Home - nice weather. 8 -THURS- Drove by Macroom over to J. Nodsle - Jacob Gunderson - they are sick there. By Serdahls - my claim - home in the evening.
- 9 - FRI - Home. Some drifting. Pigeforeningen had a Basket Social this evening in the school house. 10 -SAT- Quite a nice day. Home.
- 11 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00. Baptism for Natalie Marie, B. Oct. 15 - Parents, Idon and Clara Stenvrude. Lignite at 3:00. Nice weather even tho a little cold. Hatlelids came over to our place for awhile after services. 12 -MON- Home.
- 13 - TUES - Services in Short Creek at Sigurd Ness, followed by a congregation meeting. Reports and election of officers: Secr.- Sigurd Ness; Treas.- E. Negaard; also custodian for 3 years - E. Stompro has 1 year left. No trustees elected as A. Lee has 1 year left and Fred Peterson has 2. It was decided that the congregation would meet at the cemetery on May 30.
- 14 - WED - Services and Congregation Meeting in Macroom. Baptism for Arthur Edwin, B. Nov. 10 - Parents, Martin and Thilda Mattisen. Neither Secr. or Treas. were present as Secr. Graneng was in Canada and Treas. P. Berg was in Velva attending school. Jacob Knudsen elected as Secr. and P. Barmoen as Treas. Trustees: Ole Barmoen (3) to replace Ed Rusten; T. Bakken has 2 yrs and J. Knudsen 1 yr. P. Barmoen promised to have the schoolhouse warmed up for services. New members included: M. Serensen and family; Tom Mattisen and family;

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- 14 - WED - (cont.) - and Iver Olson Enget. H. Anderson will become a member next time. \$31.00 of salary has come in. A very nice day and full moon.
- 15 - THURS - Home today - nice day. With the full moon it is almost as light at night as during the day - saa lyst om natten som om dagen.
- 16 - FRI - To Bratsberg for baptism of their little girl, Olga Jessie, B. Nov. 24 - Parents, Andrew and Karen Bratsberg. Over to Theo. Olson - sickcall - Mrs. is sick. Home. Foggy.
- 17 - SAT - Left about noon for Columbus with snow coming down for awhile from NW. Congregation meeting of N. St. Olaf at 2:00 in H. Agre's Elevator. Present were H. Agre, A. Sommerness, Andrew Anderson, John Salveson, Even Ulsrud, Ole and Martin Bjorngjeld, Torvald Rossum, Casberg Larsen and Edon Christianson. I opened the meeting with Devotions using Psalm 145 followed by a report by me of the work done during the past year - min virksomhed i aaret's løb. New members received: Mons Stokke and family; Mrs. McKeen. M. Bjorngjeld re-elected as Secr. and H. Agre as Treas. Trustee - E. Christianson (3) and J. Ulsrud still has 2 and A. Sommerness has 1. Rossum finished his term. Nils Duckstad for custodian. Some discussion about moving the cemetery but the Larson members were not in complete accord with this. They favored Larson having a cemetery close to Larson and Columbus having their own, also close to town. It was also agreed to postpone the building of a church. Enough money had been collected to pay my salary - prestelon - and almost all of the rent for the use of the Methodist church. The date of the Annual meeting was also changed to the first Tues. in Dec. for next year. To M. Bjorngjeld over night.
- 18 - SUN - Services in Gunderson school at 11:00. Over to A. Sordahl (dinner). Services in Tvedt school at 3:00. Over to A. Wilson - wedding in the evening for Ole Knutson and Christine Olson.
- 19 - MON - Annual Congregation Meeting at M. M. Sandberg at 10:00 for S. St. Olaf. Present were Sandberg, S. O. Berg, E. Dihle, Ole Hatlelid, A. Wilson, J. Haugerud, and B. Arneson. I opened the meeting with Devotion and Prayer followed by my report of the work during the past year. Sec. and Treas. reports heard. New members: Mikkel Myhre, Albert Sorlie, and Ole Knutson. The treas. reported that \$107.00 for the 1909 salary had been collected and \$97.50 for 1910. (A little more later). J. Haugerud re-elected as secr. and S. O. Berg as treas. to replace A. Wilson. Trustee: E. Dihle (3) and Arneson has 2 left and Nodde 1. A. Sorlie was chosen as custodian for 1 year and Sandberg to the school committee for 2 yrs. They decided to change the time for the annual meeting to Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Some discussion about moving the cemetery farther west and the trustees were advised to write to Biebighauser about obtaining 2 acres from him. (His land was in Sec. 11 and might be more convenient than the cemetery on Dad's land - Sec. 24). Meeting adjourned. Home in the p.m. Drifting from NW. Lina Staff came Sat. and stayed with Ida while I was gone.

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- 20 - TUES - Nice mild weather. In the evening there was a rehearsal of the Men's Choir - Mandskor - in the schoolhouse. Baptism for Dora Margarethe, B. Nov. 12 - Parents, Johan and Alice Wilson. 21 - WED - To Otheims in evening for some singing. Nice weather.
- 22 - THURS - Storming from NW. Looks like we can expect a real snowstorm.
- 23 - FRI - Home until noon. Then to Theo. Olson, Portal, sickcall. Foggy today.
- 24 - SAT - CHRISTMAS EVE - Juleaften. Stormy and some snow. Christmas tree at home.
- 25 - SUN - CHRISTMAS DAY - Juledag. Foggy this morning but it let up during the day. Lignite at 11:00 - many there. The Men's Choir sang several songs. Flaxton at 3:00. Many there also. Late when I got home.
- 26 - MON - Storming from west in the a.m. Services in Columbus at 11:00 - many there. Baptism for Thelma Leona, B. Nov. 24 - Parents, Iver and Alice Iverson. To A. Anderson for dinner. Tough roads - tunge veie - to Short Creek - Negaards at 3:00. Not so many there. Home late. Drifting from west in the p.m. Heavy roads.
- 27 - TUES - First over to C. Hanson - sickcall - Mrs. Hanson's mother received communion. To Macroom at 11:00. Good weather in the a.m. To P. Barmoen for dinner. In the p.m. to Gundersen school at 3:00. Snowstorm from east. I came a little late but there were many there when I came. Baptism for Hilma, B. Oct. 16 - Parents, Nils and Katrina Kleppen. To Nodsles overnight.
- 28 - WED - By Serdahls over to E. Dihle. Nice weather but terrible for driving - so much snow. Services in Tvedt school at 2:00 - many there. Christmas Tree program after services - Miss Holmlid had prepared the children. Over to Dihle.
- 29 - THURS - Colder. To Larson at 11:00. Many there. Congregation meeting after services. New members received: Gunder Gundersen and family (9); Mrs Bredli and children (5) transferred from S. St. Olaf; Ole Dillerud and family (3); Helmer Nordahl (2); Andrew Haraseth; Theodore Grina; Andrew Olson; and Martin Antonson; 23 in all. Some discussion about the cemetery issue. To J. Norby for dinner - 2 baptisms there: Elmer Edwin, B. Oct. 18 - Parents, Ole and Pauline Dillerud; Viola Geneva, B. Sept. 28 - Parents, John & Julia Norby. Went by Columbus - paid the note at the bank - \$52.50. Came home a little late - cold - wind from east and after dark it turned into a real snowstorm.
- 30 - FRI - Ligesaa - more of the same.
- 31 - SAT - Continued storming. Home today.

Al Lov og Pris og Aere bor al Godheds Gud og Fader.

Tak for alt i dette aar.

All Praise and Glory and Honor to God our Father.

Thanks for all in this past year.

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- 1 - SUN - May God Bless us during the coming year. Gud velsigne vor indgang og udgang. Today - Sunday - New Year's Day. Extremely cold. Couldn't drive any place. Had planned to be in Big Butte at T. Jacobson. 2 - MON - A little better today.
- 3 - TUES - A terrible snowstorm all day continuing until late into the night. Congregation meeting announced for today - here - could not be held; no one could come out in this weather. Two men were killed east of Bowbells by the train. Went over to Hansons a few times today. Heard about several who had been lost in the storm for awhile.
- 4 - WED - Weather somewhat improved. Home today.
- 5 - There was to have been L.A. and annual meeting at our place today but by afternoon we had more snow and stormy weather. There were only 4 from here in town that came.
- 6 - FRI - Mild - but more snow. Over to G. Grondahl in the afternoon for baptism of their son, Russell Sylvester, B. Oct. 24, 1910. 7 - SAT - Unsettled weather - rusket veir.
- 8 - SUN - Nice weather. To Flaxton for services at 11:00. Much snow. Lignite at 3:00. Mild day. Martin Hovland and family and J. Berg over to our place.
- 9 - MON - Snowstorm from east. Went to Minot (by train). Snowbound in Woburn for 4 hours - 4 timer indestaengt. Got to Minot at 5:30 p.m. Went to Windsor Hotel.
- 10 - TUES - To Minot Land Office in regard to my homestead and proving up for title. Left Minot at 6:00 p.m. and came to Lignite at 9:30. 30 below zero.
- 11 - WED - Congregation meeting (Immanuel) in Lignite at our place. Not very many there. Cold. The L.A. also met and held their annual meeting at the same time (rescheduled from last week. The men met upstairs in Dad's office and the ladies had their meeting downstairs - potluck serving this time.) Meeting opened with Devotion by Pastor B. - Psalm 145. Reports by secr. and treas. read and accepted. \$88.00 in salary still due. New members: Iver Hatlelid and family. O. Finkenhagen re-elected as secretary and O. Holen as treasurer. Trustee for 3 yrs: O. Hatlelid to replace O. Garberg; assistant - medhjælper - M. Hovland to replace A. Hostbjoer. No one chosen at this time to be delegate to the Synod meeting. J. Baglien to be exempted from paying to Pastor's salary (\$4.00) as he had taken care of his expenses to the Synod meeting in Minot during the summer. Custodian - kirketjeneste - T. Kopsland in Lignite and T. Lee in Flaxton. Ushers - Hanson in Lignite and Lee in Flaxton - or maybe O. Stompro. Organists - Mrs. J. Wilson in Lignite and Mrs. P. Paulson in Flaxton. School committee - same 3 as before: Hanson, Finkenhagen and Lee. Decided to change the date of the annual meeting to the 3rd Tues. in Nov. Decided that \$5 should be paid each year for Communion bread and wine. Decided to have a well dug. Discussion about the building of a church. O. Garberg was interested in getting Svenskerud's opinion about the site; could it be built in town or would he insist that it be built on the land given for the cemetery. He then proposed to donate the 3 acres of land if the congregation would then exempt him from all cost when the church was to be built. Accepted. It was

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- 11 - WED - (cont.) - decided to delay the actual plans for building the church until later.
Hard times. Meeting adjourned.
- 12 - THURS - Stormy and cold. Home. Same on FRI -13.
- 14 - SAT - Weather improving but still very cold - 18 degrees below zero.
- 15 - SUN - Biting cold - bidende koldt. To Short Creek for services at J. Uleberg at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Had to go by Stampede and Columbus. Fred Peterson said it was 35 below. Not many in Short Creek. More in Columbus. Baptism for Myrtle Lillian, B. Dec. 21, 1910 - Parents, Jonas and Maren Salvesson. Paid Mrs. W. Johnson, treas. of L.A. \$45.10 - the rest of what I owed them. Home in the evening.
- 16 - MON - Cold today too. Wind from east with drifting in the forenoon.
- 17 - TUES - and thru the week - cold and stormy off and on - storm og koldt vekslende.
- 22 - SUN - No services in Macroom as announced - too cold and much drifting.
- 23 - MON - Stormy and cold thru the week until FRI -27- when it started to clear and on SAT when it turned mild.
- 25 - WED - Mrs. Hanson's mother died this evening at 5:30. Funeral services were held on
- 27 - FRI - for Mrs. Marie Anderson, 87, and on SAT -28- she was taken to Clarkfield, Minn. for burial. Text: Hebrews - Sabbath rest for the people of God.
- 24 - TUES - On the way to Big Butte - big snowstorm again and I broke the pole - tangen - on the cutter. Should have been out to S. St. Olaf and Larson on the 25 & 26 but didn't go.
- 29 - SUN - A little cold in the a.m. with drifting snow - better in the p.m. Lignite at 11:00 - only 8 people there - the smallest group I have ever had there. To Flaxton at 3:00 - weather improved somewhat and there were 16 there.
- 30 - MON - Mild weather today. Started out for Ole Holens with the family in the p.m. but broke down. Got help from Holen to get back to town but Ida and the children went back to Lignite by train. (Holen lived east and south of Lignite, across the tracks, so it was about a 2 mile ride. As they crossed the tracks the whippletree broke so they could not continue. Just about this time a work-train came along, stopped and offered to help. They suggested hooking the sled behind the train and pulling it back to Lignite but Dad thought it would be better to get help from Ole Holen in this case. Mom and the girls got a ride back to Lignite on the train. The men were very helpful and when they stopped in Lignite, they helped Mom carry the girls over to the restaurant where they waited until Dad came back to town.)
- 31 - TUES - Home. Also the rest of the week until SAT - Feb. 4.

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- 5 - SUN - Couldn't drive to Short Creek and Columbus today. Stormy and drifting. Bad weather

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- 5 - SUN - (cont.) - continued until WED.
- 9 - THURS - L.A. in Lignite at Jacobson's (restaurant) - nice weather. L.A. was to have been last Thurs. but then the weather was too bad and there was also illness at their place. Haugerud called me today from Columbus to tell me that his little son, Eddie, had died.
- 10 - FRI - Nice weather - same on SAT -11.
- 12 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 2:00 - not so many there even tho the weather was nice and mild. Went to M. Bjornqjeld (over night). Roads are good.
- 13 - MON - To J.Haugerud for funeral at 1:30 - Eddie, 1 year, 10 months. Nice weather. Over to A.G.Berg (over night).
- 14 - TUES - My 36th birthday. Services at Tvedt at 11:00. Many there. A little snow. To Berg's again (dinner). By Nels Anderson to Gunderson schoolhouse at 3:00. Collected for Laererton at both places - over \$30.00. 4 baptisms today: Milo Gerhard, B. Dec. 4, 1910 - Parents, Albert and Martha Serdahl; Gladys Alvilda, B. Jan. 4 - Parents, Frank and Ida Wick; Milo, B. Jan. 3 - Parents, Anton and Ingeborg Olson; Leonard Marvin Alexander, B. Jan. 2 - Parents, Axel and Hilda Watterud. To Lignite in evening in a little over 2 hours.
- 15 - WED - Nice weather. Drove over to the elevator for a sack of corn (for the chickens).
- 16 - THURS - Home. Nice today too. 17 -FRI- Another nice day. To Pete Amundsen for baptism of their son, Paul Edward, B. Dec. 6, 1910. 18 -SAT- A little colder. Baptism for Edward Howard, B. Jan. 9, Parents, Henry and Agnes Bly.
- 19 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00 and Lignite at 3:00. Some wind. Not too many out.
- 20 - MON - Nice weather - home. Same on TUES -21. 22 -WED- By Stampede - Columbus - to Short Creek. Services at E. Stompro. Nice day and most of them were there. L.A. also. Collected for Laererton. By S. Ness - home.
- 23 - THURS - Big Butte - T.Jacobson at 1:30. Most of them there. Sold some books.
- 24 - FRI - Stormy during the night. Over to Ole Mebust for the baptism of their son, William Harold, B. Dec. 9, 1910. In the evening to the schoolhouse - discussion about organizing an Enforcement League. 25 -SAT- Home. Mild weather.
- 26 - SUN - To Larson for services at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Home by Stampede - Bardusons. Marie is 3 years old today.
- 27 - MON - Home. Nice day. Mr. and Mrs. J.Nodsle came to visit us. (Mom remembered - in 1970 - how they had laughed when the Nodsles described the departure of one of their neighbors moving to the eastern part of the state - Julius Gunderson to Argusville. They loaded up all their belongings and set out with their caravan. It looked like a train with the steam engine for the threshing machine doing the pulling; following behind were the coal tender wagon - the water tank - the threshing separator - and finally as sort of a caboose came the hay rack filled with all their household goods - bringing up the rear. Even on good roads this would be quite an operation - but in 1910 - how DID they manage!)

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28 - TUES - A little stormy today. Nodsles here.

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- 1 - WED - Nice day. Nodsles left today. 2 - THURS - Macroom at 2:00 - not very many there. Baptism for Bertha Clarisse, B. Jan. 5 - Parents, Nils and Marie Lundstad. L.A. in Lignite at Garbergs. Mr. Granrud came to find out when I could conduct funeral services for their little girl. 3 - FRI - Mild weather. At home today.
- 4 - SAT - Stormy all day until about 4:00 p.m. Left at 4:30 for S.O. Berg and arrived there at 7:00 p.m. Ida went to Crosby to visit the Nelsons (cousin). Miss Lena Staff came here to stay with the little girls - hjemme med smaapigerne.
- 5 - SUN - Nice day. Services at Tvedt school at 11:00. Baptism for Myrtle Bertine, B. Jan. 9 - Parents, Bernt and Mathilda Arneson. Gunderson school at 3:00. Baptism for Clarence Ragnvald, B. Feb. 4 - Parents, Carl and Rangdi Brothen. Had some books for sale dealing with Secret Societies - Hemmelige Selskaber. To J. Nodsle.
- 6 - MON - By Serdahls - my claim - over to Ljungren for baptism for their little boy, Rolf Hjalmar, B. Jan. 1 to Charles and Charlotte Ljungren. Then by Serdahls - my claim - to Anton Ness for baptism of Mildred Irene, B. Feb. 4 to Anton and Randi Ness. Nice day. Home (Mom said that Nels Serdahls were living on the claim when they lived in Lignite.)
- 7 - TUES - Ida came home from Crosby (train). I went to Edward Granrud for the funeral at 11 for Stella Maline, 1 year, 17 days, D. Feb. 28. Mild - poor roads - daarligt fore. Had to go by Flaxton to get to the cemetery.
- 8 - WED - Could not go to Columbus for L.A. and congregation meeting concerning the cemetery as the roads were impossible.
- 9 - THURS - Mild. Grondahl's Store and P.O. burned. 10 - FRI - Mild. 11 - SAT - Colder.
- 12 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00. Quite a few there. Could not get to Flaxton. Snow is disappearing fast and roads are bad. Hatlelids and Garbergs here to visit.
- 13 - MON - Had thought about driving out to Nodsles but gave up on that. Too muddy.
- 14 - TUES - Cold and stormy from the NW. Everything is frozen up again.
- 15 - WED - Cold but very still. Tina came this evening from Northwood by train. (Tina had had major surgery in Northwood and Dr. Peterson had recommended that she recuperate where she would not have to walk steps and also said she should not travel by horse and buggy for awhile. Ingvald came to get her 2 weeks later and they left by train).
- 16 - THURS - A nice, mild day. Wedding for Harry Leslie Hunstad and Alma Toso. Auction at J. Nodble. 17 - FRI - Drove out to Nodsle with buggy to get some meat and potatoes. Quite a bit of snow for buggy. 18 - SAT - Went to Larson by train - stayed at the restaurant. Had some conversation - discussion with A. Dahl who was there also.

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- 19 - SUN - Services in Larson at 11:00. Nels Gunderson took me to Columbus for services at 3:00. A. Anderson took me to Stampede. Roads terrible. At O. Bjorngjeld over night.
- 20 - MON - By train to Lignite. Olaf Ylvisaker was on the train - on his way to St. Paul. Home on TUES and WED. Very wet and muddy.
- 23 - THURS - L.A. at Garbergs. Tina along. At home for the most on FRI and SAT.
- 26 - SUN - Macroom at 11:00 - many there. Collected for Laererlon - \$9.25. To Big Butte at 3:00 - at M. Stensen. Many there too. Home.
- 27 - MON - Home. At 2:00 over to J. Otheim for baptism of Olive Jeannette, B. Feb. 28.
- 28 - TUES - To Gunderson school at 11:00 for services. Clarence Grina along to Anton Ness. Stormy from west - few at services. By Serdahls - Watteruds. Snow and sleet - slud - from west. Drove over to Tvedt school but didn't stay long - no services. went by Gillie Mine - auction - saw Watterud and Serdahl. Home. Ingvald came this evening.
- 29 - WED - L.A. in Columbus at A. Anderson - I went over for that. We were invited to Hansons for supper this evening.
- 30 - THURS - Wedding this a.m. for Axel Hagen and Emma Lybek. More snow.
- 31 - FRI - Ingvald and Tina went home today (to Keene) on the train by way of Minot. Colder.

APRIL

- 1 - SAT - Home. A little colder.
- 2 - SUN - Services and communion in Lignite at 11:00. Flaxton at 3:00. Quite a few. Cold.
- 3 - MON - Home. Enslags helligdag. A sort of holy day. (When I asked Mom what that could possibly mean she just smiled and said, "Why, of course, that was the day we became engaged!" April 3, 1905).
- 4 - TUES - Around collecting for Laererlon - Teacher's Fund - stopped at Ole Holen, Adolf Hostbjor, John Baglier, Ole Rykken, O. Berg, Stompro, Christ Halvorson, A. Nygaard, Ole Mebust, John Fossum, Osten Fredrickson, Heggen, O. Hostbjor. \$10.00
- 5 - WED - Home. Nice mild weather. Home rest of week thru FRI. Nice weather.
- 8 - SAT - In the a.m. drove out to A. Watterud - my claim - over to M. Myhre. Bad roads.
- 9 - SUN - Services in Gunderson school at 11:00. To A. Olson for dinner. Tvedt school at 3:00 for services and communion. Over to O. Hatlelids for baptism - Lila May, B. Feb. 27 - Parents, George and Ragna Witty, Mild day.
- 10 - MON - By S.O. Berg - A.G. Berg. To cemetery for graveside rites - jordpaakastelse - for baby Sivert Johan, B. July 4, 1910 and lived 12 hours - son of Bendik and Bertha Siverson. By my claim - A. Watterud for dinner. Sold 7 tons of hay to Watterud. By O. Garberg - home.
- 11 - TUES - Mild - cloudy. Home. 12 - WED - Colder.
- 13 - THURS - Holy Thursday - Skjaertorsdag - stormy from NW with some snow. Didn't try to go to Big Butte - J. Christ. Went to Macroom in the p.m. for services. Few there. Baptism

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- 13 - ~~THURS~~-(cont.) - for Norman Elvin, B. Feb. 15 - Parents, Sivert and Clara Halbakken.
- 14 - FRI - Lang fredag. Good Friday. Cold today too. Services with communion in Flaxton at 11:00. Many in church. Baptism for Mildred, B. Nov. 19, 1910 - Parents, Nils and Caroline Paulson. In Lignite at 3:00 - many there too. Baptism for Henry William, B. Feb. 12 - Parents, Martin and Marie Heggen. Stormy with snow from NW.
- 15 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 16 - SUN - Paashedag. Easter Sunday. Short Creek at 11:00. Many there. Baptism for Tecla Helena, B. Jan. 9 - Parents, John and Tecla Larson. Columbus at 3:00. Many there too. Baptism for Bengliot Ingaline, B. Jan. 23 - Parents, Nils and Gunhild Austaraa; Gladys Genevieve, B. Mar. 25 - Parents, Henry and Carrie Agre. To Larson at 7:00. Stayed over night at Nelson Restaurant. Home in the a.m. of 17 -MON. By N. Eliasson. Nice weather.
- 18 - TUES - Home. Wedding for John Holte and Carrie Johnson. Home rest of week. Studying.
- 23 - SUN - Easter services in Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:00.
- 24 - MON - Home. 25 -TUES- Used Blom's team to drive out to the claim for a load of hay. Got home to Lignite at 1:00 on WED -26.
- 27 - THURS - and thru SAT - Home - studying - also planted some things in the garden.
- 30 - SUN - Cold again. Services with communion in Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. To E. Running over night.

MAY

- 1 - MON - To O. Knudson - by Wrolson - A. Watterud - home. A little snow. Marie had broken her collarbone today - had fallen off the little rocker.
- 2 - TUES - Dr. Ramsey came over to see Marie and bandage her. Home this week. Dry and windy.
- 6 - SAT - Very strong wind from NW in the p.m. A little rain in the evening - but very little.
- 7 - SUN - To Larson for services at 10:30. To Tvedt school at 3:00. Many there - 4 baptisms: Peter Olaf, B. Apr. 4 - Parents, Mathias and Bertha Sandberg; Thelma Vidette, B. Apr. 11 - Parents, Oscar and Mabel Hatlelid; Edwin Olander, B. Jan. 2 - Parents, Omund and Carrie Ege; Jane Bennetta, B. Mar. 7 - Parents, Knut and Sina Wrolson. To Gurderson school at 7:00. To A. Watterud over night. Nice weather.
- 8 - MON - To my claim. Then home. Quite warm. 9 -TUES- Terrible dirtstorm. Farther east in the state there was some damage due to the storm and wind.
- 10 - WED - Home the rest of the week - studying - wrote out my report - referat - for the meeting in Hartland. Also did some work out in the garden, etc. - osv. Dry and sometimes windy.
- 14 - SUN - Services with communion in Macroom at 11:00. Baptism for Olga Mabel, B. Oct. 25, 1910 - Parents, Jens and Marie Ness. To Big Butte at 3:00. No services but baptism for Sadie Lillian, B. Feb. 25 - Parents, Martin and Olga Stensen. Home in the evening.

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MAY

- 14 - SUN - (cont.) - Mrs. Wilson came over to visit. Looked like we might get some rain.
- 15 - MON - Very cloudy and windy. Should get some rain soon. We did get some rain in the afternoon and during the night - and a great deal on TUES.
- 17 - WED - Today we went out to our claim - our whole family. The weather was nice but it was very wet and soft down on the flats. We came out about noon and ate our dinner outside - spiste ude i det frie. (Picnic). Later I went around with some gopher poison. Ida and the little girls walked over to see Mrs. Wrolson. Later we went to A. Watteruds. Then home in the evening. (Mom told about how Marie walked around, touching and petting the house, almost as though she remembered and recognized it.) 18 - THURS - Home.
- 19 - FRI - Started a confirmation class in Macroom for 3. 20 - SAT - Home.
- 21 - SUN - Services with communion in both Flaxton at 11:00 and Lignite at 3:00. Nice day. Over to Finkenhagens for a little while in the evening.
- 22 - MON - Home. 23 - TUES - Student Bernt Hofrenning came this evening. 24 - WED - Home - also on THURS. 26 - FRI - Some rain - cloudy and cold. Did not go to Macroom at 2:00 for confirmation class at Barmoens because there was so much rain.
- 27 - SAT - Cold - stormy - a little snow. To Flaxton at 2:00 to start a confirmation class. 3 girls came who are too young yet. Home. Cold.
- 28 - SUN - Hofrenning and I out early - left at 8:00 for Stampede. Negaard was there with his rig to take Hofrenning to Short Creek at 11:00. I went on to Larson for services and communion at 11:00. Baptism there for Mildred Evelyn, B. May 10 - Parents, Gunder and Anne Marie Gunderson. Then to Columbus for services at 3:00. I preached there. J. Uleberg came with Hofrenning. We went over to A. Anderson for awhile. Then home. Nice for driving. Pent.
- 29 - MON - Parochial school started today with 16 children. Hofrenning will be staying at Finkenhagen. Some of the children were absent this p.m. as Finkenhagen and Holland and children from the Sunday School went to Portal for a ball game. Seems that things are getting out of bounds - det begynder snart at gaa over alle grenser.
- 30 - TUES - Home. Also WED - 31.

JUNE

- 1 - THURS - and on thru SAT we had steady rain. Could not go out to Macroom for confirmation class on FRI. Mrs. O. Barmoen has been here for a few days now. Her daughter, Olga, is staying here to attend parochial school. SAT noon I went to Columbus - terrible roads for driving. Short congregation meeting. By my claim. Over to E. Dihle.
- 4 - SUN - Pinse Sondag - Pentecost. Tvedt school at 11:00 - many there. Baptism for Helen Marie, B. Apr. 17 - Parents, Fred and Betty Daley. Gunderson school at 3:00. Then home. Hofrenning had services in Flaxton and Lignite. Many there.

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JUNE

- 5 - MON - Stormy during the night from west. Thunder and lightning - torden og lynild. Some rain. Continued stormy during the day.
- 6 - TUES - Went out to my claim for a load of hay - stayed there over night. Thunder and lightning during the night. Left WED morning for home.
- 8 - THURS - Conf. class at Iver Barmoen at 2:00. 9 - FRI - Home.
- 10 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton at 10:00. In the p.m. the Pigeforening had their auction at Jacobson's restaurant at 2:00. It went very well.
- 11 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 11:00 and Big Butte at 3:00. Hofrenning preached the sermon in Macroom and I conducted the rest of the service. Ole Berg took Hofrenning over to Big Butte and the family and I stayed at Barmoens in the p.m. Home in the evening.
- 12 - MON - Home - studying. A visit from Mrs. A. Watterud.
- 13 - TUES - Went to Hartland, N.D. this a.m. for Circuit Meeting - Kredsmode. Mr. and Mrs. Iver Hatlelid and O. Finkenhagen along. From S. St. Olaf - Mr. and Mrs. O. Hatlelid; from Larson - A. Haraseth; from Columbus - J. Salveson; from Big Butte - Ole Erickson; from Flaxton - Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lee. The meeting started at 2:00 with Communion service; Sauer had the Skriftetale - Confessional address - and I preached the sermon on Proverbs 22:6. Following this we had discussion based on my referat-report - "The Christian Home". Sauer's discussion was on the last half day. Spent an evening at Aanestads in Carpio. It was a good meeting. Came home the evening of THURS - 15.
- 16 - FRI - Conf. class in Macroom at 2:00. 17 - SAT - Home. Old Settler's Picnic in Flaxton. Many from Lignite went over there.
- 18 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00. Baptism for Arthur Palmer, B. May 18 - Parents, Ole and Caroline Rykken. Lignite at 3:00. Baptism for Palmer, B. May 8 - Parents, Erik and Petra Myhre. Warm today. Ida and Thelma along. Over to Lee's for a little while. Even warmer in p.m. but many there. S. Ness and O. Garberg here for awhile. To E. Myhre in evening (baptism). George Baglien took Hofrenning to Short Creek and Columbus today. Have had song practice with the young on TUES, THURS, and FRI evenings. Tomorrow we will be leaving for Colfax, Wisconsin.
- 20 - TUES - Came to Colfax at 11:50 - everything just fine. Mr. and Mrs. Lars Isakson were there to meet us. Everything looked very nice. WED evening over to Ingeman.
- 22 - THURS - I left today for St. Paul - over to the church where the Free Church were just concluding their meeting. A Stavanger Lag is being organized. Also over to Luther Seminary.
- 23 - FRI - The Synod Meeting began today - Quite well attended.
- 24 - SAT - Today Ida and her Father came. Mandius had come from Calveston, Texas. Ingvald later.
- 25 - SUN - Grand, festive services in Auditorium - storartet Gudstjeneste. Cornerstone laying. (Mom thought this could have been Christ Church.) Warm day.

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- 26 - MON - Wonderful concert in the evening. (Mom remembered attending this concert and that the music was exceptional - orchestra - opera singers.)
27 - TUES - Ida and her father went back to Colfax today. Meeting continued until FRI evening.
30 - FRI - Mandius and I left for Canton after the conclusion of the meeting.
(On SUN-25 there were baptisms for Harry Kermit, B. Apr. 26 - Parents, Hans and Caroline Snelling in Larson: Thelma Isabel, B. May 30 - Parents, Martinus and Sina Dahl, S.St.O.)

JULY

- 1 - SAT - Mandius and I arrived in Canton.
2 - SUN - Services in Canton. Father and Martin came and we went home with them. Larchwood.
3 - MON - Back to Canton - Father along. 4 - TUES - Father and I to Sioux Falls - Mandius to Texas. 5 - WED - We went to St. Paul this a.m. - to start for home this evening. Ida and the children came to St. Paul at 5:00. 6 - THURS - Home in evening - tired after the trip.
7 - FRI - Very warm. A little rain this evening. School term finished here - Hofrenning.
8 - SAT - Cool - cloudy. Possibility of more rain.
9 - SUN - I went to Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Hofrenning had services and school program - skolefest - in Lignite. Many people attended.
10 - MON - Strong wind from west - also yesterday forenoon. I took Hofrenning over to Undhjem school where he started with Parochial school. I went to Flaxton for conf. class. Home.
11 - TUES - Class in Macroom. Home the rest of the week thru FRI.
15 - SAT - L.A. auction (p.m.) - didn't go very well - ikke svaert betalt. Svenskerud had a sale in the a.m. Poor turnout there. Dry weather - people are depressed - mismodige.
16 - SUN - Out early today to get to Gunderson school by 11:00. Baptism for Alvin Leonard, B. June 22 - Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson. To J. Johnson at 3:00 and to Larson at 7:30. To H. Agre over night. Hofrenning had services in Flaxton at 11:00. In Lignite an Anderson had had some meetings - also today, Sunday.
17 - MON - This morning from Agre to Columbus with school books. Norwegian (Parochial) school started today with Miss Hallum teaching. Went out to my claim - dinner at Watteruds. A little rain. Went out again to my claim on TUES -18. Forgot Watterud's keys. (?) Had to cut down some mustard in my flax - maatte slaa ned lidt sennep i min flax. Home.
19 - WED - A little rain last night. Conf. class in Macroom in p.m.
20 - THURS - Home. In the p.m. to Rival to meet Mrs. A. Berg.
21 - FRI - Nice day. Luther College Band concert today. They came at 11:10 a.m. The L.A. served dinner for them before the concert. There were more people in Lignite today than there have ever been before. They gave a concert in Crosby in the evening. (Mom remembered more things about this day. The L.A. served dinner to them before the

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- 21 - FRI - (cont.) - concert - 2 ladies having the responsibility for serving the dinner for each group of 8-10 people. Mom and Mrs. Finkenhagen served dinner to Mr. and Mrs. Sperati, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, manager of the band, Rev. and Mrs. Stoltz, Mo. Synod pastor from Portal, Rev. Ylvisaker and Dad, and the Porter on the train. She wasn't quite sure if he had eaten with the group or on the train as he was taking care of Sperati's child who was sick today. The ladies planned their own menus for each table and Mom and Mrs. F. had served meatballs and all the trimmings, including gooseberry preserve - which made a hit - and Krumkake. Hattelids had made enough ice cream to serve the whole bunch. A bandstand had been built with the lumberyard furnishing the lumber, and decorated with draped bunting for the festive occasion. Someone had suggested shooting off some firecrackers - but that was voted down. The concert was wonderful. After the band had left by train for Crosby, Pastor and Mrs. Stoltz came over to the parsonage. There was plenty of food left over to eat again later on but nothing on which to eat. The table, chairs and dishes were at the hall where they had eaten dinner. Mr. Finkenhagen and the boys brought the things back however.)
- 22 - SAT - Back this morning and east again. Some rain during the night but it is very dry.
- 23 - SUN - To Macroom at 11:00 and Big Butte at 3:00. Baptism in B.B. for Madelene Irene, B. June 14 - Parents, Peder M. and Annie Christianson. Graveside rites for Mrs. John Christ, 58, (Margit), died July 14. Home in the evening.
- 24 - MON - Home. Cold weather. Crops are reviving after the rain.
- 25 - TUES - Went out to the claim - all of us. Home in the evening. Home on WED also.
- 27 - THURS - Andreas Turmo and John Wisnaes came this evening - showed slides and lectured in Lignite this evening - Lysbilleder og foredrag - very good but not many there. Collection in Lignite \$6.60 and Flaxton \$4.55. (This was summer work for some Seminary students to earn money for the coming year. These 2 students were in the class of 1912).
- 28 - FRI - Took them to Flaxton this evening for the same program. Not many there either.
- 29 - SAT - Conf. class in Macroom - Wisnaes along. They went to Noonan this evening.
- 30 - SUN - I had services in Flaxton at 11:00 and went to Lignite at 3:00 for funeral - little Florence Evelyn Jacobson, 4, who died on Fri., daughter of Martin and Clara Jacobson. Many people there. I spoke both in Norwegian and English. Pearson spoke in English. (He was the minister in the Swedish church). Hofrenning had services in Short Creek and Columbus. Baptism for Emma Charlotta, B. June 27 - Parents, Hjalmar and Rose Ringvall.
- 31 - MON - Home. Cloudy and cool. Wisnaes and Turmo in Columbus.

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- 1 - TUES - To Columbus. Took the 2 students south to Tvedt schoolhouse. Had borrowed a buggy

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- 1 - TUES - (cont.) - from O.Gron Dahl earlier. I stayed at Sandbergs over night and the students were at Hatlelids. (Dad had to use a larger buggy than his own to haul all their equipment. They used a carbide light for their slides and this was about the size of a ten gallon cream can. This provided power - a source of light - so they could perform any place.)
- 2 - WED - To Macroom. Picked some berries too. The schoolhouse was full for the program this evening. Home to Lignite by midnight. Their collections amounted to \$18 in Columbus; \$14.50 in Tvedt school; \$8 - 10 in Macroom; Lignite and Flaxton \$11.15
- 3 - THURS - Rain during the a.m. Axel Blom gave the students a ride to Rival where they got on the train to go to Crosby. From there they will go to Wildrose, Palermo, Kenmare, Velva, osv - etc. L.A. in Lignite at Myhre. (In 1954 or '55 when Dick Ydstie had a speaking engagement in Lignite, he and Arlene had been invited to Axel Blom's for dinner as he knew that Mrs. R.Ydstie was a Buckneberg girl.)
- 4 - FRI - Very wet and muddy. To Iver Barmoen in the a.m. No conf. class.
- 5 - SAT - Hofrenning and I went to Macroom - L.Henderson - my claim - A.Berg. I went on to Larson - to T.Rossum. Rain off and on all day.
- 6 - SUN - I had services in Larson at 11:00. Nice weather - many there. There were many at Tvedt school also, where Hofrenning had services. We both went to Gunderson school at 3:00. Many there too. Went next to Macroom cemetery - graveside rites for Mrs.Martin (Ingeborg) Ronning, 33, D. June 26. Home in the evening.
- 7 - MON - I took Hofrenning to Flaxton early this morning for school. I went to Scheldrup - (Gus) Portal. Home. Intet af nogen betyd der. Rain during the night.
- 8 - TUES - Cool. Home. Home on WED and THURS. Julius came from Minot WED. evening.
- 11 - FRI - Conf. class in Macroom at 2:00 - Father went along. Stopped in at Theo. Bakken, Louis Steen, Barmoens, P.Bakken, and S. Ahre.
- 12 - SAT - Home. Hofrenning came and then he went out to Macroom.
- 13 - SUN - I had services in Lignite at 11:00. Baptism for Millie Oletta, B. June 7 - Parents, Martin and Othilda Hovland. Hofrenning in Macroom and Big Butte.
- 14 - MON - Out to my claim. Julius along. Then home.
- 15 - TUES - Quite a storm early this morning west and south of Lignite. Considerable destruction. Home today. Brandser came and wants to hire Julius to work for him.
- 16 - WED - Julius went to work for Brandser.
- 17 - THURS - L.A. in Lignite at P.Johnson. It has rained now every day or night for several weeks and now it is almost too wet for harvesting.
- 18 - FRI - Father and I went out to Macroom. Father read with the class and I picked some berries. About 5 there was rain and a lot of thunder.
- 19 - SAT - Home - studying. Hofrenning came from Flaxton - has finished the school term.

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AUGUST

- 20 - SUN - I had services in Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Warm in the afternoon. Hofrenning in Lignite and Flaxton. He went along with Theodore Bakken to Macroom later.
- 21 - MON - Foggy - then rainy. 22 - TUES - To my claim. Picked yellow mustard for awhile. Home.
- 23 - WED - Home. Also THURS. 25 - FRI - Was on my way out to Iver Barmoen for conf. class but heard that Hofrenning was reading with them. He came in from Macroom in the evening.
- 26 - SAT - Rainy. Hofrenning went to Minot this evening.
- 27 - SUN - Did not go to Larson at 11:00 as announced as we couldn't get the use of the church then. Ida, Thelma and I went out to the Hills - Tvedt school at 3:00. Baptism for Charles Gilmore, B. May 21 - Parents, Ole and Christine Knutson. To Haugerud. I went to Curterson school at 7:00 - then back to Haugeruds. Baptism at school for Rachel Jesemere, B. July 21 - Parents, Anton and Othilda Rude. Grandpa (Bestefar), Marie and Hannah Kopsland were at home. Cold - rain showers. A little frost during the night.
- 28 - MON - Left Haugeruds at 7:30 and got to Tioga at 12:00 noon. Went across the river on the Davis ferry at 5:00 - got to Ingvald's about 8:00 - unexpected. Nice weather.
- 29 - TUES - Home at Ingvald. In the afternoon we went over to M. Gunstead - the church - Keene P.O. - Julius' land - over to Jacob and Margit for supper. Back to Ingvald.
- 30 - WED - Ingvald and I picked plums. Tina and Ida went to L.A.
- 31 - THURS - To Smith's farm - and farther. Picked berries and plums. (Mom canned many of the plums without sugar, to be used for jam and preserve later as needed - and when there was more time. Sometimes she would put the cooked plums thru a sieve for plum butter or pit them for preserve. Served on cream and bread it was delicious.)

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - FRI - Left Ingvald this morning and got to our claim by evening. Nice weather.
- 2 - SAT - Got home to Lignite in the forenoon.
- 3 - SUN - I went to Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Baptism for Alice Elnora, Born Aug. 16 - Parents, William and Maghild Johnson. Larson at 7:00. By Stampede and home. Hofrenning had services in Macroom at 11:00 - Big Butte at 3:00 - and Lignite in the evening. L.A. at O. Hatlelid. There was a missionary speaking in Flaxton in the church.
- 4 - MON - Cloudy and rainy. Hofrenning left today for Flaxton - short trip to Canada.
- 5 - TUES - Rainy - same on WED. Rain is delaying harvesting - hard to get started with threshing as it is very wet.
- 7 - THURS - This afternoon Father and I drove south to O. Garbergs and around in that area. Shot 4 ducks. Home. 8 - FRI - Cloudy today too. Sickcall to Mrs. M. Eliasson.
- 9 - SAT - Conf. class in Macroom.

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- 10 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00; baptisms for: Gilbert Reuben, B. July 20 - Parents, Torvald and Anne Lee; Clarence Morris, B. Aug. 12 - Parents, Oscar and Olava Boe. Lign. 3:00.
- 11 - MON - To Tony Rude - M. Myhre for dinner - then by M. Hoie, N. Kleppen, B. Sivertson, Andrew Peterson, on Simon Berg's land, then Omund Ege, Ole Erickson, Ole Olson, Wrolsons, Serdahls on my claim.
- 12 - TUES - From Serdahls and south - shot a few ducks - to claim for dinner - by A. Watterud. He is going to start harvesting on my claim - oats today. Shot a few ducks on the way home. Today is Ida's birthday.
- 13 - WED - Ida and I to L.A. in Columbus at Mrs. E. Ulsrud. Many there. 14 - THURS - Home.
- 15 - FRI - Macroom conf. class. 16 - SAT - Flaxton conf. class at 10:00. Pige forenoon - Young Girl's Society - at our place in the p.m.
- 17 - SUN - To Gunderson school for services at 11:00. Cold but many there. The following families became members: M. Hoie, Nels Kleppen, Bendik Sivertson, Andrew Peterson, Jens Ness, Omund Ege, Ole Erickson, Carl Brothen, Anton Olson, and 2 ungharls - bachelors - Jacob Sivertson and Ole Olson. By my claim for dinner. To Tvedt school at 3:00 - not so many there - some cases of whooping cough - highste. Home to Lignite.
- 18 - MON - During the night the bank was robbed of \$2000.00 and Grondahl's store also lost some. Ole Carberg came over today to finish the chimney - to make a hole at the base so the soot could be cleaned out. (Mom had been worried about the possibility of fire and explosion. After Carberg had finished the job he turned to Mom and said, "Now - I guess you'll sleep much better.")
- 19 - TUES - Nice day. The whole family went with me today to Short Creek in the afternoon. I stopped in to see old Ole Olson who is sick. He is very worried about many things. Home in the evening.
- 20 - WED - Home today. L.A. in Flaxton at Mrs. Samuelson in Burgett's house.
- 21 - THURS - To Bagliens in the afternoon to get 2 sacks of oats. 22 - FRI - Conf. class in Macroom at 2:00. Cold. 23 - SAT - Class in Flaxton at 2:00. Cold. Some snow during night.
- 24 - SUN - Short Creek at 11:00 - 3 baptisms: Helen Elvina, B. Aug. 27 - Parents, Even and Marit Stompro; Mildred Anita, B. June 9 - Parents, Odin and Jessie Stompro; Julius Ingman, B. Aug. 12 - Parents, Lars and Marie Negaard. Columbus at 3:00. Rain during the p.m. It is now so wet that harvest work is being delayed greatly. Home in the evening.
- 25 - MON - Home. Clear weather. Julius and I went out hunting this p.m. - ducks. Home on TUES.
- 27 - WED - To Short Creek to see Ole Olson - communion. L.A. at K. Reite.
- 28 - THURS - It rained all night and it seems that it will continue all day. What is going to happen? Hardly any of the threshing has been done and with this continual rain the crops are apt to rot in the fields. L.A. today at Scott Eynon.

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29 - FRI - Clear today. Conf. class in Macroom. While Father read with the class I made a quick trip to my claim. Flax has not been cut yet. 30 - SAT - Class in Flaxton at 2:00.

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- 1 - SUN - Communion service in Lignite at 11:00. Flaxton at 3:00. Many there. Foggy, raw weather. Some are threshing.
- 2 - MON - Foggy - damp weather - drizzle - smaaregn. Went out to P. Amundson in the a.m. to borrow some oats - fik laant lidt havre - more rain later. (Dad had to borrow some oats for his horses until the threshing was done out on the claim.)
- 3 - TUES - Rain during the night and all day too. 4 - WED - Home. Weather is better but it is very muddy for driving. 5 - THURS - P. Amundson came to tell me their baby had died.
- 6 - FRI - Conf. class in Macroom. Father along. Stopped at S. Halbakken, M. Mattisen, M. Ronning, Barmoen, etc. Home.
- 7 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton. Trina Samuelson was back from Minneapolis and a Jacobson boy was also there today - total of 8 now. Funeral for P. Amundson's baby - Paul Edward. ^{19 Mon.}
- 8 - SUN - A nice day. Macroom at 11:00 and Big Butte at 3:00. Nearly everyone was threshing today so there weren't as many at services as could have been expected. No communion as announced. Home in the evening.
- 9 - MON - Home. Some wind - it should help to dry out the grain that has been wet for so long.
- 10 - TUES - Had driven out to the claim yesterday p.m. Stayed there over night.
- 11 - WED - Drove around to quite a few places - O. Evenson, Thompson, Dihle, J. Johnson, Oscar Hatlelid - then back to my claim - Watteruds - and then home. Home on THURS.
- 13 - FRI - Conf. class in Macroom. 14 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton at 10:00.
- 15 - SUN - Mission sermon and communion in Gunderson school at 11:00. Baptism for Berrice, B. Sept. 29 - Parents, Bendik and Bertha Siverson. Tvedt school at 3:00. Baptisms for: Clifford Levine, B. Sept. 7 - Parents, Olaf and Caroline Ronholdt; Ernest Manford, B. Sept. 13 - Parents, Albert and Thilda Sorlie. To A. Serdahl.
- 16 - MON - To my claim. Started to dig a well - had help of one man. Home by way of Watterud, Iver Toso, Calgerud, Columbus, A. Anderson. 17 - TUES - Home.
- 18 - WED - Funeral for 3 day old baby of C.P. Christensen - Big Butte. (Coteau).
- 19 - THURS - L.A. at Svenskerud. 20 - FRI - Conf. class in Macroom.
- 21 - SAT - Started out for Flaxton - conf. class - but it rained so much I returned home.
- 22 - SUN - Larson at 11:00. Baptism for Berthel Melancthon, B. Sept. 1 - Parents, Eder and Christine Christianson. Columbus at 3:00. Baptism for Edmund Julian, B. Sept. 8 - Parents, Iver and Martha Berg. Mission sermon both places. No communion as announced. No one

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- 22 - SUN - (cont.) - announced - ingen melde sig. Many people in Columbus. Ida along both places. A little cold in the a.m. By Iver Berg. It was dark when we came home.
- 23 - MON - Home today. Julius left today for McKenzie Co. Foggy. 24 - TUES - Home.
- 25 - WED - Went out to Paul Peterson, 4½ miles north of Flaxton, for the wedding of their daughter, Rebecca, to Thorvald Hanson Duus. Cold.
- 26 - THURS - Drove out to my claim - in a little at Watterud. Cold. 27 - FRI - Home - studying.
- 28 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton at 2:00.
- 29 - SUN - Mission sermon in Flaxton at 11:00 and Lignite at 3:00. Few in Flaxton - no communion. Mission offerings - \$5.95 in Flaxton and \$16.50 in Lignite. 30 - MON - Home.
- 31 - TUES - Reformation Day. Had announced 2 services in the Hills today. Drove out - snow - nasty weather - no services. In at Watteruds - my claim. They had gotten a little threshing done Sat. evening. Home. Cleared up in the evening.

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- 1 - WED - Conf. class in Macroom. A little cold. 2 - THURS - Out to my claim in the p.m. Got a team from O. Grondahl. 3 - FRI - Brought home a load (hay or oats?). Nice weather.
- 4 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton. Nice weather.
- 5 - SUN - Reformation services in Macroom at 11:00 and Big Butte at 3:00. Did not take up Mission offering - not very many there. Many are threshing now that the weather is good.
- 6 - MON - A little snow - sleet - cloudy. Home today. Father was alone with Sunday School yesterday as they were threshing at Finkenhagen. 7 - TUES - Home. 8 - WED - To Ole Barmoen.
- 9 - THURS - L.A. at our place. Snow. Few there. 10 - FRI - Home. 11 - SAT - Class in Flaxton.
- 12 - SUN - Services in Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Cold. Not many there.
- 13 - MON - To O. Barmoen for conf. class. Home late.
- 14 - TUES - Out to the Hills. Had dinner at Anton Olson. No service in Gunderson school. To the school near John S. Johnson (Holte school) at 4:00. Filled. Over to Thompsons. Baptism for Helga, B. Aug. 11 - Parents, Ole and Helmina Carlson.
- 15 - WED - Nicer weather today. By A. Watterud. To Larson for services at 2:00. Columbus. Home.
- 16 - THURS - Home - working with many things to get ready for winter - stove - coal - potatoes.
- 17 - FRI - Home - working - studying. Also SAT.
- 19 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:00. Used the sleigh for the first time this fall. Decided at both places to have Christmas tree and program.
- 20 - MON - Nice, mild day. Funeral at Nels Scott for their little 6½ year old daughter, Inga. A Lokkeby also spoke. I also had baptism for Scott's little boy, Marvin Hanson, B. Oct. 29.
- 21 - TUES - Annual meeting for Immanuel congregation held in the parsonage in Lignite with 15 present. Devotion - Deut. 6. Read a resume on the work done in the congregation and call during the past year - oversigt over arbeidet. Reports by secretary and treasurer.

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21 - TUES - (cont.) - Had received \$94.00 up until now when I received \$106.00 in salary - also \$5.00 for bread and wine and \$2.25 I had advanced for insurance for the church in Flaxton. New members: E. Myhre and Gilbert Grondahl families. Election of officers: Secr. Finkenhagen re-elected - also Treas. O. Holen. Trustee - J. Baglien (3). Custodians: Kopslund and Lee - same duties as before. Ushers - C. Hanson and Stompro. Organists: Mrs. A. Buckneberg and Mrs. P. Paulson - lon - hoitidsoffer - pay to be festival offering. School committee: Hanson, Finkenhagen, and Lee. Delegate to Synod meeting, J. Fossum - alternate, T. Lee. Congregation division came up for discussion but it was decided to wait with that for awhile. Also some talk about increasing the pastor's salary but nothing actually decided at this time. There was also some talk about the division of the Call but that was also tabled. They decided to use money from the church treasury to rent a place - leie lokale - this winter for services (Lignite); also to use money from the treasury for coal in Flaxton if necessary. The congregation extended thanks to the L.A. for paying the cost of the new well in Lignite. Present were: J. Fossum, T. Lee, O. Stompro, Rykken, Baglien, Holen, O. Garberg, O. Grondahl, A. Grina, C. Hanson, A. Garberg, J. Berg, O. Hatlelid, I. Hatlelid, Finkenhagen. (When Mom and I were reading about this meeting and the reference to the 'Thanks' to the L.A., she commented that at the time she really didn't appreciate that well so much. The pump was so heavy that by the time she had primed it and pumped the handle - the priming water had run out so she would have to prime again and pump some more. She said she was never able to get much water out of that well. Dad could handle it but he wasn't always there.)

Wedding in the evening for Louis Holte and Dina Davidson.

22 - WED - Snowstorm today. 23 - THURS - Home. Also on FRI.

25 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton at Samuelsons at 2:00. Nice weather.

26 - SUN - Had to get out early today - services in Gunderson school at 11:00 and Tvedt at 3:00.

Weather quite good - some wind. Not so many in the west school. Home in the evening.

27 - MON - Sat writing letters most of the day. 28 - TUES - Home today too.

29 - WED - Annual meeting for S. St. Olaf congregation at J. Haugerud at 2:00. Went by my claim first, for dinner. Many at the meeting. To A. Serdahl over night. Drifting in the p.m. Opened meeting with Devotion - Ps. 146 - and a short resume or survey over the past year's work. Present were: Haugerud, A. Sorlie, S. O. Berg, O. R. Hatlelid, A. Serdahl, Ole Serdahl, Nels Serdahl, Jacob Gunderson, M. Myhre, Anton Olson, M. Hoie, Nels Kleppen, Jacob and Bendik Sivertson, and Andrew Peterson. Secr. report heard and a letter from Biebighauser was read. 13 indicated they would like to become members - some on the condition that the church be built on the present cemetery site. (Our farm?). There was opposition to this site from the "west" people. Proposition tabled. Treas. report heard - nothing had been done by the trustees yet - and they were in town today. \$5.00 from Hatlelid. Haugerud was

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- 29 - WED - (cont.) - re-elected as secr.; Berg as treas. A.Serdahl - trustee (3). Sandberg and J.Gunderson - school committee (1). A.Sorlie and A.Olson as custodians - kirkevaergere. New members: Nels Serdahl and family; O.Serdahl, Ole Erickson, Omund Ege, Ole Olson. A meeting was announced for Mar. 1, at 2:00 at N.Serdahl for all. 4 men were chosen to meet Dec. 9 to check on a better place for cemetery - possibly 1 mile farther north. Oscar Hatlelid, E.Dihle, A.Olson, and Andrew Peterson on this committee. Haugerud read a letter from the secr. of the Synod concerning the Pension fund and pastor's salaries. There was some discussion about increasing my salary but decided to wait until March 1. Adjourned.
- 30 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. A nice day. To Columbus for services at 2:00. Not too many there. To A.Anderson for dinner. Home in the evening.

DECEMBER

- 1 - FRI - Home in a.m. Nice, clear, mild weather. Conf. class in Macroom at 2:00.
- 2 - SAT - Home. Started with a conf. class in Lignite in p.m. Nice weather.
- 3 - SUN - Macroom at 11:00 and Big Butte at 3:00. Mission offering in Macroom - \$5.73.
- 4 - MON - Home - nice day.
- 5 - TUES - Nice weather. To Columbus for annual meeting at 2:00 - N.St.Olaf congregation. Stopped in at Iver Berg on the way over. In at N.Anderson briefly. At E.Ulsrud over night. Meeting was held in H.Agre's elevator office. Present: H.Agre, M. and Ole Bjornjeld, E.Ulsrud, J.Salveson, A.Sommerness, H.Nordahl, O.Dillerud, A.Haraseth, C.Larsen, and E.Christianson. Opened meeting with Devotion - followed by my report of the year's work. Reports from Secr. and treas. Larson has collected \$87.50 and Columbus a little over \$60. A few changes in offices: Secr. - E.Ulsrud, Trustee - A.N.Anderson (3), Custodians - W.Johnson and G.Gunderson. Salveson is going to haul some coal in Columbus and Haraseth in Larson. Discussion about starting a Sunday School in Columbus - possibly in the spring. Decided to increase the pastor's salary to \$150 - \$75 from each place (Columbus and Larson). They also decided to move those who are buried in the old cemetery (Fern) to the new one. Also; that the congregation should pay the cost of this matter if the relatives cannot be found, or are unable to pay the cost. Meeting adjourned.
- 6 - WED - Wedding in Short Creek at C.D.Nelson for Nils Odegaard and Christina Storeboe. Services at Negaard at 1:00 followed by congregation meeting. Reports from secr. and treas. heard. Negaard was gone so Ness read both reports. I had previously received \$30.00 and now received \$47.50 - \$2.50 outstanding. S.Ness re-elected as secr. and I.Negaard as treas. C.D.Nelson and family new members. E.Stompro chosen as deacon - medkjaelper (3). A.Lee as trustee (3). School committee: F.Peterson, E.Stompro, A.Lee (3).

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- 7 - THURS - L.A. at Iver Hatlelid. 8 - FRI - Home. 9 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton at 2:00. Baptism for Harland, B. Nov. 6 - Parents, H.B. and Anna Bjertnes.
- 10 - FRI - Flaxton at 11:00 and Lignite at 3:00. Many in Lignite. Foggy and a little snow. They decided to have Christmas tree program in the Hall, evening of Christmas Day, together with the English S. School. Program the same night in Flaxton.
- 11 - MON - Home. 12 - TUES - Services in Larson at 2:00.
- 13 - WED - Services in Macroom at 2:00. Conf. class. Short congregation meeting following services. Treas. reported that \$47.50 has come in. New members: S. Halbakken family and Ole Berg. Election: Secr. - M. Sernsen; Treas. - P. Barmoen; Trustee - L. Steen (3), O. Barmoen (2), Theodore Bakken (1). Iver Enget - Custodian.
- 14 - THURS - and rest of the week at home. Have a cold - forkjolet. Class at home on SAT-16.
- 17 - SUN - Cold and stormy. Didn't go to Big Butte. Did not feel well. Home for the most of the week - studied and wrote. Weather was milder but quite a bit of fog. Went to Flaxton for class on SAT -23 at 2:00. Then home.
- 24 - SUN - Christmas Eve. Terrific - rygende - snowstorm from NW - started SAT evening but quieted down by SUN evening. Went over to C. Hanson at 4:00 for baptism of their daughter's baby, Clayton Hamilton, B. June 16 - Parents, Dr. Henry and Grace Halvorson.
- 25 - MON - CHRISTMAS DAY - Nice weather. Many in Lignite at 11:00 in Frank's Hall. Flaxton at 3:00. Not quite so many there. Baptism for twins: Theodore Carlos and Gladys Hazel, Born Dec. 19, 1909 - Parents, Christian and Hannah Strand. Christmas Tree and program in both places in the evening. Many people in Lignite. I spoke briefly about the tradition and meaning of the Christmas Tree. Program by the Sunday School.
- 26 - TUES - Larson at 11:00. Cold wind from NW. To Tvedt school at 3:00 - very stormy - no service. 2 baptisms: Ingard Leroy, B. Nov. 7 - Parents, Harry and Alma Hunstad; Junes Ingonette, B. Nov. 30 - Parents, Gilbert and Julia Wick. To E. Dihle.
- 27 - WED - By A.G. Berg - A. Watterud. Cunderson school at 2:00 with Christmas Tree following. Nice weather and many people there. To Adolph Peterson.
- 28 - THURS - Services in Tvedt school at 11:00 - extremely cold - bidende - not many there. By Petersons again for baptism of their twins: Howard Tilmar and Thelma Corine, B. Nov. 15. Parents, Adolph and Ingeborg Peterson. Home in the evening. Very cold.
- 29 - FRI - Home - not quite so cold. 30 - SAT - Conf. class at home at 2:00.
- 31 - SUN - Cold. Services in Big Butte at M. Stensen. Many there. Baptism for Hazel Irene, B. Aug. 1 - Parents, Nels and Emma Hanson. Wedding for Louis Kalvig and Theressa Erickson. Services in Macroom at 3:00. Not many there. Home.

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Thanks for all in the past year.

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JANUARY

- 1 - MON - We ask for God's Blessing during this coming year. Extremely cold - bidende holdt. Started out for services in Short Creek and Columbus but after driving about 3 miles west of Lignite I turned around and came home again. Stayed home the rest of the day.
- 2 - TUES - Very cold today also. Nice to be able to stay at home quietly and in comfort.
- 3 - 6 - WED thru to SAT - extremely cold each day. They are having this kind of weather all over the northern states - down to 40 and 42 below zero in Minneapolis and Decorah.
- 7 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 3:00 - not very many there. Very cold. Didn't go to Flaxton.
- 8 - MON - and thru the week - stayed at home as much as possible. Very cold every day. Conf. class at home on SAT -13 at 10:00.
- 14 - SUN - To Columbus for services at 11:00. Quite a few there even tho it is so cold. There was even special music - a group of young girls sang a song. To Andersons for dinner. He presented me with a new pair of horse blankets. (For Daisy and Brownie). The congregation also gave me Christmas offering - \$12.20. To Larson at 3:00 - few there. Home in evening.
- 15 - MON - Home today. Not quite so cold. Maybe the cold spell is over for awhile.
- 16 - TUES - and thru the week home for the most part. On SAT -20- drove out to my claim - by A. Watterud and then over to A.G. Berg over night.
- 21 - SUN - Services in Tvedt school at 11:00. Quite a few came even tho later than announced. To A.G. Berg for dinner. To Gunderson school at 3:00. There was some snow but it was not really very cold. Drove home in evening. Family over to Finkenhagen today.
- 22 - MON - Home - nice, mild day.
- 23 - TUES - Big Butte - 2:00 at T. Jacobson. Home.
- 24 - WED - Macroom at 2:00. Many there. Home. Home the rest of the week.
- 27 - SAT - Conf. class at home at 2:00.
- 28 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:00. 2 baptisms there: Ella Josephine, B. Dec. 17, 1911 - Parents, Fred and Sina Christensen; Malcolm Edward, B. Jan. 2, 1912 - Parents, Christ and Tina Schultz. Home as soon as possible then as we had company - Hovlands and Kopslands.
- 29 - MON - To O. Barmoen to read with the girls, Olga and Mary.
- 30 - TUES - To O. Garberg to visit (out in the country). Finkenhagens and Hovlands also there. Stormy in the evening with some new snow. (They had a ride out to Garbergs with Finkenhagen who had a bob-sled. This was warmer than Dad's little cutter and it also cut down on extra space needed for additional horses in the barn. The big sled had a generous amount of straw on the floor, covered with blankets, spring seats to sit on, foot warmers and blankets to keep everyone as warm as possible during the ride.)
- 31 - WED - To Short Creek at 1:30 for services and L.A. Many there. Wind from NW but not too cold. They also gave me Christmas offering as I had not been able to get there then - \$8.30.

Til Pastor A. Buckneberg, i Anledning af hans 37^{de} Fødselsdag
Februar 14^{de} 1912.

Med syv og tredve Aar paa Bagen,
En jo i sin Ungdom er.
Gaa vi lige løs paa Sagen,
Lykønske vor Pastor kjær.
Haabe vi, at end Du gaa
Virke syv og tredve Aar.

Gud Dig hjælpe i Dit Yrke,
Da vil alt Dig lykkes vel.

Jesus giver Kraft og Styrke,
Naar Han Rum faar i vor Sjæl;
Maa Han med sin stærke Haand
Løse os fraa Syndens Baand.

Tak for Trøst i Hjem og Kirke,
En Du ved Guds Ord os gav,

Maa det paa vort Hjerte virke
Fra vor Ungdom til vor Cyvæ,
Saa, at vi Gud elske maa
Og til Salighed indgaa.

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31 - WED - (cont.) - There was also a baptism for Helen, B. June 9, 1911 - Parents, Henry and Helga Thompson.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - THURS - Home today. In the a.m. there were various jobs to do in the house and out in the stable. Studied in the p.m. Mild weather.
- 2 - FRI - In the p.m. read with a girl from Portal (Amy Beaumont).
- 3 - SAT - To Flaxton in p.m. for conf. class. Cold. Wind from NW.
- 4 - SUN - Weather somewhat improved. Services in Larson and Columbus. Collected for Laererton in Columbus - \$19.50. Baptisms for: Mildred, B. Dec. 29, 1911 - Parents, Martin and Rebecca Bjorngjeld; Norman Emory, B. Dec. 31, 1911 - Parents, John and Julia Norby.
- 5 - MON - Home today - doing some writing. Skriver forskjellig.
- 6 - TUES - Stormy. Did not drive out to Gunderson school for services at 2:00 - weather too bad.
- 7 - WED - Clear but very cold. Couldn't make it out to J. Johnson for 11:00 services.
- 8 - THURS - Home - also FRI. 10 - SAT - Conf. class in Lignite. Also wedding at our place for Fredrick Kaastad and Gertie Haugen.
- 11 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 11:00. Baptism for Martha Helen, B. Jan. 28, 1912 - Parents, Jacob and Clara Knutson. Collected for Laererton - \$12.00. To Big Butte at 3:00 at Theo. Cullickson. Good weather today. 12 - MON - Home - also the following days.
- 14 - WED - My 37th birthday. We had some guests - some invited - and some uninvited. Nogen gjester her - baade budne og ubudne. (Dad had invited some friends for dinner, and later - everybody came! Kopsland had written a poem for the occasion; the ladies brought cake and sandwiches for lunch; each one contributed at least 37¢ toward the gift of money. According to the report in the Lignite newspaper: The Burke County Bulletin, - a good time was had by all who attended - all 60 of them.) 15 - THURS - L.A. at Hollands. 16 - FRI - Home.
- 17 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton at Schultz. Good weather. Home.
- 18 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00 and Lignite at 3:00.
- 19 - MON - To Columbus. A little colder. 20 - TUES - To Barmoens to read with the girls - brought Olga home to help Ida for awhile. 21 - WED - L.A. at P. Paulson in Flaxton. Ida along.
- 22 - THURS - Home - also on FRI. Congregation meeting in Lignite at 2:00 in regard to the parsonage basement. 24 - SAT - Conf class in Lignite at 10:00.
- 25 - SUN - Services in Columbus at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Ida along to Columbus and stayed there while I went to Larson. A.N. Anderson along to Larson. Home in the evening.
- 26 - MON - Today Marie is 4 years old. We had some company from here in town. (Mom couldn't remember exactly who came but thought it could have been Kopslands, as they had girls and Leslie was about the same age. Jacobson's also had children of same age.)

FEBRUARY

27 - TUES - Home. Cold wind from NW. 28 - WED - To Ulebergs in Short Creek. Snow and stormy from NW. No one came. 29 - THURS - Didn't go to Macroom - auction at Theodore Bakken.

MARCH

- 1 - FRI - Home today. 2 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton at 2:00 - at T. Lee.
- 3 - SUN - A little snow and wind from SE - like yesterday. Drove out to the Hills. Weather became worse as the day progressed. No services in Gunderson school. To claim for dinner. Services in Tvedt school at 3:00 - few there. Baptism for Marie, B. Jan. 6 - Parents, Anton and Martha Watterud. To S.O. Berg.
- 4 - MON - A nice day. Congregation meeting for S. St. Olaf at 2:00 - my claim. Present: 3 Sordahls, Mrs. Wholson, B. Arneson, J. Haugerud, O. Ronholdt, A. Sorlie, Dihle, Berg, Sandberg, Ole and Ben Hatlelid, Anton Olson, Jacob and M. Gunderson, B. Siverson, Cullickson. New members: Joseph Toso, A. Haga, Anton Olson, C. Brothen, Andrew Peterson. Discussion regarding cemetery. Decided to move the cemetery to Engel Watterud's land and move the existing graves on May 30th with new graves being dug on the day previous - May 29. The trustees will see Engel Watterud and proceed with getting the new cemetery measured immediately. Also decided that they should get the deed for this land and get the congregation incorporated. It was also decided that each man (family) should give \$6.00 (a year) in pastor's salary. A few were opposed to the chosen location for the cemetery. S.O. Berg spoke for those opposed, otherwise most of them were agreed. To Albert Sordahl overnight.
- 5 - TUES - To A.G. Berg - then to Tveters (Stampede area) for baptism of Roy Martinus, B. Dec. 28, 1911 - Parents, Otto and Nellie Tvetter. Home.
- 6 - WED - Home today - writing and studying. 7 - THURS - Services in Big Butte at J. Christ at 2:00. From there to O. Garberg for L.A. Not very many there.
- 8 - FRI - Home. Studying sermon and confessional talk - skriftetale - communion service.
- 9 - SAT - Conf. class in Lignite at 2:00.
- 10 - SUN - Nice weather. Communion services in Lignite - Svenskerud's Hall - and in Flaxton at 3:00. Many people came in Lignite.
- 11 - MON - Nice weather today. Out to Ingebregt Lee, north of Lignite, for baptism: Gilbert Norman, B. Feb. 19 - Parents, Ingebrikt and Bertha Lee. Theo. Cullickson brought me a load of hay. 12 - TUES - Home - also WED. L.A. on WED - 13 - in Flaxton - A. Nygaard.
- 14 - THURS - Services in Macroom at 2:00 - few there.
- 15 - FRI - Congregation meeting in Lignite - at the Hall. Not much accomplished - Kun lidet gjort. Chose one committee. 16 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton at 2:00. 12 attending now.
- 17 - SUN - Nice weather. Services in Short Creek at John Uleberg at 11:00. Baptisms for: Charles Albert Reuben, B. Jan. 29 - Parents, William and Serianne (Sarah) Swenson; Agnes Elenora, B. Jan. 29, - Parents, Hans and Helga Sorlie.

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MARCH

- 18 - MON - Home today. Nice mild weather and the snow is beginning to disappear.
- 19 - TUES - PRIMARY ELECTION - (From E.B. Robinson's, "History of North Dakota", p. 268 - " - - first presidential-preference primary ever held in N. Dak!") Nice day.
- 20 - WED - To Gunderson school for services at 11:00 - A. Olson at noon - to Tvedt school at 3:00. Became a little windy and stormy. To Hatlelids.
- 21 - THURS - To Larson for communion services at 2:00. Baptism for Borghild Adeline, B. Jan. 28 - Parents, Ole and Pauline Dillerud. Weather improved today. Home. 22 - FRI - At home.
- 23 - SAT - Went to Hartland and Carpio. Aarstad met me. Father read with the class at home.
- 24 - SUN - I preached in Carpio at 11:00 and north of Carpio 9 miles at 3:30. Nice weather - not much snow left on the ground now.
- 25 - MON - Aarstad and I went to Minot. He had to see Dr. Carr. I went home from Minot.
- 26 - TUES - Home. Also WED. Should have gone to Big Butte but the roads are too bad. Mud.
- 28 - THURS - L.A. at Mrs. Grondahl. There have been a couple of preachers around the area for awhile - from Broderbaandet - and have been creating a little disturbance - but not too much. I heard them one evening. - - virket lidt forstyrrelse, dog ikke stort. Jeg horte paa dem en aften. 29 - FRI - Home. Read with Olga Barmoen in the p.m.
- 30 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton at 2:00.
- 31 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00 and Lignite at 3:00. Not many in Flaxton - roads are very poor - but many in Lignite.

APRIL

- 1 - MON - Home. Nice day. Baptism for Evelyn Loretta, B. Feb. 11 - Parents, Peter and Bina Johnson. 2 - TUES - Home. Nice today too. 3 - WED - Read with Olga B. Roads very muddy.
- 4 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Out to the Hills. Services at John Johnson at 2:00. Many people there. School in session. By Serdahl, A. Watterud, to M. Myhre.
- 5 - FRI - Good Friday. Nice weather in the a.m. Services at Hoie at 11:00 and Macroom at 3:00. Baptism for Dora, B. Jan. 28 - Parents, Marius and Oddbjorg Danielson. It rained all p.m. Very muddy driving home from Macroom. Snow later on in evening.
- 6 - SAT - Nice day. Still a little snow on the ground.
- 7 - SUN - Easter Sunday. A very nice day. Services in Columbus at 11:00. Many people there. 4 baptisms: Otto Oliver, B. March 21 - Parents, Even and Marie Running; Irwin Harold, B. Feb. 10 - Parents, Olaus and Karen Bjorngjeld; Elmer Melvin, B. Feb. 27, - Parents, John and Anna Ulsrud; Mildred Caroline, B. Mar. 3 - Parents, Christian D. and Anna Nelson. Offering - \$22.25. To Tvedts at 3:30 - many there also. Offering \$14.55. To A. Watterud.
- 8 - MON - To J. Haugerud at 10:00 to enroll a new confirmation class - 13 there. To Larson at 2:00 - offering \$7.00. Conf. class after services. To H. Agre.
- 9 - TUES - Conf. class in Columbus at 10:00. Home in the p.m.

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APRIL

- 10 - WED - Home. Read with Barmoen girls in p.m. Thelma was sick yesterday and last night but felt better today. Marie has a cold. Took down the storm windows today. (Thelma had a sore throat - tonsils. Mrs. Hanson had given Thelma some gum as a treat - but when she heard that Thelma had a sore throat she became alarmed that Thelma would choke on the gum so Mr. Hanson had to make a trip over to the parsonage to find out. Thelma hadn't even removed the wrapper from the gum.)
- 11 - THURS - Stormy - a little rain. Went out to Pete Grove so old Mr. Nils Kaastad could receive Holy Communion. (Mrs. Grove's father).
- 12 - FRI - Cold - wind from east. Conf. class in Lignite at 2:00.
- 13 - SAT - Snow - slush - sleet - and rain. Did not go to Flaxton for class today.
- 14 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00 - just a few from town there today. Snow and nasty weather. Offering - \$11.75. Didn't go to Flaxton. Hansons here for dinner.
- 15 - MON - Home. Expected Barmoens but they did not come in to town. The snow is beginning to melt but there is still a considerable amount on the ground. 16 - TUES - Home.
- 17 - WED - Barmoen girls here for class. Muddy for driving. 18 - THURS - Home.
- 19 - FRI - Read again with Barmoen girls here. 20 - SAT - Classes in Lignite and Flaxton.
- 21 - SUN - 2nd Sunday after Easter. Confirmation and communion in Macroom. Nice weather and many people there. There were only 2 in the class: Olga and Marit Barmoen, daughters of Ole and Ragnhild Barmoen. 2 baptisms: Adelaide Sylvia, B. Mar. 13 - Parents, Louis and Anna Steen; Orville Lloyd, B. Mar. 19 - Parents, Christian and Sophie Steen. To Big Butte at 4:00. Quite a few there too. Roads very heavy. Home.
- 22 - MON - Home - working outside. Burned off the old growth in the garden in the a.m.
- 23 - TUES - Out to my claim - conf. class at 2:00. Terrible roads. By A.G. Berg - Rossum - to Larson. At O. Bjorngjeld over night.
- 24 - WED - Class in Larson in a.m. Columbus class at 2:00. Home. Home the rest of the week.
- 28 - SUN - Nice weather. Service with communion in Short Creek at 11:00. Columbus at 3:00. 1 man and 15 women - rather unusual - noksa enestaaende. Larson at 7:00 - many there. Baptism for Inez Luella, B. Mar. 31 - Parents, Nels and Emilie Nelson. Drove home in the evening - came home at about 11:00.
- 29 - MON - Home. Nasty dirt storm from SW. Expecting Ingvald tonight.
- 30 - TUES - Ingvald left for home and Father went with him. (Grandpa had come to Lignite after the Church Convention in July, 1911).

MAY

- 1 - WED - Home. 2 - THURS - Stormy. Class in Flaxton at 2:00. 3 - FRI - Class in Lignite at 2:00. Rained very hard. 4 - SAT - Could not go to Toso school for class - too much rain.

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MAY

- 5 - SUN - Rain all day. No services in the Hills. Started out but turned back. Bad roads.
6 - MON - Same weather today. No conf. classes in either Larson or Columbus.
7 - TUES - Home - also WED. 9 - THURS - L.A. at our place. Mary came - also some from Flaxton.
10 - FRI - Home. 11 - SAT - Classes in Lignite at 10:30 and Flaxton at 3:00. Ida and the little girls along to Flaxton for picture taking. Some rain on the way home. (They rode in the 1-seater top-buggy - Marie sitting in the middle between Mom and Dad and Thelma on Mom's lap. Louise Fossum was the photographer and Marie became tired of posing and finally just sat in a very casual, relaxed way that Miss Fossum considered the best of all. They went over to Mrs. P. Paulson - for coffee - before starting back to Lignite.)
12 - SUN - Flaxton at 11:00. Baptism for Ingrim Harold, B. Feb. 24 - Parents, Ole and Gunhild Stompro. Lignite at 3:30. Baptism for Herbert Hamilton, B. Mar. 31 - Parents, Andrew and Cecelia Carberg.
13 - MON - Conf. class at Toso at 2:00. By my claim over to S.O. Berg. Then to Dihles in the evening - his birthday. 14 - TUES - Class in Larson at 10:00 and Columbus at 2:00. Home. stopped in at McKeen. 15 - WED - Home. Planted some garden. 16 - THURS - Writing - studying.
17 - FRI - Syttende Mai. Nice day. Home. Quiet around here but a big festival in Minot.
18 - SAT - To Flaxton for Botton's funeral (Presbyterian church). Class at 3:30 - some absent.
19 - SUN - Rain again. To Macroom but no services. To Gunderson school at 2:00 - had services but there were few there. Baptism for Clifford Norine, B. Apr. 15 - Parents, Albert and Martha Serdahl. To Tvedt school at 5:00. More there. To Hatlelid.
20 - MON - By M. Dahl - A. Berg - Serdahl - Haugerud. Conf. class at 2:00. Sandbergs. Dilleruds.
21 - TUES - Rain. Class in Larson at 9:30. No class in Columbus at 2:00. Rain - stormy from east - not very good weather to be out in. Home.
22 - WED - Rain. Class at home at 3:00. L.A. at J. Fossum. 23 - THURS - Home - studying. FRI too.
25 - SAT - Class in Flaxton at 2:00. Student Edward Jordahl came in the evening - went to Larson.
26 - SUN - Jordahl had services in Larson at 11:00 - Pentecost Sunday. Offering \$8.95. I had services in Lignite at 11:00 - offering \$24.96 - and Flaxton at 3:00 - offering \$8.50. Nice weather and many there today.
27 - MON - Jordahl started school today in Tvedt school. Rainy. I had classes in Columbus at 9:30 and Larson at 2:00. Home. 28 - TUES - Home. Also WED. 29 - WED - L.A. at E. Myhre.
30 - THURS - Decoration Day. Program at school. Nice day. 31 - FRI - Class in Lignite at 2:00.

JUNE

- 1 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton at 2:00. Jordahl had class at Serdahls.
2 - SUN - Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Baptism for Alice Evelyn, B. Mar. 31 - Parents, Ole and Karen Hovland. Stopped by McKeens. To Ellsrud over night.

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JUNE

- 2 - SUN - (cont.) - Jordahl had services at Tvedt school at 11:00 and Gunderson school at 3:00. Baptisms for : Christine Otilie, B. Mar. 2 - Parents, Christ and Ella Rude; Gladys Lenora, B. Feb. 23 - Parents, Karl and Kristine Karlstad.
- 3 - MON - Strong wind today. Class in Columbus at 9:30. Home.
- 4 - TUES - Home. Also WED. 6 - THURS - Out to the Hills - first out to see Jordahl in Tvedt school. By Dihle - S. Thompson - A. Berg - Watterud - my claim. Home in evening.
- 7 - FRI - Home - studying. 8 - SAT - Classes in Lignite at 9:30 and Flaxton at 3:00.
- 9 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 11:00. Baptism for Esther Marie, B. May 5, - Parents, Charles and Marie Holter. Big Butte at 4:00. Strong wind from S. In Macroom it was decided that they should meet on the cemetery, June 22 at 2:00 for the purpose of measuring the lots. Jordahl had services in Tvedt and Gunderson schools. Baptism for Esther Martha, B. Apr. 8 - Parents, William and Ragnhild Harbig. 10 - MON - Foggy. Home. Writing and studying.
- 11 - TUES - Home the rest of the week. 15 - SAT - Classes in Lignite (home) and Flaxton.
- 16 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00 and Lignite at 3:30. Out to Iver Hattelid - baptism for Ralph Sylvester, B. May 10 - Parents, Iver and Bessie Hattelid. (Jordahl had services in Columbus and Short Creek. Baptism for Esther Gladys, B. Apr. 6 - to Knut and Ingeborg Reite.)
- 17 - MON - To Columbus for conf. class.
- 18 - TUES - Went to the District Meeting of the Synod in Mayville. Met O. Ylvisaker on the train and Aarstad in Minot. To Hillsboro - arrived there at 11:30 p.m.
- 19 - WED - Had a ride in automobile to Mayville - 19 miles. Ingvald and I stayed at Ullands. The meeting opened this a.m. with Communion services. 20 - THURS - Mattisen - church.
- 21 - FRI - Stub came. (Dr. H. G. Stub was President of the Synod). 22 - SAT - H. N. Hauge. (Hans Nielsen Hauge from Norway, and a grandson of the great reformer, as official representative from the Church of Norway).
- 23 - SUN - Service with sermon by H. N. Hauge. (The Sunday morning worship service was held in a large tent and they estimated that there were over 2000 in attendance. The festival offering amounted to \$600.00 for Home Missions and \$200.00 for Foreign Missions. One of the important events was the establishment of a new Mission field in Central China.)
- 25 - TUES - Meeting closed. By Hillsboro. Home WED evening, June 26.
- 27 - THURS - Went with Svenskerud to Bowbells. Saw Kjereng. Big celebration in Bowbells. Saw T. Stenseth. (Name possibly error). 28 - FRI - Conf. class at home.
- 29 - SAT - Class in Flaxton. Extremely warm. Getting dry.
- 30 - SUN - Macroom at 11:00 - saw Kjereng - communion. Big Butte at 4:00. Very warm. (Jordahl had services in Tvedt and Gunderson schools. Baptism for Signe Dorothy, B. May 8 - Parents, Nils and Katrine Kleppen).

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JULY

- 1 - MON - Home. Warm and windy. Hope it will rain soon.
- 2 - TUES - Class in Columbus at 9:30. Cooler today. To Larson at 2:00. By Columbus again to discuss school term. By M. Bjorngjeld to Torvald Rossum (near Larson).
- 3 - WED - To Frank Witty - Berg - school house - M. Dahl - claim - over to L. Henderson. They measured out the lots of the Macrooom cemetery today. Home. Thelma is 3 years old today. (This incident may have happened on another day - and most likely did - but Mom remembered that during the summer that student Jordahl was there they had quite an experience with the preacher's cat. Thelma assisted Jordahl in a very wet baptism for the cat - immersion in a tub of water which was being saved for washing clothes. The name was "Kuvvimummum". The ceremony came to an abrupt end when "Kuvvi - -" unceremoniously fled the scene without so much as waiting for an Amen!)
- 4 - THURS - Home. Rainy. 4th of July celebration at Sigurd Christiansen.
- 5 - FRI - Rainy. 6 - SAT - Home. Studying.
- 7 - SUN - Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:30. Jordahl in Short Creek and Columbus. Baptism for Mabel Elizabeth, B. May 27 - Parents, Hjalmar and Rose Ringwall.
- 8 - MON - Home. The weather looked quite threatening for awhile.
- 9 - TUES - Class in Columbus at 1:00. Jordahl started with a school term (Columbus) Monday.
- 10 - WED - Sickcall - out to see K. Kjereng - Macrooom. He seems to be better. Home on THURS.
- 12 - FRI - Class in Lignite at 2:00. 13 - SAT - Conf. class in Flaxton at 2:00.
- 14 - SUN - It rained during the night and SUN a.m. Did not go out to Gundersen school. But I was able to go out to Tvedt school for services at 3:00. Many there. Baptism for Eunice, B. June 5 - Parents, Adolph and Marie Berg. Over to Serdahls. Jordahl was in Larson - Baptism for Lydia Johanne, B. May 30 - Parents, Helmer and Bella Nordahl.
- 15 - MON - By Haugerud - to the school house for class at 2:00. Home.
- 16 - TUES - Rain showers. Home today. A traveling show has come to town and there is much activity today. Clara Dahl came here on SAT -13 and will be helping here for awhile.
- 17 - WED - Out to see K. Kjereng again. He seems to be content and at peace. Rainy again.
- 18 - THURS - Home. 19 - FRI - Lignite class in a.m. and Flaxton in p.m. Baptism in Flaxton for Phyllis Emily, B. June 14 - Parents, Idan and Clara Stenrude.
- 20 - SAT - Home. Rain. Should have gone to Macrooom for L.A. auction but due to all the rain did not go. They did have the sale and I heard that it went well.
- 21 - SUN - Services in Macrooom at 11:00. Big Butte at 4:00 - many there. Baptism for Violet Anna Marie, B. Dec. 30, 1911 - Parents, John and Alfhild Engstrom.
- 22 - MON - Home. 23 - TUES - By Columbus - Jordahl was sick. Conf. class in the Hills at 2:00. Home in the evening. 24 - WED - To Rival in the p.m. to get Jordahl. (Soo)
- 25 - THURS - Our son was born at 3:30 p.m. Kom vor son til verden. Hard rain occasionally.

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- 25 - THURS -(cont.) - (Dr. Paulson was called but could not come as he was doing surgery. Mrs. Kopsland came over and took care of everything as far as the arrival of the new baby was concerned and Clara Dahl was there to take care of the other things. Dr. Paulson came the next day to see how everything was and found everything fine but prescribed some medication. The next day the druggist asked the Postmaster, Mr. Kopsland, how Mrs. B. was getting on - knowing that Mrs. K. was taking care of her. Mr. K. said that everything was just fine - nice baby boy. Why did he seem so concerned. The tone of his voice indicated more than normal interest. Why? The prescription was for blood poisoning. Mr. K. told his wife and she was very upset because she thought she had done something wrong. Everything went just fine and Mom was unaware of all this until sometime later. Mom laughed when she told about this and said that if there had been any serious complications they could easily have been caused by all the food gifts brought by her generous friends - cakes - cookies - stacks of waffles - 3 different batches of Rommegrot in ONE day, and Mom was expected to taste of each gift while the guest was there! Mrs. Kopsland had planned to make lefse to celebrate the occasion but had to change her mind as the weather was so warm. Caroline Svenskerud was the "Hello" girl at the telephone office and she had called Mrs Lee in Flaxton to tell her the news. Mrs. Lee had 3 boys and she had expected Mom to have another girl instead of "breaking up the set".)
- 26 - FRI - Very warm day. Class in Lignite in a.m. and Flaxton in p.m. Jordahl along.
- 27 - SAT - Jordahl went back to Columbus this morning - from Rival on the Soo.
- 28 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00. Baptism for Jenny Andrea, B. Apr. 23 - Parents, Anders and Annie Jacobson. Lignite at 3:30. Many there. Clara was not feeling well so Mrs. Kopsland came over to help out. 29 - MON - Home. 30 - TUES - 2 classes. 31 - WED - Home.

AUGUST

- 1 - THURS - L.A. in Lignite. Mrs. Iver Hatlelid at the Hall. 2 - FRI - Classes in Lignite and Flaxton. 3 - SAT - Market Day in Lignite.
- 4 - SUN - Rain. Drove out to Gunderson school but no services. To Tvedt school at 2:00 and at 5:00 to Johnsons. Many there. L.A. at Haugerud. To S. Thompson over night.
- 5 - MON - Class at Tvedt at 9:00 and in Columbus at 4:00. Home. Cora Anderson along. (She was daughter of A.N. Anderson - hardware store). 6 - TUES - Home. 7 - WED - Class in Flaxton.
- 8 - THURS - Home. 9 - FRI - Class in Lignite. 10 - SAT - Home.
- 11 - SUN - Short Creek at 11:00 - to Fred Petersons for dinner. To Columbus at 3:00. Baptism for Emil, B. July 17 - Parents, Martin and Gunda Lindberg. To Larson at 7:00. Baptism for Helen Christine, B. July 12 - Parents, Casper and Olava Larsen.

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- 12 - MON - Classes at Tvedt school and in Larson. 13 - TUES - Class in Columbus.
14 - WED - Class in Flaxton and L.A. at O. Stompro. 15 - THURS - Home. 16 - FRI - Class at home.
17 - SAT - Read with Amy Beaumont from Portal - English. Wedding at Kaastads for Peter Jerde
Marie Haugen. Baptism for Clara Gladys, B. Aug. 4 - Parents, Fredrick & Gertie Kaastad.
18 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:30. Our little Adolph Ingeman was bap-
tized today - at home. In at Paulsons in Flaxton before going home. (It had been planned
that Adolph would be baptized at services in the school house but Mom wasn't feeling well
enough to go. Mr. and Mrs. Finkenhagen, Cora Anderson and E. Jordahl were sponsors. Cora
was going to bring him over to school but then it was decided that he could just as well be
baptized at home. Mrs. Finkenhagen fixed things up - made a table very festive looking by
covering it with a crocheted lace tablecloth and then sticking real flowers thru the lace
all around. It looked very beautiful.) A rainy day.
19 - MON - Home. Rainy day. 20 - TUES - Class in Columbus - terrible roads.
21 - WED - Class in Flaxton. 22 - THURS - L.A. in Lignite at Mrs. J. Holland.
23 - FRI - Class in Lignite. 24 - SAT - Amy Beaumont from Portal here for class.
25 - SUN - To Macroom at 11:00 and Big Butte at 4:00. Stopped in to see Kjereng who is quite
sick. Many in Macroom. The fence for the cemetery has arrived. There were 5 baptisms
in Big Butte: Mae Elizabeth, B. July 21 - Parents, Knut and Maggie Christ; Daniel, B.
June 24 - Wayne, B. Jan. 30, 1911 - LeRoy and Raymond (twins), B. May 11, 1908 - these
4 children born to parents John and Kathrine Lucy.
26 - MON - Class in Flaxton. 27 - TUES - Class in Columbus at 9:30. Did not go out to Tvedt school
as there was too much rain and the roads were very bad. Went home from Columbus.
28 - WED - Home. Foggy this a.m. but the sun came out after awhile. Harvest is in full swing
but the rain has delayed it somewhat. 29 - THURS - Read with Amy Beaumont from Portal.
30 - FRI - Classes in Lignite and Flaxton. 31 - SAT - Out to Tvedt school for class at 2:00.
Over to Anton Watterud.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - SUN - Services in Larson at 11:00 and Tvedt school at 2:00. Baptism for Orland Edwin,
B. July 12 - Parents, Ole and Christine Knutson. L.A. following services at A. Sorlie. To
Canderson school at 5:00. Many there and at Tvedt. To M. Myhre.
2 - MON - By my claim to Columbus. Class there at 3:00. Home.
3 - TUES - Read with Amy from Portal in p.m. 4 - WED - Class in Lignite. To O. Carberg in p.m.
5 - THURS - Class in Flaxton at 3:00. Very thick fog - then rain. 6 - FRI - Home.
7 - SAT - Read with Amy from Portal.
8 - SUN - Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Baptism for Clara Mathilde, B. June 11 -
Parents, Mads and Elisabeth Dahl. Conf. class following services. Over to N. Duckstad.

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- 8 - ~~SUN~~ - (cont.) - Busy times for people today - working with harvesting and threshing.
- 9 - ~~MON~~ - To Iver Toso for dinner. Class at 2:00. Baptism at Toso's for Norman Leonard, B. Aug. 19 - Parents, Joseph and Alma Hovland. To Lignite in the evening. One of O. Evensons sons along. 10 - ~~TUES~~ - Home. Heard about the death of John S. Johnson - funeral will be ~~THURS~~. 11 - ~~WED~~ - Classes in Lignite and Flaxton. Stopped in at the hospital in Flaxton to see some who are sick.
- 12 - ~~THURS~~ - Funeral for John S. Johnson who had been accidentally shot while hunting.
- 13 - ~~FRI~~ - Classes in Lignite and Flaxton. Started to rain.
- 14 - ~~SAT~~ - Rain - cold, disagreeable weather - uhyggelig veir. Funeral for Kristoffer Kjereng, 48 from TB, Macroom in the p.m. Roads were terrible.
- 15 - ~~SUN~~ - Confirmation Sunday in Flaxton. Same kind of weather - terrible roads - rain showers occasionally - cold. 13 confirmands - 7 from Flaxton, 1 from Portal, and 5 from Lignite. The church was full, regardless of weather. Offering - \$25.79. Finished the service at 1:45 with communion at 3:00 - 46 in all. Got home late. Stopped in at Lee and Louise Fossum and hospital to visit some. Members of the class: From Flaxton - Julius Clifford Fossum (John); Rudolph Jacobson (Lars); Johannes Emil Winther (Anton); Anne Louise Winther (Anton); Ella Mabel Shultz (Christian); Torena Emilia Samuelson (Tonger); Edith Minora Iverson (Oliver); from Portal - Amy Myrtle Vidia Beaumont (Frank); from Lignite - Carl Baglien (Johannes); Bernhard Finkenhagen (Ole); Louis Eldor Holland (John); Esther Karine Ogarden (Ole); Cora Myrtle Jacobson (Martin).
- 16 - ~~MON~~ - Home today. Cloudy, raw and cold continues. Rained a great deal during the night.
- 17 - ~~TUES~~ - To Columbus - class in the a.m. Conf. class at Toso at 3:00. To my claim. Roads are terrible - forskrekkelige roads.
- 18 - ~~WED~~ - Went hunting with the Serdahl boys. 19 - ~~THURS~~ - Today they are threshing.
- 20 - ~~FRI~~ - Rain again - rain during the night - rain all day. Rain - rain - and rain again! Regn - regn - og atter regn. 21 - ~~SAT~~ - Rain - cold and raw.
- 22 - ~~SUN~~ - Macroom at 11:00. Wet and cold - not many there. To Big Butte at 4:00 - few there - no services. Home. 23 - ~~MON~~ - Home. 24 - ~~TUES~~ - Conf. class at Toso in the Hills at 3:00. To Columbus. 25 - ~~WED~~ - Class in Columbus in a.m. L.A. in Short Creek at Nygaards in p.m. Some discussion about merging with the Columbus congregation but there were not enough present to make such a decision. Romning and Duckstad came out from Columbus.
- 26 - ~~THURS~~ - Home. Also ~~FRI~~. Weather has been nice for a few days now.
- 28 - ~~SAT~~ - More wet weather. To Haugerud for conf. class at 3:00. Turned colder towards evening and we had a hard frost. Talked some with Mrs. Johnson who was recently widowed so unexpectedly.
- 29 - ~~SUN~~ - Strong wind from SW - cold all day from early this morning. Services in Gunderson

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- 29 - SUN - (cont.) - school at 11:00. Baptisms for: Melvin Edwin, B. June 19 - Parents, Jens and Marie Ness; Edna Ovidia, B. Aug. 18 - Parents, Martin and Pauline Helseth. To Tvedt school at 2:00 and Johnsons at 5:00. Baptism for Lillian Berenice, B. Sept. 3, - Parents, John and Carrie Holte. To F. Daley.
- 30 - MON - A very nice day - started driving at 8:00 a.m. and reached home at 12:00 noon. In the p.m. we all went out to J. Fossum.

OCTOBER

- 1 - TUES - Home - a nice warm day. Also WED. 3 - THURS - L.A. in Lignite at C. Hanson. (Picture taken of group). 4 - FRI - Home. 5 - SAT - Class in Columbus. A little rain. Nice this week.
- 6 - SUN - Terrible roads - raw and cold. Services in Short Creek at 11:00 - Columbus at 2:30 - and Larson at 5:00. To O. Bjornjeld over night.
- 7 - MON - Class in the Hills at 1:00. Then home.
- 8 - TUES - Home in the a.m. To Short Creek in the p.m. for L.A. at Uleberg. It was decided that it would not be such a good idea right now to go in with Columbus to build a church. Stayed at Ulebergs over night. Snow.
- 9 - WED - Snow and rain. To Columbus for class at 9:30. To A. Anderson for dinner. Home. Didn't go out to E. Ulsrud for L.A.
- 10 - THURS - Home. It is very wet outside. Worked in the cellar - stable - and wood. (fuel?)
- 11 - FRI - Home studying. 12 - SAT - Class in Columbus at 2:00. Rain - very muddy.
- 13 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00. Baptism for Henry Walter, B. Aug. 29 - Parents, Ole and Gurine Garberg. Flaxton at 3:00 - baptism for Inga Marie, B. Sept. 4, 1911 - Parents, Waldemar and Janna Roland. 14 - MON - Class at I. Toso at 1:00. 15 - TUES - Home.
- 16 - WED - Class in Columbus. 17 - THURS - Home. Also home on FRI - 18.
- 19 - SAT - Class at Tvedt - last time. To O. Hatlelid. Storm from east.
- 20 - SUN - Confirmation Sunday with communion service at Tvedt school at 10:30. Dark and stormy from west. Many people in spite of the weather. Finished by 2:00. Offering \$28.63. Home Members of the class: Olaf Norin Anderson (Andrew); Ovallie Arthur Watterud (Adolf); Peter Alfred Watterud (Anton); Leonard Alfred Serdahl (Nils); Ingel I Toso (Iver); Albert Berg (Adolf); Jacob Kleppe (Nils); Hilma Marie Thompson (Steinar); Ellen Kristine Pedersen (Karl); Clara Haugerud (John); Clara Sophie Wholson (John and Oline); Minda Charlotte Gundersen (Jacob). (Mom told about her confirmation Sunday - how it was of even longer duration. 10:00 until 4:00!)
- 21 - MON - Cloudy and cold. Home. 22 - TUES - In Columbus all day - conf. class. Home on WED.
- 24 - THURS - L.A. at Mrs. A. Garberg. 25 - FRI - Conf. class in Columbus.
- 26 - SAT - Home. Quite nice weather all week.

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- 27 - SUN - A little colder. Mission service in Macroom and Big Butte. Few in Macroom but many in Big Butte. Mission offering in B.B. \$5.95. 3 baptisms also: Muriel Genora, B. Oct 6 - Parents, John and Augusta Christ; Helen Mabel, B. Oct 8 - Parents, Martin and Olga Stensen; Leander Einar, B. Oct. 11 - Parents, Louis and Therese Kalvig.
- 28 - MON - Home. Cold and cloudy. Wind from east. 29 - TUES - Columbus all day - conf. class.
- 30 - WED - Home. Good weather. Snow some miles farther east since MON. 31 - THURS - Home.

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- 1 - FRI - Conf. class in Columbus at 1:00 for the last time before confirmation. Home on SAT.
- 3 - SUN - Nice day. Confirmation Sunday in Columbus at 11:00 - large crowd - more than could get in so some had to go. Offering \$35.75. Communion in the p.m. at 3:00. Stayed at A. Anderson over night. Members of the class: Anton Richard Anderson (Andrew); Hjalmar Peterson (Fred); Gustav Almer Gunderson (Gunder); Clarence Alexander Pierson (Nils); Emil Cornelius and Olive Geneva Lien (Carl); Mina Stompro (Even); Ruby Agnes Ellefson (Carl); Elsie Bertine Gunderson (Gunder).
- 4 - MON - On my way out to my claim, met A. Sordahl so went back to Columbus and then home. There was some snow in the evening.
- 5 - TUES - ELECTION Day - Cloudy, dark day. (Wilson - T. Roosevelt - Taft for President)
- 6 - WED - Nice day. Whole family along to Macroom - to Barmoen first and then to Mrs. Cleverberg for L.A. Home. 7 - THURS - Home.
- 8 - FRI - Out to my claim - crop not threshed yet. Expect Ben Hattelid on MON - 11. Went home by Columbus - bought a new buggy. 9 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 10 - SUN - Services in Flaxton at 11:00 and Lignite at 3:00 with communion. Mission sermon and offering in Lignite - \$31.00. Nice day - many in Lignite.
- 11 - MON - Went to Velva - met Jacob A. Wulfsberg, Williston, on the train. Formander and Hjermsstad in Minot. (Pres. P.A. Hendrickson, Valley City, and Hans Hjermsstad, Lakota). Snow quite general all the way along. Hjermsstad and I stayed at K. Livdahl.
- 12 - TUES - Many had arrived. We met in session all day - discussion about the school. It was concluded that when all the debt was paid and \$25,000 has been pledged, the school can be started. G.T. Lee and Prof. Rystad were there but their plans were not very well received. Deres planer vilde man ei hore paa. Big celebration in the evening.
- 13 - WED - Left for home. Home the rest of the week. Put on storm windows on FRI. Nice days.
- 17 - SUN - A nice day. Out early today - Gunderson school at 11:00. Baptism for: Alice, B. Oct. 4 - Parents, Anton and Ingeborg Olson. To Tvedt school at 3:00. Baptisms for: Oscar Lee, B. Oct 8 - Parents, Kristoffer and Petra Marie Anderson; Leonard William, B. Oct. 7 - Parents, Louis and Dina Holte. Then to Carlsons for baptism of Clarence Har-

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- 17 - SUN - (cont.) - old, B. Oct. 6 - Parents, Axel and Hulda Carlson. 4 baptisms today. To S.O. Berg over night. 18 - MON - Nice day - by my claim. Home by noon.
- 19 - TUES - Immanuel Congregation annual meeting in Flaxton at 2:00. Beautiful weather. I read from 2 Peter 1 for devotion. Gave a report of my work during the past year. Reports from secr. and treas. heard. \$258.00 has been collected. I had previously received \$105.00 and now received the rest plus \$25 extra and an additional \$5 for altar wine. Election: Secr. - Finkenhagen; Treas. - O. Holen; Trustee - O. Mebust (3); Deacon - medhjaelper - O. Grondahl (3); custodians - Kopsland and Lee; Ushers - Hanson and Stompro; Coal bill to Lee - \$2.50, and Svenskerud - \$2.00. Assessment for lot in Flaxton \$15.00. There was some discussion about dividing the congregation. Further discussion on this matter in Lignite on Dec. 17. Adjourned.
- 20 - WED - Stormy. Took the train to Stampede in the evening, Ulsruds. Baptism for Oliver Bennet, B. Oct. 20 - Parents, Olaf and Mina Ulsrud. Home next morning. Home rest of week.
- 24 - SUN - Cold. To Macroom at 11:00 for Mission services. Offering \$10.85. To Big Butte but no services there. 3 women came.
- 25 - MON - Train to Berthold - then White Earth. 26 - TUES - By stage to Grinnell - Charlson. Cold. Hard to get across the Missouri R. in a little boat as there was so much ice. Julius met me in Charlson. 27 - WED - At noon today Ingvald and I went over to Smiths - and Jacob - Father. Back to Ingvald. Business - handel med - with Julius in the evening.
- 28 - THURS - To Charlson - Julius took me there. Thanksgiving Day. Came over to Grinnell in boat again - then to White Earth.
- 29 - FRI - To Berthold - home in the evening. Nice weather. L.A. sale in Lignite.
- 30 - SAT - Home. L.A. sale in Flaxton tonight.

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- 1 - SUN - Cold wind from NW. To Short Creek at 11:00. Many there. Baptism for Inga Mathilda, B. Aug. 14 - Parents, Nils and Christine Odegaard. Columbus at 3:00. Fewer there. Home.
- 2 - MON - Out to the Hills. Annual meeting for S. St. Olaf congregation at 2:00 at Nels Serdahl (Living on Dad's claim). Opened meeting with devotion - 2 Peter 1 - followed by my report of the year's work. Reports from secr. and treas. For 1911 there had been collected \$107.50 in salary - none this year. No trustees present. Election: Secr. - J. Hangerud; Treas. - S.O. Berg; Trustee - M. Myhre (3); A. Serdahl (2) to finish Anneson's term; Dihle (1); School committee - Sandberg and J. Gunderson; custodians - A. Olson and A. Sorlie. I spoke to them briefly about plans to divide the Call and S.O. Berg spoke about dividing the Congregation and the best way to accomplish it for the future of both congregations.

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- 2 - MON - (cont.) - A committee was chosen to make a study of how many more people would be reached by dividing the congregation - or would it remain the same. Ole Hatlelid and S.O. Berg were to work in the west area and J. Gunderson and Carl Brothen in the east. This survey should be finished by SUN - Dec. 15 - and another meeting will be held at N. Serdahl on DEC 16. at 1:00. To M. Bjorngjeld over night.
- 3 - TUES - To Larson for services at 2:00. Home.
- 4 - WED - Annual congregation meeting for Short Creek at 2:00 at Sigurd Ness. Almost everyone there. A little snow. Present were: Ness, Lee, Bratsberg, Roen, E. Stompro, Uleberg, Nelson, Peterson, and Mrs. E. Nygaard. Opened meeting with devotion - followed by my report of year's work. Heard reports by secr. and treas. Election: Secr. - S. Ness; Treas. - Fred Peterson; no trustees or deacons chosen; School committee - E. Stompro and A. Lee. All of my salary had come in with \$8.00 surplus in treasury. They decided to increase the salary fro \$80 to \$100 and to go along with Flaxton, Lignite, and Columbus to call another minister. There was some discussion about building a church but no definite plans. Home.
- 5 - (Dad had informed the congregations that there was too much work to take care of for one minister now as all the congregations had grown. He wanted to move out to his claim and serve the congregations surrounding his place. Consequently, Flaxton, Lignite, Columbus and now Short Creek were going to send out a Letter of Call for another minister.)
- 5 - THURS - To Columbus for the annual meeting of the N. St. Olaf congregation at 2:00. Not so many there. We met in Agre's elevator with the following present: Agre, Salvesson, E. Ulsrud, M. Bjorngjeld, Ole Bjorngjeld, Haraseth and Nordahl. Opened with devotion and my report. Reports by secr. and treas. There was \$42.50 in the treasury from last year and \$10.00 added this year. None of the trustees had done anything. Election: Secr. - Even Ulsrud; Treas. - H. Agre; Trustees - N. Duckstad (3), Haraseth (2), M. Bjorngjeld (1); Custodians - W. Johnson and G. Gunderson; School committee - Agre, Salvesson and Gunderson. Nordahl and M. Bjorngjeld promised to haul some coal and Ole Bjorngjeld and Agre agreed to pay for it. Received \$15.00 from Larson. Discussed briefly the matter of dividing the Call and the congregation. There were too few there to make any decisions. Tabled until later. Meeting adjourned. Home. 6 - FRI - Home.
- 7 - SAT - To Macroom - wedding for Simon Berget and Signe Aakran.
- 8 - SUN - Services in Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:00. To Smiths for baptism of Stanley Lavern, B. Aug. 11 - Parents, Jens P. and Maggie Smith.
- 9 - MON - To Columbus. Went over to get the new buggy I had ordered but did not get it. Det blev intet av. Received \$75.00 from Agre - my salary in Columbus for 1912. Home. Storming from SW but not really cold.
- 10 - TUES - Cold - from NW. To Tom Jacobson - Big Butte - at 2:00 for services and annual

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- 10 - TUES - (cont.) - meeting of the congregation. Present were: T. Jacobson, John Christ, Theodore Gullickson, M. Stensen, L. Kalvig, Ole Erickson. As several families have moved away those remaining were wondering if they could continue as a congregation. After some discussion they decided that these 8 families would try to continue as a congregation and contribute \$50 as minister's salary - or \$6.50 a family and whatever else they could manage. Election: Secr. - Ole Erickson; Treas. - M. Stensen; Trustees - Tom Jacobson (2), Theodore Gullickson (1). Received \$27.00 in salary - maybe more later.
- 11 - WED - To Macroom for annual meeting of the congregation at 2:00. Cold wind from NW. We met at P. Barmoen with the following present: P. Barmoen, M. Serensen, C. Holter, Ole Martinson, H. Clevenberg, Ed Rusten, Iver Enget, O. Barmoen. Opened with devotion - followed by my report of the year's work. Reports from secr. and treas. \$51.50 had been collected last year and \$49.00 this year. More since that. Election: Secr. - M. Serensen; Treas. - O. Martinson; Trustees - C. Holter (2), H. Clevenberg (1); Custodian - Iver Enget. There was some discussion about increasing the salary to \$100.00 a year - \$7.00 per family. Decided to hire Clevenberg to put up the fence around the cemetery this spring for which he would be paid \$15.00. They also decided that there should be a set fee for the use of the cemetery by non-members - for udenfor-staaende. For a whole lot, \$5.00 - $\frac{1}{2}$ lot \$2.50, and for a single grave \$1.00. P. Barmoen was chosen as caretaker - tilsynsmand - for the cemetery. They also decided to pay the pastor's salary twice a year instead of annually. Also that \$1 should be collected from each member in June to pay for the cost of fencing cemetery.
- 12 - THURS - L.A. at P. Johnson in Lignite. Annual meeting of L.A.
- 13 - FRI - To Flaxton hospital to see I. Hagen - communion.
- 14 - SAT - Columbus - Jensen - note. Out to C. Brothen.
- 15 - SUN - Nice weather. Gunderson school at 11:00. Baptism for Paul Alexander, B. Oct. 24 - Parents, Anton and Ottilda Rude. Tvedt school at 3:00. To E. Dihle.
- 16 - MON - Stopped by to see S. Thompson - J. Holte - O. Evenson. To my claim - there was to have been a meeting but very few came. Auction at B. Erickson. A little snow. Home. To Crosby in the evening (train) to see Backerud and hear Peer Stromme speak. (Backerud was now the pastor in Crosby - coming when Ylvisaker went on a trip to Europe).
- 17 - TUES - Home in the forenoon. Congregation meeting meeting in Lignite at 2:00. (Continuation of the meeting held Nov. 19). Nothing was decided about the division of Immanuel Cong. at this time. There was discussion about dividing the Call and increasing the minister's salary to \$300.00 annually. The Call committee had 5 candidates to contact: A. Buchneberg, G. Hegg, Hestenes, Backerud, and Bruland. A committee of 3 was chosen to solicit pledges for the building of the church in Lignite - Ole Hostbjor, O. Grondahl, and C. Hanson. There was a report that the Free Church congregation near Lignite wished to go along with Flaxton and Lignite in sending out a letter of Call. The 3 trustees will contact them to find

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- 17 - TUES - (cont.) - out what their plans actually are. Present were: Finkenhagen, O.Holen, J.Berg, O.Stompro, Fossum, Mebust, O.Fredrickson, I.Hatlelid, P.Amundson, Ole and Andrew Garberg, Grina, Grondahl, C.Hanson, Svenskerud, W.Holte. Meeting adjourned.
- 18 - WED - Funeral in Lignite for Louis and Anna Steen's baby, Adelaide Sylvia, 9 months. In the evening wedding for Martin Steen and Mabel Stocknes. Also baptism for Myrtle Catherine, B. Aug. 3 - Parents, Selmer and Clara Haga.
- 19 - THURS - Funeral in Columbus at 2:00 for John and Anna Ulsvud's baby, Elmer Melvin, 10 mon. Used as text for both funerals 1 Sam. 3:18 and Isaiah 55. Snow and NW wind. Bought a buggy from Walters for \$65.00 and brought it home.
- 20 - FRI - Home. Various jobs to be done at home - in the shanty - stable - took the cutter over to Bell (blacksmith) - bought a suit at Garbergs - M.Eliasson came here with some pork. Did some reading after dinner. We have roads for sleighing now - just barely.
- 21 - SAT - Home. 22 - SUN - Home. Nice weather. L.A. in Columbus at J.Salveson.
- 23 - MON - Home. Nice weather. Many people in town today.
- 24 - TUES - CHRISTMAS EVE. A little snow in the evening but mild. We have a Christmas tree at home. Mrs. G.Pedersen and little girl, Agnes (same age as Marie) were here. (They lived in a room above the store and she was a lonely person - liked to come over to visit and also helped Mom with ironing etc.) Our little ones are very happy and excited about having a Christmas tree. Vore smaa var nok glade i at have Juletrae.
- 25 - WED - CHRISTMAS DAY - Gladelig Jul! Merry Christmas! Nice weather. Service in Lignite at 11:00 - many there. Flaxton at 3:00 - many there also. To T.A.Lee. Christmas Tree Program in Flaxton at 7:00. Big crowd and a fine program presented by our Sunday School. 2 trees. I read the story about "How Little Peter celebrated Christmas" - "Da lille Peter fik feire Jul". Many gifts. Home by 9:30. Drove with buggy.
- 26 - THURS - Nice weather. Used the cutter to go to Columbus for services at 11:00. Many there. To A.Anderson for dinner. To Larson for services at 3:00 at Ole Bjornbjerg. To Andrew Nordahl in the evening for wedding of Andrew H. Nordahl and Celia Arneson. Back to Bjornbjerg over night. Following the service in Larson the congregation organized into a separate congregation from Columbus. No name decided on. Trustee - Haxaseth; Secr. - T. Rossum; Treas. - O.Dillerud.
- 27 - FRI - Nice weather continues. Tvedt school at 11:00. Many there. Baptism for Lester Sylvan, B. Nov. 23 - Parents, Axel and Hilda Watterud. To A.Sorlie for dinner - Ronholdts and Dihles there also. At 3:00 to Gunderson school - came a little late as I broke down a little (cutter) on the way. There were more people here today than there have ever been before. Baptism for Willard, B. Oct. 13 - Parents, Alfred and Jette Pederson. After the service we had a Christmas tree program - a surprise that I knew nothing about. We sang "Her Kommer Dine Arme Smaa" - and I read about Little Peter again and there were songs and

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- 27 - FRI - (cont.) - recitations by some little girls. I went to Brothers over night.
- 28 - SAT - To Short Creek - Negaards at 2:00. Also L.A. Everyone had brought along something for lunch so we ate after services. Then they had Christmas Tree and program later but I had to leave before that. (He had been gone for 3 days this time).
- 29 - SUN - To Macroom for services at 2:00. Home. Heard that Iver Hagen had died yesterday in Flaxton.
- 30 - MON - Home. A little stormy from NW. It is trying to snow but it isn't very cold. Go to Flaxton tomorrow for funeral for I. Hagen.
- 31 - TUES - The last day of the year. Drove with buggy to Flaxton for the funeral of Iver J. Hagen, 21½ years old. (Appendectomy several months previous and died of complications). Had a short service in the church and then to the cemetery. Home. Very nice weather. To Hollands in the evening. And thus ends the year of 1912 - with Thanks to God.

Hermed sluttes aar 1912 - med Tak til Gud.

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- 1 - WED - New Year's Day. God Bless us in all we do this coming year. Very bad storm from NW - real blizzard conditions. Did not go to Big Butte as announced. Home today and glad to be here. Glad ogsaa over at vaere iro.
- 2 - THURS - L.A. at Finkenhagens in Lignite. The weather was nice today so many came. Started blowing again towards evening. 3 - FRI - Home. 4 - SAT - Cold. Backerud from Crosby came.
- 5 - SUN - 30 below this morning. Did not drive to Flaxton for 11:00 services. No one else came either. Pastor Backerud preached in Lignite at 3:00. There were more there than we had expected for being so cold. Holland, A. Carberg, and C. Hanson over in the evening.
- 6 - MON - Cold. We and Backerud over to Hansons in the evening. Backerud left later on the train (for Crosby) - quite a bit later because the train did not come until 1:00 a.m.
- 7 - TUES - Home. Also WED. 9 - THURS - Drove to Flaxton - then took the train to Bowbells and went to the Courthouse to pay the real estate tax of \$20.47 (claim) - Landskat - and also stopped in to see Mrs. Vien and paid her \$225.00 on the note. (Mom thought this was for the horses that Julius had bought from her and that Dad was conducting the transaction for Julius Jaeger). Home in the evening. Cold. 10 - FRI - Milder weather today.
- 11 - SAT - Over 30 below again this morning. Wedding here for Martin E. Ronning and Alma Johnson. He gave me \$10.00.
- 12 - SUN - Not quite as cold as yesterday. To Columbus at 11:00 - not so many there. To Duckstads for dinner. Short Creek at 3:00 at E. Stompro. More there. Home. Some snow.

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- 13 - MON - Home - not quite so cold. Home also on TUES and WED.
- 16 - THURS - Services in Flaxton at 3:00 - a little cold and some snow - not many there.
- 17 - FRI - Cold and clear. Home. Heard from Columbus (telephone call) that old Ole Erickson Olson in Short Creek had died yesterday at 11:00. Funeral on Monday. Home on SAT.
- 19 - SUN - Cold, stormy and drifting from NW. Did not drive to Larson and the Hills. Stayed at home. M. Bjornjeld's house burned down.
- 20 - MON - The wind was not as strong as it had been but it was cold - 38 below zero this a.m. Started driving this morning for funeral - first to Ole Erickson briefly - then by Columbus to Short Creek. Got there about 3:30 for funeral. By S. Ness and then home. Drove about 60 miles today. (The entries in the diary for the 17th and 20th seemed confusing to me until Mom explained what had happened. This was the time that the name "Ole Olson" became an occupational hazard. "Ole Olson" had called Dad to tell him that his father had died on Thurs. and asked Dad to come for the funeral on MON. On MON Dad started out on his long, cold trip to Thorson for the funeral of "Ole Olson's father" - Ole Erickson. As Dad drove up in the yard, Ole Erickson came out to greet him - surprised that Buckneberg should be out driving, so far from Lignite, on such a cold day, when no services had been announced. Dad didn't tell him that he had come out 'to conduct his funeral' - for by this time Dad realized that it was the "Ole Olson" in Short Creek that had called him. Dad told Ole Erickson that he was glad to see him in good health and then drove on to Columbus where he stopped only long enough to call out to Short Creek to the Olsons living there to tell them that he was on the way. They were waiting for him - and by 3:30 he was there. He also stopped at S. Ness before returning home. A long cold trip of about 60 miles!).
Ole Olson Torvetjøn was 77½, B. in Grimstad, Norway.
- 21 - TUES - Services in Lignite at 2:00. Weather improved and there were quite a few there.
- 22 - WED - Mild, nice weather. Out to Big Butte at M. Stensen for services. Many there. Besides all the adults, they said there were 29 children there. They took up an offering for me today as the weather on New Year's Day had been so bad I couldn't come. \$10.50. It turned colder as I started for home. (This was really the Christmas service which was scheduled for New Year's Day - and this was the Christmas offering.) Baptism for Franklin Thomas, B. Oct. 28, 1912 - Parents, Nils and Emma Hanson.
- 23 - THURS - Colder. L.A. at Ole Holen. Quite a few there. In the evening I took the train to Larson for the wedding of Anton Boen and Elsie Gunderson - 4½ miles out in the country. The train was 2 hours late (and so was the wedding). Just a few friends and relatives there. Back to Larson between 1 and 2 a.m. and stayed at the Hotel. Home in the morning by train. \$15.00.
- 24 - FRI - Home - a little cloudy but not too cold.
- 25 - SAT - Mild weather - even a little rain up in the Hills.
- 26 - SUN - Colder - to Macroom - hardly anyone out today. No service. To P. Barmoen for dinner.

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- 26 - SUN - (cont.) - Then to Gunderson school for services at 3:00. Many there. Collected \$20.00 for Laererton. To M. Myhre over night.
- 27 - MON - A nice day. Over to J. Haugerud to get the secretary's record book for the congregation and then back to Anton Olson for dinner. Congregation meeting in the Gunderson school at 2:00. After consideration and planning it had been decided that it would be to the advantage of everyone if the widespread S. St. Olaf congregation would divide and reorganize into 2 congregations. More people to both the east and the west would be served by so doing. There were 17 present at this meeting of the east congregation with indications that 26 would like to be members of this congregation. Meeting opened with devotion - Eph. 4:1---. Those present were: M. Myhre, N. Rude, E. Hoff, K. Karlstad, N. Olson, J. Gunderson, C. Brothen, A. Serdahl, M. Høie, Nels Kleppen, Bendik Siverson, J. Siverson, Anton and Peter Martinson, Melvin Pederson, Iver Hallum, and not present were: M. Gunderson, A. Haga, Adolf Peterson, N. Herland, Ole Erickson, Ole Olson, Omund Ege, Simon Berg, L. Adamson, Nels Serdahl. The congregation was organized, using the same constitution as the one used for the former S. St. Olaf congregation. This congregation will be called "Bethlehem Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. The following officers were elected: Secr. - Bendik Siverson; Treas. - Albert Serdahl; Trustees - Jacob Siverson (3) - Carl Brothen (2) - Anton Olson (1). A. Buckneberg was called to serve as minister and accepted. The congregation promised to pay \$150.00 a year in salary. The congregation accepted with Thanks Godfred Benson's offer of 2 A. of land for church site and cemetery (SE corner of Gunder Gunderson's homestead). A committee of 3 was chosen to measure the church lot - Rude, Hoff and B. Siverson. A committee of 2 was selected to check on the cost of lumber and cement for building the church - Iver Hallum and Carl Brothen. A trial subscription was taken from those present and came to \$430.00. The congregation decided to go in with the Synod and that the trustees should be responsible for having the congregation incorporated. Meeting adjourned. To C. Brothen over night.
- 28 - TUES - By Omund Ege and out to Wigdahl's school - Thorson - for the first time in 3 years. Many there for services. In the spring of 1910 Pastor Blicher had taken over as pastor when we had moved to Lignite, and continued until in 1912. Then after the call was divided and I was making plans to move back to my homestead again I was able to again start serving this congregation. New members in the congregation included 2 Hauge brothers, Holte and family, Theo. Seim and family, and Otto Berger and family. 16 family members. A choir has been organized and directed by Martin Sathre and they now sing for almost every service. Baptism for Milton Gilman, B. Sept. 26, 1912 - Parents, Henry and Bessie Overland. Alfred Nelsons. Then to Peter Hanson over night.
- 29 - WED - Snowing - but mild. Services in Tvedt school at 11:00. Many there. Baptisms for:

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- 29 - ~~WED~~ - (cont.) - Elvise Bernice, B. Dec. 16, 1912 - Parents, Fred and Betty Daley; Harold Elsworth, B. Dec. 10, 1912 - Parents, Mathias and Bertha Sandberg. It was decided to have a meeting Feb. 4 at Anton Anderson. There had been a meeting held previously at Ronholdt with 19 present. A committee of 3 had been chosen to draw up a new constitution for this congregation. I was over at A. Sorlie for dinner - then home. Stopped at M. Bjornsgjeld on the way home and gave him \$5. (His house had burned down Jan. 19). \$30.00 has been collected for Laererlon in the west congregation.
- 30 - ~~THURS~~ - Stormy today - wind from NW with much drifting after the new snow that came down yesterday. Marie is sick - flu. 31 - ~~FRI~~ - Home - studying.

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- 1 - ~~SAT~~ - Home - studying. Quite cold.
- 2 - ~~SUN~~ - Services in Lignite at 11:00. The weather was not of the best but there were quite a few there anyway. Flaxton at 3:00 - more there than I had expected.
- 3 - ~~MON~~ - Stormy and drifting from NW. 30 below zero this morning. Should have gone out to Canslow for a baptism but gave up on that. Later in the evening I took the train to Larson - got there at 11:00 and stayed at the hotel over night.
- 4 - ~~TUES~~ - There was a congregation meeting announced for today at Anton Anderson south in the Hills. It was 28 below zero but I got a team and rig at the Livery stable and started out. It started blowing more and more from NW - getting worse all the time. It was a terrible trip out to S.O. Berg - which is as far as I went. Stayed there to rest up for a little while and then drove back to Larson where I stayed at the hotel again.
- 5 - ~~WED~~ - Back to Lignite by train. Not so cold today. Mr. and Mrs. P. Gjende from Minnesota came from Noonan (train) and went to Ogarden.
- 6 - ~~THURS~~ - Home - stormy. 7 - ~~FRI~~ - Stormy from NW. 8 - ~~SAT~~ - Weather is better today.
- 9 - ~~SUN~~ - Services in Columbus at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. The wind was from east this a.m. with a little snow. Quite a few at both places. Collected for Laererlon. To Rossums.
- 10 - ~~MON~~ - The wind changed around from south to west and before long we had a terrific snow-storm from NW that continued all day. Drove back to Lignite.
- 11 - ~~TUES~~ - A little better. Baptism for Theressa Ardelia, B. Oct. 1, 1912 - Parents, Nils and Julia Canslow.
- 12 - ~~WED~~ - To Bratsberg in Short Creek. Nice weather but not many out today. Short service. Then by P. Hanson (near Portal) to talk about baptism.
- 13 - ~~THURS~~ - Nice, mild day. L.A. at Kopstands and there were many there.
- 14 - ~~FRI~~ - Today I am 38 years old. Mild this a.m. A little colder later in the day. Home today. Got a phone call from Anton Sommersness that their baby had died. Funeral will be on Monday.

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- 15 - SAT - Heard today from Columbus that the Sommersness baby had died from scarlet fever and that the burial had to be performed today without any congregation present. Dr. Blanchard is also sick.
- 16 - SUN - Mild today and the snow is melting fast. Services in Macroom at 11:00 and at Theo. Cullickson at 2:00 - Big Butte. I drove with sled - alright in the forenoon but by afternoon there was only water. 17 - MON - Home.
- 18 - TUES - Services in Lignite at 2:00. It was arranged to issue a Letter of Call to G. Hegg.
- 19 - WED - To Gunderson school for services at 2:00. Many there. A short meeting of the congregation following. Home. Poor roads. Daarligt at kjore.
- 20 - THURS - Services in Flaxton at 2:00 - almost impossible to drive - ice on the road - few there. O. Mebust is going to write the Letter of Call. Dr. Blanchard died last night.
- 21 - FRI - Nice weather. Home. Dr. Paulson came by to see about Thelma's ear - and also Lille Bron - little brother. Must get the Letter of Call written and mailed to Hegg.
- 22 - SAT - Nice weather. This p.m. drove out to A.G. Berg. Tough sledding - hardly any snow left driving west on the flats.
- 23 - SUN - Nice day. Services at Tvedt school at 11:00 - people came late. The meeting that was to have been held at Anton Anderson Feb. 4 will be held tomorrow - same place - for the purpose of organizing a new congregation. To A.G. Berg for dinner. To Thorson in the p.m. for services in the Wigdahl school at 3:30. Collected for Laererton \$11.00. Over to Wigdahls for a little while - then to S. Walseth over night. A little snow this evening.
- 24 - MON - Mrs. Walseth had L.A. today. I left this morning for A. Anderson - drove by Stormo and Bush Lake. Meeting at Anton Anderson in p.m. Over to Oscar Hatlelid for a little while in the evening and back to Andersons over night.
- The east congregation had already been organized as Bethlehem and now the west congregation was organized, retaining the name "S. St. Olaf" and a constitution which had been worked over by a committee chosen earlier was accepted. Adolph Brodahl served as secretary pro tem. Members from the former congregation are: Oscar Hatlelid; O. R. Hatlelid; Ben Hatlelid; M. Sandberg; S. O. Berg; Erik Dihle; A. Sorlie; J. Toso; Andrew Anderson; Mrs. Wrolson; B. Arneson; J. Haugerud; O. Knutson; O. Ronholdt; Otto Evenson. New members: Hans Olson; S. Thompson; Fred Daley; John Holte; Anton Anderson; Torger Hysjulien; Adolph Brodahl. Election: Secr. - J. Haugerud; Treas. - S. O. Berg; Trustees - Erik Dihle (3), John Holte (2), Oscar Hatlelid (1). They decided to pay \$175.00 in pastor's salary. A. Buckneberg was called as pastor and accepted. The congregation accepted with thanks the 2 A of land that Hans Olson wished to give for the church site and cemetery and they planned to meet on March 3 for the purpose of measuring it.
- 25 - TUES - Nice in the a.m. A. Anderson rode in to Columbus with me as he was going on from there to Crosby. Services in Columbus had to be cancelled because of the scarlet fever

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- 25 - TUES - (cont.) - epidemic there. Sommersnesses have lost 2 little boys and Dr. Blanchard also died from scarlet fever. I drove home - stormy from NW later in the day.
- 26 - WED - Nice day. Marie is 5 years old today. We had a little party - et lidet selskab.
- 27 - THURS - Cancelled services in Short Creek at E. Stompro - scarlet fever. To P. Hanson near Pontal for baptisms: Oliver, B. Apr 10, 1908, and Peter Edward, B. July 25, 1910 - Parents Peter and Carrie Hanson; and Ruth Anna Lucille, B. Dec. 21, 1912 - Parents, Carl and Amanda Rydell. 28 - FRI - Home - studying.

MARCH

- 1 - SAT - Home studying. We hear that there is much scarlet fever in Flaxton - schools are closed and many homes are under quarantine.
- 2 - SUN - Services were announced for both Flaxton and Lignite but in Flaxton they were cancelled because of so much illness and in Lignite, for security measures, we cancelled the services also. Schools are also closed for the time being.
- 3 - MON - and all thru the rest of the week I was at home. Mild and the roads are terrible.
- 9 - SUN - Services were announced for Short Creek and Columbus but cancelled because of scarlet fever. 10 - MON - Home. 11 - TUES - To O. Rykkens and Bagliens. Not very good driving conditions - very slippery - flat.
- 12 - WED - Services and L.A. at Ole Erickson - Big Butte.
- 13 - THURS - Should have driven out to Tvedt school in the Hills but it snowed considerably so I didn't go. We have now sent a Letter of Call from Lignite, Flaxton, Columbus, and Short Creek to Hegg. He has returned it (will stay on in Wildrose). Backerud (2), Crosby has also returned the Letter as he has accepted a call to San Francisco. Number 3 will be Peter Bruland, Waco, Texas. That letter goes out today.
- 14 - FRI - To Larson for services at 2:00. Roads are terrible - frozen hard - rough - no snow.
- 15 - SAT - At home.
- 16 - SUN - Services with communion in Macroom at 11:00 - same in Gunderson school at 3:30. Quite a bit of snow in the Hills - none on the flats. Poor driving conditions for buggy. To A. Serdahls over night.
- 17 - MON - By my claim first and then home to Lignite. I didn't go out to Thonson as announced because the weather looked very threatening and when it started snowing I started for home.
- 18 - TUES - Snowing today with an east wind. 19 - WED - Stormy. Ole Carberg's home burned down.
- 20 - THURS - Holy Thursday - Skjaertorsdag. Communion services in Lignite at 2:00.
- 21 - FRI - Good Friday - Langfredag. Services in Short Creek at Negaards at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Baptism for Bertha Kristine, B. Feb. 14 - Parents, Henry and Carrie Agre. Home.
- 22 - SUN - Home - studying.

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- 23 - SUN - Easter Sunday - Paashedag. A little cold and some snow. Services in Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:00. Not as many in Lignite as usual. Offerings - Lignite \$22.50 and Flaxton \$8.00
- 24 - MON - Drove in buggy to Macroom for services at 11:00 in the west school (Henderson). Many there. To L.Henderson for dinner. To Bethlehem for services at 3:00 in Gunderson school. Baptism for Melvin Lony, B. Feb. 22 - Parents, Carl and Rangdi Brothen. They decided to have a meeting on THURS at 2:00 to discuss plans for the church. Macroom - \$12.00 and Bethlehem \$8.00. I drove out to M.Sathre in Thorson.
- 25 - TUES - Services in Thorson at 11:00 and Tvedt school (S.St.Olaf) at 3:00. Difficult to drive with buggy as there is a considerable amount of snow in the hills. Thorson - \$8.00 Tvedt - \$11.25. At Tvedt school they discussed changing the cemetery site from Hans Olson's land to the NW corner of the school section. To O.Hatlelid over night.
- 26 - WED - From O.Hatlelid S. to the cemetery site with O.Hatlelid to look it over. Then to Larson for services at 2:00. \$7.50. Then home.
- 27 - THURS - Home today. L.A. in Lignite at Holland. Many there.
- 28 - FRI - To Big Butte - services and L.A. at John Christ at 2:00. Mild. Muddy roads.
- 29 - SAT - At home. Same kind of weather continues.
- 30 - SUN - Muddy. Wind from NW with snow and rain later in the day. Services in Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00. Short Creek \$8.00 - Columbus \$8.55. Much water to drive in.
- 31 - MON - Nice weather. Home.

APRIL

- 1 - TUES - C.Hanson and I went out this p.m. soliciting for the church. To Olson, Staaleson, Kaastad, Iverson, Slotsve, Holte, Fredrickson, N.Scott, and S.Christensen. Nothing from the last 2.
- 2 - WED - Thelma is very sick - has been since Monday evening.
- 3 - THURS - Called Dr. King from Columbus as Paulson, Flaxton, was in Minneapolis. It is her tonsils - swollen glands - high fever and sore throat.
- 4 - FRI - King came again today. I am home today but not getting much done.
- 5 - SAT - Thelma is a little better today. At 2:00 p.m. we had a congregation meeting and it was decided to build a church in Lignite. Building committee chosen: C.Hanson, O.Holen, and A.Carberg. It has been nice and mild all week so the farmers are beginning spring's work.
- 6 - SUN - Strong wind from SE. Services in Flaxton at 11:00. Baptism for Hazel Florence, B. Nov. 10, 1912 - Parents, Henry and Mathilde Halvanson. To Lignite at 3:00 - communion.
- 7 - MON - Snow last night but now at noon it seems to be disappearing as soon as it comes down.
- 8 - TUES - Home.

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- 9 - WED - Nice weather. To Tom Jacobson in Big Butte for services at 11:00. Also L.A. The farmers are busy now out in the fields with plowing and dragging - harrowing. Plover og harver. 10 - THURS - Services were announced for Larson but I understood that with the weather being so nice, the farmers were very anxious to work in the fields so I did not go. 11 - FRI - Home.
- 12 - SAT - A nice warm day. Drove out to my claim this a.m. - had dinner there - then drove out to Thonson school where I met with some of the children. To A. Nelson.
- 13 - SUN - Services in Thonson at 11:00. Nice weather and many there. 3 baptisms: Minnie Amanda, B. Mar. 8 - Parents, Sam and Andrea Wigdahl; Sophie Christine, B. Mar. 14 - Parents, Carl and Carrie Furness; Alma, B. Mar. 20 - Parents, Hans and Aagot Holte. The Choir sang. (This is the first time he mentions the choir singing. It had been organized by Martin Sathre and continued under his direction for many years - always providing special music for services and other occasions). Hans Holte family new members. To Nick Fredrickson for dinner. To Tvedt school at 3:30 - service with communion. Many there. 3 baptisms: Bennie James, B. Mar. 21 - Parents, Frank and Ida Wick; Bernice Thora, B. Mar. 20 - Parents, Joseph and Bertha Toso; Alice Marie, B. Feb. 6 - Parents, George and Ragna Witty. Over to A.G. Berg. Left there at 7:00 - home about 10:00. Things were quite well at home under the circumstances. Ida has a sore throat and so have the children. I have a cold too. 12 letters have come with contributions for O. Carberg - \$25.00. Total now \$36.50. (His house burned down Mar. 19).
- 14 - MON - Home - nice warm day. Took off the storm windows and put on the screens and screen-door. 15 - TUES - Home - have a sore throat - maybe a forerunner of more illness. Also WED.
- 17 - THURS - L.A. at the Hall. Many there. \$5.00. Home on FRI and SAT.
- 20 - SUN - To Columbus for services at 2:00. Strong wind from SE. Many in Columbus - even some from Short Creek and Larson. G. Hegg came from Garfield. After services we went out to the cemetery for the Dedication service - hymn #400, verses 1 - 4 "Jeg ved mig en sovner i Jesu navn" - "I know of a sleep in Jesus name" - Scripture reading - Norwegian talk by me - English talk by Hegg. Graveside rites for the 2 children of Anton Sommerness that died of scarlet fever: Arthur Carlton, 2 years, 8 months, D. Feb. 14; Oscar Orris, 8 years, D. Feb. 22. We were invited to Sommernesses for supper and then Hegg came back to Lignite with me. There was baptism today for Jennie Elenora, B. Dec. 14, 1912 - Parents, Mons and Bertha Marie Stokke.
- 21 - MON - I am not feeling real well today - feverish during the night.
- 22 - TUES - Hegg left this morning - went to M. Glasoe. I spent the day in bed - was running a temperature - also during the night.
- 23 - WED - Temperature seems to have dropped somewhat. Was up for awhile today - did some writing. Hope to feel better real soon.

APRIL

- 24 - THURS - Am feeling better now but staying home. Received a letter from Hegg this evening that their little 4-month old daughter had died on TUES from pneumonia before he returned home. Home the rest of the week - FRI and SAT.
- 27 - SUN - Strong wind from SE. Macroom at 11:00. To Hendersons for dinner. To Gunderson school at 3:00. Wind getting stronger thruout the day. To C. Brothen over night. Heard more about their plans to build a church this summer.
- 28 - MON - Out to Thorson - to Nels Pladsen to read with the confirmands. To B. Siverson.
- 29 - TUES - By my claim - to Columbus - John Uleberg - then home. Vesle bror - little brother has a sore throat.
- 30 - WED - Cold and cloudy. Lille gut - little boy - is better. I must study.

MAY

- 1 - THURS - Ascension Day - Kristi Himmelfartsdag - nice weather. L.A. at Erik Myhre. Many there. We were there for a little while too - the whole family. P. Grove came over in the evening to tell me his little 5-year old boy had died yesterday. 2 - FRI - Home - studying.
- 3 - SAT - Strong wind today. Funeral at P. Grove at 2:00 for Arthur William, 5, quite a few came. I used Job 1:21 for text and spoke in both Norwegian and English. Had to study a great deal after I came home this evening.
- 4 - SUN - Lignite at 11:00 - many there. Cold weather and even some hail. To Flaxton at 3:00 - services with communion. Mrs. Botton and family became members. Stopped in at the hospital to see Ben Hattelid and Mrs. Gilbertson. Dr. Paulson came to our place later this evening to see our little boy.
- 5 - MON - Today we had to take our little boy to Flaxton to see the doctor. It was necessary to have the abscess on his neck lanced. O. Christenson gave us a ride to Flaxton in their car. It didn't take long for Dr. Paulson to do this and Christenson waited for us. We have to bring him back on WED. 6 - TUES - Home.
- 7 - WED - Ida took our little boy - veslegut - to see Dr. Paulson. E. Myhre gave her a ride in his auto and I stayed at home with the little girls today. 8 - THURS - Home.
- 9 - FRI - Today we drove in to Flaxton with horses and buggy to see the doctor. Looks like it is getting better. Stopped in at Lee and Shultz for a little while too.
- 10 - SAT - This p.m. I drove out to the Hills - stayed at M. Sandberg.
- 11 - SUN - Pentecost - Pinse. Services in Tvedt school at 11:00 - offering \$13.00. 2 baptisms at Buraus: Clifford Chester, B. Aug. 9, 1912 - Parents, Benjamin and Ida Bureau; Roald Bennet, B. Feb. 4 - Parents, Tobias and Anna Hysjulien. This week it has been cold, stormy and dry. This morning we had a little rain shower and then about 3:00 when I was driving out to Thorson it became stormy and we had some rain - also later in the evening.

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- 11 - SUN - (cont.) - The choir sang 2 songs for the service. I stayed at P. Rysgaards over night. Ida went to Flaxton again this forenoon to see Dr. Paulson for our little boy.
- 12 - MON - Over to Pladsens at 9:00 for conf. class. Home in the p.m. It looks like another abscess is developing on our little boy.
- 13 - TUES - Cold wind from east. The stormy weather on Pentecost Sunday came from west.
- 14 - WED - Rain and snow during the night and some rain during the day which does a lot of good.
- 15 - THURS - We went to Flaxton again to see Dr. Paulson. Another abscess had developed below his left ear and it had to be lanced. This was the second one and it doesn't seem to hurt much or even bother him much - det synes ikke at gjore ham svaert ondt. 15 - FRI - Home.
- 17 - SAT - Syttende Mai. Home. It is very quiet in Lignite today - the farmers are busy.
- 18 - SUN - To Short Creek at 11:00 for services with communion. Baptism for Eva Leona, B. Mar. 3 - Parents, Odin and Jessie Stompro. Then to Silver Wedding festivities for Jonas Salvesons. Many people there - I gave a short talk. To Columbus for services at 4:00. Larson at 7:00. Many there. Baptism for Arthur Oliver, B. Mar. 9 - Parents, Ole and Pauline Dillerud. Home by 10:30.
- 19 - MON - Cloudy and cold weather - wind from east. It has been cold now for quite awhile. There was no congregation meeting here in Lignite today - too few present.
- 20 - TUES - Snow last night but it disappeared during the day. 21 - WED - Cloudy and raw.
- 22 - THURS - Weather a little improved. L.A. in Lignite at Mrs. G. Grondahl - not many present.
- 23 - FRI - Nicer weather. Congregation meeting in Lignite about building the church. Student Walter Johnshoy came this evening.
- 24 - SAT - To Columbus for congregation meeting at 3:00. Student Johnshoy went along. They decided to go ahead with plans to build the church this summer. Sommerness, Duckstad and Agre chosen to serve on the building committee.
- 25 - SUN - To Macroom at 11:00 - Johnshoy preached there and also in Gunderson school at 3:00. Baptism for Agnes, B. Apr. 18 - Parents, Even and Clara Hoff. P. Berg gave Johnshoy a ride to Gunderson school while I went to Big Butte at 2:00. Quite a few at all 3 places. I came back by way of Macroom to get Johnshoy. A little rain as we drove.
- 26 - MON - A very nice day. Started with Parochial school in Lignite today - 23 attending.
- 27 - TUES - Nice warm weather. 29 at school today. In the evening to William Olson for 2 baptisms: Bertha Agnes Sophie, B. Apr. 9 - Parents, William and Emma Olson; Rosella Vivian Christine, B. Aug. 21, 1912 - Parents, John and Louise Rosell. On MON had been to Flaxton in regard to the altar painting. Thelma along.
- 28 - WED - Nice warm weather. Home today and rest of the week. Strong west wind SAT. p.m.

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- 1 - SUN - Up early - nice day. To Tvedts school at 11:00 and Thonson at 3:30. Many both ptes.

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- 1 - SUN - (cont.) - Choir sang in Thorson. L.A. met at O. Hattelid in west congregation and at Omund Ege in the east. To Wigdahls over night. There was a storm from NW in the evening - thunder and lightning and some rain. Baptisms in Flaxton for : Robert Lawrence, B. May 9 - Parents, Hans P. and Anna Bjertnes; Berrice Cecelia, B. Apr. 27 - Parents, Christian J. and Tina Shultz.
- 2 - MON - Cooler. Class at Pladsen in a.m.. Home in p.m. 3 - TUES - Home. Nice day.
- 4 - WED - L.A. in Flaxton at Mrs. T.A. Lee. Whole family along. Home the rest of the week studying for sermon and discussion for Circuit Meeting.
- 8 - SUN - Gunderson school at 11:00. Many there. Dinner at A. Olson. Larson at 4:00 and then to Columbus to get Johnshoy. Supper at O. I. Ronning. Over to Mrs. A. N. Anderson with a Devotional book for her. Strong wind from east. Johnshoy had been in Short Creek at 11:00 and Columbus at 3:00.
- 9 - MON - First out to G. Pearson to buy some hay. Strong SE wind. We are preparing to leave tomorrow - I will attend the Church Synod meeting and Ida and the children will go to Colfax, Wisconsin to visit.
- 10 - TUES - Left today by train - expected to meet Ingvald on the train in Berthold. We have had very strong wind from SE for several days now. Ingvald wasn't on the train as he had not been able to get across the river due to the strong wind. We left from Minot at 2:30 p.m. and came to St. Paul at 7:00 a.m. on the 11th.
- 11 - WED - The train for Colfax left at 7:45 a.m. from the Milwaukee depot and Ida and the children went to Colfax, Wisc. The whole trip had gone very well. There were many people at the church. Ole Vangsnes preached this morning (Editor of Bonneblad). Isakson came in the p.m. and Ingvald came this evening. My lodging was about 9 blocks from church at a Mrs. G. Gilbertson. It was very warm in church. SAT evening - slide presentation and lecture.
- 15 - SUN - Sermon by Astrup. Mr. and Mrs. P. Barmoen and Ronning delegates at meeting. (Baptism in Flaxton for Mathilde Adele, B. Sept. 12, 1912 - to Hans and Ida Anderson).
- 16 - MON - Warm in church. The subject of Union came up on SAT. Spent some time with Ingvald on TUES - Ingvald left TUES evening. Spent SUN p.m. in Como Park.
- 18 - WED - I went to Colfax this evening - Lavrits was there to meet me. The children are having a wonderful time visiting. Storarttet for de smaa at vaere paa besok.
- 22 - SUN - To Colfax for services - Pastor George Lane preached. Warm day. (Lane was married to Anna Anderson who had been Mom's teacher in Iowa).
- 25 - WED - Choir rehearsal at Isaksons this evening.
- 26 - THURS - We left Colfax today. There had been a lot of thunder and lightning during the night. We left Colfax at 1:30 p.m. and got to St. Paul at 4:00 p.m. Terribly warm. Met Pastor Oscar Hellekson there also - from Yakima, Washington. We had a long time to wait so went over to Smith's Park (St. Paul) with the children for awhile. We left on the train

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- 26 - THURS - (cont.) - at 10:45 p.m. - got on the train at 10:00 - on the sleeper.
27 - FRI - Came home this evening - very tired. Cool here and rain during the night.
29 - SUN - Services at Tvedt school and Thorson. Baptism (S.St.O.) for Alma Maria, B. May 8 - to Bernt and Mathilda Arneson. Wet down on the flats. The sale in S.St.O. on the 21st came to \$260.00 and at Thorson on the 28th came to \$160.00. Over to Nils Pladsen to read with the class this evening.
30 - MON - Miss Martha Stenrodden started a term of Parochial school in Thorson today. By my claim and by the church by Gunderson (school). The frame is up. Home. Wedding this evening for Alfred Walstad and Lottie Evenson.

JULY

- 1 - TUES - To Columbus in the p.m. They have also started there with digging and scraping out for the basement of the church.
2 - WED - Home - tended to various jobs around home - garden in the a.m. and writing in the p.m. Johnshoy has been sick for some days now - measles. He started with school again July 1.
3 - THURS - Today is Thelma's 4th birthday - we had a little party to celebrate the occasion.
4 - FRI - 4th of July - Independence Day - Frihedslagen. The day dawned with rain and it continued raining almost all day. It was very welcome - even on the 4th of July.
5 - SAT - School program in Svenskerud's Hall. This evening E. Kaastad and Mrs. T. Samuelson were married by the Congregational minister Vesey.
6 - SUN - Johnshoy had services in Lignite at 11:00 - offering \$13.00. I had services in Flaxton at 11:00 - not very many there. Baptism for Ingrid Theodora, B. Nov. 29, 1912 - Parents, Gunder and Helga Opseth. To Seibert Hotel for dinner. Home. To A. Carberg for coffee. To O. Holen for supper. Home.
7 - MON - Today I washed the stable with kerosene. A quiet p.m. of studying. O. I. Ronning came to get Johnshoy yesterday and he started teaching school in Columbus today.
8 - TUES - Home. 9 - WED - To Short Creek - to Negards for L.A. auction. Went well - nice day.
10 - THURS - At Carl Brothen last night. By my claim. Trying to find a mason - murer - but didn't find one today. Went by Columbus to see about getting lumber for the house. (The homestead shack was going to be rebuilt so they could move out there to live in the fall). Stopped in at the school - 15 children attending. Rain. Home. L.A. at Iversons - Lignite.
11 - FRI - Home - studying. Also on SAT.
13 - SUN - Services at 11:00 for the first time in the Bethlehem church. Many there. Baptism Nora Theoline, B. June 6 - Parents, Sivert and Clara Halbakken. L.A. at Anton Olson. To Columbus for services at 3:30. Baptisms for: Alice Orita, B. June 25 - Parents, Anton and Ida Sommerness; Oliver Milton, B. June 16 - Parents, John and Helga Howland. To Sommerness afterwards. Home. Johnshoy had services in Short Creek and Larson. Baptism for Glen Norman,

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- 13 - SUN - (cont.) - B. May 21 - Parents, Andrew and Carrie Bratsberg.
- 14 - MON - Home. Julius Jaeger, who has been here for a few days went to Tioga.
- 15 - TUES - Home for the most part of the week - working on my report for the Circuit Meeting in Evanger Congregation (Sauer's). Quite warm these days.
- 19 - SAT - L.A. auction in Macroom this p.m. at Barmoens. Sale went well. Home in evening.
- 20 - SUN - Macroom at 11:00 - warm - not many there. To Big Butte at 4:00. L.A. at Nils Hanson.
- 21 - MON - Home - studying. Also the following days.
- 25 - FRI - We went to the "Show" - the L.A. sold ice cream, lunch and coffee all day - took in about \$30.00. 26 - SAT - Home.
- 27 - SUN - Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 4:00. Finkenhagen went along to Flaxton. In the evening Finkenhagen, J. Fossum (Flx) and I rented a car to go to Bowbells to take the Flyer to Kenmare. Then MON-28 - we went to Norma in the morning. Mr. Dahl took us out to the church in Evanger congregation, one of Sauer's churches, for the Circuit Meeting. The meeting was opened at 10:30 with Devotion followed by my report - discussion on the years between Baptism and Confirmation. Hendrickson, Sauer and I were there to begin with and H. Aarstad and Cullixson came later. Fladmark came the next day. To Kenmare TUES evening. Fladmark and I stayed at Sauers over night.
- 30 - WED - I went to Minot to meet Ida. She had gone down to Minot to have her eyes checked by Dr. McCannell. Fladmark went to Carpio. Home in the evening by train. Mrs. Holland had been at our place taking care of the children. Finkenhagen had driven my horses home.
- 31 - THURS - Disinfected the barn and my horses. Studying in p.m.. Paa kontonet.

AUGUST

- 1 - FRI - Studying in a.m. To Columbus in p.m. - very warm day. Saw Johnshoy. Stopped in at Ronning. Also lumberyard. 2 - SAT - Home.
- 3 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem church at 11:00. To A. Serdahl for dinner. Thorson at 4:00 - many there. Johnshoy at Tvedt school at 11:00. Baptism for Orien Milo, B. July 14 - Parents, Harvey and Alma Hunstad. Larson at 4:00. I believe O. I. Ronning gave him a ride to these places. I went to Nick Fredrickson over night.
- 4 - MON - Read with class at Pladsen in the a.m. By my claim. Home.
- 5 - TUES - Home. Harvest is beginning all around now.
- 6 - WED - Home. Wedding here for Mary Peterson and Iver Bjerke. (Mary P. was daughter of Fred Peterson, Columbus, and Bjerke was from Northwood).
- 7 - THURS - Home during the day but in the evening I went to Larson to get an estimate on lumber bill for the house and also talked about Parochial school. Home by train in a.m.
- 9 - SAT - Johnshoy came here from Columbus with Iverson in auto this morning as they had come too late to Stampede for the train. Johnshoy is to have services tomorrow in Macroom and

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- 9 - SAT - (cont.) - Big Butte. I went to Crosby by train this evening to install J. Rosholt in Crosby tomorrow. He and Nordstog met me and then we went to Nordstog's beautiful - praektige home where I stayed. It started to rain and continued all night.
- 10 - SUN - Still raining. It had some effect on the size of the crowd in Crosby as it was not as large as it might have been. I installed Rosholt as Pastor of the congregation and he preached on the text from 1 Cor. 2:1-2. It rained in the p.m. too. We got a team and rig from the livery and drove out to Glenwood congregation - got there about 4:30 - there were many there - the rain had stopped about 3:00. In the evening back to Nordstogs. Also there were Pastor Olav Bue and son, Pastor Amund Bue, Flasher, N. Dak., and Mr. and Mrs. George Homnes (Frida Bue).
- 11 - MON - Home today by train. Heard that Johnshoy had not been able to get out to Macroom and Big Butte because of the weather and roads yesterday. He went back to Columbus with livery Sunday p.m.
- 12 - TUES - Had to stay pretty much at home for the rest of the week as I could not use one of my horses. (Perhaps lamed by stepping on a nail). Warm these days. Harvesting going very well all around. THURS evening we had some strong wind. T.A. Lee came by here FRI a.m. from out in the Hills.
- 17 - SUN - Rainy during the forenoon. Service in Flaxton at 11:00 - not many there. Lignite at 4:00. The weather had improved and so had the size of the congregation. We - and Hansons were invited over to Grondahls for supper. Johnshoy had services in Short Creek and Columbus. Baptisms for: Gladys Laurabelle, B. July 20 - Parents, William and Magnhild Johnson; Paul Eugene, B. July 7 - Parents, Joseph and Zata Kvernum; Elmyra Kristine, B. Jan. 1, 1911, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Molden.
- 18 - MON - Wind quite brisk but it seems to be clearing. Johnshoy has now finished 6 weeks of school in Columbus and is ready to leave. Will spend one week in Wildrose visiting the Hegg before leaving. (He was married to Mrs. Hegg's sister the next year).
- 19 - TUES - and thru the week - home much of the time as my horse is still not in good shape.
- 23 - SAT - To Rival to meet Johnshoy who had come by car there. Home to Lignite for awhile before he took the train to Larson. He will preach there tomorrow and in Bethlehem. Baptism for Hilma Lucille, B. Aug. 9 - Parents, Edward and Marie Grina (Flx).
- 24 - SUN - Out early today - services in Tvedt school at 11:00 and Thorson at 4:00. L.A. at Dahls after services in Tvedt school but I had to leave for Thorson. Had some lunch at A. Sorlie first. Very warm day. Prairie fire near G. Rasmussen. Some of the Thorson people had to leave - going north from the school to help fight the fire. The choir sang a song. I went to Seims over night. Baptism in Larson for Knut Karl, B. July 27 - Parents, Gunda and Anne Marie Gunderson.
- 25 - MON - Read with the confirmands at Pladsen this a.m. Stopped by my claim on the way home.

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- 25 - MON - (cont.) - The oats had been cut a week ago and the wheat was to be cut today.
26 - TUES - Home - a little rainy. Home on WED and THURS. It is warm. Some have started threshing in this area. 29 - FRI - To Portal to see a dentist. 30 - SAT - Home.
31 - SUN - To Big Butte at 11:00. Thelma along. Stopped in at John Christ. To Macroom at 3:30. In at Barmoens for a little while. Home. A little rain in the evening.

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- 1 - MON - Rain shower in the morning - enough to stop threshing during the forenoon.
2 - TUES - The whole family went along out to the Hills today - to Serdahls. (Nels Serdahls were living in the Buckneberg homestead shack while the B's lived in Lignite). Home in the evening. Rain this evening and thruout the night.
3 - WED - Some rain this forenoon. Home THURS and FRI - Quite warm.
6 - SAT - Funeral for the 7 week old baby, Orien Milo, son of Harry and Alma Hunstad. Have been waiting now for some time to hear from L.P. (Lars Peter) Jensen if he will or will not accept the call.
7 - SUN - Lignite at 11:00 and Flaxton at 3:30. Not many at either place.
8 - MON - Home. Strong wind today. 9 - TUES - To Portal to see the dentist.
10 - WED - G. Grondahl, Engebregtson and I went out hunting - 67 chickens and 10-12 ducks.
11 - THURS - Home. 12 - FRI - Ida's birthday. Out to Rykkens for awhile. 13 - SAT - Home.
14 - SUN - Short Creek at 11:00. Baptism for Alice Josephina, B. Aug. 8 - Parents, John and Tekla Larson. Columbus at 3:30. To Larson at 6:00 for funeral of Theodore Tvedt's 10 mon. old baby, Lester Pierre. O. Bjorngjeld took me over to Larson and back to Columbus in his auto. Cold, windy and rainy this a.m. - improved later in the day. Few in Columbus.
15 - MON - To Portal again to see the dentist. 16 - TUES - Home.
17 - WED - Took the whole family along to Flaxton - L.A. in the church. We had planned to see Dr. Paulson - for baby - but he was in Kenmare today.
18 - THURS - Home. Dr. Paulson came here in the evening and performed a small operation, removing a small growth on Adolph's neck. It didn't bother him at all.
19 - FRI - Drove out to the Hills to see who I could get to do some carpenter work on the house. Over to S.O. Berg for dinner. Anton Anderson was threshing at Andrew Anderson and he said he could come after threshing. Went by Serdahls and Carl Brothen. Lindberg and another man are working on the church. By M. Bjorngjeld to get some oats. Maybe on Tuesday.
20 - SAT - To Columbus. Lumber bill at Helgeson will be \$450.00. Borrowed \$25.00 at the bank and paid Dr. King \$18.00
21 - SUN - Out early today - Gunderson school at 11:00. To A. Olson for dinner. Tvedt school

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- 21 - SUN - at 2:00. Thorson at 5:00. To Hans Holte. Cold.
- 22 - MON - Strong wind from SW today. Didn't read with the Pladsen girls as one of them is working in the Cook-car. By Serdahls. Ole Serdahl promised to do some carpenter work. To Columbus - bought harnesses for \$28.00.
- 23 - TUES - Snow during the night and today but gone by WED. 25 - THURS - Home.
- 26 - FRI - Rosholt came to visit. Received a letter from L.P. Jensen declining the call.
- 27 - SAT - C. Sauer came this afternoon.
- 28 - SUN - Macroom at 10:30 and Lignite at 2:00. Flaxton at 4:00. E. Myhre gave me a ride to Flaxton in his auto. Nice day and many out. Ps. 122. 29 - MON - Home.
- 30 - TUES - Out to the Hills to my claim. To J. Haugerud over night.

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- 1 - WED - To Toso. Talked with A. Anderson about doing some carpenter work. To O. Hatlelid and A. Berg. Haugerud, J. Toso, O. Knutson, E. Dihle, and A. Anderson promised to haul the material home for me. By my claim. Home.
- 2 - THURS - L.A. at our place in Lignite. 3 - FRI - Home. Also SAT.
- 5 - SUN - Cold. Mission service and communion in Lignite at 10:30. Not as many as could have been expected. Offering \$18.25. Big Butte at 4:00. Fen. P. Amundsen here a short while.
- 6 - MON - Rain. Started with a confirmation class in Lignite at 4:00.
- 7 - TUES - To Kenaston and Kenmare. Sauer met me in Kenaston and brought me back again in the p.m. (train). Did not mention or note that on Sept. 26-27 Axel Pearson had threshed on my claim - 220 bu. of wheat, 12 bu. per A; oats - 437 bu., 24 bu. per A. or a little more.
- 8 - WED - To Columbus - heard there that 6 loads of lumber and some nails had been hauled out to my claim, with B. Severson, Ole Olson, A. Anderson, E. Dihle, and Joseph Toso each hauling a load, and John Haugerud hauling 20 sacks of cement. I brought along some more nails. To Duckstad for dinner. There was L.A. in Columbus today at Mrs. Soderquist but I did not have time to go. There was also L.A. in Flaxton today. Out to my claim. Albert and Ole Serdahl were working with cement. Went by Anton Anderson (Svart) but he was in Larson and was late getting home. Over to Oscar Hatlelid over night.
- 9 - THURS - Anton Anderson along with me over to my claim to work. Some snow. Over to Albert Serdahl for dinner. I went back to Lignite - a tough trip. Anderson stayed to work. It snowed all day and night and continued on FRI a.m. but it was coming from west now. Milder and wet but it seemed to clear up around noon after a little rain. Much snow had come down.
- 11 - SAT - Milder weather. Conf. class in Lignite at 2:00 - 11 in the class - 10 girls and 1 boy. The snow is melting fast and the roads are terrible.
- 12 - SUN - Mild weather - mud - terrible roads. Mildt veir. Sole. Faelt fore. (In Norwegian

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- 12 - SUN - (cont.) - it sounds like poetry). Short Creek Mission services and communion at 11:00. Offering \$9.75. Baptism for Frances Lucille, B. Sept. 15 - Parents, John and Josie Uleberg. Columbus at 3:00 and Larson at 5:00. Quite a few at all places. Home by about 9:00p.m.
- 13 - MON - Mild - snow is all gone. Washing clothes. Washed the horses. (After the last few days of mud the horses were in bad shape. Dad's years in the U.S. Cavalry were evident in the care he gave his horses. All of the young boys who stayed at the B's at one time or the other for helping with chores and reading for confirmation had to learn exactly how to curvy properly and care for the horses). Sent a draft to Kraabel for \$28.00 - \$18.25 from Lignite and \$9.75 from Short Creek in Mission offerings. (Kraabel - Church treasurer).
- 14 - TUES - Out to my claim. A little cold. House building progressing in good order. Car bra frem med huset. To Pladsens and Seim - Thorson - in the evening.
- 15 - WED - Clear and cold. Read with confirmands at Pladsens. Home in the p.m. by way of my homestead to Lignite.
- 16 - THURS - L.A. at Mrs. Garberg. Quite a few there. This will, I suppose, be the last time I meet with this L.A. 17 - FRI - Home.
- 18 - SAT - Conf. class in Lignite school house at 2:00 All 11 met up today. A little cold.
- 19 - SUN - Cold NW wind. Gunderson school at 11:00. Baptism for Fred, B. Aug. 11 - Parents, Bendik and Bertha Severson. We had to meet in the schoolhouse as there is no stove in church. Tvedt school at 3:00 and baptism for Marvin Arthur, B. Sept. 19 - Parents, Albert and Thilda Sorlie. Mission services in both places but did not have communion or take up the offering as there were hardly more than half of the congregation present in either place. To Anton Anderson over night.
- 20 - MON - Up early. By Sandberg, Berg, Dihle, and to my claim. Then by Serdahl, Ongstad, A. Watterud, Carlson, Toso, to Vangen. Daabsstadfestelse - Baptismal affirmation for Orris Sylvester, B. Jan. 12 - Parents, Ole and Sina Vangen. He had been baptized by Iver Toso at home on Feb. 17. By Columbus. Paid the threshing bill \$16.18, and \$25.00 at the bank, and ordered a few more things for the house. Home. P. Amundson is feeling better.
- 21 - TUES - Cloudy but not so cold. Will take a load of things out to my homestead tomorrow.
- 22 - WED - Got a team from Amundson and left at noon today with a load of things. Got out there by dark and stayed over night on the claim.
- 23 - THURS - Got a stove from Watteruds this morning - had forgotten something for the gas stove. Auction today at A. Serdahl. I went home to Lignite this morning to be at the "Surprise" that I had been invited to be home for. Home by 10:30 a.m. Many came over here shortly afterwards and invited us to come down to the Hall for dinner. The Hall was full of people and Pastors Vesey (Methodist or Congregational) and Sorenson (Swedish) gave talks. There were Norwegians, Swedes, Danes, Germans, Americans - all there for dinner. They gave us a

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- 23 - THURS - (cont.) - purse of \$46.25. There were some from Flaxton and Macroom here too. Received a letter from Sauer in the evening saying he had accepted the Call.
- 24 - FRI - Nice, mild day. Ida and I went out to the claim - got there by noon. There were 4 carpenters working and 3 men working on the chimney. Julia Bradley was at home with the children. Turned colder towards evening and we had some snow during the night.
- 25 - SAT - Cold wind. Conf. class at our place at 2:00.
- 26 - SUN - Nicer weather. Mission service in Flaxton at 11:00. Offering \$10.40. Reformation service in Lignite at 3:00 - also communion. Additional offering there - \$11.15. Baptism for Fred Norman, B. Sept. 5 - Parents, Martin and Mabel Steen. To A. Carberg for supper.
- 27 - MON - Nice mild day. 28 - TUES - Out to the claim. By A. Wrolson, A. G. Berg, M. Bjornjeld, Columbus, E. Ulsrud, and then home. 29 - WED - Busy getting things packed up.
- 30 - THURS - O. Carberg and Finkenhagen each took a load of our things out to my claim - stayed over until the next day. L.A. in Svenskerud Hall but I did not have time to go. Ida went. I took down the buggy shed that I had built. (There was a barn which had been built by the congregation but Dad had put up this shed or shelter for his buggy and meant to put it up again on the claim.
- 31 - FRI - Spent some time studying and there were also many other things to do.

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- 1 - SAT - Out to the claim - nice day. Ole Serdahl has finished his carpenter work. By A. G. Berg but he had gone to St. Paul. By Iver Toso about hauling some coal.
- 2 - SUN - Macroom service with communion at 11:00. Offering \$6.75. Baptisms for Merlyn Tilman, B. Aug. 11 - Parents, Martin and Thilda Mattisen; Olaf Selmer, B. Sept. 9 - Parents, Simon and Signe Berg. Big Butte at 4:00. Baptism for Gladys Irene, B. Sept. 13 - Parents, Tom and Tillie Jacobson. By O. Carberg. We will be moving tomorrow.
- 3 - MON - Nice day. Today we moved out to our homestead for good. G. Grondahl took the family out in his car. Iver Hatlelid, Karl Baglien, and Sigvart Carberg each hauled out a load for us. (Allied Friends and Neighbors again!). They came out here before dark. Hatlelid drove west to stay with some of his relatives but the rest stayed here.
- 4 - TUES - Home today putting things in order. Funeral in Columbus for Mrs. G. Gullickson.
- 5 - WED - Conf. class at Pladsens at 1:00. Services - Thorson - at 4:00. Baptism for Olga, B. Oct. 7 - Parents, Peter and Kari Hanson. Received salary - \$80.00. Could not bring my cow home from Seim (they had kept the cow while they lived in Lignite). By O. Erickson. Home.
- 6 - THURS - Rain in the forenoon. Erickson brought my cow. To Columbus in the p.m. - baptism for Yvonne Julianna, B. Oct. 11 - Parents, Martin and Louise Sommerness. Home FRI.
- 8 - SAT - To Lignite. Sauer came on WED. Stopped in there for a little while. Stayed over night at Finkenhagens. Sauer and I went to Flaxton for a little while in the evening -

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- 8 - SAT - (cont.) - ^{the} the L.A. had served dinner and had a sale - took in \$115.00
- 9 - SUN - Cold wind - raw and cloudy. Farewell sermon in Lignite at 10:30. Many people there. Installed Sauer and he also spoke. In Flaxton at 3:00 - the same. Welcome offering in Lignite \$19.55 - Flaxton \$10.55. Over at Sauer for a little while SUN evening but stayed at Finkenhagen again over night.
- 10 - MON - Bought a few things in Lignite. By Stampede to M. Bjornkjeld for dinner. Home in p.m. Sandberg and Berg finished the plastering today. No carpenters this week. A. Anderson went home WED evening, Nov. 5 and H. Anderson SAT evening, Nov. 8. Anton here again on SAT - 15 - and both here on the 17th. Helmer finished first part of the week - 11 days \$33.00 and 3 days of plastering \$7.00 - Ole Sendaahl for \$18 days - \$54.00. 11 - TUES - Home.
- 12 - WED - Ida and I went to Hatlelids for auction.
- 13 - THURS - Services in Larson at 2:00 - Ida along. Baptism for Trygve Olaf, B. Oct. 14 - Parents, Hilmar and Bella Nordahl.
- 14 - FRI - Home. Working around the house - many things to do. To M. Gunderson for 2 bu. of potatoes @ \$.75 a bu.
- 15 - SAT - Home. Foggy. Anton Anderson came over to work again. A. Sendaahl brought some doors on FRI and A.G. Berg brought 2 loads of lumber.
- 16 - SUN - Short Creek at 11:00 - received \$50.00 in salary - F. Peterson. Paid \$47.00 to Duckstad. Reformation sermon in Columbus - no communion. Offering - \$12.55. Baptism for Oris Melvin, B. Sept. 30 - Parents, John and Anna Ulsrud. Received \$11.00 for Children's Home - Barnehjem - from Larson, Mrs. O. Bjornkjeld - and \$11.00 from Mrs. N. Duckstad.
- 17 - MON - Home today - doing some writing.
- 18 - TUES - Annual congregation meeting in Lignite. It rained as I drove in to Lignite and then froze, making it very slippery for the horses. The meeting was at Svenskeruds Hall at 2:00 but started a little late and at that only about half of them were there. I stayed at Sauers over night. Sauer opened the meeting with Devotion and I gave my annual ministerial report. They had gotten in over \$300.00 and I received the rest of my salary - \$194.75 - had received \$105.25 previously. Election: Secr. - Finkenhagen; Treas. - Holen; Trustee - Iver Hatlelid (3); Mebust has 2 and Baglien has 1; Custodian - Kopsland (Lignite) - none chosen in Flaxton. Decided to pay A.G. Beito \$10.00.
- 19 - WED - Paid Mrs. Vien note \$108 and some cents, \$40.00 to Johnshoy, \$29.15 to Hanson, \$3.00 to Bell (blacksmith) and \$5 for various things. Home by 2:00. Weather improved. Basket Social at Tony Rude for the benefit of the Bethlehem church. (Took in about \$90.00)
- 20 - THURS - Mild today. Anton and Hans Anderson are still working here.
- 21 - FRI - I did some carpenter work today too - the biggy shed. Studied some too.
- 22 - SAT - A little snow on the ground now. Ida and Thelma along to Macroom for the double wedding Martin Berg and Kristi Enget and Peder Berg and Nelline Stromshaug. A little late getting

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- 22 - SAT - (cont.) - home. (Anna Romnes was helping out at our place for awhile).
- 23 - SUN - Service with communion in Tvedt school at 11:00 - Mission offering \$14.95. Same in Bethlehem at 3:00 - offering \$18.05. Baptism for Borghild Nora, B. Oct. 9 - Parents, Nels and Kathrina Kleppen. 24 - MON - To Columbus for more lumber.
- 25 - TUES - Home. O. Hagen and William Harbig came over to tell me that the Harbig baby had died.
- 26 - WED - Funeral at 11:30 in S. St. Olaf for little Henry Rudolph, son of William and Ragnhild Harbig. He had lived only 6 hours and had been baptized by Mrs. Andrew Johnson. This was the first funeral held at the new cemetery site of S. St. Olaf church. Nice weather. Annual meeting for S. St. Olaf congregation at 2:00 in Tvedt school. Opened meeting with Devotion - 2 Peter 2 - and followed with my ministerial report of the past year. Secr. and Treas. reports heard and approved. Treas. reported that for last year \$175.00 had come in for both congregations. Election: Secr. - John Haugerud; Treas. - S. O. Berg; Trustee - Oscar Hatlelid (3); Custodian - Albert Sorlie - and a collection will be taken up for him by members; School committee - Sandberg, Ronholdt, and Otto Evenson. Decided to have congregation incorporated. Oscar Hatlelid to be in charge of the cemetery and making a plat. Lots will range in price from \$8.00 for a whole lot - \$4.00 for half a lot - and \$1.00 for one grave space. A committee of 3 will receive subscriptions for the church: T. Hysjulien, Fred Daley, and O. Ronholdt. Trustees to work for the growth and the good of the congregation. \$119.00 of salary has been collected. Present: Haugerud, Ronholdt, J. Holte, Oscar Hatlelid, A. Brodahl, T. Hysjulien, S. O. Berg, M. Sandberg, Ole Hatlelid, A. Sorlie, Hans Olson, Anton Anderson, and William Harbig, who became a member today.
- 27 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. Services in Thorsen at 2:00. Baptism for Theodore Otto, B. Oct. 11 - Parents, Ole and Julia Tande.
- 28 - FRI - Home - nice mild weather. Measured up some hay. Worked with other outside chores. Studied in the evening.
- 29 - SAT - Nice weather. Annual meeting for Bethlehem congregation held in Gunderson school at 2:00. Devotions - Eph. 4 - my ministerial report - secr. and treas. reports. Election: Secr. - B. Severson; Treas. - C. Brothen; Trustee - A. Olson (3); also custodian for 1 yr. Lots to be measured out on the cemetery on Dec. 3 with C. Brothen in charge. Graves for non-members - udenforstaaende - to be \$1 per grave - \$4 for a half lot and \$8 for a whole lot. It will be the duty of the trustees to work together with the pastor for the growth of the congregation. They will also get the deed for the 2 A. for the churchyard. After the meeting I received \$91.00 of the \$150.00 promised. Present were: Jacob and Bendik Severson, M. Hoie, Nils Kleppen, L. Adamson, M. Pederson, Albert Serdahl, C. Brothen, A. Olson, J. Gunderson, A. Peterson, Tony Rude, Even Hoff, K. Karlstad, and Iver Hallum.
- 30 - SUN - Macroom at 11:00. Cold wind during the forenoon - not many there. To Barmoens for dinner. Home again - better weather towards evening.

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- 1 - MON - Home. Working around outside - clearing away some of the lumber scraps and pieces - affald - around the house - worked with the buggy shed and coal shed - opened more boxes and put away clothes and books - also set aside some lumber for other purposes later. Clear in the morning - then cloudy - then foggy - and then sunshine in the afternoon but foggy again in the evening. This was a busy day - many jobs accomplished outside and around the house.
- 2 - TUES - To Columbus for annual meeting of the congregation. We met in Agre's elevator at 2:00. Opened with Devotion - Eph. 4 - followed by my ministerial report. As the secr. was sick, I read his report. Received \$125.00 in salary. Election: Secr. - Edlsvud; Treas - H. Agre; Trustees - M. Bjornngjeld (3), N. Duckstad (2), J. Salvesson (1); Custodian - W. Johnson; School committee - Agre and Salvesson re-elected. Trustees to work with the pastor in promoting the growth and strength of the congregation. Discussion about the church and cemetery. M. Bjornngjeld will haul a load of coal which A. Sommerness will pay for. Present: A. Sommerness, N. Duckstad, H. Agre, M. and Olaus Bjornngjeld, J. Salvesson, W. Johnson. Ida went along today. Home late.
- 3 - WED - Services at Short Creek at Ulebergs at 1:30 - also L.A. There were only about half of them present so we did not have the annual meeting. Nice weather continues. By Columbus home late. Anna Romnes has left now. Made settlement with A. Serdahl Dec. 2. I owed him \$38.00 for his work - and with salary deducted it came to \$32.00 of which I paid him \$20.00 now and \$12.00 later. H. Anderson worked 24 3/4 days at \$3.00 a day. I now paid him \$20.00. Haven't paid A. Anderson anything yet.
- 4 - THURS - Wallpapered the dining room - papirtrekker - and banked around the foundation of the house. (The room that was papered was the original "shack" and the added-on rooms were white plaster. Mom remembered that the wallpaper was a grape design and that the colors really brightened up the place.)
- 5 - FRI - To Big Butte for services at M. Stensen at 11:00. Also L.A. and annual meeting. The weather is still nice - home quite late. Big Butte congregation decided to call Pastor Sauer as of Jan. 1, 1914, promising him a salary of \$50.00 annually and more if they could manage, plus festival offerings. Ole Erickson was re-elected as Secr. and M. Stensen as Treas., Trustees - Louis Kalvig (2), Tom Jacobson (1) year left. Theo. Gullickson finished his term.
- 6 - SAT - Cold wind from NW. Home - studying. Nels Anderson came over here with a tree salesman, Mr. Bonde. I ordered some evergreens and 100 strawberry plants. (Mrs. Bonde had told them to "put rocks around the evergreens - that's the way they like to grow". Mom didn't remember how many he ordered but 2 big trees down the hill east of the house were from this order. They aren't there any more.)
- 7 - SUN - Cold today - strong wind from S all day. Services in Larson at 11:00 - to Bjorkmans for dinner. To Columbus at 3:00 but didn't stay. The weather looked so threatening. It

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- 7 - SUN - (cont.) - did improve in the evening but the wind was very strong.
- 8 - MON - Out early to Thorson for annual meeting at 10:00 in the school house by Wigdahls. To M. Sathre for dinner. Conf. class after dinner. Home. Nice weather today. Got a calf today. Meeting opened with Devotion - 1 Peter 1 - followed by my ministerial report. Secr. and treas. reports heard. Treas. reported that \$85.00 had been collected and \$80.00 paid out in salary. Election: Secr. - Karl Furness; Treas - Martin Sathre; Trustees - Theo. Seim (3), P. Hanson (2), S. Walseth (1); Custodian - Sam Wigdahl; School committee - P. Hanson, John Wick. Decided to have the congregation incorporated immediately and to get the deed for the cemetery. S. Walseth promised to give 1 additional A. of land adjoining the one he has already given. They decided to raise the salary from \$80.00 to \$100.00 a year. Also decided that the annual meeting should be held on the 1st Monday in Dec. There was some discussion about building a church and a committee of 3 was chosen to take up a trial subscription during the winter months - Walseth, Sathre, and Overlie.
- 9 - TUES - Home. Put doors in the buggy shed and fixed up the sled. Nice weather.
- 10 - WED - Started with a conf. class in Macroom - 4 there today. Annual meeting of the Macroom congregation at 1:30. Opened with Devotion - Romans 12 - followed by my ministerial report. Treas. reported that \$33.00 had come in previously - \$53.00 today - with \$14.00 left to collect for salary. Clevenberg was paid \$9.50 for work done on the fence around the cemetery. Election: Secr. - P. Berg; Treas - Ole Martinson; Trustees - H. Clevenberg (2), C. Holter (1); Custodians - P. Barmoen and L. Henderson. Decided to collect the remainder owed to Clevenberg. New members: G. Hanson and Martin Ronning with families. 4 men chosen to take up a trial subscription for the church building - Barmoen, Holter, Ronning and Ole Martinson. Present: P. Barmoen, P. Berg, C. Holter, A. Brusven, M. Serenson, H. Clevenberg, Ole Martinson, L. Henderson, M. Ronning. Home. A nice day.
- 11 - THURS - Nice weather continues. Services with communion in Tvedt school at 11:00. Whole family along. Nels Serdahl here in the p.m. - we divided the wheat and made a few other settlements. Albert stopped in on his way from town.
- 12 - FRI - To Columbus - paid Helgeson \$250.00. I have now received in salary \$104.00 (of \$150) from Bethlehem; Tvedt on S. St. Olaf - \$124 (of \$175); Macroom - \$86.00 (of \$100); Larson - \$69.00 (of \$100); and Thorson \$80.00 - all. 13 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 14 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00. The wind was quite cold this morning. To S. Wigdahl for dinner and then directly to Bethlehem for services at 3:00. Quite a few there. They decided to have a congregation meeting on WED. Ida and the children home today.
- 15 - MON - To A. Haga to get some barley. Left Brownie there in exchange for his pony to try out.
- 16 - TUES - Out early - nice weather. By Stampede first to pick up some freight - then to Columbus for services at 11:00. Few there. To Duckstads for dinner. Then to Larson for

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- 16 - TUES - (cont.) - Annual meeting of congregation at 2:00 at Rossums. Devotion - Eph. 4 - followed by my ministerial report for the past year. Maatte saerlig paapege forsommelse af altergang. Had to especially point out the neglect of Holy Communion. Election: Secr. - T. Rossum; Treas. - O. Dillerud; no trustee but A. Haraseth has (1) year left; Custodian - John Norby. Discussion about putting up a fence around the cemetery. A load of coal must be hauled. H. Nordahl had promised during the summer to haul some but as there was no need then he was reminded now. A. Haraseth was to see one of the trustees of the German church to find out if we can use their church for services. The treas. had previously paid me \$69.00 of my salary and now I received the remaining \$31.00.
Bought a draft for the insurance on my house - \$16.25 - and \$1.75 to the Pacific Herald.
Home late.
- 17 - WED - Exceptionally beautiful weather. Især deiligt veir. We expected Sauer to come out today but he didn't come. Congregation meeting - an extra one - in Bethlehem church at 2:00. Business to conduct on several matters. They decided to insure the church with each member contribution \$1.00 to this cause. Decided to keep the large stove that Brothen and Olson had bought at Jensen's store and then try to sell the other one. They decided to ask the L.A. for the \$104.00 they had taken in at the Basket Social and any other money they could spare to pay on the church debt and that the trustees should borrow the rest at the bank to pay what comes due next fall. Decided not to have Christmas tree this year. Present: A. Serdahl, A. Peterson, A. Olson, Matt Hoie, C. Brothen, J. Severson, L. Adamson, Iver Hallum, M. Pederson, Nels Kleppen. Got several subscriptions to the church paper, "Kirketidende" yesterday and today. From church I went over to get Brownie - at Haga. A. Serdahl went along - stopped at M. Gunderson but he wasn't home. Heard that Pladsen's baby had died.
- 18 - THURS - A. Serdahl went to Columbus to do some shopping for Christmas. I sent some letters along with him to mail - a \$10.00 draft to Augsburg Publishing House for subscriptions - insurance on my house - and an application for insurance on Bethlehem church - a letter to Hegg, Norlie, Ingvald - etc.
- 19 - FRI - Cold wind as I drive S to Thorson for the funeral of Nils and Ingeborg Pladsen's baby. At M. Sathre for dinner. To the schoolhouse at 1:30 and then to the cemetery. The baby was born Dec. 14 and lived for 2 days. It had not been baptized. Home by B. Arneson. Cold wind today from NW. 20 - SAT - Home - studying for Christmas and Farewell sermons.
- 21 - SUN - A little snow this a.m. but it cleared up later in the day. To T. Gullickson - Big Butte - at 11:00 - Farewell sermon (and Christmas). L.A. following services. Offering and the L.A. gave me \$10.00 as a gift. Baptism for Violet May, B. Nov. 20 - Parents, Theodore and Sarah Gullickson.
- 22 - MON - Home in a.m. Conf. class in Gunderson school in p.m.

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DECEMBER

- 23 - TUES - To Columbus - bought some things for Christmas. Had the horses shod.
- 24 - WED - Albert Serdahl here yesterday and today working on storm doors. Home today studying. Nice weather - hardly any snow to mention. Christmas Eve.
- 25 - THURS - Christmas Day. Nice Christmas weather. To Tvedt school at 11:00 and Gunderson school at 3:00. Offerings - \$22.45 in Tvedt and \$18.95 in Bethlehem. Many in both places. Christmas tree at our place in the evening - Serdahls, Wrolsons and Jacob Gunderson here.
- 26 - FRI - Farewell services and Christmas for Columbus and Short Creek at 11:00 and Christmas services in Larson at 3:00. Baptism for Elmer Adolph, B. Oct. 9 - Parents, Anton and Elsie Boen. Offering from Columbus-Short Creek - \$22.85 and Larson \$9.00.
- 27 - SAT - Christmas services in Thorson at 11:00. The choir sang. Offering - \$11.00. Baptism for Erling Theodore, B. Nov. 17 - Parents, John and Thea Marie Wick. Conf. class after.
- 28 - SUN - Macroom at 11:00 - Christmas services. Conf. class after. Offering \$12.70. Stopped in at P. Barmoens for a little while. Ida has not been feeling well during Christmas so has been at home.
- 29 - MON - The nice weather continues.
- 30 - TUES - To Columbus. Borrowed \$200.00 at the bank and paid Helgeson \$275.00 - and a few other things. By Adolph Pederson for baptism for Randolph Kalmer, B. Nov. 18. Home.
- 31 - WED - Colder. Wedding for Ole Olson and Helena Buckplads at our place at 2:00. Went over to get Emma Ronholdt today - she will help out here for about a week.

We give praise and thanks to God for all good things we have received in 1913.

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JANUARY

- 1 - THURS - A Happy New Year! Today is a stormy day but nevertheless I must go to Columbus to install Pastor Sauer at 2:00. Wind from NW and some snow. Quite a few there. Sauer spoke on Romans 8:15 for text. A Welcome offering was given to him. To Duckstads over night.
- 2 - FRI - To Short Creek - Negaards - at 11:00 to install Sauer. Many there. Nice weather. Welcome offering here too. By Columbus on way home. 3 - SAT - Home. Cloudy.
- 4 - SUN - Nice day. We had Bethlehem L.A. at our place today - (L.A. and service together). Many came and some stayed until late in the evening.
- 5 - MON - Conf. class in Gunderson school at 2:00. 6 - TUES - Epiphany. To Columbus in the p.m. and Stampede in the evening - to get Caroline. Beautiful weather.
- 7 - WED - Mild - really warm. Mr. and Mrs. Sauer came out to visit us - driving in automobile. Anton Anderson was here for awhile today doing some carpenter work. Emma left today.

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JANUARY

- 8 - THURS - Home. 9 - FRI - To A. Serdahls in p.m. - invited for supper. Snow on the ground.
- 10 - SAT - Home - studying some. Letter from Laurits I. with a \$300.00 draft. Nice weather.
- 11 - SUN - To Larson at 11:00 and Tvedt at 3:00. Did not go to Larson. It was very cold and Ida was sick. Went to Tvedt at 3:00 - Caroline along. Many there.
- 12 - MON - Home. Wind from S but quite cold. 13 - TUES - By Stampede and Columbus - got a box of books from Mandius. Paid Helgeson \$100.00 - Duckstad \$29.00 - bank \$100.00 and \$100.00 due on Dec. 1. (Mandius was getting ready to leave Bowman, N. Dak.)
- 14 - WED - To Macroom at 2:00 - conf. class. Strong wind for awhile.
- 15 - THURS - Class in Gunderson school at 2:00. Wind even stronger today. 16 - FRI - and SAT - 17 - built some bookshelves upstairs and sorted out books these days.
- 18 - SUN - Nice and mild - just like a spring day. Pent og mildt veir som en vaardag. To Macroom in Louie Henderson school. Baptism for Woodrow Charlie, B. June 25, 1913 - Parents, Charlie C.R. Wilson and Cecelia, his wife. To Gunderson school in p.m.
- 19 - MON - Mild ans snowing - so now we will have sleighing. Saa skal vi da faa slaedefore.
- 20 - TUES - Home - doing some work on the sled getting it ready for some driving. M. Sandberg came over to tell me their baby had died.
- 21 - WED - Colder. Services in Larson at 2:00 but not many there. Used the sled for the first time this winter. After I came home I drove over to get the mail - it was dark already. I tipped over near Trulins. Had a runaway and it looked pretty dangerous but no great damage except that the sled box became separated from the runners. (The rural mail route came out from Stampede to the Trulin corner and Dad had to drive over to get the mail. The mail boxes were fastened on to a wagon wheel that could be turned around for easy access to the right box.)
- 22 - THURS - Snowstorm from SE for a few hours today. Albert Serdahl helped me get my sled fixed up again. 23 - FRI - Cold. Did not go to Macroom for conf. class as my sled is not completely fixed for driving yet.
- 24 - SAT - Cold. Funeral today for M. Sandberg's baby girl. She was 4 days old when she died and had not been baptized. Ida went along. We tipped again - near S.O. Berg - but no one was hurt. Veltede igjen - ingen skade.
- 25 - SUN - Out to Thorson at 1:00. There is quite a bit of illness out in this area and I heard that a child of P. Hanson had died from scarlet fever.
- 26 - MON - Quite stormy. Also on TUES - 27 - but somewhat improved. 28 - WED - Snowstorm all day again. Much drifting. Could not even take the horses out of the barn to water them.
- 29 - THURS - Home. 30 - FRI - Conf. class in Gunderson school. 31 - SAT - Had planned to go to Macroom for Conf. class but there was so much drifted snow driving is very difficult.

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FEBRUARY

- 1 - SUN - Services in Tvedt school at 1:00. Baptism for Reidar Ingvald, B. Jan. 1 - Parents, S.O. and Jennie Berg. I drove west past Haugeruds. It was mild and started snowing. It looked quite bad when services were over but I started out for Larson anyway. Did not go too far before I turned around to come home. Stopped in at Kristopher Andersons - his wife is sick. Then home.
- 2 - MON - Home. Also TUES. Sandpapered and varnished in the bedroom. Should have gone to Garfield on TUES but found it was impossible to drive as the strong wind on MON had drifted all the roads shut and it was too dangerous to start out under those conditions.
- 4 - WED - About 30 below zero this morning. I rode (horseback) over to Bethlehem church but had no services. Only 4 men came and it was cold.
- 5 - THURS - Just as cold as yesterday. Home FRI and SAT also - very cold.
- 8 - SUN - Quite nice weather today but there are some terrific snow drifts. Should have gone to Macroom today but did not go - just too difficult to get through the huge drifts.
- 9 - MON - Quite stormy again. 10 - TUES - Went in to Columbus today - nice clear day even tho' somewhat cold. Had not been to town for 3 weeks so had to do some shopping and pay taxes which came to \$18.61.
- 11 - WED - Should have been out to Thorson but the drifts are too deep and no one has broken a road so I did not go. 12 - THURS - Storm continues - also on FRI - 13.
- 14 - SAT - Today I am 39 years old. Celebrated it by working outside a great part of the day - pitching hay etc. Storm from SW in the evening.
- 15 - SUN - A nice day. Services in Tvedt school at 11:00 but not so many there. Then to Larson at 3:00 - in the schoolhouse for the first time. Baptism for Verna Elenora, B. Nov. 28, '13 - Parents, Clarence and Doris Vermager. Home by dark.
- 16 - MON - Nice today. Had planned to go to Lignite this p.m. but changed my mind as the barometer predicted storm. Gradestokken viste storm. Drove over to Haugeruds and Arneson in the p.m. - bought a few things. 17 - TUES - Looked like we might be getting another storm but there was only a little towards evening.
- 18 - WED - Nicer again. Conf. class in Gunderson school at 2:00. Had to speak rather seriously with one of the boys afterwards. (Unprepared lessons were not acceptable!)
- 19 - THURS - Doing some more varnishing. Arthur Wrolson came with a load of coal. Engel Toso came with some earlier and will bring a load tomorrow.
- 20 - FRI - Varnishing in the kitchen - more sandpapering. Nice weather today.
- 21 - SAT - Cold and windy. Drifting from SE.
- 22 - SUN - Cold - wind from SW. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Baptism for Leonard Noel, B. Dec. 29, 1913 - Parents, Jacob and Julia Gunderson. To Gundersons for dinner. To Macroom for services in the Henderson school at 3:00. Collected for Laererlon at both places.
- 23 - MON - Not as cold. Home. Pitched in some hay and worked with various jobs - in and out.

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FEBRUARY

- 24 - TUES - Drove in to Columbus today - nice weather but still a little cold.
25 - WED - Mild weather. Drove west - to O.Knutson, Ronholdt, Daley, Johnson, A.Anderson, O.Hatlelid - sickcall. Home. Ida and Marie along to Wrolsons.
26 - THURS - Home. Varnishing. Marie's birthday. 27 - FRI - Class - Gunderson school at 2:00. Bought a pig (butchered). Traded a calf. Strong wind but mild. Snow is melting.
28 - SAT - Colder today.

MARCH

- 1 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 1:00. Somewhat stormy. No sleighing in many places now. From Seims drove with buggy. Collected for Laererton - Teacher's Fund. Home.
2 - MON - Milder again. To Stampede to get some freight. Many bare places along the way.
3 - TUES - Home. Visitors - a Garbig and August Johnson.
4 - WED - Had planned to go to Garfield but it became quite stormy - snow - so did not go. Sent cards. 5 - THURS - Ida and I to Hatlelids - sickcall. Also to S.O.Berg.
6 - FRI - Class - Gunderson school. 7 - SAT - Home - nice weather.
8 - SUN - Service in Tvedt school at 11:00. Lerson at 3:00. Baptism for Willard Norine, B. Jan. 14 - Parents, Alfred and Lottie Walstead. Ida along. Mild - foggy - snow later.
9 - MON - Started out for Thorson but by the time I came to Ole Erickson it was snowing so hard that I turned around and drove back home. I was driving with buggy. Improved later.
10 - TUES - To Garfield. Weather turned very nice. Drove with sleigh - came to M.Glasoe for dinner - then went with him to Melby schoolhouse. School was in session but they dismissed early in the p.m. for services. Home in the evening.
11 - WED - To O.Berg for L.A. and services at 2:00. Drove with sled. Many there today. Meeting after services to discuss the building of the church. The subscription taken was not enough so it was decided to wait until fall. There was also a sale today at S.Halbakken. Used O.Berg's buggy to drive in to Lignite - very muddy - got there about 7:00.
12 - THURS - Had several things to attend to there - among other things, the deed to the lot that I had bought next to the parsonage lot. (This was the land on which he had a garden and had planted trees - and sold back to the congregation when they left.) Left Lignite in the p.m. Daisy was not feeling well. Went by O.Berg to get my sled. Much of the snow has melted now. 13 - FRI - Home. Daisy no better.
14 - SAT - Congregation meeting in Tvedt school about the church. Not enough money has been promised so far so we will have to wait until this fall. Nice day. Daisy still ailing.
15 - SUN - Stormy during the night and Sunday - from NW. Bethlehem at 2:00.
16 - MON - Class in Gunderson school at 2:00. Weather improved.
17 - TUES - Home. Cannot drive any place with Daisy. 18 - WED - Working outside with the pump and well - cleaning out the well etc.

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MARCH

- 19 - THURS - Home. Nice weather. Some snow during the night but it disappeared during the day.
20 - FRI - Cold again. Home. 21 - SAT - Cold and windy with snow from SW. Class in Macroom.
Hear that there are blizzards in other parts of the state.
22 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 1:00. Good weather. Conf. class following. Baptism for
Martin, B. Feb. 24 - Parents, Martin and Karen Sathre. L.A. at A. Serdahl today too.
23 - MON - Home. 24 - TUES - Ida and I to Columbus. 25 - WED - Snow. Services and L.A. in Macroom
Clevenberg and O. Berg.
26 - THURS - Cold and clear. Conf. class at Gunderson school. Have been using one of A. Serdahl's
ponies for a few days. 27 - FRI - Home. 28 - SAT - To O. Hatlelid - sickcall.
29 - SUN - Cloudy and raw. Tvedt school at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Ida along to Tvedt.
30 - MON - To Thorson - conf. class. Strong wind from SE but not really very cold.
31 - TUES - Up early today - 4:00 a.m. as Caroline left. To Stampede by 7:30. Columbus. Home.

APRIL

- 1 - WED - Nice weather. See that some of the farmers are out dragging - harrowing - harving.
Home. Also on THURS - 2. 3 - FRI - Class in Macroom and then by L. Henderson for baptism of
Milo, B. June 10, 1908 - Parents, Soren and Anna Cullikson. 4 - SAT - Class - Gunderson.
5 - SUN - Services in Gunderson school at 11:00 and Macroom at 3:00 - also communion. Nice day.
Heard that Mrs. O. Barmoen was taken to the Hospital in Flaxton yesterday.
6 - MON - Nice today but it froze quite hard last night. 7 - TUES - Home.
8 - WED - To Larson in the p.m. To Rossum about teacher. By Dahl.
9 - THURS - Holy Thursday - Skjaertorsdag - services at J. Johnson (school) at 11:00. Froze
last night. Milder in the p.m. with a little snow. Whole family along. By Fred Daley.
More snow and somewhat stormy in the evening.
10 - FRI - Good Friday - Landfredag. Cold raw wind from N. Thorson at 11:00. Not very many.
To Wigdahls for dinner. Baptism for Ida Alice, B. Mar. 24 - Parents, Sam and Andrea Wigdahl.
Conf. class also. 11 - SAT - Home. Hard frost during night. Wind from SW.
12 - SUN - Easter - Paaske. Nice weather. Services in Tvedt at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Offer-
\$16.30 at Tvedt and \$9.95 at Larson. 13 - MON - Ida and I to Columbus.
14 - TUES - Conf. class in Bethlehem church. 15 - WED - Around with a petition to change the
mail route. (The mail route from Stampede came to within 1 mile of our place - over at the
Trulin corner. The Larson route came to within 2 miles W and NW and it must have been the
Larson route that was being petitioned for a change at this time. However, according to
records that Mom has written down in the "Who's Who" book of Pastors Dad's addresses are as
follows: Flaxton 1905 - '07; Columbus 1907 - '09; Lignite 1909 - '13; STAMPEDE 1913 - '18;
Columbus 1918 - '22; Larson 1922 and on.) 16 - THURS - Home.
17 - FRI - Started with a new class at Tvedt at 4:00. To Oscar Hatlelid afterwards

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APRIL

- 18 - SAT - Conf. class at Hendersons - Macroom.
- 19 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem with communion at 11:00. Offer - \$11.15. L.A. at A.Olson following services. Services in Henderson school at 3:00 - offer \$6.50. Baptism for Rangvald, B. Mar. 19 - Parents, Ole and Ragnhild Barmoen. Strong wind from SE. Prairie fire - east.
- 20 - MON - Conf. class at Seims - Thorson. Strong wind from west. 21 - TUES - Home. Nice day.
- 22 - WED - A little rain in the a.m. To Columbus - also Larson.
- 23 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Ida along to Brothers.
- 24 - FRI - Class in Tvedt school at 4:00. By Hatlelid - sickcall. By Ronholdt. 25 - SAT - Home.
- 26 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00. Then to the cemetery for a short service and 2 grave-side rites: Carl Helmer, 4 yrs. 7 mon - son of Peter and Kari Hanson, died of scarlet fever in January; and stillborn baby boy, son of Carl and Thora Overlie. To J.Wick for L.A. Heard that Overland had died. (Injuries following a runaway). Home by Ege.
- 27 - MON - Class in Thorson at 10:00. Nice weather.
- 28 - TUES - Up early and to Larson by 7:30. A little cold. Went by train to Lakota for the Conference. Left my horses at Walstead. Ole Bjornngjeld died in Flaxton today but I did not get to hear about this until after I came home again. It started snowing along the way. Sauer was already in Minot. More snow farther east - some telephone poles down. Came to Lakota at 8:00 - walked over to Lars Haatvedt (pastor in Lakota from 1912). They were just ready to go to a reception for Rep. Asle Gronna (Lakota businessman) so we went along - were until about midnight - then over to a family named Vallum. 15 - 16 at conference.
- 30 - THURS - Sauer left at noon today - I and quite a few of the others in the evening.

MAY

- 1 - FRI - Came to Minot this morning at 2:00 a.m. - went to Lexington Hotel. Left Minot at 3:10 p.m. - got to Larson at 7:00 and home by 9:00.
- 2 - SAT - Class in Macroom at 2:00. Not much time to prepare for tomorrow's services.
- 3 - SUN - Services in Johnson school at 11:00. Baptism for Gladys Marie, B. Apr. 14 - Parents, Louis and Dina Holte. To Larson at 3:00. Hebrew 11:13-16. Nice weather.
- 4 - MON - Worked around the place with various jobs this a.m. - then went to get the mail - to A.Serdahl. Conf. class at Tvedt at 4:00. A.Kragerud to make wedding arrangements.
- 5 - TUES - Snowstorm all day from NW. 6 - WED - Almost as bad as yesterday.
- 7 - THURS - Snow disappearing - mud appearing! 8 - FRI - To Columbus but very bad roads - tough driving. Snowdrifts here and there - hist og hen.
- 9 - SAT - Nice day. Double wedding at our place for Krageruds: Andrew J. Rudin and Ida Kragerud, and Ida's brother Andrew A. Kragerud and Sophia P. Hoff. In the evening I went to Stampede to meet P.A. Hendrickson, District President, for the service tomorrow. Mrs. Ole and Mr. Martin Bjornngjeld were also on the train, returning from the funeral of Ole Bjornngjeld.

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MAY

- 10 - SUN - Raw, cold wind. CORNERSTONE LAYING - Grundstentaegning - in the BETHLEHEM church. Pres. Hendrickson preached the sermon for the first service. Full church - many visitors besides members. Offering for the church - \$42.35. The ladies served dinner at noon. In the p.m. there was Dedication of the cemetery by Hendrickson assisted by Sauer and me. Then back to church for discussions on the Sacrament of the Altar. Meeting continued until 5:00. It was a very festive day. Hendrickson and Sauer came home with us. (The church was not completely finished but the frame was up and it was all enclosed so it had been in use since July 13, 1913. There was no furniture so they used planks laid across nail kegs for seating. The box of papers and documents sealed into the foundation - the cornerstone - contained the History of the church - a Catechism - Forklaring - Kirketidende - Borneblad - a local paper - Columbus Reporter presumeably. The women served the dinner in the church, serving up front and using the little room in the back for cooking coffee on a kerosene stove).
- 11 - MON - Got up early to take Hendrickson in to Stampede so he could leave on the train. Went by Columbus to get my shipment of evergreens. Sauer and Mrs. left Monday p.m.. Fladmark came from Wildrose in his car before they left. (Pastor S. Fladmark was planning to be at Bethlehem yesterday but had had so much trouble with his car he didn't make it.)
- 12 - TUES - Home. Fladmark helped me plant some of the trees. 13 - WED - Conf. class in Thorson at 10:00. To Macroom - Hendersons - at 4:00. Ida and the girls along to Rudes. (Emma Ronholdt was at home taking care of Adolph). Fladmark left this evening.
- 14 - THURS - Went to Sendahts for water (for drinking) and the fanning mill. Fanned wheat in the p.m. Planted the rest of the trees in the evening. M. Gunderson has done some plowing.
- 15 - FRI - Treated the seed wheat with Formalin. Thorson class at 2:30. Strong SE wind.
- 16 - SAT - Home studying. Ida, Baby (Adolph) and Emma Ronholdt, who has been here about a week, are in Larson today. The little girls are home with me.
- 17 - SUN - Syttende Mai - vor Frihedsdag - our Independence Day. Confirmation service with communion in Thorson at 11:00. Offering - \$11.90. Baptism for Jennie Christine, B. March 14 - Parents, Otto and Maren Berger. Members of the class: Olaf Ege; Anna and Gunhild Pladsen. Finished at 2:30. Ida and Baby along. To M. Sathre for dinner. By Wrolsons on the way home - she was having L.A.
- 18 - MON - Class in Bethlehem church at 9:30. Tvedt school at 4:00. Ida along to Dihles. I went over to Hatlelids after class - sickcall.
- 19 - TUES - Foggy - rainy. Gunderson finished sowing wheat here on SAT -16. Now he is plowing for oats and barley. 20 - WED - Home. Worked in the garden. 21 - THURS - Ascension Day. Home.
- 22 - FRI - Started with a new class in Thorson at 4:00. 23 - SAT - Macroom - class at 2:00.
- 24 - SUN - Service with communion at Tvedt school at 11:00. Henderson school at 3:00 - Baptism for Ruby Minnetta, B. May 2 - Parents, Elvin and Elsie Thingvold. L.A. at M. Gunderson.

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MAY

- 24 - SUN - (cont.) - Ida and the children were at Gundersons.
25 - MON - Painting the house. Also TUES. 27 -WED- Class at Gunderson at 9:30. Tvedt at 4:00.
28 - THURS - Painting. 29 -FRI- Studying for Pentecost. Also SAT. Dry and windy all week.
31 - SUN - Pentecost. Pinse. Nice ans still today. Services at J. Johnson at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Not many at either place. Offering - S.St.O. \$6.50 - Larson \$4.05.

JUNE

- 1 - MON - Painting in a.m. Albert Serdahl here to do some fencing - pasture. Class at Henderson at 4:00. 2 -TUES- Painting. Mrs. Wrolson came over to visit. Heard that Mrs. Wigdahl is very sick. 3 -WED- Painting. Rain in p.m. Rained hard and continued during night.
4 - THURS - Still raining. Soaked up good. Greatly needed as it has been so dry.
5 - FRI - Nice day. Over to Hatlelid in a.m. - sickcall. Mrs. Hatlelid seems to be worse. In the p.m. out to Thorson - stopped in at Andrew Erickson but he was in Powers Lake at the hospital. To Wigdahls - she is better. To school for conf. class.
6 - SAT -Home. Foggy. Daisy has been sick for a few days.
7 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem church at 11:00 - also communion. Ida and the children along. L.A. at Hallums. Macroom at 3:00. Nice weather. Home.
8 - MON - To Columbus - about 1 month since I have been there. By Larson. Out to Hatlelids sickcall - communion. 2 of her sisters are here.
9 - TUES -Class in church in a.m.. Heard that Mrs. A. Serdahl was sick so Ida went to see her.
10 - WED - Painted the rest of the house. Planted out the cabbage plants and other things.
11 - THURS - Home. 12 -FRI- Class at Tvedt school at 4:00. 13 -SAT- Henderson - class. Cloudy.
14 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00. Nice weather and many there. Over to Hans Holte for baptism of their little boy, Knut, B. May 24. To Wigdahls for communion.
15 - MON - Home. 16 -TUES- Class in Bethlehem church at 9:30. Ida was quite sick today so I didn't go to Larson in the p.m. as planned. Hartvig Jensen came - was here for dinner. Frank Lorence from Larson here in p.m.
17 - WED - Went to Larson - over to Rossums for dinner. The teacher had come on MON -15 and had started school there on TUES in Larson. (Clara Mosje). From Larson to Columbus. Warm day but many people there for the Stock Show. The L.A. sold ice cream at the G.N. Hotel. Clara Wrolson had a ride home with me. 18 -THURS- Home - studying. Also painted the buggy.
19 - FRI - 7 years today since we were married.. Home. Same strong, cold wind from SE.
20 - SAT - Nice day. Home in a.m. Class in Macroom in p.m.
21 - SUN - Cloudy and a little rain in the a.m. Service in Larson at 11:00. Full schoolhouse. Wedding for Frank Lorence and Sarah Norby. At 3:00 to Sorlie schoolhouse (Tvedt school). School was filled. 2 baptisms: Otto, B. May 29 - Parents, Martinus and Sina Dahl; Wilhelm Konrad, B. Apr. 12 - Parents, Kristoffer and Petra Anderson.

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JUNE

- 22 - MON - Home for the most. Mr. and Mrs. P. Barmoen came to visit in the p.m. Class in Tvedt school at 4:00 - announced next meeting for SAT at 10:30.
- 23 - TUES - Class in Bethlehem church in a.m. A. Serdahl here to get some oats.
- 24 - WED - Primary Election. Whole family along and we went to Sandbergs and Hatlelids later.
- 25 - THURS - Rain. Home. 26 - FRI - Home. 27 - SAT - Classes in Tvedt at 10:30 and Henderson at 2.
- 28 - SUN - Services in Henderson school at 11:00 and Bethlehem church at 3:00. To Hendersons for dinner and then they came along to church. Some rain. They decided to have the L.A. auction at our place on July 8. 29 - MON - Rainy.
- 30 - TUES - Martha Stenrodden started teaching school today. (Parochial school in Thorson).

JULY

- 1 - WED - Over to Arneson - he hauled some feed for me over to A. Olson. (He had a feed grinder).
- 2 - THURS - With Albert Serdahl to Columbus. Daisy is not feeling at all well.
- 3 - FRI - Very warm. M. Sandberg here to do some plastering - finishing coat. Thelma's birthday.
- 4 - SAT - 4th of July celebration in Columbus. Nice weather. Lots of cleaning to do after the plastering - rengjoring. In the p.m. we went over to E. Dihle where quite a few had gathered. Ice cream, etc.
- 5 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00. Mrs. Andrew Erickson and Otto Berger came here early this morning to tell me that Andrew had died. Funeral will be on MON. Offering in Thorson - \$13.10. Came home by L. Henderson, Wenstad, Lunstad, Grinde, Hoff.
- 6 - MON - Funeral for Andrew Erickson, 33, in Thorson. Many there. The choir sang a few songs. Text - Hebr. 9:27. Later in the day A. Rude and A. Pederson came over with branches and boughs to build the bower - lovsal - for the auction. Baptism in Thorson for Arnold Julius, B. Nov. 18, 1913 - Parents, Andrew and Julia Erickson.
- 7 - TUES - Class in Bethlehem in a.m. and Tvedt school at 4:00. A. Serdahl, J. Kleppen and Iver Hallum came over today to build up the "tree shade" - lovsal - for the sale tomorrow. Strong wind from south.
- 8 - WED - A nice day. Bethlehem L.A. auction at our place. Many people came - besides the congregation there were people from Columbus, Lignite and farther west. They sold for over \$100.00 at the sale and \$50.00 at the stand. (The L.A. had 2 large ice cream freezers that were turned by the man-power there, starting early in the morning. As one was emptied it would be filled again with the ice cream mixture and turned again and repeated as long as there were customers.)
- 9 - THURS - A warm day. Mrs. M. Gunderson came over to help clean up after the sale. I went to Larson in the p.m. Warm - cloudy - and I came home just before the rain poured down - for regnet brod los. Looked like there might be hail also but there was only rain.
- 10 - FRI - By L. Henderson and the school - dismissed them as only 3 were there.

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- 11 - SAT - Home - studying for the most of the day.
- 12 - SUN - Rain last night and early this morning. Cleared up so I went to Larson for services at 11:00. It was very muddy but many people came. Baptism for Hjordis Juo, B. May 31 - Parents, Ole and Dina Lovik. To Loviks for dinner. Heard that Mrs. Hattelid had died last night. Services in Holte school at 4:00. Warm day.
- 13 - MON - Home in a.m. To Macroom in p.m. - conf. class at 2:00 in Henderson school. Clara Mosje has finished 1 month of school in Larson and started today with a term in Henderson school. Last SAT - 11 there was L.A. auction in Macroom and in Thorson.
- 14 - TUES - Rainy day. Funeral today at 10:00 for Mrs. O. Hattelid, 62 (Nellie). There were many there. (Mrs. Hattelid was the mother of Oscar, Dick, Mary and Ben. Mr. and Mrs. Hattelid were Marie's sponsors when she was baptized.)
- 15 - WED - Class in Bethlehem in a.m. To Pederson coulee in p.m. (Juneberries?)
- 16 - THURS - L.A. organized in Larson at Mrs. C. Larson. Pres. - Mrs. T. Rossum; V. Pres. - Mrs. C. Larson; Treas. - Mrs. Walstad. 17 - FRI - Tvedt - class at 4:00. 18 - SAT - Home.
- 19 - SUN - Services in the church at 11:00. Baptisms for: Clarence, B. Mar. 28 - Parents, Marius and Oddbjorg Danielson; Gertie, B. May 10 - Parents, Henry and Laura Prince. Many from east came over to church. Macroom at 3:30. Short conf. class in Macroom after services. Stopped in at Barmoens. 20 - MON - Went to get Emma Ronholdt.
- 21 - TUES - Class at 9:30 - Gunderson. Thorson in p.m. - visited school.
- 22 - WED - Fenced around the house. Also some on 23 - THURS. Conf. class - Tvedt.
- 24 - FRI - To Town - Thelma along. In the evening to Jacob Gunderson to see Tom Mattison about well digging. 25 - SAT - Home in a.m. Class in Macroom in p.m. Warm.
- 26 - SUN - Warm. To Thorson at 11:00. Baptism for Elmer William, B. Mar. 17 - Parents, Jens and Marie Ness. School program following services. Many people there. There were so many that most of the men had to remain outside - school completely filled. Then to Alfred Nelsons for the baptism of their baby, Norris Oscar, B. June 30 - Parents, Alfred and Clara Nelson.
- 27 - MON - Home. 28 - TUES - Class in church.
- 29 - WED - L.A. annual meeting at Jacob Gunderson. The discussion became quite heated because of Mrs. - -. Blev lidt rasket paagrund Mrs. - -.
- 30 - THURS - Class in Tvedt school at 4:00. Ida became sick during the night.
- 31 - FRI - Early this morning I drove over to get Mrs. J. Wrolson - then Mrs. A.G. Berg. Our little daughter was born this forenoon between 9 and 10. Everything went well. About 8 lbs.

AUGUST

- 1 - SAT - To Macroom for class at 2:00. Warm - has been warm now for some days now.
- 2 - SUN - Larson at 11:00 and Tvedt at 3:30. Warm. Even tho it has been warm for a long time we have had good rain showers so the crops look good.

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- 3 - MON - Continues to be warm. M. Gunderson helped haul some hay this p.m. 4 - TUES - Class-church.
- 5 - WED - To Columbus. 6 - THURS - Class in Tvedt school. 7 - FRI - Home.
- 8 - SAT - Class in Henderson school. Clara was absent today.
- 9 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 and Henderson at 3:00. By E. Hoff. Not many in the schoolhouse. 1 month of school completed now. L.A. at B. Severson.
- 10 - MON - To Lignite to visit Sauers - Thelma along. Visited some others also. Home. Not quite as warm now. Harvest in full swing down on the flats.
- 11 - TUES - Conf. class - Tvedt. 12 - WED - To Stampede and Columbus. Lecture by (Nonne?).
- 13 - THURS - Class in Tvedt. Sauer and Mrs. came out to visit and we had our little girl baptized - Valborg Constance. Sauers were sponsors (also Ingvald and Tina, and Laurits /sak-son and Emma Ronholdt). May God bless our little girl all her days. It was a nice day. The war is raging in Europe. Krigen raser i Europa.
- 14 - FRI - Macroom class at 2:00. Clara Serensen has moved. Received \$32.00 for the salary for the teacher, Clara Mosje, for 1 month of school. \$3.00 too little. (\$35.00) (When Dad was a Seminary student they received \$30.00). 15 - SAT - Home.
- 16 - SUN - Services in Thorson. 17 - MON - Funeral for Fred Daley's baby boy, William Earl, who had lived 1 day. He had been baptized by Mrs. Nelson. To Columbus and Stampede in p.m.
- 18 - TUES - Class in church in a.m. We have now completed the books. To Tvedt school at 3:00. M. Gunderson harvested barley here yesterday. Some have started threshing.
- 19 - WED - To Peterson's coulee this p.m. to pick chokecherries - haeggebaer.
- 20 - THURS - Home - studying. 21 - FRI - The same but at 2:00 to Henderson school for class.
- 22 - SAT - Home. In the evening took Emma Ronholdt home. She has been here now for 5 weeks. There was some rain FRI evening and a little on SAT and in the evening.
- 23 - SUN - Cold rain in the a.m. - did not go to Larson. To Johnson at 3:30.
- 24 - MON - Rain again last night and almost all day today. Too wet for any harvesting and threshing now. Dug out for the cellar steps today. Kjelder trap.
- 25 - TUES - Classes in Bethlehem in a.m. and Tvedt at 3:00. Too wet to work outside today.
- 26 - WED - Home. 27 - THURS - To Columbus. Ida along to see the dentist. Met Sauer in Columbus at Duckstad. By Stampede. Wheat is \$1.25 a bu. today.
- 28 - FRI - Class in Macroom at 2:00. 29 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem in a.m.
- 30 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 11:00. L.A. at ²Barmoen. Bethlehem church at 3:30. Many there. Bertha Hoiie came along home. Nice weather now - drying out - everything will be ready for threshing. My wheat and oats are not cut yet but should be sometime this week.
- 31 - MON - Left today for McKenzie Co. going by way of Tioga. By McGregor first - saw Bye - he gave me \$12.00 (salary) and we left there about 10:00 a.m. About 12:00 we were near Tioga when alack and alas - Ak og Ve! - about 1 mile out of Tioga Brownie stepped on a rusty nail - his left front foot. It was very hard for him to walk and it was a slow hard walk

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31 - MON - (cont.) - for Brownie to limp into town where we got some medicine and care at the Livery stable. We left there about 2:00 for home - it went slowly - we got to McGregor by dark and home by 1:00 a.m. (The Vet in Tioga had told Dad that it would be better for Brownie to get home than to leave him there - taking it slowly along the way.)

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1 - TUES - Brownie is very stiff today. Also on WED and the following days. He can walk some but he moves very slowly. Home for the most this week.

4 - FRI - I rode over to G. Vik to see about a horse that belongs to Art Wrolson but didn't take it - it was too wild. Martinsons are here today drilling for a well so used one of their horses. M. Gunderson harvested oats on TUES and WED and wheat on THURS.

(For the next 7 weeks the Daybook is written with pencil).

5 - SAT - Written later but believe I went to Columbus. Brownie is in the pasture.

6 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00 in the schoolhouse by Rysgaards - first time.

7 - MON - 1st day of hunting. Shot a few ducks in the a.m. In the p.m. I went with the Sendaht boys - we shot about 20 ducks.

8 - TUES - Class in Bethlehem at 10:00 and Tvedt at 3:00. Getting a little stormy. In the evening I was kicked by Martinson's horse - broke my right leg but it wasn't until 3 weeks later that I was told for a fact that it was broken. Had to have help to get back in the house. (Pat and Tony Martinson carried him in).

9 - WED - Having a great deal of pain - smerter meget. Dr. King came out from Columbus but he couldn't find out what was wrong. (One of the Martinsons had gone to Carlsons to call Dr. King last night but he didn't come until the next day.

13 - SUN - K. Anderson came over to do some cupping - at koppe - and my leg felt somewhat better after that. There was some company here in the evening.

18 - FRI - Baptism here for Juanita Violet, B. July 24 - Parents, Earl and Nora Pooler. (Dad was in bed.

20 - SUN - Matt Hoie and Mrs. Holland here. Confirmation services had been announced for today in Bethlehem church but will have to be later.

21 - MON - Hegg and Mrs. came - stayed until WED. Sauer and J. Holland came before Hegg left.

Rossums from Larson also came. (Mom told a story about this visit that still made her laugh 60 years later. With a new baby in the house that was about 6 weeks old it was convenient for her to put the little one in the big bed with Dad, where they kept each other company. Rev. Hegg had really been amused when they came out to see Dad - and found HIM in bed with the little baby. Unusual role reversal. It was customary to come to visit the mother and bed after a home confinement but this was a new twist. Even tho Dad was in

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- 21 - MON - much pain he could laugh along with him and see the funny side of it too.)
- 26 - SAT - By this time I was quite sure that there was a broken bone in my right leg - it was impossible to stand on it. We called Dr. Smith from Noonan and after he came out and examined my leg he determined that it definitely was broken and quite sure that there was a break right below the knee also. (There was nothing to be done now about setting it - it would have to continue knitting and then if it was possible to walk - fine. If not he would have to come to the hospital to have it rebroken and set.)
- 27 - SUN - Should have been in Thorson today (according to his schedule). Sandbergs and Bergs came over. 28 or 29 - I am now able to hobble around - hinke rundt - a little on crutches. (Someone had brought a pair of rental crutches out from the Drug Store). Dr. Smith stopped in one day when he came out to see A. Serdahl who is quite sick.
- 30 - WED - Sauer came out with Caroline who had arrived in Lignite TUES evening - unexpectedly.

OCTOBER

- 1 - THURS - Seem to be getting a little better each day. Weather has been nice and threshing is going well. Anton Olson threshed here SEPT 25-26. (It was customary for threshing rigs to start out early in the morning with a reveille of long blasts on the whistle of the steam engine. However, when Olson's rig came over here he had told them to skip it and to start as quietly as possible. Olson knew that Dad needed all the rest he could get and if he should be sleeping at that time he didn't think Dad should be awakened by a loud steam engine blast). A. Haraseth came over on SAT -3 with a draft for \$50.00.
- 4 - SUN - Grey - foggy Sunday - rain during the day. Martin Hoie came over today. This is now written today and going back to Sept. 5. (This was all written in pencil and continued so until Oct. 27. He had about 1 month of catching up to do. Mom said that tobacco smoke was very hard on him at this time and that some of his company with pipes and cigars almost got the best of him at times. O. I. Ronning always gave Dad a nice box of cigars at Christmas time and now, too, he sent out a fancy box of cigars for Dad.)
- 5 - MON - Axel Watterud mowed some hay here today. M. Hoie came over too.
- 6 - TUES - Weather quite nice and they are threshing. 7 - WED - Some rain - wet and raw. I am up quite a bit every day now.
- 11 - SUN - J. Rosholt preached for me today in Larson and Tvedt school. Wet and cold. Snow in the evening. 12 - MON - Tony Martinson came over this evening. Nice weather on TUES and WED. The confirmands from Macrooom met here on SUN and the class from Tvedt on TUES and they were over here once before also. I am up every day now - getting around on crutches - krykker. The cattle at both the Serdahls are sick - have even lost some.
- 18 - SUN - Sauer preached for me today in Macrooom at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Baptism in Macrooom for Odmar George, B. Sept. 3 - Parents, Martin and Kirsti Berg. Ida and Caroline

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- 18 - SUN - (cont.) - walked over to church - not many there. L. Henderson came over to make arrangements for the funeral of his baby that had died. Sauer to have the funeral on TUES. The baby, Daniel Harold, 8 days, had been baptized at home. Class from Macrooom here on MON -19 and Tvedt class here on TUES -20.
- 20 - TUES - The well drillers are here pulling up the pipes and are going to move the drilling machine to a new place. Nice weather and the threshing has been completed all around. The Synod meeting has also concluded.
- 21 - WED - (Back to writing with ink for the most now). Nice day. I spent a lot of time in the stuidt today - meget tid paa kontoret. They moved the drilling machine today.
- 22 - THURS - Cloudy today - must try to get some studying done for Confirmation.
- 23 - FRI - Clear - cold during the night - same on SAT. Mrs. E. Dihle died THURS -22 - morning. Dihle came over FRI p.m. Funeral will be on MON -26 at 10:00. 25 - SUN - Cold.
- 26 - MON - Funeral for Mrs. Erik Dihle (Anna) 31½. A rig came over to get us - Ida and Marie went along with me. Many people came. Spoke on Ruth 1:16-17. After the funeral those who were there decided that there would be a congregation meeting on THURS at 4:00. The class from Macrooom came over in the p.m. 27 - TUES - Class from west here. Nice weather.
- 28 - WED - Drove in to Larson today - auction at Rossums. It is now 7 weeks since I have been to town. Bought a cow for \$72.00. Talked with Mrs. Skanson.
- 29 - THURS - Nice day. Ida and Bror (Brother) went along with me to Sorlies at 4:00. There was to have been a congregation meeting but there were not enough present for one. Went after the mail. The boys (well diggers) have now gone down 160 feet to sand but there is a large rock obstructing the digging.
- 30 - FRI - Conf. classes here for Macrooom and Bethlehem - some in the a.m. and some in the p.m. The last time before confirmation.
- 31 - SAT - Had planned on doing a great deal of studying today but many other things changed that. M. Sathre came here from Thorson in the a.m. with \$100.00 in salary. Then in the p.m. there was a Surprise party here from Bethlehem - also some from Columbus. They gave me a purse of \$93.75.

NOVEMBER

- 1 - SUN - Nice weather. Confirmation services in Bethlehem church for Macrooom and Bethlehem at 10:30. 13 confirmands. Largest crowd we have ever had in church for this service. Offering - \$57.50. 3 baptisms: Walter Napoleon, B. Aug. 14, 1900, and Irene Etta, B. July 27, 1902 - Parents, William and Pauline Fry; Olga Marie, B. Sept. 22, 1914 - Parents, Nels and Katrina Kleppen. Members of the class: Laurits Conrad Gunderson (Martin), Martin Hoie (Matt), Bertha Maria Hoie (Matt), Gilma Kristine Gunderson (Jacob), Synneva Kleppen (Nels), Gilma Clara Skanson (Guttorm), Helmer Oliver and Clarissa Berrice Hanson (Jorgen), Linda Margrethe

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- 1 - SUN - (cont,) - Henderson (Louis), Magnhild Barmoen (Ole), Olaf Knutson (Marie), Walter and Irene Fry (William and Pauline Fry - Pauline married to Martin Helseth in 1912). This was the first service I have conducted since I broke my leg Sept. 8 (other than the funeral for Mrs. Dihle). I got along very well - stod det bra. Got around on crutches. Caroline and Thelma along. Ida wasn't feeling well.
- 2 - MON - A short trip today over to Arneson and Haugerud. 3 - TUES - Class from west here.
- 4 - WED - Ida and I went to Columbus. I hadn't been there for 2 months - paid a few bills - Farmer's Bank - H. Jensen - Helgeson - butcher - Ronning - Duckstad. The boys (well drillers) did not find water. They are pulling up the casing.
- 5 - THURS - The boys left today - gave them \$10.00. Went to get the mail. (Well drillers had an arrangement whereby they were paid by the foot if they struck water. They were furnished board but if they did not get water they were not paid. Dad felt they should have \$10.00 for their time and the dry well anyway.)
- 6 - FRI - Class from west here today. Strong wind. 7 - SAT - Sale at A. Serdahl.
- 8 - SUN - Confirmation Day in S. St. Olaf at 10:30. A nice day and many there. 1 John 2:28. Offering - \$24.90. Whole family along - alle mine med. Members of the class: Alvin Rudolph and Alice Myrtle Anderson (Andrew N.), Mabel Kristine Berg (Adolph G.), Oscar Evenson (Otto). 9 - MON - Home. Strong SW wind. T. Lee from Flaxton here over night.
- 10 - TUES - Emma Ronholdt had been here and walked home today. Lee drove in to Columbus in his car. We were planning to go in to Stampede to meet Eilert but received a letter saying he wouldn't be here until THURS -12.
- 11 - WED - Cold, strong wind from SW. Wedding here for Alfred Velo and Hilda Danielson.
- 12 - THURS - Went in to Stampede in the evening to meet Eilert - Ida's brother from Wisconsin. (Eilert was 18 - B. Jan. 21, 1896). A little snow now.
- 13 - FRI - Stormy - snow and cold. Also on SAT.
- 15 - SUN - It had stopped snowing but it was cold. Went over to Bethlehem but did not stay for any services - very few - and cold. Did not go to Tvedt school. 16 - MON - Home.
- 17 - TUES - I took Caroline in to Larson - she stayed over night at Oscar Hatlelid and left on the train in the morning for Wisconsin. 18 - WED - Home. 19 - THURS - Eilert and I hauled hay.
- 20 - FRI - Went to Stampede to pick up some freight. In the p.m. to Sorlie and S.O. Berg.
- 22 - SUN - Service with communion in Bethlehem church. Good weather. Macroom at 3:00.
- 23 - MON - Annual congregation meeting in Bethlehem church at 1:00. Nice weather. We met in Gunderson school. Meeting opened with Devotion - Deut. 11 - followed by my ministerial report. Reports from Secr. and Tres. \$134.00 for 1913 has come in and \$82.00 for 1914. Election: Trustee - Melvin Pedersen (3); C. Brothen finished his term and A. Olson has (2) and J. Siverson (1); Secr. - B. Siverson; Treas. - C. Brothen; Custodian - M. Gunderson with J. Gunderson as substitute; School committee - Nels Kleppen and Alfred Peterson; Committee

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- 23 - MON - (cont.) - for Christmas Tree - Melvin Pedersen, L. Adamson, Martin Hoie. Discussion about church debt which is \$225.00, due Dec. 1, 1914. Decided to take up a subscription to cover the debt and enough more to purchase church pews. Committee for this: A. Buckneberg, Alfred Peterson, Nels Kleppen. They also decided to build a barn at church for my horses - each one present offered to give \$2.00 toward this project. Present: A. Olson, C. Brothen, M. Hoie, N. Kleppen, A. Herland, B. Siverson, Alfred Peterson, L. Adamson, Melvin Pederson.
- 24 - TUES - Eilert and I went to Columbus. I brought back the crutches I have been using. Saw Mrs. T. Rossum. She is very sick. Bought some more lumber - A. Watterud and Ole Sordahl will haul it.
- 25 - WED - Out with subscription for church - O. Sordahl, O. Olson, Ege and S. Berg.
- 26 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. Services in Tvedt school - communion - at 11:00. Ida along. Eilert home (with children). I went to Larson at 3:00. Many there. 2 baptisms: Abner Justin, B. Sept. 25 - Parents, John and Julia Norby; Neoma Louise, B. July 31 - Parents, Casper and Olava Larsen. Mission offering - \$11.50 Annual congregation meeting for N. St. Olaf (Larson) following services. T. Rossum was gone so I read the minutes. New members: Oscar Hattelid and Ole Lovik with families. Election: Secr. - Ole Lovik; Treas. - Ole Dillerud; Trustee - Oscar Hattelid (2); Custodian - John Norby. C. Larsen promised to haul some coal. Decided to have the congregation incorporated. They have the deed for the cemetery but there is some unpaid tax against the land and it cannot be recorded until this is taken care of. The church officers will be responsible for taking care of this. They will also find out what the cost of fencing the cemetery will amount to. Have received \$50.00 in salary - \$50.00 left but I understand that it has been collected.
- 27 - FRI - Eilert and I hauled 2 small loads of hay and a little straw. Also did some carpentering.
- 28 - SAT - Annual congregation meeting of S. St. Olaf congregation at 1:00 in school by Sorlie. Devotion - ministerial report - secr. and treas. Treas. reported that salary for 1913 - \$161.50 had come in and for 1914 - \$165.50. Election: Secr. - J. Haugerud; Treas. - S. Berg; Trustees - J. Holte (3), T. Hysjulien (2), E. Dihle (1). New member - Mrs. J. S. Johnson. Custodian - A. Sorlie. School committee - Otto Evenson (3), Ronholdt (2), M. Sandberg (1). The building of the church was discussed and it was decided to build during the summer of 1915. Subscription was begun - half to be paid by June 1 and the remainder by Nov. 1. Same committee as before - T. Hysjulien, O. Ronholdt, Fred Daley. This should be done before Christmas. Present: O. R. Hattelid, S. O. Berg, E. Dihle, T. Hysjulien, A. Brodahl, Sorlie, B. Arneson, J. Haugerud, O. Ronholdt, Fred Daley, J. Holte, Otto Evenson.
- 29 - SUN - Services in Thorson. Nice weather and Ida and Baby along. Eilert was at home with the 3 oldest. To C. Furness for baptism of Minnie Helen, B. Sept. 30.
- 30 - MON - To M. Gunderson and M. Fotland.

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- 1 - TUES - To Columbus to get storm windows and other things. Foggy. 2 - WED - Home.
- 3 - THURS - Services at Johnsons at 11:00. In the p.m. Ida and I went to Columbus - dentist - Ida had to have a tooth pulled. Nice weather. 4 - FRI - Home for the most. Went to get the mail - also over to M. Gunderson. Foggy. 5 - SAT - Home.
- 6 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem - communion - at 11:00. Henderson school at 3:00. Foggy. Many out today. Eilert along with me.
- 7 - MON - Much fog today too. There was to have been a congregation meeting in Thorson at 1:00 at Rysgaards but I didn't go - weather looked so unsettled.
- 8 - TUES - Started rehearsing for the Christmas tree program in Gunderson school. Still foggy.
- 9 - WED - Clearing. Congregation meeting in Macroom. Eilert went along as far as Olson to grind feed. The Tonseth annual meeting was held in Henderson school at 2:00. Devotion. Reports. Received \$74.00 now - had received \$26.00 during the summer. Election: Secr. P. Berg, Treas. - Ole Martinson, Trustees - P. Barmoen (2), Ole Berg (1), A. Brusven (1). Holter had completed his term and Clevenberg has moved. Custodians - P. Graneng and Louis Henderson. Discussion about the need for getting the deed to the cemetery and also getting the congregation incorporated. In connection with this, the building of the church was brought up. Some are against building on the present cemetery site and thought it would be better to build farther north - on the flats below the hills. Others thought that if this were done some of the members living in the Hills would withdraw from Tonseth and go to Bethlehem. P. Graneng made a motion that 2 subscription lists be circulated and that the church should be built where the greatest financial support for it would be given. (20th Century Solomon!) P. Barmoen made a motion that a subscription list be started for the present cemetery site and P. Berg and Ole Berg were chosen to do this. Present: Peder Barmoen, Peder Berg, Peter Graneng, Iver Enget, A. Brusven, C. Holter, O. Martinson, L. Henderson, Ole Berg, M. Ronning.
- 10 - THURS - Bought some meat from Watteruds. Used Watteruds team and we hauled in our share of the haystack. (Haying and grain crops were done on share by neighbors - $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$). Nice day. Ole Olson came over with a little wheat.
- 11 - FRI - Foggy again. We did some work with fixing up the haystack - also some fencing. A little colder. 12 - SAT - Home. Nice weather.
- 13 - SUN - 3rd Sunday in Advent. Services in Larson at 11:00 and Tvedt school at 3:00. Wedding here for John Matson and Esther Ostenvude. Also baptism for Esther's daughter, Ethel Edna, B. May 19, 1914.
- 14 - MON - Foggy again but not cold. Trying to snow. Proven at sne. Rehearsal with the children in the Gunderson school - Christmas. 15 - TUES - To Columbus - quite cold. 18 below zero this morning. Had the horses shod. Picked up freight at the depot.
- 16 - WED - Home - colder. 17 - THURS - Not quite so cold. Services in Bethlehem at 2:00. Few.
- 18 - FRI - A little snow coming down - wind from NW. Went to the school by Hendersons but had

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- 18 - FRI - (cont.) - no service - only a couple came.
- 19 - SAT - Albert Serdahl here to butcher a pig. 20 -
- 20 - SUN - Cold - wind from NW. To Thorson for services at 2:00. Many there. Got 10 subscriptions for "Kirketidende" (church paper). Weather improved later in the day.
- 21 - MON - Rehearsal with the children - Gunderson school. 22 - TUES - Eilert and I went to Columbus. Quite cold - drove with sled. 23 - WED - Home - studying.
- 24 - THURS - Christmas Eve. Christmas tree and program in the Tvedt school at 2:00 - program given by the Public school - much Santa Claus. I also spoke briefly at the beginning. Eilert, Marie and Thelma went along and the girls sang. We received a lamp for Christmas present (Kerosene lamp with a beautiful hand-painted globe). Christmas tree at home - evening.
- 25 - FRI - Glædelig Jul. Merry Christmas. Cold and clear. 30 below zero. Services in Tvedt at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Started storming in the evening on the way home from Larson.
- 26 - SAT - Stormy today but not so cold. Services in Bethlehem at 2:00 with Christmas tree program following. Not so many there.
- 27 - SUN - To Thorson for services and Christmas tree at 2:00. Stormy and cold early in the day but it improved during the afternoon. The family went over to visit Wrolsons today. I stayed over night at Rysgaards.
- 28 - MON - Home today by noon. Wrolsons were here today. Weather nice now. Eilert and I worked some with the well. 29 - TUES - Home.
- 30 - WED - Services in Macroom at Ole Berg at 2:00 with L.A. following. Nice day. I received \$20.65 from O. Martinson, Treas. that had been collected in excess of what was promised. Drove with sled. Eilert was sick today.
- 31 - THURS - The last day of the year. Nice weather. Eilert is feeling better today and is up and around and outside as usual.

Thanks be to God for all good in the year of 1914

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JANUARY

- 1 - FRI - May God bless us and be with us during this coming year - in Jesus Name.
Mild weather. Services at 2:00 in the school house near J. Holte. Eilert along. Home SAT.
- 3 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem church at 11:00. Nice day. Serdahls here in the p.m.
- 4 - MON - To Columbus - drove with sled. Bought an ice-saw. (He built an ice-house in a sidehill where ice chunks were stored, covered with straw. This would usually last into the summer. It was also used as a storage place for keeping cream, etc. when the weather turned warm.) 5 - TUES - Home. 6 - WED - Over to Anton Anderson - paid him. Also by Andrew Anderson. 7 - THURS - Eilert and I went over to Anton Wilson. Then home. We spent some time digging a well. Nice weather. Home on FRI and SAT - studying and writing.
- 10 - SUN - Services in Tvedt school at 11:00 - collected for Laererlon - \$32.00. To Larson at 3:00. Collected for this fund there also - Mission also - total \$30.00. To Columbus in the evening - stayed at the hotel.
- 11 - MON - Attended to some business and shopping. Sent a draft for \$118.00 (church hdqtrs). Home for dinner. Heard yesterday from Hatlelid that Gilfred Hatlelid had died (son of Ole Hatlelid, N of Lignite). Also heard that Mrs. Sauer was very sick. Well digging - p.m.
- 12 - TUES - Remarkably beautiful weather - udmerket pent veir. To Watteruds in p.m.
- 13 - WED - Wind from NW - snow - thick stormy weather. We are expecting Ingvald any day now.
- 14 - THURS - Quite stormy - still. To Thorson for services at 1:00 in the schoolhouse by Wigdahl. Many there. Baptism for Norman Theodore, B. Dec. 7, 1914 - Parents, Nick and Turi Fredrickson. As there had not been a congregation meeting on the 1st MON in Dec., it was held after this service. Reports heard. Discussion concerning the deed for the cemetery - as it had not yet been acquired. Walseth said it could be done any time. Some favored having the church and cemetery located farther east. Brought to a vote resulting in 5 voting for the old place and 8 against. Decided then to wait with a final decision until later with a committee of 3 chosen to make the matter known to all. Treas. reported that \$111.00 had been collected and \$100.00 paid out (salary). Election: Secr. - C. Furness; Treas. - M. Sathre; Trustees - Rysgaard (3), Seim (2), P. Hanson (1); Custodians - Nick Fredrickson for the east school and S. Walseth for the west; School committee - Sam Wigdahl and John Wick. Home. Received some pork from Sathre and beef from Wigdahl.
- 15 - FRI - Still a little stormy - but mild. 16 - SAT - Home.
- 17 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 2:00. Eilert along. Collected for Laererlon - \$20.00. It was dark when we came home. 18 - MON - Home.
- 19 - TUES - Services in Holte school at 2:00. Laererlon - \$19.50. A little stormy.
- 20 - WED - Unbelievably mild - overmaade mildt. 21 - THURS - Colder. Eilert and I to Columbus.
- 22 - FRI - Stormy. 23 - SAT - Ronholdt came over today with the message that Ingvald was in Larson. Ingvald, Tina and Mildred came out here in the p.m. with B. Arneson. (The telephone line from Larson had been built out to the Hills so many of the S. St. Olaf members had

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- 23 - SAT - (cont.) - telephone service - Ronholdt being the closest one to the west of us.)
24 - SUN - Cold. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 and Henderson school at 3:00. Few there.
25 - MON - Cold. Home. 26 - TUES - Stormy and cold. Temperature dropped to 36 below zero during the night - the coldest it has been this winter.
27 - WED - Clear but cold. Improved in p.m. 28 - THURS - Weather much nicer today. Took Ingvald and family in to Anton Vigenes where they stayed over night. I came home.
29 - FRI - Colder again today. Ingvalds' left today for Tioga by way of Berthold on the train. I wrote a letter to the President - Formanden - today. 30 - SAT - Home.
31 - SUN - Stormy. Services in Tvedt school at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00.
(Eilert had told Mom that when he was getting ready to leave for N. Dak., his father (Lars Isakson, our grandfather) had told him that Buchneberg had a lot of books and that he should take advantage of that fact and do a lot of reading. Eilert, 18, had not been very excited about all those shelves full of Theology and related subjects but he told Mom that he had found a few that were readable - but only a few.)

FEBRUARY

- 1 - MON - Rather stormy. 2 - TUES - Ida and I over to visit Alfred Petersons. (NE of B. place.)
3 - WED - Snow. Started last night. Eilert and I worked on the well. Finished on THURS -4.
5 - FRI - Snow - stormy. 6 - SAT - Weather somewhat improved.
7 - SUN - Should have been out to Thorson but driving conditions too bad. Not as stormy however. L.A. at M. Sathre.
8 - MON - Eilert and I went in to Columbus to buy some lumber and various things - og forskjelligt. Sent \$109.50 to H.B. Hustvedt (Treas. of Norm, Synod?). Paid the taxes - \$23.75. and King \$16.00. 9 - TUES - Home.
10 - WED - To Macroom. Stopped by at Brusvens, I. Larson, J. Moen, K. Hermanson, Craneng, Barmoen, Helseth. 11 - THURS - Home. 12 - FRI - Alf. Peterson here to arrange for baptism. Foggy.
13 - SAT - Foggy today also - mild.
14 - SUN - Snowing - very stormy in the a.m. Alfred Peterson came to get us and we went over to their place for baptism: Gladys Pauline, B. Dec. 7, 1914 - Parents, Alfred and Jette Peterson; and Dorothy Geneva, B. Nov. 25, 1914 - Parents, Godfred and Alma Benson. We did not have services in Bethlehem today - The Hauge congregation had confirmation services (there). It was not a good day - it was so thick and stormy, sometimes we could just barely see a few rods ahead of us. (This was Dad's 40th birthday but he didn't even mention it - too busy with other things.)
15 - MON - Nicer weather. Rode horseback to get the mail. Stopped at M. Gunderson. Sprained or dislocated my shoulder. Home.
16 - TUES - Could not go to Holte school today (much discomfort from shoulder). Eilert walked

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- 16 - TUES - (cont.) - over to Ronholdt (telephone connection to west members). Ronholdt came with a load of coal today. Mrs. A. Watterud here today.
- 17 - WED - At home today and THURS. 19 - FRI - Eilert and I to Columbus - stopped by A. Berg and M. Dahl. 20 - SAT - Quite foggy.
- 21 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 2:00. Quite a few there. Baptism for Inga Sophia, B. Jan. 9 - Parents, Peter and Nelline Berg. To Granengs over night.
- 22 - MON - Congregation meeting in Macroom at 1:00 in regard to the church site - whether to move it farther N or leave it where it is. Almost all were present and 4 from Brandser's congregation. The decision by the majority was for remaining at the present site. Some of those living farthest north say they are considering withdrawing (to Lignite). Home in the evening. Nice weather.
- 23 - TUES - Services in Bethlehem at 2:00. Mild weather - many there. 2 baptisms: Morris Palmer, B. Dec. 1, 1914 - Parents, Martin and Pauline Helseth; Ruth, B. Jan. 1 - Parents, Even and Clara Hoff. Collected for Laererton - \$20.00. Ida, Marie and Baby along.
- 24 - WED - To Thorson for services at 2:00 - Rysgaard (school). Nice day. The following were welcomed as members: Ed Erickson and family, C.O. Johnson and family, J.P. Gjerd, Axel Hawkinson, Ole A. Steen, Christ A. Rud, O.J. Johnson, Louis M. Eliasson, John Erickson, Gust Lunde and family.
- 25 - THURS - Congregation meeting for S. St. Olaf at Anton Anderson at 2:00 with almost everyone present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the building of our church. \$2080.00 has been pledged according to the lists and more has been promised. Building will begin this summer. The building committee of 5 was chosen - S.O. Berg, M. Sandberg, F. Daley, O. Ronholdt, and A. Anderson. On Monday they will go to take a look at the church N of Larson (Pleasant Prairie church).
- 26 - FRI - Sauer and O. Garberg out here for awhile. Wrolson girls came over for awhile - this is Marie's birthday. A. Watterud came over to butcher the pig. 27 - SAT - Home.
- 28 - SUN - Services in Tvedt school at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. At Oscar Hatlelid over night.

MARCH

- 1 - MON - The building committee from S. St. Olaf came and I went along N with them. Home by evening. 2 - TUES - Up early and in to Stampede with Eilert as he left today by train for Wisconsin. Cold wind. By Columbus for a little shopping.
- 3 - WED - Nice day. J. Holte came over. 4 - THURS - Nice weather. Home.
- 5 - FRI - To A. Olson to grind some feed. Otherwise home FRI and SAT. Nice weather.
- 7 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem church at 11:00. Baptism for Evald, B. Jan. 15 - Parents, Carl and Rangdi Brothen. Henderson school at 2:30. Nice day. Many at both places.
- 8 - MON - To Haugerud - S.O. Berg - Wrolson - Serdahl. 9 - TUES - Home.

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- 10 - WED - Services in Thonson at 1:00 at P. Hanson. Many there. John Anderson - new member. It was decided that the church site should remain where it is - the old cemetery plot.
- 11 - THURS - L.A. at our place for Bethlehem congregation - many here. Over \$15.00 came in.
- 12 - FRI - A little colder. 13 - SAT - Foggy.
- 14 - SUN - Services in J. Holte school at 2:00. Afterwards I read some from Billy Sunday's sermon.
- 15 - MON - Nice day. Sale at Rudes. 16 - TUES - Home. 17 - WED - To Columbus in buggy - the first time this spring. I saw that some are already working out in the fields. Mrs. T. Rossum's funeral was held on MON in Columbus.
- 18 - THURS - Sale at Ege. Went over there for awhile. 19 - FRI - Home. Raw and cold. Also SAT.
- 21 - SUN - To Tvedt for services at 11:00. Drove with buggy. Some snow between here and Hauge-ruds. To Larson at 3:00. More at Tvedt. Emma Ronholdt came along this evening.
- 22 - MON - Nice mild weather. 23 - TUES - A little rain this morning - first rain this spring.
- 24 - WED - Home. 25 - THURS - L.A. for S. St. Olaf here at our place today. A little cold today. Mrs. Rysgaard died today. 26 - FRI - John Wick came here today to inform me about Mrs. Rysgaard's death. Ida and I drove over to the Knutson corner to post road posters. Home SAT.
- 28 - SUN - Palm Sunday - Palmesondag. Cold this morning. Service with communion in Bethlehem at 11:00. Ida and Thelma along - Emma home with the others. Ida went to C. Brothens for L.A. while I went to Macroom for services at 3:00.
- 29 - MON - Funeral for Mrs. Peter Rysgaard (Tolvine) 37, in Thonson. 1:00 - many there.
- 30 - TUES - Nice day - home. Also on WED - 31.

APRIL

- 1 - THURS - Holy Thursday - Skjaentorsdag. Services in Thonson at 11:00 - Rysgaard school.
- 2 - FRI - Good Friday. Langfredag. Services at J. Holte at 2:00. Many there. Baptism for Clara Alice, B. Feb. 7 - Parents, M/M William Harbig.
- 3 - SAT - Out to Hans Holte - Thonson. Mrs. Holte is very sick - as are 3 of the children. Pneumonia - lungebetaendelse.
- 4 - SUN - Easter Sunday - Paaske. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Baptism for Erling Arnold, B. Nov. 26, 1914 - Parents, Simon and Signe Berg. Macroom at 3:00 at Barmoen. Thelma along.
- 5 - MON - To Toso schoolhouse with Marie and Thelma for their first day of school. From there I went in to Columbus. 3 weeks since I have been there. Then back by Toso - over to Sorlie school at 4:00 for congregation meeting. The plans for the S. St. Olaf church were decided on today. Nels Kleppen came over this evening. (The plans for the S. St. Olaf church came from Benson, Minn., where one like it had been built. The Toso school was located in Leaf Mountain Twp. Sec. 8, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from our place. The nearest school in our twp. at this time was the Sorlie school - $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles away. The teacher for the Toso school stayed at Alfred Petersons, close neighbors to the school. Lena and Mabel Watterud (Andrew's)

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- 5 - MON - (cont.) - also went to school here. Mom seemed to remember that Ina Grove was the teacher. Thelma was very tired after that first day of school).
- 6 - TUES - Nice day. Walstad came out from Larson to get me - Miss Alma Peterson seemed to be at the point of death - received Holy Communion. Walstad then took me home again in his car. Nice weather. 7 - WED - Rain today. John Johnson from Thorson came with the message that Mrs. Han Holte had died MON evening.
- 8 - THURS - Nice weather again. Funeral for Mrs. Han Holte (Aagot) 32, out in Thorson. Many people came. By Rysgaards - Emma Ronholdt is helping out there now. Yesterday, the 7th, Miss Alma Peterson died in Larson (sister of Mrs. Ole Lovik). Burial in Minn.
- 9 - FRI - Stormy - home for the most. 10 - SAT - Stormy from NW. Started a new class in Thorson.
- 11 - SUN - Services in Tvedt school at 11:00. Larson at 3:00 - many there. Baptism for Huldah Oline, B. Jan. 19 - Parents, Ole and Pauline Dillerud. They decided in Tvedt school to have 6 weeks of parochial school this summer. Went by M. Dahl - he is sick - plans to go to Minot again for medical treatment.
- 12 - MON - To Columbus - ordered a buggy thru Duckstad today. 13 - TUES - Home - also WED.
- 15 - THURS - Ida and I went to Columbus. 16 - FRI - Went around with Road Posters. (The only explanation on this is that it could have been advance advertising or notification of an election to get better roads so the R.F.D. could be changed to a route closer to us). Conf. class at home at 2:00 - 5 children. 17 - SAT - Home.
- 18 - SUN - Services with communion in Thorson at 2:00. Ida along to A. Olson for L.A. I went over there after I came home from Thorson.
- 19 - MON - First took the little girls to school - then Ida and I and the 2 smallest went over to N. Kleppen and Herland.
- 20 - TUES - Stormy - but had some fixing up around to do outside. Laurits came from Wisconsin today. He came to Larson and Brynildson brought him out. (B. had a store in Larson).
- 21 - WED - Nice day. Laurits took the girls to school today.
- 22 - THURS - Stormy in the p.m. Laurits and I went to Stampede to get my new buggy. There was a bad prairie fire burning to the south.
- 23 - FRI - Planted some trees. 24 - SAT - Rained all day - did not go out to Thorson.
- 25 - SUN - Cloudy all forenoon. Services in Henderson school at 11:00. Only a few there. To Bethlehem at 3:00 - service with communion - more there. Sunshine now. They decided to put in an order for 14 church pews - kirkestoler - but no pulpit just yet - praekestol.
- 26 - MON - Laurits and I went to Columbus - took the little girls to school first - also the Watterud girls.
- 27 - TUES - The Township supervisors met here at 2:00 - final hearing about new road. Rev. Hegg came here for dinner and left about 4:00. Laurits and I fanned wheat MON evening and TUES.
- 28 - WED - Home - studying for my report - discussion - May 2 in Columbus. Laurits and I were

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- 28 - WED - (cont.) - around looking at land - Wrolsons and Haugeruds etc. (Laurits was interested in buying some land,). Serdahl started plowing here for wheat.
- 29 - THURS - Studying. Laurits put down a new linoleum in the kitchen (tan and brown tile pattern. 30 - FRI - Quite stormy but Laurits planted some trees here - boxelders and lilacs. I studied for my talk. Leonard (Serdahl) plowing the barley field. Will sow wheat tomorrow.

MAY

- 1 - SAT - Conf. class at home at 2:00.
- 2 - SUN - Cornerstone laying in Columbus for the new church. Laurits along. The weather was not very good - stormy - but the church was full. President - Formand - Hendrickson spoke in the a.m.. A free dinner was served to all at noon. People were there from many congregations around. I spoke in the p.m. on the topic "The Christian Home". We were invited to O.L. Ronnings for supper. Then home.
- 3 - MON - Laurits and I went over to Hatlelids to get some strawberry plants and sticklings - (currants, gooseberries or raspberries - we had all of them) - planted in the evening.
- 4 - TUES - To Thorson for conf. class at 4:00 - Ida along to S. Berg.
- 5 - WED - L. and I went to Columbus to buy some paint etc. 6 - THURS - Ida and Marie are both sick today. Laurits is painting the outside of the house.
- 7 - FRI - Rather stormy from N - a few raindrops. Planted some of the garden.
- 8 - SAT - Nice today. Laurits painted again. I studied. Ida is up and Marie is better too.
- 9 - SUN - Services with communion in Tvedt school at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Not as many there. Wind from NE.
- 10 - MON - Laurits is painting. I went over to Haugeruds to get strychnine for gopher poisoning and worked with that in the p.m. Continued with that on TUES a.m. and evening. (Counties - townships - provided the poison and it was the duty of each land owner to poison the gophers that did so much damage).
- 11 - TUES - This p.m. Laurits and I and A. Watterud went to Columbus. Among other things we had with us 5 young coyotes - skrub unger - that Laurits and Louis Watterud had found on MON. (There was a bounty offered for them). 12 - WED - Laurits and I hauled stones.
- 13 - THURS - Ida and I and the 2 little ones went to Lignite today - home in the evening. Some raindrops during the evening and a better shower during the night. Very welcome as it is very dry. The youngest son, not quite 3, of Ole Carbergs was killed when kicked by a horse.
- 14 - FRI - Home for awhile - studying. To Thorson at 4:00 for conf. class. Laurits had done some cement work on the kitchen chimney yesterday while we were in Lignite. SAT - Rain.
- 16 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00. Baptism for Mavis, B. Mar. 9, Parents, Charlie and Lizzie Olson. Laurits along. Stopped at S. Walseth - got a pig.
- 17 - MON - L. and I out looking at land in the a.m. Expected Sauers - but they did not come.

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- 17 - MON - (cont.) - Hauled some manure in the p.m. 18 - TUES - Same - also stone. 19 - WED - Stone.
20 - THURS - Laurits and Ida to Columbus. 21 - FRI - Studying. Soderquist came out today to see Laurits about the Tannes land. L. can buy it for \$1700.00. (This was $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. of land in Leaf Mountain Twp. - sec. 17 and 18 - 1 mile east and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north from our place).
22 - SAT - Studying my sermon for Pentecost. Mild but cloudy.
23 - SUN - Pentecost - Pinsedag. A mild nice day. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - and L.A. at Hallums following. Services in Macroom at 3:00. Laurits along. In at Barmoens after. Home. Ida and the children went to L.A. at Arnesons. There was also L.A. in Thorson today. Heard in Macroom that Charlie Blom's 10 year old daughter had been killed in an auto accident on SUN near Lignite.
24 - MON - Marie is sick with an earache. Class here at 2:00. Laurits is painting.
25 - TUES - Worked in the garden. Sheared sheep. Soderquist and Tannes here MON evening. Laurits bought the land for \$1700.00 26 - WED - L. and I to Columbus. Rain. Home.
27 - THURS - Planted some potatoes in the garden. A. Watterud came over for some hay. Hans Olsson came over in the evening - also Mrs. A.W. Later on A.W. came over also.
28 - FRI - Washed clothes in the a.m. Laurits painted the front room. (This was the first paint on the new plaster. 29 - SAT - Class at Rysgaards at 2:00. At Overlies over night.
30 - SUN - Services in the Rysgaard school at 11:00. Many there. Holte school at 3:30. Home.
31 - MON - To town - home by 2:00. Laurits is painting. Ronholdt here in the evening.

JUNE

- 1 - TUES - L. and I fixed up the pasture fence. To A. Carlson in the p.m. with Rolin.
2 - WED - L. and I fixed up a pigpen. Sent an order to Sears - \$4.76.
3 - THURS - Rain for awhile this a.m. Also last night. 4 - FRI - Rain - everything is growing well. Good weather. 5 - SAT - Rain - comes in showers. Not steady. Skurevis.
6 - SUN - To Larson for services at 11:00. Cold - better in the p.m.
7 - MON - Conf. class met here at home - 10 in the class today. A little rain at times.
8 - TUES - Laurits went over to Arneson today to work. I went to Columbus - repairs for buggy.
9 - WED - Rain today. L. came home again. Put on screens. 10 - THURS - Home.
11 - FRI - Rainy in a.m. L. to Arnesons at noon. 12 - SAT - Class in Thorson at 2:00.
13 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. L.A. at Alfred Peterson. All along. Services in Henderson school at 3:00 - then to L.A. at Wrolsons.
14 - MON - Home mostly. L. and I over to Toso to see about a horse.
15 - TUES - L. and I went to the auction at L. Adamson. Laurits bought a few different things.
16 - WED - Pastor Ole Akre came here at noon (soliciting funds for the Northwest College in Velva, N. Dak.). We drove east to Macroom - saw Pete Berg, Pete Barmoen, Pete Graneng,

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- 16 - WED - (cont.) - S. Berg, Hoff, Helseth, Pete Lundstad. Home.
- 17 - THURS - To Columbus in a.m. - in Akre's car. Ida along. To Thorson in the p.m. - saw Peter Rysgaard, S. Walseth, H. Bye, Carl Overlie, J. Wick, O. Hauge, A. Nelson.
- 18 - FRI - Rain this morning again. We had a terrific shower - fael skure - while we were in McGregor yesterday. Congregation meeting in Macroom at 3:00 in regard to the building of the church this summer. They decided that it was too late to start now this summer but the site has been decided once and for all - bestemt engang for alle - on the old cemetery lot. P. Bakken decided to join the Lignite church as he lives closer there and A. Brusven will join Grandview. received in salary \$23.50 now - \$16.00 earlier - total \$39.50 so far.
- 19 - SAT - L.A. auction at Sortie. Akre along. Sold for \$180.00. Nice weather.
- 20 - SUN - Service in Tvedt school at 11:00. Akre along - we rode in his car. Emma Ronholdt came along home. Thorson congregation came here in the p.m. - we had full house. Akre spoke some and there was singing by the choir.
- 21 - MON - Class in church at 9:00. In the p.m. Akre and all of us went to Wildrose. Hegg was not at home but she was. Home in the evening.
- 22 - TUES - Akre and Laurits to Velva. I started teaching parochial school in Tvedt school. Continued thru FRI. Laurits and Akre came back here THURS evening.
- 26 - SAT - To Thorson in the a.m. for conf. class - Akre along. L.A. sale at Anton Olson. Big crowd. Sale went very well. They also had a band of about 16 men to play. (From Columbus).
- 27 - SUN - Akre took us to Larson for services at 11:00. Ida, Thelma and Valla along. (The nickname 'Valla' came about because 'Valborg' was too difficult for Adolph, 2 years her senior, to say, and it has stuck all these years).
- 28 - MON - School again. School started out in Thorson too.
- 29 - TUES - 18 - 19 attending school now. Akre left today for Hegg's call - Wildrose. He has collected \$900.00 here. (This money went to pay on the debt of the school but the school didn't make much progress.)
- 30 - WED - Class in church at 9:00. To Columbus - quick trip - Ida and I. Old Mrs. Lina Berg (mother of S.O. Berg) has been visiting at our place for about a week now.

JULY

- 1 - THURS - Strong wind from NW. Getting ready to go to the Circuit meeting in Carpio 2nd thru the 4th. Mrs. Nels Sordahl is very sick - also Carrie Tvedt in Kenmare at the hospital. Mrs. Kleppen, B. Siverson, and Mrs. Beckwith have gone to Minneapolis to see a doctor. Laurits is working some at Ronholdt.
- 2 - FRI - Laurits took me in to Larson this morning so I could leave on the train. Cold - started raining. Old Mr. Hatlelid was on the train too. Went by train to Hartland and then had a ride in auto the rest of the way to Carpio. The meeting started at 2:00 with

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- 2 - FRI - (cont.) - Pastor H. Hjerrestad Mohall, speaking on the 2nd Article. Present were Sauer, Rosholt and I and J. Rugland, Carpio, and Hjerrestad. (Rugland was married to the sister of Rosholt - Johanna). Ivar Havneros, Maddock, came later. We had an auto ride to Benthold and Hartland. Rosholt spoke in English in the evening.
- 3 - SAT - Rain yesterday and today. I preached the communion sermon today - Sauer the devotion-
al - Skriftetale. In the p.m. T.F. Gullixson, Minot came for the discussions - Samtalemede.
- 4 - SUN - Rain stopped today. Gullixson preached for morning services. R.A. Nestos spoke in
p.m. and Havneros in the evening.
- 5 - MON - Had a ride to Columbus with Rosholt. Stopped in Kenmare to see Carrie Tvedt. Tony
Rude gave me a ride home from Columbus. There had been a celebration in Watterud's coulee
for the 4th of July and Laurits had been there. Nice weather.
- 6 - TUES - I started school again today. Laurits is planning to go to Montana.
- 7 - WED - I took Laurits in to Stampede (train) - then to Columbus. No school today.
- 8 - THURS - School. Also FRI. 10 - SAT - Terrific rain - voldsomt regn - filled all the sloughs.
Laurits came back this evening. No more land (for homesteading) in Montana.
- 11 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. Warm day but many there. We used the new church pews for the
first time today. To Macroom at 3:00 - service with communion. Ida, Thelma and Adolph
along. L.A. at Mrs. A. Sorlie.
- 12 - MON - One month of school started today for western S. St. Olaf - Holte school. Miss Kris-
tine Kodalen is teaching. I went over there - also by A. Anderson.
- 13 - TUES - L. and I went to Columbus - bought screendoor and rubberized roofing. Some rain.
Worked with door etc. in the p.m. 14 - WED - Home. Rainy.
- 15 - THURS - L. to A. Olson. Rainy all the rest of the week. Worked some in the garden.
- 16 - FRI - Took Mrs. Berg home. 17 - SAT - Home.
- 18 - SUN - Rain. Did not drive out to Thorson. Services in Sorlie school at 3:30 but not many
there. Decided that all men should meet on the church yard TUES - 20 to start scraping out
for the basement, hauling sand, etc.
- 19 - MON - Cloudy. Started with school this p.m. in Gurderson school.
- 20 - TUES - Ida and I and the 2 smallest to Columbus - Ida for dental work. Marie and Thelma
at Watteruds. 21 - WED - School at Gurderson. 22 - THURS - Class at home for Emil (Serdahl),
Olga (Wrolson), and Delmar (Dahl). Also to Thorson - Wicks and Seim.
- 23 - FRI - School. Rain. 24 - SAT - Marie went with me to Macroom for the sale that was announced.
We went to Barmoens but there was no sale - too much rain. Father is 86 years old (at Martins).
- 25 - SUN - Services in Larson at 11:00. In the p.m. we all went to see Laurits' land. L.A. at
Alfred Peterson. 26 - MON - School. Quite cloudy. 27 - TUES - Warm. To Macroom - all of us.
- 28 - WED - School. 29 - THURS - Conf. classes. 30 - FRI - School. 31 - SAT - Home.

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AUGUST

- 1 - SUN - A little rain - cold. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - few. Henderson school at 2:00 - many. Wigdahl school at 5:00 - a great many. Baptisms for Stella Amelia, B. June 6 - Parents, Sam and Andrea Wigdahl; Clara Helena, B. June 27 - Parents, Peder and Kari Hanson. John Wick came with his new car to give me a ride to services today.
- 2 - MON - School in the p.m. 3 - TUES - To Columbus. 4 - WED - School. 5 - THURS - Class at home.
- 6 - FRI - School. 7 - SAT - Home. Warm weather now.
- 8 - SUN - Very warm - services in Holte school at 11:00 - S. St. Olaf. Laurits along. Many there. To J. Holte for dinner. Then south to Thorson - to Gjerdes - 7 miles SW - at 3:00. Ida and the children had been to L.A. at Hoies - had a ride with Anton Olsons.
- 9 - MON - School - warm weather. C. Hanson here. 10 - TUES - To town in the a.m.
- 11 - WED - School. Marie home today - has a bad cough. Thelma along. 12 - THURS - Class at home.
- 13 - FRI - Finished school term at Gunderson. L.A. annual meeting in church - the school children sang a few songs. Election of officers: Pres. - Mrs. Alfred Peterson; V. Pres. - Mrs. A. Olson; Treas. - Ida. 14 - SAT - Home.
- 15 - SUN - Services in Larson at 11:00. Warm. To Sonlie school in p.m. A little better. Brothen and Olson came over.
- 16 - MON - Took L. over to Olson. Then over to Wilson who took us to Noonan to see Dr. Smith. The girls have very bad coughs - thought it could be whooping cough - highste. Marie has bronchitis. The trip took only 1 hour each way in Wilson's car.
- 17 - TUES - Wilson and children came over - then we drove over to church for a little while. (The S. St. Olaf church was now being built). 18 - WED - Sordahl started cutting barley today.
- 19 - THURS - No conf. class here as we have whooping cough. (Others also had coughs).
- 20 - FRI - Home in a.m. To Columbus in p.m. 21 - SAT - Foggy. Home for the most.
- 22 - SUN - Services in Henderson school at 11:00. Many there. L.A. at Lundstads following. Bethlehem at 2:00 - full church. Baptism for Mabel, B. Aug. 4 - to Iver and Karine Hallum.
- 23 - MON - Foggy. Class in Gunderson school at 2:00. 24 - TUES - Over to Witty - sickcall - (mother of George and Frank). To Larson - Columbus. Post's barn burned down and their little 3-year old daughter was burned to death in the fire.
- 25 - WED - Class in Rysgaards school at 1:30 - 6 there. 26 - THURS - Home - studying.
- 27 - FRI - Same today - Alf. Peterson came. 28 - SAT - Laurits hauled a load of coal - then took me to Larson in the evening so I could leave on the train for Crosby.
- 29 - SUN - Dedication of the church in Crosby. Nice day - many came. I delivered the Dedication sermon - Prostetale - and Dr. J. Ylvisaker (Prof. of Theology - Luther Seminary) had charge of the Dedication ceremony. Other ministers present were Sauer, Hegg, S. J. Fretheim, Plentywood, Mont., J. B. Kilness, Westby, Mont. Offering - \$97.00. Sauer led the discussion in the p.m. and Fretheim preached in the evening.
- 30 - MON - Rosholt brought me home - along with Dr. Ylvisaker and Samuel Peterson. They stayed

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30 - MON - (cont.) - over night. 31 - TUES - Rosholt took Ylvisaker in to Flaxton to get the train. We were invited over to Alfred Petersons in the p.m.

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- 1 - WED - I took S. Peterson in to Columbus - we had dinner at Sommerness - Tony Rude took us to Lignite in his car. Home in the evening. Ida and the children have had bad coughs now for awhile - rather like croup - strubhoste. 2 - THURS - Class in church. 3 - FRI - Foggy. 4 - SAT - Over to see Mrs. Witty in the a.m. - sickcall. 5 - SUN - Services in Rysgaards school at 11:00. Laurits along - few there - they are busy harvesting. Stopped in at J. Wick - Mrs. is sick. 6 - MON - Home - wash day. 7 - TUES - Hunting season begins. Shot a few ducks. 9 - THURS - Finished harvesting here today. 10 - FRI - Out hunting with the Serdahl boys - got about 25 chickens. 11 - SAT - Snow today. 12 - SUN - Did not go to Larson - too wet. Cold also. To J. Holte school at 4:00 - few there - read a sermon - laesequdstjeneste. 13 - MON - Snow again. No conf. class. 14 - TUES - Snow melting today. A. Serdahl here to help Laurits and me butcher a pig. Also out for a little hunting. Home for the most the rest of the week. Class - Wigdahls - SAT. 19 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem and Macroom. Cold. 20 - MON - classes in church and Sorlie sch. 21 - TUES - To Columbus. Ida and the children along to Petersons. Olson is threshing now - quite a bit of threshing being done down on the flats now. 22 - WED - Fencing - some hunting during the rest of the week. Some rain on FRI and SAT. 26 - SUN - Rain today also. To Thonson - Rysgaard school at 11:00. Not many there. Larson at 4:00. John Wick gave me a ride from Sorlies. Baptism for Hilda Bertine, B. July 23, to Helmer and Bella Nordahl. 27 - MON - Rainy again. Class in church in a.m. Then in p.m. over to Witty's - sickcall - and class in Sorlie school at 4:00. 28 - TUES - Rainy and some snow now and then. Not very good threshing weather - ikke rart treskeveir. Everything at a standstill. Borrowed 3 sacks of barley from A. Olson (until threshing is done). 29 - WED - Laurits came home. No threshing this week. Dug potatoes these days.

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- 1 - FRI - Ida and Laurits to Columbus - I stayed home with the children. Home on SAT - 2. 3 - SUN - Service in Tvedt school at 11:00 - many. L.A. at Trulins in the p.m. Cold - not many there - \$5.40. 4 - MON - Started with threshing again. Class in Bethlehem at 9:30. Sorlie at 4:00. Ida and children along to E. Dihle. Nice day. 5 - TUES - Nice today but in the evening there was rain again - quite a bit - and threshing came to a halt again. Cold and wet on WED and THURS. 8 - FRI - Started threshing again. 10 - SUN - Rainy. Henderson school at 11:00. John Wick here for dinner and then he gave us a

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- 10 - SUN - (cont.) - ride over to church. Accident near Olsons. So few in church we didn't have services - much threshing being done today. Rain again this evening. (John Wick had been very generous with rides in his new car - this being the 3rd time since Aug. 1 that he had come by to take Dad to church. Mom remembered that on this Sunday Dad and Mr. Wick sat in the front seat and Mom and Mrs. Wick and us 4 children rode in the back. The roads were not in very good condition due to all the rain. The little grade S of Olsons had very deep ruts and when Wick tried to avoid them - he tipped over. Dad walked the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to church, carrying his suitcase - so did all of them. There were so few in church, as mentioned, that he did not have services. A. Olson brought a team of horses a little later to pull the car out of the mud. No injuries.)
- 11 - MON - S. St. O. class here in a.m. Bethlehem class did not meet - some have the measles.
- 12 - TUES - Home. 13 - WED - Nice day. We all went over to C. Brothens and then I went to Kleppens and Fotlands. 14 - THURS - Hallums baby died. Over to Wittys. 15 - FRI - Studied.
- 16 - SAT - Funeral for Iver Hallum's baby, Mabel, 10 weeks old, Bethlehem. Not many there. Laurits came home in the evening. West again for threshing on SUN.
- 17 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 - nice day. Threshing out there too. Baptisms for: Edna Marie, B. July 16, - Parents, Alfred and Clara Nelson; Nora Elida, B. July 30, Parents, Nils and Ingeborg Pladsen.
- 18 - MON - West class here in a.m. East class in Gunderson school in p.m. - all there.
- 19 - TUES - Strong, brisk wind. Hegg came here MON evening and stayed until noon today.
- 20 - WED - To Columbus - 5 weeks since I've been there. Sent an order to Sears Roebuck for \$30.00 or more - Literary Digest \$1.50 - Norwegian American \$1.50 - Lutheraneren \$1.25 - and Kirketidende for Rysgaard - 50¢. Also paid for Laurits' lumber \$47.37 and \$1 for tobacco. 21 - THURS - This p.m. about 3:30 we started stacking the wheat - I helped with that. (There had been so much rain that threshing was delayed a great deal. To save the crop the bundles were stacked to keep the heads dry - heads of the bundle higher than the cut ends which were on the outside of the stack to shed moisture.)
- 22 - FRI - Finished the stacking of wheat and barley and 1 stack of oats. 23 - SAT - Finished with all the stacking today but I did not help today.
- 24 - SUN - Services in Larson at 11:00. Many there - 2 baptisms: Russell Everett, B. Aug. 23, Parents, Oscar and Mabel Hatlelid; Berenice Leona, B. Sept. 4, to Alfred and Lottie Walstad. Dinner at Oscar Hatlelid. To Tvedt at 3:00 - no service. Started snowing.
- 25 - MON - Home. Laurits went to Columbus - by Olson - paid on his land.
- 26 - TUES - Started threshing again. Ida over to Watteruds for a little while. Nice all week.
- 29 - FRI - Rode horseback out to Thorson and asked Miss Stenrodden to read with the class.
- 30 - SAT - Got the treshers today - Ben Hatlelid's rig. Finished late. Wheat - 225 bu. -

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- 30 - SAT - (cont.) - barley - 183 bu. - Oats - 632 bu. Very good.
31 - SUN - Reformation Day. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 and Macroom at 3:00. Had a breakdown with my buggy near L. Steen. Steen gave me a ride to Macroom in his car. Borrowed Pete Berg's buggy to get home. He was going to take my buggy to Lignite to get it fixed.

NOVEMBER

- 1 - MON - West class here at 9:00. To Gunderson school at 2:00. Nice all week - home for the most part. Did some fencing. To Columbus one day.
7 - SUN - Snowed all day - over 1 foot of snow here. Should have been in Holte school at 11:00 and Rysgaard school at 2:30 but did not go to either place. Threshing stopped again.
8 - MON - Lawrits at home. Strong wind on TUES and WED. 11 - THURS - Watterud came with coal.
12 - FRI - Weather about the same - not much better. Same on SAT.
14 - SUN - Home. Should have been in Larson but too much snow to drive in.
15 - MON - No wind - weather improved. West class here in a.m. and to Gunderson school at 2:00.
16 - TUES - Lawrits and I to Columbus - terrible roads. 17 - WED - Nice and still. Home now.
21 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem with communion at 3:00. Mission offering - \$14.60. No services in Henderson school. 22 - MON - West - by Haugeruds - Bergs - Sandbergs - with books. Stormy. Nicer on TUES and WED. Milder too.
25 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. Services in Larson at 11:00 and Tvedt at 3:00. Mission offering - Larson - \$7.05 and Tvedt - \$8.30. Nice weather - also FRI.
27 - SAT - Annual meeting for Bethlehem in Gunderson school at 1:00. Devotion - Psalm 145. Ministerial report. I read the secr. report as B. Siverson was not present. Treas. report indicated that no money had been collected this year. New members: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Trulin, and Laurits Isakson. A. Olson was chosen as janitor and each member to contribute \$1.00 for this work. Election: Secr. - L. Isakson; Treas. - Carl Brothen; Trustee - Nels Kleppen (3); School committee - Alfred Peterson (3), A. Olson (2), N. Kleppen (1). M. Hoie promised to haul a load of coal. It was decided to paint the church this spring - M. Hoie will do it for \$25.00 and Nels Serdahl will collect this amount. Also decided to wait until next fall to do anything more with the interior of the church. They also decided to pay my salary semi-annually - June 1 and at the time of the annual meeting. Received \$18.00 today. Present: Alfred Peterson, Melvin Pederson, Nels Serdahl, A. Olson, C. Brothen, M. Hoie, Carl Trulin, L. Isakson.
28 - SUN - Should have been in Thorson at 2:00 but by noon we had a real storm from NW - I did not dare start out. 29 - MON - Class from west met here at home. Lawrits to Columbus - nicer weather today.
30 - TUES - Stormy - worse than SUN. Did not go to Gunderson school for conf. class.

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DECEMBER

- 1 - WED - Weather much improved. S.O.Berg came over to get Lawrits for a few days.
- 2 - THURS - Home. Washed clothes. Banked up around the house. Serdahl used my sled to go to Columbus. 3 - FRI - Out to Thorson. Drove west by Haugeruds and then south. First trip out there since the snow came. Stopped by Rysgaards - Walseths - Wicks to announce services.
- 4 - SAT - Annual meeting for the S.St.Olaf congregation in Tvedt school at 1:00. This meeting had been postponed as the building committee was not prepared earlier. Devotion - Ps.103. Reports. Election: Secr. - J.Haugerud; Treas. - S.O.Berg; Trustees - E.Dihle (3), John Haugerud (2), Hysjulien (1); School committee - M.Sandberg (3); Custodian - A.Sorlie as long as we use the school house. They decided to pay my salary semi-annually - June 1 and at the time of the annual meeting. There was some discussion as to my salary and S.O.Berg felt that this congregation should be able to pay \$250.00 and eliminate the festival offerings which are now part of the salary. No decisions on that now. Decided to have the interior of the church painted - a bid of \$175.00 from a Powers Lake man. The building committee will look into getting a furnace. I received \$123.00 in salary. Present: A.Brodahl, T.Hysjulien, Ben Hatlelid, M.Sandberg, S.O.Berg, E.Dihle, A.Sorlie, Hans Olson, John Haugerud, Otto Evenson, Fred Daley. Lawrits came along home today.
- 5 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 2:00 in Barmoen school. To P.Berg after. Home in evening.
- 6 - MON - Nice weather. Out to Thorson at 1:00 in Rysgaard school for services and annual meeting following. Reports heard. Treas. reported that \$150.00 had come in - \$6.00 each from 25 members. Election: Secr. - C.Furness; Treas. - M.Sathre; Trustees - P.Gjerde (3), Rysgaard (2), Seim (1); Custodians - Wigdahl and Rysgaard; School committee - Gjerde, Furness, Sathre. As far as salary is concerned they decided that \$150.00 should be the very minimum paid - \$6 from each member. The L.A. has requested that some of the money they have lent out should be repaid - at ordne med at indkassere nogen udlaante penge - A.Nelson and N.Fredrickson delegated to do this. Took orders for some books (Church calendars and Jul i Vesterheimen). To Walseths over night.
- 7 - TUES - Class in Thorson at 9:30. Home by 2:00. Nice day. Nice yesterday.
- 8 - WED - Out early today - to Macroom. Stopped at Thingvolds - A.Hagen - Velo - Ole Martinson for dinner - then Thompsons. To Henderson school at 1:00. Meeting opened with Devotion - Ps. 145. Reports. Treas. reported that \$39.50 of salary had come in previously and now \$44.50. Election: Secr. - M.Ronning; Treas. - Ole Martinson; Trustees - P.Barmoen, O.Berg, L.Henderson; Custodians - P.Berg and L.Henderson; School committee - Charles Holter, M.Ronning, Martin Matteson. New members: Henry Holte, A.Hagen and family, E.Thingvold and family. Decided to seriously consider the building of the church in 1916. Subscription taken at the meeting with amounts ranging from \$200.00 to \$25.00 - total \$875.00. Subscription committee - P.Berg, M.Ronning, L.Henderson. Decided that the trustees get the congregation incorporated as soon as possible.

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- 9 - THURS - Laurits and I to Columbus. I paid up all my bills and bought a few things. Wedding here for Christian Sethney and Petra Ensrud.
- 10 - FRI - Home. 11 - SAT - Conf. class in Gunderson school.
- 12 - SUN - Services with communion in Tvedt school at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Cold wind.
- 13 - MON - West class met here at home. Not so cold but foggy. A. Watterud brought a load of coal. I hurt my foot somehow.
- 14 - TUES - A little stormy today. J. Kleppen came with a load of coal. Election today in regard to the Burke County courthouse.
- 15 - WED - Bethlehem at 1:00 - service with communion. 2 baptisms: Olaf Melvin, B. Oct. 16 - parents, Ole and Helena Olson; Signe Louise, B. Nov. 15 - parents, Martin and Kirsti Berg. All along from here. Somewhat stormy out. Disturbance in church today - many small children.
- 16 - THURS - Laurits and I went to Henderson school - no services - just a couple there.
- 17 - FRI - Home. 18 - SAT - Home today also. Laurits to Columbus - had him take care of some things for me - draft in Columbus - paid my note in Larson for \$80.18.
- 19 - SUN - To Thorson - have had nice weather now for a few days. Drove by Serdahls - Poolers - J. Wick - Seim to Wigdahl school house. Many there - 3 baptisms: Ethel Ovidia, B. Sept. 18 - to Gustav and Annie Lunde; Sira, B. Nov. 19 - to Carl and Carrie Furness; Olaf Herman, B. Oct. 27 - to Otto and Maren Berger. Stopped in at M. Sathre. Heard that C. Kittleson is very sick. Had books along for some that had ordered. P. Hanson replaced A. Nelson on the collection committee as Nelsons have moved to Minnesota. (See Dec. 6).
- 20 - MON - To S. Witty - sick call. By M. Dahl. 21 - TUES - Home. L. to A. Peterson - butchering.
- 22 - WED - Class in Gunderson school. 23 - THURS - Seim came to say that C. Kittleson had died.
- 24 - FRI - Funeral for Casper Kittleson, 31, out in Thorson. I did not go over to the cemetery now.
- 25 - SAT - Glædelig Jul! Mild weather. A little snow from SW. Bethlehem at 11:00 - full church. Laurits and the little girls along. Baptism for Harry Clifford, B. Nov. 5 - to Karl and Kristine Karlstad. Tvedt school at 3:00 - Ida and Brother - Bron - along. Baptism for Frank Arthur, B. Sept. 4 - to George and Ragna Witty. We had Christmas tree at home last night. There wasn't much time for me to study for Christmas this time but it went well anyway. 26 - SUN - Stormy and cold - did not go to Macroom.
- 27 - MON - Nice weather. To Thorson at 1:00 - Rysgaard school. Many. Stopped in at Rysgaards.
- 28 - TUES - To Larson at 2:00. A short congregation meeting was held following the Christmas services. The Treas. reported that \$100.00 in salary had been paid. Election: - Secr - Lovik; Treas. - C. Larsen; Trustee - O. Hatlelid; Custodian - G. Gunderson. The congregation has not been incorporated yet - the deed for the cemetery has not been recorded as there are unpaid taxes. The estimated cost of a fence around the cemetery comes to between \$35 and \$40.00. A. Haraseth has promised to haul a load of coal. Late getting home.

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- 29 - WED - Home. Conf. class from west met here. 30 - THURS - Home. Wrolsons came over.
31 - FRI - The last day of the year. Quite nice weather. Home. I am sitting here - writing - reading - waiting to see the new year in. It is with a little sadness that we hear the clock strike 12. The old year departs with its joys and sorrows and many thoughts and memories of this past year come to mind as the year draws to its close.
God has been good to us. Thanks be to God for all our blessings.

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JANUARY

- 1 - SAT - Velkommen du nye aar i Jesu Navn. Hvad mon du bringer i dit skjod for os.
Welcome to the New Year in Jesus Name. What do you have in store for us, we wonder.
I went to Macroom today. It was a little cold and the roads are poor due to much drifting. I drove east to Hoffs and then north - not as much snow down below the hills. To Barmoens for dinner. Christmas services at 1:30 - not really very many out. L.A. at Pete Granengs afterwards. Foggy and stormy on the way home.
- 2 - SUN - Foggy but not cold. To Holte school at 11:00 for New Year's services and Bethlehem at 3:00. Ida and Bron (brother) along to Bethlehem.
- 3 - MON - Home. Anton Olson came here with some money for me (Bethlehem salary). We used Watterud's team to haul some straw. The Watterud girls were here for awhile.
- 4 - TUES - Washed clothes. Ida wasn't feeling so well yesterday or today.
- 5 - WED - Stormy and cold. Did not go to Gunderson school for conf. class. 6 - THURS - Laurits and I to Columbus. Weather improved the last part of the week.
- 9 - SUN - Storm from NW. Did not go to Thorson as announced - New Year's services and L.A. at Sathres. 10 - MON - Colder - down to 40 degrees below zero. Also TUES.
- 12 - WED - Class from west here today. 13 - THURS - Weather better but still 30 below. Cold.
- 14 - FRI - Continued cold today and SAT.
- 16 - SUN - Cold and stormy - did not go to Macroom. Continued cold and stormy thru WED.
- 20 - THURS - A little better - Laurits to Columbus. Stormy again on FRI and SAT. John Watterud has been sick for about a week now. Dr. Smith has been out there a few times and I was also called over there one night.
- 23 - SUN - Nicer weather today. Services in Larson at 11:00 and Tvedt at 3:00. Not many out today but collected for Laererlon.
- 24 - MON - Terrible storm from NW - could not keep it warm in the house. Same on TUES - 25.
- 26 - WED - A little better. 27 - THURS - Better but still cold.
- 28 - FRI - Quite nice this morning but wind and snow later in the day - from east. We are running low on coal again - I drove over to Watteruds and borrowed a little - also to N. Ser-

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- 28 - FRI - (cont.) - dahls so we can manage for at least a week. Laurits walked over to Trulins to get a team to go to town as he wants to buy a sled but they were going to get a load of coal so he came home again. John Watterud has been sick now for about 2 weeks - Dr. Smith has been out several times but does not seem to be able to figure out what is wrong. John remains the same - high fever and chills - coughs a great deal - must be pneumonia. Laurits and I have been there off and on. There is also illness at N. Sendahts. Albert Sendaht moved to Columbus on SUN - 23.
- 29 - SAT - It was quite nice this morning. Laurits went over to Trulins this morning as they were going to town. About 11:00 it started blowing and storming from W - and with all the loose snow there is quite a storm. Not really very cold however.
- 30 - SUN - Should have been in Bethlehem today but stayed at home - snowstorm and cold.
- 31 - MON - The same. January has been a hard month.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - TUES - Weather somewhat better. Laurits and Watteruds went to get coal - they are out.
- 2 - WED - Laurits and Louis W. went after a load of coal for us today. A little stormy. Read with Delmar Dahl. 3 - THURS - Laurits and I went to Columbus. Cold and stormy.
- 4 - FRI - Better. 5 - SAT - Quite nice. L. and I to A. Sendahts place for some lumber.
- 6 - SUN - Snowstorm again. 7 - MON - Class from west here in a.m. Weather not too bad. Thick and stormy again in the p.m. 8 - TUES - Laurits and I have been hauling straw - used a team of Watteruds. Laurits has been fixing up the stable to make room for another team. He went up to Watteruds tonight to watch - vaage - (sit with the sick one during the night). John remains the same - no improvement. Dr. King came out today.
- 9 - WED - Quite good weather today. Have some studying to do now. Valborg is sick now.
- 10 - THURS - Not very good weather - ikke rart veir. All the rest of the week - the same.
- 13 - SUN - Should have been to J. Holte school and Larson today but it was stormy again - from S. Did not go. It was not really so cold but the storm was bad and worse down on the flats.
- 14 - MON - Better weather today. My 41st birthday. Went to Columbus. Called Sauer.
- 15 - TUES - Nice weather. Went to Lignite in the p.m. L. hauled coal today and yesterday.
- 16 - WED - Home from Lignite - had visited Sauers - Hansons - Hollands - Finkehagens and a few others. The snow is going fast. 17 - THURS - Around to places in Bethlehem - Herland - Kleppens, they are sick there - Brothers - J. Gunderson - Olson - Hallum - M. Gunderson - Trulin.
- 18 - FRI - Out to Thonson - Overlie. 19 - SAT - Class at home. Nice all this week.
- 20 - SUN - To Thonson today - nice weather - many there. Conf. class after. Also collected \$33.00 for Laererton. Baptism for Otto Walter, B. Dec. 10, 1915 - to John and Thea Wick.
- 21 - MON - Nice day. Laurits and Ida to Columbus - I stayed home with the children.

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- 22 - TUES - Services in Bethlehem at 1:30. Collected for Laerenton. Conf. class following. Whole family along - Ida and children and Laurits.
- 23 - WED - Laurits went to Shervey - Stormo - and Olson - looking for horses to buy. Some snow.
- 24 - THURS - Services in Holte school at 2:00 - Not many. Laerenton - \$11.00.
- 25 - FRI - Stormy from NW but not cold. 26 - SAT - Home. Marie's birthday.
- 27 - SUN - Quite nice. To Macroom - Barmoen school at 1:30. Many there. 2 baptisms: Lester Arnt, B. Dec. 17, 1915 - to Lewis and Anna Sophia Steen; Odrun Ingeborg, B. Jan. 7 - to Ole and Ingrid Berg.
- 28 - MON - To O.Hengebol - sickcall. Mrs. H. is sick - has tuberculosis - taering. 29 - Home.

MARCH

- 1 - WED - Cold. Laurits went in to Columbus and Stampede to get the fish shipment that I had ordered Jan. 15. (They would send for an assortment of frozen fish almost every winter. This came from Duluth - about 100# for about \$6.00 plus freight. Mom remembered that this shipment was quite late and they gave away a lot of it to the neighbors as they could not depend on the snowdrifts for refrigeration at this time of year.)
- 2 - THURS - Cold. To Thorson for services in Wigdahl school at 1:00. Quite cold. Drove out S by J. Haugerud to J. Wick. Came home by the east route. Conf. class also.
- 3 - FRI - Cold but clear. Class in Gunderson school. John Watterud died last night.
- 4 - SAT - Conf. class from west met here. Nice weather.
- 5 - SUN - Thick - stormy - but not cold. Larson at 11:00. Baptism for Alice Evelyn, B. Nov. 26, 1915 - to Nils and Grace Gunderson. It started snowing around noon and by the time I came to Sorlie school for services at 3:00 it was getting quite bad - snowing and storming from E - but it wasn't very cold.
- 6 - MON - Some drifting. Laurits to Trulins to grind some feed. 7 - TUES - L. to Stampede.
- 8 - WED - Nice, mild weather. Laurits and I hauled some hay from his place - hay he had put up last summer. 9 - THURS - Colder again. To Wittys - sickcall. By Hatlelids.
- 10 - FRI - Laurits to Stampede. Ida went along to visit at Alfred Peterson.
- 11 - SAT - ~~Var vist hjemme~~ - nei - menighetsmode i S.St.Olaf. (This was the way he had written it. Sometimes he would have to 'catch up' on a whole week and the events had to be recalled after the fact.) ~~I was at home~~ - no - there was a congregation meeting in S.St.Olaf. This was a special meeting - report from the building committee - owe \$123.00. They decided to have the church painted - exterior - 2 coats - \$185.00. They also decided to have Circuit Meeting and Cornerstone laying on July 2 and following days. They also decided to sell the little shanty there to Hans Olson for \$24.50. Also that each member should give \$1.50 so the salary could be paid. Discussion about insurance - assurance. Baptism for Lilly Otilia, B. Nov. 11, 1915 - to Bernt and Mathilda Arneson.

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- 12 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem and Macroom. L. and Ida and children along to church.
- 13 - MON - I went to Columbus and Stampede. Sent Laerlon - etc - \$144.50. Deposited \$35.00 in the bank for the Bethlehem L.A. - total now \$150.42 (Mom was treasurer). Picked up some freight that had come to Stampede.
- 14 - TUES - Class - Gunderson school. Stormy p.m.
- 15 - WED - Funeral for John Watterud. Aune could not come. I got short notice. Stormy. (The Watteruds were Hauge people and their pastor, Rev. Albert Aune lived in Lurds Valley which is located SE of Powers Lake. The weather and roads were so bad that he could not make the trip. Mom and Laurits had planned to attend the funeral and Dad was going to stay home with the children. When they came to get Dad to conduct the funeral - he went on very short notice and Mom stayed at home with the children.)
- 16 - THURS - Stormy. Didn't go to Henderson school for Macroom congregation meeting - heard that 3 men had shown up.
- 17 - FRI - To Kleppens - sickcall. Stormy in p.m.
- 18 - SAT - Sale at Iver Hallums today - nice day. Conf. class at home at 2:00.
- 19 - SUN - To Thorson at 12:00 - Rysgaard school. Nice weather. Conf. class. L.A. at Overlie.
- 20 - MON - Mild - snow disappearing fast now. To Hengebol - sickcall. Laurits went to Domrese coal mine.
- 21 - TUES - Election day. Stormy - more snow.
- 22 - WED - Quite nice this morning. Laurits to Columbus. Storming from S. in p.m.
- 23 - THURS - Stormy - very thick. Laurits and I hauled some ice over to the strawstack - also hauled some barley straw home to the barn - cleaned the barn etc. (Ice would keep for a long time when stored in straw and many an ice cream freezer was cranked in June and July with ice stored away in this way.)
- 24 - FRI - Quite stormy again - from NW. Did not go to Gunderson school for class.
- 25 - SAT - Better today. To Macroom for a special congregation meeting in the Barmoen school house. I drove to L.Henderson and then had a ride with him from there - roads are bad. The meeting was in regard to the building of the church. \$1700.00 has been subscribed and the L.A. has \$1100.00. P.Barmon recommended that the church be built - 30 x 40 and 18 x 20 with a basement. Accepted unanimously - enstemmig. Building committee - L.Steen, P. Barmon, P.Graneng. They will talk to Lindberg and also write to Beito, Effington, S.Dak.
- 26 - SUN - Stormy again this morning - did not go to Larson. Weather improved around noon and I went to Tvedt school at 3:00. Ida along.
- 27 - MON - To Columbus. The snow is melting fast in the foothills - bare in many places.
- 28 - TUES - Class in Gunderson school. Laurits went to a sale at Ed. Shervey and bought a team of horses for \$165.00 - also a pulverizer.
- 29 - WED - Class at home.
- 30 - THURS - Services in Holte school at 2:00. Foggy. Roads are soft - difficult driving.
- 31 - FRI - Services in Larson at 11:00. To Laurits' place - by Domrese mine. Terrible for driving - ice and water.

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- 1 - SAT - Home. Laurits went to Shervey to get his horses. I had Hans (Olson) help me measure the boundary line of the land between me and Watterud. Mild day.
- 2 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Ida along. I went to Henderson school at 3:00 - many there but driving was terrible. Baptism for Ruth, B. Sept. 16, 1915 - to Alfred and Hildur Velo. 3 - MON - Class in Gunderson school at 2:00. 4 - TUES - Home. Sale - B. Hatlelid.
- 5 - WED - Class at home. 6 - THURS - L. and I fanned wheat. Also FRI. Colder and more snow.
- 8 - SAT - Mild. Snow melting fast.
- 9 - SUN - Should have been in Thorson today for services and L.A. at Alfred Nelson but did not go. It is now impossible to drive with either sled or buggy. Mild and the snow is really melting now. We all went out for a walk today - walking around the hills in the pasture.
- 10 - MON - Class in Gunderson school - rode horseback and that was very difficult.
- 11 - TUES - West class at home. Delmar Dahl is sick now and the other 2 in the class want to wait with confirmation until he is better and can also be in the class.
- 12 - WED - Laurits along with Trulin to Columbus. I have much studying to do.
- 13 - THURS - The snow is for the most part all gone now - only the largest drifts remain. The snow went fast today and there is a lot of water around.
- 14 - FRI - Nice day. Conf. class in Bethlehem at 9:00 - last time before confirmation.
- 15 - SAT - Nice. Still a few snowdrifts left but they are disappearing fast.
- 16 - SUN - Confirmation Day in Bethlehem church at 11:00. Ecclesiastes 11:9. Nice day and many there. Offering - \$31.05. We all went - drove in the big buggy for the first time this spring. There are still some big snow drifts. Baptism for Emma Manda, B. Mar. 6 - to Elvin and Elsie Thingvold. Members of the confirmation class: Emil Adolph Serdahl (Nels); Magne Kleppen (Nels); Gine Berthine Gunderson (Martin); Agnes Lorine Gunderson (Jacob).
- 17 - MON - Out to J. Wick in the a.m. To Hengebol - sickcall - in p.m. - then to P. Barmoen to exchange buggies. 18 - TUES - Rain. 19 - WED - Foggy - rain - then snow all day.
- 20 - THURS - Snow and rain - quite a bit came down.
- 21 - FRI - Good Friday. Over 1 foot of snow in some places. Laurits and I drove with the big sled over to Sorlie schoolhouse at 11:00. Quite a few there - some with sleds and some with buggies. Hope most of this snow will melt today. This will be a muddy Easter. There was baptism for Allen Roscoe, B. Feb. 3 - to Richard and Clara Hatlelid.
- 23 - SUN - Easter Sunday. Snow went fast yesterday. Drove with buggy out to Thorson at 11:00 - Rysgaard school. There are still some snowdrifts and there is a great deal of water in the sloughs - had to make many detours to get out there - maatte kjore noksaa kroget. I got out there about 10:30 - no one had come yet but before long quite a few came. Then drove by O. Evenson to Holte school for services at 2:30. I did not go to Larson - roads impossible. Weather - nice sunshine - a little breeze - and intermittent rain showers. Cloudy on MON.

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- 25 - TUES - Nice today. Laurits and I hauled rocks today. 26 - WED - Home.
27 - THURS - To Thorson - class at J. Wick. Laurits tried to do some disking on his land but it is too wet. Started plowing here at home. Strong wind from S.
28 - FRI - Strong wind from W. I dug out some big rocks in the field so we could haul them out. Laurits is plowing now. 29 - SAT - Studied in the a.m. To Sorlie school in the p.m. to start a new conf. class. Only one met up today - Evenson's boy. Snow this p.m.
30 - SUN - Nice weather. Easter services and communion in Bethlehem at 11:00. Baptism for Ragnhild Othilda, B. Apr. 10 - to Jacob and Julia Gunderson. To Henderson school at 3:00. Few there. Stopped in at O. Hengebol to see Mrs. - she is very sick now and it does not seem that she has very long to live. It is wonderful and reassuring to see the Faith she has in her Savior. She is at Peace.

MAY

- 1 - MON - To Columbus - had some shopping to do. By Stampede to get the trees that had now come. Driving conditions still pretty bad.
2 - TUES - Fenced around some trees and flowers - cleaned up in the garden. John Runningen came over to tell me that Mrs. Hengebol had died yesterday.
3 - WED - To Mrs. Witty - sick call - she is very weak and feeble now.
4 - THURS - To J. Wick for class in the p.m. Wind from NW.
5 - FRI - Funeral for Mrs. Ole (Hilda) Hengebol at 1:00. (Age 30). Still and warm today. Laurits is disking on his land today. Had plowed and disked 15 A here on the S 80. Anton Olson has been threshing for a few days. Wenker has finished (threshing) S of here now.
7 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00 - Wigdahl school. Stormy from NW - few there. Bethlehem L.A. at our place - not many but they took in \$6.00 anyway.
8 - MON - Laurits sowed wheat here today. Finished TUES -9- and started on his land. He was expecting the threshers today but it was so stormy they could not thresh.
10 - WED - Stormy today also - disagreeable weather - ubehagelig veir - but Laurits is sowing on his land. I have been planting trees now for a few days. Class at Sorlie school at 4:00.
11 - THURS - A nice day. To Columbus - the whole family. Mrs. Wrolson along also. Laurits got the threshers today.
12 - FRI - Thorson - class at Walseths at 2:00. Family along - visited Lena Staff (from Lignite who was working at Rysgaard). Nice weather. 13 - SAT - Home - studying.
14 - SUN - A little rainy this a.m. To Larson for services at 11:00. Baptism for Ardith Marjorie, B. March 8 - to Ole and Dina Lovik. To Tvedts at 3:00 - baptism affirmed for Ruth Gladys, B. March 18 - to Matt and Bertha Sandberg. Baptized at home Mar. 21. Drying weather now.
15 - MON - Tomorrow I will be leaving for St. Paul from Stampede.
16 - TUES - Came in to Stampede too late for the train so went in to Columbus and left from there

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- 16 - TUES - (cont.) - in the p.m. for Kenmare.
- 17 - WED - Left from Kenmare at 2:00 a.m. - arrived Minneapolis at 5:00 p.m. - Colfax by 10:00.
- 18 - THURS - A little visit before Isakson and I left for the Synod Meeting (Mpls.). Cold and rainy. We stayed at the St. James Hotel. Pastor Ludwig Foss (Pres. Of Pacific Dist.) delivered the sermon at the opening service. Pres. H.G. Stub was sick during the meeting and could not attend the last few days of the meeting. Prof. C.K. Preus (Pres. of Luther College 1902-1921, and V. Pres. of Norwegian Synod 1911 - 1917) presided for the most. There were some stormy discussions (The Union - Merger).
- 25 - THURS - To Sioux Falls at 10:00 a.m. - arrived there at 7:00 p.m. Stayed at Phillips House.
- 26 - FRI - To Canton. Came to Lena's at noon - unexpected. Father and Mandius were at Martin's. Martin came to town and I went home with him on SAT -27. The 4 of us to Inwood - home by way of the church and the cemetery where we saw our graves.
- 28 - SUN - To Canton - Mandius, Martin, Father and I. Martin went home again later. Some rain.
- 29 - MON - Martin and family came to Canton early. Kristine (?) - wedding - Norway trip. (These words are references to things I have not been able to figure out). Father home with Martin.
- 30 - TUES - Mandius and I to Sioux Falls. I left about 10:00 p.m. from there.
- 31 - WED - Came to St. Paul about 9:15 a.m. Did a little shopping. Mr. and Mrs. Lars Isakson and Agnes came at 5:00 p.m. and we all left for N.Dak. at 10:23 p.m.

JUNE

- 1 - THURS - Arrived in Minot at 1:45 p.m. - then home. Laurits met us in Stampede. Everything was fine at home. This is Ascension Day.
- 2 - FRI - Did some fencing and various other things. 3 - SAT - Studying.
- 3 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 and Macroom at 3:00 with a short congregation meeting following. Ida and the 2 smallest were home in the a.m. but the others all went along to church. Later everyone to L.A. at E. Dihle. There were many there - took in over \$13.00. The last L.A. in Bethlehem at Alfred Peterson - \$14.80.
- 5 - MON - I planted some garden - in between rain showers. 6 - TUES - Rain all day.
- 7 - WED - Class in Thorson - J. Wick. Windy. 8 - THURS - Ida and I and Isaksons to Columbus.
- 9 - FRI - All of us over to Barmoens in p.m.
- 10 - SAT - Rainy in the morning but it improved as the day went on. We expected some company and at noon they came - but from all directions - fra alle retringer - more than we expected. They came to present me with a new Ford automobile. Many people and nice weather. (All of Dad's present congregations - Bethlehem, S. St. Olaf, Scandia (Thorson), Macroom and Larson - participated in this fine gift - as well as people from some of his previous congregations. They brought lunch along and coffee was served. The Model-T Ford was a touring with a top that could be folded down behind the back seat and pulled up and forward to provide

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- 10 - SAT - (cont.) - shelter from sun and rain and wind. There were side curtains too. Grandpa Isakson, who was there at the time, was so impressed with the performance of the car that one of the first things he did after he returned to Wisconsin was to buy a car!
- 11 - SUN - Pentecost Sunday. Services in Thorson at 11:00 and in the new S. St. Olaf church at 3:00 - for the first time. There were many people there - even some from Larson. 3 baptisms: Helen Thelma, B. Apr. 17 - to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Brodahl; Agnes Doris, B. May 7 - to S.O. and Jennie Berg; Roy Samuel, B. May 9 - to Albert and Thilda Sorlie. We were all invited over to Sandbergs after services. The others came in the big buggy. (Laurits and Dad had driven out to Thorson in the new car and from there directly to S. St. Olaf church. The others came from home over to church).
- 12 - MON - Planted some potatoes in the a.m. West class at home in p.m.
- 13 - TUES - Isakson, Laurits and I went to Columbus in our new car. I drove it a little both ways. Nice weather. We hauled some stones later. Ida and Mama (Grandma I.) went over to Wrolsons for awhile.
- 14 - WED - Nice day. Laurits hauling stones on his place. I studied.
- 15 - THURS - To Thorson - Rysgaard school at 4:00 for class. To Rysgaards for supper.
- 16 - FRI - Ida and I to Minot - drove to Larson - train. Ida got new glasses. Briller.
- 17 - SAT - L.A. auction in Sorlie school. We all went - made 2 trips in the car. Many there.
- 18 - SUN - Sunday after Pentecost - Bethlehem church at 11:00. 3 baptisms: Eva Elenora, B. Mar. 8 - to Tom and Anne Mattison; Chester Gordon, B. May 24 - to Gilbert and Karen Oas; Robert Otto, B. Nov. 27, 1915 - to John and Esther Mattson. All of us except Ida and the 2 little ones went in the car. After services Isaksons and the 3 girls, Marie, Thelma and Agnes went to Alfred Petersons with them. Laurits and I ~~and Adolph~~ went home for dinner and then took Ida and the 2 little ones along to Petersons. Laurits and I drove to Henderson school at 3:00.
- 19 - MON - Our Wedding Anniversary - 9 years. Anton Wilsons came over for dinner - also P. Rysgaard and Lena Staff. Nice weather.
- 20 - TUES - Laurits is breaking on his land. I am home trying to study. 21 - WED - Rain. Could not go out to Thorson for class. 22 - THURS - More rain. 23 - FRI - Rain a.m. Class here.
- 24 - SAT - Bethlehem L.A. auction. Stayed for awhile but had to leave at 3:00 to go to Crosby. Laurits took me and Isakson in to Larson. Had a good shower and the roads are bad some places. Laurits drove home (Horse and buggy - too muddy for the new car). Pastor Hendrickson was also on the train - we all went to Nordstogs over night. (Grandpa I. went along with Dad to the Circuit meeting in Glenwood congregation).
- 25 - SUN - Out to Glenwood congregation - cold. Quite a few there. In the p.m. discussion - sam-tale - introduced by Pastor Hendrickson using for text - Rev. 3:11. Evening over to Overholts.
- 26 - MON - Nicer today - warmer. Meeting continued. Hegg came today. In the evening we went to Crosby - took the train to Columbus. Laurits, Ida and Marie there to meet us in the car.
- 27 - TUES - Up early. Isaksons left today from Stampede. Laurits and Ida took them in. Warm day.

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- 27 - TUES - (cont.) - Laurits is mowing and raking hay today.
- 28 - WED - Laurits and I went to Larson with buggy - by Sorlie school first to vote - Primary Election. Very wet and muddy. To Larson to get on the train again to go to Crosby. Sauer was also on the train. To Nordstogs over night.
- 29 - THURS - Out to Troy congregation. Many people in Crosby today as there is a Circus there. In Troy the meeting was for the occasion of the Cornerstone laying and the Dedication of the cemetery. I spoke in the p.m. Cloudy day. Hegg and I went to O. Holte over night. There was a storm during the night - their barn was struck by lightning.
- 30 - FRI - Meeting concluded. We went to Crosby in the evening.

JULY

- 1 - SAT - Pastor Hendrickson and I had a ride home to our place with Rosholt in his car. The roads were terrible - wet and muddy so we became stuck and it was late before we came home. The storm during the night of June 29 had taken Laurits' barn here and the kitchen chimney on our house had blown down about 11:00 p.m. that night.
- 2 - SUN - A nice day. Cornerstone laying in S. St. Olaf church. People from every direction came. Offering to the church fund - \$52.00. The L.A. served dinner to all at noon (outside, as it was a beautiful day). Sauer spoke in the p.m. Pastors present: P.A. Hendrickson, Hegg, Rosholt, Sauer and Mrs., Rugland and Mrs., Gotfred Peterson and Mrs., and Ida and I (7).
- 3 - MON - Meeting continued but not so many there today. There was a Show in Columbus. Pastor C. Winther, Ray (and Tioga) came today (Hauge Synod). Another nice day.
- 4 - TUES - Finished the discussion on the main topic, introduced by Sauer on SUN. After lunch - forfriskning - there were talks by Rosholt, Rugland, Winther, and P.A. Hendrickson.
- 5 - WED - Warm today. Tonight we are going to Lignite. Laurits had been to Stampede to get a load of telephone posts and came home too late to take us in to Columbus so we could take the train to Rival. So Laurits took us to Lignite in our car. We left home at 8:00 and it took 1½ hours to drive to Lignite. Laurits left for home right away and came home by midnight. Ida and I stayed at Svenskeruds.
- 6 - THURS - Much rain - stormy - early this morning - turned warm during the day. The roads are very muddy but even at that there were many that came for the 11:00 service which was the Cornerstone laying for the Lignite church. After dinner we all drove out to the cemetery for Dedication. I have heard that ritual many times now. The afternoon session started at about 3:00 with Cullixson introducing the discussion on "Prayer". Hendrickson left tonight.
- 7 - FRI - Cooler today. Rosholt came. Winther was also here. We took the train to Stampede in the evening - Laurits and Adolph - Bror - were there to meet us in the car. Clara Wrolson and the girls had tended house very well. Laurits and Leonard are building a barn.

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- 8 - SAT - Laurits is building and Leonard went to Columbus to get some more lumber.
- 9 - SUN - Warm. To Larson at 11:00 - Laurits along. We used the car. Then to Thorson - Wigdahl school at 3:30. Baptism for Selmer Leonard, B. May 24 - to Sam and Andrea Wigdahl. To A. Olson afterwards. L.A. at S.O. Berg and C. Brothen.
- 10 - MON - Doing some breaking here today. Leonard S. and Laurits are also hauling stones in a.m. The children and I picked some strawberries - jordbaer. (Wild or tame - could have been either as he had planted some in the garden and wild strawberries grew many places.) Anton Olson came over today with some papers for the L.A. auction and the car. (Mom thought it was the title). Conf. class at home in the p.m.
- 11 - TUES - Class in Wigdahl school at 2:00. Used the car. 12 - WED - Home working in the garden - studying - etc. Also THURS. Leonard has finished breaking here - Laurits is working on his barn and hayshed and doing some haying - also doing some breaking on his land. Warm days.
- 14 - FRI - Class at home. 15 - SAT - Class in Rysgaard school - drove with car.
- 16 - SUN - Macroom at 11:00 - went alone in car. Many in Macroom. 2 baptisms: Thelma Elise, B. June 26 - to Peter and Nellie Berg; Agnes Helene, B. May 27 - to Martin and Alma Ronning. Home for dinner. All along to Bethlehem at 3:00. Looked a little rainy - not quite so many there. Baptism for Marjorie Louise, B. June 12 - to Carl and Alma Trulin. Choir rehearsal at home in the evening (Bethlehem, Laurits directing). They have now met together 4 or 5 times and it is going very well.
- 17 - MON - Rain showers. Took the girls to school near Arneson - they also went 3 days last week. (This was a new school - the 3rd one built in the township). C. Brothen came with \$17.50. Today they are setting up telephone poles between Axel Carlson's and our place. (After the money had been collected for the new Ford which was presented to Dad in June - they found that there was enough left over to pay for extending the telephone line the 2 miles between Carlsons and Bucknebergs. As of that time, Carlson was on the end of the line. Labor was donated and the \$100.00 took care of posts, wire etc. Grandma Berg had commented that the telephone made sense but giving the minister a car before they had any roads to drive on was ridiculous. The crank-operated telephone was installed on the S wall of the dining room. Every member on this party-line had a special combination of rings - short and/or long rings. Ours was the last one added and our assigned "ring" was 4 long rings - the next thing to a General Call which was one long continuous ring, summoning everyone on the line to listen in for a message of importance. "Rubbering" was not uncommon and when 4 long rings were cranked out - it often times meant that the minister was being called because someone was sick - or that a death had occurred - and that was of interest to all. For all our neighbors living to the south of us (without telephone) it became especially convenient when a doctor was needed. It was, indeed, a convenience for everyone.)
- 18 - TUES - They finished putting up the telephone line today. We had them here for dinner and

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- 18 - TUES - (cont.) - coffee - kaffetid - today and lunch last night.
- 19 - WED - Drove to Ole Berg in car for L.A. sale. Ida and the 2 smallest went along to Bergs and Marie and Thelma are in school. 20 - THURS - West class at home. Last time. Warm weather.
- 21 - FRI - In car out to Wicks - class for the last time. Had a puncture on the left front tire near A. Carlson. Phoned home. Laurits came to help me and it didn't take long to change tires - snart gjort - bytte med ny. Heard that Mrs. Witty had died last night at 6:00 p.m. She had been unconscious for several days - vaeret fra sans nogen dage. Funeral tomorrow.
- 22 - SAT - Funeral for Mrs. S. Witty at 10:00 a.m. Trying to study for confirmation tomorrow.
- 23 - SUN - Nice weather - not too warm. The whole family along to S. St. Olaf church at 11:00 - many there - from Thorson and even some from Larson. 5 confirmands - everything went well. Communion following confirmation service - finished by 2:00. Sivert Halbakken and Richard Hattelid with families welcomed as new members. Members of the class: Delmar Dahl (Martinus), Arthur Haugerud (John), Olga Emily Wrolson (John and Lena), and from Thorson: Anna Wick (John), and Clara Pearl Wigdahl (Sam). Wick and family came along home.
- 24 - MON - Home. 25 - TUES - Started with a new class in Macroom. Worked with various jobs for the rest of the week. 29 - SAT - New class in S. St. Olaf. Some rain this evening.
- 30 - SUN - Services in Larson at 11:00. Laurits along. Had some trouble with the car on the way home. L.A. at Kleppen in the p.m. - all of us went. The choir sang a few songs. There is something wrong with the car - auto ei god.
- 31 - MON - To Columbus. Ida and the 2 little ones along. Had to get new springs and spark plugs for the car (had it for 7 weeks!). It has been warm now for a long time. Beginning with a little haying. Laurits has now built a barn - hayshed - and a shanty on the house.

AUGUST

- 1 - TUES - I have been mowing and raking hay. Laurits has gotten a binder and a breaking plow - plog - and is getting the hay bucket fixed up. Also on WED.
- 3 - THURS - We stacked hay today. Marie and Thelma at school. Choir here tonight. This turned into a bad day before it was over - wind - rain - hail. About half of the wheat and barley crop is gone here - oats looks better. Some of our neighbors lost everything.
- 4 - FRI - Ida and I and the 2 little ones went to Columbus in car - then to Lignite - O. Carberg - then to Flaxton to the dentist. We left Flaxton at 6:00 - were in Columbus by 7:00 - home.
- 5 - SAT - Rain today. Did not go to Macroom for conf. class.
- 6 - SUN - Wet and muddy. Went to Henderson school at 11:00 - with horses. Only a few when we started but more came later. The fields look terrible. Bethlehem at 2:00. Quite a few there. Then out to Thorson at 5:00 - Rysgaard school - with car and all along. Many there. We could see hail destruction as far S as J. Wick and heard it went farther S than that.
- 7 - MON - Took the girls to school. Washed clothes - - etc.

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AUGUST

- 8 - TUES - To Pederson's coulee in the p.m. - in car. Laurits is mowing the wheatfield.
- 9 - WED - Cloudy. Girls to school. Laurits mowed around the cemetery (on our land).
- 10 - THURS - Got some haying done. Rain and stormy in the p.m. Hail north on the flats.
- 11 - FRI - I drove out to Thorson - Wigdahl school - class at 2:00. Drove with horses. Hail damage around there too. My wheat field S of the road is gone but the N field is good.
- 12 - SAT - Studying. Laurits mowed yesterday on his land and today he is raking the wheat here. I had classes in Sortie school at 9:30 and Macroom at 2:00.
- 13 - SUN - To Larson at 11:00 - to Omund Ege for dinner. Then S and W by the school house near C.Larsen. Became stuck in a mudhole - kjorte fast i et sole hul. Went over to Larsons - then Sletvolds - no one home. Then to Southers and they came with a team to pull my car out. I was a little late getting to S.St.Olaf church. Baptism for Evrin Arthur, B. Jan. 31 - to Kristoffer and Petra Anderson. There had been quite a few at Sather's lecture last night - also in Bethlehem FRI evening - and more are expected this evening. We had choir rehearsal at our place this p.m. There was some rain this evening.
- 14 - MON - Laurits and I are haying the wheat. Also TUES. and WED a.m.
- 17 - THURS - We set up a haystack on Laurits' land today. Choir here in the evening.
- 18 - FRI - Laurits and I went out to Charlson. Left here at 7:00 - McGregor by 8:30 - Tioga at 9:30 - and to Charlson by 12:00. Met Ingvald there and he was ready to leave. We went out to his farm for a little while - Mrs. Jaeger and Mrs. M.Gunstad were there. We left there about 1:30 - by Charlson - Tioga - McGregor - home by 7:00. Thelma was along. Ingvald came along home with us.
- 19 - SAT - I was home today - studying. Laurits working on his land. Ingvald wanted to get in to Columbus this evening so I took him in - in car.
- 20 - SUN - All along to Thorson at 11:00. Conf. class following. Over to Rysgaards for dinner. By Hatlelid for L.A. and Ice cream Social. Big crowd. Choir in the evening - here.
- 21 - MON - Helped Laurits with haying thru WED. 24 - THURS - To Columbus - some repairs for the car. Saw Sauer in Columbus. Laurits is harvesting a little barley on his land.
- 25 - FRI - Ida and I and the 2 smallest ones to Flaxton. Stopped in Lignite to see Sauers for a little while and then went to Flaxton to see the dentist. Left there at 6:00 - went by Columbus and then home.
- 26 - SAT - Conf. class in Tvedt school at 9:30 and Macroom at 2:00. We are right in the middle of harvesting but the wheat is very poor. Some is being plowed under - some is being burned and some is being cut for hay - and some is being harvested. Too much hail and rust this summer. Laurits is cutting the oats here and he did some plowing on FRI.
- 27 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - all along. Baptism for Olaf Julian, B. July 27 - to Nils and Emma Hengebol. Then to L.A. at Hoie. I went to Macroom at 3:00 and then came back to Hoie to get the family.

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- 28 - MON - Shocked the oats - ready by noon - then the spelts after dinner - and then after coffee time he went over to his land to cut the wheat.
- 29 - TUES - Laurits continued with the wheat harvesting. I shocked some this forenoon. In the p.m. we went down to the coulee to pick chokecherries. Mrs. C. Trulin went along.
- 30 - WED - Along with Laurits for shocking and harvesting. 31 - THURS - Home. Laurits alone today.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - FRI - Home mostly. Yesterday G. Grondahl was here taking orders for woolen goods and also buying wool. (He worked for the Woolen Mills in Fergus Falls, Minn. and Mom remembered that they ordered several blankets from him. They had no wool to sell).
- 2 - SAT - Strong wind from S. Conf. class in Thorson at 2:00.
- 3 - SUN - Cold and foggy this a.m. To Larson at 11:00 and S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Warmed up in p.m.
- 4 - MON - Helped Laurits with some haying - also some shocking - thru WED. To town one day.
- 7 - THURS - Hunting season opened. Laurits and I went out early - got 5 ducks. The Serdahl boys along later - out by Stuarts (Mary Serdahl). Home. Ida along in the p.m. We shot 40 ducks. Laurits and Emil (Adolph) Serdahl over to A.G. Berg this evening to start with threshing. Laurits came home SAT evening.
- 9 - SAT - Conf. class in Sorlie school at 9:30 and Macroom at 2:00. Ida and the little ones along to Macroom. Cloudy.
- 10 - SUN - Rained all day. Should have been in Short Creek for the Cornerstone laying but did not go. Heard that Sauer and P.A. Hendrickson were the only ministers there.
- 11 - MON - Laurits and I did some fencing today. Later Laurits went for a load of coal.
- 12 - TUES - Ida's birthday - she is 33 today. Sauer and G. Grondahl came out to hunt. Mrs. Sauer and Ingebrigtsen were also along. We got 29 chickens and 7 ducks. They went home in the evening. Some rain during the night.
- 13 - WED - The threshers came home (Laurits) as it was too wet to thresh. Ida and I had started out for Columbus but turned around and came home - the roads were terrible. Laurits did some plowing in the p.m. however. Cloudy today and some rain showers but we did see the sun for awhile also. Have had some cards and letters from Ingvald who is traveling in Iowa and Minnesota (for "Visergutten" - Norwegian newspaper). 14 - THURS - Laurits to town in car.
- 15 - FRI - Mowing - plowing - stacking barley and spelts. 16 - SAT - Laurits mowing - also plowing. Cold. I went to Thorson for conf. class at 2:00. Muddy.
- 17 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00 in Pladsen schoolhouse and Gjerde at 3:00.
- 18 - MON - Laurits and I up early - sharpened the mower sickles. Laurits went threshing.
- 19 - TUES - Nice and still. I mowed and raked today and yesterday. 20 - WED - Washed clothes. Wind.
- 21 - THURS - Strong wind today too but I raked. 22 - FRI - To Columbus - all along. Foggy in the

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- 22 - FRI - (cont.) - morning but it cleared up later. Over to the mailbox. N. Serdahl - then all over to Hatlelids in the p.m. 23 - SAT - Classes in Sorlie at 9:30 and Macroom at 2:00.
- 24 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Very cold and foggy this morning. Baptism for Evelyn Luella, B. Aug. 30 - to Sam and Tina Mikkelsen. Henderson school at 3:00. Ida and the 3 youngest along to Macroom - Laurits and Marie at home. Nice in p.m. Few at both places.
- 25 - MON - Rainy and wet almost all week - no threshing. Laurits home doing some plowing whenever possible. I was busy with various things around home this week.
- 30 - SAT - Should have been out to the Wigdahl school in Thorson for conf. class but didn't go farther than to Rysgaards. Both schools have recently been moved. (Consolidated.)

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- 1 - SUN - To Larson at 11:00 - cold but many there. In the p.m. to S. St. Olaf. Snow and rain. A great deal came down. Cold in church. Laurits along. Later to A. Olson as they had L.A. Not many there today. 2 - MON - Cold and foggy and the snow is still here.
- 3 - TUES - Rain freezes as it comes down. Everything is icy and it is difficult to do anything.
- 4 - WED - No more snow or rain coming down but cold and foggy. Cleared up towards evening.
- 5 - THURS - Today we have sunshine again - idag kommer solen frem. There is ice on all the lakes and sloughs but the sun and wind take their toll of both ice and snow today. Drove over to Hoies today to get Bertha. The farmers haven't been able to get anything done now for a long time. 6 - FRI - Home. 7 - SAT - Classes in Sorlie and Macroom. Muddy. Drove with horses.
- 8 - SUN - Nice weather. Services in Thorson - Rysgaards - now that the schools have been moved. Ida along. Class following. Home late. 9 - MON - Haying in p.m. - Hans Olson helped. TUES too.
- 11 - WED - To L. Henderson for funeral of baby girl (unbaptized) B. Oct. 1 - D. Oct. 6. Laurits left on MON again for threshing.
- 12 - THURS - By Trulins - over to Bethlehem church - put in the new organ in church. (The little reed organ was purchased with money that had been earned by the Pigeonering and YPS. The organ - a Cornish - cost about \$60.00 - it had a beautiful sound. Mom said that the organ we had at home was purchased when they lived in Lignite). Laurits came home this a.m. and A.G. Berg in the p.m. to thresh here. Nice weather. 257½ bu. oats - 315 bu. in all.
- 13 - FRI - Ida and I went over to Bethlehem today - she wanted to see the new organ and try it out. Threshing at Watteruds today. They broke something on the threshing machine last night and Laurits went to town with Berg (for repairs).
- 14 - SAT - Threshing at Nels Anderson place in a.m. Laurits along. Laurits got the threshers this p.m. We all went to Noonan today to have pictures taken of the children. Ran out of gasoline 3 miles out of Noonan. (Dad kept a gasoline can at home for emergencies. There was no gas gauge so it was a matter of keeping track of when the tank was last filled. The tank was located under the cushion of the front seat.) Laurits did not get finished with threshing.

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- 15 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. All along to church.
- 16 - MON - Unsettled weather the first part of the week - noget ustadig veir forst i ugen. Laurits was plowing but broke down and had to go to town for some repairs which took a few days to get. Weather improved the latter part of the week.
- 21 - SAT - Conf. class in Tvedt school - did not go to Macroom - car is not working too well.
- 22 - SUN - Snowed all day - did not go to Larson for 11:00 services but did go over to S.St.Olaf church at 3:00. No services there - just a few there and there is no stove yet. L.A. at Trulins - few there too. 23 - MON - Home. 24 - TUES - Rainy - snow all gone now. Worked outside and with chores in the barn. 25 - WED - Nice weather - Laurits is plowing now.
- 26 - THURS - Home - also FRI. 28 - SAT - Class in Macroom.
- 29 - SUN - Services in S.St.Olaf church at 11:00 and Thorson at 2:00 - at Walseth. Reformation Day sermon - offering \$12.40. L.A. after. Many there. Nice day.
- 30 - MON - Ida and I over to Alfred Petersons for a little while - they have a little baby girl.
- 31 - TUES - Today is Reformation Day. Wather is continuing nice.

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- 1 - WED - Conf. class in Thorson at 2:00 - at P.Hanson. Ida went along. Then by J.Wick.
- 2 - THURS - and following days - Nice weather. Class in Sorlie school on SAT -4- at 9:30.
- 5 - SUN - Nice day. Mission sermon in Bethlehem at 11:00. Baptism for Leif Harris, B. Sept. 16 - Parents, Christ and Petra Sethney. Henderson school at 3:00. Many. Baptisms for: Gilmen, B.Oct. 1 - to Alfred and Hildur Velo; Norma Jeannette, B.Oct. 3 - to Joseph and Nellie Gustafson. The choir practiced here this evening. They also sang in church today.
- 6 - MON - Snow today. Laurits had to quit working on his land and come home here.
- 7 - TUES - Laurits and I went to vote today - Presidential election - Wilson or Hughes. It is becoming cold now - freezing and remaining frozen. We have had some coal hauled in - ground some feed - banked up around the house etc. 8 - WED - Henderson school for class at 2:00.
- 9 - THURS - Received a telephone call from Larson - via Stampede - Stanley - from Ingvald - that he would be in McGregor this evening. Laurits went there to meet him but he didn't come. Nor did he come on FRI. We hear that Woodrow Wilson won the election - small margin.
- 11 - SAT - To Thorson for class at 2:00 in the schoolhouse. Quite cold. Everything is frozen now. We are still driving with car but it is hard to start now.
- 12 - SUN - 21st Sun. after Trinity. Cold today - hard to get the car started - at faa autoen igang. Larson at 11:00 - Mission service - offering \$8.35. Trouble on the way home - the radiator had frozen up in Larson and started boiling. Got it thawed out at home. S.St.Olaf at 3:00. Mission sermon - communion. Offering - \$15.65.
- 13 - MON - Cold - also TUES. Laurits is hauling coal every day. 15 - Nice weather.
- 18 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school.

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- 19 - SUN - Nice and mild. Drove in car out to Thorson for services at P. Hanson at 1:30. L.A. following. 20 - MON - Home - snow. Also TUES. 22 - WED - Class - Henderson. Used horses.
- 23 - THURS - Home - hauling hay - straw - manure. Also FRI.
- 25 - SAT - Conf. class in Thorson - drove with horses out to Rysgaards.
- 26 - SUN - Services with communion in Bethlehem at 11:00. To Macroom - Barmoens at 3:00. Horses.
- 27 - MON - Home. Also on TUES -28.
- 29 - WED - S.St.Olaf annual meeting in the church at 1:00. Nice day. Devotion - Col. 3:1-17. Reports. Ole Evenson and family new members. Election: Treas. - S.O. Berg; Trustees - J. Haugerud and T. Hysjulian; School committee - S. Halbakken; Custodian - Ole Evenson. \$1.00 to be paid from each member for these services - for godtgjorelse - and that the church floor will be painted for \$3.00 extra. The church is paid for and insured for 3 years. \$175.00 has been paid in salary - \$1.00 later from Hans Olson. Present: Otto and Ole Evenson, S. Halbakken, F. Daley, J. Holte, O. Ronholdt, J. Haugerud, A. Sorlie, E. Dible, M. Sandberg, S.O. Berg, Ole Hatlelid, T. Hysjulien, A. Brodahl. Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer - Fadervor.
- 30 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. Nice Day. Mr. and Mrs. C. Trulin here for dinner.

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- 1 - FRI - In the evening over to Dahls for singing.
- 2 - SAT - Conf. class in Tvedt in a.m. Bethlehem annual meeting in church at 2:00. Devotion. Reports. Treas reported that \$101.00 in salary has been collected; \$17.00 previously - \$32.00 left. New members: Harry Trulin and wife, and Christ Sethney and family. Election: Secr. - L. Isakson; Treas. - C. Brothen; Trustee - Iver Hallum; Custodian - Anton Olson. Decided that each member should pay him \$1 annually - \$15.00 minimum - and if it cannot be collected to take it out of the treasury. School Committee - Nels Kleppen (3). N. Serdahl promised to haul a load of coal. Discussion about increasing the contingent from \$6.00 to \$7.00 per man. The trustees are to ask the L.A. if they can borrow from them to pay what they owe in Columbus - about \$63.00. Decided to install a furnace in the basement (cellar) - kjeldereren. Decided to insure - assure - the church again - \$14.00 subscribed to the fund. Present: N. Serdahl, O. Olson, L. Isakson, I. Hallum, Alfred Peterson, C. Trulin, H. Trulin, A. Olson, C. Brothen, Melvin Pederson, L. Adamson, M. Hoie, A. Herland, N. Kleppen.
- 3 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Nice weather - many there. Baptism for Roy Frideman, B. Nov. 3 - Olaf and Caroline Ronholdt. To Larson at 3:00.
- 4 - MON - Out to Thorson for services at Nick Fredrickson - L.A. following and annual meeting of the congregation. Baptisms for: Karsten; B. Nov. 12 - to Martin and Karen Sathre, and Mildred Grace, B. Nov. 15 - to George and Stella Benson. Most of the members were present

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- 4 - MON - (cont.) - but Wigdahl was sick. Reports. Received the rest of my salary - \$75.00. Election: - Secr. - C. Furness; Treas. - M. Sathre; Trustee - N. Fredrickson (3); School Committee - J. P. Gjerde (3); Custodian - Theo. Seim. Present: Gjerde, Rysgaard, Walseth, A. Nelson, P. Hanson, C. Furness, M. Sathre, N. Fredrickson, Otto Berger.
- 5 - TUES - Home - nice weather. Hauled some hay etc. Lawrits on his land trapping (muskrats).
- 6 - WED - Stormy - rusket - snow and wind. Did not go to Macroom for conf. class.
- 7 - THURS - Took the girls to school in car. Lawrits along. We went to Larson to settle up with the note (at the bank). Then to Columbus - settled up a few things there too. Hard driving with car in the Hills because of the snow. 8 - FRI - Home.
- 9 - SAT - To Sorlie school at 9:30 to meet with the children for the Christmas tree program. 23 there. In the p.m. to Gunderson school for rehearsal - 13 there.
- 10 - SUN - In buggy to Henderson school at 11:00. Cold driving. Then to Bethlehem at 2:00. There were more there than I had really expected. Baptism for Mabel, B. Nov. 16 - to Iver and Karine Hallum.
- 11 - MON - Quite cold - did not take the little girls to school. Have been doing a great deal of writing today and looking over material for Christmas programs. Tonight we went over to Dahls for singing - Lawrits, Marie and Thelma and I. We used the sled.
- 12 - TUES - Woke up early this morning with someone pounding on the door. It was Martin Berg who wanted to telephone to Dr. King - for S. Berg. Don't believe he came out there until late in the afternoon. It was bitterly cold today. We had a telephone call today from Mrs. C. Trulin - for the first time. They had their telephone installed yesterday - as well as others on that line.
- 13 - WED - Extremely cold - 30 below zero this morning - up to 18 below by midmorning. I went to macroom for annual meeting of the congregation in church. Went by L. Henderson - put my horses in his barn and rode with him the rest of the way. It was cold on the way home as the wind was blowing sharply from NW. Election: Secr. - M. Ronning; Treas. - Ole Martinson; School committee - P. Berg, Custodians - P. Graneng and L. Steen. I had received \$27.00 before and now \$73.00. They were lacking \$24.00 but M. Ronning made a motion that it be taken out of the church treasury to make up the total. They decided that one person should be hired to assume responsibility for hauling coal for 1 year - custodians to take charge of this. Decided to insure the church. Decided the trustees should be authorized to borrow money from the Lignite bank at 6% in the amount that is necessary. The remainder of the debt to be covered by a note at 6% payable Nov. 1, 1917 and to collect as much as possible before New Years.
- 14 - THURS - Windy - drifting from SW but not so cold. 15 - FRI - Home - studying.
- 16 - SAT - To Sorlie school for rehearsal with children for Christmas program. L. to Columbus.
- 17 - SUN - Quite cold. To Larson at 2:00 for services - used my little sled for the 1st time

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- 17 - SUN - (cont.) - this fall. 18 - MON - Cold. To Gunderson school - rehearsal with the children for Christmas program. In the evening A. Watterud here - also C. Trulins.
- 19 - TUES - Had planned to go to Columbus but with 30 below zero gave up on that.
- 20 - WED - To Columbus. It was just as cold but no wind. Bought some things for Christmas. Also bought a small heating stove for the bedroom upstairs.
- 21 - THURS - Coldest day for a long time - also windy. Today the young folks are over in S. St. O. church decorating the Christmas tree - steller med Juletrae.
- 22 - FRI - Not quite so cold. Over to Sorlie school at 9:30 to practice with the children for the Christmas program. We had just barely gotten started when Sorlie came over to tell me that Ida was sick. She had not been feeling too well when we left but did not think it was time. I dismissed the children and we drove over to get Mrs. A. G. Berg (midwife) to come back with us (Marie and Thelma were along) - but on the way over there had some trouble - kjorte sundt - (something broke on the sled or harnesses) - so I had to ride over to Bergs to get a team to take us home. When we came home we found that a little boy had been born while we were gone. Laurits had driven over to Wrolsons to get her and they had gotten back just in time. Everything went well under the circumstances - alt vel efter omstendighet. Bertha Hoie was here - has been here for awhile now. Everything was fine in the p.m. so we went to Bethlehem church - Laurits, the little girls and I - to rehearse for the Christmas program and decorate the tree. All the young folks and children were there. Mrs. C. Trulin came over here in the evening and stayed all night. I took Mrs. Wrolson and Mrs. Berg home in the evening. Thanks be to God for all His blessings.
- 23 - SAT - Weather is nicer today. Laurits took Mrs. Trulin home today. Everything is fine. I am home studying today. Going to Macroom tomorrow.
- 24 - SUN - Christmas Eve. Nice weather - clear. Quite a few in Macroom. Baptism for Arthur Morris, B. Nov. 11 - to Christ and Sophie Steen. To Granengs for dinner.
- 25 - MON - Christmas Day. Snowing and stormy almost all day. S. St. Olaf at 1:00. Full church. The choir from Bethlehem came over too. Trulins came by (with big sled) and Louie Watterud and Serdahls rode along with us. With services and program we were finished at 5:00. Stormy weather tonight. Kleppens didn't get home tonight - stayed at Watteruds and M. Gundersons.. Very bad weather.
- 26 - TUES - Snow and storm but we had services and program in Bethlehem church at 1:00. The church was not quite full but there were many there. The choir sang and there was a program by the children. Mrs. Wrolson came over here for awhile so Bertha could go along to church. Mrs. J. Holte died unexpectedly at 6:00.
- 27 - WED - Storm from NW so I did not try to go to Larson.
- 28 - THURS - Cloudy and cold from early this morning. Out to A. Nelson in Thorson at 1:00 for services and L.A. Not very many there. Big snowdrifts. Cleared up and the trip home

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28 - THURS - (cont.) - was nice even tho cold.

29 - FRI - Cold and clear. To Larson today. I left home about 11:30 - drove by Watterud - Carlson and Dahl. There are no roads now - everything is drifted shut with much snow. It was stormy in the Foothills but nice here and in Larson. Not very many there but we had a congregation meeting following services. Lovik was not there so I reported on last years meeting. The treas. said \$18.00 had come in for today and \$69.00 earlier - total of \$87.00 this year (salary). Election: Secr. - Ole Dillerud Treas. - C. Larsen; Trustee - A. Walstad; Custodian - same as before with A. Haraseth as a substitute. The congregation is not yet incorporated but the deed for the cemetery has been recorded. They decided that they would pay my salary twice a year - the first half in June and the other half at the time of the annual meeting.

I did a little shopping before I started for home. Drove home by way of the mines and then S past Toso as the roads are better there. It was bad driving S thru the Foothills with snowdrifts and wind. Much better up in the Hills here at home. Came home after dark. Ida is still in bed. Alfred Petersons here today.

30 - SAT - Home today. Quite nice but a little cold wind from SW - very stormy down in the Foothills. N. Kleppen here for awhile.

31 - SUN - Nice - but still a little cold - like yesterday. Over to John Holte for the funeral of Mrs Holte (Carrie, 36½). There were many people - some also from Carfield and Hauges. There were more in church - and many flowers. I spoke in both Norwegian and English.

I have been sitting here this evening studying my New Year's sermon and am now waiting to see the New Year in and the Old Year out. Laurits is also up to see the New Year in. Yes, this year has brought us much happiness, but we cannot forget about all the sorrow and death and destruction in the world - the war and its terrible consequences. The necessities of life have become so expensive that it is especially hard for poor people in the large cities. It has also been a hard year for the farmers who have received little or no harvest - but Thanks be to God - none around in our area are suffering in that respect, as far as I know. I, for my part, have received many great gift this year so I have much to be grateful for - for example - a new car - a telephone - and just now recently, a little son. God's Grace is Great. Thanks be to God for all in 1916.

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- 1 - MON - Godt Nytaar. A Happy New Year. God grant that this year will be a good year - a year of Peace.
Quite nice today. To Bethlehem church at 2:00 - many there. The children stayed at home today with Mama, who is up now and feeling quite well. After services at church we lit the candles on the Christmas tree - efterpaa taendte vi Juletrae - and the choir sang several songs. The choir also sang during the service. The rest of the apples and nuts were distributed as there were more here today than for Christmas when it was stormy and they could not come. I gave C. Brothen the \$45.00 that had come in for the church insurance fund and \$4.00 additional that had been subscribed in addition to the \$15.00 that had come in before for insuring the church again. Bertha, who had gone home yesterday, came back with me today. Quite a bit of snow in some places.
- 2 - TUES - Nice weather. Home. It is good to be at home after all these busy days we have now had. Godt at vaere ivo efter al denne travelhed.
- 3 - WED - To Columbus - quite stormy. 4 - THURS - Nice weather in the a.m. Laurits and I went after a load of hay from his land. By p.m. it was storming again from NW.
- 5 - FRI - Wind from SE - very thick and stormy. We had planned to have our little boy baptized today and were expecting Kleppens to come, but with the weather so bad we really didn't expect them to come. But they came a little later on anyway - Mr. and Mrs. and the 4 small girls (Olga, Borghild, Dorothy and Hilma). Our little Julien Ferdinand, B. Dec. 22, was then baptized. May God always preserve him in his Baptismal Covenant. Kleppens went over to A. Watteruds to visit for a little while in the evening before going home again. The weather was much improved by evening - less wind and beautiful moonlight. (Laurits and Bertha Hoie were the other sponsors besides Mr. and Mrs. Nels Kleppen.)
- 6 - SAT - Stormy from NW today - real winter weather - rigtig vinterlig ude.
- 7 - SUN - Nice and mild today. To Macroom for services at 1:30. Some very big, deep snowdrifts in some places. Home before dark.
- 8 - MON - Mild today even with a strong wind from NW - also some rain during the night and early this morning - rather remarkable and unusual for this time of year. Laurits went after a load of coal. 9 - TUES - Mild - but cloudy with a wind from NW.
- 10 - WED - Nice today also. Laurits and I hauled some straw today.
- 11 - THURS - Quite nice this forenoon but then about 1:00 - very suddenly we were in the middle of a thick snowstorm from NW. 12 - FRI - The storm kept on all day today too - really bad - can't see as far as the barn.
- 13 - SAT - The storm let up during the night but I did not go to Macroom to read with the class. Very cold. Blakka, who was to have had a calf in April, became sick and lost it. Laurits went over to Nels Serdahl for awhile.
- 14 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 2:00 - not many there - very cold. Laurits went over to

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- 14 - SUN - (cont.) - Trulins for choir practice - they had gone over to Bethlehem to get the organ.
- 15 - MON - To Columbus. Roads are not quite as bad now but it is still cold. Did some shopping for various things and deposited a few dollars for Marie and Thelma.
- 16 - TUES - Colder and windy today. 17 - ~~WED~~ - Nice this a.m. but about noon we had a snowstorm again. Did not go to Bethlehem but heard that there had been a few there.
- 18 - THURS - Took Bertha Hoie home today - she will be staying home now.
- 19 - FRI - Lawrits to Columbus - sold his muskrat skins for 35¢ each. I worked in the barn - hauled out manure. 20 - SAT - Clearing today.
- 21 - SUN - Cold wind and much drifting from the north. Did not go to Larson.
- 22 - MON - Very cold last night and also today. Wind - drifting from SW.
- 23 - TUES - Cold but clear. Walked over to the mailbox (Trulin corner) and also did some hunting (rabbits?). Got a telephone call in the evening to come over to C. Brothen to baptize their baby who was very sick - Palmer, B. Jan. 22. I rode horseback. It was dark - and late - when I came home again.
- 24 - WED - To Thorson - C. Overlie - for services and L.A. Nice day and many there. There was a little snow later in the evening. Baptism for Mabel Selma, B. Dec. 12, 1916 - Parents, Simon and Signe Berg.
- 25 - THURS - Home today. Lawrits went to get a load of coal. Milder weather today.
- 26 - FRI - and also 27 - SAT - Cold and stormy - had to stay home. Maa holde os iro.
- 28 - SUN - Should have been in Henderson school for services but it was so stormy and thick this forenoon I didn't go. The weather improved during the p.m. but the roads were completely drifted over again.
- 29 - MON - Lawrits went to Columbus with Serdahls - to see the dentist. We washed clothes.
- 30 - TUES - Cold today - I rode horseback over to the mailboxes - cold trip. Olson had brought the mail west for us and Trulins. (The mail route came out south from Columbus and Stampede and the roads west from the Olson corner were completely filled in and too difficult for the mail rig to get thru.)
- 31 - WED - Hutetu! Snowstorm from NW and about 40 below zero. Should have been over to S. St. O church today but did not go. January is leaving in a fury. Januar gaar monskt ud.

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- 1 - THURS - Weather is just as fierce today - even colder. Today I should have been at a Rolie near Larson. No - we must be glad that we have a nice warm place where we can remain inside these days. Improved somewhat towards evening - wind switched to the SW.
- 2 - FRI - The wind is from SE today and it is 30 below zero and drifting - a very cold wind. It quieted down a little around noon and seemed a little milder. We hauled some hay and

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- 2 - FRI - (cont.) - straw - we were almost out until we got this hauled in.
- 3 - SAT - Quite nice until this afternoon when we had another snowstorm from NW.
- 4 - SUN - Same today - should have been to Bethlehem church but did not go.
- 5 - MON - I hauled some more straw and hay - Laurits to Columbus to see the dentist. Nice day.
- 6 - TUES - Mild. Also on WED with a little snow. 8 - THURS - Colder again. Over to Eric Dike for baptism of Arthur Orin, B. Dec. 14, 1916. Then over to Dahls to see Magnus who is sick.
- 9 - FRI - To Columbus - especially to meet with Sauer. We discussed and made plans for the Circuit Meeting to be held in Columbus this summer and the topic for discussion which I would present. Nice weather today. 10 - SAT - Home. Colder today.
- 11 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. Quite cold. 12 - MON - Home.
- 13 - TUES - To L. Henderson school at 2:00. Drove by Hoff's and east.
- 14 - WED - Services in Bethlehem. A little stormy and thick. Today I am 42 years old.
- 15 - THURS - To Thorson - services at C. Furness at 1:00 - L.A. afterwards. Still rather stormy - air is thick but not so cold. Quite a few came out today.
- 16 - FRI - Real thawing weather today. There was a little snow last night mixed with rain - mild during the night. Drove over to the schoolhouse by Arnesons to get some things for the girls - they went along. (School was not in session during the winter months but the girls had some things there that they wanted to use at home - "smatteri" - as Dad calls it.). Then by afternoon another snowstorm had developed. A. Watterud was here with a petition for a new mail route - which I signed. (This mail route would come south from Larson. 17 - SAT - Cold - drifting from NW. Class in Sonlie school. I went - no one came.
- 18 - SUN - Cold - 20 below zero - but no wind. To Larson at 11:00. Went by Columbus on the way home - had to stop in at the Drug Store to get something for Baby.
- 19 - MON - Nice weather. Worked with Laurits and we hauled 2 loads of hay from his place. M. Hoie came over to buy some hay from L. - bought a little over 6 T at \$8.00 a T. Alfred Peterson came over to ask me to come over tomorrow to baptize their baby.
- 20 - TUES - Today we had a snowstorm from SE. Didn't go any place. We washed clothes.
- 21 - WED - Wind from NW today - cold. Improved somewhat around noon. Went over to Petersons for baptism of Lillian Edna, B. Oct. 26, 1916. Peterson's sister - Mrs. E. Hanson and her husband were there. 22 - THURS - Cold - home. Same thru the rest of the week. Studying.
- 25 - SUN - Snow - windy and stormy from N. To Bethlehem - only 4 came. Conducted a short devotional service. Started out for Macroom - drove as far as Hoff's - then turned around to come home. The air was so thick and the road so completely drifted over it was almost impossible to see where I was going. It improved some later in the day as I reached home. The Hauges had Confirmation services in the Toso school today.
- 26 - MON - Marie is 9 years old today. I went to Columbus today. Quite cold.

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- 27 - TUES - Wind from SW - not very cold. Harry Trulin came here today to buy 1 T of hay from Laurits. Leonard Serdahl was here on MON - Andrew Watterud on SUN and Clarence Watterud on SAT.
- 28 - WED - Nice today. Laurits went along with Harry Trulin to get hay. Laurits also hauled home a load for himself. Mr. and Mrs. Trulin and baby came here today - also J. Haugerud.

MARCH

- 1 - THURS - Stormy again - also FRI. Better on SAT -3.
- 4 - SUN - Stormy from the SW. Went to S. St. Olaf church for services but O. Evenson had not been there to warm it up - did not think I would come in this weather. The few that came had to go home again. Over to Sandbergs for dinner - Edgar is felling better now. Then to Larson. Terrible storm to drive thru but I got there. Here it was warmed up but no one came. They didn't expect me in this storm. So - all this driving for nothing - altsaa ude idag for ingenting. The weather improved towards evening.
- 5 - MON - Nicer - mild. Laurits went to get a load of coal today.
- 6 - TUES - A little stormy again today - thick in the p.m. - but not cold. Laurits went to Columbus to buy some lumber.
- 7 - WED - Mild day. Out to John Wick for services and L.A. A big crowd today. Wicks have now built a large, beautiful house. Baptism for Inga Elisabeth, B. Dec. 23, 1916 - to Ole and Helene Olson. After services I went over to Overlies to see Ed Monson - a neighbor of theirs who is very sick - at their place. (He was all alone - so the Overlies took care of him). He is very sick - near death - suffering from dropsy - lider af vatersot. Dr. Lancaster (Powers Lake) had been out there before and also came tonight but there isn't anything that can be done for him now except trying to make him as comfortable as possible. He is prepared for death. I read, talked, sang and prayed with him and he also tried to respond in the same way. In the evening L. Eliasson (another bachelor) came over to sit with him thru the night. I also became sick during the night there - spent a very restless night.
- 8 - THURS - Monson no better this morning - rather worse. I went over to Walseths for conf. class - then back to Overlies and Mrs. Walseth came along. Monson is worse - knows he is dying. He still had the strength to repeat one of the Psalms. I went home in the p.m. Nice and mild. I am still not feeling very well.
- 9 - FRI - Home - studying. Mild weather again. Laurits after a load of coal. Yesterday we got 2 eggs - the first ones. Also brought along a sack of potatoes from Walseths.
- 10 - SAT - Heard that Monson is still living. Went to Macroom this p.m. for conf. class at 2:00. Stayed overnight at Barmoens.
- 11 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 11:00 - quite a few there. To Bethlehem at 3:00 - nice and

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- 11 - SUN - (cont.) - mild day and quite a few there too. Baptism for Aroll, B. Nov. 23, 1916 - Parents, Marius and Oddbjorg Danielson.
- 12 - MON - Home. Lawrits went to the sale at Hengebol. 13 - TUES - L. to Columbus for posts and wire - flour and different things.
- 14 - WED - Lawrits, Leonard Serdahl and Harry Trulin went to Macroom to hunt - came home with 26 rabbits. I went to S. St. Olaf church for services at 2:00. Nice day - many there.
- 15 - THURS - Colder. 16 - FRI - Hans Olson came over to talk to Lawrits about the Tvedt land - and L. will possibly work it this spring. 17 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school.
- 18 - SUN - Services in Larson - hardly any snow left in the foothills. 19 - MON - Home - studying.
- 20 - TUES - Funeral in Thorson for Engebregt Monson, 47, who died Mar. 16. Mild weather and the snow is disappearing fast. 21 - WED - Class at Rysgaards - stayed at Rysgaards last night.
- 22 - THURS - Foggy - a little sunshine in the p.m. Sølén kommer lidt frem eftermiddag.
- 23 - FRI - Home. 24 - SAT - Stormy with more snow this a.m. from NW - did not go to Macroom for class. Ida did not feel well. It froze a little last night.
- 25 - SUN - Services in Macroom - Barmoen school - at 11:00. There is snow in the Hills but none left on the flats. It wasn't bad driving to Macroom but coming back to Bethlehem was bad and from there and home it was terrible. The horses had hard pulling as they almost got stuck in the snow and mud. Magnus Dahl is very sick.
- 26 - MON - Went over to Dahls - Magnus seemed to be a little better today. Dr. King came out and brought a nurse along. Later we went to the sale at Jacob Gunderson where Lawrits bought a team and a wagon. 27 - TUES - Home.
- 28 - WED - Storming from NW. Services in S. St. Olaf - few there. Terrible roads - tough driving - broke my sled.
- 29 - THURS - To Larson for services and L.A. at J. Rolie. Drove with buggy - still quite a bit of snow in the Hills but none on the flats - some are even out in the fields down there. Lawrits went in to Columbus to settle up for his horses etc.
- 30 - FRI - Class in Sorlie school at 4:00 - but I couldn't get there. Mild, cloudy, SW wind.
- 31 - SAT - Class in Macroom at 2:00. Very bad driving conditions - frozen roads with ice and snow. Slemt at kjore - haardt froset - is og sne.

APRIL

- 1 - SUN - Palm Sunday. Services and L.A. at M. Sathre - Thorson. Cold. Had to drive with the buggy even tho there is still quite a bit of snow but it is frozen so hard that it holds up in most places. Many at Sathre today. Baptism for Norma Viola, B. Mar 6 - to Gustav and Annie Lunde. After the services I had to speak out rather sharply concerning "Dance". There had been a Basket Social held at Walseths - followed by a dance - and the proceeds of this was supposed to go to the church! The L.A. had arranged the Social and the young folks the

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- 1 - SUN - (cont.) - dance, evidently without the knowledge of the women.
- 2 - MON - Mild weather - the sun is bright and there is a great deal of thawing these days.
- 3 - TUES - Just as nice today - home studying. 4 - ~~WED~~ - Home - studying.
- 5 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Services and communion in Bethlehem at 11:00 - drove with buggy. Ida and Thelma along. Drove by Watterud's and Laurits' land. Snow drifts here and there but very nice weather today.
- 6 - FRI - Good Friday. Should have been in Macroom but it was cold and snowing so I called P. Graneng to say I wouldn't be coming. 7 - ~~SAT~~ - Home.
- 8 - SUN - Easter Sunday. Quite cold this morning but weather improved later in the day. To S. St. Olaf at 11:00. To Larson at 3:00 - a great many there. Baptism for Beatrice Luella, B. Jan. 30, to John and Julia Norby. Strong S wind - the snow drifts are disappearing quickly in the Hills. The ground has been bare for a long time on the flats and some have even started with their field work. Magnus Dahl is near death now.
- 9 - MON - Magnus D. died this morning at 12:30. They called me this morning to tell me and I went over about 10:00. Mrs. Dahl is quite sick also. Dahl had gone to Columbus with A.G. Berg. The funeral will be on SAT. The death of their young son is a very hard blow for the Dahls. From Dahls I went over to S. St. Olaf church where we had a special congregation meeting. A very mild, warm day. Laurits had gone to Columbus to get some lumber for his barn and he also picked up some freight that had come for us from Sears Roebuck - among other things - a blackboard for the children. In the evening one of our neighbors came over to ask what he should do about a nasty story that was circulating about him.
- 10 - TUES - Cold again - strong cold wind - froze hard last night. Hans (Olson) came over today and he is going to help Laurits build a barn. Class in Tvedt school at 4:00.
- 11 - ~~WED~~ - Weather a little better. Went out to Thonson for class at P. Hanson - a few absent - Betsy Walseth and the Wigdahl boy. Many out working in the fields now. Laurits and Hans busy building today - also THURS.
- 12 - THURS - Ida is sick today - chest pains and a headache - staying in bed.
- 13 - FRI - Ida is still sick - I am busy with housework. Snowed today - quite a bit came down.
- 14 - SAT - Mild - snow melting fast. Ida feels somewhat better today. Funeral today for Sigvald Magnus Dahl, 22½, who died Apr. 9. 10:00 at the house - many people there even tho the roads were really terrible. Then drove SW by Ronholdt (Thilda?) to get to church and there were just as many there. Ida was up almost all day.
- 15 - SUN - Sunday after Easter. Bethlehem at 11:00. Cold but quite a few there. Baptism for Eva, B. Dec. 28, 1916 - to Even and Clara Hoff. To Henderson school at 3:00 - many there - not even room for all to get inside. Chose 2 delegates to attend the Circuit Meeting in Columbus in June - P. Barmoen and L. Steen. Discussion about Parochial school - no decision.
- 16 - MON - Home. 17 - ~~TUES~~ - By Stampede to Columbus. Terrible driving conditions. MID.

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- 18 - WED - Home. 19 - THURS - Class in Tvedt school at 4:00. 20 - FRI - Laurits and I hauled out a lot of rocks. 21 - SAT - Conf. class in Macroom.
- 22 - SUN - Services in Thorson schoolhouse. Many there - even some with autoes today. Baptism for Gustav Andrew, B. Feb. 23 - to Sigvart and Betsy Nyback. The Nyback family also became members of the congregation. Met with the class following services. Went by J. Wick - to Otto Evenson to see Edwin who is sick - pneumonia - but he is much better now.
- 23 - MON - Dug out more rocks. Bryder op mere sten. Rain in the evening. Laurits is disking but it is still quite wet. Ronholdt came by today - assessor.
- 24 - TUES - Rain and snow - cold weather. Wet and muddy. We calsomined (painted) the bedroom yesterday. Ida varnished the front room floor and oiled the bedroom floor. Today we did some wallpapering in the dining room. 25 - WED - Continued with housecleaning.
- 26 - THURS - Laurits is working on his land thru this week - plowing. 27 - FRI - This evening Eilert (Isakson) came from Wisconsin. 28 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school. Also studying.
- 29 - SUN - Services and communion in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for William Clifford, B. Apr. 17 - to Sivert and Clara Halbakken. Services and L.A. at C. Larson at 3:00. Showers with hail and snow all thru the evening and night. Also MON.
- 30 - MON - Same kind of weather - too wet and muddy - slusket - to work outside. Laurits did try to do some plowing on his land this afternoon however.

MAY

- 1 - TUES - Laurits and Eilert up on L's land plowing today and WED. 3 - THURS - Eilert disking there today. Laurits and I went over to Hatlelids to butcher a pig. Eilert brought the horses here this evening.
- 4 - FRI - Laurits started disking here today on the S field. I poisoned gophers. Röllin had a calf today. 5 - SAT - Laurits sowing today. Nice last few days. Class in Macroom at 2:00.
- 6 - SUN - Macroom at 11:00 - drove with auto - Eilert along. To Barmoens for dinner. To Bethlehem at 3:00. Laurits, Ida and the children there. Chose 2 delegates for the Circuit meeting in Columbus. Decided that the S. St. Olaf delegates should also represent the Bethlehem congregation at the Synod meeting - with a "hat collection" taken to help defray the expenses - hatte kollekt. 7 - MON - Class in Sorlie school.
- 8 - TUES - We all went to Larson with car - took Eilert in as he is going to Glenburn.
- 9 - WED - Home - planting trees - garden - etc. Also THURS.
- 11 - FRI - To Columbus in auto. Laurits has been working on his land all week - almost finished. 12 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school. Beautiful weather all week.
- 13 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 2:00 - many there. Had been to P. Hansons in the a.m. for the baptism of their little girl, Tina, B. Apr. 14. Conf. class following services. Drove with auto today.

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- 14 - MON - The English school (public) started today in the Arneson school - took the little girls over there. In the p.m. over to Albert Hysjulien for the baptism of their little girl born the day before, May 13, Gladys Beatrice. I gave Mrs. Dahl a ride home. Laurits finished sowing wheat today - is plowing for the oats now. He has finished sowing wheat and oats on his land. Warm weather. Ida is sick again.
- 15 - TUES - and thru the week - dry and windy every day. I have planted some garden and potatoes - moved some trees etc. - and studied. Laurits has been disking and sowing barley and oats.
- 18 - FRI - The whole family went along over to Dahls today - drove with car. Grandma Lökken wished to partake of Holy Communion.
- 19 - SAT - Dry and windy but nevertheless the wheat is growing and the hills and prairies are turning green and beautiful. To Macroom in p.m. for class.
- 20 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Nice day - drove with car. Catechisation - first time - on 1st Commandment. Went well. J. Wick came along home. In p.m. to O. Stetvold for services and L.A. Many there. Laurits to Bethlehem for choir practice.
- 21 - MON - Have to use the buggy to drive to school now - Wrolson's pasture is fenced off. To Columbus - quick trip. Planted some potatoes. Also on TUES - 22. Still very dry. Laurits is now plowing on the Tvedt land.
- 23 - WED - Worked in the cellar - cleaning and arranging - rydder op i kjelder. Also studied.
- 24 - THURS - Home. 25 - FRI - Class in Thorson. 26 - SAT - Class - Tvedt. Dry - but nice weather. Some rain would certainly be welcome now.
- 27 - SUN - Pentecost - a beautiful day - en deilig dag. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - whole family along. Baptism for Evelyn, B. Apr. 16 - to Anton and Ingeborg Olson. L.A. at Kleppens following services. I had to leave very soon, however, for services in Macroom at 3:00 in their church for the first time. Exceptionally large crowd there today. Back again to Kleppens to get the family. Holland from Lignite and J. Wick from Thorson were in Bethlehem.
- 28 - MON - We all drove to Noonan today - Ida to see Dr. Smith.
- 29 - TUES - Home - also the 30 and 31.

JUNE

- 1 - FRI - We were over to S. O. Bergs for a little while. 2 - SAT - Laurits and Ida to Columbus in a.m. I went to Henderson school for class in the p.m.
- 3 - SUN - Services with communion in Thorson at 11:00. Baptism for Bertha, B. Apr. 30 - to Carl and Carrie Furness. We all went today - drove by O. Olson - with car. Stopped in at J. Wick (dinner).
- 4 - MON - Home. Laurits went to Columbus with some wheat and bought some bricks. Albert Hysjulien came over to tell me that their little baby had died. Funeral tomorrow at 10:00.

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- 5 - TUES - Cloudy - looks like rain. To Hysjuliers for the funeral of little Gladys Beatrice, 3 weeks old, who died June 3. Ida and the little ones along. Laurits took the girls to school first and then went to Sorlie school to register. He was the 7th one. (After the U.S. had declared war on Germany April 6, the selective service act was passed and all men between ages of 18 and 30 were required to register for the draft). It was raining when we came home about noon. I went later with Laurits to do some breaking. 6 - WED - Home.
- 7 - THURS - Home. School at Annesons over today. Miss Husford decided to quit.
- 8 - FRI - Rain last night. Took the girls to Toso school today. Class in Thorson at 2:00 - family along - went to A. Nelson for dinner. They gave us a sack of potatoes.
- 9 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school at 2:00 - warm day. Mr. and Mrs. S.O. Berg left yesterday for the Synod Meeting in St. Paul. Haraseth is also a delegate. (This was an important meeting as it consolidated the 3 largest Lutheran organizations: The Norwegian Synod, The United Church, and The Hauge Synod. All Lutheran churches from coast to coast were requested to toll their church bells on Sat., June 9 at 10:00 a.m. to honor the event).
Terrible storm this evening from NW - knocked off the chimney - took a hayrack - tipped the little house. We all went down in the cellar for awhile. It turned to rain after the wind died down somewhat.
- 10 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - not very many there. No catechisation. Home. To Larson at 3:00 - family along. Many there. Baptism for Amy Ruth, B. Feb. 1 - to Gunder and Anna Maria Gunderson. L.A. at Lovik. It rained after we came home again. Anna Wick came today to visit - went with Laurits to Bethlehem for choir practice.
- 11 - MON - I planted some potatoes. Laurits and Ida to Columbus. A little rain.
- 12 - TUES - Rain and wind. 13 - WED - Strong wind again from NW. 14 - THURS - Nice. Class - Macroom. Got a call yesterday about coming to Crosby on Sat. for a funeral. Rosholt away.
- 15 - FRI - Home - studying. Also helped Laurits with some hauling.
- 16 - SAT - To Larson early today - in car. Got the message there that I wouldn't have to come to Crosby as they expected Rosholt back in time. Home then. We went to the L.A. Sale at Trulins - nice day and many people came. Music by the Band (from Columbus) and the Choir (directed by Laurits). The sale went very well. Laurits had some trouble with the car.
- 17 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Catechisation. All along. To Macroom at 3:00 for service with communion. All along there also. Tire trouble. Was able to borrow one from Barmoen. Must send for a new one now. Anna Wick has been here for a week now but went home today. 18 - MON - Class in Sorlie school at 2:00.
- 19 - TUES - Our 10th Wedding Anniversary. A warm day. We all went to town this forenoon - except Marie and Thelma who are in school. We came home around noon - just in time to greet our guests - Rysgaards, A. Nelsons, C. Furness', Sathres, and Mrs. J. Anderson. They gave us a "Breadmixer" for an anniversary gift (10 years - Tire). They sang and we had a very

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- 19 - TUES - (cont.) - nice time. Rain showers today and during the night. Also WED -20.
21 - THURS - Home - studying for Circuit Meeting. 22 -FRI- Started out for Thorson for class but it was so muddy I had to turn around and come home. 23 -SAT- Home.
24 - SUN - To Thorson for services at 2:00. Not many there. 25 -MON- Studied mostly.
26 - TUES - All to Larson for a little while.
27 - WED - To Circuit Meeting in Columbus - many there. Laurits and Nels Serdahl went along with me today. Ministers present: Rugland, Carpio; Sauer, Lignite; Rosholt, Crosby; Natwick, Crosby (United Church); Gotfred Peterson, near Stampede; and me. Hjermetad, Mohall, did not come. I presented the topic for discussion based on Luke 13:6- - -.
28 - THURS - Ida and the children came along today. More there today - many from Lignite too.
29 - FRI - Class in Macroom in p.m. 30 -SAT- Home - studying. Fixed up a pigpen for the pig Laurits had gotten in Columbus. Also got the new tires for the auto. Some rain showers - also hail - but no great damage.

JULY

- 1 - SUN - Larson at 11:00 - few there. S.St.Olaf at 3:00 - many there. Have now had 1½ weeks of parochial school.
2 - MON - Laurits and I went out to McKenzie Co. Roads were good - went by McGregor and Tioga to the river. We couldn't get across the river today because there was no ferry. We came out to the river about 10:30 - waited until about 12 - noon. Then we went home again.
3 - TUES - To Thorson in p.m. for conf. class. Thelma is 8 years old today.
4 - WED - To Watterud's coulee for the big 4th of July Celebration (Wildwood Park). Choirs from both Bethlehem and Thorson were there to sing and the Liberty Band from Columbus played. Sauer spoke. There were at least 100 cars there and many buggies with an estimated 1000 people in attendance. Big rain storm in the evening.
5 - THURS - To Sorlie school for conf. class - only 1 there. I drove with horses. Tried to do a little breaking here but it didn't work - it was too wet. Laurits is working on his land today. Trulins came over - made a report and settlement of the L.A. money. They now have \$450.00 earned over 3 years. The choir cleared about \$75.00 yesterday (on their stand).
6 - FRI - Warm today. Home - washed clothes. Laurits breaking on his land. 7-SAT- Studying.
8 - SUN - Nice warm day. To Macroom at 11:00. Many there - some came out from Lignite too. Catechisation with the children - first time here. To Bethlehem at 3:00 - many there. Baptism for Mabel Leonice, B. Mar. 24 - to Earl and Nora Pooler. Also catechisation there. There was also a short business meeting in regard to putting up a fence around the church yard - cemetery. YPS met also - took in about \$15.00.
9 - MON - Washed clothes in a.m. To Columbus in p.m. Theoline Toso came along home.
10 - TUES - Class in Sorlie school in a.m. - Macroom in p.m. Laurits busy breaking on his land.

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- 11 - WED - Prof. Brandt (Seminary) and Hegg came here this a.m. Hegg left in the p.m. - Theoline also left as she is going to attend a wedding in Esmond. Brandt spoke in S.St.Olaf at 4:00 - whole family along.
- 12 - THURS - Brandt spoke in Thorson at 3:00. Laurits on his land - haying and breaking.
- 13 - FRI - Bethlehem at 11:00 and Macroom at 3:00. Not as many in Macroom as Bethlehem. The choir sang in both places. Collection was taken in all places. Brandt went along with Barmoen from Macroom church in to Lignite where he will speak in Sauer's churches. (This was the time that Prof. Brandt had written a letter to his wife for her birthday on some special day, telling her about how they lived like Kings out on the prairies of N.Dak. Here he was served some of the best food he had ever eaten and it was all raised and grown right there - fried spring chicken - new potatoes - peas and carrots from the garden - wild strawberries with cream - and fresh homebaked bread and butter. Somewhere back in the fog of early memories I have a recollection of Prof. Brandt playing our organ while I sang! He played "Just before the battle Mother", and I sang that line and the rest of it "I am thinking most of you." - all thru the whole song. What a delight that must have been!).
- 14 - SAT - The first thing today we went out to pick some strawberries until there was a heavy rain shower. Laurits and the little girls were planning to go with Trulins to the Charles Nelson coulee to pick Juneberries but they had to wait until the rain was over - they left about noon. The rest of us went to S.St.Olaf L.A. auction at Sorlies in the p.m. There were some showers during the p.m. also but the sale went well - sold for over \$100.00 and \$70.00 in the stand. Ida has not been feeling so well for awhile - has a cough - but went along today.
- 15 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 - very wet and muddy for driving - not many there. In the p.m. there was L.A. at Hoies - annual meeting - many there. Took in about \$12.00 and they now have about \$480.00 in their treasury.
- 16 - MON - Class in Sorlie school in a.m. Laurits went to Larson while I had class. Class in Thorson in p.m. 17 - TUES - Home in a.m. To coulee in p.m. - not many berries left now. Very warm weather now. 18 - WED - Home. Trying to get some studying done.
- 19 - THURS - This morning Laurits, Adolph and I started out for the Missouri R. I had written to Ingvald asking him to meet me there but he wasn't there. Had a blowout - but it was an old tire. There had recently been a bad hailstorm S of Tioga. Rained after we came home.
- 20 - FRI - Warm day. The fields are looking good around here - there is also a good crop of hay. Sent to Sears Roebuck for new tires - \$13.50 and \$10.50. In Tioga they wanted \$19.50.
- 21 - SAT - Home studying today. L.A. sale today in Macroom at P.Bergs. Hauges congregation are also having a sale today. The red heifer had a calf today - fik en kalv idag - den rode kvige.

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- 22 - SUN - To Larson for services at J. Rolie - also L.A. Very warm today. To S. St. Olaf at 3:00. It was very warm - too warm, I thought, to have catechisation with the children. Laurits went to Adolph Petersons for YPS. We went there too after I came home from S. St. Olaf. There were many there.
- 23 - MON - Cultivated potatoes in the a.m. - class in Macroom in the p.m. Ida and the little ones went along to visit at C. Trulins. Strong wind in the forenoon. Yesterday, in Larson, we heard that Laurits, Olaf Eskildson, and Emil Sorlie are the first ones drafted from this township - also Harry Trulin (out of the 176 drafted in Burke Co.).
- 24 - TUES - Laurits and Ida went in to town. Received a letter from Lena yesterday and she said that Morris (Nelson) and Julius (Jaeger) have both enlisted. Sold 20 bu. of oats to Carl Trulin today for 68¢ a bu. Laurits has started haying. Today
- 25 - WED - Adolph is 5 years old today. Hollands came out from Lignite. We had a little rain early this morning but it cleared up real soon. Funeral for Mrs. Ole Erickson (Marit) who died SUN, July 22 at her daughter, Mrs. Jens Ness. She was 81 years old on June 23 - had been very weak and feeble for some time and died quietly and peacefully in her sleep. I spoke in both Norwegian and English in the house - then to church. There were many there. The choir sang in church.
- 26 - THURS - Classes in Thorson and Sorlie today. Did not get to Thorson due to auto trouble.
- 27 - FRI - Home. 28 - SAT - Laurits and I were haying today. Pleasant Prairie congregation is having a Reformation Fest today and tomorrow, the 29th but I didn't go. (1517-1917 - 400th Anniversary year of the Reformation).
- 29 - SUN - To Macroom - baptisms for: Olga Marie, B. June 20 - to Martin and Kirsti Berg; and Irene Olida, B. June 23 - to Gilbert and Karen Oas.
- 30 - MON - Raking hay and working in the garden.
- 31 - TUES - Valborg is 3 years old today. It is a windy day and Laurits is raking hay even tho the wind is almost too strong to work with haying. Warm too.

AUGUST

- 1 - WED - Haying this forenoon. To Macroom church for class in p.m. Then over to get Olaf Ongstad (veterinarian) as the sow is having a hard time. 2 of the little pigs were born dead - 3 still living. 2 - THURS - Haying on the S 80 - set up a big stack.
- 3 - FRI - Thorson in a.m. for class. Laurits mowing hay on Carrie Tvedt's land this a.m. Ongstad came over again - another little pig died. Laurits and Harry Trulin went in to Bowbells - had received letters to report there on the 8th but went in today to see about getting exemptions for farming.
- 4 - SAT - Laurits is still mowing on Tvedt land. Another little pig is dead - the sow laid on it last night. Only one left now. Looks like we may lose the sow too. Had some rain last

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- 4 - SAT - (cont.) - night. It has been so dry it really does some good.
- 5 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00 - many there. Baptism for Esther Charlotte, B. July 13 - to Anton Bakkens. Catechisation also. There was some discussion about how the congregation could help the John Wick family whose house had recently burned down. I had some clothes and various things along today for them. Home and then over to Ole Olson for L.A. Ida along there.
- 6 - MON - Conf. class in Sorlie school at 9:30. Raked hay in the p.m. The first thing this morning E. Dihle came over here with Miss Inga Ronholdt who has now taught 6 weeks of parochial school in S. St. Olaf and will now teach 1 month of school in Bethlehem. I took her and Marie and Thelma over to the school by A. Olson this morning. About 20 children there.
- 7 - TUES - Mostly occupied with haying today and the rest of the week - on Tvedt land.
- 10 - FRI - Class in Thorson in a.m. 11 - SAT - To Columbus for a little while.
- 12 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - also catechisation. Larson at 3:00. Then to Iver Hallum for YPS. Many there. 3 weeks ago it was at Adolph Peterson. Theoline Toso came along home and will be here to help for a few weeks.
- 13 - MON - Conf. class in Thorson in a.m. Went over to M. Helseth to get 4 small pigs.
- 14 - TUES - Ida and I visited school in the a.m. In the p.m. we drove west to Ole Evenson and over to Kortgaards.
- 15 - WED - Conf. class - Macroom. Will meet in 2 weeks again. Haying on Laurits' land - also on THURS and FRI. Home studying on SAT -18. Laurits and Ida went to Columbus on SAT. He needed some repairs for the binder so he can start with harvesting.
- 19 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 11:00 - also catechisation. Bethlehem at 3:00 - no catechisation - I was too tired. We were invited over to Alfred Petersons for supper. Mrs. Hauge-ruud was along and we took her home later. Baptism in Bethlehem for Minnie Avis, B. Apr. 14 - to Martin and Pauline Helseth.
- 20 - MON - Laurits is harvesting oats on his land - started SAT -18. Next will be the barley here tomorrow. Class in Sorlie school in a.m. Then to Columbus. Theoline went along and stopped off at home for a day to do some sewing as she will soon be going out in the cook-car for threshing. Home by Gunderson school and Miss Ronholdt. She will be staying at our place this week. It has been warm. Flour was \$7.50 per 100 lbs. today.
- 21 - TUES - First thing every day now is to drive to school. Shocked some oats on Laurits' land this a.m. In the p.m. at home shocking barley and wheat.
- 22 - WED - Same today until it became so windy we had to quit. We even had a little rain. We went over to Laurits' land in the p.m. and shocked the rest of the oats. After supper he went back to finish harvesting the rest of the wheat - some of it good and some very thin.
- 23 - THURS - Laurits worked on his land today harvesting wheat. I shocked this a.m. Spent the p.m. in the study. The wind is not as strong today. The insurance adjuster came over

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- 23 - THURS - (cont.) - to Laurits today. He will get 5%. (Hail damage)
- 24 - FRI - Class in Thorson in a.m. In the study in the p.m. Then I took Miss Ronholdt over to Sorlies and I went in to Larson. 25 - SAT - Home.
- 26 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00. Then home for L.A. at our place. Many came - even some from other congregations. 27 - MON - Helped with shocking.
- 28 - TUES - Also some shocking today. To Gilbert Oas for funeral of their little 2 month old baby - Irene Olida, B. June 23 - D. Aug. 27.
- 29 - WED - To Sorlie school at 9:30 for class. Macroom at 2:00. In the evening Laurits and I went to Columbus where we saw some Military films.
- 30 - THURS - Home - washed clothes. Also helped with some shocking. Went in to Larson. Laurits finished with harvesting here at home today. Much cooler today.
- 31 - FRI - Cold today - cloudy and grey - wind from NW. This was the last day of parochial school in Bethlehem. Ida and I and the little children went over there in the p.m. as they had prepared a little program for the closing day. Later in the evening we took Inga Ronholdt over to Sorlies.

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- 1 - SAT - Home today - studying.
- 2 - SUN - Services in Larson at 11:00 - S. St. Olaf at 3:00. There was some rain in the p.m. but there were still quite a few at church. YPS met at A. Serdahl but not as many as could have been expected - on account of the rain.
- 3 - MON - Class in Thorson. Laurits is mowing and raking on his land. 4 - TUES - Home.
- 5 - WED - To Larson in the a.m. In the p.m. to Macroom - Cranengs - all of us. They have started with some threshing in the area now. 6 - THURS - and FRI - helped Laurits with haying. Ida and Laurits to Columbus FRI evening.
- 8 - SAT - Cold today. Class in Sorlie school in a.m. Started out for Macroom this p.m. but could not get thru - a fence had been put up across the trail where we are used to driving.
- 9 - SUN - Cold all day. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 and Macroom at 3:00 - not very many. Did not have catechisation.
- 10 - MON - Home - washing clothes and doing various other things. Dug up some potatoes. Laurits is mowing hay.
- 11 - TUES - Weather is nicer today. Laurits is mowing. We went to Noonan today (pictures taken of the children). They were threshing at Serdahls today.
- 12 - WED - There was rain during the night so it was too wet for any threshing. Conf. class in Thorson at 2:00 but I made a mistake and thought it was in Sorlie school today. That is tomorrow. When I realized this I started out for Thorson but by now I was late. I met some of them on the way. By Rysgaards a little while. This was Ida's birthday.

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- 13 - THURS - Class in Sorlie school at 2:00. Started threshing again. We did some more haying in the evening.
- 14 - FRI - Lawrits decided to have Trulins do his threshing - will have to wait too long for Hallums rig as they are so busy. Trulins were threshing on Nels Anderson's place and started on Lawrits' place this a.m. He got 515 bu. wheat and 330 bu. of oats - very good. Went to Macroom for class at 4:00 - went by way of Columbus. Started raining on the way home. The threshers came here but could not get started because of the rain.
- 15 - SAT - The threshers went home today - too raw and wet to do anything. I planted out some strawberry plants this a.m.
- 16 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00 - read with the class following (the class for last WED). L.A. at Sorlie but we did not go. Anton Bakken and family became members in Thorson today. Trulins came over.
- 17 - MON - Foggy - raw and wet - no threshing today - nor TUES. Class at 2:00 - Sorlie.
- 19 - WED - Nice today. Lawrits has now harvested some flax on Carrie Tvedt's land. I went to Larson this a.m. They started threshing here at about 4:00 - the barley - but found that it was still too wet so they quit. They will try again tomorrow with the wheat and oats. Got about 87 bu. of barley on 6 acres. (He had first written 100 but crossed it out and written 87).
- 20 - THURS - Dry and windy - they started threshing again this p.m. I went to Thorson for class. Got about 301 bu. wheat and 215 bu. of oats.
- 21 - FRI - Home studying. 22 - SAT - The same. Class at 2:00 - Sorlie. Lawrits harvesting flax.
- 23 - SUN - A nice day. Confirmation services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - many in church. There were 5 confirmands: Arnold Sandberg (Matthias); Ole Edward Evenson (Otto); Norah Kristine Evenson (Ole); Mabel Adelaide Berg (S.O.); Laura Kristine Anderson (Andrew N.). Offering to Home Mission - \$30.13. There were also some from Larson there today. We were invited over to Sandbergs for dinner. Later we went to Trulins for L.A. Lawrits went earlier.
- 24 - MON - Ida and I went to Columbus this a.m. Bertha Hoie is here for awhile to help - came last night. To Macroom for class at 4:00. Very windy.
- 25 - TUES - Rainy - foggy - cold and windy. Had planned to leave early this morning for McKenzie Co. but gave up on that as the weather was not very good. However, by noon it had cleared up so around 1:30 Ida and I and the 3 smallest ones started out. Had no trouble getting there. We first stopped at Jacob Jaeger and then went over to Ingvald's place shortly before dark. 26 - WED - Ingvald and I went out to pick plums. Ida went along in the p.m. In the evening we all went over M. Gunstad - after going in to Charlson. It was quite late when we came back to Ingvalds.
- 27 - THURS - Ingvald and I picked plums again. In the p.m. we went over to Margit - Mrs. Adrian Larson - and baptized her baby, Margaret Dolores, B. June 10. Then when we were on our

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- 27 - THURS - (cont.) - way over to see Gunda we had trouble with the car and had to go back to Ingvalds. We worked on the car during the evening with no results - uden resultat.
- 28 - FRI - In the morning Ingvald and I drove in to Keene with horses and found a mechanic to come out to work on the car. He got it to run and we were ready to leave at noon. We couldn't get across the river because the wind was too strong for the ferry. We had to wait until about 8:00 p.m., when the wind died down. They took 3 cars across on the ferry at one time then. The car was not working well at all but we got to Tioga anyway and there I got a new spark plug and we were able to leave Tioga about 9:30. It was a little cold but we had bright moonlight for driving. We drove by Overlies and got home at midnight.
- 29 - SAT - Home - studying for tomorrow. Laurits went to get a load of coal - I went to Larson.
- 30 - SUN - Services in Macroom at 11:00. Baptism for Hilda, B. Aug. 2 - to Elvin and Elsie Thingvold. Bethlehem at 3:00. Baptisms for Harold Lawrence, B. June 20 - to Martin and Carrie Gunderson; and Tillman, B. Sept. 12 - to Bendik and Bertha Siverson. Had bad luck with the car today - 2 blowouts.

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- 1 - MON - To Columbus first and then to Macroom for class at 2:00.
- 2 - TUES - Class in Thorson at 2:00. 3 - ~~WED~~ - and following days - busy digging potatoes.
- 5 - FRI - This evening Laurits got the threshers on the Tvedt land - got 144 bu. (flax or wheat?) and 5 bu. of wheat here from what we had raked up.
- 6 - SAT - To Thorson for conf. class - strong wind and cold. Became sick this evening - sick during the night.
- 7 - SUN - I felt alright this morning. Confirmation services in Thorson at 11:00 - many there. Mission offering - \$26.05. Recognition of the 400th anniversary of Lutheranism - Lutherdom. Charles Olson and family became members. Members of the class: Alfred Joseph Wigdahl (Sam); Betsy Katinka Gullickson (Soren) (Betsy made her home with Walseths); Helga Marie Reistad Carl and Mathea Essen); Marit Hanson (Peder); Gina Pladsen (Nils).
- 8 - MON - Macroom - class at 2:00. 9 - TUES - Digging potatoes - also WED.
- 11 - THURS - Laurits has been hauling wheat now 2 days - 50 bu. brings \$100.00. Today he took the big heating stove in to town and brought out a new hard-coal stove from town. We have had cold and stormy weather - mostly from NW. Some potatoes have frozen. Nothing plowed so far - almost impossible now - except for breaking - turning over. Laurits is going to try again today - has done some dishing.
- 12 - FRI - Ice on the lakes and ponds today. No wind this morning - just a slight breeze from SE but about 10:00 there was quite a strong wind. Most of the threshing is finished now except for some flax. Home studying.

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- 13 - SAT - The class that was just confirmed in S.St.Olaf (Sept. 23) met in Sorlie school this a.m. for discussion on Holy Communion - Nadvaend Sakrament. Studied in p.m.
- 14 - SUN - Services with communion in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - quite a few there. Baptism for Carol Lorraine, B. Sept. 1 - to Richard and Clara Hatlelid. To Larson at 3:00 - Thelma along. The rest of the family went to Herlands in the p.m. for L.A. Not so many in Larson. To Loviks afterwards for coffee.
- 15 - MON - Nice weather. Laurits went up to his land to plow today. He has plowed a little new land here - impossible to plow anything else as it is so dry. Laurits lost one of his horses yesterday - old Molly who died of old age - alderdom's svaghet. We have hauled out some wheat now - \$2.00 a bu. I have also sold 10 bu. of potatoes @ \$1.50 a bu. and will bring in 10 bu. again as soon as possible.
- 16 - TUES - I rode around (horseback) looking for 2 calves that had gotten away but could not find them. It started snowing at noon and continued all day and night and WED too.
- 18 - THURS - Laurits and I went over to Beckwiths but he did not have his sale today. We drove S by Ongstad - Harry Stock - Lauwers - P.Eibogt - etc. looking for the 2 calves but did not find them. We have at least 6" of snow now.
- 19 - FRI - I rode (horseback) today - S by B.Siverson and Melvin Pederson but they had not seen my calves either. Then over to Arnesons and finally found them at Purley Anderson. (The Parable of the Lost Sheep - 20th Century).
- 20 - SAT - Nice weather today - maybe the snow will melt - some of it anyway. I went in to Larson today using sled. Took along 11 bu. of potatoes. Bought a sled and some hard coal.
- 21 - SUN - Stormy - drifting from NW. Bethlehem at 11:00. Few there. The weather cleared some by afternoon but I did not try to go to Macroom as it was almost impossible to break road - ontrent waad at bryde sig vei.
- 22 - MON - Stormy from NW - better in the p.m. Watterud takes the children to school in the morning and we go to get them in the p.m. when school is over.
- 23 - TUES - Stormy from SE in the a.m. Improved in the p.m. - even some rain.
- 24 - WED - Nice and mild - snow going fast. Laurits and Hans are fanning flax (west) today. Louis Watterud used my sled to go to McGregor today. Hans and I finished fanning the flax while Laurits went in to Columbus. 25 - THURS - Home.
- 26 - FRI - and thru SUN -28- Storm for 3 days but the worst was on SUN so I did not go to Thorson.
- 29 - MON - Weather is better today. Laurits went to Columbus. In the evening I went to Larson where I left by train for Crosby. Sauer and M.Eliasson were on the train too. We stayed at Nordstogs over night.
- 30 - TUES - Gotfred Peterson and others came this morning. Meeting was begun at 10:30. The purpose of this meeting was to organize a new circuit. To begin with there were 6 ministers

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- 30 - TUES - (cont). - and some delegates from the congregations. Pastor George Thompson, Ambrose came later. In the p.m. there was discussion led by Pastor Peterson.
- 31 - WED - Reformation Day. For the Mission service today I delivered the sermon and Natwick, Crosby, delivered the devotional for communion - skriftetale. At 12 noon the church bell was rung and we all stood up to sing the 1st verse of "A Mighty Fortress is our God" - "Vor Gud Han er saa fast en Borg". This is the 400th Anniversary of the Reformation - 1517 - 1917. In the p.m. Pastor Gullixson, Minot, delivered a Reformation lecture - foredrag - excellent - storslagent.

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- 1 - THURS - Back to Larson today. Eilert was there to meet me. War Tax on many things was put into effect today. On the R.R. fare it amounted to 8¢ on the dollar. We also saw some results of Hallowe'en pranks many places. Nice today - hard on the snow.
- 2 - FRI - It hardly froze last night. Very nice today. Macroom class at 1:00. Nice on SAT.
- 4 - SUN - Drove with buggy to Larson for services at 11:00 - Reformation sermon and Mission offering. S.St. Olaf at 3:00. Still some snow up in the Hills.
- 5 - MON - Funeral for A.G. Berg's little baby boy, Peter Wilhelm, who had lived 1 hour after he was born, Nov. 2. Eilert went along. Then over to Harry Trulin for the baptism of their little girl, Harriet Regina.
- 6 - TUES - Lawrits and Eilert went to Larson and Columbus. Mild again - still some snow here but it is going fast. I was home today.
- 7 - WED - Home in the a.m. To Macroom in the p.m. for class. Drove with buggy.
- 8 - THURS - Home - working with windows. 9 - FRI - Home. Lawrits hauling stones on his land.
- 10 - SAT - Macroom class at 1:30 - last time before confirmation. Nice day - drove with buggy. Eilert came to Larson tonight - from Minot. (Went there on Tues.)
- 11 - SUN - Confirmation services in Macroom at 11:00. Nice day - drove with buggy. Many there including many visitors. Everything went well. 5 confirmands: Anton Germund Thompson (Lars); Erling Barmoen (Ole); Julian L. Henderson (Louis); Clarence Orlando and Julius Leonard Steen (Louis). Over to Louis Steen for dinner. Late when I got home.
- 12 - MON - Lawrits and Eilert hauled rocks and Lawrits is also plowing on his land these days.
- 13 - TUES - They are working on Lawrits' land again today. I went out to Charlie Olson (south) to tell them about services.
- 14 - WED - I drove in to Columbus today with buggy - paid a note at the bank - bought some cement and other things. Nice day. Lawrits and Eilert hauled some sand. A little snow again.
- 15 - THURS - Ole Vangen here to fix the chimney on the roof for the kitchen stove. Eilert and I helped him. Lawrits is busy plowing and hauling stones - ploier og kjoner sten.
- 16 - FRI - Same kind of work today.

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- 17 - SAT - Ida and Laurits to Larson. I stayed home with the children. Eilert worked up on Laurits' land hauling stones.
- 18 - SUN - Services with communion in Bethlehem at 11:00. Mission offering \$11.35. Baptism for Ruth Alice, B. Sept. 24 - to Parents Christ and Petra Sethney. Services with communion in Thorson in p.m. Drove with car. Received \$80.00 in salary.
- 19 - MON - Drove around getting subscriptions for the church - also on TUES. Got about \$390.00.
- 20 - TUES - Today they are fencing around the churchyard - cemetery - of Bethlehem church.
- 21 - WED - Nice again today but some wind from NW. Eilert is doing some plowing for Laurits. Yesterday Laurits worked at church and today he went in to Columbus in the a.m.
- 22 - THURS - Eilert and I hauled hay today - 5 loads from the sloughs around here - some of it has been laying there for quite awhile. Laurits went to town with some wheat.
- 23 - FRI - Home for the most - studying. Have now gotten promises of \$420.00 for Bethlehem church. Laurits is plowing. Today they will finish fencing around Bethlehem church.
- 24 - SAT - The snow last night put an end to plowing even tho it did not amount to very much. Home - studying.
- 25 - SUN - Services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Drove with cars using chains. A little cold. 26 - MON - Out collecting for Bethlehem church again - \$620.00 in all now - with \$70.00 in cash. Today I stopped by these places: Alfred Peterson, Martin Gunderson, Albert Sendahl, Even Hoff, Brusven, Haga, Runningen, N.Lundstad, also Helseth, P.Lundstad, Young, Karlstad, and Adolph Peterson.
- 27 - TUES - Washed clothes in a.m. Laurits to Columbus with wheat. Eilert went along with him and is leaving for Wisconsin now. Studies in p.m. - eftermiddag lidt paa kontoret.
- 28 - WED - Annual meeting in S.St.Olaf - drove with horses. Quite slippery. Laurits went to Columbus with some wheat again. Ida and the little ones went with Watteruds to school as this is the last day.
- Meeting was held in S.St.Olaf church at 1:30. Devotion - Matt.24. Reports heard. Treas. reported for '16 and an uncomplete report for '17 inasmuch as \$89.00 had been collected previously and now \$103.00 - a total for the year of \$186.00. New members: Albert Hysjulien and wife, Ole Hysjulien, Magnus Fredrickson and family, Hans Brodahl, Anton Stumne. Election of officers: Secr. - J.Haugerud; Treas. - S.O.Berg; Trustees: S.Halbakken (3), T.Hysjulien (2), E.Dihle (1); School committee: B.Arnason (3), S.Halbakken (2), M.Sandberg (1). Custodian - S.Halbakken (1) - to be paid \$1.00 from each family. In regard to the furnace it was left in the hands of the committee to decide what kind should be installed and to accomplish this in shortest possible time. It was also decided that if possible a term of 8 weeks of parochial school this summer should be held. Ole Evenson made a motion that my salary should be increased by \$100.00 (to \$300.00). All agreed that it should be more than \$200 but that it might be hard to make it \$300. They compromised

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- 28 - WED - (cont.) - and decided they would try to make it \$250.00 for next year - about \$10.00 per family annually. Regarding Christmas tree for this year it was decided to forego that now. M. Sandberg reported that there was a small amount in the treasury from the school fund and A. Sorlie also reported that there was a small amount left in the Christmas tree fund from last year. New members this year as of June 18 - Olaf Eskildson and K. Anderson and family; Sept. 29 - Martin Kortgaard and A. A. Anderson and family. Present today: Dihle, Sorlie, Berg, Sandberg, O. Hatlelid, Anton Anderson, Brodahl, T. Hysjulien, Magnus Fredrickson, Otto Evenson, S. Halbakken, Ole Evenson, Ronholdt and Haugerud.
- 29 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. Today I went to Garfield to conduct Mission service at 11:00 for Hegg. It was a nice day - but cold. Drove with car. Invited over to L. Kjos for dinner afterwards. There weren't too many in church. Heard today that Lena Watterud is very sick. Doctor had been there and said it was either scarlet fever or diphtheria so they are quarantined. I went over there for a little while after I returned home but I did not go in the house. Thelma is also sick today - has a sore throat - but felt better after she gargled. They did not go over to Trulins for dinner as planned anyway.
- 30 - FRI - Around with subscription list for Bethlehem again. Last stop was at S. Thompson - his son is also sick.

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- 1 - SAT - Cold - strong wind from SE. Bethlehem annual meeting in church. Devotion - Matthew 24. Reports. I received \$27.00 due from 1916 and now for 1917 have received a total of \$124.50. Nothing to date from Hallum's district nor was he there today. Election of officers: Secr. - L. Isakson; Treas. - C. Brothen; Trustees - Carl Trulin (3), Hallum (2), N. Kleppen (1); School committee - A. Olson (3), N. Kleppen (2), Alfred Peterson (1); Custodian - Albert Serdahl - with the stipulation that he be paid \$15.00 a year. They decided to increase my salary to \$10.00 per family for next year. Decided that the trustees serve on the building committee. Albert Serdahl was chosen to serve in N. Kleppens place in accordance with Kleppen's wishes. New members in the congregation; Mr. and Mrs. Mons Fotland; Marius Danielson and family. Present: L. Isakson, Harry and Carl Trulin, M. Gunderson, A. Olson, A. Serdahl, C. Brothen, M. Pedersen, M. Hoie, N. Kleppen, M. Danielson.
- 2 - SUN - Cold but a little better than yesterday. To Macroom for services at 3:00. Drove with car but it is almost too cold now - froze the radiator a little. Not many in church. There was a special meeting following services and the congregation decided to have a pipeless furnace installed at the cost of \$180.00.
- 3 - MON - To Thorson - John Wick - at 1:00 for services and annual meeting following. I drove with horses today. Treasurer reports that not enough money has come in and it will be necessary to raise the contingent. Election of officers: Secr. - C. Furness; Treas. - Sathre;

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- 3 - MON - (cont.) - Trustee - J. Wick (3); School committee - C. Overlie; Custodian - T. Seim. The L.A. had a little sale following - sold 2 quilts etc. One quilt brought \$17.50 - which will be sent to J. Selnes (treasurer?) - and \$5.65 for lunch - total \$23.15. I received the remaining \$30.00 of my salary.
- 4 - TUES - Cold. Banked up around the house. Laurits hauled some wheat to Columbus.
- 5 - WED - Various jobs to do around the house - both inside and outside. To Sandbergs in the p.m. for L.A. Laurits went in to Columbus again.
- 6 - THURS - Had planned to go to Columbus and Larson today to pay some bills but it was so cold I decided to wait.
- 7 - FRI - Very cold last night and today. It was 30 below zero this morning - then up to 20 below and now at noon it is 14 below. It is the coldest day this winter - so far. Home SAT.
- 9 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 3:00 - not many there. Cold.
- 10 - MON - Very cold. 12 - WED - 40 below - did not go to Macroom for annual meeting - too cold.
- 13 - THURS - Went to Larson and Columbus - paid up most of my bills. Had the horses shod in Larson. Laurits hauled in a load of wheat and brought home a load of hard coal.
- 14 - FRI - Cold and stormy, Laurits hauled in the last of his wheat and brought home hard coal.
- 16 - SUN - Weather somewhat improved yesterday and today. To Larson at 11:00 and S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Used the sled.
- 17 - MON - Much nicer today. Laurits and Ida to Noonan to see Dr. Smith as Ida has a skin irritation. They had to go to Columbus to see him as he was there. On the way home they had an accident (car) near Adolph Peterson and came home late, with horses, from there.
- 18 - TUES - Laurits and I went to see if we could bring the car home with a team of horses but it didn't work. Wedding here this evening for Olaf Eskildson and Olga Wrolson.
- 19 - WED - To Macroom at 1:00 for congregation meeting. A nice day. Laurits and Olaf Eskildson went to Columbus today in regard to the "Uncle Sam situation". I came home quite late from the meeting which had been quite long, but Laurits and Eskildson were even later. Laurits drove the car home (that had been standing near Petersons since Mon.) as he had gotten it to run again.

The annual meeting in Macroom was 1 week late due to the bad weather last week. Meeting opened with Devotion followed by reports. I received \$110.00 (or \$113.00) in salary.

Election of officers: Secr. - M. Ronning; Treas. - O. Martinson; Trustee - P. Barimoen (3), M. Serson (2), L. Henderson (1); School Committee - Ole Martinson, P. Berg, C. Holter; Custodian - L. Steen. Discussion on amendments or additions to the constitution. As the distance and roads have made it very difficult to serve Macroom I told them that it would be in the best interest of all if I be relieved from serving this congregation. They discussed going in with the Lignite congregation and calling Pastor Sauer - with a promise of \$175.00 annually in salary. They decided to buy 50 chairs and some coat hooks - kroger - and to build

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- 19 - WED - (cont.) - a barn for the pastor's horses - prestens heste. They decided to renew the \$600.00 note at the Lignite bank and try to collect some more or borrow enough to pay off a few other things. The furnace cost \$180.00 of which they have paid half - \$90.00.
- 20 - THURS - Laurits went to Columbus again today - something about "Uncle Sam papers" - and brought home a Christmas tree and other things we had asked him to get.
- 21 - FRI - Spent much time in the study. Laurits went to get some coal. Nice day. Cold all thru the next few days. Home. Cold on Christmas Eve too. At Home.
- 25 - TUES - Christmas Day. Glædelig Jul! Merry Christmas! Cold with a wind from SE. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 and Macroom at 2:30. Few in Macroom.
- 26 - WED - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - very cold - few there. They decided not to take up Christmas offering. To Larson - not many there either. They had a short meeting following services. Treas. reported that \$115.00 had come in for salary. Walstad promised to haul some coal.
- 27 - THURS - Still colder - but I went out to Thorson anyway - to the school. It had been warmed up but no one was there. I waited for awhile and then went home. Broke something on my sled. On the 26th we realized that the telephone wire was broken someplace so A.G.Berg checked it out and found where the break was and got it repaired. Trulins came over at 1:00 - for dinner - and stayed until quite late in the evening. Yes, we have had Christmas tree and gifts at home this year but no Christmas trees in the churches except in Macroom.
- 28 - FRI - Cold. Stayed at home. Also on Sat.
- 30 - SUN - Today we were invited over to Trulins for dinner - stayed until evening. Not quite as cold today.
- 31 - SAT - Carl Trulin came over this morning to get Ida - Mrs. Trulin had given birth to a little baby boy early this morning. Everything was fine but they were alone - they had no help as the baby came earlier than they had expected.
- I went to Columbus today with sled. Went in to settle up the rest of the bills. Borrowed \$75.00 at the bank - paid Dickstad \$54.85. Sent \$50.00 to Augsburg Publishing House, etc.

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- 1 - TUES - Godt Nytaar! May God Bless us during this coming year. The year that has just ended has been a bloody year of war - and now we are also involved in this war. We have not had to endure many hardships yet, or even sacrifices, but if it continues we can expect much sorrow in the coming year. May Peace come soon. We have much to be thankful for - God has blessed us richly with good health and all our needs. God's Grace is great.
New Year's Day services in Bethlehem at 11:00 and Macroom at 2:30. Nice, mild weather.
- 2 - WED - Nice weather. Some of the men from Bethlehem went after lumber for the church.
- 3 - THURS - We were all invited over to Kleppens today - nice weather. Ida didn't feel well after we came home - she is troubled with some skin irritation.
- 4 - FRI - Mild and foggy - some snow and wind towards evening. 5 - SAT - Foggy today also. Mild.
- 6 - SUN - Epiphany Sunday. Services in Larson at 11:00 and S.St.Olaf at 3:00. Nice day. There were many in S.St.Olaf - they decided to take up the Christmas offering today. The young folks from Kleppens and Anna Romnes were here today. 7 - MON - Stormy - wind from SE.
- 8 - TUES - Nicer weather but cold. Laurits and I went to Larson and Laurits took the train to Crosby to see a dentist. I went to Columbus.
- 9 - WED - Stormy. Laurits came home - walked out from Columbus. Stormy and cold the rest of the week. 12 - SAT - Weather is better today. We hauled some hay.
- 13 - SUN - To Thorson for services in the schoolhouse at 2:00. Cold but clear. Not very many there. They took up Christmas offering. To Rysgaards in the evening for the wedding of Peter Rysgaard and Martha Stenrodden. Some of the neighbors were there.
- 14 - MON - Nice day. Came home by way of Alfred Nelson. Brought along some beef. Laurits went to get a load of coal. 15 - TUES - Home. A little windy. Ida is still having some trouble with that skin irritation and her face is even a little swollen from it. It seems to take quite a while to cure it. By noon today we had a real blizzard from NW. It continued all day and thruout the night and all WED and THURS and finally let up FRI p.m. During all this time it was impossible to be outside doing anything - it was even hard to get from the house to the barn to do the necessary chores. Better on SAT -19.
- 20 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 and Macroom at 3:00. This was the last time for me to conduct services in Macroom as I will be installing Pastor Sauer there on Feb. 6.
- 21 - MON - Colder again. Took Laurits in to Larson where he left by train for Crosby.
- 22 - TUES - Washed clothes. Ida is fine now. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peterson came over today. C. Trulin was also over and he says that Mrs. T. is not feeling well.
- 23 - WED - Stormy from NW but it improved by afternoon. Laurits went to Columbus last night.
- 24 - THURS - Cold and stormy. Laurits came home this evening by way of Ovallie Watterud and Watterud. 25 - FRI - I went in to Columbus to get the fish (frozen shipment ordered from Duluth.) Stormy again from NW. 26 - SAT - Home for the most.
- 27 - SUN - Services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Few at both places. Cold.

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- 28 - MON - Lawrits went in to Larson today with his own team (left them at the livery stable) and then took the train to Crosby. He had to wait for the train until TUES a.m. - and then he didn't get any dental work done. He came home the same day and brought along flour from Larson and hard coal from Columbus.
- 30 - WED - Cold. We hauled 2 loads of hay - the last from the Tvedt land.
- 31 - THURS - Lawrits drove in again to Larson with his team and then went to Crosby. It was 30 degrees below zero but the wind is from SE. It has been a very cold week. Mrs. Trulin has been sick for some time now and Ida and I have been over to see her. We brought along some eggs and fish. She is feeling better now. The trains have been off schedule regularly now - trains forsinket vanlig nu.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - FRI - Weather is better today - also on SAT -2.
- 3 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 2:00. Nice today. Collected for Laererlon - \$19.75
- 4 - MON - Stormy again from SE. 5 - TUES - To Calvin Rude to baptize their baby, Palmer Cleveland, B. Dec. 15, 1917. Then went by Larson. Lawrits hauled some hay from his place over here. Some horses have been getting into his stacks over there. Wrolsons came over - the Eskildsons are going to Minnesota tomorrow.
- 6 - WED - Nice weather but a little foggy. Today I went to Macroom to install Pastor Sauer as their pastor. I have served them for 13 years but distance and roads have made it increasingly difficult to continue on a regular basis. I went first to L. Henderson, where I left my team and rode with him to church. There were many there - almost everyone I believe - but they are not all satisfied with the change - dog alle var ikke saa fornøiet med at skifte. Foggy. Home by dark.
- 7 - THURS - Weather is nice - snow is disappearing - so also on FRI and SAT.
- 10 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 2:00. Whole family along. Many in church. Took up a subscription for the Army and Navy Fund - \$41.00 - of which \$37.00 was in cash.
- 11 - MON - Whole family over to Alfred Peterson. Lawrits home - cleaning barley.
- 12 - TUES - Family along to Ole Evenson. Lawrits cleaning barley today too.
- 13 - WED - Colder. Corn snow. Went to Columbus today and bought our first sack of "war flour" which cost \$5.65 per 100 lbs. (Coarse whole wheat.)
- 14 - THURS - My 43rd birthday - celebrated quietly at home. Lawrits over to Trulins to grind feed
- 15 - FRI - Colder. At home. Also on SAT.
- 17 - SUN - Drove with sled to Larson for services at 11:00. Hard driving - slippery, icy, very little snow left on the flats. Many in Larson. Baptism for Carmen Leona, B. Jan. 1 - to Oscar and Mabel Hatlelid. Collected for the Army-Navy Fund (on Soldier and Sailors Welfare) - \$44.00. To S. St. Olaf at 3:00 - came a little late there. There were many there and we

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- 17 - SUN - (cont.) - collected for the same fund here - \$60.00. (National Lutheran Commission)
- 18 - MON - Cold and stormy. 19 - TUES - Cold and sharp - 30 below. Some on WED. Home.
- 21 - THURS - Very cold - wind from SW. Lawrits and I went over to Trulins for baptism of Paul Gordon, B. Dec. 31, 1917. Lawrits was one of the sponsors. Ida and the children stayed at home today - too cold for them to get out today.
- 22 - FRI - Quite nice today. Lawrits went in to town for some lumber for the Bethlehem church. Lindberg is working there steadily now and has accomplished a great deal.
- 23 - SAT - Home. A very mild day for a change.
- 24 - SUN - To Thorison. Nice. Drove with buggy. Became stormy towards evening again.
- 25 - MON - Colder again. No mail today as Tony had to go to Bowbells for his examination for the military. Mrs. Wrolson came over this evening - she had received \$50.00 from Arthur, who is in the army.
- 26 - TUES - Today Marie is 10 years old. Quite a nice day. Also nice on WED and THURS.

MARCH

- 1 - FRI - Ida and I went to Larson. 2 - SAT - Nice, mild weather.
- 3 - SUN - Even nicer today. Services in S. St. Olaf and Bethlehem. Using the buggy now.
- 4 - MON - Colder again. Foggy and a little snow came down.
- 5 - TUES - Colder and disagreeable - very slippery for driving. Should have been to Columbus today but did not go. Have \$244.85 to send to Waldeland. Ida and Lawrits have been seriously thinking about a trip to Wisconsin now that both Arnt and Eilert have been classified as 1st Class in the draft but they have about given up on that. The time is short - it would be quite expensive and busy times here are not far away either. Cold on WED too.
- 7 - THURS - To Columbus - paid the bill for the fence around Bethlehem church - \$89.20. Sent a draft to E. Waldeland for \$244.90, of which \$150.00 goes to the Soldiers and Sailors Fund. Sent for auto license. To Larson at 2:00 for the funeral of Abner Justin, 3-year old son of John Norby. Many people in church. Used as text from 2 Samuel - David's sorrow. Spoke in both Norwegian and English.
- 8 - FRI - Cold and windy - Lawrits and I butchered today. Went to Gunderson school to start a new confirmation class. Cold - only 1 boy came - Sandvik's.
- 9 - SAT - Over to Sorlie school at 2:00 to begin a new confirmation class - there were 4 there. Stormy and cold. Stopped in at church to get some books I had left there last time there.
- 10 - SUN - Services in Larson at 2:00. Nice day and many there. Stopped in to visit with a Kihle from New York. (Gus)
- 11 - MON - Up early today - took the children over to Toso school - they had started March 6.
- 12 - TUES - Nice weather - freezes during the night but thaws during the day - not much snow left now. Went over to Hoffs - stopped by Bethlehem church. The interior of the church

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- 12 - TUES - (cont.) - will soon be finished and it looks beautiful. Laurits and I started to fan the seed wheat. 13 - WED - Continued with fanning this a.m. - total $8\frac{1}{2}$ bu. - looks like good wheat. 14 - THURS - Trulins came over today.
- 15 - FRI - Home. Had thought about going to Crosby today to have the doctor check Valborg's ear which is troubling her but we could not go today. Had to go over to Carlson about election and school. 16 - SAT - School today too. Great thawing weather - especially yesterday.
- 17 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 2:00. Mild day. To Haugerud in evening - concerning sale.
- 18 - MON - Up early today - to take Valborg to Crosby to see the doctor about her right ear. It was a nice day - very still - hardly any frost last night. J. Haugerud came over to ride along in to Columbus as he wanted to see Homnes (attorney) in Crosby. We were up at 4:30 - drove in to Columbus with horses and from there went to Crosby by train. We saw Dr. Lancaster - he had to give her chloroform while he inspected and removed an object from her ear which looked like a small plum seed. Haugerud talked to Homnes about the sale (his farm). It didn't cost either one of us anything. (Services of doctor and lawyer). While in Crosby I saw Rosholt, Nordstog and a few others. We returned to Columbus about 8:00 p.m. A.G. Berg, A. Wilson and Mrs. Haugerud had also come - from Bowbells. (I can remember some things about this trip even though not the details of the purpose of the trip. Rev. Rosholt lived at Nordstogs, where he had a room upstairs. I have a memory of walking up a very long stairway with Dad, and a room that had walls lined with books, a large black leather chair, and men - and feeling very tiny in the midst of so many adults - all men.)
- 19 - TUES - Election in Sorlie schoolhouse - Laurits and I went. Quite a few from east. Mrs. Watterud came over. Laurits had driven east with Harry Trulin - no horses at home and too late to go and get the little girls (in which case they no doubt walked). A very mild day. We still have some snowdrifts around as well as ice but they are disappearing fast in this weather.
- 20 - WED - Sale today at J. Haugerud but it was stopped. Many there. (Mom remembered that this was a sale called by creditors or something like that but Dad had checked with authorities in Bowbells about this and the sale was stopped). Class in Sorlie school - a few more there this time. 21 - THURS - Home.
- 22 - FRI - I stayed at home with the children while Ida and Laurits went in to Columbus. They drove with auto for the first time this spring. Only stuck one place - by Carlsons.
- 23 - SAT - To Thorson for Conf. class at 2:00. Nice weather.
- 24 - SUN - Palm Sunday. Service with communion in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Afterwards there was a surprise for J. Haugerud attended by many. Hans Olson had collected \$126.00. Ida was not feeling well today.
- 25 - MON - I took the children to school this morning. Laurits on his land disking - he had started there on SAT -23 but it was mostly hauling stones out of the field. We washed

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- 25 - MON - (cont.) - clothes and ground some meat today.
- 26 - TUES - Home - studying and other things - also WED. Nice weather.
- 28 - THURS - Holy Thursday - service with communion in Bethlehem at 11:00. Many there. Alfred Peterson's came over. The little girls walked to school today.
- 29 - FRI - Good Friday. To Larson for services at 4:00. Baptism for Margaret Viola, B. Feb. 10 - to Helmer and Bella Nordahl. Very nice weather - drove with auto. On MON-25 we heard rumors to the effect that 1,000,000 Germans had been captured, wounded or killed - but the newspapers have not reported anything that comes close to that number so we must hope that it is a false story. We have heard that there is heavy fighting in progress on the western front.
- 30 - SAT - Home studying. Laurits disking - harrowing - on his land. Strong wind today.
- 31 - SUN - Easter Sunday. Services in S. St. Olaf at 10:30. It should have been 10:30 but it got to be an hour later as I was stuck with the car. To Thorson at 3:00. Cold but quite a few at both places. Baptisms in Thorson for Johan Lincoln, B. Feb. 12 - to Carl and Thora Overlie; and Verna Alice, B. Oct. 18, 1917 to Olaf and Thyra Pladsen.

APRIL

- 1 - MON - Easter services in Bethlehem at 11:00. It was cold with a little snow. Some came early and some came late. We are on new time now (Daylight Saving Time begun the last Sun. in March to continue until the last Sun. in Oct.) Went to Columbus in p.m.
- 2 - TUES - Home - washed clothes. Laurits worked on his land today.
- 3 - WED - Home in the a.m. Class in Sorlie school at 4:00. Home for the most the rest of the week. 5 - FRI - Hauled the banking away from the house. Walstad from Larson called to let me know that Norby's oldest daughter had died. Funeral will be on SUN p.m. A little colder today. Some snow during the evening and night and a little on SAT. Snow quite wet. Should have been out to Thorson for class but did not go - roads are bad.
- 7 - SUN - Froze last night. Drove to Larson with car. We have snow on the ground in the Hills but there was none in the Larson area. Services at 11:00 - to Loviks for dinner - and then funeral at 2:00. Many there. Viola Geneva, 7 years old, daughter of John and Julia Norby. Pastor Gottberg was also there and spoke in English (from the German Lutheran church) and I spoke in Norwegian. Stopped in at Norby's for a short while following the funeral. Somnness told me that Mrs. Alfred Velo had died - also Ziegenhagen in Columbus.
- 8 - MON - Laurits and Ida went to Columbus today - with car. I stayed home - busy with various things. 9 - TUES - Home in a.m. In p.m. Ida and I and smallest ones over to E. Dible.
- 10 - WED - Home - worked in the garden. 11 - THURS - Ida and I went in to Columbus for a little while. Then studied. Heard today that Chester Haugerud had died - the first one of our boys, as far as I know, to give his life for his country. He had been in France but when

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- 11 - THURS (cont.) - he became sick he was brought back to Maryland for treatment and died there. He will be brought back to N. Dak. for burial. A little rain this evening. No - it wasn't Maryland - that was a misunderstanding - it was Fort Bayard, New Mexico.
- 12 - FRI - Conf. class in Thorson at 4:00. 13 - SAT - While burning up the remains of an old strawstack, the fire spread and I had quite a time putting it out. I could not leave it to go to class at Sorlie school.
- 14 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem and S. St. Olaf. Many out today.
- 15 - MON - Started to rain. Continued on TUES and WED. Had a real good soaking.
- 18 - THURS - Martin Serdahl helped Laurits dig out stones on his land today. Chester's body came to Larson WED evening accompanied by Lieutenant Barbour, who had to return to camp the next day. The casket was brought out to church WED evening. I made a trip to town with auto - terrible trip - much mud and water.
- 19 - FRI - A little snow last night. Today at 11:00 there was funeral for Chester Haugerud, 26 years old, in S. St. Olaf church. We drove over in buggy. There were many people there from near and far in spite of the terrible roads. We had to wait a little while for Sauer but before too long he came, along with Soderquist and Clarence Ronning. Sauer spoke in English and I spoke a little in both Norwegian and English. Viewing was also permitted. He had died of TB - taering. - He had been stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington, New York, England and also France, from where he was sent back to the U.S. - coming to Fort Bayard, N. Mex. on April 3. He died April 10 and was sent home to Larson, N. Dak. by the government, as is the custom. 20 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 21 - SUN - To Thorson for services at 3:00. Baptism for Ruby Assora, B. Feb. 24 - to John and Thea Marie Wick. Strong, cold wind from NW - cold - snow and hail. Drove by Engets on the way home. Talked with Mrs. Haugerud to see if I could hire her to come and help us for awhile. There were not very many in Thorson today.
- 22 - MON - Laurits started plowing here today but he had to quite when it started snowing. Martin Serdahl is also here to dig and haul rocks - bryde sten. Should have gone in to town today but stayed home as Ida is sick and has to stay in bed for the most so I have been doing the housework.
- 23 - TUES - To Columbus today - with horses. Bought a washing machine and wringer at Duckstads. The snow is disappearing today. Laurits and Martin are digging out rocks - Martin is thru.
- 24 - WED - Laurits is plowing. To Thorson at 2:00 for class.
- 25 - THURS - Snow again today. Laurits plowed here this a.m. I planted some trees. Studied. Laurits sold some hay to a man from Larson.
- 26 - FRI - We still have the snow. Laurits is home today. So are the children today. Studied.
- 27 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school at 2:00. Cold - snow and mud. Koldt - sne og sole.

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- 28 - SUN - To Larson for services at 11:00 - used the auto but it was muddy. There was a strong wind so it is beginning to dry up. Baptism for Howard Alfred, B. Mar. 10 - to Alfred and Lottie Walstad.
- 29 - MON - Busy with various things at home. Laurits plowed here on MON and sowed on his land on TUES and WED.

MAY

- 1 - WED - We went in to Columbus - Ida went along too. Bought War Saving Stamps for the children (9) at \$4.16 each. I bought a Liberty Bond for \$50.00 by giving a note for 6 months at 10%. Took out the rest of the Bethlehem L.A. money (for church interior work).
- 2 - THURS - Laurits here today - I drove out to Thorson - to Pladsens to see if I could hire one of the girls to come and help us.
- 3 - FRI - I hauled out stones - Laurits sowed 10 A. of wheat on the north field.
- 4 - SAT - Plowed the south field for wheat. To Thorson for class. Nice weather all week. Had a letter from Lena yesterday that Mike Nelson had died Apr. 23 and had been buried in Beloit, Iowa, on the 25th. (Lena was Dad's only sister at that time).
- 5 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. E. Dihle and Hans came over in the p.m. and also went along to Bethlehem church.
- 6 - MON - Hauled some stones. A little rain. Same on TUES -7.
- 8 - WED - Class at 4:00 - Sorlie school. 9 - THURS - Quite cold - had some frost last night. Had thought about driving to Lignite but decided to wait until a nicer day.
- 10 - FRI - Took Adolph in to Columbus to see Dr. King. Adolph had gotten a bean up in his nose and Dr. removed it. We then drove to Lignite to see Sauer.
- 11 - SAT - Cold and raw today. A little hoarfrost last night.
- 12 - SUN - Nice weather. To Thorson for services and communion announced for 2:00. I had trouble with the car on the way out so I came quite late and they had finally left. I went over to Sathre to discuss Parochial school. They had planned earlier to have 2 months but have settled for 6 weeks now in one of the schoolhouses. Miss Emelia Anderson from Egeland, N. Dak. is coming and will be paid \$50.00 a month.
- 13 - MON - Washday. Then out to Reistads to see if I could get a girl to come and help us but could not get any. We butchered in the evening. Laurits sowed oats here today and will sow some barley tomorrow. Then he will be finished here.
- 14 - TUES - Rain last night - and then it froze. Cold today with strong wind from SE.
- 15 - WED - To Thorson for class at 2:00. 16 - THURS - Home - studying mostly.
- 17 - FRI - To Columbus to baptize Jacob Gunderson's baby - newborn and dying. He died right after he was baptized - Clarence Elmer - born, baptized, and died on May 17. Did a little shopping in Columbus and then went by Larson where there was a big Red Cross sale in progress.

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- 17 - FRI - (cont.) - There were all kinds of donated articles. As it was also a Patriotic Rally there were speeches by Homnes from Crosby and Bendikson from Bowbells. Nice weather.
- 18 - SAT - Studied some in the a.m. Class in p.m. - Tvedt. Rain showers occasionally.
- 19 - SUN - Pentecost Sunday. Services in Larson at 11:00 and Tvedt at 3:00. A cold disagreeable wind and not too many out.
- 20 - MON - Planting potatoes and garden. Have had a considerable amount of rain these days. Continued with this work this week whenever I could. Had planned to go to Larson WED p.m. to start a conf. class but it was too muddy to drive. Rain on THURS -23.
- 24 - FRI - To Thorson for class at 2:00. Only 1 of the Hanson boys came. Rain and fog.
- 25 - SAT - Snow. Lawrits has been working on his land this week - plowing and sowing oats and barley. The unfavorable weather has delayed his work this week - otherwise he had planned to be finished by now.
- 26 - SUN - Sunday after Pentecost. Extremely wet and muddy. I drove with buggy to services at S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Thorson at 3:00. Not very many in Thorson. Baptism in S.St.O. for Kenneth Woodrow, B. April 28 - to Sivert Olai and Jennie Berg.
- 27 - MON - Home today. Ronholdt came over - he is around taking a survey. Now they have to know how much everyone has on hand of flour, substitutes, sugar, etc. Also wheat.
- 28 - TUES - To Columbus - nice day. Ida and the little ones along.
- 29 - WED - Worked with some fencing around the pasture. Class at 4:00 - Sorlie school.
- 30 - THURS - Memorial Day. Proclaimed as a holiday by President Wilson. Serdahl and Lawrits went in to Columbus - not too many business places were closed. It looks like Ida will have to give up on her trip to Wisconsin as we have not been able to get any girl to come and help out here at home. Some of the men met at Bethlehem today and finished up with fencing and other things - also some fixing up on the cemetery. I was over there for a little while too. Then we went over to S.St.Olaf - Ida and the children along too - we stopped in at O.Hattelid and E. Dihle. 31 -FRI - Class in Larson at 4:00.

JUNE

- 1 - SAT - Home.
- 2 - SUN - Services in Larson at 11:00. Received salary. Bethlehem at 3:00. Over to Alfred Petersons for supper. Ida has decided to go to Wisconsin now that we can get Mrs. Sivert Kleppen to come and help here for awhile, and if necessary, Mrs. Peterson will take care of the girls.
- 3 - MON - Over to Kleppens to get Anna. Rained - gave up on going out to Thorson for class - bad roads. Called Overlie to let him know. After it quit raining we went in to Columbus later in the p.m.
- 4 - TUES - Home in a.m. Ida and I went over to Sandbergs in the p.m. Mrs. Sandberg has been sick but is feeling better now.

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- 5 - WED - We had a ride in to Stampede to get on the train (Mom and Dad, Julien and Valborg). Adolph stayed at home with Anna. (Marie and Thelma attending school). It started raining and as we traveled east we saw that it had rained over the entire state. The train was full. We arrived in Fargo at 11:20 p.m. I got off in Fargo while Ida and the 2 little ones continued on to Wisconsin. O. Evenson and I went over to the Annex Hotel - many people here for the church convention.
- 6 - THURS - The meeting opened today in the Auditorium. At noon we went over to Ted Evenson (Ole Evenson's son) and will be staying there - a very nice place. Meetings continue.
- 8 - SAT - This evening a concert and speech by J. Stub on "Patriotism".
- 9 - SUN - Ordination of 29 young men. At 3:00 there was a festival service for "Foreign Missions". In the evening - service in Norwegian and English - Home Missions. Meetings on Monday too.
- 11 - TUES - District meetings. 12 - WED - I left today - many of the others did too. Laurits was in Stampede to meet me. Went in to Columbus too.
- 13 - THURS - Planted some potatoes - fixed some fences, etc. Got a telephone call this evening that Mrs. Marius Danielson had died (blood poisoning after childbirth).
- 14 - FRI - Funeral today at 3:00 for Mrs. Marius Danielson (Oddbjorg), 25 years, many there. Very warm - looks like rain. There was a Necktie Social tonight in the Toso school for the benefit of the Red Cross. Must have been a good turnout as they took in \$63.50.
- 15 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school at 9:30.
- 16 - SUN - Service in Thorson at 11:00 - over to John Wick for dinner. S. St. Olaf at 3:00. 2 baptisms: Reuben Edwin, B. Apr. 10 - to William and Ragnhild Harbig; and Mildred Alida, B. May 15 - to Olaf and Olga Eskildson. Stopped by Wrolsons. The others at home had gone to YPS at Hallums.
- 17 - MON - Conf. class in Thorson. The teacher for parochial school has come (Emelia Anderson).
- 18 - TUES - Class in Larson. By Columbus to have some work done on the car. Also on WED. Received a telegram from Martin - "Mandius sick - Sioux Falls - come immediately". I went to Larson to send a telegram to Ingvald.
- 20 - THURS - Left this morning on the G.N. Arrived in Wilmar at 4:30 a.m. Left at 2:00 p.m. for Sioux Falls - arrived there at 8:00. Went directly to the hospital to see Mandius - he was feeling a little better after surgery. They had had to amputate his left leg above the knee.
- 22 - SAT - He felt better today. In the evening I went to Canton to see Lena. The ticket from Stampede to Sioux Falls, with War Tax, came to \$18.92. Sioux Falls to Canton - 69¢.
- 23 - SUN - Attended services in Canton - English - Pastor H. E. Rasmussen. Martin came to Canton in the p.m. and Lena and I went along with him. Father has been sick for a few days now - ailments of his stomach, kidneys and back. He seemed to feel better by the time we had to leave. I wrote a letter for him to J. P. Torland (Bokn, Norway).

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- 24 - MON - Rain in the p.m. Went to Canton in the evening - by car - difficult driving after the rain. Had a letter from Ida - she would like to have me come to Collax but that won't be possible now.
- 25 - TUES - Lena and I went to Sioux Falls again to see Mandius. He seemed to be quite a bit better today. Lena went back to Canton in the evening. I left for Wilmar WED a.m. and arrived there at 2:00 p.m. Left Wilmar at 2:35 a.m. THURS. Cold and stormy - dry east of Minot. We met several Troop trains. Lawrits was in Stampede to meet me. Went by Columbus - bought a new tire casing at Ulsruds - for rear wheel - \$20.45, and patches \$1.25. Also 5 gallons of gasoline at Sommerness.
- 28 - FRI - War Savings Stamp drive today - Ronholdt and Dihle came here today. I bought 3 more - will pay Nov. 1. That makes 12 total now. A little rain today. Lawrits working on his land with some breaking. Letter from Ida yesterday - she won't be coming home just yet - she needs more rest. Have a lot of studying to do now. Also much time in the study on SAT. Also a quick trip to Columbus.
- 30 - SUN - Service in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - many there. They served dinner there after the service - also ice cream etc. for the benefit of the Red Cross. In the p.m. our Service Flag was dedicated. Talks by Carl Gilbertson, Supt. of schools in Lignite, O. I. Ronning and myself. There was also some singing by a group of girls.

JULY

- 1 - MON - To Larson for class at 10:00 - also stopped in to see Mrs. Willents who is sick. Home. Letter from Ida - no good news in it. Went over to A. G. Berg and Mabel will be able to come over and help for a few weeks. Class at 4:00 - Sorlie school. To Columbus to mail a letter - also had some work done on the car.
- 2 - TUES - Strong wind - very warm - it might rain tho. Lawrits is still busy with breaking. Adolph and I were going to cultivate the potatoes - with Daisy - but that did not work so well. There was a letter for Thelma today from Mama with some hair ribbon in it - her birthday is tomorrow. Class in Thorson at 2:00.
- 3 - WED - Home in a.m. Columbus in p.m. - Lawrits along. A little rain. Sent a letter to Ida. Thelma is 9 years old today.
- 4 - THURS - Strong wind from W and NW. 4th of July festival at Harry Trulins place sponsored by the Bethlehem L.A. and YPS. There were many there and they took in \$177.00 which went to the Red Cross. Last Sunday in S. St. Olaf they took in \$100.00 for the same cause. There was some singing and a talk by Soderquist.
- 5 - FRI - Lawrits and I cultivated the potatoes - I also worked some in the garden. Lawrits worked on his land in the p.m. Card from Ida today that she is planning to come home on TUES - waiting to hear from me.

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- 6 - SAT - Cloudy - looks like rain. We did get some later in the day. We got a calf July 1 - the red cow - and one on the 4th of July - Blakka. SUN - June 30, at a congregation meeting after services in S. St. Olaf I asked the congregation about having some time off - at least 2 months. They are willing and now I will bring it up with the other congregations tomorrow. I am not feeling real well myself and Ida has been ailing for some time. I borrowed \$50.00 at the bank and got \$47.00 in salary from Bethlehem (Brother) on the 4th. Hard times.
- 7 - SUN - Foggy - misty - a little rain in the morning. To Larson at 11:00 - quite muddy - had to use chains. Baptism for Doris Margaret, B. May 10 - to Casper and Olava Larsen. Then to Bethlehem for services and baptism for Helge, B. June 5 - to Marius and Oddbjorg Danielson. (Mrs. Danielson died a week after her baby was born). Then at 5:00 out to Thorson - Laurits went along there. 3 baptisms there: Edna Margaret, B. June 8 - to Sigvart and Betsy Nyback; Melvin Carsten, B. June 20, - Otto and Maren Berger; Petrine, B. June 24 - to Carl and Carrie Furness. In regard to my taking a vacation or some time off, all are willing. They also took up a collection for me and I received \$10.00 in salary. Had gotten \$40.00 previously. Discussion and planning for school and school festival.
- 8 - MON - Today Adolph and I left for Wisconsin. Marie and Thelma will be going over to Kleppen's with Anna Romnes (Mrs. Sivert Kleppen) for a while. Laurits will be alone at home for the time being. Laurits took us in to Columbus - Marie and Thelma and Mrs. Wrolson were along also. Had some tire trouble on the way in - had to get a new casing and inner tube. It was a little sad for the girls to have to leave us to go home again. Adolph and I were invited over to O. J. Ronning for supper. The train left Columbus at 8:00 - arrived in Flaxton at 8:30 - and we waited until 11:18 p.m. for the train there. We had plenty of time to walk around in Flaxton - stopped in at the church - over to Schultz, etc. After we got on the train Adolph went to sleep and slept very well. There was some commotion on the train before we came to Minot - an old man on the train complained rather violently about the children and babies on the train that were crying and was threatening the mother with arrest. I had to reason with him. Jeg tog ham lidt i skole.
- 9 - TUES - Arrived in Minneapolis at 4:00 p.m. Had time to go down town for awhile and look around. We also saw a movie which was very enjoyable for Adolph. The train for Colfax left at 7:05. Adolph was tired so went to sleep then. Paid \$1.52 for his ticket - that was all. Arnt, Ida and Valla were at the depot to meet us. Valla laughed and was so happy to see us. Ida is feeling better now. Everything is fine at the Isaksons. Julien was a little shy and bashful at first but it didn't take long before we were well acquainted again. It almost seemed as tho he had forgotten me at first. (Julien was only $1\frac{1}{2}$ years). We had a very nice time while we were there. Now and then some discussion with Isakson in regard to the Union. (These conversations and discussions would have been interesting to listen in on - both the pros and cons being presented. Dad, with his experience in organ-

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- 9 - TUES - (cont.) - izing and working in congregations where members came from other church backgrounds was well aware of the benefits all would receive thru the union or merger of several bodies).
- 13 - SAT - Some of us went to pick blueberries - blaabaer - at Ingeman's.
- 14 - SUN - We drove over to Henry Larson, N of Colfax, to see Eilert, who was working there.
- 17 - WED - Today we drove in to Eau Claire to see Dr. Middelfart. He wasn't there but Dr. Blom was. Everything seems to be better with Ida now. I, too, am feeling more rested and relaxed. (Mom had been to see Dr. Middelfart when she first came down there. He had recommended rest and medication for her after a spot on her lung had shown up on the X-ray. He also felt that she would be just as well off - maybe even better off - going back to N. Dak. where the air was clear and dry - if she could get some help with the housework).
I worked along in the tobacco fields these days also.
- 18 - THURS - Today Eilert received a letter saying he must report to the Army on the 23rd. Isakson and I drove over in the p.m. to get him. They had begun with the harvesting but he came along home with us.
- 19 - FRI - To Colfax this a.m. - over to Froggers in the evening. To Colfax Sat. also.
- 21 - SUN - To Ingeman's for dinner - and supper. Later in the evening they and Frogner's came to Isaksons. 2 of the Frogner boys have already left for the army.
- 22 - MON - Today we leave for home. Julien will stay in Wisconsin for awhile with the Isaksons as this will make it easier for Ida - and the Isaksons are very anxious to have him stay there. We are really going to miss him - but for awhile it will have to be so. Eilert and Mr. and Mrs. Isakson took us in to Colfax. Julien was still sleeping when we had to leave. It rained a little. The train left Colfax at 1:22 p.m. and we arrived in St. Paul at 4:00. We had time to go up town for awhile as the train did not leave until 10:45 p.m. We went to a movie, too, before the train left. Plenty of room on the train.
(Being almost 4 years old, there are things about this evening that I recall quite clearly. The movie was very funny - Charlie Chaplin in "The Musical Tramp", according to old newspaper advertising - and it was no doubt a Charlie Chaplin movie that Dad and Adolph had seen on the way down to Wisconsin. "Who Got Stung" was showing then. I also remember walking down the street - it was evening but there were many lights - many stores and big glass windows. I ran a few steps ahead of Mom and Dad - until I came face to face with a jungle animal, tiger or leopard, with a ferocious expression on its face. That stopped me 'dead in my tracks' ! They were not nearly as dangerous as their snarling expressions made them appear to be as they were part of a display in a furrier's window).
- 23 - TUES - The crops look good in Minnesota and eastern N. Dak. Met several Troop trains - much cheering. It was much drier as we got near Minnt and west of there. Very poor crops near Coteau and Woburn - some of the crops have even been plowed under. Had some rain - rather

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- 23 - TUES - (cont.) - stormy. It looked somewhat better as we came west of Lignite. Laurits was in Stampede to meet us. There had been a good rain here and it was quite muddy for driving. Cool too. Anna and the girls were at home - everything fine there - but they had expected to see Julien too and were quite disappointed about that.
- 24 - WED - Rain today - also some on THURS. Cool these days. There is a lot of work to be done in the garden and potatoes with all the weeds that have grown.
- 28 - SUN - Foggy this morning - cleared up around noon. Ida and I and the children drove out to Thorson as the parochial school term was finished and they put on a program. Many people there. They sold refreshments with the proceeds going to benefit of the Red Cross. Marit (Mary) Hanson came along home with us and will help us for a few weeks. Anna will be going home. Eva was coming to replace Anna but she wasn't feeling well. Charles Olson brought the school teacher (from Thorson) over to Anton Olson. (Miss Emelia Anderson).
- 29 - MON - Took Marie and Thelma over to the schoolhouse. Nice day. We are going to have one month of parochial school in Bethlehem now. Laurits took Anna over to Kleppens last night. Today he started mowing hay - had cut some earlier but had not raked it up yet. Started raining. Have to go to Columbus to get the auto radiator fixed - it is leaking. Have to get some books too. Have been helping along with putting up hay - feeling better now. Ida is also feeling better.

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- 4 - SUN - Cornerstone laying in Macroom with Pres. Ylvisaker. Laurits and I and Marie and Thelma and Marit drove over for it. Nice day. Many there. Dinner was served at noon to all. The afternoon session started at 3:00 but we could not stay for all of it. We went to Alfred Petersons for L.A. and their annual meeting. Ida stayed at home today but I read her report. Election: Pres. - Mrs. Nels Kleppen; V.Pres. - Mrs. A. Serdahl; Sec. & Treas. - Mrs. Adolph Peterson. Sunday evening we went over to A. Carlson. Ida received a large, beautiful plant from her. This week we put up hay on Laurits' land. One day we drove out to P. Hanson in Thorson.
- 11 - SUN - Today all of us drove in to Lignite to visit the Hollands. Cool - with some rain. Marit and Thelma stayed at home and walked over to C. Trulins for YPS. There had been many there. Heard that there had been a big fire in Columbus with a loss of several buildings. (Security State Bank, Duckstad Hardware Store, Bugby Harness Shop, Jake Gunderson's Restaurant, R. Olson's Drug Store, Kvernum's Pool Hall, listed in the Columbus Reporter).
- 12 - MON - Rain showers. Laurits grinding feed. I worked some in the garden.
- 16 - FRI - Laurits started harvesting here - barley and oats. Scattered showers.
- 18 - SUN - Expected Hollands to drive out from Lignite today but they did not come. Suppose

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- 18 - SUN - (cont) - the roads were too bad. We have had some very heavy showers of rain at times. Harvesting at Lawrits this week whenever possible.
- 25 - SUN - L.A. at Kleppens. 26 - MON - School term finished. Had a small program. Miss Emelia Anderson is an excellent teacher - dygtig.
- 27 - TUES - Lawrits finished his harvesting today at noon. I took the teacher out to Thorson today - also Marit Hanson who has been here now for 4 weeks. Eva Kleppen came here yesterday to help. I shocked on Lawrits' land this p.m. 28 - WED - To Larson in a.m.
- 29 - THURS - Finished haying. Some shocking left to do. Lawrits went to get a load of coal. Went to Crosby with Marie to have her eyes checked - to see if she needs glasses.
- 31 - SAT - Haying at Lawrits - set up a small stack and also put some more on top of another one. (It was on Aug. 11 that Conrad was in an automobile accident in Wisconsin that left him crippled.)

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- 1 - SUN - Home. In the evening we all went over to Watterud's for a little while. Kleppens were also there. Very heavy rain showers again.
- 2 - MON - Rather wet but some are harvesting. Most of the harvesting has been completed however and threshing will soon begin.
- 3 - TUES - Lawrits went to Columbus today. Anton Olson came over for awhile - to see Lawrits. Tomorrow - Sept. 4 - there will be 21 boys leaving for the army from Burke Co. - among them Ed Evenson, Alfred Haugerud, and Frank Hollingsworth,
- 5 - THURS - Today and yesterday haying at Lawrits. Finished today.
- 6 - FRI - One day of mowing left here. Weather continues to be very nice so we can keep on. Some have begun with threshing but there are still a few who still have some harvesting left to finish too. We have had a little light frost this week - can see it on the potatoes.
- 8 - SUN - I am now beginning again with my ministerial work after a vacation of 2 months - ferie. I am feeling quite well and rested even tho I am still a little thin. Cold today. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - not very many. L.A. at M. Helseth. St. Olaf at 3:00 - many there and 3 baptisms. I read a sermon today from J. Peterson's Postille - Book of Sermons - for the 15th Sunday after Trinity. Baptisms for: Hazel Marguerite, B. June 14 - Parents, Fred and Betty Daley; Agnes Curvor, B. June 22 - to Andrew A. and Olufine Anderson; Cora Olive, B. July 11 - to Martin and Annie Kortgaard.
- 9 - MON - Lawrits is threshing with A. Pederson and Olsons. I am home. School started this week.
- 11 - WED - Conf. class in Sorlie school at 2:00.
- 12 - THURS - Lawrits drove over to Kleppens the first thing this morning. Then Ida and I went to Columbus. Today was Registration Day - I went over to Sorlie school to register. I was

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- 12 - THURS - (cont) - Number 27. Went to get the mail. Letter from Caroline and Conrad. Then to Stampede to get the box of crabapples that the Isakson's had sent us. Also to Columbus again - to get fruit jars and sugar. Got 25# - have now gotten 100# in all. This was Ida's birthday. (President Wilson had signed the Man Power Act on Aug. 31. Every man between the ages of 18-45 in the army draft age and asked to register on Sept. 12 at regular voting places. Mom said that was a birthday she would NEVER forget - having Dad go to register - her brother, Eilert was already in the army as were 2 of Dad's nephews, Morris and Julius).
- 13 - FRI - Home - fixed pasture fences. 14 - SAT - Home - doing some studying.
- 15 - SUN - To Larson at 11:00 - the first time since my vacation. Many there. Baptism for Alma Lovik, B. July 5 - to Ole and Dina Lovik. Ida and Valborg along today. We were invited to Loviks for dinner. Home by 4:30. Lawrits and Eva had gone over to Kleppens. The 3 oldest children were at home. Cool weather.
- 17 - TUES - Class in Thorson at 2:00. The threshers came here today - A. Olson - finished before dark, over to Andrew Pederson and Lawrits on WED.
- 18 - WED - I went over there for a while in the a.m.. Conf. class in Sorlie school at 2:00. There were several missing for work (threshing) so I dismissed them this time. Drove in to Columbus - borrowed \$50.00 for traveling money - reiseperge - for Ida. Came home by way of the threshing and helped again for awhile.
- 19 - THURS - Took Ida in to Columbus in the afternoon - she is now going to Wisconsin to get Julien. Has to wait in Flaxton until 2:00 a.m. now.
- 20 - FRI - Having been digging potatoes off and on but today I spent the whole day at it.
- 21 - SAT - Conf. class in Larson at 10:00. In the p.m. I raked up some of the loose straw in the field.
- 22 - SUN - Strong wind today. Services in Thorson at 2:00. Also conf. class.
- 23 - MON - Rainy and raw weather. No threshing. Lawrits hauled a load of wheat to Columbus - also one on TUES -24. Class in Sorlie school at 2:00.
- 25 - WED - They started threshing again - at Lien. I dug potatoes. Also dug potatoes on THURS and had conf. class in Thorson.
- 27 - FRI - Conf. class in Sorlie school at 1:30 and Larson at 4:30. We were expecting Ida and Julien to come to Larson on the train this evening but received a letter today saying they would not be coming today.
- 28 - SAT - Got a call from Larson - a telegram from Berthold - "I'll be home tonight". We -I and the 4 children went to Stampede to meet them. Julien had grown and looked so fine - and it didn't take very long before he was well acquainted with the other children again. He had been very good on the trip - enjoyed the train ride. Mrs. S.S. Nelson was also on

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- 28 - SAT - (cont.) - the train - on her way to Montana.
29 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Laurits and Eva went over to Kleppens afterwards - came back in the evening. The Grubb boys drove with auto.
30 - MON - Home today. Laurits is not going along with the threshers any more now.

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- 1 - TUES - Strong wind from SW. Ida and I and Eva went in to Larson today. Laurits hauled in some of the loose straw for chicken feed. Eva went home today - has been here 5 weeks. Paid her \$30.00 - \$6.00 a week.
2 - WED - Started with a confirmation class in Bethlehem at 2:00. There were 4 there.
3 - THURS - Class in Thorson at 2:00 - only 2 there today.
4 - FRI - To Columbus. Received very sad news - sorgelig nyhed - telegram from Wisconsin that Lars Isakson had died Friday noon from a severe case of pneumonia. We went over to Laurits as he was working on his land today. He came home with us. Ida does not feel that she can go back to Wisconsin again so soon after having been there. (Grandpa I. was fine when Mom had left there, just a week ago. Grandpa and Grandma had gone along with Mom and Julien to St. Paul-Minneapolis then. They had made plans to move to Minneapolis that fall - renting the farm to Arnt. Grandpa had already found a place to live - on Colfax Avenue - and they they were planning to move as soon as all arrangements could be completed).
5 - SAT - Laurits and I went to Columbus - did a little shopping - then to Stampede and Laurits left from there on the train to Wisconsin (G.N.). Conf. class in Sorlie school at 2:00. Hauled some hay this evening.
6 - SUN - Raw, strong cold wind from SE. Services in Larson at 11:00 and conf. class following. L.A. at Trulins in the p.m. I went alone - not very many there.
7 - MON - Washday. Bernt Arneson came over to tell me that his wife is very sick. A little boy was born yesterday but died. From here he went over to Kleppens to see if he could get a girl to come and help them.
8 - TUES - Home for the most - also WED. 10 - THURS - To Lignite for the funeral of soldier Anton Amundson, who had died at Camp Dodge, Iowa, of the Spanish flu. Heard also that Arthur Undhjem had died at Camp Custer, Mich. of the Spanish flu (brother of Mrs. T. Westernness).
11 - FRI - To Columbus with a load of wheat - 52 bu. netted \$105.55. Paid a note of \$29.00. Met Ole Grondahl (Lignite) and Bergemoen (McGregor) there. A wheel came off the wagon on the way home. Mrs. Arneson is worse - phoned to Portal for a doctor tonight.
12 - SAT - Cancelled conf. classes in Larson and S. St. Olaf because of all the Spanish flu in the area. Went over to Arnesons in the evening. Ronholdt and Ljungren came over here and I left here about 10:00. She was very sick - near death. I was able to talk with her and

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- 12 - SAT - (cont.) - and give her the assurance she was seeking about her salvation - and she died at 10:30. This is very hard for Arneson and the family. Mrs. Wrolson was there. (Mrs. Wrolson was Arneson's sister; Mrs. Ljungren and Mrs. Arneson were sisters; their brother, Nels Nelson, was married to Mrs. Ronholdt's sister).
- 13 - SUN - I stopped by Arneson's about noon on the way out to Thorson. Several of the neighbors were there helping out now. Then out to P. Hansons - much sickness out there. Cancelled services. On the way home stopped at Ole Evenson. Andor had died in Camp Grant, Illinois, on the 11th and would be buried there instead of shipped home.
- 14 - MON - Went to get a load of coal. All schools are closed now. Threshing around here is almost all finished now.
- 15 - TUES - Ida and I went in to Larson today - but first I went over to Arnesons and it was decided that the funeral will be on Thursday at 2:00. Charles Olson came to get me to come and baptize their baby that was sick - lockjaw - mundklemme. B. Oct. 6 to Charles and Lisa Olson - baby named Arthur. Earl Pooler had been brought home from the Wenker threshing rig (McGregor area) as he was very sick. Others sick too - Martin Serdahl also. Mrs. Pooler came out as I was leaving for home and asked me to go back to Charles Olson and ask him to go to McGregor for medicine. Dr. Wicklund from Powers Lake had been around to over 50 patients recently - much sickness over all the area but only one death so far out there.
- 16 - WED - Should have conf. class in Bethlehem church today but don't suppose there will be much today. Did not feel so well myself last night - afraid it could be the flu. I feel better today but Ida isn't feeling so well. Hope it will pass us by. Yes, they met up at church and I read with them.
- 17 - THURS - Funeral today for Mrs. Bernt Arneson, 41, (Mathilda Kristine), who died on Oct. 12. Ida isn't feeling well so I went alone. Quite cold too. We could not have any services in the home and the casket could not be opened at church for final reviewal. All precautions must be taken now due to all the illness all around us.
- 18 - FRI - Hauled some hay and about 4 sacks of the wheat threshed out of the loose stuff we had raked up. Rain later in the day. There was a sale at Nels Serdahl today but due to the rain it was not finished. People went home.
- 19 - SAT - Went after a load of coal. Nice weather today.
- 20 - SUN - Home. Nice day. We are all feeling fine now. The last services I had were on Oct. 6. Ida was not feeling so well on the 16-17 - could be the flu as quite a few around here are sick. We hear that there have been some deaths at Kielhack mine. I have been working outside - have fenced around some haystacks - hauled out some wheat - hauled some coal etc.
- (The following days - and until Nov. 21 - are written with pencil - notations very sketchy).

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- 26 - SAT - Went in to Columbus to get Laurits - he had come to Stampede Friday evening.
- 27 - SUN - Laurits went over to Kleppens - used the auto. He was not feeling at all well.
- 28 - MON - Today he was very sick - had to go to bed. He has the Spanish flu and developed pneumonia. We had Dr. Wicklund come out to see him. I got sick after a few days - and then all the children. Ida was the only one that was well. Louie Watterud came over to do the chores. I was able to get up and around after being sick in bed for about a week. Laurits was sick for about 2 weeks - felt better - got up for a little while - had a relapse and became very sick again. Dr. Wicklund was here several times. Now - NOVEMBER 20 - he is quite well. We are having cold weather now. We are all well again. I just recently received a check from the Larson L.A. for \$64.00. Mrs. Frank Lorence died on MON -18 (Larson). Mrs. August Klienschmidt has also died - and Emil Olson.

(This past month must have come close to being a living nightmare - but one with a happy ending for our family anyway as everyone survived. These are a few of the things Mom recalled: Laurits' bed was upstairs and this meant many trips up and down the stairs to care for him. When the flu was complicated with pneumonia he was extremely ill. Next - Dad became sick so he was a patient downstairs in the bedroom. As the 5 children became sick, Mom made beds on the davenport and set up another bed in the bedroom downstairs while Julien had his crib. There were 7 people sick at the same time! Louie Watterud came over to do the chores - milking - watering and feeding the cattle, horses, chickens - carrying water, coal and ashes at the house. He didn't come in the house as the Watterud's had not had the flu yet - but he came to the door several times a day to check up on how things were going - in between all the chores. Albert Serdahl had already had the flu and was able to work again so he also came over often. After our whole family was sick - except Mom - Albert helped move a cot down from upstairs so Laurits had his bed in the dining room. It made it a little easier for Mom to have all 7 patients on the same floor anyway. Dr. Wicklund came several times and one time he told Mom that he was amazed that she was well and all the others were sick. He knew that Mom had been sick during the summer. She showed him the pills that the Wisconsin doctor had prescribed for her - and that she was still taking them. He crushed one and tasted it and called it "potent stuff". Whatever it was it worked.

Laurits was a very sick man, delirious at times. One night, she remembered, was particularly difficult. He kept insisting that Eilert was sick (he was in France) and that he wanted his mother to go there to take care of him. He kept trying to get out of bed so he could go and tell her. Because of his weakened condition Mom was able to keep him in bed, however. The following night Albert Serdahl came over and stayed to look after Laurits so Mom could get a little rest. Neither Dad nor any of the children developed pneumonia so when they

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(cont.) - started to improve recovery was relatively speedy. Laurits felt a little better after 2 weeks in bed and tried to get up. He had a relapse and was even worse off the 2nd time - with pleurisy. He finally recovered from that too. I asked Mom where she slept when all the beds and cots were full of sick people. She couldn't remember that but thought that she might just have rested in a chair when things were quiet.)

(From now on the Diary resumes in ink with quite regular entries).

- 21 - THURS - Funeral today in Larson for Mrs. Frank Lorence, 34, (Sarah) who died of the Spanish flu and pneumonia. There was a fair turnout - spoke also in English. 2 of her sisters from Montana came. The service was held in the Drug Store but the casket was standing in the empty Burns store. Terrible driving conditions - cold and the ground is frozen - very rough roads for the horses.
- 25 - MON - Had heard SAT evening about the death of a young Swedish man in Larson. Lovik called me and asked me to have the funeral tomorrow - TUES -26. Joel Carlson, 33, had died of the same illness that caused Mrs. Lorence's death. His folks live in Blekinge, Sweden. There were very few at the funeral - people are just afraid to come out to any gatherings now. I drove with horses - had them shod.
- 27 - WED - No Annual meeting in S. St. Olaf today. Postponed due to all the illness.
- 28 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. We are having very nice weather these days. Yes, we have much to be thankful on this day of thanks - first, because we have all come thru this period of illness and have had all our needs taken care of during the past year - and now especially are we thankful because the war is over. God, help us all to be more thankful than we are.
- 30 - SAT - Annual meeting in Bethlehem at 1:30. We met in the school house by Anton Olson as Lindberg has not gotten the furnace for the church in working order yet. We have a small heater for heating there now. It was a cold and windy day but quite a few came. This is the first gathering we have had for quite awhile now. Laurits is well now but still has not regained his strength so he stayed at home today. I read from Luke 21 for Devotion - and then gave my annual report. I read Laurits' secr. report in his absence. Treas. report - I had received \$101.00 previously and now received \$49.00. Election of officers: Secr. - L. Isakson; Treas. - C. Brothen; Trustee - B. Siverson (3) with N. Kleppen as substitute if Siverson cannot serve; Custodian - A. Serdahl; School committee - A. Serdahl (3). They also decided that my salary from Bethlehem should be raised from \$150 to \$250.00 annually - \$15.00 per family. My salary at this time from the 4 congregations I serve totals \$650.00 annually.

(Eilert Isakson died Nov. 2, 1918 from flu and pneumonia in France).

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- 1 - SUN - Home today. One day this week I went in to Larson - paid up at the Farmer's Store. Out to Seim's (Thorson) one day this week. Each day is very nice now. Also went to get a load of coal one day.
- 7 - SAT - Annual meeting for S.St.Olaf congregation held in the Sorlie school. It had been postponed from an earlier date due to illness (Spanish flu). We met in the school because the furnace has not been installed in the church yet. Reports heard. Have received of my salary, \$186.00 for 1917 and \$279.00 for 1918 - \$29.00 over for this year. C.A.Ljungren and family welcomed as new members. Election: Secr. - J.Haugerud; Treas. - S.O.Berg; Trustees - C.A.Ljungren (3), S.Halbakken (2), T.Hysjulien (1); School committee - A.Sorlie (3); Custodian - S.Halbakken, to be paid \$35.00 per year. In regard to increasing my salary from \$250.00 to \$350.00 annually, all present were in favor but felt that there were not enough present to act on it and that it should be presented to the whole congregation at the next service. There was a surplus in the treasury now. They will be installing the furnace in the church on MON -9. There were only 9 present today.
- 8 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 2:00. Nice, mild day so there were many there today. Ida was not feeling so well today - tired after doing a great deal of sewing. Laurits went along. He went over to Kleppens afterwards. There was baptism for Elmer Kristian, B.Sept.24 to Ole and Helene Olson.
- 9 - MON - Laurits and Jacob Kleppen here today. Jake is going to help Laurits haul out some wheat. I fenced across the lake in the pasture today. Laurits recently received a letter from Arnt with the sad news that Eilert had died of pneumonia, in France.
- 10 - TUES - Home. A little snow. 11 - ~~WED~~ - Colder but I drove in to Columbus with buggy to do some shopping and pay some bills etc.
- 12 - THURS - Laurits is hauling wheat to Columbus today. I helped him load up and drove a team as far as I.Toso.
- 13 - FRI - Same today - nice weather. Jake and Magne Kleppen came yesterday with 2 heifers for Laurits and took home a cow they had traded for. Vera Watterud has been here for a few days helping Ida. (Mom had some sewing started but it was hard to get everything done. Vera was an excellent seamstress and finished the dresses for Marie and Thelma that Mom was working on. They were green wool with velvet jackets. There were a few other things to sew also).
- 14 - SAT - To Thorson for Annual meeting of the congregation. We met in the school house at 2:00 but only 6 were present. Meeting opened with Devotion, followed by reports. Have received previously \$50.00 and today \$70.00 - \$30.00 lacking. Election: - Secr. - C.Furness; Treas. - M.Sathre; Trustee - J.P.Gjerde (3), Christ Rud (2), N.Fredrickson (1); School committee - Sam Wigdahl (3). Salary was discussed and all present were in favor of increasing it from the present \$150.00 to \$200.00 but thought it would be best to delay acting on it until the time of the next service when there would be more present. J.Wick was chosen as custodian.

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- 15 - SUN - Services in Larson at 11:00 - first time since everything was cancelled for the flu epidemic. S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Baptism for Chester Theodore, B. Oct. 2 - to Albert and Thilda Sorlie. Drove in buggy. Some came with sleds and there were even some with autos. Many there today. The discussion of salary increase was brought up as it had not been concluded at the annual meeting as there were not enough members present. A. Brodahl made a motion that my salary should be increased from the present \$250.00 to \$350.00 annually and it was seconded by O. Ronholdt.
- 16 - MON - Ida and I went in to Columbus to do some shopping for Christmas - Jule indkjøb - and also to pay some bills. Borrowed \$150.00 at the bank to manage it all. Very foggy. Laurits and Jake Kleppen are hauling out wheat. Vera Watterud has been here a week now but will be going home tomorrow. Laurits and Jake went to Columbus today too.
- 18 - WED - Cold but clear. 19 - THURS - Nice weather. Laurits went to get a load of coal. Have written a great number of Christmas letters and cards. Must now study for Christmas.
- 20 - FRI - Home today. Cold. Same on SAT.
- 22 - SUN - Services in Thonson at 1:30 - not many there. Very foggy. Laurits over to Kleppens.
- 23 - MON - Ida is busy baking. Laurits went to Columbus. I studied and did the chores.
- 24 - TUES - Christmas Eve. Foggy today too. Spent some time studying - paa kontoret. Then in the evening we have Christmas Tree to the children's delight. We went around the Christmas tree and sang songs. The children have learned recitations and declamations - and then we have gifts. This was after we had had supper - Jule god and Julebrød and other good things.
- 25 - WED - Christmas Day. A blessed Christmas with God's Peace on Earth. Quite nice Christmas weather with a little snow coming down. Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:30 - Ida and Thelma along. We used the big sled - many came to church. Some drove with autos but most of them came with sleds. Laurits went to Clarence Pedersons in the evening - Christmas program. Christmas Eve we took some Christmas goodies - Julegodt - over to Arnesons. It was very welcome. Det var nok kjaerkomment.
- 26 - THURS - A little colder. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Marie and I went. Wrolsons here in the afternoon.
- 27 - FRI - To Larson at 1:00. Baptism for Ella Lenora, B, Nov. 24 - to Hans and Anna Rolie. Short congregation meeting following services. Secretary's book forgotten but I reported on the business covered in the last meeting. Treas. reported that about \$130.00 has come in. Election: Secr. - Ole Dillerud; Treas. - O. Hatlelid; Trustee - Ole Lovik (2). Hans Rolie and family welcomed as new members. In regard to janitor services, those living in town promised to each take a turn at having the church (or school) warmed up during the winter. In regard to cost per cemetery lot for non-members it was decided that \$10.00 per grave would be fair. They decided that the cemetery should be measured into lots 20 x 20

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- 27 - FRI - (cont.) - feet square. Oscar Hatlelid will draw up a plat of the cemetery and this will be kept with the secretary. A committee of 3 will be chosen towards spring to purchase and place iron markers for the lots. A. Walstad offered to haul a load of coal. He is planning to move to Columbus shortly so I thanked him, on the behalf of the congregation, for all his work here. Meeting adjourned. Used the big sled today too.
- 28 - SAT - Nice weather today too.
- 29 - SUN - Should have been in Thorson for services - Christmas services - but it was quite stormy so stayed home today.
- 30 - MON - Home studying. Some more snow - stormy. Same on TUES -31- last day of the year.

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JANUARY

- 1 - WED - Godt Nytaar! Happy New Year! Yes, this past year has been a troubled year for the whole world - war and misery - famine - sickness and death. Oh, how many have died. Now prospects look better - the war is ended. But have we really deserved better? May God help us to serve Him better - that this coming year may bring us joy and happiness with the peace that has come to all nations. We hope and pray that it will not be long before all the sickness is over - this epidemic that has claimed so many lives.
- A stormy day - no services in S. St. Olaf.
- Ja, det gamle aar har vaert et traengsels aar for verden. Krig og elendighed - hunger og sygdom. Ak, saamange som er dode. Nu lysner det dog. Krigen er forbi - men vi har nok ikke fortjent bedre. Maatte Gud hjælpe os til at tjene Ham bedre - og maatte det blive et godt og glaedeligt og fredelig aar - og maatte den sygdom snart laegge sig som har kraevet saa mange offer.
- 2 - THURS - Stormy but not too cold. Leonard Serdahl came home this week from Jacksonville, Fla.
- 5 - SUN - Still somewhat stormy but not very cold. Services in Bethlehem at 11:30. Few there. Leonard was in church - in uniform. Ed Evenson was also in uniform on Christmas Day in S. St. Olaf. Heard at church that Alfred Walstad, Larson, had died yesterday of a stroke. This evening we went over to Petersons for the baptism of Palma Constance, B. Dec. 1, 1918 - Parents, Alfred and Jette Peterson. There is still much sickness around. All are sick at Kleppens - some sick at Watteruds, Toso, and Andrew Peterson.
- 6 - MON - I went to Columbus - got the fish shipment (frozen assortment of fish ordered from Duluth). Sent a draft to Augsburg Publ. House for \$19.80. Still somewhat stormy.
- 7 - TUES - Better weather. 8 - WED - Funeral in Larson for Alfred Walstad, 37. Died Jan. 4. I had a ride with A. G. Berg. Many people came. The roads to the west of us are terrible.
- 9 - THURS - Services in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. Weather nice but not many there. Leonard and Emil

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- 9 - THURS - (cont.) - (Adolph) here last night. Butchered a heifer this forenoon.
- 12 - SUN - Services in Larson at 1:00. A nice day and many there. 2 more families became members of the congregation - John Rolie and Nels Gunderson. We heard that the little 2-year old son of Marius Danielson had died yesterday. He had been with the Hoie's since his mother died (June, 1918).
- 14 - TUES - Funeral at M. Hoie for Aroll Danielson, 2, Many came to church - not so many at the house. There is still much sickness - at Kleppens where Magne and Elmer are very sick with the influenza. A Birkeland boy who is there seems to have it the worst. Neighbors have been there to watch with him thru out the night - vaaget. Laurits has also been over there.
- 17 - FRI - Went to Columbus today - did some shopping. Sent 2 boxes of books - from Mandius - to Lutheran Seminary. Also sent some drafts for papers, etc.
- 19 - SUN - Nice and mild today. To Thorson at 1:00. Many there. They took up the Christmas offering for me today. Went by M. Enget on the way home. We received a picture of the 4 Haugerud boys who have been - and are - in the army.
- 20 - MON - Even milder today. Laurits came home today - had been at Kleppens but they are getting better now. In the afternoon Ida and I and Valla and Julien went over to Trulins.
- 21 - TUES - A little colder today.
- 23 - THURS - Services in Bethlehem at 11:30 - a beautiful, mild day and the whole family went along. Snow is disappearing fast. Baptism for Helga, B. Nov. 10, 1918 - Parents, Even and Clara Hoff. Took up a subscription for the needy and suffering Armenians and Syrians. \$95.00 subscribed. In the p.m. we all went over to S.O. Berg as Laurits wanted to look at a house he had for sale. Nice, but a little colder on FRI and SAT.
- 26 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:30. Took up a subscription there for the same cause - came to \$161.00 there. Serdahls came over here in the p.m.
- 27 - MON - Colder. Ida and I and Adolph and Valla went over to Alfred Petersons. The others are not feeling quite well. Ei rigtig ipas. 28 - TUES - Ida not too well today. Home.
- 29 - WED - Quite nice today. The 3 oldest children started school today - the English (public) school over by Arnesons. Miss Olga Firstad is the teacher. Laurits went over to Kleppens - wanted to look at a house S of there. Sport (dog) had been out playing with a coyote today.
- 30 - THURS - Home mostly today and FRI except for driving to and from school with the children.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - SAT - Very nice weather.
- 2 - SUN - To Larson for services at 11:30. Nice day. Subscription came to \$78.00. Stopped in at the bank to sign a document for Walstads. 3 - MON - Cold wind.
- 4 - TUES - To Columbus. Used the sled but the ground is almost bare in the foothills.
- 5 - WED - And thru the remainder of the week - colder weather. Alfred Petersons were here for a little while on SAT.

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FEBRUARY

- 9 - SUN - To Thorson for services. Cold wind - not many there. Subscription - \$35.00. Laurits over to Kleppens. Elmer has been very sick - has had to have surgery for an abscess on his lungs so he is improving now.
- 10 - MON - Laurits went to Columbus today. I sent \$267.00 to E. Waldeland (treasurer of the church) for the fund to aid the needy Armenians and Syrians.
- 11 - TUES - and on thru the rest of the week - take the children to school but home otherwise busy with things both inside and outside.
- 14 - FRI - My 44th birthday. Company came - Mr. and Mrs. S.O. Berg, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sandberg, and Marie Hatlelid. They came about coffee time - kaffetid - with cake and ice cream. Laurits has bought the S.O. Berg for \$110.00. (This was a 2-room house they lived in before he built their big house). Laurits and Louis Watterud were over there yesterday getting it ready for moving. Today they and John Lien have started moving it and will finish tomorrow.
- 15 - SAT - We were all over at Alfred Petersons for awhile today.
- 16 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for Lloyd, B. Jan. 20 - Parents, Syver and Clara Halbakken. To Bethlehem at 2:30.
- 17 - MON - Took the children to school. 18 - TUES - Rather stormy - snow. Children home today.
- 19 - WED - About the same. Jacob Kleppen here over night. Louis and Vera Watterud were here in the evening. 20 - THURS - Vera is leaving for Minn. today. Laurits went to get coal today.
- 23 - SUN - Services in Larson at 11:30. Quite cold.
- 24 - MON - and the next few days - cold and stormy. Children home from school. About 20 below.
- 27 - THURS - Better today. Took the children to school - then went to Columbus and Larson.
- 28 - FRI - Cold again.

MARCH

- 1 - SAT - Stormy and cold today too.
- 2 - SUN - Quite cold. Out to Thorson for services at 11:30 - just a few showed up - Furness and Mrs. Wick and 2 small girls. Continued cold thru WED -5.
- 6 - THURS - A little milder. We have had to haul water for the cattle and horses for a while now. On WED the young people from Kleppens came over - Eva will stay until SUN. On FRI Laurits went to get a load of coal - 4100 # for \$4.90. On TUES -4- I received Eilert's fur coat, sent from Wisconsin. (This was the black, curly fur coat that looked like Persian Lamb, but it could have been something else. It was very long, almost to the floor, and with his fur cap and fur gauntlets Dad had quite good protection from the severe weather).
- 9 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - Ida and Laurits and Eva along. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peterson came along home from church. I went to S. St. Olaf at 2:30. Mikal Nilson was in church in uniform, having recently come home from France. By Nelsons - baptism for Dorothy Marie, B. Dec. 1, 1918 - to Olga Nelson - father, Justin Irgens.

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- 10 - MON - Nice weather. 11 - TUES - Very nice weather - Laurits and I hauled hay - Jake K. here.
- 12 - WED - Laurits, Jake Kleppen and Louie Watterud went to Crosby to see the dentist. It began to get windy from the east, turned stormy, and was stormy for the rest of the week.
- 16 - SUN - Could not drive to Larson today on account of the terrible roads. It stormed off and on for the rest of the week.
- 21 - FRI - Went to Columbus - bought a new radiator for the auto from Ulsrud but did not bring it home today.
- 22 - SAT - Started with a class in S. St. Olaf again at 2:00 in the Sorlie school. Have met with the class in Larson once this winter and will meet with the class in Thorson tomorrow.
- 23 - SUN - Out to Thorson - went by Anton Bakken first. Baptism there for Marvel Irene, B. Feb. 19 - to Anton and Adelia Bakken. Then to the schoolhouse for services and class. By Bakkens on the way home. 24 - MON - Home today and TUES. Beginning to thaw a little now.
- 26 - WED - Hauled some hay. 27 - THURS - Home - studying. Laurits went in to town. Weather is nice but it takes time to thaw the snow. There are some water puddles during the day.
- 30 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - by the new time. Not very many - too early for most of them. (Daylight Saving Time was enacted as a war measure but still in effect. Clocks were to be set ahead 1 hour on the last Sun. in March and set back 1 hour on the last Sun. of Oct. - effective time 2:00 a.m.) There is a cold wind but it helps the melting of the snow. To Bethlehem at 3:00. Marie and Valborg at home. Many in Bethlehem. After services we went over to Alfred Petersons for awhile.
- 31 - MON - A little milder - hard on the snow now. Butchered a pig. Laurits hauled a cupboard - skab - up to his place. Wrolsons here for a little while.

APRIL

- 1 - TUES - Rain today and nice mild weather. Laurits worked on the chimney of his house today.
- 2 - WED - Same kind of mild weather and all of a sudden we have big lakes all around us - can't even drive to school with the children now.
- 3 - THURS - Sunshine and mild weather. Laurits is busy cleaning his house - rengjore huset.
- 4 - FRI - Snow disappearing fast - impossible to drive any place from here. Same on SAT.
- 6 - SUN - Could not go to Larson - the roads are absolutely impossible. We have not had any mail delivery from Larson for awhile now. We do get our somewhat regular mail delivery from Columbus - nogenlunde regelmaessig.
- 7 - MON - Snow again. Laurits drove in to Columbus today with buggy but the roads are really He brought with him about 28 dozen eggs but by the time he got them to the store about 3 doz. were broken. I hauled a little hay - using the wagon box - and got stuck with the wagon. More snow during the night.
- 8 - TUES - Laurits took down the hayshed here. To Kleppens to get Jake to help him move it.

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- 9 - WED - Finished taking down the hayshed - moved and set it up again on his place.
- 10 - THURS - Today they moved his barn. Ida and I over to A. Carlson.
- 11 - FRI - Have a well-digger here - Joe Orris. 12 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school.
- 13 - SUN - Palm Sunday - but the roads out to Thorson were impossible. Terribly muddy - soft - and still many large snowdrifts around. Laurits and Jake over to Kleppens today.
- 14 - MON - Home. 15 - TUES - Went to Columbus with buggy. Roads are terrible - very muddy - and especially bad close to town. Got stuck in a mudhole then - broke something on the buggy.
- 15 - WED - Home. Studying.
- 16 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Services with communion in Bethlehem at 11:00. Many there. Were over to Laurits for dinner - us and some of the Kleppens.
- 17 - FRI - Good Friday. Services with communion in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Many there. To Larson at 3:00. Roads are much improved now - many cars are being used now. Heard today that the mother of Mrs. Mons Fotland died quite unexpectedly last night.
- 18 - SAT - Funeral today in Bethlehem for Mrs. Anna Johnson, 72, D. Apr. 17. B. in Bergen, Nor.
- 20 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 and Thorson at 3:00. Many in Bethlehem. The 12-year son of Casberg and Olivia Larsen died of flu and pneumonia Good Friday evening. He had been sick for several weeks. Funeral will be on MON. I had read with the class in Bethlehem following services on THURS and in Thorson after services today.
- 21 - MON - Funeral in Larson at 1:00 for Curtis Orville, 12, son of Casberg and Olava Larsen. I had a ride in with A. G. Berg. Went by Sorlie school to vote - came too late. The well-drillers are now on the 3rd place - 77' down and no water yet.
- 22 - TUES - Well drillers left today - went to Post (or Portal?). Olaf Anderson came over to help me fix up the auto. Cold this p.m. with sleet and hail. Spring's work just beginning.
- 23 - WED - Wedding day for Laurits Isakson, 29, and Synneva Kleppen, 19 at Kleppens. We all went over to Kleppens. Cold in the forenoon but nicer in the p.m. Quite a few guests. Ida was not feeling too well towards evening and had a ride home with Trulins in auto later on. Bertha Hoie is helping at our place now - came Easter Sunday.
- 24 - THURS - Cold wind from east. Ground is frozen very hard. When driving to school today we had a nasty accident right west of the barn. Marie and Thelma fell out of the buggy and were bruised and scratched. We came right home again. It was bad enough but it could have been a great deal more serious than it was. We were all frightened. Heard from Herland that Arthur Wrolson came home MON. evening. Ida and I walked down to Wrolsons for a short visit this evening. He looks real good. He had been wounded in 3 places at one time when a shell exploded killing 16 and wounding 18 in his company.
- 25 - FRI - To town - used the auto for the first time this spring. Roads are quite dry now. Bought some dishes for a wedding present for Laurits and Eva. We went over there for a little while this evening.
- 26 - SAT - Class at 2:00 - S. St. Olaf. Nice today but it has been cold all week.

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APRIL

- 27 - SUN - Easter services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Drove with the auto. Read with the class in Larson. 28 - MON - Class in Thorson at J. Wick at 2:00.
29 - TUES - Home. 30 - WED - Conf. class in Larson.

MAY

- 1 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. To Laurits in evening - butchered a pig.
2 - FRI - Heard that B. Siverson was sick so went over to see him. They had taken him to the Kermare hospital. A rainy day. Went over to Laurits - got some pork and the kerosene stove.
3 - SAT - Cold - wind from NE. Class in Sorlie school at 2:00.
4 - SUN - Services in Thorson - conf. class following. Home on MON and TUES.
7 - WED - Class in Larson. 8 - THURS - To Columbus in a.m. Class in Bethlehem in p.m.
10 - SAT - Rain. Class in Sorlie school. Did not go to Larson.
11 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for Roy Leonard, B. Apr. 8 - to Anton and Anna Gilbertson. Bethlehem at 3:00. 12 - MON - Class in Thorson at P. Hanson.
13 - TUES - Home. Same on WED. Classes in Bethlehem on THURS - Larson on FRI - Sorlie on SAT.
18 - SUN - Services in Larson and Thorson.
19 - MON - Today drove to school with 4 children - Marie, Thelma, Adolph and Valborg.
20 - TUES - Drove S to Nils Pladsen in Thorson for the funeral of their little girl - Nona Elida, 4 years old. She had died on SAT -17. Laurits has just finished sowing wheat here and is disking for oats.
21 - WED - Ida and I and Eva went to Columbus. Had some repairs made on the car - \$19.20. Broke down on the way home towards evening - near the mines. Got the use of Greenup's car - and A. Olson to drive home.
22 - THURS - Had a ride in to town with the mailman. Had gotten the car in to the garage this morning. There was quite a bit of damage - repairs amounted to \$52.00 and with labor it came to \$70.00. It was late when I came home this evening - no class in Bethlehem today.
23 - FRI - Conf. class at C. Larsen. Ida and the 2 smallest along. In to Larson too. (town)
24 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school. Had to send one boy home.
25 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for Lloyd Alvin, B. Apr. 15 - to Henry and Lydia Halvorson. Bethlehem in p.m. Ida and I went over to N. Seidahl in the evening.
26 - MON - Class in Thorson at Overlie. 27 - TUES - Ida and I and Julien went in to Columbus to get some medicine - Julien has some sores in his mouth. Warm weather now.
28 - WED - The warmest day we have had so far this spring - 98 degrees in the shade. It was so warm many had to quit working outside.
29 - THURS - A little cooler but a very strong wind blowing. Class in Bethlehem.
30 - FRI - Decoration Day. Looked like rain. Class in Larson. S. Kleppen along.
31 - SAT - Cloudy and cool but no rain. Some are finished with spring's work - others not. Class in Sorlie school.

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JUNE

- 1 - SUN - Services in Larson at 11:00 - quite a few there. Thorson at 3:00 - no class afterwards. Next to Clavin Rude's to baptize their twins: Verni Calvin and Violet Amanda, B. May 25 - to Calvin and Manda Rude.
- 2 - MON - Had planned to plant potatoes at Laurits today but did not get to it - blev intet av. To Columbus - bought a new tire - and a rug at Duckstads. Ida along. Home - TUES & WED.
- 5 - THURS - Conf. class in Bethlehem. Over to Hoie. Trulin's - had some feed ground.
- 6 - FRI - To Larson - class at 4:00 - Ida along. Laurits came over today - started planting potatoes. Plowing for the barley too. 7 - SAT - Conf. class in Sorlie school.
- 8 - SUN - Pentecost Sunday. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Whole family along. Baptism for Elenora Geneva, B. Apr. 28 - to Ole and Karen Hovland. To Alfred Petersons in the evening. Kleppens there too.
- 9 - MON - Class in Thorson at 1:00. 10 - TUES - Studied some. To Columbus. Later over to Hoie to get Bertha. Ole Evenson came in the evening - will go along to Ambrose tomorrow.
- 11 - WED - Nels Serdahl, Ole Evenson and I went in to Columbus early this morning to take the train to Ambrose for Circuit meeting. Quite a few there. I gave the sermon for the opening session. G. Peterson introduced the theme for discussion in the afternoon, based on Rev. 3:14 and following verses. In the evening Vaaler, from Noonan, led the discussion - 2nd Petition.
- 12 - THURS - Communion and Mission service in the a.m. In the afternoon we had the business meeting and continued with the discussions. Ole Evenson, Gotfred Peterson and I stayed at Vir-mager last night. To Columbus this evening. Had a good rain last night - also a little tonight. Had to get a few repairs on the car before going home.
- 13 - FRI - Class in Larson. Laurits came over. Had to put an end to Charlie (Laurits' horse).
- 14 - SAT - Conf. class in Sorlie school.
- 15 - SUN - Services in Thorson - also conf. class. Baptism for Floyd Joseph, B. May 29 - to Nick and Thuri Fredrickson. L.A. at our place. Many came. They took in over \$20.00.
- 16 - MON - Class in Bethlehem. 18 - WED - Class in Thorson - last time before confirmation.
- 19 - THURS - Class in Larson - also last time. Today is our 12th Wedding anniversary. Have now received cards and letters from Martin, Mandius and Lena, all telling me that Father, who has been sick for some time now, had died on SAT - June 14 - between 4 - 5:00 - at Martin's. Father would have been 90 years old on July 24. Because of the strike, they were not able to notify my by telegram. He was dead and already buried by the time I got to hear about it. Yes, he was tired and longed for eternal rest with God. Han var traet og stundede efter Sabbats hvilen hos Gud.
- 20 - FRI - Studied. It is dry and warm - no rain now for some time.
- 21 - SAT - Conf. class in Sorlie school - last time before confirmation - tomorrow.
- 22 - SUN - Confirmation services in S. St. Olaf church for 14; 17 from S. St. Olaf - 3 from Larson - and 4 from Thorson. There were so many people that some could not get in the church.

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- 22 - SUN - (cont.) - Dinner was served to all at noon. Communion service in the afternoon at 3:00 - for 39. Ida and Adolph along - the others were at home. Marit Hanson came along home with us and will be with us for awhile. There were 3 baptisms today: Hildur Elfrid, B. Oct. 28, 1918 - to John and Ingrid Jacobson; twins - Judith and Florence, B. May 22 - to Andrew A. and Olufine Anderson. Members of the confirmation class: From S. St. Olaf - Linda Josephine and Sylvia Johanna Berg (S.O. Berg); Mabel Lenora Dahl (Martinus); Alvera Clarissa Ronholdt (Olaf); Edgar Allen Sandberg (Mattias); Arnold Evenson (Otto); Mandt Kerilworth Wilson (Anton). From Scandia (Thorson) - Ragnhild Margarethe Overlie (Soren and Anna Gullickson); Nils Hanson (Pete); Christian Alfred Wick (John); Palmer Finger Gjerde (John P.). From Larson - Marian Larson (Casberg); Nora Geneva Gunderson (Nils); Bertha Kristine Gunderson (Nils).
- 23 - MON - To Columbus. Class in Bethlehem. To Trulins in evening to grind feed.
- 24 - TUES - Extremely warm - had planned to go to Macroom but did not go. Ida is not feeling well. This is the last week of English school for the children. Have had 3 weeks of parochial school in S. St. Olaf and 3 left.
- 25 - WED - Ida and I, Valla and Eva over to Kleppens - then for a little while to Alfred Peterson's in the evening.
- 26 - THURS - Election day - went to school to vote on the 7 referendums. To Larson for a short while. Also picked some strawberries. A few raindrops today - more rain to the north. Here it is very dry and warm - and windy.
- 27 - FRI - Tomorrow I will be leaving for Grand Forks to attend the annual meeting of the church. Alfred Peterson and Andrew Haraseth will also be going - Laurits will take us to the train.
- 28 - SAT - Left from Stampede at 7:15 a.m. To Minot by noon. Left Minot at 4:10 p.m. for Grand Forks and arrived there at 10:00 p.m. The hotels were all filled but we all 3 got room at a Bye. Went up town to get something to eat - had a midnight lunch in a Chinese Restaurant. There had been meetings during the day and in the evening there was a meeting for the women.
- 29 - SUN - Ordination service for 3 candidates by Prof. Stub. At 3:00 there was a speech by Prof. E. Hove. In the evening - Mission Festival. Very warm today.
- 30 - MON - Even warmer today. Concert in the evening - 200 voices - State Choral Union, presenting "The Holy City" - directed by Mrs. David Stoeve.

JULY

- 1 - TUES - Last day of the meeting. Business meeting. Heard some yesterday and today about a bad storm that had hit the vicinity of Wildrose and McGregor.
- 2 - WED - Left Grand Forks this morning. When we came to Minot and Berthold we heard that there had been great destruction also around home. Hans Mailing told us that there had been much destruction in his neighborhood. Saw Harry Trulin in Lignite and he told us that everything

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- 2 - WED - (cont.) - except the house at our place was gone - same at Alfred Peterson - but that our families were all right. Lawrits was in Stampede to meet us. As we drove home we saw destruction all around; Hauge church gone - many large barns are down - also some houses. Old Mr. Nelson at Ljungrens was killed when their house went. Everything at Nels Serdahl was gone. Our house was also somewhat damaged - ramponert - and everything else here was spread far and wide to the NE of us. Ida was extremely upset and frightened from the storm. The Serdahls stayed with us for a few days after this. (Windows were blown in - a 2x4 was driven thru the wall of the front hall - nails were driven head-first into the telephone pole - the barn was a pile of wreckage and underneath it all, a young calf was a survivor - and the whole family had gone to the cellar of the house, and suffered no damage except much fright. Lawrits and Eva had come over in the evening so they were with us too.)
- 3 - THURS - Out to Thorson to see P. Hanson - he had been hurt in the storm.
- 4 - FRI - Home. Mr. and Mrs. Kleppen here. He helped me haul some things home (to repair some of the damage). 5 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 6 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Baptism for Tom, B. May 30 - to Melvin and Laura Peterson. At 4:00 over to S. St. Olaf for graveside rites for Nels Nelson, 85, who died June 29 during the storm that destroyed the house and all other buildings at Ljungren's, where he lived. (Father of Mrs. Ljungren).
- 7 - MON - Home. Also TUES. Many things to do around the place, getting things fixed up again.
- 9 - WED - Went to Columbus - ordered some lumber - \$260.00. Everything very expensive now. \$50.00 and \$69.00 per 1000. In the p.m. west to Dihle, Anderson, and Wrolson to see about getting carpenters. On TUES went to a school meeting at Ronholdts.
- 10 - THURS - Out to Thorson again - Pete Hanson is improving. Drove around to see most of the people and they have now decided to have parochial school. Class in Bethlehem in p.m. Then over to Adolph Peterson and Lawrits.
- 11 - FRI - To Columbus to buy nails, etc. - spiger og forskjellig. Adolph Peterson hauled out 2 loads of lumber for me today. 12 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 13 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for Bertha Marie, B. June 8 - to Kristoffer and Petra Marie Anderson. School program in the afternoon.
- 14 - MON - Torvald Dihle, Michael Nelson, and M. Sandberg came over to do some carpenter work. Wilson came over to do some cement work - mure - and Arneson hauled some rocks. Arnold Sandberg hauled out a load of shingles.
- 15 - TUES - Dihle and Nelson here today. A. Peterson brought out a load of drop siding. I went to Columbus - just a quick trip. Also on WED.
- 16 - WED - A. Peterson brought out the last load of lumber. The bill came to \$298.00. Very warm weather. 17 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem. Bad dirt storm in p.m. Very warm weather - all thru the rest of the week.

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- 20 - SUN - Have caught a terrible cold - can hardly talk. I went to Larson for services at 11:00 and spoke a little but I could not sing. Home for dinner. Out to Thorson at 3:00. We had services in the little school house as the big one had blown off the foundation during the storm. Here I had J. Wick read a sermon and M. Sathre led the singing. There will be 1 month of parochial school - the teacher has come but there is a little confusion now - opstuds - about where the school will be held. From Thorson to Mrs. Wrolson for L.A. Many there - they took in \$21.90. Also L.A. at Adolph Petersons - \$24.00. Warm weather.
- 21 - MON - Still very hoarse today and TUES.
- 23 - WED - Circuit meeting in Zion congregation - Vaaler's call. Same on THURS -24.
- 25 - FRI - Adolph is 7 years old today. Conf. class in Bethlehem. Then went to Larson and Columbus. Also stopped at Adolph Peterson.
- 26 - SAT - L.A. auction at A. Pederson - sold for \$107.00.
- 27 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Baptism for Walter, B. June 30 - to Bendik and Bertha Marie Siverson. Some discussion following the service in regard to Wildwood Park. Pete Barmoens and Pete Bergs came over after services - also Alfred Petersons. Later on Andrew Watterud and B. Arneson.
- 28 - MON - I did some carpentering on the barn - jeg snedkerer lidt paa barn. Windy in evening.
- 30 - WED - To Larson. Today Marie started taking music lessons from Mrs. P. Nord. I went over to Casberg Larsens for a little while. Marion is sick - infantile paralysis - barnelammelse.
- 31 - THURS - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Lawrits has started haying here now. Later in the day we went down to Mrs. A. Watterud's coulee. Valla is 5 today.

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- 1 - FRI - Out to Thorson in the a.m. to the schoolhouse where Miss Swenson is teaching parochial school - 20 children attending. This afternoon Ida and I drove over to see Mrs. Graneng. She is very despondent - nedslaaet - since Graneng's death.
- 2 - SAT - L.A. sale at Mrs. M. Dahl - quite a few there.
- 3 - SUN - Went to Larson for services at 11:00. There were services announced for 3:00 in S. St. O. but I did not go as we had a terrific rainstorm - voldsomt regn. Later on, after it cleared up Ida and I went down to Nels Serdahl for his 73rd birthday. He told us we were a day too early - his is the 4th but Martin's is the 4th. Eric Dihle came over and then we went to Dihle's for baptism in the evening. We were also sponsors for Milo Julien, B. July 1 - to Eric and Emma Dihle.
- 4 - MON - Ida and I, Thelma and Julien, went over to see Mrs. Graneng. Thelma is going to stay there with her for a little while. We went home by way of Columbus. Harvest has begun now. Lawrits started today on his wheat.
- 5 - TUES - Worked with shingling the barn for awhile today but had to stop for heavy rain showers

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- 5 - TUES - once in awhile with a little hail at times.
- 6 - WED - To Larson today - took Marie in for her music lesson with Mrs. Nord.
- 7 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem. 8 - FRI - Carpentering. 9 - SAT - Home in a.m. In p.m. we all drove over to Granengs to see her and Thelma.
- 10 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00 and S.St.Olaf at 3:00. Baptism for Maymie Hazel, Born Dec. 22, 1918 - to Albert and Inga Berg. Stopped by Ronholdt's afterwards to get all the books and papers connected with the business of being Clerk of the School Board as I have been elected to that. 11 - MON - Carpentering for the most - also on TUES -12.
- 13 - WED - We all went to Larson - Marie had her music lesson.
- 14 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem. Lawrits harvesting oats - havre - here today.
- 15 - FRI - Raw, cold wind from NW. Most of the harvesting is finished around here now except for some crops that are especially late. Spent much time studying these days.
- 17 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - some from Macroom here again. Baptism for Magne Ingvald, B. July 9 - to Martin and Kirsti Berg. L.A. at Albert Sordahl with annual meeting. Following this we went home and some of the Macroom folks came along with us too. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ronning, Mrs. P.Graneng. Barmoens went over to Martin Bergs. Thelma has been at Mrs. Graneng for 2 weeks now. Thelma is going to stay at home now and Marie will go.
- 18 - MON - Ronholdt came over - had some checks that had to be written - now that I am School Clerk. Also have to write some letters to get teachers. To Columbus this p.m. - very nice weather today and yesterday. This week I did not announce any confirmation classes and Marie did not have her music lesson. Plan to get as much of the carpentry work done as possible - paint the car, etc. One day we drove over to P.Baromoens. Marie came along home from Granengs and Thelma is going to stay again. Picked some berries in Watts coulee.
- 24 - SUN - Services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. By M.Dahl later.
- 25 - MON - Conf. class in Bethlehem. Worked with jobs around home most of the week.
- 27 - WED - To Larson - Marie's music lesson. 30 - SAT - To Columbus. To Macroom to get Thelma.
- 31 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00 - Ida along. We went over to Overlie's to get Rina who will be helping us for about a week. (Rina Cullickson's mother had died in Oct. 1913 and the children - 7 or 8 - had been cared for in homes in the area). L.A. at Martin Gunderson.

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- 1 - MON - Worked some on the car shed - also fixed up a pen in the barn for the pig. After supper drove over to Granengs again - Thelma will stay with her for awhile. From there I drove in to Lignite - left the car at C.Hanson and I stayed over night at Sauers.
- 2 - TUES - Left on the train for Minot - from there to Willmar. Threshing all along the way.
- 3 - WED - Got to Willmar at 5:00 a.m. Met Elias Haaland there. We left about 2:00 for Sioux Falls. Haaland is from Mayville and was also on his way to Canton for Stavanger Lag.

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- 3 - WED - (cont.) - It rained. We got to Sioux Falls at 9:00 p.m. Stayed at Hotel Albert.
- 4 - THURS - I went to Moe Hospital to see Mandius. His leg is very painful and looks bad. Left at 11:00 a.m. for Canton. Met Mandius Lobland and Osten Tuedalen at the depot. This p.m. met many from Bokn at Lina. A meeting in the auditorium this p.m. with program and the photographers were there to take pictures. Later when Ingvald and I were up town we saw an airplane crash - saa et luftskib falde ned. One man was killed. Went to a concert in the evening.
- 5 - FRI - A parade downtown. After the meeting some left for home. Ingvald and I went out to Martin's this evening. 6 - SAT - To Canton again. (It was at this meeting of the Stavanger Lag that the decision was made to publish a book about the Bokner that had emigrated to the U.S. Dad was put in charge of this big project which was printed in 1929).
- 7 - SUN - Festival in Beloit. Many there. (Beloit - a little town in Iowa across the river from Canton).
- 8 - MON - Ingvald and I went to Sioux Falls. Stopped by to see Mandius again and arranged about the deed. In the evening President Wilson and his wife arrived. There was much festivity and a parade so we saw them there. Later in the evening we left for St. Paul. President Wilson also left for Minneapolis and St. Paul tonight. (Pres. Wilson was on this trip on behalf of the Peace Treaty and League Covenant - visiting 30 cities in 21 states - 10,000 miles in 27 days. He did not complete the trip, cutting it short when he collapsed from fatigue in Boulder, Colo. Sept. 25).
- 9 - TUES - Saw another parade here - President Wilson - many soldiers. Went to Minneapolis to see Stub. I left this evening on the G.N. Ingvald waited until tomorrow.
- 10 - WED - There has been some good rain all thru N. Dak. Arrived in Lignite about 6:00 p.m. Drove by Cranengs on the way home. Thelma is still there and is going to school now. Everything fine at home.
- 11 - THURS - Ida and I went in to Larson. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Later took Rina out to Overlies. It was late when I got home again.
- 12 - FRI - Some rain today. Ida is 36 today - celebrated her birthday at home, quietly. It cleared up later in the day but I see there was enough rain to stop the threshing at Serdahls.
- 13 - SAT - Rather cool today. Home doing some studying.
- 14 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 and S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Cold. Did not get the announcements to the paper in time but I did have conf. class in Bethlehem.
- 21 - SUN - Services in Larson and Thorson. Class in Thorson.
- 28 - SUN - Bethlehem at 3:00. Snow and slush.

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- 1 - WED - Conf. class in Bethlehem.

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- 5 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf and Larson. Ida along both places.
- 12 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Baptism for Hazel Mildred, B. Dec. 22, 1918 - to Christ and Petra Sethney. Services in Thorson at 3:00. Classes both places.
- These past few weeks have been very busy with painting the barn and shed. On FRI and SAT we got 2 big loads of coal from Greenup's mine - total of 3 loads or 11 tons at a cost of \$2.30 per ton of coal and \$2.50 for hauling - at a cost of \$59.65.
- 13 - MON - More work on the barn and some fixing on the telephone line.
- 14 - TUES - Conf. class in Bethlehem. School board meeting here.
- 15 - WED - Ida and I went in to Columbus. I had to borrow \$500.00 at the Farmer's State Bank and give mortgage on the land.
- 17 - FRI - Carpentering in the a.m. Conf. class in Bethlehem in p.m.
- 18 - SAT - Studying. Tomorrow I will have services in Lignite and Columbus.
- 19 - SUN - Ida and Adolph went along with me to Lignite for services at 11:00. Pastor Sauer is in Minot where he has undergone some surgery. Baptism for Helen Kristine, B. Aug. 3 - to Trygve and Hannah Olson. To Columbus at 3:00. Beautiful weather. Josie Peterson was at home with the children.
- 20 - MON - Good weather today. 21 - TUES - A little snow today. Have been busy working with painting and carpentry. 22 - WED - Cold. 23 - THURS - More snow.
- 24 - FRI - We received quite a bit of snow yesterday and last night. Olaf Ongstad's house burned to the ground Wednesday p.m. Ida was quite sick yesterday - very bad headache - had to stay in bed. Did not drive to school today - a little too much snow. Nels Serdahl came over today to call Dr. Smith in Noonan. Both Mrs. Nels Serdahl and Leonard are sick. Dr. Smith came out in the afternoon. He also stopped in here for a little while. Thelma, as well as Ida, was not feeling so well. Had conf. class here in the p.m. too. They are meeting now every TUES and FRI.
- 25 - SAT - Drove in to Columbus with auto - shopped for various things. Also sent an order to Grand Forks - for groceries. (Mom told me that they received a very good deal on ordering staples like coffee, dried fruits, peas, beans etc. by doing this. They always saw to that they had a generous supply of these things on hand for the coming winter when trips to town were not regular, depending on the weather).
- 26 - SUN - Services in Larson at 11:00 - very few there. S. St. Olaf at 3:00 - few there also. Gave Miss Fitz a ride out from Larson to Hysjulien. (Teacher).
- 27 - MON - Quite cold. 28 - TUES - A little more snow. Conf. class met here.
- 29 - WED - Nice and mild today - drove in to Columbus with the auto to get the radiator fixed. Had quite a bit of trouble getting in to town. It became rather late and I had to get the use of Tom Mattison's Ford to drive home.
- 30 - THURS - Terrific snowstorm. Anton Bakken came here today with sled to get the rest of the

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- 30 - THURS - (cont.) - still here - 29 feet in all. Clarence Anderson had been here previously to get 26 feet. (This was tile used in well-digging). We received a great deal of snow today and last night.
- 31 - FRI - Conf. class here for the last time. Josie Peterson has been here for a week now since the Alfred Peterson's moved on the Graneng place.

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- 1 - SAT - Very foggy today.
- 2 - SUN - Confirmation services had been announced for today in Bethlehem church at 11:00 but with the terrible snowstorm we had - we could have no services.
- 3 - MON - Better. 4 - TUES - Snow. 5 - WED - Better. 6 - THURS - Had a ride to Columbus with the Serdahl boys so I could buy some groceries. Sold a Liberty Bond in Columbus for \$47.00.
- 7 - FRI - Weather is improving a little. Continues to improve on SAT - 8.
- 9 - SUN - Confirmation services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Weather was quite nice today - and quite a few came. We - the whole family - had a ride with Nels Serdahl. Offering - \$21.40. Members of the confirmation class were; Melvin Gunderson (Martin); Nelsie Kathrine Kleppen (Nels); Hjordis (Josie) Peterson (Alfred).
- 10 - MON - Foggy - then later we had snow and it was quite stormy. Same on TUES.
- 12 - WED - Clear and cold. Kleppens came over - we butchered a cow and a pig. I sold 2 small bulls to Kleppen for \$50.00. They stayed here over night. Nice weather for the next few days. No school this week as all the teachers are in Bowbells - Teacher's Institute.
- 16 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for Florence Juella, B. Sept. 27 - to Olaf and Caroline Ronholdt. There is quite a bit of snow. Drove by Wrolsons, A.G. Berg, Sorlie, and Sandberg. This nice weather is really taking the snow.
- 17 - MON - Drove to school with the 3 oldest. Nice weather again today - also TUES. Drove over to Lien, M. Gunderson, mail, then to Sorlie schoolhouse to see Amble. Next to Arneson.
- 19 - WED - To Columbus - used the sled. The snow is almost all gone in the foothills. Shopped for various things. Bought a draft for \$1.50 for "Bonneblad" for A. Peterson and Arneson. Shipped a cowhide to Minot - 61 pounds.
- 20 - THURS - Started out for Columbus today also but it looked so much like storm that I turned back. It cleared up later. Went to Columbus on FRI - sold 89 pounds of beef to J. Gunderson for 10¢ a pound. Bought some storm windows. 22 - SAT - Studying.
- 23 - SUN - To Thorson. Very little sleighing - slaedefore - left in many places now. We have had quite mild weather now for some days but there are still some very large snowdrifts remaining in many places too. Had to drive around by way of Arnesons and Ole Olsons which made me a little late. Quite a few in Thorson today. Home a little late.
- 24 - MON - Cold - a little snow came down and with the wind from east it became quite stormy.

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- 24 - MON - (cont.) - Studying for Thanksgiving Day. The children were home from school today.
- 26 - WED - Cold yesterday and colder today. Annual meeting for S. St. Olaf congregation at 1:00. Opened with Devotion - Psalm 103. I gave my report and as Secr. Haugerud was not present I read his report also. Treas. S. O. Berg was also absent but the trustees reported that \$182.00 has come in. Ljungren had \$67.00 in salary - Ole Evenson \$51.00 - total \$118.00. T. Hysjulien's was deposited in the bank in Larson. Albert Hysjulien was elected secretary pro tem with Albert Sorlie being elected to serve for the coming year. Other officers: Treas. - S. O. Berg; Trustees - A. Brodahl (3) to replace T. Hysjulien whose term expired; and C. Ljungren (2), and O. Evenson (1). School committee - E. Dihle (3), A. Sorlie (2), B. Arneson (1). M. Sandberg to serve as custodian for 1 year and to be paid \$35.00. A. A. Anderson promised to haul coal. Ole Evenson was paid \$4.00 for his work as church custodian when he replaced S. Halbakken. Other topics under discussion included: Parochial school during the coming summer - also Circuit meeting and Dedication of our church. Nothing definite could be decided today as there were too few present. They did decide to have Christmas Tree and program and festivities with a committee of 8 chosen to work on it: E. Dihle, M. Sandberg, Andrew Anderson, Marie Hatlelid, Clara Johnson, Nora Evenson, Mabel Berg, and Alvera Ronholdt. Present were: Ole Evenson, Tonger and Albert Hysjulien, Ljungren, M. Sandberg, E. Dihle, and Andrew A. Anderson.
- 27 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. Cold. To Larson at 10:30 - only the people living in town came. The roads are very slippery - frozen and icy. Received \$75.00 in salary. Drove directly home after services. We had ducks for dinner that Nels Serdahl had given us. Home on FRI.
- 29 - SAT - Cold - wind from NW with drifting snow. Annual meeting of Bethlehem congregation. The weather was so bad I had almost decided not to go but when I called Albert Serdahl he said there were some rigs over at church. There were 9 who came. Opened the meeting with Devotion - Psalm 103. I then gave my report and also read the secretary's report as he had not arrived - but he came soon after. Election of officers: Secr. - L. Isakson; Treas. - M. Pederson; Trustee - A. M. Olson (3); School committee - N. Kleppen (3); Custodian - Carl Brothen. Christmas tree discussed but no decision made today. A. Olson was chosen to be in charge of the cemetery. New members: Martin Helseth and family, and earlier - Tom Moe and family and George Moe. They decided that Sivert Kleppen should be excused from his obligations to the church treasury during the time he served in the army. It was also decided to buy a toilet for the church from Dahl & Walter Lumber Co. Received \$110.50 in salary.
- 30 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. Had a ride to church with Wrolsons. It was cold and there were few there. They decided to have Christmas tree and a committee was chosen to work on this: Jake Kleppen, L. Adamson, and Leonard Serdahl. Wrolsons came in for dinner after church.

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- 1 - MON - Thanksgiving services in Thorson at Carl Overlie - with annual meeting of the congregation following. Did not read with the confirmands this time - nor last time; too little time in the day in the middle of the winter. Reports of secr. and treas. read and approved. Had received \$80.00 in salary previously and now \$60.00. They are going to try to raise the remaining \$60.00 but there are only 11 left now. Some have moved away - among them - Alfred Nelson, Christ Rude, Charles Olson, and some that are more or less undecided, for now. I told them that if it was not possible to collect all of the \$200.00 to do what they could. They decided to raise the contingent from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per family and if that was not enough perhaps the L.A. would be able to help. Election: Secr. - C. Furness; Treas. - Martin Sathre; Trustee - S. Wigdahl (3), J. P. Gjerde has (2), and P. Hanson (1) to replace Christ Rude. Custodian - Theo. Seim. School committee - J. Wick, S. Wigdahl, C. Overlie. The building of the church was discussed but tabled until spring.
- 2 - TUES - To Columbus - bought some things and paid up at Grina and Duckstad. Cold all week.
- 7 - SUN - It turned into a real snowstorm from NW today - also very cold. Could not go to S. St. Olaf today. Yesterday, SAT, the weather was better and I went over to Sorlie school to begin working with the children for the Christmas program. There were quite a few there. Last THURS I was over to the school by Albert Serdahl for the same purpose.
- 8 - MON - Cold weather which continued all thru the week - between 20 and 30 below every morning. Have gotten an order of Christmas books (Augsburg).
- 13 - SAT - Has been very cold all week but a little better today. Met with the children in Sorlie school today to practice for the Christmas program. About 30 there.
- 14 - SUN - Telephoned to Larson that I would not be able to get there. I did go to S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Ida and I had a ride with O. Eskildson. We came late to church - poor team. We stopped in there on the way home - home towards evening. The children had managed well at home - Barne stelte bra hjemme.
- 15 - MON - Practice for Christmas program in Bethlehem - school near Albert Serdahl. Nice day. About 25 children there.
- 16 - TUES - Colder but went to Columbus anyway - paid some bills and bought some things for Christmas - kjøpte ind til Jul. Received the calendars and Christmas Annuals - Julehefter. Became real stormy in the evening.
- 17 - WED - A nice day. Today had been predicted as a bad day for weather - storm, etc. - according to some. We have had pretty good weather all week. Home for the most. (According to newspaper stories for this week, the end of the world had been predicted for Dec. 17. There were some tragic results of this prediction as suicides were reported in the area around Wildrose. When the end did not come on the 17th, it was reported that a religious sect near Noonan continued watching and waiting for the end to come on Dec. 28th).
- 20 - SAT - To Sorlie school for practice - 3rd time now. Marie and Thelma along.

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- 21 - SUN - Home today. No services announced.
- 22 - MON - To Columbus - paid up some more bills and bought a few things. Nice day. Julien is 3.
- 23 - TUES - Colder and windy from S. Worked some on the well - on the lake. Dug deeper.
- 24 - WED - Christmas Eve - a very nice day. have been busy with studying these past days. Went over to Arnesons with some Christmas goodies - Julegodt. Mrs. Eskildson also sent some things along. Marie went along with me. We have received \$15.00 from Martin - Ida received \$5.00 from home - \$5.00 from Ingvald. We have received cards and other gifts also and have also sent of both cards and gifts.
- 25 - THURS - Christmas Day. Glædelig Jul! It was nice early this morning - very mild - but later it became cloudy and the wind started blowing from NW - there was rain and snow - a real Chinook wind - not really so nice to drive over to Bethlehem. We all went - had a ride with Serdahls. The church was full - even some from Macroom - but some of our own people were not there. Baptism for Odleif Chester, B. Oct. 15 - to Peter and Nelline Berg. We had a very nice Christmas Tree and program by the children - some singing by the adults too. Serdahls stopped by at our place for awhile in the evening.
- 26 - FRI - Christmas services and Christmas Tree with program in S.St.Olaf. Nice weather. We had a ride with Leonard Serdahl as he also wanted to go west for services today. There were between 40 - 50 children - circa - in the program in S.St. Olaf. Mrs. Amble had also worked up some numbers for the program (teacher in the Sorlie school). We received a gift of \$5.00 there. Valborg sang alone at both Bethlehem and S.St.Olaf and the 3 girls also sang together at both places.
- 27 - SAT - To Larson for Christmas services at 11:00 and Annual meeting following the service. Good weather. I paid up \$53.05 at the Farmer's Store and \$12.40 to Nord. Reports heard with the exception of the treasurer but I have received \$130.00 to date. Election: Secr. - O.Dillerud; Treas. - O.Hatlelid. No new trustee as Lovik has 1 more year to serve. As far as custodial work was concerned they decided that those who live in Larson will each take a turn at it during the winter months. Ole Sletvold promised to haul some coal. The cemetery has been measured but the metal markers have not been placed.
- 28 - SUN - To Thonson for services at 11:00. Nice weather. Stopped in at Ole Olson on the way out. His father, Old Mr. Erickson, was very sick - close to death. I was able to talk with him and pray with him. He was looking forward to death and hoped it would be soon. When I stopped in again on my way home he had died. The Ness family was there and I baptized their youngest child - Clarence Oscar, B. Oct. 2, 1918 - to Jens and Marie Ness. From there I drove by Herlands over to Serdahls. The family was there and we stayed for awhile - towards evening.
- 29 - MON - Nice weather and today I am at home. Many things that have to be done outside - like cleaning the barn etc. The Albert Serdahl family came over.

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- 30 - TUES - Home - studying. Preparing for New Year's sermon and the funeral for Ole Erickson.
- 31 - WED - Ida and I sat up to see the New Year in. Yes, this has been a remarkable year - alternating with sorrow and happiness - prosperity and misfortune - especially in connection with the storm this past summer. The harvest - crops - were not too great for some, either. Here we threshed out wheat at 17 bu. to the acre - but the oats and barley weren't even threshed. The hay crop was good. And this year I have received in salary what I have been promised. God has been good to us.

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- 1 - THURS - New Year's Day. May this year be good with blessings for all of us. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Ida and I had a ride with Ole and Nels Serdahl - the children stayed at home. Many in church. Baptism for Nettie, B. Noc. 27, 1919 to Iver and Karine Hallum. Following the services they came with Ole Erickson's casket for funeral. He was 73½ years old. (Refer back to January 20, 1913).
- 2 - FRI - Home for the most today and SAT. Nice weather these days.
- 4 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - whole family along. Then over to Sandbergs - many there - about 60 to 70 - big and little - stort og smaat. Home just about dark.
- 5 - MON - To Columbus - paid up some at the Lumberyard. Bought some Canadian flour which was \$7.00 per 100#. The other flour is \$9.25.
- 6 - TUES - Expected Kleppens to come over but they didn't come today.
- 7 - WED - Today we had company - S. O. Bergs, Sandbergs and Kleppens here. Nice weather. The school near Arnesons started again today.
- 8 - THURS - The children walked to school today and FRI but I went to get them in the evening.
- 10 - SAT - Had planned to go over to Kleppens today but decided not to go as some of the children have colds and are not feeling too well.
- 11 - SUN - Services in Larson. Few there. Quite cold today.
- 12 - MON - This week we have had cold and foggy weather. Home mostly. Children have colds.
- 15 - THURS - Ole Serdahl helped me haul 2 loads of hay.
- 18 - SUN - Should have gone out to Thorson but did not go - cold and stormy weather.
- 19 - MON - Louie Watterud and I butchered 2 pigs that I had. There is a shortage of feed now.
- 20 - TUES - School board meeting here. Ronholdt, Sandberg and John Holte came.
- 21 - WED - It is getting colder - 20 below zero.
- 22 - THURS - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Cold - few there. Following the service - funeral for little Delmar Wilke, 3½, son of Arthur and Clara Wilke. Stopped at Ronholdt on the way

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- 22 - THURS - (cont.) - home. Yesterday Leonard Serdahl brought a load of coal. Ida is sick now - bad headaches. Julien has a swollen neck.
- 23 - FRI - To Columbus - to buy some feed - a sack of flour, etc.
- 25 - SUN - No services in Bethlehem - stormy weather. Sickness at our home - other places too.
- 26 - MON - Quite stormy and on thru WED. 29 - THURS - Started out for Thorson to have services at Seims but the roads are drifted full of snow. I got as far as Ole Olson - then drove by Herlands on the way home. The Census taker, Iver Hattelid, was there then. He had been at our place last night. (1920 National Census).
- 30 - FRI - Storm again. 31 - SAT - Nice in the a.m. but it became stormy in the p.m. Had to dig a little deeper in the well on the lake to get more water.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - SUN - It was nice early this morning but it started storming shortly after we got up. It came from NW and lasted all day. Should have been in Larson but could not go.
- 2 - MON - Ole Serdahl here - we got 2 loads of hay hauled. School meeting here tonight. Discussion about bringing up for a vote the consolidation of schools. Stormy and cold all week. The children went to school on THURS and FRI.
- 8 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00.
- 9 - MON - To Columbus - Marie along to see Dr. Merritt - new glasses. Got some corn and bran.
- 10 - TUES - Nice weather - children to school. Also on 11 - WED. Went over to see Mrs. Lina Berg, mother of S. O. Berg, who is sick. She went to communion.
- 12 - THURS - No school. 13 - FRI - Stormy. There is a great deal of flu around now. Eskildson's baby is very sick - as are both the parents also. Dr. King has been out to see them. There are sick people in almost every home west of us.
- 14 - SAT - This is my 45th birthday - celebrating it quietly at home.
- 15 - SUN - To Thorson at 1:00 - we met in the schoolhouse. Not as much sickness out this way. Baptism for Carsten Bernhard, B. Dec. 12, 1919 - to Carl and Carrie Furness. Annesons were at our place yesterday - Watteruds too. Dr. came out to Eskildson's again last night.
- 16 - MON - Milder today but it has been cold. Children in school again. There is some improvement over at Eskildsons too. 17 - TUES - A little snow.
- 18 - WED - Went over to see Ole Knutson who is sick. Stopped in at Wrolsons and Eskildsons too. Clara and Mrs. Wrolson are both sick. Some snow today. Melvin Pedersen came over to tell me that Christ Rude had died in Columbus MON evening, the 16th, of flu and pneumonia. The funeral will be in Bethlehem church on FRI at 2:00. Also heard that Christ Hagen had died on WED a.m. - and that there are others that are also very sick.
- 19 - THURS - Foggy - but mild weather.. Christ Saxrud died WED evening.
- 20 - FRI - Colder but the weather is nice. Funeral in Bethlehem church for Christ Rude, 33,

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- 20 - FRI - (cont.) - Cancelled services announced for SUN -22. Eskildson is sicker today.
- 23 - MON - Over to Eskildsons. 24 - TUES - Today also. Eskildson is very sick - knows he is near death and accepts it. He died at 1:00 p.m. Anton Brusven died in Columbus about 5:00 - same illness - flu and pneumonia. This afternoon I went over to Martin Hoff's - his hired girl was near death - and died about midnight. Also stopped in to see Mrs. P. Lundstad - she is sick but not as seriously ill as some of the others.
- 26 - THURS - To Columbus. This is Marie's birthday. 27 - FRI - Stormy.
- 28 - SAT - Stormy this forenoon also but it cleared later - less stormy anyway. Had funeral for Olaf Eskildson, 31. I went to the house first where I had Devotion - just a few there. There were more that came to church - spoke there and had some singing. In the evening I became sick.
- 29 - SUN - Spent all SUN in bed - did not feel very well on MON either - Mar. 1.

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- 2 - TUES - Felt a little better today. Got up - was able to get out a little but had help from Art Wrolson and Haugerud to water the livestock. Must have had a touch of the flu.
- 3 - WED - Over to John Grubb - rather stormy and cold. Wedding for John Emil Grubb and Edna Moe.
- 4 - THURS - Cold last night and today. A little better on FRI and SAT.
- 7 - SUN - Home today - no services announced. Weather quite nice.
- 8 - MON - Milder weather. The snow is really going fast down in the foothills. School board meeting at Sandberg.
- 9 - TUES - To Columbus. Bought some groceries. Bran and oats. Turned colder towards evening and for the rest of the week. Milder again on SAT. The children have been home from school now for several weeks. Verne Soderquist has been at home in Columbus as his father has been very sick but is recovering so school will be starting again now.
- 14 - SUN - Went to Larson today for services. Mild weather. Hardly any snow left in the foothills now. The water is running in streams in the coulees and there are big lakes all over on the flats. I believe Verne came out with Ljungrens today.
- 15 - MON - It started snowing this morning - continued all day and all night - a terrible storm from NW - the worst storm people around here can remember. A great deal of snow came down accompanied by a strong wind. It was impossible for us - and others - to water the livestock. The children attending Sorlie school had to stay at school over night. (Mom told more about this particular morning and storm. It was a rare occasion when they overslept but this was a morning that it had happened. After breakfast, when Dad went out to the barn to harness the team to take the children to school - he could see the storm coming - very rapidly. Dad and Mom decided that it would be better to miss one more day of school than to drive out into that storm so they stayed at home. Strange as it may seem - the telephone line

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- 15 - MON - (cont.) - remained in service thruout the storm and the parents of the children attending Sorlie school were at least in contact with the school, knowing that their children were safe. Mrs. Sorlie and Mrs. Amble did a lot of cooking - making pancakes when they ran out of other things to eat. After this experience, all the schools in this rural district kept a supply of staples on the shelf for such an emergency, if it should ever happen again).
- 16 - TUES - The weather was a little better today but there was, of course, no election.
- 17 - WED - Should have been out to Thonson for services as announced but it was unthinkable to get out on the roads yet.
- 18 - THURS - Services in Bethlehem at 11:30 - not very many there. I had a ride with the Serdahl boys. It is becoming mild again. We have had no mail all week - no trains on the Soo yet.
- 19 - FRI - Home. Also on SAT -20.
- 21 - SUN - Beautiful mild day. Ida went along to S.St.Olaf church - the children stayed at home. We drove as far as Ronholdt - put the team in his barn and rode the rest of the way with him. There were many at church today. Got some subscriptions for "Lutheraneren". Stopped in at Ronholdts for a little while on the way home. We heard today that some school children here in N.Dak. had frozen to death during the storm on MON. (Hazel Miner, Center, N.D. was frozen to death, saving her younger brother and sister). There were also some houses, barns and other buildings destroyed in the storm.
- 22 - MON - Took the children to school. The snow is melting fast now - hardly any sleighing left by afternoon. Sale today at old S.G.Lauver. We got a little mail today - they had driven over to Flaxton on SAT to get it. The train is supposed to start running again on TUES -23.
- 23 - TUES - Foggy last night - a little snow and colder today.
- 24 - WED - School board meeting at Sorlie in the p.m. There was also the election today that was to have been held on the 16th, to decide on a central consolidated school for the township. It came out 42 against and 16 in favor. I walked over today. Many there. Women were also voting today. Kvinderne stemte ogsaa nu.
- 25 - THURS - To Columbus - trip wasn't too bad - gik ikke allerverst. The train is running again (Soo - Columbus) after being blockaded for 1½ weeks after the storm on March 15. We are now beginning to get reports about the deaths due to the storm as well as the damage to property that has resulted from it. The children are walking to school now.
- 26 - FRI - Mild today - snow and rain in the a.m. - sunshine and warm weather later in the day. I went north to see if I could find the place where the telephone line is down. I located it very close to Carlsons but it was broken at the top of the pole with only one end of the wire on the ground so I could not fix it. Yesterday Olga Eskildson moved back to her house. (Dad did not say but she had maybe been staying with her mother, Mrs. Wrolson).
- 27 - SAT - The snow is melting very fast now. A.G.Berg came over today - he had gotten the telephone wire connected and was checking the telephone. It is almost all right now. Township election today but I did not get there.

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- 28 - SUN - Out to Thorson today. Drove with sled. Many bare areas and then again there are many deep snowdrifts. Services at 2:00 - not many there.
- 29 - MON - The children are walking to school these days. Nice on MON and TUES. Mild.
- 31 - WED - Snow last night and early this morning. Turned colder.

APRIL

- 1 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Services in Bethlehem - drove over in sled - cold - frozen hard.
- 2 - FRI - Good Friday. Services with Holy Communion in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Ida went along. Stopped in at Ole Evensons for awhile afterwards. It is possible now to drive over the big snowdrifts now as they are frozen so hard. 3 - SAT - Home.
- 4 - SUN - Easter Sunday. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. The whole family came along today. Cold but quite a few in church today. Over to Carl Brothens for awhile after services. Laurits and Eva have a little son - born this evening.
- 5 - MON - Cold - NW wind. Same on TUES. 7 - WED - Milder. Over to Nels Serdahl to get my buggy. Leonard and Emil (Adolph) hauled a load of hay for me.
- 8 - THURS - To Columbus - with buggy. Mild in the p.m. Somewhat difficult to drive thru the snowdrifts. 9 - FRI - Home - doing some studying.
- 10 - SAT - School election in the Sorlie school over the question of consolidating the northern half of the district. 50 opposed - 12 in favor.
- 11 - SUN - Sunday after Easter - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Few in Larson. Quite difficult to drive home.
- 12 - MON - Nice weather. The children are walking to school these days. We washed clothes this a.m. and then we went over to Kleppens to see the new little relative that came into this world during the Easter season, April 5th, 2nd day of Easter at 5:00 a.m. (LeRoy).
- 13 - TUES - Colder today. School board meeting at our place today.
- 14 - WED - and on thru the rest of the week - the snow is melting fast making it difficult to drive any place for awhile.
- 17 - SAT - Started reading with the confirmation class in Sorlie school house. Quite a few there. I will be teaching in both Norwegian and English.
- 18 - SUN - Nice day - drove with buggy out to Thorson - services at 1:30. Quite a few there. 2 baptisms: Edith Almira, B. Dec. 27, 1919 - to Gust and Annie Lunde; Nona Adelaide, B. Jan. 17 - to Olaf and Thyra Pladsen. Took up a subscription for the Mission Fund (an Inter-World movement of Christian services facing the task of rebuilding the world). It only came to \$6.10 today but C. Furness wants to give a \$50.00 Liberty Bond. Some discussion about parochial school. Read with the conf. class afterwards.
- 19 - MON - Nice today. Had to ride 4 miles west to sign one of the posters I had forgotten to sign. (Thruout the township there were billboards set up on well-traveled corners where notices of coming elections and meetings were displayed.)

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APRIL

- 20 - TUES - and WED - Snow - fog - rain. 22 - THURS - Still foggy for awhile this morning but no rain or snow. The children were home during the first few days of the week but walked to school today. Very muddy out now. Weather quite a bit improved on FRI and SAT.
- 24 - SAT - Conf. class in Sorlie school at 2:00.
- 25 - SUN - Services with Holy Communion in Bethlehem at 11:00. S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Colder today.
- 26 - MON - Continued cold today and TUES. Some are beginning with some spring's work but around here there are still many large snowdrifts.
- 28 - WED - To Columbus - brought along $26\frac{1}{2}$ dozen eggs. The roads have dried up considerably. I bought 30 bushels of seed oats @ \$1.10 a bu.
- 29 - THURS - Cloudy today. Ole Serdahl's came over this evening to have their little son baptized - Howard Allen, B. Feb. 7, 1920 - Parents, Ole and Helga Serdahl.
- 30 - FRI - Cloudy - cold. A little snow during the morning. To Thorson at 2:00 - conf. class.

MAY

- 1 - SAT - School election today in Sorlie school to decide about moving the 2 schools to another location and also deciding on a site for school #4. The 1st proposition lost and the other one passed.
- 2 - SUN - Should have been in Larson today but with the snow and the rain did not try it.
- 3 - MON - School board meeting at Ronholdt. Over to Kristoffer Anderson for a bushel of potatoes. Good drying conditions during the next few days.
- 6 - THURS - Went to Columbus - used the buggy. Ida along.
- 9 - SUN - To Thorson at 2:00 - read with conf. class following services. During the week I had been around contacting several to go around with subscription lists to help the needy in Europe. Worked some in the garden during the week also - snow has melted there also.
- 10 - MON - Planted some strawberry plants.
- 12 - WED - Took Mrs. Nels Serdahl to Columbus - in auto. She is going to Kenmare to see the doctor. Ole Knutson also went on the train.
- 14 - FRI - Went around to put up the posters for the school election on June 1st. Also talked to Olga Finstad - and T. Hysjulien. Even Running came today to get the rest of the hay I had sold to him. Strong wind all week.
- 15 - SAT - Studying. There are some that have gotten quite a bit of their wheat sown - nothing done here yet. Strong wind almost every day this week.
- 16 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for Sylvia Louise, B. Mar. 1, Parents, Helmer and Bella Nordahl. Bethlehem at 3:00. Baptisms for: LeRoy Norman, B. Apr. 5 - to Laurits and Eva Isakson; and Clara Adeline, B. Mar. 13 - to Christ and Anna Runnigen. Then over to Laurits and Eva for supper. Kleppens and Trulins there too.
- 17 - MON - Can't exactly remember anything special. Worked in the garden for awhile and then in

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- 17 - (cont.) - the p.m. drove in to Larson - in auto - bought $3\frac{1}{2}$ bu. of potatoes from P. Haarstad for \$3.50 per bu. Stopped in at M. Dahl. Sent in the money that had been gathered for the needy in Europe; from Bethlehem - \$53.00 - S. St. Olaf \$51.80 - total of \$104.80. Later there was \$41.60 from Thorson and an additional \$2.00 from Bethlehem and \$4.00 from S. St. O.
- 18 - TUES - To Columbus - twice. Hauled home some oats. Ida along in the p.m. Stormy weather.
- 19 - WED - Class in Thorson at 2:00 - strong wind. 20 - THURS - Fanned oats in the p.m.
- 21 - FRI - Studied. 22 - SAT - Conf. class in Sorlie school at 9:00. Studied in the p.m.
- 23 - SUN - Pentecost - nice day. S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - not many there. Larson at 3:00 - many there. All went along to S. St. Olaf. Ida, Adolph and Valla along to Larson - the others went to Serdahls.
- 24 - MON - To Columbus in p.m. Ida went along. Leonard is sowing oats here.
- 25 - TUES - This morning we got a telephone call from Kenmare informing us that Mrs. Nels Serdahl had died early this morning - very unexpectedly. She had been improving steadily following surgery and her death now came as a surprise and great shock. I had to go and tell this to Leonard; it was almost more than he could accept. I was afraid that he was going to faint - it is very sad news for him. Then I had to go over to tell Nels. It was not as total a shock for him and he seemed to take it better than Leonard. Next I had to telephone Albert. This is very hard for the boys. In the afternoon I took Nels, Albert and Norah (Pooler) to Columbus so they could take the train to Kenmare. It started raining and I had a difficult time getting home. Stopped in at A. Peterson. Ida and I went over to see Leonard this evening.
- 26 - WED - Cold wind from NW with occasional rain showers. Ole and Martin Serdahl went in to Columbus today to meet them as they came home from Kenmare.
- 27 - THURS - Home mostly - studying.
- 28 - FRI - Last day of school today (Arneson school). We all went over there for awhile this p.m. Got stuck with the car west of here.
- 29 - SAT - It looked like rain this morning but did not develop into anything. Funeral today for Mrs. Nels (Anne Mathea) Serdahl, 66. Her 4 daughters came from some distance - Iowa and Minnesota. The church was full - in spite of the big Children's Festival in Wildwood Park today. We could so easily have lost Julien today - he fell out of the car (as they were driving down to Nels Serdahls - in the Ford touring car with the top down) and he could have been very badly injured or worse but with God's guiding hand came out of it with just a few bumps and scratches. It was a frightening experience but turned out alright.
- 30 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - many people from Macroom also. Baptism for Frida Irene, Bonn Jan. 13 - to Christ and Petra Sethney. L.A. at M. Helseth following. P. Barmoens and Alfred Petersons came along home with us for awhile. I went to Thorson at 3:00 for services with Holy Communion. A little rain.

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31 - MON - Foggy - still - no wind. Planted some potatoes - had also planted some before. Oats have been sown but not the barley as yet.

JUNE

- 1 - TUES - and following days - home for the most. Planted potatoes and different things in the garden. Some good rain showers these days. Leonard is sowing barley now.
- 5 - SAT - Conf. class in Sorlie school. Mrs. Lina Berg died rather unexpectedly this evening.
- 6 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 3:00 - many there. Baptism for Melvin Ernst, B. Mar. 24 - to William and Ragnhild Harbig. To Larson at 7:00 - we are using the German Lutheran church now. Stopped by O.Dillerud. Ida, Adolph and Valla along. 7 - MON - Home - studying.
- 8 - TUES - Funeral today for Mrs. Lina Berg, 84. Pastor Peterson along too - spoke in church. I also spoke at the house first. It became stormy while we were at church - rain and hail.
- 9 - WED - Nice day - planted the rest of the potatoes and some more garden. Leonard is doing some disking here - for green oats.
- 12 - SAT - Election in Sorlie school house in regard to bonding.
- 13 - SUN - Combined services in Bethlehem for Bethlehem and Thorson - then L.A. at Anton Olson. Many there. There was also L.A. at Sandbergs and we went over there later. Sold 30 books for John Selnes. Received \$70.00 in salary from Thorson.
- 14 - MON - Taking the school census now. 16 - WED - Conf. class in Thorson at 2:00.
- 18 - FRI - Sickcall at Alfred Petersons. Also visited P.Bergs.
- 19 - SAT - Conf. class in Sorlie school. Also stopped in to see O.Knutson who is sick.
- 20 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for Ada Caroline, B. May 11 - to George and Ragna Witty. To Larson at 3:00. 21 - MON - and the rest of the week - home for the most.
- 25 - FRI - Conf. class in Thorson.
- 27 - SUN - Combined service for Bethlehem and Thorson in Bethlehem church at 11:00 - some from Macroom came too. Baptism for Ina Myrella, B. June 2 - to Clarence and Theoline Peterson. L.A. at S. Kleppen. Many there. To S.O.Berg in the evening to plan for the 4th of July celebration at O.Dillerud's place.
- 28 - MON - Conf. class in S.St.Olaf church. Studying these days for the Circuit meeting - Lignite.

JULY

- 1 - THURS - Circuit meeting in Lignite. Warm. A little rain. Many there. Continued on FRI.
- 3 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 4 - SUN - 4th of July celebration with services at 11:00 in O.Dillerud's grove. Many there. Dinner served at noon to all. Program in the afternoon following the dinner. S.O.Berg helped make arrangements for this.
- 5 - MON - Home. Hoed in the potatoes. Big celebration in Wildwood Park.

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- 6 - TUES - Conf. class in Thorson. 8 - THURS - No class in Sorlie school - some sick - chicken pox.
9 - FRI - To Columbus. Stopped by Mrs. A.H. Pederson.
10 - SAT - L.A. sale at A. Serdahl. L.A. at O.O. Ronholdt.
11 - SUN - No services in S. St. Olaf and Thorson as there is quite a bit of sickness in area.
12 - MON - Home. 13 - TUES - Annual school board meeting - lasted almost all night - naesten hele natten.
14 - WED - To Columbus. Family along and we stopped at A.H. Peterson's to pick Juneberries.
15 - THURS - To Ronholdt. 16 - FRI - Special school board meeting - Budke and Dahl also there.
17 - SAT - Class at 2:00 - Sorlie. A Watterud girl came. Stopped by to see O. Knutson.
18 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - did not go to Thorson. Looked like a bad storm coming up. We got some rain. It has been warm and dry now for some time.
18 - MON - Funeral in S. St. Olaf for Rose Doris, the little 8 month old daughter of Hans and Caspara Nortvedt. Miss Swenson came over here after school.
20 - TUES - Warm again. To Thorson for class. Stopped by J. Wick and C. Overlie.
21 - WED - Picked some more Juneberries. Went over to see O. Knutson - he is not getting better.
22 - THURS - Went in to Larson. Terrible dirt storm. Knutson is very sick.
23 - FRI - Extra school board meeting - in regard to bonding again. 24 - SAT - Studying.
25 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for Kenneth Donald, B. June 3 - to Oscar and Mabel Hattelid. To Thorson at 3:00. 3 baptisms: Willard Jerome, B. May 26 - to George and Stella Benson; Sira Korine, B. July 9 - to Sigvart and Betsy Nyback; Norman Gerhard, B. June 9 - to Carl and Thors Overlie. Many at both places. Ole Knutson died today. Very warm today. To Larson at 7:00 but did not have services - hardly any showed up and it looked very much like storm. We did get some rain in the evening and during the night.
26 - MON - I posted notices for the Bonding election to be held Aug. 10. Funeral for Ole Knutson, 47. Ida along. Very sad - tungt og trist. To S.O. Berg in evening. Much rain.
27 - TUES - Sent in my report to Hecht (County Superintendent of Schools, Bowbells). To Columbus. Received a letter from Wisconsin with the news that Grandma - Bestemor - and Conrad will be coming tomorrow evening to Larson.
28 - WED - Class in Sorlie school at 2:00. Later to Larson to meet the Wisconsin company. Laurits here in the evening.
29 - THURS - Home. Also over to Laurits. Conrad stayed there.
30 - FRI - To Thorson at 2:00. Got some berries from Wicks.
31 - SAT - Valborg's 6th birthday. To Columbus - Conrad along. School election in p.m. Over to Laurits to get Conrad.

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- 1 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 - all along. Baptism for Melvin Leif, B. July 8 - to Ole and Helena Olson. School program in S. St. Olaf at 3:00. All along here also.
- 2 - MON - One month of parochial school started today in Bethlehem with Miss Swenson as teacher. I took the 3 oldest children over there. Warm day. Conrad was with Laurits today as he was haying S of Arnesons. Conrad came back here in the evening.
- 3 - TUES - Conrad and I took the children over to church - then drove over to Laurits - and home. Some carpentering. Conrad drove over to Laurits (working) and Laurits came home in the evening.
- 4 - WED - Drove around by Hoff's, Helseth's, M. Danielson, B. Siversons - concerning parochial school. Brought some of the children along to church. This afternoon we had some company - selskab - Mrs. Sandberg, Mrs. S.O. Berg, Mrs. A. Sorlie, Mrs. Nels Kleppen and Eva. Later on I took Eva, Thaline and Conrad up there. Rain in the evening.
- 5 - THURS - Ida and I went over to church to visit school - gave her some help and advice - raad. Over to Eva for a little while. Studied some later.
- 6 - FRI - Conf. class in Sorlie school. Before this we were all invited over to S.O. Bergs for dinner. Later on they all walked over to Sandbergs.
- 7 - SAT - To Columbus in the p.m. - all of us.
- 8 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00 - read with class following services. Ida, Thaline and Conrad along. In the p.m. to Sorlies for L.A. To Larson at 5:00 for services. All along except Conrad who went along with Serdahls to Iver Hallums for YPS. L.A. at Furness - Thorson.
- 9 - MON - To church for school - took the children over. All invited to Kleppens today. Serdahls started mowing here today - should have started earlier but they have been so busy with so many things. Harvesting has also begun. Laurits and Eva also at Kleppens. The Wisconsin folks stayed at Laurits tonight.
- 10 - TUES - Fog and rain almost all day. Special election in Sorlie school today for Bonding. 27 voted for it and one against.
- 11 - WED - Over to Laurits in p.m. Grandma - Bestemor - came along home and Conrad stayed.
- 12 - THURS - We went to Noonan and Crosby. She (Grandma) had to get \$22.50 to have her glasses fixed - she had to buy new frames in Noonan. In Crosby we stopped in at Nordstogs for a brief visit. Mrs. Bilstad was not at home. Laurits, Eva and Conrad here in evening.
- 13 - FRI - Took them to Larson this morning as they are now leaving on the train. They plan to stop in Benson, Minn. on their way home.
- 14 - SAT - This evening went to Larson again to meet Pres. Ylvisaker. Rosholt and Tolo also came in the evening.
- 15 - SUN - Dedication of the S. St. Olaf church at 10:30. A very nice day - not too warm. A great crowd - only about half of them could get in the church. There was also baptism for Gordon. B. May 19 - John and Ingrid Jacobson. Sauer from Lignite, R.O. Stove from Ambrose,

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- 15 - SUN - (cont.) - and H. Voldal from Torquay, Sask. came today. The L.A. served dinner to all - the women were very busy taking care of this. Offering - \$70.18. We have received the altar painting and 2 palm trees but as yet we do not have the baptismal font. In the p.m. we began with the Circuit meeting - Sauer opened the session using John 3:1-15 as his text. Pastor G. Peterson also came this P.M. Voldal was the final speaker today, speaking on "Our Heritage and Birthright".
- 16 - MON - Very strong wind today. Not as many there today as yesterday - they are right in the middle of harvest season. Discussions - samtale - all day. Hegg came to our place last night from Wildrose. Ylvisaker left with him today shortly after dinner - Williston.
- 17 - TUES - Leonard S. is harvesting the barley here today - oats already finished. Went to Columbus. Miss Swenson came over here this evening - will stay here for the rest of the school term. She has been 2 weeks at Kleppens now.
- 18 - WED - Cooler. Conf. class at 2:00 - Sorlie. 19 - THURS - Conf. class - Thorson.
- 22 - SUN - Today the Hauges congregation had their confirmation service in Bethlehem church. We were there - there was a big crowd. Offering to Missions - \$29.80 - half of which went to Bethlehem. To Larson at 5:00. The rest of this week I worked with various jobs around home. 28 - SAT - Conf. class in Sorlie school.
- 29 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - rain - few there. School program in Bethlehem at 3:00.
- 30 - MON - Class in Thorson at 2:00.
- 31 - TUES - Ida went along with E. Dihles to Minot to see the doctor about her eyes. Started reading with Anna Fry - Bethlehem church.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - WED - They came back from Minot just in time for supper.
- 5 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 - also conf. class. Larson at 4:00.
- 6 - MON - This morning we all went out to McKenzie Co. to visit Ingvald - arrived there about 4:00 p.m. He was busy haying.
- 7 - TUES - A little wet but we went plum "hunting". Found a great many.
- 8 - WED - We had a picnic dinner - much fun for the children.
- 9 - THURS - Left for home again. We were close to having a serious accident down by the river. The brake on the auto failed to hold as we were driving down to the ferry. It turned out all right but we were all a little scared for awhile. Brekken kom i ustand - gik dog godt men vi var skraemt lidt. We went across the river and picked some buffalo berries. We were home by 4:30 p.m.
- 10 - FRI - To Columbus to buy sugar, jars and lids. Had a little rain.
- 11 - SAT - Home in the a.m. studying. In the p.m. Ida and I went over to Watteruds and Lawrits' with some plums. Gave Mabel W. \$3.00 for taking care of things here while we were gone.

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- 12 - SUN - Ida's 37th birthday. To Bethlehem at 11:00. Andrew Carbergs and Alfred Petersons came along home afterwards. To S. St. Olaf at 3:00.
- 13 - MON - Miss Gertrude Jackman started teaching at Sorlie school today and Kathleen MacKenzie in the school near Tonger Hysjulien. Drove over with contracts. To Thorson in p.m. - did a little hunting on the way home. Serdahls are stacking here - Laurits is threshing.
- 14 - TUES - Painted on the barn for awhile - did some hunting. There was some rain.
- 15 - WED - Home in a.m. Read with Anna Fry in p.m. 16 - THURS - Home.
- 17 - FRI - Paid Land tax - \$55.50. 18 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school. Some studying. Also to Columbus to get 2 teachers. Over to Ronholdt.
- 19 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 and Larson at 2:00. To A.H. Peterson for L.A. Had a little tire trouble on the way so came late.
- 20 - MON - School started today over by Annesons with Myrtle Shauf as teacher. F.W. Allby also started teaching in Sorlie school. I brought them their contracts. There are 4 from here going to school now (Marie, Thelma, Adolph and Valborg). Baptism for Edith Johanna, born July 2 to Alice Simonson and S. Shervey.
- 21 - TUES - Marie stayed home today - toothache. I worked with Leonard Serdahl on TUES and WED to get some haying done.
- 23 - THURS - To Columbus today - Ida and I and Marie and Julien - Marie had to see the dentist and had a tooth pulled. Had to have some work done on the radiator. Cold - cloudy - and then we had a great deal of rain. Had to wait until after dinner to start for home. When we came near the coal mines - stuck. (Dad's underlining of the word gives a more vivid picture of the situation than a paragraph of words could do!) Dugan helped for awhile in trying to get us out - had a ride part way home with him in his Ford - Ole Vangen took us the rest of the way. A terrible trip. En fael tur. The 3 other children (Thelma, Adolph and Valla) stayed over night at Eskildsons.
- 24 - FRI - Walked over to the schoolhouse (with lunches). Later in the day had a ride to town with Leonard Serdahl and got my auto home. Drying up fine today. The threshers were at Serdahls for awhile but went home (too wet).
- 25 - SAT - More rain during the night - cloudy and misty and some rain today. Studying.
- 26 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. Baptism for Einar Cornelius, B. Aug. 19 - to Ely and Anna Lindholm. YPS at Nels Serdahl. Many there.
- 27 - MON - Class in Thorson in p.m. 28 - TUES - Home. Cold, dug up some potatoes.
- 29 - WED - Read with Anna Fry. Went to Columbus. 30 - THURS - Dug potatoes.

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- 1 - FRI - Strong wind from SE. 2 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school.
- 3 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Bethlehem L.A. at our place - many came from west also.

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- 4 - MON - Dug the rest of the potatoes. They threshed here. Got a load of coal from Dugan.
5 - TUES - To Columbus in p.m. 6 - WED - Conf. class in Thorson. Also worked on windows.
7 - THURS - Ida, Julien and I went over to Barmoens. 8 - FRI - Strong wind from NW last night and today. Blew away a considerable amount of the haystack.
9 - SAT - Home. Studying. Also fixed up the haystack.
10 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 and Larson at 2:00. Bethlehem YPS at our place.
11 - MON - Home. 12 - TUES - Rain. School board meeting here.
13 - WED - Cold - wet - rainy. Sickcall - old Mr. Rolie. Read with Anna Fry. Quite cold on THURS.
15 - FRI - Class in Thorson. 16 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school.
17 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. Baptism for Alzada Margaret, B. Aug. 27 - to Albert and Martha Serdahl. At 2:30 to Columbus for the funeral of Walter Fry. He had been brought home from France. Rosholt, Tolo and I all spoke. Many people there. Military funeral. Ida and the youngest ones went to L.A. at Kleppens. There was also L.A. out in Thorson at Gjerd's.
18 - MON - Rainy - foggy - raw and wet. Regnlig - taage - raat og vaadt.
19 - TUES - Cold and cloudy. Koldt og skyet. 20 - WED - Nice and clear. Pent og klart. Funeral in Larson for Gustav Rolie, 65. He had died SUN morning, Oct. 17. Yesterday got 3 loads of coal from Dugan (mine) - with one previously that comes to a total of 13 T. and 1200 #.
21 - THURS - Nice weather - worked outside fixing up a few things around the barn etc. We also had some company - a visit from 2 Mrs. Trulin's. (Mrs. Carl Trulin and Carl's mother).
22 - FRI - Foggy and rainy. 23 - SAT - Home - studying.
24 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Larson at 2:00. Took the family over to Ljungren's before I went to Larson. Then back to Ljungren's after Larson services.
25 - MON - Colder. Class in Thorson. 27 - WED - Read with Anna Fry. Also busy these days with well digging - not much water to find. 30 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school.
31 - SUN - To Thorson at 10:30 - class following. Home. Later - all to N. Kleppen.

NOVEMBER

- 1 - MON - Digging in the well again. 2 - TUES - General election day. Both Ida and I went to vote today. Then to Larson - bought overshoes for all for \$14.86. (This was the first presidential election in which women were allowed to vote. Harding was elected over Cox).
3 - WED - To Columbus with Marie to see the eye doctor.
4 - THURS - Dug a well in the pasture and found water. Nice weather. Studying some also.
7 - SUN - Bethlehem at 10:30 - Mission offering \$16.39. Communion service. Some company came along home with us afterwards - Kleppens, Barmoens, Bergs. Nice weather.
8 - MON - It was nice this forenoon when I took the children over to school but there was no school as the teacher had not gotten back from Bombells. There was school in the p.m. It started snowing at noon - did not go to Thorson for class. 9 - TUES - Cold.

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- 10 - WED - A little better today. Put up a fence around the haystack. Went over to Ongstad's to get Brownie. (Brownie had been in the pasture there during the summer).
- 11 - THURS - This is the second anniversary of the signing of the Armistice signifying the end of the War. 12 - FRI - Working with many jobs around the place. 13 - SAT - Studying.
- 14 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 10:30 and Larson at 2:00. Choir in Larson. Drove with auto - some snow.
- 15 - MON - Class in Thorson - drove by J. Wick and P. Hanson. Not so cold today.
- 16 - TUES - Over to Sivert Kleppen for baptism of their son, Johan Ramnes, B. Nov. 1 - to Sivert and Anna Kleppen. Ida and Julien along - drove with auto. Mabel and Elmer rode along afterwards.
- 17 - WED - Many jobs to get done around home these days - hauling straw - banking up around the house - put on storm door - worked in the hayshed, barn, chicken house, etc.
- 19 - FRI - Conf. class in Thorson - last time before Confirmation. A little rain. Stopped in to see Arneson - he is sick. 20 - SAT - Home - studying. Nice weather.
- 21 - SUN - Thorson at 10:30 - Confirmation service and communion. Baptism for Orville Raymond, B. Oct. 14 - to Martin and Hilda Enget. Members of the class: Hans Hanson (Pete); Selmer Overlie (Soren and Anna Gullickson); Henry William Wick (John); John Anthony and Agnes Kristine Wigdahl (Sam).
- 22 - MON - To Lawrits in the p.m. 23 - TUES - Studying.
- 24 - WED - Annual meeting in S. St. Olaf church. Opened meeting with Devotion - Romans 12. Reports heard. I had previously received in salary \$178.00 and now \$131.00 - \$19.00 later. Election: Secr. - A. Sorlie; Treas. - S. O. Berg; Trustee - Otto Evenson (3); Custodian - M. Sandberg; School committee - B. Arneson (3). They decided to have 6 weeks of parochial school next summer. In regard to Christmas tree - they decided it would be best to wait until SUN to decide. They also decided to increase each member's contingent from \$12.00 to \$13.00 annually as they were \$80.00 short at the time of the meeting. Present were the 2 Evensons, Sandberg, Berg, Ronholdt, Sorlie, Dihle, A. Anderson and A. Brodahl, later.
- 25 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. To Bethlehem at 10:30. To Lawrits' for dinner - Kleppens too. In the evening there was a choir concert in Larson. Ida and I and Lawrits and Eva drove in for it. I also spoke briefly. Very nice weather and there were many there. The children stayed at Lawrits' - some of the Kleppen's were also there. 26 - FRI - Home.
- 27 - SAT - Annual meeting for the Bethlehem congregation. Nice weather but a little snow. Devotion based on Math. 21. Reports. I received of my salary \$86.65 of the \$132.50 owing. Election: Secr. - L. Isakson; Treas. - M. Pedersen; Trustee - M. Hoie (3); School committee - Anton Olson (3); Custodian - Carl Brothen, but as he did not wish to take it again, Albert Sendahl promised to do it. Albert was also asked to look after the cemetery for 2 years. It was decided that the YPS should take charge of Christmas tree and festivities. Present

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- 27 - SAT - (cont.) - were: Nels and Albert Serdahl; L. Isakson; A. Olson; C. Brothen; M. Hoie; B. Siverson; L. Adamson; N. Kleppen; Tom and George Moe; M. Danielson.
- 28 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf. To Ole Serdahls in p.m. - the children stayed at home.
- 29 - MON - Ida and I went to Columbus - paid some bills. \$75.00 to O. I. Ronning; \$35.00 to Duckstad; \$27.00 to Sommersness; \$50.00 to the lumberyard; \$7.50 to Grina; \$3.50 to the blacksmith; \$1.55 for express; \$1.00 at Drugstore; and for cash at Ronning - \$5.00. Still have left to pay at Duckstad's about \$70.00 - \$150.00 at Ronning - \$25.00 at Piper-Howe Lumber Yard - a little left at the other lumberyard and butcher shop - and \$18.46 at Bjorkman.
- 30 - TUES - Home. No - I guess I went over to Hoff's, Christ Runnings, A. Haga and Karlstad.

DECEMBER

- 1 - WED - To Trulins. The YPS has decided to assume the responsibility for the Christmas tree festivities in church. 2 - THURS - Digging well - on the 4th place now.
- 3 - FRI - This morning I walked with the children to school - over the lakes - took down the fence for now. Nice weather. This afternoon the Hollingsworths came here for baptism of their little girl, Florin Odessa, B. Nov. 28, 1919 to Frank and Gilma Hollingsworth.
- 4 - SAT - Studying. Also conf. class in Sorlie school.
- 5 - SUN - Larson at 2:00 - nice weather - still driving with car. Jake Kleppen rode along home with me - we had choir rehearsal at our place (Bethlehem).
- 6 - SUN - To Thorson for services at Wigdahl - followed by annual meeting. The L.A. served dinner. Reports heard. Election: Secr. - C. Furness; Treas. - M. Sathre; Trustee - Pete Hanson (3); School committee - C. Overlie (3); Custodian - Christian Wick. I received \$100.00 in salary now - had received \$70.00 previously - with \$30.00 remaining. This I received later.
- 7 - MON - Worked with the well - curbing, etc. Also on TUES.
- 9 - THUR - To Columbus - then to Larson for Annual meeting of congregation - then Columbus again. There were only 3 present in Larson - O. Dillerud, J. Norby, and A. Haraseth. Dillerud read the secr. report. Oscar Hatlelid who was treasurer has moved - also Lovik, who was secretary. Dillerud was chosen to serve as secretary for 1 year and J. Norby as treasurer. A. Haraseth will serve as trustee for 2 years. J. Norby will be custodian and N. Gunderson will be asked to be caretaker of the cemetery and if he needs a substitute - C. Larsen. I had received \$57.50 in salary this summer and now received \$15.00 - total of \$72.50. I paid up at Bjorkman about \$20.00 - butcher shop in Columbus - \$3.50, at Sommersness \$5.25 in cash, and at O. I. Ronning some cash for trade.
- 10 - FRI - Studying - also on SAT. On WED evening both Ida and Julien became sick - stomach flu - which continued for a few days. Ida was better on Sat but worse again on SUN. We

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- 10 - FRI - (cont.) - called Dr. Smith SUN evening - he brought along some medicine. She was better on MON.
- 12 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 10:30. Many there. Took up an offering for China's needy people - it came to \$22.95. The choir sang. Baptism for Agnes Lillian, B. Nov. 11 - to Peter and Nellie Berg. Following services I practiced with the children for the Christmas Tree program. The choir also rehearsed. This evening F.W. Allby came over to tell me he wished to quite his teaching job (Sorlie school).
- 13 - MON - Nice weather. The children walked to school - all except Thelma who stayed at home to help today. 14 - TUES - Thelma is home today too - Mama is much better and Julien is also improving. It is colder today - a little snow too.
- 15 - WED - Had to get Harry Trulin to come over today to see what he could do with my Ford - something wrong with it - it would not start. He couldn't start it either. Went to get the horses this evening.
- 16 - THURS - Funeral today for one of Andrew A. Anderson's little twin girls. Florence, $1\frac{1}{2}$ years, had died SUN. Cold - drove with horses. There is much sickness to the west of us - many cases of mumps. Cancelled the conf. class in Sorlie school for SAT and also services for SUN - 19.
- 17 - FRI - I walked to school with the children today - to talk to the pupils about the Christmas tree and program in church. Received the rest of my salary - \$19.00 from Ljungren.
- 19 - SUN - Over to the A. Serdahl school with the children to rehearse for the Christmas program in church - over 20 children there. Valborg was sick so she could not go along today.
- 20 - MON - The 3 oldest to school - Valborg is feeling somewhat better however. I went to Columbus to buy some things for Christmas. Cold - drove with horses.
- 21 - TUES - No more school for the children this week. Thelma went down to Serdahls to help as Ruth is sick too. 22 - WED - She went down there today too. Today they are working over at Bethlehem with decorating the Christmas tree, etc. The Choir also rehearsed. They were over here SUN evening. 23 - THURS - Home - studying.
- 24 - FRI - Christmas Eve. We have our Christmas tree tonight - Christmas gifts for the children. Received \$10.00 from Martin again this Christmas. Received a package from Wisconsin with various things in it - also from Carbergs in Lignite - silver spoons from Sandbergs - and a box of candy from O.I. Ronning and also one from Wisconsin.
- 25 - SAT - Christmas Day. Glædelig Jul! Nice day - but cold. S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - quite a few there in spite of all the sickness in the area. To Larson at 2:00. Drove with horses. Quite a few there too - the choir sang.
- 26 - SUN - Bethlehem at 10:30 - Christmas services with Christmas Tree and program following. Cold wind from NW. Some of the family rode with Serdahls and I had a ride with Art Wholson. There is just barely enough snow to use the sled. The church was full - very nice tree

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- 26 - SUN - (cont.) - and program. The YPS had done most of the work. They gave us a box of apples.
- 27 - MON - To Thorson at 11:00 - we met in the schoolhouse. Cold - mostly men showed up today. There was a \$10.00 check in the offering from Furness. Turned milder towards evening.
- 28 - TUES - Mild - nice weather today. Today, then, I am able to stay at home. Saa faar jeg da idag vaere hjemme iro. We are expecting some company. At the Christmas tree program in Bethlehem, Valborg sang a song in English. Many thought that it was the best part of the program - and she did sing nicely - og hun sang pent. The 3 girls sang together - "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night". Nels Kleppen and Laurits with their families came over today - stayed until evening.
- 29 - WED - Colder - but still nice. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Serdahl and children came over today - Ole's came later. Foggy.
- 30 - THURS - Foggy today too. Wind from SE - not too cold.
- 31 - FRI - Home today - studying. And now this old year comes to its close. Did not stay up to see the New Year in, however. Thanks be to God for all His Blessings during this past year.

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JANUARY

- 1 - SAT - Godt Nytaar i Jesu Navn. To S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - drove with horses and buggy. Quite a few there. Nice weather. Ida walked over to Laurits' today - his birthday (31). I also walked over there after dinner. All the Kleppens were there.
- 2 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 - quite a few there. Ida and I and Adolph and Julien walked over to Nels Serdahl later with cookies and other things - had coffee with him. He was alone then. We listened to his phonograph for a little while too.
- 3 - MON - At home - writing letters, etc. 4 - TUES - To Columbus - with buggy - paid some bills - did some shopping too. 5 - WED - Anna Fry came over - read with her. 6 - THURS - Class - west.
- 7 - FRI - Home. 8 - SAT - Albert Serdahl here - digging on the well.
- 9 - SUN - Services in Thorson - at P.Hanson. Baptism for Palmer Julian, B. Nov. 25, 1920 - to Pete and Kari Hanson. Colder weather today.
- 10 - MON - Home. School started again today - by Annesons. Only Marie and Thelma went from here today. Ida has a cold now. A.Serdahl was here today - drilling for water. We are down to 26' now but hit a rock so will have to quit there.
- 11 - TUES - School board meeting was to have been held today but was postponed until THURS.
- 12 - WED - Home. 13 - THURS - School board meeting here - Ronholdt and Witty came.
- 14 - FRI - Albert Serdahl is still digging for water - very hard to find.

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JANUARY

- 15 - SAT - Today Thelma walked over to Lawrits to buy some butter. It turned cold and stormy so she stayed there over night and Lawrits and Eva brought her home on SUN.
- 16 - SUN - Very cold, strong wind from NW - I did not drive to Larson. It improved somewhat in the p.m. 17 - MON - Albert and I are continuing to dig for water - have tried several places now. Finally - on WED - in the slough S of the barn - we were able to get some water. Rain and snow on WED - 19.
- 20 - THURS - Very nice day - the 3 oldest to school today. I am home studying. Same on FRI.
- 22 - SAT - To Sorlie school for conf. class.
- 23 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - I went alone from here. Mary in church. Ida over to Lawrits and Eva - and from there over to Kleppens - there until MON. Came home then with Lawrits and Eva. The children and I were at home. The children and I were home.
- 24 - MON - Thelma home from school today. I went over to Ronholdt with contracts for the teachers.
- 25 - TUES - Washday. 26 - WED - Read with Anna Fry.
- 27 - THURS - To Larson for services at 1:30. Brought along 7 doz. eggs to the store @ 50¢ a doz.
- 28 - FRI - Home. 29 - SAT - To Arnesons - read with 3.
- 30 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. 31 - MON - Home.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - TUES - Nice weather. 2 - WED - A little cloudy. 3 - THURS - Nice day. A special congregation meeting was held in Bethlehem church at 1:00. There was some additional business that had not been taken care of at the regular meeting. There were 12 present today. We heard the rest of the treasurer's report. They decided that Albert Sordahl should be paid \$20.00 for his carpentry work. Anton Olson still has \$8.00 coming for his custodial work. There were a few more incidental pieces of business taken care of - mere smaateri behandlet. We had a little snow today but it was mild.
- 4 - FRI - A little stormy and thick in the air - coming from NW.
- 6 - SUN - Services in Thorson at A. Bakken - also L.A. Drove with buggy. We had some company - Mr. and Mrs. Eric Dihle came over today.
- 7 - MON - Drove in to Columbus - with buggy - to do some shopping. 8 - TUES - Home.
- 9 - WED - Read with Anna Fry. Ida walked up to Lawrits and Eva.
- 10 - THURS - Lawrits and Eva and Mrs. Kleppen came here today. 11 - FRI - Home - studying. Mild.
- 12 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school. Mild weather - thawing a great deal now.
- 13 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf - many there. 2 baptisms: Melba Thordis, B. Dec. 1, 1920 - to John and Edith Holte; and Lloyd Benneth, B. Jan. 4 - to Ole and Karen Hovland. Ida and I went over to Watteruds in the p.m.
- 14 - MON - My 46th birthday. Home - writing some letters, etc. The whole family seems to be coming down with colds. Ida fried up some meat. (With the mild weather it was becoming difficult

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- 14 - MON - (cont.) - to keep the meat frozen. Mom fried meat which was then kept in crocks and covered with melted lard. Meat kept very well this way).
- 15 - TUES - I am very hoarse. We had a little snow and by WED -16- we had a real snowstorm so none of the children were in school.
- 17 - THURS - Very hoarse - Ida too. I walked over to Bethlehem for services at 11:00 - not very many there. Stopped in at Trulins afterwards - had dinner with them - and got some cough medicine. I continued with this hoarseness for some days. Ida is not feeling well either - has to lie down and rest once in awhile. It seems to be more than a cold - maybe bronchitis or maybe even pneumonia.
- 20 - SUN - Had to cancel services in Larson. About the same here on MON and TUES but I am improving. However, I could not promise to come to the funeral for Mrs. Tom Mattison in Columbus on WED - nor could I conduct 2 in Noonan. Tolo was away at the conference.
- 23 - WED - I am feeling much better - read with Anna Fry today. Ida is still not quite well.
- 26 - SAT - Marie is 13 years old today. Read with the class in Sorlie school.
- 27 - SUN - Services in Thorson at M. Sathre at 2:00 - also L.A. Drove with buggy. Nice weather.
- 28 - MON - Spring is coming fast - Det vaares font.

MARCH

- 1 - TUES - A little rain and some snow. I went to Columbus to get some other medicine for Ida.
- 2 - WED - Ida feels better today but will be taking it easy for a few days.
- 3 - THURS - Home for the most for the rest of the week. We have now gotten 4 calves - one on Feb. 15 - one on the 20th and one on the 27th of Feb - and now one in March.
- 6 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf and Bethlehem. 7 - MON - Home - also TUES.
- 9 - WED - Read with Anna Fry. Home rest of week except for class in Sorlie school on SAT -12.
- 13 - SUN - Services in Larson at 2:00. Baptism for Russell Eugene, B. Nov. 4, 1920 - to John and Julia Norby, Drove with buggy today.
- 14 - MON - and on thru the week - home for the most. Went to Columbus one day - sold 30 doz. eggs and some butter. 17 - THURS - Went over to Lawrits for a short while. Home - studying.
- 20 - SUN - Palm Sunday. Started out for Thorson - services at P. Hanson - but the weather and roads were so bad - ubehagelig - that I turned around and came home again. There was to be L.A. out at Hansons too. Real snowstorm.
- 21 - MON - Weather somewhat improved. Home on TUES and WED. Studying.
- 22 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Service with communion in Bethlehem.
- 25 - FRI - Good Friday. Services in S. St. Olaf - with communion. Thelma along. Adolph has a cold.
- 26 - SAT - Snowstorm from NW - just like Palm Sunday. Postponed class in Sorlie one week.
- 27 - SUN - Easter Sunday. Cold, raw wind from NW. To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Few at both places.

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- 28 - MON - Cold. To Larson at 11:00. Weather improved later in the day. Baptism for Lucille Lenora, B. Jan. 17 - to Casper and Olava Larsen.
- 29 - TUES - Wind from NW. 4 children to school today. Washed clothes today.
- 30 - WED - To Columbus - shopping and other errands. 31 - THURS - Home.

APRIL

- 1 - FRI - Nice weather now. Folks around here are now beginning with spring's work. Laurits came over today and we butchered a calf. Pete Watterud bought a load of hay from me - \$10.00.
- 3 - SUN - To Thorson - met in the schoolhouse at 2:00. Drove with buggy. Started again with a confirmation class - will meet again Apr. 13.
- 4 - MON - Rainy. 5 - TUES - Snow. Also WED. The ducks and geese are flying south again. Read with Anna Fry on WED. 7 - THURS - Snow. Went to Columbus - buggy. Roads not too bad.
- 8 - FRI - Stormy and thick - but not very cold. Studying. 9 - SAT - Snow is melting fast.
- 10 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Baptism for Jean Carmen, B. Jan. 17 - to Elmer and Mabel Evenson. Collected for the General Fund - samler ind til Samfundskasen.
- 11 - MON - Home. 12 - TUES - School board meeting here. 13 - WED - Class in Thorson at 3:00.
- 14 - THURS - To Columbus with buggy - Nels Serdahl along.
- 15 - FRI - Home. Hard frost last night. Spring's work has begun - harrowing, disking, plowing.
- 16 - SAT - Nice weather. Class in Sorlie school.
- 17 - SUN - To Larson at 2:00 - baptism for Nora Pauline, B. Jan. 15 - to Ole and Pauline Dillerud. Marie and Thelma along - we drove with auto today. Emil Serdahl also went along today.
- 18 - MON - Home. Hauled away the banking from the house.
- 19 - TUES - To Columbus - had to get something fixed on the auto. Sent an order for a new suit and shoes. Drove home by way of Laurits as Ida and Julien were there.
- 20 - WED - Rain today - took the children to school. Worked for a little while in the garden but had to quit. Emil (Adolph) Serdahl has started plowing here. During the rest of the week I worked in the garden whenever possible. 23 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school.
- 24 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00. Thelma along. L.A. too - in schoolhouse. Many there. The L.A. sent \$25.00 to the General Fund - Samfundet.
- 25 - MON - Working in the garden these days. Nels Serdahl was sowing wheat here today - also SAT. Went to Columbus one day. Planted some strawberry plants they sent from Wisconsin.
- 29 - FRI - Weather is nice. N. Serdahl hauled out 100 posts for me from Columbus.
- 30 - SAT - Today we have another snowstorm - no class in Sorlie school today.

MAY

- 1 - SUN - A great deal of snow - no services in S. St. Olaf and Bethlehem. I did drive as far as A. Olson with sled. Tough roads. 2 - MON - Very muddy - solet.

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- 3 - TUES - Tried to drive out to Thorson but there had been some fencing across the road thru the school section. Home. 4 - WED - Butchered a pig here. Also read with Anna Fry.
- 5 - THURS - Went to Columbus. Saw Rosholt and Tolo there and they came out here in the evening. Have been busy with some fencing these days. 7 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school.
- 8 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Not many. Marie and Thelma along.
- 9 - MON - Home. Also on TUES. 11 - WED - Read with Anna Fry. 12 - THURS - Conf. class in Thorson. It started raining after I had left home. I stopped in at Arneson's and then did not drive any farther south. Went home. 14 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school.
- 15 - SUN - Pentecost. Bethlehem at 11:00. Whole family along - drove with auto. Quite a few there. S. St. Olaf at 3:00 - Ida along there.
- 16 - MON - Pastor Astrup spoke in S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Tolo brought him out - they came home for supper - then back to Columbus. This a.m. I went out to Ole Olson. (This must have been the time that Julien, $4\frac{1}{2}$, had come to the sad realization that he could never become a great Missionary like Pastor Astrup, who worked with the Zulu people - because - never in the world would he grow as tall as Astrup!)
- 17 - TUES - To Columbus in the p.m. - Ida and Julien along. Nice weather. Saw Tolo and Astrup there - they will be going to Lignite next. 18 - WED - Read with Anna Fry.
- 19 - THURS - Worked in the garden. Rain in the evening and also during the night.
- 20 - FRI - Rain today also. Last day of school. 3 children went - Thelma stayed at home as she had a toothache. Finished with sowing oats and barley yesterday. Spent some time studying today - Idag er jeg iro paa kontoret. 21 - SAT - Conf. class in Sorlie school. 2:00.
- 22 - SUN - Pentecost services in Thorson at 11:00. Also read with the class. Few out today. Did not take up offering today.
- 23 - MON - Worked in the garden - planted some potatoes this week - also other things. Went to town one day this week too - did quite a bit of studying too.
- 25 - WED - Met with the class in S. St. Olaf church today. 26 - THURS - Anna Fry here. Last time.
- 27 - FRI - Studying. 28 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school - last time before confirmation. Cold.
- 29 - SUN - Confirmation services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. There were more people there than could get in. There were 19 confirmands - 7 in English and 12 in Norwegian. It all went very well. I spoke in both Norwegian and English. Offering to Missions came to \$48.19. Members of class: Edwin Harold Haraseth (Andrew); Alvin William Evenson (Otto); Korman Jord Anderson (Kristoffer); Oral Oswald Chester Ronholdt (Oluf); Arthur Clifford Valentine Carlson (Axel); Norbert Tilman Hovland (Ole); (the last 2 in English) - Hazel Adelaide Sandberg (Mathias); Alice Marion Berg (Sivert); Elenora Kristine Wilson (Anton); Frances Viola Dahl (Martinus); Clara Rosella Berg (Adolf); Esther Cecelia Arneson (Bernt); Ella Watterud (Anton); Ida Caroline Hovland (Ole); and the following 5 in English: Linnea Wilhelmina and Elsa Augusta Ljungren (Charles); Minnie Nathalia Carlson (Axel); Loretta Frances Bureau (Frank); and

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- 29 - SUN - (cont.) - Anna Mathilda Fry (William). It was decided today to begin with YPS meetings - the first meeting to be next SUN at Sandbergs. We had some company come home with us from church - Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peterson and Josie, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ness, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Trulin. Laurits and Eva came also - and Ruth Swenson. Ida and Julien will be leaving for Wisconsin tomorrow. Agnes will be confirmed and Eilert's body is being returned from France for burial.
- 30 - MON - We all went in to Columbus in the p.m. There was a Memorial Day program there. We waited until the train left - 6:30 fast time. Julien wanted to get off the train before it left. They have to wait in Flaxton now until 1:30 a.m. The ticket to Colfax now costs \$25.29. (Rates increased as of May 10).
- 31 - TUES - Today Adolph, Valborg and I planted potatoes. Then in the p.m. Adolph went along with me to Thorson for Conf. class. We planted the rest of the potatoes in the evening.

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- 3 - FRI - Studied. Also on SAT - as well as some other jobs around the house and place.
- 5 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. Baptism for Ernest Julien, B. Mar. 19 - to Alfred and Jette Peterson. To C. Trulin for L.A. Then I went alone to Larson at 2:30 while the children stayed at Trulins. From Larson I went to Sandbergs for YPS - 28 there. Then over to Trulins again.
- 6 - MON - Foggy. To Serdahls for a short trip - to get some books (maybe some that Ruth had used when she taught) - will start with parochial school this p.m. in Sorlie school. There were 27 children there today - with the 4 from here.
- 7 - TUES - School election in Sorlie school. 8 - WED - School again and thru the rest of the week.
- 11 - SAT - Met with the confirmation class in the Sorlie school at 10:00 - before the communion service tomorrow. Started with a new class in Bethlehem church at 2:00 - 14 there. Rain.
- 12 - SUN - Communion service in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - both Norwegian and English. 47 communed. Some singing by the young folks afterwards. To Thorson at 3:00. The 4 children along. Many there. Conf. class following.
- 13 - MON - School today. The Bethlehem YPS met at Clarence Peterson yesterday. We are thinking about going to Noonan on the 19th.
- 14 - TUES - No school. Had to go to Columbus to get some repairs for the auto. In the evening we went to Larson to meet Ida and Julien, who came on the train. Julien was very excited and happy. The roads are nice and dry for driving now.
- 15 - WED - This forenoon had to go over to Laurits - we had a terrific rain storm on the way and became stuck north of Trulins. Everyone was soaked - alle gjennomvaad - and they had to walk home. Julien and I went over to Trulins to help get the car out - and home. No school today. 16 - THURS - We had school today and FRI.

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- 18 - SAT - To Bethlehem for class at 10:00 - 15 there today. I rode horseback on Daisy. The roads are extremely muddy from all this rain. Then we had more rain this p.m.
- 19 - SUN - Our 14th Wedding Anniversary. We had planned to go in to Noonan but the roads were impossible so we stayed at home. A very nice day - except for the roads.
- 20 - MON - We all walked to the Sorlie school today - very muddy. Ruth Swenson came from Noonan today - she had walked.
- 21 - TUES - Was able to drive almost all the way to school today - and the rest of the week.
- 25 - SAT - Class in Thorson at 10:00 and Bethlehem at 2:00. Choir at Dahl's at 4:00.
- 26 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - L.A. at Melvin Pedersen. All along. Then to Carlsons for YPS. I went from there to Larson for services at 2:30. Many there. Baptism for Walter Eliot, B. Apr. 16 - to Matt and Lottie Anderson. Then back to Carlsons. Many there. Then home. There was also L.A. out in Thorson at Wigdahls.
- 27 - MON - School in the p.m. - same on TUES and WED. Had to go to Columbus WED. a.m. Went over to M. Dahl to get some bran. WED evening at 7:00 - choir in Bethlehem church.
- 30 - THURS - School today.

JULY

- 1 - FRI - To Columbus in a.m. School in p.m. To Larson in evening to meet Lina - train.
- 2 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem in a.m. Heavy rain - dygtig regn.
- 3 - SUN - Another heavy rain today - no services in S. St. Olaf. I did go to Thorson at 3:00 - also read with the conf. class. Thelma is 12 years old today.
- 4 - MON - 4th of July Celebration at Ronholdt's. It was a nice day and there were many there. There was program by the young people - a great deal of singing.
- 5 - TUES - To Columbus. Ronholdt came over - for a signature. Home for the most these days. One day to Kleppens - one day to Columbus - Lina along.
- 7 - THURS - This evening Ingvald and family came - had a ride with Anderson from Ray.
- 9 - SAT - Bethlehem conf. class at 2:00. To Trulins in the evening.
- 10 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. All along. Ingvald went with Trulin and family to Columbus - the rest of us to Alfred Petersons for L.A. Many there. 11 - MON - To Columbus in p.m.
- 12 - TUES - School meeting here. Rain shower - but it was over before we finished our meeting.
- 13 - WED - Home. Very wet out. 14 - THURS - Took Lina and Ingvalds out to Tioga - Anderson left too. Had some trouble with a wheel when we got as far as Otto Berger. It could have been a serious accident as the wheel broke. Got a new wheel in Tioga and drove home by Otto Evenson. Got stuck.
- 15 - FRI - Bethlehem L.A. Ice Cream Social at our place. 16 - SAT - Class in Thorson at 2:00.
- 17 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for Margaret Elise, B. May 6 - to Hans and Kaspara Nordtvedt. To S. O. Berg for YPS. I went to Larson at 2:30 - then back to Bergs. Many there.

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JULY

- 18 - MON - S.O. Berg came over here this p.m. to get some help in fixing up his books (school district treasurer). Came back again this evening and we worked way into the night - and finished up around TUES noon. Went to Columbus in p.m.
- 20 - WED - School board meeting tonight in Sorlie school. Tomorrow to Glenwood - Circuit meeting.
- 21 - THURS - Ida and I went to the Circuit meeting held in Glenwood congregation. Linda Berg came here last night to stay with the children while we are gone. We drove west - past Garfield - got to the church at 12 noon. Sauer, Tolo and Rosholt were already there when we arrived. Nice weather and quite a few there. We stayed at Lervick's over night. Mr. and Mrs. Erik Dihle and Haraseth there too.
- 22 - FRI - We had a good meeting. We drove home by Noonan and Larson on the way home.
- 23 - SAT - Conf. class in Bethlehem church at 2:00.
- 24 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00. L.A. at Seim's. Whole family along. Drove home by Ole Olson. Over to Laurits and Eva for a little while.
- 25 - MON - Adolph's 9th birthday. We had some rain. This p.m. I rode horseback over to S.O. Berg to work with him on his books - school district treasurer - skoleregnskaber.
- 26 - TUES - School in the p.m. Rain. No school board meeting tonight.
- 27 - WED - School. School meeting tonight at Sorlie school.
- 28 - THURS - No school today. To Columbus. 29 - FRI - Last day of school today.
- 30 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem church at 2:00.
- 31 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. Baptism for Clarence Norman, B. Apr. 4 - to Christ and Petra Sethney. L.A. at Kleppens - all along. Many there. They even had the Band there (from Columbus). Stopped by A. Serdahl. YPS at Anton Watterud. Valborg is 7 years old.

AUGUST

- 1 - MON - Some rain today but it did not amount to much. Today we had a little party for Valborg. Went to Columbus to buy some ice for ice cream, etc. Kleppens and Trulins came over and in the evening Laurits and Eva came over. I wrote a poem - digt - for her on the occasion of her 7th birthday. Marie and Thelma went along to Columbus for music lessons from Anna Soderquist. 2 - TUES - I did not feel so well today.
- 3 - WED - Music lessons again. 4 - THURS - Conf. class in Thorson at 2:00. 5 - FRI - To Columbus.
- 6 - SAT - Home. Harvesting barley here this week.
- 7 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for Doris Iola, B. June 25 - to Louis and Dina Holte. Whole family along. We had brought our dinner along so we ate our picnic dinner at church before going to Larson at 3:00. Then out to Rolie's for choir concert and festival. (Mrs. Nord directed a group called Hill and Dale Chorus). In S. St. Olaf I received \$31.30 for the school term - this is what they had taken in at Ronholdts on the 4th of July.

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AUGUST

- 8 - MON - We drove in to Noonan to have a picture taken but the photographer was not there.
- 9 - TUES - Home. 10 - WED - To Columbus with Marie (music lesson) - Thelma home. Ida was over at Trulin's - they came to get her during the night. Mrs. was sick. Ida came home in p.m.
- 11 - THURS - Nels Serdahl and some of his company came over here in the p.m.
- 12 - FRI - Home - spent some time studying - kontoret. Have painted the kitchen floor.
- 13 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem.
- 14 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00. All along - no - some along. The girls were at home. L.A. at George Benson. Drove by Laurits on the way home.
- 15 - MON - Finished the harvesting here. Home on MON and TUES.
- 17 - WED - All to Columbus in forenoon. Marie and Thelma had their music lessons. Then in the p.m. we drove to Noonan to have our family picture taken.
- 18 - THURS - Home today and the following days also. Some studying.
- 21 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 - whole family along. Baptism for Lily Ellen, B. Apr. 4 - to John and Esther Matson. Also affirmation of home baptism for Magne, B. July 3 - to Carl and Randi Brothen. He had been baptized by his father on the day following his birth, on July 4th. There was L.A. at Hoie. Later we went to YPS at Frank Bureau.
- 22 - MON - To Columbus in p.m. 23 - TUES - Had planned to drive S to the river to pick plums - along with some of the Serdahls - but could not manage it - men kom ei afsted - as the radiator was leaking too much. Instead we stayed at home and I did some fencing - Nels Serdahl helped me.
- 24 - WED - To Columbus in a.m. - music lessons. Fenced in the p.m. - getting new pasture ready.
- 25 - THURS - Got the cows moved to the new pasture. In the p.m. out to Thorson for class.
- 26 - FRI - Studying. 27 - SAT - Studying today - also class in Bethlehem. Baptism for Norman Olander, B. Aug. 23 - to Carl and Alma Trulin. (Mom and Dad were also sponsors).
- 28 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00 - all along. Few in Larson.
- 29 - MON - To Laurits and Trulins. A hanger on the auto is broken - to town on TUES to get a new one. To town on WED also - girls took music lessons. Last FRI, I believe, I got a new radiator for the auto - no - it must have been WED, the 24th. Have now been to Laurits several times to get corn. We have been canning corn as well as other things. Have also been several times over to Trulin's as Ida is helping out there with the new baby. We were over there at noon on SAT - the 27th - to baptize the baby. They were afraid he was going to die - but he is much improved now.
- 31 - WED - To Columbus - music lessons.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - THURS - Busy fixing up bins for threshing. Worked with that on FRI also.
- 3 - SAT - Rain today. Studying. En iro mest paa kontoret. No class in Bethlehem

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- 4 - SUN - To Thorson - no services. So few came out. No L.A. either - postponed for a week. Rainy all week - hardly any threshing being done. Stayed at home for the most of the time this week - no class on SAT - rain again.
- 11 - SUN - Rain today too - no services in Bethlehem or Thorson.
- 12 - MON - Helga Reistad came here today - she will be staying here and teaching our school.
- 13 - TUES - School started today, with Helga as teacher. Much rain and very wet all week. Did not go to Columbus on WED for music lessons. The grain is so wet now they have begun reshocking.
- 18 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - all along from here. Larson at 3:00 - Ida along. Quite a few there. From Larson Ida and I went to Brodahl's - Mrs. Lien is sick.
- 19 - MON - To Columbus. In the evening I went over to Brodahls again - communion for Mrs. Lien.
- 20 - TUES - Rainy today but the rest of the week has been good and there has been quite a bit of threshing done this week. 24 - SAT - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 25 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 and Thorson at 3:00. Few in Thorson - they are busy threshing. Stopped by Trufin's after church.
- 26 - MON - Taking the children to school these days. Over to Purley Anderson today. In the p.m. over to Brodahl's and Fredricksons. Mrs. Lien is failing every day - knows she will not live long but is prepared and happy to die. Mrs. Lien blir daarligere men er glad og beredt for at slippe. Also stopped in at Anton Anderson.
- 28 - WED - Cold and rainy but went out to Thorson for conf. class. Home following days.

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- 1 - SAT - Got the threshers - 317 bu. wheat - 317½ bu. barley - 290 bu. oats.
- 2 - SUN - Today Ida and I went to Noonan for the Dedication of the church and Circuit meeting. Home in the evening. Matt Hoie went along with us, too.
- 3 - MON - To Columbus - the girls along to Soderquists for music lessons.
- 4 - TUES - Dug up some potatoes. Heard that Mrs. Lien had died. (Mother of Mrs. Adolf Brodahl).
- 5 - WED - Home. 6 - THURS - Snow during the night - disappeared during the day. To Columbus.
- 7 - FRI - To Brodahl's at 10:00 for funeral of Mrs. Ambjor Lien, 69. (Cancer). On the way home - near Ronholdt's - broke the axle shaft - could not get any farther. Went over to Olaf Anderson but he could not do anything with it. Phoned from Ronholdt to Clarence Anderson who then came. He got it fixed but it was late. Did not get to Thorson for class.
- 8 - SAT - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 9 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Larson at 2:30. Bethlehem YPS at our place. Nice weather this week - dug up the rest of the potatoes and did some fencing.
- 12 - WED - To Columbus. Heard that Louis Henderson had died yesterday - 11th. Funeral on THURS in Tonseth church - Sauer and I there. Henderson was 48 years old.

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- 14 - FRI - Bethlehem choir rehearsal. 15 - SAT - Studying.
- 16 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. 2 baptisms: Florin Alice, B. June 18 - to Carl and Emma Bloom; and Mavis Alberta, B. Aug. 29 - to Albert and Martha Serdahl. To Thorson at 3:00. Baptism for Herman Peder, B. Aug. 17 - to Carl and Carrie Furness. P. Barmoen's, Ole Berg's and Alfred Peterson's came over here from church.
- 17 - MON - To Columbus in the p.m. - music lessons. 18 - TUES - Home.
- 19 - WED - We all went to Macroom - to O. Berg's and Alfred Petersons. Mrs. Barmoen sick - flu.
- 20 - THURS - Home. 21 - FRI - Conf. class in Thorson - at J. Wick.
- 22 - SAT - Bethlehem class at 10:00. To Larson in p.m. - Severt Kleppen sale.
- 23 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - service with communion - Mission sermon - offering \$28.35 and \$1.00 later from Mrs. Knutson. Baptism for Kenneth William, B. Aug. 17 - to Axel and Hulda Carlson. Went to Pleasant Prairie to conduct services at 3:00 - some from Larson there too. Baptism for Norma Agnes, B. Sept. 13 - to Gust and Marie Dahl. (Pleasant Prairie was one of Sauer's congregations but he had just left). Bethlehem YPS met at Laurits I. Many there - will send \$10.00 to Astrup. The YPS in S. St. Olaf is going to send \$25.00 to the China Mission.
- 24 - MON - School again this week - none last week - Teacher's Institute. Received a telephone call this evening that Mrs. P. Barmoen is extremely ill. Went over to Martin Enget's to let them know. Later in the evening I got Leonard Serdahl to take me over to Barmoen's - the lights on my car are too poor for night driving. I stayed there thru the night. Dr. Grogan, Flaxton, was there as well as 2 nurses. I had a ride home TUES a.m. with Ole Olson. All the Berg's were there. (Mrs. Barmoen was a Berg).
- 25 - TUES - Ida, Julien and I went back to Barmoen's around noon. Mrs. Barmoen is very sick but was able to partake of Holy Communion. We came home in the evening.
- 26 - WED - To Columbus - music lessons for the girls. Eva along. Nice weather. Saw Pete Barmoen in town and he said that his wife seemed to be a little better. Paid a note at the Security State Bank - \$13.27 for things at the Lauver sale. Nestos was in Columbus on MON - big stir in politics now - svaert rone nu i politik. 27 - THURS - Home.
- 28 - FRI - Election Day. To Columbus in p.m. (This was a Recall election - the first recall of state officials in the United States. Losing their offices were Governor Frazier, Atty. Gen. Lemke, and Commissioner of Agric. and Labor John Hagan. Voted in to replace them were 3 men on the I.V.A. ticket: Gov. R.A. Nestos, Atty. Gen. S. Johnson, and Comm. of Agri. and Labor J. Kitchen. The 3 leaving office were of the Nonpartisan League).
- 29 - SAT - Thorson conf. class at 2:00. Nice weather now - has been for some time now.
- 30 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - Mission service and communion. Then to Nels Kleppen's for Silver Wedding celebration. Many there. P. Barmoen came to church to tell me that his wife had died last night about 6:00 p.m. Funeral will be on TUES. Severt Kleppen has

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- 30 - SUN - (cont.) - sold out now and is planning to go to Canada.
 31 - MON - A quick trip to Columbus. Studied some too.

NOVEMBER

- 1 - TUES - Funeral today for Mrs. Pete Barmoen (Anne), 49. Ida and Julien went along over to Barmoen's. I spoke in both Norwegian and English at the house - Thessalonians and Revelation 14:13 - "Blessed are they - - ". In church I used as text Psalms 16:6. The choir sang. Cold wind today. 2 - WED - To Martin Enget and Berg in the a.m.
 3 - THURS - Home - busy with some fencing and other things.
 4 - FRI - To town - a quick trip. Then some fixing up in the barn. Bethlehem choir - evening.
 5 - SAT - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
 6 - SUN - To Thorson - Mission sermon and communion at 11:00. Also read with the class. L.A. at J. Wick. Y.P.S. from S. St. Olaf at our place. Quite a few there.
 7 - MON - A little snow today. Cold and unpleasant all week - noget surt og koldt denne uge. Home for the most part.
 11 - FRI - Armistice Day - a holiday to commemorate Peace - helligdag til minde om Freden.
 13 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. There was some additional Mission offering in S. St. Olaf - \$9.95. Drove with auto today.
 14 - MON - Art Wrolson had his sale today - nice day - many out.
 15 - TUES - To Columbus - in auto. Started snowing. Went to school to get them but the auto gave up. Leonard Serdahl brought them home.
 16 - WED - Rather cold. We received a letter from Wisconsin - Arnt and Caroline will be coming here FRI evening. 17 - THURS - Washed clothes - churned, etc. Studied in the evening.
 18 - FRI - Cold wind from NW. Butchered 2 small pigs today. Cold to drive to school today.
 19 - SAT - Bethlehem conf. class.
 20 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. Baptism for Alice, B. Sept. 9 - to Even and Clara Hoff. Cold day. Rode with Laurits. Arnt, Caroline and Ida along over to Laurits afterwards. I went home to get the children. 21 - MON - Cold today and TUES.
 23 - WED - Annual meeting for S. St. Olaf at church. Devotions - Romans 12:6 - -. Reports heard. Had previously received \$127.00 and now received \$143.00 - total \$270.00 - with \$80.00 outstanding. Election: Secr. - A. Sorlie; Treas. - S. O. Berg; Trustee - E. Dihle (3) replacing Ljungren; School committee - Tonger Hysjulien (3); Custodian - M. Sandberg. They decided to give an offering to the organist in June. I was reimbursed for altar wine - \$5.00 - and now \$2.50 annually. There are numerous things that have to be done this spring and Sandberg will notify at the right time. Parochial school will be taken up later. The YPS will take care of the Christmas tree etc. Present were: A. Sorlie, E. Dihle, M. Sandberg, A. A. Anderson, S. O. Berg, Ronholdt, Otto Evenson, Tonger Hysjulien, A. Brodahl.

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- 24 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Laurits', the Wisconsin folks, and Kleppens here for dinner. 25 - FRI - Home today.
- 26 - SAT - Annual meeting in Bethlehem church - I rode with Laurits. Opened with Devotion after which reports were heard. I received the rest of my salary. Election: Secr. - Laurits Isakson; Treas. - N.Kleppen; Trustee - M.Pedersen (3) to replace B.Sivertson, and Carl Trulin (1) instead of Anton Olson; Custodian - A.Serdahl; School Committee - A.Serdahl (3). The YPS will take charge of any Christmas arrangements. They decided to reimburse me \$5.00 for altar wine used during previous years and to allow \$2.50 annually from now on. They rejected L.Adamson's bill for a little lumber he had loaned the church in 1914 - forkastet. N.Kleppen made a motion that each family should serve either L.A. or YPS annually - or pay \$10.00 instead. Provision made that 2 families could serve together for L.A. if so desired. Accepted. Present: M.Hoie, C.Trulin, L.Isakson, M.Pederson, A.Serdahl, M.Danielson, T.Westernness, P.Lundstad, J.Runningen, Even Hoff, N.Kleppen.
- 27 - SUN - Thorson at 11:30. Choir here at 2:00.
- 28 - MON - Home. Washing and other things around the house. Laurits' and the Wisconsin folks went over to Kleppens.
- 29 - TUES - They were over to Trulins today - came here in the evening. I hauled some hay etc.
- 30 - WED - Today they were all here. We also butchered a heifer.

DECEMBER

- 1 - THURS - To Columbus - used the sled. Paid some bills - \$232.47 at O.I.Ronning and \$143.75 at Nels Duckstad - \$37.78 to Bowbells for seed - and traded at O.I.Ronning \$7.60 in cash.
- 2 - FRI - Laurits and Ida went to Columbus with Arnt and Caroline as they left for Wisconsin.
- 3 - SAT - To Sorlie school in p.m. - started practicing for the Christmas program. 24 there.
- 4 - SUN - Should have gone to Larson today but I did not feel at all well - a cold and a headache. I called them to cancel it. Very strong cold wind from NW too.
- 5 - MON - Home. Had to do some digging in the pasture well. Ida and Julien to O.Serdahl.
- 6 - TUES - Home. School board meeting in the afternoon.
- 7 - WED - Services in Thorson at S.Wigdahl. Annual meetin following services. Reports heard. Had received of salary \$81.00 previously and now \$20.00 - with \$99.00 left. Election: Secr. - C.Furness; Treas. - Anton Bakken; Trustee - M.Sathre (3); School Committee - S.Wigdahl (3); Custodian - Henry Wick.
Very foggy - has been so for a few days. The School board visited the schools.
- 10 - SAT - To Sorlie school - practice with the children.
- 11 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:30. Quite a few there. Marie and Thelma walked over to Laurits to ride with him. Has been thawing a great deal these days - most of the snow is gone now. Ida and the others rode to church with me. Started with Christmas program rehearsal for

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- 11 - SUN - (cont.) - the children - over 30 there. The choir also rehearsed. Eva came along home with us and the girls came later with Lawrits.
- 12 - MON - Today Leonard Serdahl helped me haul 7 - 8 loads of hay up to the barn. Nice and mild.
- 13 - TUES - Strong wind. Had to get Olaf Anderson to come over and help to get the car started. Over to Krutsons. Baptisms affirmed for 2 sons: Mandt Kenneth, B. Aug. 8, 1917, and baptized at home by Mrs. Krutson on Sept. 26, 1917; Henry Mason, B. Aug. 7, 1919; and baptized at home Sept. 21, 1919. Also graveside rites for 2 other sons: Karl Henry, B. Aug. 25, 1915 - baptized at home by his mother on Sept. 16, 1915, Died March 16, 1917, age $1\frac{1}{2}$ yrs; and Miles Krutson, B. Aug. 4, 1916 - baptized on Aug. 12, 1916 - Died Sept. 13, 1916, a little over a month old. In the afternoon Ida, Julien and I went to Columbus to do some buying for Christmas. Home on WED and THURS.
- 16 - FRI - Practiced with the children in Bethlehem church at 1:30 - over 30 there. Cold.
- 17 - SAT - To Sorlie school to practice. Program in the Arneson school this evening.
- 18 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:30. Not many there. Cold. Announced Services for Christmas Day here with Christmas tree. Choir practice at Trulins in p.m. I drove over to get Marie and Thelma later. 19 - MON - Cold this week for the most. Home.
- 21 - WED - Choir practice at Trulins this evening. Thelma walked over there for it and then went along over to Lawrits' over night.
- 23 - FRI - To Bethlehem church for rehearsal. We walked. Serdahls used our buggy to go to town.
- 24 - SAT - Christmas Eve. We had our Christmas tree at home tonight. Glædelig Jul.
- 25 - SUN - Christmas Day. S. St. Olaf at 11:30. We all rode with Serdahls today. A little cold but a full church. Beautiful tree - and a good program by the children and choir. Valborg sang alone - Marie, Thelma and I sang a song. Offering about \$43.00.
- 26 - MON - To Larson for Christmas services at 2:00. Drove with buggy. Nice weather. The choir sang. Offering - \$16.25. There was a short meeting following the service. Ole Dillerud will serve as Secy. - J. Norby as Treas. - A. Haraseth (1) as trustee - and J. Norby as custodian. The rent for the church has been paid until May, 1922. I have received \$110.00 in salary.
- 27 - TUES - A nice day. Christmas service in Bethlehem at 11:30 with Christmas tree program. We all rode with Serdahls. Many there - the church was almost too small - kirken naesten for liden. Baptism for Arnold Norman, B. Nov. 6 - to Martin and Kirsti Berg. A good program by the children and choir. Valborg sang 2 songs. Offering - \$50.00.
- 28 - WED - To Thorson - used buggy - for 12:00 fast time. Offering \$18.45 - and of this \$10.00 was from Carl Furness.
- 29 - THURS - Home today. Lawrits and Eva came over. Nice weather.
- 30 - FRI - Today we were invited over to Trulins for dinner - Ida, Adolph and Valla along - the others stayed at home - colds. Started snowing and became a little stormy.
- 31 - SAT - Nice again. Home studying. We have received many gifts - among them \$10.00 to me

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31 - SAT - (cont.) - and \$5.00 to Ida from the S. St. Olaf YPS - \$5.00 from M. Ronning - \$5.00 from P. Barmoen - \$10.00 from Furness and other gifts from Rolies, Kleppens and others.

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- 1 - SUN - Godt og Velsignet Nytaar i Jesu Navn. A Happy and Blessed year in Jesus Name. God has been good to us during the past year - may God be with us with His Blessings also in 1922. To S. St. Olaf at 11:30. Not so many out today. In the afternoon Ida and I walked over to Lawrits' - it was his 32nd birthday. Gave him \$5.00 for a gift. Kleppens were there - Kihles too. We walked home again about 7:00.
- 2 - MON - Nice and mild today. I fixed the chimney that had blown down FRI - also worked in the barn. Serdahls went in to Larson early this morning - used my buggy. Noritha (Not quite sure of this name) went home.
- 3 - TUES - To Columbus - used the buggy. A little colder today. Home for the most part the rest of the week. No school here this week either.
- 8 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:30. Baptism for Mamie Inez, B. Nov. 9, 1921 - to Martin and Pauline Helseth. Quite a few in church. Our children home today.
- 9 - MON - School again today - drove over to school with the children.
- 10 - TUES - School board meeting at Ronholdts. Home for the most the rest of the week.
- 14 - SAT - Should have gone over to Abraham Rude for the funeral of their little grandchild but it was so stormy I gave up on it today.
- 15 - SUN - To Larson at 2:00. The weather is a little improved today. Drove with sled but there is not very much snow down on the flats.
- 16 - MON - Funeral at Abraham Rude for the unbaptized daughter of Alfred and Mina (Rude) Kelsven. She was born Jan. 7 and died Jan. 12. The children were home from school today.
- 17 - TUES - A little colder. Took them to school. Studied for tomorrow.
- 18 - WED - Services in S. St. Olaf at 2:00 - quite cold - not many there. Cold - THURS and FRI.
- 21 - SAT - Still colder. Down to 30 degrees below zero this evening.
- 22 - SUN - This morning our thermometer showed 36 degrees below zero. We heard that other places showed 45 and 50 below. It was still - no wind - but real sharp. Did not go to Thonson.
- 23 - MON - Almost as cold as yesterday but not quite. Children home from school today. It was a little better in the p.m. so Ida and I drove over to Lawrits for a little while.
- 24 - TUES - Took the 3 oldest to school today. Iver Hallum came over in the evening to tell me that Jenson's baby had died - funeral tomorrow in Bethlehem church. Mr. and Mrs. Ole Serdahl came over here this afternoon.
- 25 - WED - Nice today - a little above zero. Funeral at I. Hallum at 2:00 for Ernest Joseph,

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- 25 - WED - (cont.) - infant son of Charlie and Martha Jenson. He was 1 month and 20 days old and had been baptized by his mother on Jan. 22., and died the same day. I also baptized the 2 older children of the Jenson family: Evelyn Josephine, B. Sept. 17, 1917, in Glasgow, Mont., and Charlie Milo, B. Feb. 20, 1920, in Colorado. I stopped in for a little while at Laurits on the way home. Ida was at home today - many things to do - washing, churning, and bread baking.
- 26 - THURS - To Larson - took along 22 dozen eggs - 30¢ a doz. 2 weeks ago - 12 doz in Columbus at 35¢ a doz. Shortly before Christmas - 9 dozen at 40¢ a doz. Have also sold about 22 doz. eggs to Laurits at 30¢ - and we have used a great many ourselves.
- 27 - FRI - Home. 28 - SAT - Ida over to Laurits for a little while.
- 29 - SUN - A little colder. Bethlehem at 11:30. Ida along. We walked over to Ole Sordahl's this afternoon. There was baptism in Bethlehem for Kenneth, B. Nov. 26, 1921 - to Melvin and Laura Peterson.
- 30 - MON - Cold today - 18 below zero. Took the 3 oldest to school. Last SAT Leonard Sordahl left for Minnesota and on FRI Art Wrolson went to Plaza. 31 - TUES - Home.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - WED - Stormy. 2 - THURS - Services and L.A. announced in Thorson at Mrs. Walseth. I did not go as there were too many large and deep snowdrifts to get thru. They did have L.A.
- 3 - FRI - Cold. Home today and on SAT.
- 5 - SUN - Cold - stormy and windy from NW. John Norby called to say that the weather was so bad down on the flats that it would not be of much use to try to make the trip to Larson today. I stayed at home - reiste ei. Cold and stormy all week.
- 9 - THURS - Got a call that Mrs. A. Haga is very sick but I could not go over today - it was so stormy. Stormy also on FRI - 10.
- 11 - SAT - A little better today. Drove as far as Albert Sordahl - then got him to drive with his big rig and team. Mrs. Haga is very sick - cancer of the stomach - kraft i maven - and it does not seem that she has long to live.
- 12 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:30. Very cold - just a few - from Sandbergs and Dihles.
- 13 - MON - Home. 14 - TUES - My 47th birthday. Took the children to school - turned stormy. We had expected the Trulins to come over but they did not come - weather too bad.
- 15 - WED - Weather better today. Trulins came over today.
- 16 - THURS - Stormy again. No service in Bethlehem. Little Paul Trulin is here (stayed over when they came over yesterday).
- 17 - FRI - C. Trulin came over today to get Paul. I went over to Haga's - communion.
- 18 - SAT - Mrs. A. Haga died today. Better weather today.

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- 19 - SUN - To Thorson at 2:00. Very cold. 20 - MON - Weather somewhat better today.
- 21 - TUES - Snowstorm from E. Took the children to school. Then to Bethlehem for funeral of Mrs. Andreas Haga (Hilda Maria), 47½. It was a terrible trip - fael tur. Also over to school to get the children.
- 22 - WED - Holiday - Washington's birthday. Quite cold.
- 23 - THURS - Worked outside - hauled in some hay, cleaned well - cleaned the barn.
- 24 - FRI - Cold - took them to school.
- 25 - SAT - Home. Nicer today. Yesterday Emil (Adolph) Serdahl went to Columbus - he did some shopping for us. He has done other times too so it is almost 2 months now since I have been in to Columbus. Lawrits came over today and Ida went back with him. A little daughter was born this morning. I was home with the children.
- 26 - SUN - Have a very bad cold - can hardly talk. If I had felt better I should have been in Larson but I stayed at home. Ida is not home today either. Ole Serdahl came over early this morning to get Ida to come over to help. She came home in the afternoon - Serdahls had twins. (They had called Dr. King but the little girl, Silva, was born before he got there. He saw that things were under control with Mom there but she told him to stick around - they weren't thru yet. The little boy was born shortly after that. Years later - over 50 years - when Walter, now a Pastor, was speaking in Havre, Mont., he said that he owed his life to the neighboring Lutheran Pastor's wife. When he was born he was having trouble breathing, but Mom, the resourceful one, dipped him in the icy cold water of the snow barrel in the kitchen. This produced that gasp of life and he was breathing. Almost everyone had a big barrel standing in one corner of the kitchen in the winter time into which snow was put to melt for water during the cold weather. A remarkable story.)
- 27 - MON - The children were home today. Ida and I went over to Lawrits and Eva. Eva had been quite sick during the night but felt better now. We were home by 4:00.
- 28 - TUES - Children to school today. School board meeting here today.

MARCH

- 1 - WED - Nice weather now. Ida and I and Julien went over to C. Trulin's - the Bethlehem YPS and choir met to make plans to purchase a church bell for Bethlehem church - kirkeklokke.
- 2 - THURS - Went to Columbus - have not been there since Jan. 5. Brought along butter and eggs for a total of \$10.13 - eggs at 30¢ a doz. and butter at 25¢ a lb. Have sold some before during the winter - mostly eggs. 3 - FRI - Nice weather both today and SAT.
- 5 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:30. Ida along - also Emil Serdahl. Very nice mild weather.
- 6 - MON - Colder today. 7 - TUES - A little cold today too. Mrs. Wrolson came over.
- 8 - WED - Nice weather - a little cold wind from SW - beginning to thaw - thru the week.
- 12 - SUN - Very mild - not much sleighing left now - lidet slaedefore igjen. To Bethlehem -

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- 12 - SUN - (cont.) - all along. Rode with Emil Serdahl. He and his father (Nels) stopped here for awhile afterwards.
- 13 - MON - This weather is hard on the snow these days - only a little left of the biggest drifts now. A. Watterud came over with some meat as they had butchered. We have now lost our mail route - it is 1 mile farther away now.
- 14 - TUES - Busy today writing out my Parochial Report and will go to Columbus tomorrow. It is interesting to note that in this area there have been 4 families that have recently become the parents of twins - Ole Serdahls, Bendik Seversons, Glen Grotes, and John Emil Grubbs.
- 15 - WED - To Columbus - drove with buggy. 16 - THURS - Foggy today. Home.
- 17 - FRI - Received a message today from Thorson that Mamie Wick had died yesterday. There is a great deal of sickness out there - flu - and also heard that John Carlson had died.
- 18 - SAT - Home today.
- 19 - SUN - To Larson for services - used the buggy. Thelma went along. The roads are terrible for driving - ice and snow. Farther north it is quite a bit better. 20 - MON - Home.
- 21 - TUES - To Thorson for the funeral of Mamie Susanne Wick, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$. She died Mar. 16 from the flu. There seems to be less sickness out there now. Emil Serdahl went along with me.
- 22 - WED - Cold - but many went to Columbus for the Farmer's Institute. Emil S. went to get our mail but now he has come down with the flu.
- 23 - THURS - Not so cold today but we still have some snow around here. Mrs. C. Trulin came over here and she and Ida went over to see Mrs. O. Serdahl. Julien and I stayed at home.
- 24 - FRI - New snow and a snowstorm. 25 - SAT - The wind was not as strong today. I pitched in some hay today and then as I jumped down from the barn roof I sprained my right ankle quite badly. It was very painful and became swollen right away - hovnet op. I managed to get to the house and had to remain quiet for a few days.
- 26 - SUN - Could not go to S. St. Olaf for services - the weather was not very good anyway. Had to spend the rest of the week at home for the most part. Emil Serdahl came over every day to help with the chores. This week on THURS and FRI - Mar. 30 and 31 - Marie and Thelma took the 8th grade State Exams - they went thru all of them just fine.

APRIL

- 2 - SUN - To Bethlehem in the a.m. - Ida and I drove over in buggy. To S. St. Olaf at 3:00 - went alone. Started snowing and raining - not many there.
- 3 - MON - Ida and I over to Trulins and Laurits - Thelma and Julien at home.
- 4 - TUES - Ida and I to Columbus - brought along 40 dozen eggs and some butter. Snow almost gone.
- 5 - WED - All 4 to school today. Wet and foggy. Have much studying to do. They have scarlet fever over at Diphles - Ethel and Arthur have been sick. Home the rest of the week.
- 9 - SUN - Palm Sunday. Thorson at 2:00. Foggy. Started raining and snowing on the way home.

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- 10 - MON - More snow - quite a bit on the ground again. Children home today.
- 11 - TUES - Children to school today. School board meeting here. 12 - WED - Studying.
- 13 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Service with communion - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Muddy - not many there. To Larson at 3:00.
- 14 - FRI - Good Friday. Bethlehem - service with communion. 3 baptisms: Kathrine Thaline, B. Feb. 25 - to Laurits and Synneva (Eva) Isakson; Twins - Walter Leo and Sylva Leona, B. Feb 26 - to Ole and Helga Serdahl. Ida and I, Marie and Valla, over to Laurits for a little while. Nice weather. Have now collected for the Children's Home - Barnehem - in Thorson \$9.25, Larson \$20.75, Bethlehem \$21.52 at Mrs. A.H. Peterson and \$15.50 at Mrs. T. Westerness, and S. St. Olaf \$20.75. 15 - SAT - Studying.
- 16 - SUN - Easter Sunday. Services in S. St. Olaf and Larson. Very muddy - drove with buggy.
- 17 - MON - Home. Also TUES. 19 - WED - To Columbus - in buggy. Still some snow - very muddy. It turns warm during the days and that helps to dry. By FRI it had dried considerably - torrer dog adskillig. Emil Serdahl started plowing here on FRI - 21 - also on SAT.
- 22 - SAT - Started with a conf. class in Sorlie school today. Yesterday - FRI - the new church bell for Bethlehem arrived in Columbus. C. Trulin, L. Isakson, and I. Hallum went in to town to get it. They are going to try to get it installed today so we will no doubt be able to hear it tomorrow - 1st Sunday after Easter - at the Easter service in Bethlehem. Choir practice at Trulin's tonight. It is thanks to the YPS that we have the new bell in Bethlehem church as they have been working for some time for its purchase.
- 23 - SUN - Easter services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Ida and I and Adolph had a ride to church with Emil in auto. Quite cold. Thelma went along to Thorson at 3:00 - we drove with horses. The church bell in Bethlehem had not been set up for today.
- 24 - MON - Planted some things and spaded up around some of the trees. Also on TUES.
- 26 - WED - Bethlehem L.A. at our place today - we didn't expect very many - people are so busy but 8 women came anyway.
- 27 - THURS - Worked in the garden - also on FRI. Adolph (Emil) Serdahl has sowed the wheat
- 29 - SAT - Started with a class in Bethlehem at 10:00 - Sorlie school at 2:00.
- 30 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Larson at 3:00 - few there. Ida along.

MAY

- 1 - MON - To Columbus. Had to get some car repairs - new bushings.
- 2 - TUES - This is rather cool May weather but it has been dry so people can get their spring's work done - folk faar drive bra med vaar arbeidet.
- 3 - WED - This is the last week of school here. Miss Mary Stannard, Co. Supt. of Schools, was out one day with diplomas.
- 5 - FRI - The last day of school. Marie and 2 Ljungren girls, Linnea and Elsa, graduated.

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- 5 - FRI - (cont.) - Elsa has one subject left, however. There was a nice program in the evening - quite a few there. The Basket Social brought in \$16.35 which will be used either for a bell - or maybe for some library books.
- 6 - SAT - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00. 3 came from Macroom too.
- 7 - SUN - Service with communion in Thorson at 2:00 - Ida along. My car is not working as well as it should. Read with the class following services. Stopped in at J. Wick for a little while. Last night - SAT evening - there was a Home Talent play at Ronholdt's - hear that there were quite a few there. Proceeds - indkomst - will go to buy something for the school.
- 8 - MON - Spaded in the garden and between the trees. Have planted some garden now.
- 9 - TUES - Rain last night and rain and fog this a.m. Ida is not feeling well today - has a cold and a headache. 10 - ~~WED~~ - Nice today - a good drying day.
- 11 - THURS - Rain again all day. The rain continued on thru FRI and SAT - all day and night. The only thing we can do is stay indoors. Have not seen such a long, steady rain for a long time.
- 14 - SUN - Rain showers again today. I drove over to Bethlehem church with horses - extremely muddy. A. Serdahl and C. Trulin were the only ones who came. Had no service.
- 15 - MON - No rain today but it is too wet to do much of anything outside yet. I did go out and do some more spading between the trees. Have planted some garden - potatoes, set onions, peas - guess that is all so far.
- 16 - TUES - Another rain shower again this a.m. To Thorson in the p.m. for conf. class. Drove with horses. There were 5.
- 17 - WED - Cold - rain showers again. E. Serdahl is plowing here for the barley. We planted some potatoes. And that is the way we celebrated the 17th of May in the a.m. Og saaledes feirede vi dagen - Syttende Mai - formiddag. To S. St. Olaf in p.m. - conf. class.
- 18 - THURS - To Columbus - drove with auto. Marie and Thelma along to take music lessons - the first time this spring. There are some terrible mudholes - stygge sole huller. Sold butter for \$5.10 and eggs for \$1.80. Eggs are 15¢ a dozen and butter is 25¢ a lb.
- 19 - FRI - Posted bills for the school election. Ida and I went to see C. Larsen's - brought some butter along for them. Things are hard for them right now - the bank has taken everything. They have a cow and a horse left - I offered them the use of a cow this summer. We also drove in to Larson (town) and by A. G. Berg on the way home. Berg has also offered them a cow.
- 20 - SAT - E. Serdahl is sowing barley here. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Studied some too.
- 21 - SUN - Service with communion in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Many there - Ida along. To Larson at 3:00 - many there also. We met at Bjorkman's as the Germans were using the church - da de Tyske havde Gudstjeneste selv. 2 baptisms: Ruth Bella, B. Jan. 23 - to Helmer and Bella Nordahl; and Clarabell Maxine, B. Apr. 21 - to Oluf and Laura Olson.
- 22 - MON - A littlenice, still rain falling today - lidt pent, stille regn idag.

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- 23 - TUES - Worked a good deal on my presentation for the Circuit Meeting in Pleasant Prairie June 5 - 7. The subject is a discussion on the 1st Petition. Also took off the storm windows and put on the screens. Studied also on WED. Pastors Tolo and Rosholt came out here in the evening.
- 25 - THURS - Ida and I and Thelma to Columbus - Thelma for music lesson. We talked with Prof. Erickson about High School and registered Marie and Thelma for the fall term. We stopped in at Tony Rude to see what they knew about finding places for the girls to stay.
- 26 - FRI - Class in Thorson at 2:00. Then to get the mail. Have now had a strong wind from SE for about 3 days.
- 27 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school at 2:00. A little cloudy today. Studying for tomorrow. Emil took Leonard and Ruth Serdahl to Northgate today - they have spent about a week at Nels Serdahl. (Leonard and Ruth were married Mar. 3, in Breckinridge, Minn. and were now going to move to Northgate to live). The spring's work is all finished here with the exception of millet. The barley that was sown a week ago - May 20 - is already up. We have 5 small calves now and are expecting the 6th. We have 90 little chicks - kyllinger - and expect more - also ducks and turkeys.
- 28 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 - also L.A. Bethlehem at 3:00 - many there. Baptism for the twins: Severin and Emeline, B. Mar. 6 - to Bendik and Bertha Sivertson.
- 29 - MON - Nice day. Worked out in the garden. Then worked with Emil - hauling manure out on the field.
- 30 - TUES - Memorial Day. Cold - a little rain. Home. There was a program in Columbus.
- 31 - WED - Spent the day studying - preparing for the Circuit Meeting in Pleasant Prairie on June 5-7, north of Larson. Also studying for Pentecost.

JUNE

- 1 - THURS - We all went to Columbus today in the p.m. Marie and Thelma had music lessons. Went by Larson with the mail route petition. Bought 2 tires at Duckstad.
- 2 - FRI - Home - studying. Also on SAT in the a.m. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00
- 4 - SUN - Pentecost. S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Marie, Thelma and Valborg along - also Nels Serdahl and 2 Wrolsons. Baptism for Lloyd Alfred, B. Apr. 30 - to Albert and Thilda Sorlie. Nels Serdahl came in for dinner after services. Emil is in Plaza with Arneson. Then in the p.m. we all went to Bethlehem for services at 3:00. Many there. It was a warm day. Baptism for Astrid Kristine, B. Mar. 26 - to Ole and Ingrid Berg. We took down the Service Flag. (These flags had been hung in churches during the War - displaying a star for each man from the congregation in some branch of the service. The flag was about 24" x 36" - with a red border about 8" wide around a center of white on which the stars were placed. The stars were blue, unless the service man died, in which case a gold star replaced it).

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- 5 - MON - 2nd Day of Pentecost. Circuit Meeting in Pleasant Prairie congregation. Nice day - whole family went. Pres. Ylvisaker installed Rev. G. Hegg as pastor during the morning service. (He would be serving Columbus, Pleasant Prairie, Short Creek and Grand View). Many there. Music by the choir. In the p.m. I introduced the topic for our discussion - 1st Petition. Ylvisaker also spoke and there was more music and singing - choir.
- 6 - TUES - All along today too - even more people came out today. WMF today and talks by Missionary Sovik. I had to go to the school election in the p.m. and Emil Serdahl brought the family home. In the evening Ida, Marie and Thelma went to Columbus with Emil for the High School graduation.
- 7 - WED - The last day of the Circuit Meeting - had a little rain. It was a good meeting.
- 8 - THURS - Rain - did not go to Columbus (music lessons). 9 - FRI - Class in S. St. Olaf church.
- 10 - SAT - Conf. class in Bethlehem.
- 11 - SUN - To Larson at 11:00. Thorson at 3:00. Baptism for Berthine Signe, B. Mar. 24 - to Sigvart and Betzy Nyback. L.A. at A. Serdahl. Many there.
- 12 - MON - Home. Bertha Hoie is here now.
- 13 - TUES - Conf. class in Thorson. Mrs. Simon Berg has begun teaching parochial school for 1 month in Thorson - many attending. Ida and Bertha, with Mrs. C. Trulin driving, went to visit Mrs. Alfred Peterson in Macroom. In the evening over to Lawrits to get some veal.
- 14 - WED - Home - studying. Baptism for Doris Louise, B. Oct. 20, 1921 - to Louis and Lillian O'Rourke, Larson.
- 15 - THURS - To Columbus - music lessons. I got something new put on the car which is supposed to save gas but I don't know if it will do any good - men jeg ved ikke om det er til nogen nytte. Brought in some cream for \$4.41 - butter \$1.75 - and eggs for \$1.80.
- 16 - FRI - Class in Sorlie school. Ole Serdahl's here for supper - Hannis came too. (Mailman)
- 17 - SAT - Looks like rain and that will be good now. Bethlehem class in p.m.
- 18 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - many there. Whole family along except Thelma who was over at C. Trulins. We went out to Thorson for the L.A. celebration - fest - at J. Wick. There were many there - also some songs by the choir. Some of the people from S. St. Olaf came out there too. Later we went to Trulins for YPS - not quite so many there.
- 19 - MON - Our 15th Wedding Anniversary. God has been good to us during these years. Thanks be to God for His great mercy. We spent the day quietly at home. I finished up the Census Report and mailed it (school census). Sheared a sheep - klipper en sau. In the evening we drove over to Lawrits for a little while.
- 20 - TUES - Cloudy but no rain except for a few drops last night. Class in Thorson in p.m.
- 21 - WED - Home. 22 - THURS - The longest day of the year - aarets langste dag - very warm.
- 23 - Cloudy in the evening - looked like a storm and many were frightened at that possibility. It started blowing but nothing dangerous developed. Some rain during the night anyway.

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- 23 - FRI - Rained during a.m. and also some in p.m. No class in S.St.Olaf. Bethlehem on SAT.
25 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - then to L.A. at Tom Moe. Quite a few there. YPS at M.Dahl.
We went there later. Baptism for Lynn Eugene, B. Feb. 24 - to Tobias and Anne Hysjulien.
26 - MON - Strawberry picking - there are so many. 27 - TUES - Class in Thorson. Took Emil S. to town. Then back to picking strawberries. (This must have been the summer that wild strawberries grew in greater abundance than ever before - or since. We all went out to pick strawberries and Mom canned 50 or more quarts of wild strawberries. Besides that, we ate strawberries with sugar and cream several times a day. I can remember being able to sit in one place while picking enough strawberries to fill my syrup pail. There were patches of strawberries all over the prairies where we had never found any before.)
28 - WED - Election Day - Ida and I went over to vote in the a.m. Studied in the p.m. Ida and Marie went out picking berries again.
29 - THURS - ~~Var vist i Columbus~~ - no, I believe it rained. Nei, jeg tror det var regn.
30 - FRI - Class in Sorlie school. Later went to Columbus - baptized 2 children at A. Sommerness: Frances May, B. May 24 - to Engebregt and Amelia Helgeson; and Carlton Alexander, B. June 12 - to Arton and Ida Sommerness.

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- 1 - SAT = Conf. class in Bethlehem.
2 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00 with L.A. at Rolie's. Also L.A. at Sandberg's and YPS at I. Hallum. 3 - MON - Home. Thelma's birthday.
4 - TUES - We went to Woodend, Canada, today. Trulin's and L. Isakson's also went. There was also a celebration in Wildwood Park. 5 - WED - Conf. class in Thorson.
6 - THURS - To Columbus - music lessons. 7 - FRI - Class in S.St.Olaf. Baptism for Anita Florain, B. June 13 - to Even and Mary Running.
8 - SAT - L.A. sale at A. Serdahl. Very muddy - few there but it sold well.
9 - SUN - Rain all day. Did not go to S.St.Olaf. 10 - MON - Home. Very wet. To Wrolsons in p.m. for YPS. It had been announced for yesterday but there was too much rain for anyone to come. We went down for a little while yesterday, however.
11 - TUES - School board meeting. 12 - WED - Conf. class in Thorson.
13 - THURS - Funeral in Bethlehem for little Kenneth Pederson, 7 months, son of Melvin and Laura Pederson. To Larson in p.m. for some auto repairs.
14 - FRI - To Saar coulee in the a.m. (berry picking). Sorlie school in p.m. - class. Warm.
15 - SAT - To Bethlehem for class.
16 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 and L.A. at Nels Kleppen. To Thorson at 2:30.
Baptism for Arthur Almo, B. Apr. 25 - to Olaf and Thyra Pladsen; and baptism affirmed for Ruth Loraine, B. Mar. 17 - to Gust and Annie Lunde, and baptized at home on Mar. 30

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- 16 - SUN - (cont.) - by Mrs. N. Herseth. There was also L.A. at Anton Anderson today.
- 17 - MON - Home. 18 - TUES - Funeral today in Columbus for Clarence Ronning, 31. Class - Sorlie.
- 19 - WED - Class in Thorson. 20 - THURS - To Columbus - music lessons.
- 21 - FRI - Conf. class in S. St. Olaf in p.m. 22 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem.
- 23 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Many there. YPS at Hovlands. We went right home from church for dinner. Then Ida and Julien went with Trulins to L.A. at Westernesses. The 4 oldest went with me to Larson - to O. Dillerud's for services and L.A. at 3:00. Then later we went to O. Hovlands. Ida and Julien came over there with Trulins. Leonard Serdahl is very sick. He came home to help Emil with the haying. Went to Crosby on SAT - is in bed now.
- 24 - MON - Wrote some letters - mostly to teachers. To Larson in the p.m. - brought along some cream. Have now sold 8 times. Ruth and Leonard Serdahl went to Flaxton today. Took a cow over to Ole Serdahl this evening.
- 25 - TUES - Studying for the meeting in Ambrose on July 30-31. Adolph is 10 years old today.
- 26 - WED - Class in Thorson in p.m. In the evening over to Laurits - he was not feeling well - has a sore arm. Baby is sick too. Marie stayed.
- 27 - THURS - Today we all went to the County Fair in Flaxton. It was quite good - much to see and many people there. I took the boys - smaagutterne - for a ride on the Ferris wheel and all the children went on the Merry-go-round. (Siebrands Carnival) Trulins were also there. Home by about 7:00.
- 28 - FRI - The weather looked very threatening today for storm and rain. Went to Sorlie school for class at 2:00. As some of the class were absent I did not keep them - just assigned longer lessons for next time and sent them home. It rained very hard here and there but not at our place.
- 29 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 9:30. From there I went over to Hoie's to get Bertha. In the afternoon Ida and I went to Ambrose to attend the Circuit Meeting. The children were at home with Bertha. We left home about 4:00 - drove by Larson and then Nelsie Kleppen rode along as far as Crosby. It was a very nice ride - everything looks so nice. We first stopped over at Pastor Stove (Ambrose) for a little while, and then went over to Dr. Rollefson in the evening. We stayed there with them during the meeting. (Mrs. Rollefson - Ida Marie Thompson - and Mom had been classmates in Minnesota, attending the same school. Mrs. Rollefson's mother had been at the Isakson's to help out at the time that Mom was born and her "Ida Marie" was born shortly after.)
- 30 - SUN - The Circuit Meeting started today at 10:30 with a service and Holy Communion. I gave the Communion Devotional - Skriftetale - and Rev. Hans Mosby, from Torquay, Sask., delivered the sermon. A great many people there - nice weather, but warm. The ladies served dinner at noon in the church basement. The afternoon session was called at 3:00 - Rev. Tolo spoke first - on the 5th petition - the others also spoke. English services in the evening with

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- 30 - SUN - (cont.) - Rev. Hegg. Warm. The choir sang for all sessions - day and evening.
31 - MON - Meeting started at 10:00 this morning with Rosholt speaking on the 6th Petition - in the afternoon I spoke on the 7th. Meeting concluded at 5:00 after business meeting with election of officers and decisions on the budget. Esser was also there today. We drove home this evening - Brodahls over for awhile.

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- 1 - TUES - Over to Hoie's - took Bertha home. Serdahls are haying here. Mrs. Wrolson came over for awhile. Valborg was 8 years old yesterday - MON - 31. (Mrs. Wrolson brought me a large geranium for my birthday. Mom had almost every color of the red shades but this one was pure white - very beautiful). 2 - WED - Class in Thorson.
3 - THURS - To Columbus - all of us. Girls had music lessons. Home by way of Larson.
4 - FRI - Class in S. St. Olaf church. 5 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem. In the evening over to Ronholdt's for School Board meeting. Business in regard to letting bids for the new school and hiring teachers for the coming year.
6 - SUN - A grey, cloudy day with wind and some rain. To Bethlehem at 11:00 and then YPS at Hoie. Services in Thorson at 3:00 - also L.A. Then to Albert Hysjulien for YPS. Later over to Laurits in the evening.
7 - MON - Home for the most part. Choir practice - sangovelse - here in the evening - Bethlehem.
8 - TUES - Marie, Thelma, Adolph and I went down to the coulee to pick chokecherries. Later I went over to Bureau's - registered \$500.00 in warrants. Sent for an order to Northern School Supply Co. in Fargo also.
9 - WED - Conf. class in Thorson in p.m. Choir practice here in the evening at 8:00. Rev. Tolo and Miss Wick came out from Noonan. There were about 20 singers here from Bethlehem and S. St. Olaf here to rehearse for the Choral Union which will be held in Noonan on Sept. 3. It went very well. Mrs. C. Trulin's horses got away during the evening and ran home without the buggy.
10 - THURS - Rain. Did not take the girls to Columbus for music lessons. S. O. Berg came over in the afternoon - school board matters.
11 - FRI - To Columbus in the a.m. - a little fixing on the car. Class in Sorlie school - p.m.
12 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem in p.m.
13 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Ida along. All along to Larson at 3:00 - L.A. at Matt Anderson. Choir rehearsal at our place this evening.
14 - MON - Home - shocked the barley. Also on TUES. There was rain TUES night.
16 - WED - Did not go to Thorson today - could not get the call thru either. Took Marie and Thelma to Crosby to see the dentist - we all 3 had something done.
17 - THURS - To Columbus for music lessons. Also made some inquiries about renting a house on

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- 17 - THURS - (cont.) - a room for the girls. 18 - FRI - Class - S. St. Olaf. 19 - SAT - Class - Bethlehem. 20 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Thorson at 3:00. Few there. Baptism for Clarence Myron, B. July 13 - to John and Thea Marie Wick. Emil Serdahl went along with us. Choir here in the evening. 21 - MON - Home - shocking. Also on TUES. Looks pretty good. 23 - WED - Class in Thorson at 2:00. Took Thelma and Sylvia Berg to Larson - they are going to Noonan for choir rehearsal. Then we went over to C. Trulin's. There were others there too - we had ice cream, etc - o.s.v. - as it was Norman's birthday. 24 - THURS - To Columbus in the p.m. - music lessons. Rented a house. (from Hans Sorlie) 25 - FRI - Class in Sorlie school. 26 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem. 27 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Not so many of the older ones there but many of the young folks. Quite a few had gone to the Missouri R. We had brought our dinner along with us to church so we ate there before driving out to J. Gjerde in Thorson for services and L.A. Not so many there either. 28 - MON - Home. 29 - TUES - To Larson. 30 - WED - Class in Thorson. 31 - THURS - Rain last night - quite a bit. No threshing today.

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- 1 - FRI - No threshing today either. Conf. class in S. St. Olaf church. 2 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem. A little rain today too. Alfred Petersons here. Trulins are threshing now. 3 - SUN - A nice day. Today is the big day in Noonan - Young People's Luther League and Choral Union - Sanger og Ungdom's stevne. We all went - there were many from around here that went as well as our 2 choirs. Many people in Noonan today. English services at 11:00 by Pastor A.O. Fonkalsrud of Minot. Then out to Gjerde's grove where dinner was served. There was a program in the p.m. - music - and speeches by Gov. R.A. Nestos and Rev. Fonkalsrud. The cantata was sung in the evening so I had to leave - all of us except Ida and Thelma, who stayed and rode home with Serdahl. 4 - MON - Nice weather - even warm. Threshing being done all around now. Ida and I drove over to Ronholdts - A. Brodahl also there. Brought along some papers that had to do with the school house. We also discussed getting a teacher for school #1. By Larson to Columbus. Stopped in at Hegg. 5 - TUES - Studying. 6 - WED - Class in Thorson. Did not feel really well but went anyway. Ida went along. There was rain last night but they were able to start with threshing again this p.m. 7 - THURS - More rain again last night - no threshing today. We and some of the other families went in to Columbus this afternoon with many different things to get the house ready for the girls who are going to attend H.S. School begins on MON - Sept. 11. 8 - FRI - It rained all night - doubt that there will be any threshing now until MON. Went to

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- 8 - FRI - (cont.) - Sorlie school for class. It was cold and I felt chilled.
- 9 - SAT - Did not feel very well today - spent most of the day in bed. Seemed like pleurisy.
- 10 - SUN - Felt a little better today. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Marie stayed at home and had dinner ready. Quite a few there - even from Macroom - and Mr. and Mrs. P. Sathre from Thorson. They came along home with us for dinner. YPS at Marie Hatlelid. Emil Serdahl took my family and Mrs. C. Trulin over there as I had to go to Larson for services at 3:00. As the Germans were using the church today we had services at N. Gunderson - she had L.A. following services. Quite a few there. Then to Marie Hatlelid. Many there - and most of the Bethlehem choir was there - excellent singing. Combined choir organized - Faelles kor organisert. Met Miss Hazel Larson, new teacher. She and Miss Rudrud came to Larson yesterday.
- 11 - MON - This is the big day for Marie and Thelma - to Columbus to start High School. First I took the 3 youngest over to school - and then Ida and I took the girls to Columbus. We were there until after dinner. Ronholdts and Sandbergs also there. There are 5 girls who will be living in this house we have rented. There is much threshing being done now even tho it seems to be quite wet.
- 12 - TUES - A quick trip around to the 3 schools. This is Ida's birthday - she is 39 and we celebrated it by ourselves. Julien became sick in school today but it didn't last long. Trulin's came over in the evening.
- 13 - WED - Cloudy and grey - started raining. Started out for Thorson but turned back - went by school to bring the children home. 16 - SAT - Class in S. St. Olaf.
- 17 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. The choirs from both east and west came here this afternoon. I went to Thorson at 3:00. Ronholdt took the girls in to Columbus.
- 18 - MON - Home for the most - doing odd jobs around here - also TUES. 20 - WED - Class - S. St. O.
- 21 - THURS - Class in Thorson. 22 - FRI - Hallum is threshing here - got 320 bu. of wheat - 328 bu. of barley. To Columbus to get the girls. 23 - SAT - Class - S. St. Olaf.
- 24 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. All along. Then by Columbus with the girls.
- 25 - MON - Class in Thorson. 26 - TUES - Class in S. St. Olaf. 27 - WED - Classes in Thorson and S. St. O.
- 29 - FRI - Studied. 30 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school - last time before confirmation.

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- 1 - SUN - Confirmation services in S. St. Olaf. Nice weather and many people there today. Pent veir og mange der. There were 14 confirmands - 9 in Norwegian and 5 in English. Members of the class: Norwegian - Oscar Alvin Dihle (Erik); Kalmar Watterud (Anton); Palmer Raymond Anderson (Kristoffer); Merton Ingard Watterud (Ole); Ragna Borghild Berg (Sivert); Lillian Mildred Dahl (Martinus); Hazel Leona Ronholdt (Olaf); Cora Orvetta Hovland (Ole); Edna Emilie Arneson (Bernt); - and English - Clarence Theodore Witty (George); Esther

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- 1 - SUN - (cont.) - Clarabell Carlson (Axel); Clara Christine Carlson (Axel); Alice Marion Berg (Adolph); Palma Fredrickson (Magnus). Went over to Carlsons in the evening - then A.G. Berg took the girls to Columbus. 2 - MON - To Columbus in p.m. 3 - TUES - Class - Thorson.
- 4 - WED - Home for the most but did drive around to post bills about the School election - Oct 21.
- 5 - THURS - Studying. 6 - FRI - More studying. Also to town to get the girls.
- 7 - SAT - Conf. class in Thorson - last time before Confirmation.
- 8 - SUN - Confirmation services in Thorson at 11:00. Whole family along - nice weather - many there. There were 5 confirmands and 3 baptisms. Members of the class: Gilbert Hanson (Pete); Otto Seim (Theodore); Selma Pladsen (Nils); Louise Wigdahl (Sam); these 4 in Norwegian and in English Alice Marjory Reistad (Carl and Mathea Essen). Baptized were: Elwood Douglas, B. Sept. 5 - to Emil and Julia Grubb; Margaret Evelyn, B. June 3 - to Ed and Mabel Kittelson; and Gertrude Lorraine, B. Aug. 2 - to George and Stella Benson. Then to Bethlehem at 3:00. We had brought our picnic dinner along and ate at the church before going to Bethlehem. To Carlsons in the evening - then Carlson's to Columbus (with H.S. girls).
- 9 - MON - Dug potatoes - not very many in each hill. Have dug some before also.
- 10 - TUES - Finished digging the potatoes. 11 - WED - To Columbus - Mrs. Wrolson went along.
- 12 - THURS - Cold wind. The Bethlehem L.A. met in the church at 2:00. They decided to send \$15.00 to Missions and also to buy a rug for the church (the colorful runner in the aisle).
- 13 - FRI - Cloudy - started raining and then turned to snow. Most of the threshing around here is finished now. The girls are coming out from Columbus tonight with Carlsons. I drove over to school to get the 3 younger children. Then up to Carlsons. It was a little late before they came. 14 - SAT - Studied for the most.
- 15 - SUN - Communion service in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Not so many in church today - cold and raw, snow and rain. 29 went to communion. It started drying somewhat later in the day. Ida and the 3 youngest went along to Larson - services and L.A. at Hans Rolie. Not so many there either. Snow again this evening - the ground is white. The girls had a ride into town with Ronholdts.
- 16 - MON - Drove to school with the children. A little snow - cold, cloudy and grey.
- 17 - TUES - Weather somewhat improved - snow disappearing. Sales today at both O. Ongstad and P. Barmoen. Julien was home from school today and later on he drove with me over there.
- 18 - WED - A nice day. Put up a fence around the haystack by the barn. Sale at A. Haga today.
- 20 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls - efter pigerne. 21 - SAT - Studied - no school election.
- 22 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. Cold wind - few there. Communion service in Thorson at 3:00 - I went alone from here. The girls had a ride in to Columbus with Carlsons - Emil Serdahl took them up to Carlsons.
- 23 - MON - No school this week - Teacher's Institute. We went in to Columbus in the p.m. School board meeting here in the evening.

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- 24 - TUES - Cold wind. Out with posters this p.m. in regard to the next school election.
- 25 - WED - Nicer today. Marie's coat, that we have been waiting for for 3 weeks or more now, finally came, from Montgomery Ward, but we don't think much of it - *men vi synes ei om den*. We went over to N. Kleppen.
- 26 - THURS - In the p.m. over to Anton Anderson and O. Hattelid. Mrs. George Witty is sick and is in the Kermare Hospital. We are having exceptionally nice weather.
- 27 - FRI - To Columbus - Ida along. The 3 youngest over to C. Trulins. 28 - SAT - Studying.
- 29 - SUN - Communion service in S. St. Olaf. Cold again - not many there. To Carlsons in the evening with Marie and Thelma. Heard that Ed Shervey had shot himself.
- 30 - MON - Snow during the night and today. 31 - TUES - Children home from school today. Snow.

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- 1 - WED - Nice and mild again - most of the snow is gone. Children to school. Over to Trulins for a little while. Carlson after a stove to bring in to Columbus for the girls to use. Ed Shervey died yesterday. 2 - THURS - L.A. at C. Trulins today - not many there.
- 3 - FRI - To Columbus at noon - had to get some repairs on the auto - both hangers for the engine were broken. Nestos was in Columbus today so I heard him speak. Brought the girls home. Tire trouble on the way home so it became late.
- 4 - SAT - Studying. Ida went along with Mrs. C. Trulin to Columbus this p.m. - home a little late.
- 5 - SUN - It rained hard early this morning and then it changed to snow and continued snowing all day. Had to give up on going to Larson at 11:00. It snowed on MON too and now we have big drifts all around.
- 7 - TUES - Election Day. Ida and I had a ride with Emil Serdahl in his sled to go and vote. Hard to get thru some places. The mailman came with sled. None to school yesterday or today but this p.m. I took Marie and Thelma up to Carlsons as they are going to drive in to Columbus. I used Emil's team. Butchered a calf later in the day.
- 8 - WED - Laurits came over today with my buggy - had gotten the horses in last evening - and the harnesses home from town with Serdahls.
- 9 - THURS - Special School Election in Sorlie school house - only 12 votes in all. I rode horse-back on Daisy. Have had fog these last few days - foggy today also.
- 10 - FRI - Very foggy - but mild. Some thawing on the snow today. Has been foggy for some days now - cloudy. Had some feed ground at Trulins.
- 11 - SAT - Went over to C. Trulins this morning with some things for the girls (food, essentially) as Trulin is going in to town. The roads are terrible so the girls will have to stay in town over SUN this week.
- 12 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 - all 5 of us - in sled. By C. Trulins after church - for dinner.
- 13 - MON - Clearing weather but there is not much thawing right now.

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- 14 - TUES - This afternoon Ida and I drove over to Lindholm's. Mrs. Lindholm is sick. I baptized the baby, Evelyn Blanche, B. Apr. 11 - to Ely and Anna Lindholm. We were sponsors, as were Mr. and Mrs. Iver Hallum. We stopped in at Hallums on the way home - tied the horses to a post and went in for a cup of coffee. As we sat there drinking coffee, the horses got loose and ran home - still hitched to the sled. Lawrits rode after them and Lindholm gave us a ride home. Surprisingly enough, the horses arrived home without breaking anything. (This is an experience I remember well. Adolph, Julien and I walked home from school that day and just as we came near our place - west of the barn - Daisy and Brownie came tearing up the hill E of the house - no passengers in the sled - and they came to a "stop-watch" halt right in front of the barn door! The first thought that went thru my mind - and my 2 brother's too, I'm sure - was that Mom and Dad had been thrown out of the sled when Brownie took off with Daisy on this wild dash for home. We didn't have very many minutes to think about the possibility of being orphans before they came too - and everything was fine. Brownie always set the pace and he seemed to have only 2 speeds - fast and faster!)
- 15 - WED - Had planned to go to Columbus today but gave up on it - roads are not really good for either sled or buggy. 16 - THURS - Went to Columbus with buggy - a terrible trip.
- 17 - FRI - The girls came home from Columbus with A.G. Berg - in lumber-wagon. Went up to Carlson in the evening to get them. 18 - SAT - Home.
- 19 - SUN - Cold - frozen again - roads are terrible (frozen ruts). I drove in buggy over to S. St. Olaf for 11:00 service. Immediately after I came home I took the girls up to Carlsons's as he is going to take them in to Columbus.
- 20 - MON - Nice day even tho somewhat cold. Rode horseback over to O. Hovland.
- 21 - TUES - Expected Hovland to come over today to butcher but he did not come. We have 2 pigs to butcher now. The children are walking to school these days - would rather walk than ride.
- 22 - WED - Nice and mild today. This p.m. Ida and Julien and I went out to Thorson - L.A. at C. Overlie. Drove with auto. Not too bad driving out south but had some trouble coming home. It was slippery and the auto got hot. Had to drive "on battery" from M. Enget.
- 23 - THURS - Colder. 24 - FRI - Emil Serdahl here today - set up a little stable - 10 x 10. O. Hovland came too and we butchered the 2 pigs. Trulins here with the baby. They went to Powers Lake - and then came by again in the evening. (The reference to "the baby" must be little Evelyn Lindholm. It is surprising that Dad makes no other comment about taking care of this little girl but we had her with us for at least 4 months. Homes had to be found for the 3 Lindholm children and until something permanent could be arranged for the baby - we had her. This poor child was not in very good condition when we got her as her Mother was too sick to care for her. Little Evelyn's bottom was one solid mass of sores. Mom got her healed up finally with ointments, oil, and lots of tender loving care. It didn't take long before she was part of the family - she enjoyed us almost as much as we enjoyed

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- 24 = ~~FRI~~ - (cont.) - having her as our little sister pro tem. Mom sewed some dresses for her and with constant diaper service she was soon as comfortable and happy as every baby has a right to be. Why little Evelyn did not cry 24 hours a day is hard to understand - she had plenty of reasons to cry but she was a very good baby. Eventually the day came when she had to leave - she was adopted by a childless couple in Crosby. They came to get her on a school day, I remember, as Adolph, Julien and I were at school. (When we came home that day, the house seemed so quiet, so big, and so empty. It is amazing how a baby, who can neither walk nor talk, can dominate a home so completely).
- 25 - SAT - Nice weather - home - studying.
- 26 - SUN - Beautiful weather. Thawing - becoming quite slippery. Drove to Larson in auto - Emil Serdahl went along. Mission service in Larson at 2:00. Baptism for Van Allen, B. Oct. 13 - to John and Julia Norby. Received \$75.00 in salary. In the evening over to Trulins to get Ida and the children. They had been over to Lindholms for a little while. The auto became hot again. 27 - ~~MON~~ - Mild - foggy. 28 - ~~TUES~~ - Nice again but foggy.
- 29 - ~~WED~~ - Marie and Thelma came walking home from school on ~~MON~~ at about 3:00 - 2 Berg's also. They went to visit school today. Annual meeting in S. St. Olaf. I drove over with my auto. Had trouble with it on the way home. It got hot - water had all leaked out of the radiator. I got it into Ronholdt's barn and then I walked home in the evening. There were only 7 at the meeting. We met in the church and I opened the meeting with Devotion based on Math. 13:1 - and following verses. After this I gave my report over the year's work in the church. The secr. report was read but the treas. was not present and there was only 1 of the trustees present - A.H. Brodahl. E. Dihle and Otto Evenson were not there today. Election: Secr. - A. Sorlie; Treas. - A.H. Brodahl; Trustee - Tonger Hysjulien (3); School committee - Sandberg (3); Custodian - Anton Anderson - to be paid \$35.00 a year. They decided that the church should be painted this summer - the time to be decided on by the trustees. The YPS will take care of the Christmas Tree etc. Received in salary \$89.00 - A.H. Brodahl, trustee - and previously had received \$124.50. They decided that they would take up a collection for the custodian this summer and also to ask every confirmed member to contribute to the expenses of the congregation. Present: M. Sandberg, A. Sorlie, A.H. Brodahl, A. Anderson, O. Ronholdt, Ole Evenson, T. Hysjulien.
- 30 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. Bethlehem at 11:00. I went alone - it was cold and drove with buggy. Quite a few there anyway. Baptism for Alice Julia, B. Oct. 11 - to Ole and Helene Olson. Subscription to General Fund - Samfundet. Later in the day got Emil to go over to Ronholdts with horses and sled to get the auto.

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- 1 - FRI - Home. Worked outside a great deal - hay - barn - etc. No school today.

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- 2 - SAT - Annual meeting in Bethlehem. Drove over with sled and horses. Opened the meeting with Devotion - followed by my report of the church work - minoversigt. Other reports read and accepted. Received the rest of my salary - \$202.50. Election: Secr. - L. Isakson; Treas. - N. Kleppen; Trustee - C. Trulin (3); School Committee - N. Kleppen (3); Custodian - Albert Serdahl - with an increase in pay from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per year. A committee of 5 was chosen to take care of Christmas Tree - M. Pederson, A. Olson, A. Serdahl, L. Adomson, and Carl Brothen. A Revisions committee of 3 was chosen to go over the treasurers reports for the last 3 years to assess in what position the congregation is and what can be done about it. N. Kleppen, M. Pederson, and L. Isakson will serve on this committee and report to the congregation after the study is completed. Present were: N. Kleppen, M. Hoie, M. Pederson, Carl Trulin, C. Brothen, A. Olson, A. Serdahl, L. Isakson and M. Gunderson.
- 3 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - drove with sled. Mrs. Wrolson came along - quite a few there. Received some salary - \$84.00 (Otto Evenson) and \$10.00 (S. O. Berg). Marie and Thelma walked up to Carlsons at noon today to get a ride to Columbus. The boys - smaagutterne - walked down to Wrolsons. Ida walked down later as the weather looked stormy. The girls had been over to Ole Serdahl's last night - it was a little late when they came home but there was nice moonlight - pent maanelyst.
- 4 - MON - Out to Thorson for services, annual meeting of the congregation, and L.A. - at Pete Hanson. It was cold - drove with sled. Broke something on the rig on the way out there but got it fixed at Hansons. Quite a few came. Congregation meeting following service. I gave my pastoral report of the work accomplished over the past year - followed by reports by secr. and treas. I had received \$72.00 in salary during the summer and now received \$128.00 - of which some came from the L.A. Election: Secr. - C. Furness; Treas. - Anton Bakken; Trustee - S. Wigdahl (3); School committee - M. Sathre (3); Custodian - Seim. P. Hanson and S. Wigdahl were asked to speak with some members who have failed to contribute towards the expenses of the congregation in any way. They will report back to the congregation later. It was late when I came home.
- 5 - TUES - To Columbus - paid some bills. Cold for the rest of the week. The children were to school but not every day.
- 9 - SAT - To Sorlie school in the a.m. to start working with the children for the Christmas program. Not very many there - too cold. To Bethlehem in the p.m. - only some from A. Serdahl's there. Nothing came of it today.
- 10 - SUN - Very cold. Did not go to Larson. Cold for the rest of the week. The children were home all week. 13 - WED - To Bethlehem church at 2:00 for practice. Very cold. Just a few there but I gave out recitations to those who came.
- 14 - THURS - Went to Columbus - bought some things for Christmas. Cold also on FRI.
- 16 - SAT - Cold today too. To Sorlie school in the p.m. for Christmas program practice.

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- 16 - SAT - (cont.) - Marie and Thelma have now been in Columbus for 2 weeks and will now have to stay almost one more week - it is too cold to make these trips now. It has quite regularly been 20 below zero and with a wind that makes it very cold. This week Leonard Serdahl has hauled 2 loads of coal here amounting to $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons - making a total of 8 tons with the $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons hauled earlier.
- 17 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:30. There was baptism for Amy Corine, B. Nov. 2 - to Iver and Karine Hallum. It was 30 below today but still - no wind. This has been a long, cold spell. Ole and Emil (Adolph) Serdahl came by here and Adolph and I rode with them to church. Later in the evening Adolph S. came over with \$10.00 for Missions.
- 18 - MON - 20 below - but no wind. 19 - TUES - Weather is improving - much milder.
- 20 - WED - The weather is better now after the new moon yesterday. Det blir nu bedre veir efter nymaanen igaar - meget mildere.
- 21 - THURS - To Bethlehem church to practice with the children for Christmas - quite a few there today. About 4:30 today, Ole, Emil and I went in to Columbus to get the girls and we also took in the Christmas program at school. The program was good. Also did some shopping. Many people in town and at the program. It was late when we got home - about 1:00 a.m. - but it was not cold driving. 22 - FRI - Studied for the most. Julien is 6 today.
- 23 - SAT - Studied in the a.m. To Sorlie school in the p.m. for practice of the Christmas program. It was a nice day.
- 24 - SUN - Christmas Eve. Christmas services in Larson at 2:00. A nice day and quite a few there. We had Christmas Tree at home in the evening with singing and gifts.
- 25 - MON - Christmas Day. S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Ole Serdahl came by with the big sled and gave us all a ride to church. There were many in church today - good program - especially the singing.
- 26 - TUES - To Bethlehem today - about the same as yesterday. Rode with Ole Serdahl again today.
- 27 - WED - To Thorson. Christmas services at Anton Bakken - also L.A. Many there too.
- 28 - THURS - At home today - expect company. Nice day. M. Sandberg and family came, also Ethel Dible, Ole Serdahl and family and Emil, and Carl Trulin's. We expected Laurits and Eva to come too but they did not.
- 29 - FRI - Not quite as nice as yesterday. Studying. Mrs. Wrolson and Clara here in the evening.
- 30 - SAT - At home.
- 31 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Quite a few there. Baptism today for Norman Thomas, B. Apr. 22 - to Sivert and Anna Kleppen.

Thanks be to God for all His Blessings during this past year.

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JANUARY

- 1 - MON - New Year's Day. A Blessed New Year in Jesus Name. We have many things to be thankful for this past year - for health and all good things - and God's Grace which is renewed each day. Thanks be to God for all things. Received in Christmas offerings \$126.09 - and \$10.00 from the S.St.Olaf YPS; \$10.00 from Ole Serdahl and \$5.00 from M. Ronning; books and other gifts from relatives and friends. Have also sent away some books - and \$15.00 to the General Fund - Samfindet's gjoremaal - and \$15.00 to Jacob Jaeger. Services in Larson at 2:00 - text Gal. 3:23. Baptism for Eleanore Maxine, B. July 14, 1922 - to Lawrence and Ananda Olson. Congregation meeting following services. Reports read and approved. I have received about \$125.00 - balance a little over \$124.00. The congregation will now pay \$35.00 towards the use of the German church and the L.A. will pay the rest. Election: Secr. - Ole Dillerud; Treas. - J. Norby; Trustee - A. Haraseth; Custodian - Matt Anderson - all for the period of 1 year. Anderson was also chosen to be caretaker of the cemetery for 1 year.
- 2 - TUES - To Columbus. Paid up at the lumberyard and \$25.00 more at Duckstad and put some in the bank. Took out the War Saving Stamps and deposited the \$75.00 in the Farmer's State Bank - \$15.00 for each of the children. 3 - ~~WED~~ - Home.
- 4 - THURS - All over to Ole Serdahl. Nice weather. 5 - ~~FRI~~ - Colder today. Some of us over to Nels Serdahl - Ruth. (Leonard and Ruth had moved back there now). Ida and I and Adolph and Valborg went - the others stayed at home. It became stormy - from SE. Have had no mail now for several days. We hear that the mailman is sick. C. Trulin came over today to invite us for dinner. That will be tomorrow.
- 6 - SAT - A nice day. All of us over to Trulin's. He came to get us and then brought us home later. The Anton Olson family was there too.
- 7 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:30 - quite a few there. Baptism for Anna Nina, B. Oct. 9 - to Ole and Karen Lundstad. Marie and Thelma had a ride up to Carlson's with Serdahls. Carlsons are going to take them to Columbus. Mild and foggy today.
- 8 - MON - School started again in the Arneson school - the 3 youngest went to school today.
- 9 - TUES - School board meeting here. Somewhat stormy. Var noget stormende. (Weather or meeting?)
- 10 - ~~WED~~ - Home. 11 - ~~THURS~~ - Special congregation meeting in Bethlehem at 2:00 - to hear a report from the committee that had made a study of the financial condition and the obligations to the church by the members. 12 - ~~FRI~~ - Home. Also SAT.
- 14 - SUN - Services in the Thorson school at 11:30. Nice weather and many there.
- 15 - MON - and on thru the week - home for the most. Stormy now and then all week.
- 21 - SUN - To Larson at 2:00. Extremely slippery - temmelig glat. Difficult to drive unshod.
- 22 - MON - Home. 23 - ~~TUES~~ - Today the girls came home with A.G. Berg. Went over to Carlsons in the evening to get them. 24 - ~~WED~~ - Services in S. St. Olaf and a congregation meeting. Cold.

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- 24 - WED - (cont.) - Few in church. Also made settlement for the 1st 3 months among those of us who have girls going to school in Columbus. (Dad did not specify if it was the school district settlement or the living expenses). Not too much of note during the remainder of January - ikke saa meget at berette - mostly occupied with things at home. Also the first few days of February. Marie and Thelma were home on the 27 and 28 - SAT and SUN.
- 29 - MON - Today I took Marie and Thelma over to A.G. Berg and I also went along in to Columbus. A considerable amount of snow came down.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - THURS - Home. Same thru SAT.
- 4 - SUN - Services in Thorson. Colder. To Carlsons after I came home from Thorson.
- 5 - MON - Mrs. Casper Larsen died very unexpectedly tonight (following childbirth). Colder.
- 6 - TUES - Stormy. Also on WED. Somewhat improved on THURS - 8.
- 9 - FRI - Funeral in Larson at 1:00 for Mrs. Casper Larsen, 39. Cold day. I spoke in both Norwegian and English at the church. Did not meet at the house. Mrs. A.G. Berg rode home with me afterwards while Berg went to Columbus to get the girls. I waited for them at Carlson's then until they came. Home late. Trulin's here. 10 - SAT - Home - cold.
- 11 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf - very cold - not many there.
- 12 - MON - Took the girls up to Carlson's - they are going to Columbus today. Disagreeable weather - snow and wind from E. 13 - TUES - Terrible storm - fael storm - from NW.
- 14 - WED - Stormy today too. Today I am 48 years old - observed it quietly at home. I don't feel that I am so old yet even tho today I have a cold and a headache. Jeg er 48 aar - feirer den nok saa stille. Jeg synes dog ikke føle at jeg er saa gammel enda om jeg har kulde og ondt i hovedet.
- 15 - THURS - Not feeling so well. Cold weather. No services in Bethlehem today.
- 16 - FRI - Feel better today. Still cold. There have been no trains now for some days but hear that the GN is getting thru now. 17 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 18 - SUN - Services in Larson at 2:00. Weather is somewhat improved. Quite a few in Larson. Brought home with me 1 week of mail. 19 - MON - To Columbus with supplies for the girls.
- 20 - TUES - Children to school today. There is so much snow now that we cannot drive thru Wrolson's pasture - but have to drive west to Anneson's mailbox and then south. Near Annesons we also have to make a big swing around to the east of his buildings.
- 21 - WED - Stormy - continued on thru FRI. No school on THURS - 22 - as it was Washington's birthday. Today on FRI - 23 - stormy and it had stormed from SE all during the night. It was somewhat better on FRI but all of us were at home. On WED - 21 - Leonard Serdahl and Ruth's brother, Walter Swenson, helped me haul 3 loads of hay.

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- 23 - FRI - This evening the girls came home with A.G. Berg - I went up to Carlsons to get them. Got home before dark. 24 - SAT - Home. Studying some.
- 25 - SUN - Nice and mild today. Services in Thorson at 2:00 - many there. I drove S by Harry Trulin and Ole Olson. Carlson's came here in the p.m. to get the girls. Wrolsons came over this p.m. - also Leonard and Ruth Serdahl and Walter Swenson.
- 26 - MON - The children went to school today. On SAT -24- had been over to Sandberg's to get some potatoes. A mild day. We were over to Trulins for a little while today.
- 27 - TUES - Over to Clarence and Theoline Pederson to baptise their little girl, Harriet Theodora, B. Jan. 23.
- 28 - WED - Nice day. Home. Ida went with Ruth over to visit at Dible.

MARCH

- 1 - THURS - I went over to C. Trulin's with some barley - bygg - to have ground. Then out to Ole Olson to get the 7 sacks of oats - havre - that P. Hanson had given me and brought as far as Olsons. Mild - the snow is melting fast now.
- 2 - FRI - A little colder today - freezing again. About the same on SAT -3.
- 4 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Rode to Bethlehem with Ole Serdahl. In the evening over to Carlson's with some things for the girls. He is going in tomorrow but will have to drive with buggy as there is no snow left north of there.
- 5 - MON - The children walked to school today. Somewhat foggy. I wrote some letters.
- 6 - TUES - Home. Terrible driving conditions. A little snow on WED.
- 8 - THURS - To Columbus - with sled. Hard trip as there was no snow to the north and on the flats.
- 9 - FRI - The girls came home with A.G. Berg. Went to Carlson's in evening to get them.
- 10 - SAT - Home.
- 11 - SUN - Did not go to Larson for services - impossible with sled and difficult with buggy - gaar ei an med slaede og vanskelig med buggy. The girls stayed home until MON and then had a ride in with Carlson.
- 12 - MON - Sale today at Nels Serdahl. Low prices - billig. 13 - TUES - and on thru the rest of the week - cold these days. Some snow occasionally but not a great deal - just enough so we can use the sled for driving to school.
- 18 - SUN - Services in Thorson. Cold today but it was colder yesterday with that wind. Baptism for Clara Elisa, B. Jan. 26 - to Carl and Carrie Furness. Heard that Andrew Wold is sick.
- 19 - MON - To Columbus - drove with sled. Brought in some food for the girls. Quite a bit of thawing today. Heard that Nels Kleppen is in Kenmare at the hospital - has had surgery. Mabel had also had surgery.
- 20 - TUES - Out to Thorson - to P. Hanson - to see Andrew Wold. He was a little better. Township election. Driving became difficult with the snow and wind from NW.

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- 21 - WED - Some snow today too. 22 - THURS - Better today. Studying for Palm Sunday.
- 23 - FRI - Rather stormy today. The girls came home from Columbus today with Delmar Dahl - went to Carlson's in the evening to get them. Thelma had been sick for a few days and had not been able to attend school but feels fine now.
- 24 - SAT - Marie is sick today - flu and cold. Cold and stormy today.
- 25 - SUN - Palm Sunday. S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00 - not very many at either place. Baptism in S. St. Olaf for Viola Gladys, B. Jan. 23 - to William and Mina Budke. Had a ride to Bethlehem with Emil Serdahl. Marie is sick in bed and will stay home this week - there are only 4 days of school this week. Carlson came over to get Thelma as she will be going along to school. Weather was nicer this p.m. 26 - MON - Home.
- 27 - TUES - Alfred Peterson and Martin Rorring came over today to tell me that Josie Peterson had died yesterday at the Kenmare Hospital. Funeral will be on Holy Thursday in the Bethlehem church. The weather is cold for this time of year. Milder on WED. Studying.
- 29 - THURS - Josie's funeral. She had had the flu and then came down with appendicitis. I first drove over to Macroom to the Graneng place where Peterson's live. I started out with sled but it was very difficult driving - much ice and then often bare stretches - and so cold. When I got to J. Runnigen I left my sled there and used his buggy - and then traded back again on the way back to Bethlehem. I spoke in both Norwegian and English at the house - and Norwegian in the church. Hjordis (Josie) was 17½ years old.
- 30 - FRI - Good Friday. To Larson at 2:00. Worse for driving today than yesterday. Vaerre at kjore end igaar. Used the sled as far as Bureau's - then used his buggy from there. Late when I got home. Did not feel that I had had enough time to study for Good Friday - spent some time last night but I'm not feeling too well either - faler ei heller godt - have a cold and maybe the flu. Ida is sick and the children also have the flu.
- 31 - SAT - Studying for Easter. Still cold but it seems to be warming up a little.

APRIL

- 1 - SUN - Easter. Gaedelig Paaske. Happy Easter. S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Emil Serdahl along. Quite a few there. Bethlehem at 3:00 - had a ride with Ole Serdahl in his sled. Thelma played for church today for the first time - went fine - gik godt. Had some more snow - not so many in Bethlehem. Ida is in bed today - yesterday too. Her cold and headaches became worse after going to the funeral on THURS in Bethlehem. Thelma came home THURS evening - some of the other girls were sick too - they won't be going back to school yet.
- 2 - MON - Home today - also TUES. 4 - WED - Took Marie up to Carlsons - she will go along with Minnie to Columbus now. Adolph and Valla are going to school but Julien has been sick on and off for the last few weeks - a cold and earache - but he is better now.

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- 7 - SAT - To Columbus. Thelma went along too as Mamma is better now. Sale at I. Hallum today.
- 8 - SUN - To Thorson - Easter service and communion. Not many there. I drove with buggy but there are still some good-sized snowdrifts.
- 9 - MON - All 3 to school today. Washed clothes. 10 - TUES - School board meeting here this afternoon. The snow is melting fast now. 11 - WED - The S wind is hard on the snow - but there are still some very big drifts for the wind to work on. Vind fra S tager haardt paa sneen - men her er ganske store drifter iblandt at tage paa. Ida over to Trulins this p.m.
- 12 - THURS - So wet and muddy that we did not drive over to school with the children.
- 13 - FRI - Snow all day - very wet - roads will be terrible now. Bliver faelt nu.
- 14 - SAT - Quite a bit of the snow melted today.
- 15 - SUN - Terribly muddy - but a nice day otherwise. The snow is really disappearing today. Ida and I went to S. St. Olaf for services with communion. We drove with buggy. The 3 youngest stayed home today - alone, for the first time. Just fine. Not many in church. Mrs. Trulin and Miss Hilborn were here in the p.m. I had been over to Carlson on SAT a.m. with some food and things for the girls as he was going in to town.
- 16 - MON - Snow going fast. We drive to school every morning now and then after them in the p.m. Ida and I visited school on MON p.m. Nice weather all week - not much snow remaining. Some have started plowing now.
- 20 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls. A. Carlson also - and A. G. Berg and Sandberg.
- 22 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 - service with communion. Drove with buggy. Ida and the 3 youngest along. Marie and Thelma stayed at home as they will be walking up to Carlsons at noon to ride along to Columbus with A. G. Berg. Quite a few in church. To Trulins for dinner.
- 23 - MON - Started snowing at noon and kept on till TUES p.m. A great deal of snow fell and put a stop to all the spring's work in progress for a few days.
- 24 - TUES - Children were not at school today. Bought $\frac{1}{2}$ a pig from Ronholdt - had just butchered.
- 25 - WED - Cold and raw - more snow and rain. 26 - THURS - Nice sunshine again - snow going fast. Took Sharphead over to Serdahls today - Stjerna a week ago. Have had letters now from Lena, Mandius and Ingvald. Mandius is in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Jacob Jaeger is in Minneapolis where he is taking treatments for cancer of the lip.
- 27 - FRI - Very muddy - drive to school morning and evening.
- 28 - SAT - Beginning to dry somewhat. Ole Serdahl went to Columbus - used my buggy. We sent along some food and supplies for the girls with him.
- 29 - SUN - Nice weather. To Thorson at 2:11 for services with communion. Many there - some came with autos today. Stopped in at S. Berg on the way home.
- 30 - MON - Rain. Drive to and from school. Some are out plowing today. Mail came today - we are now getting mail every other day or so - sometimes every 3rd day.

MAY

- 1 - TUES - Weather is improving now and they are beginning with field work all around now. Over to Trulin's for a little while. Some cleaning up in the yard this week.
- 4 - FRI - Went to Columbus to get the girls - used Carlson's buggy as the auto is not in good working order - er ei istand. On the way home we had to stop and help a cow out of a mud-hole - paa veien hjem maa vi drage en ko som sad fast i et solehul. Last day of school at Arneson's - program in the evening. We had a ride over there with Watteruds in their auto. Good program by the children. I spoke a little too.
- 5 - SAT - Started with a conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 6 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - drove with buggy. Larson at 3:00 - cold - rain and snow. Stopped in at Dillerud and rode with him to Larson and then back again. Baptism for : Bunnell Leo, B. Feb. 25 - to Matt and Lottie Anderson. A little late getting home but the rain stopped.
- 7 - MON - Took Marie and Thelma to Columbus - drove with buggy. Minnie and Alice in SUN evening.
- 8 - TUES - Olaf Anderson was here today to fix up the auto. He had to put in new valves and piston rings, etc. - og forskjelligt. We had a hard frost last night. Heard that George Witty had died this a.m. very unexpectedly of a heart attack - hjerte slag. Olaf was here on WED also to work on the car.
- 10 - THURS - Ascension Day - Kristihimmelfartsdag. Funeral for George Witty, 40. Drove with auto but did not quite make it to church - ran out of gasoline. Ida and I had a ride then with Alvin Anderson over to Witty's - the 3 children and Mrs. Wrolson stayed at church. Many people came. It started raining before we left the house at Witty's and it rained all afternoon. It was hard to get the car started again - had gotten a little gasoline at Witty's. Finally made it home but it was a tough trip. Sandbergs had to leave their car at church. Hallums and Laurits were stuck west of Ronholdts - another car was stuck nearer Ronholdt's place - terrible roads. The sudden death of George is very hard for Mrs. Witty - she is not very well herself.
- 11 - FRI - Looks like it is clearing up. A. Serdahl came over to plow the garden so now we have that done. Went to Columbus to get the girls - used the auto.
- 12 - SAT - Conf. class - Bethlehem. Had some trouble with the carburetor. Had H. Trulin buy a new one for me this evening in Columbus.
- 13 - SUN - This morning Ida, Thelma and I walked over to C. Trulin's and had a ride to Bethlehem with them. Alfred Peterson and family came over after church (gave us a ride home) - he has gotten a new FORD. We drove up to Carlson's with the girls later in the evening. Adolph Serdahl came by - he had been down to the Mines for a Mother's Day program. He then helped me put in the new carburetor and the car works a great deal better now.
- 14 - MON - Drove to Columbus. Home for the most on TUES and WED.

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MAY

- 17 - THURS - All to Columbus to see the War pictures. (Official picture of the World War - "Flashes of Action", shown under the auspices of the American Legion).
- 18 - FRI - Ida over to Trulins for a little while. Girls came home with Carlson's.
- 19 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem.
- 20 - SUN - Pentecost Sunday. Pinse. S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Ida, Thelma and Valborg along - many there. A song by the choir - they had practiced SAT evening at Sandbergs. Thorson at 3:00 - many there too. Ida, Marie and Thelma along - the 3 youngest went over to O.Serdahls. Baptism for Kalmar Tillman, B. Apr. 7 - to Carl and Thora Overlie.
- 21 - MON - To Columbus early this morning with the girls - also Minnie and Alice. Brought some wire along home. Nice weather today - same as yesterday.
- 22 - TUES - Worked most with planting garden and potatoes today - also on WED.
- 24 - THURS - To Thorson at 2:00 - started a new conf. class. 25 - FRI - Studied. To Columbus in the p.m. to get the girls. Thelma and Minnie came along home - Marie remained there to study for exams - some of the others also. Hazel Sandberg has the measles.
- 26 - SAT - Started with a class in S.St.Olaf at 10:00. Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 27 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - many. L.A. at Brothens. I went to Larson at 3:00. Thelma went along to Carlsons - they will be driving in to Columbus. Baptism in Larson for Esther Phyllis, B. Feb. 5 - to Casper and Olava Larsen. Very nice weather now.
- 28 - MON - Some rain last night. To Columbus in the p.m. 29 - TUES - Planted the rest of the potatoes and some kind of hedge.
- 30 - WED - Memorial Day. We went over to Bethlehem church for awhile - quite a few there. There was a program in Columbus today. 31 - THURS - Class in Thorson at 2:00.

JUNE

- 1 - FRI - Had some stormy weather during the night - lightning, thunder, rain and hail, but no damage - lynild, torden, regn og hagl, dog ei nogen skade. Rain during the day also - no class in S.St.Olaf. Leonard Serdahl has disked - barley - and is plowing for green oats.
- 2 - SAT - Last night there was H.S. graduation in Columbus. I had been to Columbus THURS evening to get Thelma as she was sick - tonsilitis - she was in bed yesterday but feels better today. Marie came home with Carlsons last night and I went over to get her today. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Thelma cannot go along today and neither of the girls was along last SAT as they were too busy with exams then. Marie stayed in Columbus last week-end.
- 3 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - communion. Much rain last night - roads are very soft and muddy. Quite a few there anyway. I went to Thorson at 3:00. S.St.Olaf YPS at our place. I came home before they left. Not a very big crowd for this first meeting of the year. Program.
- 4 - MON - Nice weather. To Columbus in the p.m. Thelma is feeling better now.

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JUNE

- 5 - TUES - School election in Sorlie school this p.m.
- 6 - WED - Adolph Serdahl is doing some fencing here and Albert some carpentering and cement work.
- 7 - THURS - Class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. Nice weather. Marie and Borghild Berg walked out to Thorson schoolhouse yesterday and came home again this evening. (Lynda and Sylvia Berg were teaching there). 8 - FRI - Home. Studying some. Albert finished today. To Columbus in the p.m. Some hail and rain. Much rain during the night.
- 9 - SAT - Did not go to Thorson for conf. class - roads are much too muddy. Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 10 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. L.A. at M. Pedersen - many there. To Larson at 3:00 - at John Rolie. L.A. also. Many there. All along from here.
- 11 - MON - Home for the most - also on TUES. Working in the garden and doing some studying for the meeting near Stampede - Grand View church. MON p.m. Ida and I went over to Dahls. Mrs. Loken went to communion. Went by Laurits - not home. By C. Trulin.
- 13 - WED - To Columbus in the p.m. It has been very nice and warm now for a few days.
- 14 - THURS - Home this a.m. Class in Sorlie school at 2:00.
- 16 - SAT - Conf. classes in Thorson at 10:00 and Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 17 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Thorson at 2:00. L.A. in Thorson. Ida and the youngest ones along to Thorson. YPS at Carlsons - we went over later - many there. The choir sang for the program and also practiced later. Marie and Thelma had walked over there after dinner.
- 18 - MON - To Columbus. Also studied for the Circuit Meeting in Grand View church, Stampede, June 24-26.
- 19 - TUES - Our 16th Wedding Anniversary. We were at home all day. Higgs came out yesterday p.m. and we made ice cream then, etc. Have now had a week of parochial school with Student Stolee teaching. 20 - WED - Home. 21 - THURS - Class - Sorlie school. 22 - FRI - Rain. Town.
- 24 - SUN - Very nice day. To Stampede - Cornerstone laying for Grand View church. Many there. Marie and Thelma went to Columbus in the evening for choir practice. Much rain during the night. They had a ride home on MON with M. Serdahl. We were at home on MON.
- 26 - TUES - To Grand View again - WMF today. Missionary Halvorson was the speaker. Good meeting.
- 27 - WED - To Larson to get Thelma - she had gone from Stampede yesterday with Kihles - choir.
- 28 - THURS - I went to Grand Forks for Stavanger Lag. Adolph Serdahl took me in to Larson this morning - got to Minot about 2:00 - had 2 hours to wait - to Grand Forks by about 10:00. Went to Hotel Frederick - quite a few there. 29 - FRI - Parade - then meeting in the auditorium. Some of the Bokner there: Lars Alvestad, Christ Olson, Torrune Axdahl and Mrs., Andrew Thompson and Mrs., and later Torbjorn Alvestad, Reinert Holmen and Sina and a daughter. Very good program presented. Continued on SAT - 30.

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- 1 - SUN - Left Grand Forks this evening. Got to Columbus MON a.m. and had a ride home with Trulin. Marie and Thelma had been to the Luther League and Choral Union in Crosby yesterday and today. They came home MON evening - had a ride with Serdahls - and we heard all about the big meeting and concert - sangerstevne. 3 - TUES - Class - Beth. Thelma's birthday.
- 4 - WED - Rained occasionally. We were at home - Heggs came out - also Stolee. There was a celebration in Wildwood Park. We had thought about going to Woodend in Canada but with all this rain decided to stay home. 6 - FRI - Thorson - conf class at 2:00.
- 7 - SAT - Conf. class - Bethlehem at 2:00. Ida and I went in to Columbus in the a.m. - by car - a terrible trip - much water and mud down on the flats.
- 8 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. Baptism for Charles Verron, B. June 1 - to Carl and Alma Trulin. Then over to M. Hoie for their Silver Wedding. We had had rain again this morning so there were not so many in church but the rain stopped and quite a few came to Hoie's about 2:00. YPS at Sandbergs - not so many there either. L.A. at H. Rolie - but no services. Stolee had planned to be there but because of the rain did not get there. Heard later that Hegg came.
- 9 - MON - Home. Checking thru the books - School District Clerk. This evening Trulins came over for supper - also Mr. and Mrs. Obert Anderson (brother of Mrs. Trulin).
- 10 - TUES - F. Bureau here in the a.m. In the p.m. I was out pulling weeds - luger ugras - and poisoning potato bugs. 11 - WED - Looks like rain again. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 12 - THURS - Nothing noted - intet optegnet. 13 - FRI - Thorson class. 14 - SAT - Bethlehem class.
- 15 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - many there. Thorson at 3:00. Took the girls in to Columbus this evening for choir practice. We had choir here SAT night - many from west.
- 16 - MON - To Alfred Petersons in the p.m. Rain this evening after we came home.
- 17 - TUES - Nothing noted. 18 - WED - Bethlehem class. 19 - THURS - Studying for the Circuit meeting in Columbus, and Dedication of the church on July 22.
- 20 - FRI - Class in Thorson. 21 - Class in Bethlehem. Ice cream social in Sorlie school.
- 22 - SUN - All along to Columbus for the Dedication of the church and Circuit Meeting. Nice weather but quite warm. Very big crowd present. Thorgrimson from Grand Forks came along with Pres. Ylvisaker (I.D.). Ylvisaker spoke in the a.m. and Thorgrimson in the p.m. - in English. This evening there was a concert and Sauer spoke. We stayed over night at J. Salvesson. On MON -23- Ylvisaker presented - introduced for discussion - Psalm 1 - and most of us took part in this. Home in the evening. 24 - TUES - Not quite so warm today.
- 25 - WED - Class in Bethlehem. To Columbus in a.m. for twine. Adolph is 11 years old today.
- 26 - THURS - We had some company today - Heggs and Aarthuns. We made ice cream - had a very day - en hyggelig dag. 27 - FRI - Nothing announced. 28 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem.
- 29 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 - L.A. at Charlie Holter. School program in S. St. Olaf at 2:00.

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- 29 - SUN - (cont.) - The weather was cool but many came. A fine program by the children and the choir also sang. I spoke briefly on Proverbs 22:6 - "Train up a child - - -". Collection for Stolee - \$21.00. Also baptism for Neal LeRoy, B. June 22 - to Leonard and Ruth Serdahl.
- 30 - MON - This p.m. Ida and I and Stolee went over to F. Witty. Arranged for insurance of the 3 schools. Over to Ole Hatlelid. Stolee to church. Home by way of Buraus and Dahls - visited with Mrs. Loken - she had a pair of stockings for me.
- 31 - TUES - Rain today in the a.m. Leonard Serdahl is harvesting here - has cut most of the rye now. Valborg is 9 years old today.

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- 1 - WED - Shocked rye in the a.m. Adolph and John Hegg shocked in the p.m. (John had stayed when Hegg and Aarthuns were here on July 26). Class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 2 - THURS - Studied some. To town in the p.m. A Larson girl came out to visit - she and Valborg are the same age. (Neoma Larson and I were born on the same day and Mom had made identical dresses for us of pink and white checked gingham).
- 3 - FRI - Class in Thorson at 2:00. 4 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 5 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00 - Ida along. To Larson at 3:00. All the children went to YPS at Ronholdts and I also went over there after I came back from Larson. A little rain.
- 6 - MON - Cloudy and raw weather. Class in Sorlie school at 2:00. Have not met with them since the beginning of parochial school. Also posted notices about the Special School Election on August 28. Stopped in at Brodahls. 7 - TUES - To Columbus.
- 8 - WED - Rain. Did not meet with the class in Bethlehem today but did meet on THURS. Had some trouble with the car TUES evening near Carlsons - something broken. Clarence Anderson came out but could do no more than than to give me a ride home - kunde ei gjore mere end at tage mig hjem da. He came out on THURS. Alfred Peterson and family also here.
- 10 - FRI - Rain today too. Did not go out to Thorson for class.
- 11 - SAT - Conf. class in Sorlie school in the a.m. - Sandbergs. Bethlehem class at 2:00. (Myrtle and Edna Sandberg from S. St. Olaf were confirmed with the Bethlehem class).
- 12 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Bethlehem at 2:30. Choir at our place at 4:00. Many there.
- 13 - MON - Class in Sorlie school. 14 - TUES - To Columbus. Hegg came out later.
- 15 - WED - Class in Bethlehem. 16 - THURS - Home. 17 - FRI - Class in Thorson.
- 18 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem. Sandberg girls along. Ingvald and Mildred came on FRI. Ingvald left again but Mildred stayed. (Mildred was also confirmed in the class in Bethlehem).
- 19 - SUN - Larson at 11:00 - L.A. at Matt Anderson. The boys along - smaagutterne - along. A little rainy - cleared up later in the day. Home. Took all the girls over to Buraus

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- 19 - SUN - (cont.) - for YPS. The boys went with me to Thorson at 3:00. Ida stayed home. Went by Bureau's and then home. Choir at our place at 7:00. Many came. Bethlehem L.A. at Clarence Pederson today. 20 - MON - Rain. No class in S.St.Olaf today.
- 21 - TUES - To Columbus. 22 - WED - Studying. 23 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem - Sandbergs along.
- 24 - FRI - Studying - also a quick trip to Columbus. 25 - SAT - Studying. Another trip to town later in the day. Ingvald and Tina and Mandius Gunstad came in the afternoon.
- 26 - SUN - Confirmation service in Bethlehem at 11:00. It was a very nice day and many people came to church. Marie and Thelma and Mildred were confirmed today in a class of 15. It was a beautiful, festive day. At noon dinner was served to all - faelles bespisning. Communion services at 3:00. Rev. Tolo was there also and he spoke. The choir sang several songs. Members of the class were: Julia Marie and Thelma Louise Buckneberg (Adolf); Mildred Agatha Buckneberg (Ingvald); Marie Alverda and Arthur John Peterson (Alfred); Mabel Ida and Elmer Berthine Kleppen (Nels); Martha Julia Olson (Anton); Edna Moe (Tom); Louise Hoff (Even); Mabel Bertha and John Alvin Westerness (Theobald); Edna Lillian and Myrtle Berrice Sandberg (Mathias); Clarence Tillman Holter (Charles).
- 27 - MON - Ingvald and family left this a.m. Class in S.St.Olaf in the p.m.
- 28 - TUES - School election - Sorlie school. 29 - WED - To Columbus.
- 30 - THURS - All of us to Lignite - to visit Arthun's. 31 - FRI - To Thorson. Did not have class today - only 2 from Wicks came today.

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- 1 - SAT - Home. Studying.
- 2 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - many there. Thorson at 3:00 and Larson at 7:00 - not so many but some from north of Larson. Thorgrimson was expected to come and speak (Grand Forks).
- 3 - MON - To Columbus. Our teacher, Edith Jensen, came from Kenmare.
- 4 - TUES - School started today. There were only 6 pupils today - 3 from here and 3 Arnesons.
- 5 - WED - Home. 6 - THURS - To Powers Lake - Ida had a treatment at Dr. Enget (chiropractor). Mrs. Trulin along with us. Bought a new casing. By Tom Moe on the way home.
- 7 - FRI - To Columbus in a.m. L.A. at Ronholdts in p.m.
- 8 - SAT - Studying. Over to Sorlie schoolhouse for a little while in the p.m. Expected the threshers today - Trulin's rig - but they did not come. They did not finish at Harvy Trulin until this evening.
- 9 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - not very many there. Baptism for Clara Marie, B. June 10 - to John W. and Esther Mattson. L.A. at Tom Moe in the p.m. - quite a few went over there. Ida and I and Marie and Thelma went to Pleasant Prairie at 3:00 - I preached for Hegg who is away on vacation. We were invited to Twetens for supper. Then to Columbus with the girls as school starts tomorrow. They will be staying at Lundstads for one week and

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- 9 - SUN - (cont.) - then they will move to another house. Our teacher and the younger children were at home.
- 10 - MON - Trulin's threshing rig came - they finished by noon. 210 bu. rye and 144 bu. barley.
- 11 - TUES - Used one of Arneson's teams - stacked the green oats - gronhavre. Nels Sendaahl stacked too. 12 - Ida and I went to Columbus in the a.m. In the p.m. Mrs. Trulin came over - also Mr. and Mrs. Ole Evenson - it was Ida's 40th birthday.
- 13 - THURS - Did some fencing. Quick trip over to Frank Bureau.
- 14 - FRI - Home studying in the a.m. Later in the p.m. to Columbus. Edith Jensen, our teacher, is going home to Kenmare this evening. A nice day. Marie and Thelma came along home - they have had one week of school now. 15 - SAT - Studied.
- 16 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Few there today. Thorson at 3:00 - a few more there.
- 17 - MON - To Columbus to get the teacher (train from Kenmare). Took the girls in too. Yesterday was war on ducks - krig paa ducks - the 1st day of hunting season. Many hunters out. It has been dry now for several weeks and a great deal of threshing has been completed. Dug some potatoes today. Also dug on TUES.
- 19 - WED - Out hunting this a.m. To Columbus in the p.m. - Ida along.
- 20 - THURS - Hunting. Drove around some looking for prairie chickens - not very many. Home in the p.m. studying some. Mrs. Trulin came over - heard that Martha Olson is sick - had had an operation at home last night (ruptured appendix). She is, under the circumstances, getting along all right - hun er efter omstaendigheten, bra. 21 - FRI - Home.
- 22 - SAT - Thorson - class at 10:00 - rather cold. Adolph along - shot 3 chickens.
- 23 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Marie and Thelma along - took them to Columbus.
- 24 - MON - We - and other parents - to Columbus with some things for the girls who are going to move into the Sorlie house. A little rain - also some last night.
- 25 - TUES - Had to go to Columbus today about some papers in regard to Bonding (school district).
- 26 - WED - Ida and I went over to Olsons for a little while. Martha is somewhat better.
- 27 - THURS - To Columbus again - with 3 heifers - kviger - along with some from other neighbors who are also shipping them.
- 28 - FRI - Went to Columbus later in the p.m. to get the girls - Minnie Carlson too.
- 29 - SAT - Rain during the night and almost all day. No class in Sorlie school today.
- 30 - SUN - No services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - too wet and muddy - for vaadt og solet. Neither could I go to Thorson. In the p.m. I took the girls over to Carlson - they drove to town using the buggy.

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- 1 - MON - Home - except for driving to and from school morning and evening.

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- 2 - TUES - To Columbus in regard to Bonding papers. Arneson hauled out a load of rye for me. Also went in to town on WED with a load and on THURS Hovland hauled a load. Have now sold 3 loads of rye - 210 bu. @ 48¢ a bu. and up to 24% dockage. Total - \$62.00. For the 3 heifers I received \$41.45. 5 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls.
- 6 - SAT - Went out to Thorson in the a.m. but no class.
- 7 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 and S.St.Olaf at 3:00. Marie and Thelma and the teacher went along to Bethlehem. We stopped in to see Martha - she is much better now. Took the girls up to Carlsons in the evening - they drove in to Columbus in auto.
- 8 - MON - No threshing weather to amount to this week. Foggy and rainy - raw these days. Did not go in to get the girls on FRI - roads very muddy. They all stayed in town. Emil Serdahl did use my car one p.m. to go in to get some repairs for his car.
- 13 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school in the a.m. Bethlehem in the p.m. at 2:00 - started with a new class. Went in to Columbus - it has frozen during the last few nights now.
- 14 - SUN - A nice day. Out to Thorson at 11:00 - many there. Directly to Larson from there. Larson at 3:00 - quite a few there too. Home. Wrolsons here.
- 15 - MON - No school this week - Teacher's Institute.
- 18 - THURS - Started with a class in Larson - 5 in the class today. 19 - FRI - Bethlehem class. From there to Columbus to get the girls. 20 - SAT - Class in Thorson at 2:00.
- 21 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - Bethlehem at 3:00. Baptism for Edmund, B. Sept. 15 - to Carl and Randi Brothen; and Melvina Loretta, B. Sept. 15 - to Melvin and Laura Pederson. Very nice weather. There is threshing to be seen in some places today but believe this is the first SUN that has been used for threshing this fall - eneste Sondag ihost. Has been rainy and raw.
- 22 - MON - School again today. 23 - TUES - To Columbus. MON evening there was a school board meeting at Ronholdts. 2 bids for Bonds - none accepted - ingen antaget. Teacher in school #1 got contract. Went in to get the girls TUES evening.
- 24 - WED - Wedding today for Nelsie Kleppen and Andrew Kihle in Bethlehem church at 2:00. The church was very nicely decorated. We were all invited over to Kleppens following the wedding. The girls had a ride to Columbus in the evening with Hoies.
- 25 - THURS - Cold. Hard frost last night. L.A. in p.m. at Seims - Thorson. Some snow.
- 26 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls. 27 - SAT - Classes in Larson and S.St.Olaf.
- 28 - SUN - Snow - stormy - rusket veir. Did not make the trip out to Thorson for services at 11:00. Took the girls up to Carlsons in the p.m.
- 29 - MON - Cold - and for the next few days. Home for the most.

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- 1 - THURS - November begins a little better. 2 - FRI - To Columbus.
3 - SAT - Classes in Bethlehem and Larson.

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- 4 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00 - also communion. Nice weather.
- 5 - MON - To Columbus in the a.m. To Seim in the p.m. - Thorson. 6 - TUES - To Anders i Dalen.
- 7 - WED - To Pleasant Prairie church for the wedding of Jacob Kleppen and Gladys Kihle. Nice day.
- 8 - THURS - Home. 9 - FRI - To Columbus. 10 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school at 10:00.
- 11 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 and Thorson at 3:00 - communion there. Subscription for the General church fund - samfundet - both places. Bethlehem - \$83.00 and Thorson - \$82.00. Quite a few there. Alfred Peterson and family and P. Barmoen came along home from Bethlehem. Ida, Marie, Adolph and Valla along to Bethlehem. Julien has had an earache for awhile. Marie and Thelma had a ride in to Columbus with Barmoen - they had already left by the time I came home from Thorson.
- 12 - MON - Foggy - also a little rain - same on TUES. I went in to Larson - also Columbus. Roads are slippery. I sold turkeys to J. Norby at \$3.00 each - live.
- 14 - WED - Foggy this a.m. - sunshine later. Taage formiddag - bliver solskin senere. Alfred Peterson and Mrs. came over about 11:00 - they bought 4 turkeys @ \$3.00 each. I went out to Thorson - first by J.P. Gjerde where the old mother went to communion. Next to Walseth's - she had L.A. Home by dark. 15 - THURS - Home. 16 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls.
- 17 - SAT - Home - studying. No conf. classes today.
- 18 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - communion. Subscription to the General Fund - Samfundet. To Larson at 3:00. Weather is still nice. Pent veir enda.
- 19 - MON - Early to Columbus - took the girls in. Had to get a new front spring for my Ford.
- 20 - TUES - Cold today - cloudy - wind from NW. Went to Larson today with 20 turkeys in the auto. By Columbus and home. Anton Wilson along.
- 21 - WED - Colder today. On the way to school today we narrowly avoided what could have been a serious accident. A fire broke out in the car near the battery but I got it put out in a hurry. We were on our way to school so Miss Jensen and the 3 children were along. Thanks be to God for His merciful protection - Gud ske tak for Sin naadige beskjaermelse. Banked up around the house today and got some hay hauled into the shed. 22 - THURS - Home.
- 23 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls. 24 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school at 2:00.
- 25 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 - quite cold. Not many there. Drove out to Thorson in the p.m. but had no service. Ida along.
- 26 - MON - Nice today. To Columbus in auto - early - as I took the girls in for school. The others walked to school from here. Used O. Serdahl's team in p.m. to haul home some hay.
- 27 - TUES - We washed clothes. Concert in Columbus tonight by the church choir. Marie and Thelma are singing with them.
- 28 - WED - Nice and mild. S.St.Olaf annual meeting at 1:00 - 13 present. Meeting opened with Devotion based on Math. 21 - - and reports heard and accepted. Election: Secr. - A. Sorlie;

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- 28 - WED - (cont.) - Treas. - A. Brodahl; Trustee - Otto Evenson (3); School Committee - O. Ronholdt; Custodian - instead of 1 for the entire year there would be 1 to take care of 2 times - 1st, Ole Evenson - 2nd, O. Ronholdt - 3rd, Otto Evenson - 4th, Erik Dihle - 5th, John Holte - and 6th, M. Sandberg. There is still due me \$47.25 in salary and they still owe for painting - however - A. Anderson is donating his labor. The matter of the hymnbooks was discussed - Salmebog sagen omtalt - A. Anderson favored the Landstad hymnbook - 6 for and 6 against. No decision - intet oppgjor. Christmas tree will be discussed following the Thanksgiving services. In addition to those named the following were present: Anton Anderson, Andrew Anderson, Torger Hysjulien, S.O. Berg, M. Fredrickson.
- 29 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for Joyce Evelyn, B. Oct. 19 - to John and Edith Holte. Marie, Miss Jensen and the boys went along to church. We had a little snow early this morning but it turned nice later - a little slippery, however. It seems that we should have been over to Sandbergs for dinner today but found out about it too late and we ate our turkey dinner at home. Later in the day I took Ida and the girls over to see Mrs. Wrolson and the boys walked over to Trulins for awhile. I stayed at home (to read).
- 30 - FRI - Foggy and cold - snow later in the day. The 3 youngest went to school today. The rest of us went over to C. Trulins in the p.m. for YPS but that did not turn out so well as very few came. In the meantime, I drove out to Melbergs, near Battleview, to baptize two children: James Milan, B. Oct. 31 - to Albin and Hazel Melberg; and Jeannette Irene, B. Oct. 14 - to Gustav and Julia Melberg. Back to Trulins. Heard that Mons Fotland had been hurt by a mad bull - var kommet til skade af en sint okse.

DECEMBER

- 1 - SAT - Snow and wind during the night. Bethlehem annual meeting at 1:00. Could not get my car started. Had to ride Daisy over to C. Trulins and then rode with him in his wagon over to church. There was choir practice over at F. Burau's this evening but none of us went. It is still possible to drive with car - when the car will start. Meeting opened with Devotion - Math. 21 - - after which I gave a report of the work done during the year of 1923. I read the secr. report as A. Serdahl was not present. Election: Secr. - A. Olson; Treas. - N. Kleppen; Trustee - C. Brothen (3); Custodian - A.M. Olson. There were only 6 present - Trulin, Olson, Brothen, M. Pederson, Kleppen and Hoie. I received \$112.50 - had received previously \$120.50. \$19.00 outstanding. They decided that we would have Christmas tree - committee chosen: C. Trulin, Martin Hoie, Clarence Holter, John Westernness, L. Adamson, A. Olson.
- 2 - SUN - To Larson at 2:30. Milder today - drove with car. Marie and Thelma along. There was L.A. following at Rolie - Norby. To Columbus. Home shortly before dark.
- 3 - MON - To Thorson for services - L.A. and annual meeting of the congregation at M. Sathre

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- 3 - MON - (cont.) - at 1:00 p.m. Stopped in at Tom Moe on the way - he is sick but was better today. There were many at Sathre. I drove with car even tho there is some snow. The meeting was held following services. I gave my report of the year's work. M.Sathre served as secretary in the absence of Carl Furness who is in Norway. Election: Secr. - M.Sathre; Treas. - A.Bakken; Trustee - J.Wick (3); School Committee - C.Overlie; Custodian - John Wick. Had received in salary previously \$76.50 and now received the balance and \$6.00 extra. The L.A. paid \$12.00. 4 - TUES - Home.
- 5 - WED - To Columbus - paid some bills. By Larson to buy some corn.
- 6 - THURS - To Bethlehem church in the p.m. to begin with the Christmas program by the children.
- 7 - FRI - To town to get the girls. 8 - SAT - Sorlie school - program practice with children.
- 9 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 2:30. To Columbus in the evening. Ida has been sick for a few days now with sore throat - tonsils. 10 - MON - Home. Nice but a little cold.
- 11 - TUES - Colder. Ida's throat is very sore but seems a little better.
- 12 - WED - Strong cold wind from NW and a little snow with it. Hard to drive to school with car.
- 13 - THURS - Nicer weather. To Bethlehem for program practice - 24 there. Yesterday there was an extra school meeting here about Bonding. 14 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls.
- 15 - SAT - S.St.Olaf church in p.m. for Christmas program practice.
- 16 - SUN - To Larson at 2:00. Went by Sandbergs with the girls - they stayed there for choir practice. I drove by Columbus with their food supply and the girls had a ride in to Columbus later with Sandbergs. 17 - MON - Studying for the most. Nice for a few days now.
- 20 - THURS - To Bethlehem for program practice. In the evening to Columbus - went to the school Christmas program and then brought the girls home after that. Miss Jensen finished with school today - had a little program with Christmas tree. She went along in to Columbus and will go home for Christmas. 21 - FRI - Home.
- 22 - SAT - To Sorlie school for program practice. Julien is 7 years old today. 23 - SUN - Home.
- 24 - MON - Christmas Eve. A little bit of everything today - lidt af hvert. Merry Christmas. We had our Christmas tree in the evening - invited the Wrolsons over for it. The children received gifts - the groupups too - Bonnene fik gaver - voksne med.
- 25 - TUES - Christmas Day. Beautiful weather - deilig veir. We all drove in auto over to S.St. Olaf at 11:00. Big crowd - Christmas tree and program - songs by the choir too.
- 26 - WED - Cold and stormy today. Christmas services in Bethlehem - not as many out today as in S.St.Olaf yesterday. Christmas tree and program. The choir also sang here.
- 27 - THURS - Christmas services in Larson at 2:00. Choir singing here also.
- 28 - FRI - To Thorson - Christmas services at Mrs. Walseth. The L.A. served a Lutefisk dinner. There was a little new snow but I can still drive with auto. Baptism for Kenneth Martin, B. Nov. 19 - to Martin and Kirsti Berg.
- 29 - SAT - At home. I ro - hjemme. A little colder today. C.Trulin over for a little while.

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- 29 - SAT - (cont.) - We received many gifts - among them a very beautiful silver service from the L.A. in Thorson - gifts from Ingvald - \$5.00 from M. Ronning - \$5.00 in the offering in Bethlehem from Alfred Peterson - and other things.
- 30 - SUN - Colder. No services announced for today. We were all invited over to Trulins for dinner today. He came to get us in the big sled - Harry Trulins and Harry Stock were also there. No - this is wrong - nei, dette var feil - Carl Trulin came over on SUN to invite us and it was on MON - the 31st - that we went over to Trulins. Came home rather late this evening.
- And now the old year is over and leaves us - as a good friend. God has been good to us again this year. Thanks be to God for all.
- Saa er det gamle aar slut og forlader os som en god ven. Gud har givet os meget godt i dette aar. Gud ske tak for alt.

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JANUARY

- 1 - TUES - Et godt glaedeligt Nytaar i Jesu Navn. This year starts out cold. I drove with horses and sled over to Bethlehem in the forenoon for services at 11:00. When I got as far as C. Trulin I heard that A. Olson had not been over to church to warm it up, thinking it was too cold for anyone to come. I did not go any farther east then, but returned home. Went to S. St. Olaf at 2:30 - had services even tho there were very few there today. We heard later that Alfred Petersons and N. Kleppen had been there in Beth. church.
- 2 - WED - and on thru the rest of the week - quite cold and we stayed at home.
- 6 - SUN - To Larson at 2:00. Milder weather now - drove with auto. There is some snow and I had to do some shoveling N of Carlson. Marie and Thelma along with me and we went to Columbus from Larson as school begins again tomorrow. Our teacher, Miss Jensen, had come to Columbus so brought her along home then.
- 7 - MON - Nice weather. School begins here today. 8 - TUES - School board meeting here.
- 9 - WED - Colder again - same thru the week. I drive twice a day to school now.
- 12 - SAT - Still quite cold. Marie, Thelma and Hazel Sandberg stayed in Columbus this weekend - the others came home.
- 13 - SUN - Still kind of cold but nice. To Thorson. Drove out to Ole Olson and had a ride with him from there. Many there today. Baptism for Arnold Stanley, B. Nov. 27, 1923 - to Nick and Thuri Fredrickson. L.A. after services.
- 14 - MON - A little stormy. Drive to and from school. On SAT -12 we had an extra school board meeting at Ronholdt's to sign up for Bonds.

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JANUARY

- 15 - TUES - Should have gone to Columbus today but gave up on that - cold wind and some snow. The Crosby Circuit ministers were all to meet at Hegg's today. I had also been asked to come in and baptize A. Haga's boy.
- 16 - WED - and on thru the rest of the week - so cold we did not go to school. 30 below for a few days. 19 - SAT - Not quite so cold but there was a wind from NW. Regardless, I had to make a trip to Columbus with food and supplies for the girls. It was a very cold trip in to town against the wind but not so bad on the way home. The girls have been in Columbus for 2 weeks now and it will be 3. While in Columbus baptized Ida Louise, B. Dec. 22, 1923, little daughter of Andrew and Louise Haga.
- 20 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:30 - quite a few there. 21 - MON - To school with the children. Other than the daily school trips not much else to mention this week - intet saerligt at berette om denne uge. 25 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls - used the sled.
- 27 - SUN - To Larson at 2:00 - nice day. 28 - MON - First over to school - then to Columbus with the girls. Very nice weather - even some thawing these last days of January.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - FRI - February starts out nice but on SAT -2- it is colder again. Have gotten 2 fresh cows - Sharphead on Jan. 29 and Stjerna on Feb. 1.
- 3 - SUN - Should have gone out to Thorson for services and L.A. at J. Wick but could not go on account of illness. Ida and I have both been sick - it lasted for about 3 days - Feb. 1-3.
- 4 - MON - This week the teacher is staying in the schoolhouse. Julien and Valla are ^{sick} and Adolph isn't exactly well either - ei heller sikker - stomach flu. 5 - TUES - Cold - cloudy.
- 6 - WED - We had a little snow but it didn't amount to much. Really quite nice thru the week.
- 8 - FRI - Later in the p.m. to Columbus to get the girls - used the car. Studying this week.
- 10 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Otto Moe was there and he told me that Tom Moe had died on FRI in Powers Lake, very unexpectedly.
- 11 - MON - To Columbus with the girls - nice weather - Ida along. Nice also on TUES - 12.
- 13 - WED - Funeral today for Tom Moe, 64. C. Trulin along - drove with car - county grade. Brother and M. Pederson also there from N. He was buried in Battleview. Home by way of Ole Olson - very muddy roads.
- 14 - THURS - Well - today I am 49 years old but I don't feel so old - men foler ei dog saa gammel. We washed clothes today. A little colder but I have been driving to school with car for a few days now. 15 - FRI - Colder - girls will be staying in town this time.
- 17 - SUN - Cold and stormy - did not make the trip to Larson. 18 - MON - Much nicer today - drove in to Columbus with auto - Ida along. 19 - TUES - Home.
- 20 - WED - Colder - could not get the Ford started today. Adolph Sendahl, who has just recently returned from Fargo, was here for a little while - we worked on the Ford but the battery

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- 20 - WED - (cont.) - seems to be dead. Erik Dihle came over this evening with some money that had been collected for B. Arneson to help pay the expenses of nurse and hospital for Lilly. (Lilly had had surgery for a ruptured appendix - Columbus - by Dr. King). Dihle had gotten \$29.25 and Tonger Hysjulien \$13.50 - total \$42.75. I had a little more so it came to \$45.25. I gave it to him on THURS.
- 21 - THURS - Serdahls went to Columbus with auto - brought the girls home. There is no school in Columbus on FRI - Washington's birthday. We had school here but Miss Jensen was sick on WED so we had no school then. She could have appendicitis. 23 - SAT - Home.
- 24 - SUN - To Thorson schoolhouse at 2:00. Drove with sled but there was hardly enough snow.
- 25 - MON - Took the children to school first - drove with auto - and then about 11:30 we went to Columbus - Ida went along too. Stopped in at Heggs for a little while.
- 26 - TUES - Ida was over at Ole Serdahls for a little while - the twins' birthday. (Marie's too).
- 27 - WED - Mild and muddy. Ida walked over to Trulins for a little while. Later I went over to get her - in the auto. The car doesn't work very well. Muddy and wet for the next few days. 29 - FRI - A little snow - very wet.

MARCH

- 1 - SAT - About the same as FRI - wet - muddy.
- 2 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Baptism for John Wallace, B. Dec. 28, 1923 - to Ole and Helga Serdahl. Quite a few in both places. Took up an offering in both places for the needy in Germany - *nodlidende i Tyskland*. S. St. Olaf - \$17.60 and Bethlehem - \$25.75. Drove in auto to S. St. Olaf but used the buggy to Bethlehem in the p.m. The girls had to stay in Columbus this weekend. We have now gotten 3 little calves - the red cow - den rode ko - today and Sharphead and Stjerna about a month ago.
- 3 - MON - and on. This week we have had very nice weather - freezes during the night but thaws during the day. 7 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls.
- 9 - SUN - To Larson at 2:00 - nice day - drove with auto. Took the girls to Columbus. The offering in Larson - Service Drive for Europe - came to \$22.50.
- 10 - MON - and on - nice weather like last week. Nothing of great importance to write down. Ida and I went to Columbus one day. Girls home on FRI.
- 16 - SUN - To Thorson at 2:00 - Offering there for World Services - \$16.25. The girls went over to Trulins this p.m. I came by for them from Thorson - then to Columbus.
- 17 - MON - Cloudy but mild. Washday. Drove over Wrolsons lake today - with the children. Last week - Stjerna to O.S. and Sharphead to Carlsons.
- 18 - TUES - Election Day - there in the a.m. - in the p.m. we walked over to Trulins for a little while. Rest of week - home studying. Cloudy - a little snow that melts as it comes down.
- 21 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls. 22 - SAT - Home - studying.

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- 23 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Baptism for twins: Walter and Victor - B. Dec. 5, 1923 - to Even and Clara Hoff.
- 24 - MON - To Columbus with the girls. A little snow. Muddy. Terrible driving conditions this afternoon. Not much this week - muddy. Then cold again and it froze.
- 29 - SAT - Started with a conf. class in Sorlie school. Heard that Ole Hatlelid had died very suddenly this forenoon at 11:00.
- 30 - SUN - To Larson for services and L.A. at O.Dillerud. Ida along. Miss Jensen and the 3 youngest went over to Arnesons. 31 - MON - Studying. Nice weather now.

APRIL

- 1 - TUES - Nice - even tho a little cold. Funeral for Ole Hatlelid, 78 years. Went to the house at 1:00 - then to church. Many people there. Ida along. Mrs. P. Nord sang.
- 2 - WED - and for the rest of the week - weather a little unsettled.
- 4 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls. 5 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school.
- 6 - SUN - Thorson at 2:00. Drove with buggy. 7 - MON - Early to Columbus with the girls. Got a new spring for the auto and some other repairs.
- 8 - TUES - A little snow and cold occasionally all week. To Columbus on FRI to get the girls. Also took Lilly Arneson along to see the doctor. 12 - SAT - Class - Sorlie. All 8 present.
- 13 - SUN - Palm Sunday. Services with communion in S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Roads are very wet and difficult for car driving. Got stuck S of church on the way home - Albert Hysjulien helped me get out. To Bethlehem at 3:00 - communion there also and 2 baptisms: Joseph Harold, B. Jan. 28 - to Alfred and Jette Peterson; and Mabel, B. Feb. 13 - to Ole and Karen Lundstad. Many in church. Offering to the organist - Thelma. Surprise at A.H.P. Took the girls to Columbus in the evening.
- 14 - MON - Rain and snow, wet and sloshy - regn og sne, vaadt og slusket - all week. The 3 youngest have colds so they have not been to school all week.
- 17 - THURS - Holy Thursday. To Larson. More children than adults it seemed. Spoke to them in both Norwegian and English. By Columbus to get the girls - drove with car today. Roads very bad - muddy driving home.
- 18 - FRI - Good Friday. To Thorson at 11:00 for services followed by L.A. Many there. Drove with horses and buggy. 19 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 20 - SUN - Easter Sunday. S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - quite a few there. Drove with horses and buggy. To Bethlehem at 3:00 - with auto - muddy - more snow and rain. Ida, Thelma and the teacher were along. Both Marie and Thelma have colds. Marie was really sick and was laying down quite a bit today. I also have a cold - cannot sing very well - kan ei syngje godt.
- 21 - MON - The girls are home today. 22 - TUES - Took the girls in to Columbus today - drove with buggy. This whole week - very muddy and disagreeable. The girls came home FRI -25- with

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APRIL

- 25 - FRI - (cont.) - Ronholdt to Carlsons - went there to get them.
26 - SAT - No conf. class in Sorlie school today - rain and snow.
27 - SUN - Raining and snowing today also - did not go to Thorson and Larson.
28 - MON - To Columbus with girls - used the buggy. On the way home a wheel came off the buggy when I was near Carlsons. A week or so earlier, coming home from Columbus with auto, I drove off the grade near Carlsons. There was something out of order with the steering wheel. Got some help from Carlson and no damage was done - ingen skade skeet. Had it fixed in town one day and now it works fine. Nu gaar det bra, Home the other days.

MAY

- 2 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls. The roads are beginning to dry up now. Miss Jensen rode along to town too as the school term is finished here today and she will be going home to Kenmare. Lilly Arneson was also along to see the doctor. 3 - SAT - Class - Sorlie.
4 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - also communion. Drove with auto. Ida along. Bethlehem at 3:00. Ida and the girls along. The boys stayed at home. To Columbus with the girls but did not drive farther than just S of Carlsons. Nels Anderson came along then and was on his way to town so they went in with him. Cold wind blowing today.
5 - MON - Snow and wet. Same on TUES - 6. Muddy most of the week. The springs work comes to a halt for awhile - vaar arbeidet stanset en tid. The girls stayed in Columbus this time.
10 - SAT - Started with a class in Bethlehem at 10:00. Sorlie school at 2:00.
11 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 - drove with auto. By Columbus to Larson for services at 3:30. All along to Columbus. Has dried up nicely by now.
12 - MON - and thruout the week has been nice and dry. C. Trulin has been plowing here and sowing wheat. I have planted some garden. 15 - THURS - Mr. and Mrs. Ole Evenson came over. Around noon today Carl T. and I went over to the Ongstad school where a prairie fire had started but they had almost gotten it out by the time we came there. To Ronholdts in the evening - school board meeting. Presented a petition.
16 - FRI - To Columbus in the p.m. - all except Adolph. The school - both H.S. and grades - put on a program and festival outside on the school grounds - it was very good. Girls came along home. 17 - SAT - Syttende Mai. Cold wind - cloudy - a little rain. Bethlehem class at 10:00. Should have been to Larson at 3:00 but did not go - weather so disagreeable.
18 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Had to go home again from church to get my suitcase. (That did not happen very often - forgetting his suitcase containing his gown, books etc.) Ida and Julien along to church. To Bethlehem at 3:00 - all of us. Baptism in S. St. Olaf for Dennis Mason, B. Feb. 2 - to Hans and Caspara Nortvedt. To Columbus in evening with girls.
19 - MON - Nicer weather today. Trulin is plowing for the barley now - has sowed the wheat. Class at 2:00 - Sorlie. Put up posters - notices - about the school election on June 3.

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- 19 - MON - (cont.) - By A. Anderson for some oats.
20 - TUES - Started with a conf. class in Thorson. Cold this week - freezes ice during the night.
23 - FRI - Went to get the girls. The roads are better this week.
24 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem.
25 - SUN - Services with communion in Thorson at 11:00. Larson at 3:00. To Columbus with the girls. 26 - MON - Class in Sorlie school. Went to see Even Sletvold who is sick.
27 - TUES - Class in Thorson. 28 - WED - Home. In the evening we all went in to Columbus for H.S. graduation.
29 - THURS - To Columbus later in the day to get the girls - there had been a school picnic today. 4 turkeys have hatched out now - total of 47 little chicks. During the past week we have also gotten 3 little calves.
30 - FRI - Decoration Day - nice weather. Ida and I went to Portal to see Sletvold who is in the hospital there. He seems to be better now. We went home by way of Columbus - saw and heard some of the program there. Brought along home some of the things the girls had had in their house this past school year.
31 - SAT - Classes - Bethlehem at 10:00 and Larson at 3:00.

JUNE

- 1 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. 2 - MON - Class in Sorlie school.
3 - TUES - School election. We voted on moving the schoolhouse near Arnesons 1 mile north but it did not pass.
7 - SAT - Classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and Larson at 2:00. Weather has been good all week but it started raining when I was on my way home.
8 - SUN - Pentecost. Torrents of rain - osregn - could not go to any of the 3 places I had planned to go. 9 - MON - Occasional rain. Went horseback to Sorlie school for conf. class.
10 - TUES - To Thorson at 2:00 - used the auto. Conf. class. Parochial school started today with Miss Agna Presthus from Douglas as teacher. She is also going to read with the confirmands. After I came home we went over to Torgers Hysjulien's for YPS. It was to have been on SUN but that was impossible on account of all the rain.
11 - WED - Ida and I to Columbus in the a.m. Rain and hail in the p.m. We went over to Bethlehem later and planted some flowers on Josie Peterson's grave. Some of the men had been there and plowed a few furrows around the churchyard. May 30, Decoration Day, the cemetery was nicely decorated at both churches. We drove over to S. St. Olaf for a little while that evening. 12 - THURS - Foggy - cloudy. Home - doing some studying. They are busy here bak- for L.A. on SUN. 13 - FRI - To Columbus.
14 - SAT - L.A. sale at A. Serdahl. Some hard rain today.
15 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Mary from Thorson and Macroom too. Then over to

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- 15 - SUN - (cont.) - our place for L.A. Many there. Rain again in the evening. Home on MON.
- 17 - TUES - To Crosby - Ida and I, Thelma and Valla along to see the dentist. It started raining and we had a bad trip home. 18 - WED - Very muddy.
- 19 - THURS - Rain. We celebrate our Wedding anniversary at home. The Circuit Meeting was to have been held in Garfield (Zion) starting today but it did not - rain and bad roads.
- 20 - FRI - Drove west to Garfield (Zion) with Anton Olson - very muddy. Became stuck west of A. Brodahl - Ed Sateren helped us out. Missionary Oluf Asper from China spoke today. We drove home by Noonan and Larson. Marie and Thelma along today.
- 21 - SAT - Ida and I went over today - drove by Larson and Noonan.
- 22 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Larson at 2:00 - at J. Rolie. Baptism for Francis Leon, B. June 15 to Frank and Agnes Lorence. Ida along. There were many visitors at Rolie's today to honor the Ouren's on their Golden Wedding anniversary. I spoke a little for this occasion too. Received a little offering today in both places. L.A. at Leonard Serdahl.
- 23 - MON - Classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S. St. Olaf at 2:00.
- 24 - TUES - Class in Larson at 10:00 and then to Crosby to see the dentist - Thelma and Adolph along. Weather is nice - drying up now and the roads are better.
- 25 - WED - Primary Election. To Columbus in the evening for choir rally - sanger stevne - for the L.L. and Choral Union Convention to be held in Ambrose on SUN. Home quite late. Drove by Larson. 26 - THURS - Home. Hoed in the garden. Checked over accounts, etc. (School district affairs). Home on FRI.
- 28 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 10:00. Very muddy due to rain last night. Did not go to Larson.
- 29 - SUN - The big day in Ambrose - YPLL and Choral Union. The girls and I went there SUN a.m.. The State road is good but it is still very muddy in the Hills. We came to Ambrose about 10:30 - services were conducted by Pastor A. J. Tolo from Minneapolis. Dinner was served to all at noon in the church basement by the L.A. The weather was nice and there were many people there. There was an afternoon program and the concert by all the choirs was given in the evening. We stayed over night at Dr. Rollefson's. Home on MON.

JULY

- 1 - TUES - Class at 2:00 in Sorlie school. 2 - WED - By Columbus to Larson for class.
- 3 - THURS - Studying some. Thelma's birthday. We are expecting company here tomorrow - the 4th.
- 4 - FRI - Nice weather. Heggs came out from Columbus and C. Trulins and Alfred Petersons came too. We had a very nice day - hyggelig dag - and then fireworks in the evening.
- 5 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem.
- 6 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 - then home for dinner. Out to Thorson at 3:00. Many there - we had services outside. Baptism for Ileen Carmen, B. Mar. 13 - to Gust and Annie Lunde. Parochial school is finished now. L.A. following services. Pete Berg came over yesterday

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- 6 - SUN - (cont.) - to get Thelma as she is going to teach 1 month of parochial school there.
- 7 - MON - To Columbus in the a.m. Ole Garbergs came here at noon - then a little later Mrs. A. Bakken and the teacher, Agna Presthus, came. Went to Sorlie school for class at 2:00. Had a little rain. We are going to have 1 month of parochial school in S. St. Olaf. The teacher came to Sandbergs on TUES and she started teaching on WED.
- 8 - TUES - School meeting here. A little rain. 9 - ~~WED~~ - Went over to church - there are 11 children attending school. Studied in the p.m. 10 - ~~THURS~~ - Class in Thorson.
- 11 - FRI - Home. 12 - SAT - To Columbus and then to Larson in the p.m. for class.
- 13 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - many there. Baptism for Esther May, B. Apr. 27 - to Joseph and Bertha Gustafson. Then over to Marie Hatlelid for YPS. All along. To Larson for services and L.A. at J. Rolie. Not so many there. Then back to Hatlelids again. Program - some readings by Esther Hagen. A very nice day. Thelma went back to Macroom in the evening to Pete Berg - they came to get her. She has been there for 1 week now - teaching school - and it is going just fine - gaar godt. We had been to Macroom on FRI to visit at Alfred Petersons and P. Bergs and then Thelma came along home.
- 14 - MON - Class in Sorlie school at 2:00. 15 - ~~TUES~~ - Class in Bethlehem. Later to Columbus and Larson. Put up posters for the special school election. Warm these days.
- 16 - ~~WED~~ - First day of Circuit Meeting in Bethlehem church. Sermon by Pastor Konnelius Sumstad - he came with Stove. (Sumstad had been pastor in Ambrose prior to Stove). Church was full - L.A. served dinner to all. In the p.m. Rev. Hegg introduced the discussion on "The Lord's Prayer". All the ministers over to our place for supper - Hegg and Mrs., Tolo and Mrs., Sumstad and Stove. They all stayed here over night except Hegg who went back to Columbus in the evening for choir practice - but came out for breakfast the next morning.
- 17 - THURS - Just as nice a day and just as many people. Sumstad and Stove left at noon. It was a good meeting. 18 - ~~FRI~~ - Class in Thorson at 2:00. Rain later in the day.
- 19 - SAT - To Columbus - Ida and Adolph along to Hegg. I went to Larson for class. Bought 25 qts. of strawberries from Wick for 25¢ a qt.
- 20 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - all along. Thelma came too - with P. Bergs. They came home here after church for a short while. Then Ida and Adolph went with me to Thorson at 3:00. Marie, Valla and Julien stayed at home. Met briefly with the class in Thorson. By John Grubb on the way home for baptism of Yvonne Phyllis, B. July 9, 1923 - to John and Annie Grubb. Stopped in at Nels Kleppen too - Borghild is sick.
- 21 - MON - Home. Hegg came out in the p.m. with John who is going to stay here for awhile. There was a little rain. 22 - ~~TUES~~ - Classes in Bethlehem and Sorlie - a little rain.
- 23 - ~~WED~~ - To Columbus - Ida along. Had a contract drawn up for the piano we have bought from Stone Piano Co., in Fargo. It costs \$300.00 - \$100.00 cash and \$15.00 a month until paid, beginning Jan. 1, 1925. Also drove by Whittier-Crockett mines with some eggs.

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- 24 - THURS - To Columbus this evening with Sandberg and Ronholdt to make some arrangements in regard to the school debt - skole gjæld. Got a check today from Bureau for (school) transportation - \$59.00. Have recently paid up the remainder of the mortgage on the land - \$100.00.
- 25 - FRI - Class in S. St. Olaf at 10:00. Then down to the coulee for a little while to pick Juneberries but there weren't very many now. Today we got our piano. It was shipped to Larson - came there last night. Today Hegg used Sommernesses truck to bring it out here. It is very pretty and sounds very good. (In addition to the cost mentioned under July 23 there was a \$3.00 charge for insurance. That piano gave us a lot of pleasure for 20 years. When Mom left Columbus in 1944 she sold the piano to Pastor Everett Gilbertson, then in Crosby. 20 years more or less later, in the '60's, when Gilbertson was Pres. of the ALC S. Dak. Dist., he told me, in Rapid City, that they still had our piano. It made me very happy to hear that it was still being used and appreciated. Another interesting fact about that piano was that it had been picked out by Rev. J. Walter Johnshoy, Fargo. He was Dad's student assistant during the summer of 1913. The piano was shipped in a big wooden crate that provided me with the most wonderful play-house any little girls could wish for. This was also Adolph's 12th birthday.)
- 26 - SAT - Conf. class in Larson. Adolph along to Hegg's with John.
- 27 - SUN - Joint services in Anton Brenno grove. Prof. Aasgaard - speaker. Many people there. A very nice day. (A few more details from the Columbus Reporter: Aasgaard was President of Concordia College. He spoke in both Norwegian and English. Dad also spoke in the p.m. using as his topic, "Pioneer Days". There was much music by all the combined choirs of Hegg's and Buckneberg's congregations. The 4 L.A.'s of Hegg's congregations served dinner to all at noon for 25¢ a plate. The Anton Brenno's lived 2 miles N and 1/2 mile W of Columbus.)
- 28 - MON - Class in Thonson. 29 - TUES - Class in Bethlehem at 10:00. School election at 2:00.
- 30 - WED - Class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. 31 - THURS - Home - studying. Valla is 10 years old.

AUGUST

- 1 - FRI - To Macroom for Thelma's school program after 1 month of school - good. She was paid \$40.00 and \$6.00 extra. 2 - SAT - Conf. class in S. St. Olaf.
- 3 - SUN - Confirmation services in S. St. Olaf church at 11:00 - 8 in the class: Alvin Sorlie (Albert); John Berg (Sivert); Palmer Kveldstad (Iver); Arthur Watterud (Anton); Ethel Dihle (Erik); Gladys Arneson (Bernt); Isabel Ileen Witty (George); Helen Bureau (Fred). Spoke in both Norwegian and English. Many people there today - dinner was served at noon. Communion services at 2:30 - both Norwegian and English. Agna Presthus also had a little program by her school pupils - very good - 21 children. A little rain. Home by 6:00.
- 4 - MON - To Columbus. 5 - TUES - Classes in Bethlehem and Larson. 6 - WED - Home.
- 7 - THURS - Rain. Did not go to Thonson. 8 - FRI - Helped with haying - also on SAT.

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- 10 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - Thorson at 2:00 - and services were announced for Larson but it rained so I did not get there. There was L.A. at N. Gunderson and also at M. Sandberg.
- 11 - MON - To Columbus - to Heggs. 12 - TUES - Classes in Bethlehem and Larson. 13 - WED - Home.
- 14 - THURS - Class in Thorson. Adolph will be going along with Heggs on a trip - to Wildrose, Minot and other places. 15 - FRI - Home - haying. Also on SAT.
- 17 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. It rained and there were few today. Larson at 1:30 - not so many there either. YPS at C. Trulin - many - some new members. Plans are to continue with more meetings.
- 18 - MON - Today we all went to Noonan - to see Tolo's - also over to Liedahls.
- 19 - TUES - Classes in Bethlehem and Larson. Quite warm. 20 - WED - Windy - could bring some rain - blaaser vist op til regn. Class in Thorson at 2:00.
- 21 - THURS - Warm these days - we are painting the house. 22 - FRI - To Columbus - talked with Ludvig Tweten about renting a room there for Marie and Thelma this fall.
- 24 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - baptism for Clarence Norman, B. July 31 - to Theobald and Emma Westerness. Thorson at 3:00. Alfred Petersons came - went along over to church in the evening for choir practice. Many there.
- 25 - MON - To Columbus in a.m. Painted window frames in p.m. 26 - TUES - Classes in Bethlehem and Larson. Also by Columbus. 27 - WED - Very warm. Trulin started harvesting barley here. I am painting. 28 - THURS - Class in Thorson.
- 29 - FRI - Busy with shocking barley - Valborg and Julien are helping me. We hear that Adolph is now in Bruce, S. Dak. with the Heggs. In the evening I went over to Ronholdts for a school board meeting - business included H.S. tuition. 30 - SAT - Strong wind from NW.
- 31 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Larson at 2:00. L.A. in Larson at Matt Anderson. Quite a few at both places. Bethlehem YPS at our place. Many there.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - MON - Home for the most this week. To Noonan and Columbus one day.
- 4 - THURS - Class in Thorson. 5 - FRI - Home. 6 - SAT - Class in Larson - we had some rain.
- 7 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. L.A. at M. Pedersen. In the evening to Columbus with Marie and Thelma. H.S. begins tomorrow. They will be staying at Ludvig Twetens this year. We had a very heavy rain shower with hail - voldsomt regn og hagl. After we came home I walked around some to see how much damage had been done. The wheat that is still standing appears to have been damaged some but it would have been worse if there had been wind with it.
- 8 - MON - and on thru the week - home - painting the barn - washed clothes, etc. - and driving to school every day. Hazel Sandberg is teaching our school this year and boarding here.
- 11 - THURS - Class in Thorson - rain. 12 - FRI - Class in Larson. To Columbus to get the girls.

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- 12 - FRI - (cont.) - This is Ida's birthday. 13 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
14 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Thorson at 2:30. 15 - MON - and on - home - painting.
17 - WED - Class in Thorson. 18 - THURS - Home. 19 - FRI - To Larson for class - to Columbus.
20 - SAT - Started with a new class in S.St.Olaf church.
21 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Conrad Isakson came to Larson last night - Laurits went to get him. Conrad and Laurits came over to church - then we were invited over there for dinner. I went to Larson and then back to Laurits again. They all came over here in the evening - there were others here also.
22 - MON - Conrad here today - then over to Laurits for a few days. 23 - TUES - Thorson - class.
24 - WED - A warm day - painting. 25 - THURS - Class in Thorson.
26 - FRI - Rain during the night - cold today. Over to Laurits to get Conrad. To Larson for class. To Columbus to get the girls. Laurits and Eva here in the afternoon.
27 - SAT - Up early - took Conrad in to Kincaid as he is leaving today. Quite cold - a little snow. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00 but we did not stay long - too cold in church.
28 - SUN - Confirmation services in Thorson at 10:30. The weather was nice and there were many there. Offering (Missions) \$21.35. Members of the class: Oscar Fredrickson (Nick); George Essen (Carl); Lillian Wick (John); Margaret Sathre (Martin); Annette Wigdahl (Sam). Over to M.Hoie.
29 - MON - To Columbus with Marie. Thelma is staying home this week.
30 - TUES - Nice, warm weather. Class in Larson. Also to Columbus.

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- 1 - WED - Home for awhile but then with Arneson to Hjermstad with cattle. I sold 3 for \$75.00. Arneson sold 6 for \$100.00.
2 - THURS - I went with Hegg to Crosby for a meeting of the circuit pastors.
3 - FRI - Nice day. Class in Larson at 2:00. Went to Columbus to get Marie. Some rain today and during the night. Rain on SAT - home studying. No class in S.St.Olaf. Have met with this class once before.
5 - SUN - Confirmation services announced for Larson for 2:00 but could not go. It had started snowing SAT noon and kept on all night so there is now a great deal of snow on the ground. The worst of it is that many have not finished with their threshing. Had to stay home today. No services in either S.St.Olaf or Larson.
6 - MON - The snow is beginning to melt a little. The mailman came only as far as Carlsons.
7 - TUES - To Columbus with auto. Took the girls in - Laurits along too. The snow is going fast but we have terrible roads with much mud and water. During the week we have had rain, fog, and more snow. 10 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls - terrible driving.
11 - SAT - Heavy rain. We have had no school all week - Teacher's Institute in Bowbells.

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- 12 - SUN - A cloudy, grey day. Impossible to drive anyplace today 0 waad at kjore. No services in Bethlehem and Thorson - nor was there YPS at Tom Moe.
- 13 - MON - The weather is somewhat better but it so muddy. Home today. Took children to school.
- 14 - TUES - To Columbus with the girls - there is a great deal of water standing near the G.N. tracks. 15 - WED - Busy turning shocks today and THURS. Everyone is doing this - saa gjon alle. A few started threshing on THURS and some on FRI. Went to Larson for class on FRI at 2:00 and then to Columbus to get the girls. Nice weather. 18 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 19 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - not so many there. Then to Larson at 2:00 for Confirmation services at 2:00. Full church - the choir sang. Thelma played. There was baptism for Marvin Milton, B. Sept. 23 - to Oluf and Laura Olson. Members of the confirmation class; Orton Gunderson (Nils); Elmer Dillerud (Ole); Gladys Gunderson (Nils); Helga Rolie (Hans).
- 20 - MON - To Columbus this morning with the girls. Bertha Hoie left yesterday for (cannot understand the word) so we are alone this week. Nice weather - I'm home now most of the time - doing some spading, etc. 24 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls.
- 25 - SAT - Classes in S. St. Olaf at 2:00 - had been to Bethlehem at 10:00.
- 26 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 - Alfred Petersons came along home and then he took me out to Thorson but did not have services - they are all busy threshing as the weather is good.
- 27 - MON - To Columbus in the a.m. - we are still having nice weather. Continued nice thru the week and almost every one has finished threshing now. We, also got our threshing done this week - 141 bu. wheat - 107 bu. oats - 384 bu. barley. I have been home this week as we have no girl here to help and Ida cannot be alone. Have done some spading.
- 31 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls.

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- 1 - SAT - Conf. class in Sorlie school.
- 2 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for Henry Milford, B. July 27 - to Hans H. and Alma Brodahl. Erik Dihle came over here later. 3 - MON - To Columbus with the girls. Went by the coal mines on the way home and brought some coal home - in the Ford.
- 4 - TUES - Election Day. A cold day. Went over to A.G. Berg to get him to fix up the telephone line (which was broken). Then to Sorlie school to vote - next to Berg - and then over to Anders i Dalen to get Alice. Then later to Hoies with Bertha. Valborg broke her right collar-bone at school today and we called Dr. Smith to come out from Noonan to set it. It started snowing this evening and it is not melting - it stays. Home this week except for driving to school every day. (This is a day I remember well. During the noon hour all of us kids were outside playing - an original, brilliant game whereby the boys vs. the girls were trying to take possession of the steps leading up to the door of the schoolhouse. The bigger, stronger ones had more leverage than the small ones, who still wanted to get into

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- 4 - TUES - (cont.) - the scrap, and with a push here and a shove there - 2 little girls spilled over the edge of the porch falling down 3' - 4' to the frozen ground. I fell first and Evelyn Serdahl next, cracking her head against mine. It wasn't difficult to see that I had lost the use of my right arm. Adolph ran over to Annesons to get someone to take me home. Edna came in a few minutes with horses and buggy and we made a quick trip home, bumping along over frozen ruts, as I held on to my right elbow to keep from jostling my arm any more than necessary. It's amazing that it did not become a compound fracture by the time we arrived at home. What a ride! Dad called the doctor - luckily the line had been repaired just in time. Dr. Smith came after awhile - set my bone - bandaged me securely - everyone sympathized greatly with me - and I was all set for the winter in learning how to be a lefty). 7 -FRI- The girls came home with Anton Olson today. 8 -SAT- Home.
- 9 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - also communion. Marie went in to Columbus with Anton Olson. Thelma stayed at home this week. 10 -MON- Colder - same on TUES. I put on the storm windows and storm doors - banked up a little around the house - got some hay hauled into the shed. Leonard Serdahl did some shopping for us on MON and we got some other things out with Ole Serdahl on TUES. It is colder today, TUES.

END OF FIRST BOOK

This is the continuation of my Daybook - dette er en fortsaettelse af min Dagbok - my first book is filled - skrevet fuld - from April 9, 1905, when I first came to Flaxton, N. Dak. and continuing thru until Nov. 12, 1924. My last entry in that book was on TUES - Nov. 11, 1924. It was cold and there was a little more snow. I have been home as much as possible these last 2 weeks as Ida is expecting to be confined any day now - jeg har vaeret hjemme saameget som mulig de sidste 2 uger da Ida venter at blive senge liggende til hver dag.

- 12 - WED - The weather is a little better today. 13 -THURS- This evening about 10:00 Ida began to feel sick. About 11:00 I drove over to get Mrs. C. Trulin - drove with horses and sled. I am using May, one of Trulin's horses this winter, when necessary, and drove with May and Daisy. It was very moonlight and still. Thelma was at home with Mamma - and Alice Anderson is also here. When we came home everything was just the same. About midnight I called Dr. Smith in Noonan.
- 14 - FRI - About 2:00 a.m. we got a call from Smith. He had come as far as Brannigers with car but could drive no farther because of the snow. I called A. Sorlie and asked him if he would go with his sleigh rig to get him. Branniger took Dr. Smith and his nurse as far as Bureaus. It was about 3:30 a.m. when they got here. There wasn't much change until in the afternoon and then about 2:30 p.m. a little girls was born. It was very difficult but everything went well - for which Thanks be to God - Gud ske tak. Later this evening I took them back to

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- 14 - FRI - (cont.) - Brannigers, where they had had to leave the car. Both Dr. Smith, and his nurse, Ellen Aird, who is Mrs. Smith's sister, know a little Norwegian and she played and sang "Saeterjenten's Sondag", and then "Glade Jul" in German. Miss Aird is Scottish. Mrs. Trulin stayed here over night and until SAT noon.
- 15 - SAT - First of all I took Alice over to Trulins as he was alone there with the children and had to make a trip to town. Alice stayed there until SUN afternoon and then they all came over here. Marie came home from Columbus on SAT with Carlsons and I went up to get her so she could meet her little sister - saa fik hun hilse paa lille soster. I went to Sorlie school in the p.m. to read with the class.
- 16 - SUN - To S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - drove with horses - as did most of them but there were also a few autos. Took a subscription for the General fund - samfundet. Drove over to Trulins for a little while after I came home from church. They all came over here later - they had been to Confirmation services in the Hauge church - both Swedish and English. Ida is getting along fine except for some pains now and then - smerter af og til.
- 17 - MON - Washday. First I went over to get Mrs. Trulin so she could come over and help with Baby - stelle med Baby. I then took Alice Anderson home as both Marie and Thelma are home this week. This p.m. Mr. and Mrs. S.O.Berg and Mrs. Sandberg came over to see Ida and Baby and they brought along various things - kom med forskjelligt. (Gifts - cake - fruit). C.Trulin came over in the evening with 2 wagons. We are going to haul in 2 loads of wheat to Columbus tomorrow.
- 18 - TUES - I was up early to load the wheat - got it all loaded in 2 wagons. Trulin came with 2 teams and we left. The roads were terrible - muddy - snow and ice - veiene var faele - sole, sne og is. We got \$1.28 a bu. #2 - \$74.92 for each of us (on share $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$). We were late getting home. Trulin came past our place and then took both teams home.
- 19 - WED - Drive to and from school. Ole Serdahl drove yesterday as Evelyn is going to our school too. Nice weather. Tolo called from Larson, about noon, to tell us that they were on their way out here. A little later Mrs. A.Sorlie and Mrs. E.Dihle came - also bringing presents (and cake). Tolos and Hegg's came at the same time - in autos. The snow is going fast. We decided this afternoon that we would have our little girl baptized today and have the Hegg's and Tolos, as well as Marie and Thelma, as sponsors. We had the baptism then, about 5:00 and named her Ada Lenore. She is now 5 days old. May God bless her and guide her all her life so she remains a child of God - Maa Gud velsigne hende og verne om hende i livet saa hun altid er Gud's barn. Yes - there were more presents today. Ernest Sorlie drove over to school to get the children and teacher after school.
- 20 - THURS - Home. More snow and even some rain. Cold.
- 21 - FRI - This p.m. over to Trulins with 6 turkeys - 5 to dress and ship to Chicago along with Trulin's shipment and one to trade.

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- 22 - SAT - Today we took Valborg to Noonan to see Dr. Smith about her collar bone - kraveben - we drove with auto - Arneson went along. Muddy. We drove in by Columbus and Larson on the way home. Sale in Columbus today - Ongstad's horses and Laurits /sakson's cattle. Dr. Smith said that Valborg would have to have the binding on for at least another week.
- 23 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00 - Adolph went along and we drove with the auto. There was a little snow and it was also freezing a little. Quite a few came. Took up a subscription for the General Fund - Samfundet.
- 24 - MON - A little colder today. Ole Serdahl drove to school today. When he went to get them in the p.m. Mrs. Serdahl and children came over here. Have worked outside quite a bit today but have also gotten some writing done. 25 - TUES - Drove to school with auto today.
- 26 - WED - Cold. I have a bad cold now. Annual meeting in S. St. Olaf at 1:00. Ronholdt rode over with me. Meeting opened with Devotion followed by reports. Treas. A.H. Brodahl has moved but an incomplete report was read - dog noget ufuldstaendig. Election: Secr. - A. Sorlie; Treas. - Andrew Anderson; Trustee - E. Dihle (3); School committee - I. Kvelstad; Custodian - Otto Evenson. An application was written out and signed by the trustees to be sent to the Mission Committee for N. Dak. District petitioning for \$200.00 per year. I received the rest of my salary and they still had \$54.02 left in the treasury - i kassen. Nothing was decided about Christmas tree. Present were: A. Sorlie, E. Dihle, A. Anderson, M. Sandberg, O. Ronholdt, Otto Evenson, M. Fredrickson, I. Kvelstad, T. O. Hysjuften, J. Holte.
- 27 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. Weather is better today. Thelma, Valborg and Julien went along to Bethlehem church at 11:00. C. Trulin came along too. Took up a subscription for the General Fund - Samfundet. Home for a splendid - praegtig - turkey dinner.
- 28 - FRI - To Columbus for some auto repairs - a new wheel - et nyt hjul - etc. Cold. Sent \$100.00 to Stone Piano Co. Leonard Serdahl and Mrs. were here today and brought dressgoods - kjoletoi - for Ada.
- 29 - SAT - A nice day - mild - thawing. Annual meeting in Bethlehem church at 1:30. I drove over with auto - C. Trulin went along with me - only 5 others came. Meeting opened with Devotion - I John 1:1-- and then reports were heard. Treas. report for '23 accepted but the report for 1924 was not ready. I received now \$142.85 - making a total of \$200.85 - \$51.65 including money for some extra things. Election: Secr. - A. Olson; Treas. - Melvin Pedersen; Trustee - Theo. Westerness (3); School Committee - A. Olson (2) and C. Brothen (3); Custodian - A. Olson. Application to Mission's Committee as in S. St. Olaf on Nov. 26. They decided to have Christmas tree. Present: C. Trulin, N. Kleppen, M. Hoie, C. Brothen, A. Olson, M. Pedersen.
- 30 - SUN - To Larson at 2:00 - also communion. Subscription there - \$38.50. Marie played for church today - 1st time. Went fine. Mrs. J. Rolie gave her \$1.00. Took her to Columbus after church. Quite cold but we drove with auto.

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- 1 - MON - Services - L.A. - and annual meeting in Thorson at C.Overlie at 1:00. Baptism for Harvey Conrad, B. Oct. 17 - to Carl and Carrie Furness. Terrible driving with car - rough - started thawing during the day so it was slippery on the way home. Broke something on the back spring of the auto. Have gotten \$91.00 subscribed to the General Fund here. Meeting held following services. Reports heard - I have received all my promised salary here. Election: Secr. - C.Furness; Treas. - A.Bakken; no trustee; School Committee - C.Furness; Custodian - J.Wick. A committee was chosen to start working on building plans - forbered-else for Kirkebygning: J.Wick, C.Furness, and C.Overlie.
- 2 - TUES - Nice day. Took the children to school. To Columbus in p.m. to get something fixed on the car. Also took Thelma in to Columbus - she has been home now for about 3 weeks now. This evening met with the trustees of Bethlehem congregation at A.Olson to discuss buying some furniture for the church - for at tale om at kjobe noget inventar til kirken.
- 3 - WED - Home - foggy and also colder. About the same on THURS.
- 5 - FRI - A little snow but drove with auto to O.Dilleruds - Larson. Had a communion service at home for them. They have been sick and quarantined for scarlet fever - skarlagens feber - so Elmer was not able to go to communion with the other confirmands. From there to Columbus to get the girls.
- 6 - SAT - Cold. Over to Bethlehem church at 2:00 to start practicing for the Christmas program. 14 children came today. We did not stay very long - too cold. Cold driving with auto too.
- 7 - SUN - Services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - drove with sled. In the p.m. to Columbus with the girls. Used the auto and it went just fine. Adolph Serdahl stopped by this evening with \$5.00 to send to Missions.
- 8 - MON - Home - nice weather now - a little snow on the ground. Home on TUES also.
- 10 - WED - To Larson at 2:00 - services and annual meeting, Not very many there. The car was not working very well on the way in to Larson - and it did not work so well on the way home either even tho I had fixed on it in Larson. Must be greasy sparkplugs, Meeting was held after services. Reports heard and accepted. I had received \$95.00 previously and now \$10.00 - total \$105.00. Election: - Secr. - O.Dillerud; Treas. - J.Norby; O.Sletvold has 1 more year left as trustee - also custodian and he is in charge of the cemetery. Matt Anderson to collect for a Christmas gift for the S.S. teacher(s).
- 11 - THURS - Mild. Drove with sled over to Sandbergs - got 5 sacks of potatoes and some carrots. By Bergs and Andersons - collected for the General Fund.
- 12 - FRI - Home. Hauled some hay - used Ole Serdahl's team.
- 13 - SAT - To Bethlehem church for Christmas tree program practice. 25 there today.
- 14 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - drove with sled but there were a few there with cars too.
- 15 - MON - Quite nice weather. Drive to school both a.m. and p.m. every day. Ole Serdahl is

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- 15 - MON - (cont.) - not driving any more. (Evelyn was possibly attending Ongstad school).
- 16 - TUES - Cold - no school today - it was 30 below. Laurits and Eva came over today - from Kleppens. They are leaving for Wisconsin very soon.
- 17 - WED - Cold - but we are having school - THURS too. 19-FRI- Not so cold today.
- 20 - SAT - Cold again. Went to Columbus with Ole Serdahl. Had to do some shopping for Christmas - a Christmas tree and other things. Used the big sled - stor slaede - got a footwarmer at Sommerness for the girls. They came home today. We had some trouble with the sled S of Carlsons - something was broken.
- 21 - SUN - No services announced for today but we had program practice with the children in Bethlehem church. Cold - only about half of the children came. 22 - MON - Cold. Home.
- 23 - TUES - Cold today too. Expected William Roloff and Mary Hanson to come to get married but they did not come today.
- 24 - WED - Christmas Eve. Home and glad to be there - glad for det. We had our Christmas tree tonight - much singing - many gifts for the children and all.
- 25 - THURS - Merry Christmas and God's Peace - Glaedelig Jul og Gud's Fred. A little stormy but milder. S. St. Olaf at 11:00. The church was only about half full - no Christmas tree.
- 26 - FRI - Very cold again. All 5 children went along with me to Bethlehem at 11:30. When we came to Trulins all except Adolph went along with them in the bobsled but Adolph rode along with me in the cutter. The church was only a little over half full here too. Too cold for many to get out today. Heard that Even Hoff's had started out but turned back - Hoies too. The Christmas program was quite good even tho there were some missing. Then there were gifts and lots of nuts and candy. Adolph and Julien rode home with Leonard Serdahl and the girls rode home with me. We came home about 4:00 and then it turned much colder with a strong wind from NW and temperature down to 30 below as it turned dark. Am planning to Thorson tomorrow if it is at all possible. Last night Adolph Serdahl stopped by with \$1.00 for the Christmas offering. We have received many gifts. \$5.00 from each of M. Ronning and A. Haraseth - and \$10.00 from the L.A. in Larson. Our little Ada has received gifts from many. We also received a package from Ingvald - and from Wisconsin - and Sandbergs, Trulins and Alfred Petersons. Bought a guitar for the girls for Christmas. Thanks be to God for all good gifts - but most of all for His Own great gift to us - His Son.
- 27 - SAT - Did not go to Thorson - it was over 30 below.
- 28 - SUN - To Larson at 1:30 - many there. There was also a Christmas program.
- 29 - MON - Weather is better today. Trulins here for dinner. William Roloff and Mary Hanson also came and they were married. He gave me \$10.00. Trulins stayed until quite late.
- 30 - TUES - 15 below but nice and still. Heard that Carl Brothen was sick - had had surgery at home on the 3rd day of Christmas (27th) when it was 30 - 40 below. There were 3 doctors

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- 30 - TUES - (cont.) - there (Dr. Ewing, Kenmare; Dr. Grogan, Flaxton; and Dr. King, Columbus).
31 - WED - Home - studying for New Year. Still very cold. I stayed up until 11:00 tonight. Have had a cold wind from SE. Yes - we have received many things - many gifts during Christmas and thruout the year - we have had a good and happy year during this year that has just passed. Thanks be to God for all. Gud ske tak for alt.

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- 1 - THURS - May God give us a good and blessed year in Jesus Name and may He be with us in all our endeavors this coming year. Maa Gud give os et godt velsignet Nytaar i Jesu Navn og vaere med os i alt vi moder i aaret.
Cold today also but still. To Bethlehem for services at 11:30. Thelma went along. Few out today. Went over to see Carl Brothen following services. He was glad to see me and is getting along quite well under the circumstances - og var efter omstaendigheden nok saa bra. (Appendectomy). 2 - FRI - Home. Weather is better today.
3 - SAT - We were awakened early this morning about 4:00 a.m. by Andrew Watterud who came with the message that Brothen had become much worse and wished to see me. It was very dark for driving but I managed fine. Dr. Grogan had also come. Later in the morning Dr. Ewing came and he brought along another nurse. Carl seemed to improve a little during the morning so I went home for awhile - got some studying done. I went back again to Brothens in the afternoon - both Mr. and Mrs. Brothen then went to communion. He also talked about making his Will - talte om at gjore sit testamente - but wanted to wait until his brother arrived that evening. He really seemed to be feeling better when I left again. Heard also that one of the Ole Olson boys had broken his leg yesterday and that Dr. King had been out there today.
4 - SUN - A nice day. To S. St. Olaf at 11:30 - but not so many there - men ikke mange der. Stopped in at Mrs. Wrolson on the way home - had planned to bring them along home but then they got comapny - the Kristoffer Andersons. This afternoon all 5 of the children were out sliding on the hill - alle 5 of bornene gik en stund ud paa kjaelkebakken efter middag. Tomorrow we go to Columbus.
5 - MON - To Columbus this a.m. with the girls - used the sled. It was nice driving in to town but it became stormy with drifting from the south on the way home. Our school should have started today too but as I had to be gone today it was put off until tomorrow.
6 - TUES - Then today we had a real snowstorm all day but it was not so very cold even tho it was very thick in the air.

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- 7 - WED - Our school started today. The weather is much better but we have some big drifts. Store snedriver. 8 - THURS - Home for the most except driving to and from school. Went over to C. Trulins with a few sacks of feed to have ground but he was not at home. THURS evening Ida and I drove over to Leonard and Ruth, with a few things, to see the new little boy.
- 9 - FRI - Home. Also SAT. Hear that Brothen is better.
- 11 - SUN - Wind from NW and about zero degrees. Drove out to Ole Olson and then rode with him out to Thorson school for services at 11:30. Not very many there. Dinner at Olsons.
- 12 - MON - and the next few days - nice weather. Driving to school each day. Adolph has been home for a few days now trapping muskrats. He has gotten 8 so far. He went to school on THURS and FRI. 17 - SAT - Took some things in for the girls - nice weather. On FRI - 16 affirmed the baptism for Donald Harold, B. Jan. 5 - Parents, Leonard and Ruth Serdahl. He had been baptized at home by the parents as he was quite sick.
- 18 - SUN - To Larson for services at 2:00. Went home by way of O. Dillerud - got 3 sacks of oats there. Home a little late.
- 19 - MON - School again - nice weather. Same on TUES. 21 - WED - To Town to get the girls as they are thru with semester exams now.
- 22 - THURS - Cold and stormy. The Carlson young folks came over. Minnie stayed over until FRI so she could visit Hazel's school. Weather a little better on FRI.
- 24 - SAT - Over to C. Brothen. Have been there several times during the week. Yesterday he seemed to be better but today he was worse again. He seems to be losing ground now.
- 25 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:30 and S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Few in Bethlehem but many in S. St. Olaf. Dr. came again today to see Brothen. Cold today. Thelma went along to Bethlehem to play.
- 26 - MON - School again but Julien was home today - very cold. The girls are also home. Have now sold 11 dozen eggs at 50¢ a doz. and 25 lbs. of butter at 35¢ a lb. and now have more eggs to sell. This week has been quiet - rolig - and the weather has been neither cold nor mild - hverken koldt eller mildt - but quite nice. Ida and I went over to Trulins briefly one day. Brothen seems to be improving slightly but on FRI he was quite sick again and the doctor came out on FRI - Dr. Grogan. He was better again on SAT.

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- 1 - SUN - A very nice day. To Thorson at 11:30. Had a little accident - uheld - E of Peter Eibogt. The horses slipped on some ice - faldt paa isen - and broke some of the harness but I was able to get to Olsons and then rode the rest of the way with him. There were many out today. Baptism for Helga Olivia, B. Nov. 16, 1924 - to Ole and Helena Olson. Dinner at Olsons.
- 2 - MON - To Columbus with the girls. Poor sledding. Brought along 9 dozen eggs - 40¢ a doz. at Johnsons - and 9 lbs. of butter at 35¢ a lb.

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- 3 - TUES - Mild - Hauled some hay and cleaned the barn. 4 - WED - Over to Brothens - he is better.
- 5 - THURS - Very mild - the snow is melting and there is much water standing around.
- 6 - FRI - To S. St. Olaf church at 1:30 for the funeral of Henry Oliver, 9 month old baby of Mr. and Mrs. William Harbig. Poor sledding now. By schoolhouse on the way home.
- 7 - SAT - Foggy day. Washed clothes.
- 8 - SUN - Should have been to Larson today but did not go as the roads are very bad - icy - and I have not had the horses shod - jeg har ikke skoet mine heste.
- 9 - MON - and on. This week I have not done any more driving than absolutely necessary - like to and from school - and that has been difficult enough.
- 12 - THURS - Over to Trulins for a little while.
- 13 - FRI - B. Arneson and C. Trulin went in to Columbus with loads - med laes. The girls had a ride home - came home a little after dark with Arneson in wagon - i vogn. It was not very cold but they had extra coats in the wagon - from Trulins. The girls wanted to be home for my birthday tomorrow.
- 14 - SAT - Today then, I am 50 years old, already a little old - but I do not feel so old. Yes, much goodness and mercy from God has been shown to me in these 50 years - Thanks be to God for all. I dag er jeg altsaa 50 aar - allerede lidt gammel men foler ikke saa. Ja, megen godhed og miskundhed har Gud bevist mig i disse 50 aar - Gud ske tak for alt. No one was able to come over today because of the terrible roads. We had a turkey for the occasion.
- 15 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Cold. Not many out today. Heard that Mrs. Clarence Anderson had died this past week after giving birth to her 7th child - den 7de lille. This is very hard for Clarence. They have gone to the eastern part of the state for her funeral (Milton, N. Dak.). Mrs. Charlie Holter is in Kenmare at the hospital where she has had surgery for appendicitis but hear that she is getting along just fine. Stopped in to see Brithen after services. He is about the same - han er som vanlig - and now they are planning to take him to the hospital in Kenmare.
- 16 - MON - Today Albert Serdahl and I drove around to see some of the people to collect money to be used for finishing the church's interior. The L.A. has \$540.00 in its treasury for this but more is needed. It went well. Promises from the following: O. Lundstad - \$25.00; A. Haga - \$15.00; J. Runnigen - \$50.00; Charlie Holter - \$25.00; E. Hoff - \$20.00; Theo. Westerness - \$25.00; C. Danielson - \$5.00; M. Helseth - \$5.00; M. Fotland - \$15.00; Ole Serdahl - \$20.00.
- 17 - TUES - The girls had a ride in to Columbus with Arneson - in wagon.
- 18 - WED - Today Dr. Grogan came out to get C. Brothen to take him to Kenmare. I got over in time to see him before they left. Mrs. Brothen and John (brother) went along to Kenmare. Albert S. and I had thought about doing some more collecting for the church today but the

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- 18 - WED - (cont.) - roads are so bad we decided to wait for awhile.
- 19 - THURS - Had the horses shod today - at Trulins. Stormy this evening and during the night from SE. 20 - FRI - Same today - trying to snow. 21 - SAT - Home.
- 22 - SUN - To Thorson at 2:00. Drove with sled as far as Olsons - then rode along with him out to the schoolhouse. Nice day - many there. Stopped in at Olsons afterwards.
- 23 - MON - To Albert Serdahl. We went out collecting for Bethlehem church again. Thawing weather today. A. Olson gave \$20.00 yesterday. Went by Hoie - L. Adamson - Louie gave \$5.00 and Martin Hoie promised \$5.00 also. To Nels Kleppen - he gave \$10.00 - we were there for dinner. To J. Mathson - not home. To Sethney - he gave \$5.00 - Mrs. Moe \$5.00. Otto Moe was not at home. Also got \$5.30 from the YPS meeting at Moe last fall. Then to A. Herland - he promised \$5.00. Broke something on the sled there but got it fixed too. By Adamson again - J. Mathson was there and he promised \$5.00. Home late in the evening. I had left my horses at A. Serdahl today and we used his team. May was not feeling well this morning but seemed alright when we came back.
- 24 - TUES - Cold. Home except for driving to school. Worked some on the auto - the buggy - and the sled. Also hauled in some hay.
- 25 - WED - Cold wind from NW but not much snow. No school today - we have decided to recess for a few days. Hazel went home - Arnold came to get her. Over to A. Watterud for a little while and then over to A. Olson in the evening. Carl Brothen was expected home today on the train from Kenmare but it turned so cold they decided to wait until tomorrow.
- 26 - THURS - Marie is 17 years old today. Last night I drove over to A. Olson with a box for the girls. He was going in early today to meet the train as Carl Brothen was coming home. Ole Serdahl drove in to Columbus today with wagon. He will do some shopping for us. It is very still today but it is 15 degrees below zero. We hear that there is some scarlet fever in Columbus - at 2 places now.
- 27 - FRI - The girls came home today with Anton Olson. I drove over to C. Trulins with sled to meet them. Also took along 5 sacks of feed to have ground.
- 28 - SAT - Home today - studying.

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- 1 - SUN - To Larson at 2:30. I drove with sled as far as Sandbergs and then had a ride with them to Larson - in auto. They went on to Columbus with their girls. There is not very much snow left now. Marie and Thelma walked over to A. Olson in the p.m. and had a ride to Columbus with them. 2 - MON - A little snow today.
- 3 - TUES - We have school again today. Yesterday, MON, there was funeral in Columbus for the little 6-year old daughter of Clarence Anderson. She died of pneumonia and scarlet fever.
- 4 - WED - Home for the most - drive to and from school. Same for THURS.

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- 6 - FRI - Drove with auto to Columbus - first time this year. Had to have a little fixing done on it - new gasoline pipe etc. - \$2.00. Started snowing. Stopped in at Heggs for a little while. The girls came along home. 7 - SAT - Milder today.
- 8 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - Marie, Thelma and Adolph along. Used the sled. To S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Many at both places.
- 9 - MON - Snow all day. Hazel came over to school this morning but I did not take the children to school. I went over to school to get Hazel in the p.m. There is a great deal of snow now and it kept on snowing and storming all night.
- 10 - TUES - Big snow drifts - store sne banker. We are all home today - the girls are home also - no mailman today either. Carl Brothen seems to be somewhat better again now. He is using some new medication. (There comes to mind a memory of a white mixture with a very strong, sharp smell called B & M). Have collected for Bethlehem church - \$305.00.
- 11 - WED - School again here and for the rest of the week. The girls are home this week.
- 13 - FRI - Mr. and Mrs. Nels Kleppen came over to visit today. Ada received her 13th dollar - on the 13th day of the month. Ada smiled and laughed for the company and especially enjoyed it when Nels rocked - husket - her. Last SAT evening Lawrits and Eva came back from Wisconsin to Larson, and are visiting at Jacob and Andrew now.
- 15 - SUN - To Thorson at 2:00 - at Bakkens - L.A. following services. Many there. I rode along with Ole Olson from his place. Still a great deal of snow.
- 16 - MON - The girls had a ride in to Columbus with Bernt Arneson. More snow this week.
- 19 - THURS - Over to Sandbergs for L.A. We had a ride over there with Leonard Serdahl. Ida and Ada went along - as did Ruth and their baby. This was the first trip out for Ada - første tur ud for Ada. Yesterday, WED-18, Harry Trulin had a sale. It snowed but the sale went well.
- 20 - FRI - More snow. Hazel went home for the weekend. Yesterday when we were at Sandbergs Anton Olson came with a load of coal. 21 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem church at 2:00.
- 22 - SUN - To Larson for services at 3:00 - drove with sled. Quite a few in Larson. It turned mild so there was much water to drive in on the way home. The girls stayed in Columbus this weekend. 23 - MON - Mild today too - the snow is going fast.
- 24 - TUES - Read with 2 of the A. Serdahl boys - they had missed the last class. There is hardly any snow left now - difficult to drive with sled. Mr. and Mrs. A. Sorlie were here today - we traded turkey gobblers. 25 - WED - Home - also on THURS. Hard to drive to school now.
- 27 - FRI - Drove up to Carlsons with the buggy - the girls wanted to get home so Hegg took them out as far as Carlsons. We got home about dark.
- 29 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00 - quite a few there - ikke saa faa. Baptism for Arnold Sigvart, B. Jan. 22 - to Sivert and Anna Kleppen. Thelma along to Bethlehem (played). Lawrits and Eva were there so we could visit a little with them.

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- 29 - SUN - (cont.) - They are staying at Kleppens now. Also Birkeland - and Bertha, who has come back from Minneapolis. Kleppen was telling about 2 "preachers" who have been around south of there this winter. He thought they were quite good. I was not that impressed with them - jeg mindre godt. We could not agree on that.
- 30 - MON - Over to the schoolhouse first. In the p.m. to Columbus with the girls. Very muddy up to Carlsons but better roads farther north.
- 31 - TUES - To C. Trulin to have some feed ground. Very nice, mild weather now. Hardly any snow left any place. Carl was going over to Harry T. to get a load ready to haul for him to Powers Lake tomorrow as they are moving there tomorrow.

APRIL

- 1 - WED - Warm and mild. Hauled away from the house some of the banking. It has been some time now since the birds of all kinds started flying north again - laenge siden alle slags fugle kom nordover nu. Some of the farmers have also started working out in the fields.
- 2 - THURS - Foggy and a little rain. Home. Also on FRI. 4 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 5 - SUN - Palm Sunday. To Thorson at 2:00 - services at Furness - also L.A. Nice weather - many there. Drove with horses and buggy. Quite a few mudholes along the way. The girls stayed in Columbus over SAT and SUN this time. 6 - MON - Home.
- 7 - TUES - To sale at Laurits Isakson - I bought "Queen" for \$46.00. A rainy day.
- 8 - WED - Home - studying. 9 - THURS - Holy Thursday. To Larson at 11:00. Nice weather but not so many there. Had dinner with Haraseth. To Columbus - stopped in at Heggs. Brought the girls home. Had some repairs on the car - new fan and pulley, etc. - \$4.25.
- 10 - FRI - Good Friday. Services with communion in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Got stuck driving in Hovland's pasture driving west - Mike Nelson too. Hovland helped get us out. To Bethlehem 3:00 for services with communion. There were many in both places. Nice weather. The boys went along in the forenoon and Ida and all 4 girls went along to Bethlehem. This was the first time for Ada to be out in the auto and also the first time to church. She was very good - var snild. 11 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 12 - SUN - Easter. Bethlehem at 11:00 and S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Alfred Peterson family came along home with us from Bethlehem and others came later as we were having singing practice. I had to leave for services in S. St. Olaf. It started raining and there weren't very many in church. Got stuck again - on the way home - west of Carrie Tvedt's pasture. Ole Hovland helped me out again. Most of the singers had left by the time I came home. There were 2 "preachers" - fremmed predikanter - in Bethlehem church on Good Friday. They have been around in the Thorson country and around Moe's this past winter and now for awhile they have been around in the vicinity of the Ongstad school. I have not been able to figure out exactly what sect they are but quite a few have been going to hear them. I guess they are about ready to leave now.

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- 13 - MON - To Columbus - early this morning. Then to Crosby with Thelma and Valla to see the dentist - Dr. Sawyer. Had a little auto trouble on the way - and a little rain in Crosby. It went all right anyway - gik dog bra. Saw Rosholt for a little while too.
- 14 - TUES - Did a little spading in the garden. School board meeting here in the evening.
- 15 - WED - Home. Nice weather. Freezes a little during the night.
- 16 - THURS - Got a telephone call today that the pulpit and altar - prekestol og alter - had arrived in Columbus (for Bethlehem). I went over to Anton Olson but he was too busy to drive in today. Looked like snow and some came down but it did not amount to much. I drove in to Columbus with car and got A. Sommerness with his truck, and Ness's truck to bring the furniture out. The girls also came along home.
- 17 - FRI - Wet - rainy - all day and night.
- 18 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 10:00. Anton Olson and L. Gunderson were there and we set up most of the new furniture. Very wet and muddy for driving. This p.m. on the way to S. St. Olaf for class at 2:00 I got stuck in the mud on the curved grade west of our place. Had to get a team of horses from Leonard Serdahl to pull the car out. By this time it was too late to go to church so I phoned to Ole Everson to go over there to tell those who had met up. There were 10 there today. It was hard to drive home - my car is out of shape. The front wheels are crooked - frem hjulene skjaev.
- 19 - SUN - Had to use horses and buggy to drive out to Thorson today - Adolph went along. From Ole Olsons we rode with them in auto. There were quite a few there. We had to leave right after services to get home as Leonard Serdahl had promised to take me to Larson for services there at 4:00. Then - he could not get his car started so I had to give up on going to Larson. Sandberg came by our place to get the girls and they went to Columbus in the evening. Laurits and Eva were over here today. 20 - MON - Home.
- 21 - TUES - Had Olaf Anderson come over today to fix the car and now it works fine again. Had to drive to school with buggy yesterday and today.
- 22 - WED - Drove with auto today. Foggy. Have planted some garden now and spaded up for some more. Much of the wheat is now sown. Home on THURS. 24 - FRI - To town to get the girls.
- 25 - SAT - Class in Sorlie school house at 10:00 - there were 15 there. Class in Bethlehem church at 2:00. The altar and pulpit are now set up and look very beautiful. After class I went over to Kleppens - he is sick. They have now moved into their new house. Also stopped in at C. Brothen - he is feeling better now. The radiator on my car is leaking so badly now that I can only drive a short distance before stopping to fill it again.
- 26 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Also some choir practice.
- 27 - MON - Out early this morning - took the girls to Columbus - then went to Larson to get the radiator fixed - then to Columbus again - got a linoleum for the kitchen $7\frac{1}{2} \times 9$ - \$7.00.

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- 27 - MON - (cont.) - Stopped in to see Oluf Ongstad in Columbus - he had had another stroke - he is not able to speak now and just lies there with his eyes closed. It does not look very hopeful for his recovery this time.
- 28 - TUES - and on for the rest of the week - worked out in the garden - studied some. Also planted some strawberries in the garden. Ongstad was taken to the hospital in Bowbells on THURS.

MAY

- 1 - FRI - Home. 2 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Ongstad died today.
- 3 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00 - with communion. 15 communed. Drove with auto - had to drive around by Moe and Wigdahls. The car works fine now. To Larson at 4:00. Baptism for Harold Floyd, B. Fe. 17 - to John and Julia Norby. By Columbus to see the girls - they had not come home over SAT and SUN this time. This evening ^{5th} Ongstad's brother and J. Krogh came out. Oluf will be buried TUES at 2:00 in Bethlehem church. 4 - MON - Home - studying.
- 5 - TUES - Funeral in Bethlehem at 2:00 for Oluf Ongstad, 70. It was a very nice day and the church was filled - many from Thorson and Columbus too. The choir sang several numbers. (Ongstad had been a member of this choir). Pastor Hegg was also there. The altar painting has now been installed - it is beautiful. Jesus and Mary Magdalene on Easter morning.
- 6 - WED - Ida and I went in to Columbus - visited Hegg and Twetens - and got a paper signed for Thaline Isakson. Hegg had brought the girls out for the funeral yesterday and then they came along home - stayed home the rest of the week.
- 7 - THURS - Home. Spaded up in the pig pen in a.m. Studied in the p.m. It has been rather cold now for awhile - freezes at night - takes awhile for it to become green - gaar sent med at alt gronnes. 8 - FRI - Home. 9 - SAT - Classes - Bethlehem at 10:00 - S. St. Olaf at 2:00.
- 10 - SUN - To Larson at 3:00 - Ida along. No communion. Stopped by to see Ourens.
- 11 - MON - To Columbus with the girls. Worked with the garden off and on all week when home.
- 13 - WED - Class in Thorson. 14 - THURS - Adolph went with me to O. Dillerud to get 45 bu. of barley. Expensive - dyrt - 65¢ a bu. 15 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls.
- 16 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 10:00. L.A. at S. O. Berg in the p.m. We all went except the boys - they stayed at home. Trulin is seeding the barley now.
- 17 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Also choir practice. Many at both places.
- 18 - MON - To Columbus with the girls. Adolph along - went to Crosby to see the dentist.
- 19 - TUES - A warm day. Did not feel so good after the trip to the dentist.
- 20 - WED - Not much better today - some swelling on one side - hovner op paa en side. Tree-planting at Bethlehem church in the p.m. Adolph and I went over to help. Ida and the others at Trulins.

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- 21 - THURS - Home. It is very dry now. The air is hazy and smokey due to forest fires - har vaeret tykt, roget luft efter skogbrand. We now have 31 little turkeys.
- 22 - FRI - Cloudy and a little rain. To Columbus at noon - girls along home after school. Rain and a little snow this evening.
- 23 - SAT - About the same kind of weather. Went to Bethlehem for class at 10:00. There were several absent. Decided to meet with them next SAT at 2:00 instead of 10:00.
- 24 - SUN - Used horses and buggy to drive out to Thorson at 11:00 - Adolph went along to open and close all the gates. The weather cleared. In the p.m. to Larson for services with communion at 4:00. The girls went along - used the auto and it went just fine? Used the Pentecost sermon today.
- 25 - MON - Nice weather today. Conf. class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00 - 16 there today.
- 26 - TUES - Rain. Home - studying. This was supposed to have been "Market Day" in Columbus. It had first been announced for SAT - May 23- but then there was snow and rain. And so it is the same today - very wet. Everything is growing very nicely now.
- 27 - WED - Class in Thorson. In the evening to Columbus - took Valborg in - she is going to stay with the girls for a few days. 28 - THURS - Home - studied.
- 29 - FRI - Drove in to Columbus in the evening for H.S. graduation - a class of 12. Rev. Charles Stroup, Williston, was the speaker. Home late - about 11:30. Boys along too.
- 30 - SAT - There was a Memorial Day program in Columbus today. Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peterson were over here for dinner - then over to church - Ida along too. Some of the confirmands were not very well prepared today - I sent them home to study some more. Daarlig med flere af konfirmanterne idag med lekser - sender dem hjem igjen.
- 31 - SUN - Pentecost. Cloudy. S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - many there. Bethlehem at 3:00 - not quite as many. A little rain. Heard that John Mattson is having mental problems and that the sheriff was there to take him to the hospital during the week. Yesterday I was over at A.Olson and got 2 small pigs - \$6.00.

JUNE

- 1 - MON - Rain all night and all day. Could not go to S.St.Olaf for conf. class. It is very wet for all the little turkeys now - we must have about 65.
- 2 - TUES - School election. SUN evening, May 31, we had a visit from Pastor and Mrs. Tolo. Very muddy today. 3 - WED - Ida and I and Julien and Ada went to Columbus and then Noonan. Julien was vaccinated and also had a tooth pulled. We had Ada's picture taken. Visited at Tolo's too. It started raining - then there was hail - east of Larson and farther on. It was terribly muddy when we drove home in the evening - especially from Columbus and south to the mines.
- 4 - THURS - Cloudy again. Class in Bethlehem at 9:30. Stopped in at C.Brothen for a short

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- 4 - THURS - (cont.) - visit. C. Trulin took me in to Columbus this p.m. as I am going to the Centennial of the Norwegians in America to be celebrated in St. Paul. Very muddy driving in to Columbus - left on the Soo this evening from Columbus. There were others also ready to leave on the same train - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peterson, Mrs. Nygaard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peterson and Andrew Herland. A. Haraseth left today from Larson on the G.N. - also Mr. Thorkildson and Mr. and Mrs. Gust Tweten. The ticket cost \$26.63 for a round-trip ticket - begge veie. We had to wait in Flaxton until 3:00 a.m. There were many Norwegian-Canadians going to the Centennial. I was able to sell 8 tickets for O. I. Ronning - the tickets he had for the Fairgrounds. Before we arrived in Minneapolis on FRI evening there were 2000 people - so coaches on this train. I went to St. Paul - called Conrad Isakson - and then waited for him. In about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour he was there and we went up town where I got a room at the Duluth Hotel on 7th St. - nice room. Conrad left after awhile.
- 6 - SAT - St. Paul was very festive decorated with Norwegian and American flags all over. (Dad's words are better in Norwegian). *Aa du - for stas i St. Paul. Flag - Norske og Amerikanske alle steder.* Went over to the Fair grounds where many people were gathering already. I went to the Hippodrome where the Stavanger Lag was held. The banner had arrived - with Louis Gunstad. Met other Bokner right away - Berthel Torland, Andrew Torland and his wife, T. Axdaahl and Mrs., R. Holmen and Mrs., Miss Kaja L - -, and later Mrs. Simonson, Rolfe, Iowa, Ole Axdaahl, C. Holland, John Lobland, Elisabeth Ahre and daughter, L. Voxhaug, Ingvald and Martin, and 2 sons of Anfin Ovreboe (?), and 2 of K. Ovreboe. We had our business meeting in the afternoon. Election: Pres. - Formand - A. Buckneberg; Vice Pres. - L. Alvestad; Secr. - Ingvald Buckneberg; Banner bearer - Fannebaerer - L. Gunstad. Each one paid \$1.00 towards expenses. We also had a General meeting - *faelles mote* - of the Stavanger Lag.
- 7 - SUN - Sunday morning services were held in the same building (Hippodrome). Prof. Stub delivered the sermon and there were numbers by the St. Olaf Choir and music by the Luther College Band. *Grand! Storartet!* There were between 20 to 25,000 in attendance and more in the Grandstand with Luther Leaguers. In the p.m. the program was held in the Grand Stand. More speeches and music - greetings from Norway by the King's representative and songs by the Oslo Choir. In the evening there was a concert in the Hippodrome by the St. Olaf College Band - the Oslo Choir - the Augsburg Glee Club - and a large Men's choir.
- 8 - MON - Meetings in all 3 places in the forenoon. In the afternoon at 2:00 President Calvin Coolidge spoke. The large Grandstand was more than filled - heard that there were more than 150,000 people there. A terrific crowd and unpleasant weather - *faelt til traengsel og uhyggelig veir* - cold and very windy. I could not hear all of the address as I was too far away and the wind was so strong. There were 500 school children that put on a performance in which they represented first the Norwegian flag and then the American flag - really

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- 8 - MON - (cont.) - spectacular - storartet. This evening there was a Fiddler's contest.
- 9 - TUES - More speeches and song. The Church convention started today but I stayed for the final sessions on the Centennial. The Historical Pageant and Procession was held this evening - "The Pageant of the Northmen". It was really great.
- 10 - WED - To the Auditorium for the Church Convention - got there early. Martin left this morning. Later in the p.m. I went along with Ingvald to look at cars and he bought a sedan for \$175.00.
- 11 - THURS - We attended the convention today. Ingvald left tonight by train and a Mogen from Charlson was going to drive his Ford home. Much rain. I attended the convention for the next few days and then on SAT p.m. went with Conrad out to Ft. Snelling and Minnehaha Falls. Later that evening I took the train to Colfax. Arnt was there to meet me.
- 14 - SUN - This was the final day of the convention in St. Paul with ordination of the new Seminary class and special Missionary program. I went along to confirmation services in Colfax. There were 21 in this class which was in English - the Norwegian class will be confirmed next SUN. Communion later in the day today. De var ei svaert flinke - they weren't too sharp (is the only way I can translate that line. Evidently the class had not been sent home to study some more when they came ill-prepared.)
- We were invited over to Mrs. Lie (or Lee) - Gunnild Roa. In the p.m. we went over to the Bervum church - the 3 ladies and Arnt and me. Stopped in at Froggers too - then home.
- 15 - MON - To Ingeman - Colfax - talked with J. Braathen. Froggers here in the evening. Margit was also here. Rain. 16 - TUES - Home at Isaksons for the most.
- 17 - WED - Left early this morning on the train from Colfax at 5:40 a.m. Got to St. Paul at 9:00. Left again at 11:45 - about noon - not so crowded this time.
- 18 - THURS - Arrived in Columbus about 9:00 a.m. Had to spend quite a bit of time there before I got a ride home with C. Trulin. Stopped over to see Duckstad - he is very sick - close to death - he does not have many days left but he is reconciled with the thought of dying.
- 19 - FRI - Went out to Thorson to get Thelma - she has taught parochial school there for 2 weeks now. It goes just fine - there are 29 children. 20 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 21 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00. Afterwards I had to talk some about the Centennial - jeg maatte tale lidt om Fester. Home. To Alfred Petersons for YPS - Trulins and A. Olsons there - quite a few there, in fact. Talked some about the Centennial there, too.
- 22 - MON - Took Thelma out to Thorson - also read with the class. Baptism for Herman Peter, B. May 4 - to William and Mary Roloff. 23 - TUES - Class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00.
- 24 - WED - To Bethlehem again for conf. class at 10:00. In the p.m. to Columbus for the funeral of Nels Duckstad at 3:00. He had died MON a.m. about 9:00. There were many people there - many flowers. Tolo and Hegg spoke in English. He will be buried in Fertile, Minn.
- 25 - THURS - Home. 26 - FRI - To Thorson - to Rysgaard - Ida and Ada along. Class at 2:00.

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- 26 - FRI - (cont.) - Back to Rysgaards with Thelma. We were invited to stay for supper.
- 27 - SAT - Bethlehem class at 3:00. There was a Basket Social in the Hall tonight - benefits to go to the L.A. treasury, but we didn't go.
- 28 - SUN - 3 services today - Bethlehem at 11:00 - S. St. Olaf at 2:00 - and Larson at 4:00. Also YPS at Anton Olson. Ida home.
- 29 - MON - Took Thelma out to Thorson first thing but came home right after that as I had to get the Teacher's Retirement Fund report out. To Columbus in the p.m. - Ida and Adolph along. Stopped in to see Heggs. Over to see Nels Serdahl in the evening. He is failing.
- 30 - TUES - Class in Sorlie school at 2:00. Went down to see Nels Serdahl again - communion. He does not feel that he has much time left now and is humbly longing for Peace with God.

JULY

- 1 - WED - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00 - also on THURS.
- 3 - FRI - Thelma is 16 today and has now finished a month of parochial school in Thorson. Went out to get her in the p.m. - also read with the confirmands. She had had 29 pupils. There some refreshments too, provided by Mrs. Hanson, Furness, and Overlie and Thelma. Selma H. was the only one of the class that came today so I did not conduct a class. Thelma was tired after all of this. She was paid \$65.00.
- 4 - SAT - This morning we all went in to Columbus for the Luther League Convention - the weather was nice and a great many people came. The convention was held in a large tent - stort telt. N. Ylvisaker, Exec. Sec. of L.L., spoke in the a.m. and Congressman Kvale also spoke in the p.m. Homnes and Ylvisaker both spoke in the evening but we didn't stay for that.
- 5 - SUN - All back to Columbus this morning - Adolph had stayed at Heggs last night. We were there early enough so the girls could attend the joint rehearsal for the Choral Union - 9:30. The concert was at 2:00. Kvale delivered the sermon this morning (Ole J. Kvale was an ordained minister - class of 1894 - and went to Congress in 1923) - he also spoke this afternoon on "Joseph". He is an excellent speaker. All home tonight. There were more people there today than yesterday which was the 4th of July.
- 6 - MON - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. 7 - TUES - Class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. There was a rain shower - regnskur. After class I went to Buraus to compare books (school business).
- 8 - WED - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Over to Kleppens. Cool today. Laurits and Eva are still there - at Kleppens. 9 - THURS - Home - studying. 10 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem - 2:00.
- 11 - FRI - L.A. Sale this p.m. at O. Ronholdt. Ida and I and the boys went over - the girls were at home with Ada. A great many people there. The sale, alone, came to \$147.00 and there was additional income from what was sold in the refreshment stand - ice cream, lemonade, Crackerjack, etc. Mrs. Wholson and Clara had a ride home with us. It has been quite warm now for some days.

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- 12 - SUN - Warmer today than before. Confirmation services in Bethlehem at 10:30. We all went. Big crown - very warm day. Had communion along with the confirmation services so it was long. Finished by 1:30. Members of the class were: Alvin and Clarence Brothen (Carl); Milo Olson (Anton); Louis and Milo Serdahl (Albert); Martin Hoff (Even); Clarence Lundstad (Ole); Tony Westernness (Theobald); Hilma Kleppen (Nels). Alfred Petersons came home with us after services. I had not announced any other services for today. There was L.A. in Thorson today at Martin Berg. P. Hanson and girls came to church.
- 13 - MON - Just as warm today - warm wind. 14 - TUES - A little better, class in S. St. Olaf
- 15 - WED - Home. 16 - THURS - Conf. class in Thorson.
- 17 - FRI - Went to Lignite for Circuit meeting - the girls went along. I delivered the sermon this morning - Stove the communion devotional - Altengangstale - Rosholt introduced the discussion on "Talents" - very good - all participated. Sauer came on SAT and Ylvisaker came in the evening (SAT). Very strong wind all day.
- 19 - SUN - Dedication of the Lignite church today. A very strong wind today but many people came. In the p.m. Ylvisaker spoke on the opportunities and blessings that the Norwegian people have received here in America - a very good speech. We drove home in the evening. Had stayed at Svenskeruds these nights. He also did some work on my car - changed a front wheel, etc.
- 20 - MON - Went in to Columbus in the morning - Thelma, Valla and Julien along. One of the wheels came off near Toso. Oscar helped me get it back on so we could drive to town. Got it fixed better in Columbus at Moores. Hegg came out in the p.m. to get John, who has been staying out here for a few days now. While Hegg was here, a man stopped here who was soliciting funds for the Trinity Hospital in Minot. There 3 or 4 around here now and they are doing well. Hegg and I each subscribed \$50.00 - payable over 4 years - each Nov. 1.
- 21 - TUES - Nice day. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peterson came and we went along with them to Noonan to see Dr. Smith about glasses. At the same time I nailed up posters announcing the Special School election. Ida and I each got a pair of glasses - cost us \$8.00 a pair. Petersons got glasses for their little girl but it cost them \$15.00. By Columbus. Home.
- 22 - WED - Class - S. St. Olaf. 23 - THURS - Class - Thorson. 24 - FRI - Class in Sorlie school for a few that did not know their lessons last time.
- 25 - SAT - Studied some. Later to Columbus - the boys and Valborg along. We got some ice - then by A. Olson to get the ice cream freezer. Adolph is 13 years old today. We made ice cream this evening - had some left for SUN too.
- 26 - SUN - Foggy - and then a little rain. To Thorson for services at 11:00. The girls went along - we had brought our dinner and ate there before driving to S. St. Olaf for services at 2:00. We used the new organ for the first time today - very nice. The Berg girls were home from Minot - they sang a number - also Marie and Thelma with them. Sylvia played the organ.

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- 26 - SUN - (cont.) - To Buraus for YPS - big crowd. I went from there to Larson for services at 4:30 - then back to Buraus. There was some singing there. The WMF had its meeting in Ambrose today but none from here went.
- 27 - MON - A nice day. Today we drove in to Lignite - to visit Aarthuns. Rye harvesting and haying all around now. We brought along a 5 gallon cream can to Columbus - got \$5.41 for it - Terpbak. We have now sold for about \$30.00 in cream - also additional for butter and eggs. Nice cool weather - nice drive to Lignite today. Adolph and Martin are now 13 years old (Adolph on the 25th and Martin on the 26th). We got there about 1:00 - had dinner and ice cream. There were others who came also - Mrs. O. Hatlelid and Helen - Mr. and Mrs. Iverson and son, Norman. It was late before we came home.
- 28 - TUES - Class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. Ida went along to finish sewing the for the pulpit (velvet with gold fringes). C. Trulin cut the alfalfa and wild oats today.
- 29 - WED - To Columbus - Ida and Julien along. Trulin was cutting hay today. Cloudy - a little rain. 30 - THURS - Adolph and I are haying alfalfa and wild oats.
- 31 - FRI - Haying in the a.m. In the p.m. Thelma read with the class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. I went to Thorson for class at 3:00. It went just fine for Thelma with the class.

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- 1 - SAT - Haying - with Trulin.
- 2 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. Received a check from Carl Brothen today for \$20.00 for confirmation (Alvin and Clarence). In the p.m. to Zion church for Dedication - Tolo's call. Ylvisaker was there - and all the circuit pastors except Stove. Hendrickson and Vaaler were also there (former pastors. Dad had organized this congregation as Garfield congregation). Ida, the boys and Valborg along.
- 3 - MON - Haying - with Trulin. 4 - TUES - Class in S. St. Olaf at 9:00 - School election at 2:00.
- 5 - WED - To Columbus in a.m. Home in p.m. Have now finished haying - harvesting will be soon.
- 6 - THURS - Home. 7 - FRI - Class in S. St. Olaf at 9:00 - Thorson at 3:00.
- 8 - SAT - Started with a new class in Bethlehem at 10:00.
- 9 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Thelma, Valla and the boys along. To Larson at 2:00 at J. Rolie - services and L.A. Baptism for Dean Lawrence, B. July 5, to Lawrence and Amanda Olson. Home. Then over to Mrs. Tom Moe for L.A. - many people there today. After Devotions we had some singing. The women are making plans for their part in the Dedication of the church.
- 10 - MON - Home. Some fencing - from the horse pasture east to the other one.
- 11 - TUES - Class in S. St. Olaf at 9:00. Then to Columbus - some rain showers on the way. Ingvald and family came this afternoon, and Mr. Reinhart and one of Margit Jaeger's daughters (Erid).
- 12 - WED - Ingvald busy with getting subscriptions (Visergutten - a Norwegian weekly newspaper). He went east today - Bethlehem area. I did some more fencing.

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- 13 - THURS - Home. Ingvald went west today - S. St. Olaf area and Larson.
- 14 - FRI - Ingvald around Columbus today. I did not have class in S. St. Olaf today as we had to take little Ada in to Nooman to see Dr. Smith. She is getting teeth but she has been so sick - it has been difficult for the teeth to come thru. Dr. had to lance for 2 teeth. Went to Thorson for class at 3:00.
- 15 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 10:00. Ingvald and family left today.
- 16 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00 - Ida along. L.A. at N. Pladsen. Service in Bethlehem at 3:00 - choir rehearsal following. There were also some there from west for singing. Baptism for Arthur, B. July 30, to Andrew and Louise Haga.
- 17 - MON - Home - shocking barley. Keup came out today - about insurance for our buildings and Bethlehem church - tornado insurance. There was some rain.
- 18 - TUES - Class in S. St. Olaf church in a.m. To Columbus in p.m. - Ida and Thelma along. We went over to visit Heggs - they just had a baby girl last week. Everything fine.
- 19 - WED - Home - took a cow over to Ole Serdahl - did some more fencing. Wrote out some teacher's contracts. A saleslady - Mrs. Farr - came here today - wants to sell books to the schools - she went over to A. Olson in the evening. I went to see several about getting some things for the stand - refreshments - for the day of the Church Dedication which will be an all day festivity. Went to see L. Adamson, M. Pedersen and A. Serdahl - then to Olson. Had some trouble with the auto lights.
- 20 - THURS - Class in Sorlie school at 8:30. Thorson at 3:00. A warm day.
- 22 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 10:00. To Columbus in p.m. - warm day. Had to get some auto repairs - pulley - pin - light wire - hose - glass, etc. - came to \$2.20. In the evening to Kinkaid to meet Ylvisaker. We were a little late getting home - tire trouble twice. Cloudy - sky looked quite threatening.
- 23 - SUN - Foggy today. It blew hard all night and today was wet and rainy. We had hoped for a beautiful day for the Dedication of Bethlehem church but even at that - we had a full church by noon. There would, no doubt, have been more people there if the weather had been nicer. I had to make 2 trips to church - first with Thelma, Valla, Adolph and Julien - and some food for the dinner serving. Then home to get Ylvisaker, Ida, Marie and Ada. Hegg, Tolo, and Aarthur, of the Circuit pastors were there. Hegg delivered the Dedication sermon - Prostatetale - on the text from Galatians 6:14 - and Ylvisaker spoke, using as his text, Genesis 28:10 (I Mosebog). The choir sang several songs at the service. There were 3 girls from S. St. Olaf who also sang in the choir and the 3 pastors so there was good singing - god sang. The offering came to \$47.35. By noon the weather had improved to the extent that the ladies could serve the meal outside - Det letnede saa vi kunde servere ude. We used C. Trulin's tent - telt - and several tables - and lots of food. The afternoon session started at 3:00 with Devotion - Aarthur speaking on the 23rd Psalm. Ylvisaker spoke from

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- 23 - SUN - (cont.) - Ezekiel 47 - and Tolo spoke on Church Finances. The choir sang again - 3 numbers during the session. Collection - \$9.57. Meeting closed with thanks for everything - slut med tak for alt. The weather cleared up nicely too. There was baptism Thelma Olive, B. March 18 - to Martin and Magnhild Enget. Made 2 trips again after it was all over. Laurits and Eva were here afterwards.
- 24 - MON - Foggy and some rain. 25 - TUES - Class in S. St. Olaf.
- 26 - WED - Strong wind today. We all went over to Alfred Petersons.
- 27 - THURS - Home a.m. Columbus in p.m. Bought some fruit.
- 28 - FRI - Classes in Sorlie school and Thorson - drove by O. Olson both ways. Albert Serdahl brought a load of coal today. Had some rain this evening.
- 29 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 10:00. Rain in the afternoon.
- 30 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Nice weather today and quite a few there. Threshing has begun and one from this congregation had his rig going today. This should not be necessary so early in the season and I talked about that today. Marie played for church today - Adolph and Valborg along too. We had brought some dinner along so we ate there afterwards before driving to Larson for services and L.A. at H. Rolie. No threshing going on down there. Home.
- 31 - MON - A clear day but windy. Over to Kleppens to get some wool - uld - 4#. (Mom was going to make some nice, warm quilts).

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- 1 - TUES - Nice weather. Class in S. St. Olaf. In the p.m. to Columbus. No - that was on WED - when we took along a bed, chairs and kerosene stove for the girls. They are going to room with Myrtle Sandberg at Galgeruds - a house in the NW part of town.
- 3 - THURS - Warm - has been so for a few days now. Took the girls over to the Arneson school as they are going to wash and clean it.
- 4 - FRI - Conf. class in Sorlie school - 2 classes. Thorson at 3:00. Looks like rain.
- 5 - SAT - Foggy. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 6 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 - Ida, Ada and Thelma along. Some rain - foggy - wet. Home. Then to Bethlehem at 3:00.
- 7 - MON - Labor Day - no mail today. Cloudy - looked somewhat threatening - skyet - trwende. Went over to A. Watterud to get him to mow a little more hay here. While I was there, O. Ronholdt came to see me. I had been over to Ronholdt last night to see him about getting another teacher for the Budke school instead of Borghild Berg - who is too young - according to A. G. Berg. (Shy 3 months of being 18). They will have to hire another teacher. This pm. went to Columbus with the girls as school begins tomorrow. Our school, by Arnesons, begins tomorrow also - Hazel Sandberg is the teacher.
- 8 - TUES - School started today - I drove this morning - foggy and rainy sometimes. Class - S. St. O.

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- 9 - WED - Nicer weather today. 10 - THURS - To town to get the wheel for the auto fixed. Class in Thorson at 2:00. 11 - FRI - Class in Sorlie school at 1:00. Home. Then to town to get the girls. Brought along some butter and eggs to the store - Butter is now 45¢ a # and eggs are 25¢ a doz. Have brought in butter and eggs several times now since threshing started.
- 12 - SAT - Ida is 42 years today. Studied in the a.m. To Bethlehem for class at 2:00. Ten there today. Cloudy in the a.m. - a little rain last night - sunshine in the p.m. Mrs. Alfred Peterson, Marie, and some of the smaller children came over just as I was leaving for church. They brought along a cake for Ida's birthday.
- 13 - SUN - To Larson at 3:00 - also L.A. at N. Gunderson. Then to Columbus with Marie - Thelma will be home this week.
- 14 - MON - First to school - then Ida and I went down to Dilleruds to get corn for canning - home at noon. When we came we were surprised to see a car standing here and the 2 men were fixing a tire. It was Ole Ferras (?) and a Mr Borgen from Mott, N. Dak. They had come from Crosby where Borgen has 2 brothers living S in the Plummer area. They went to Crosby after dinner.
- 15 - TUES - S. St. Olaf class at 2:00. Nice weather for threshing now. 16 - WED - Home.
- 17 - THURS - Class in Thorson. John Wick's barn burned down yesterday.
- 18 - FRI - Class - S. St. Olaf - last meeting before confirmation. To Columbus later.
- 19 - SAT - Rain all day and thruout the night. Soaked up tremendously.
- 20 - SUN - Cold and unsettled - cloudy - but the rain did hold off. Not exactly a nice day confirmation in S. St. Olaf. Ida went along. Muddy for driving. The church was well filled any way and everything went very well. There were 12 confirmands - 6 in each language. In English: Harold Bureau (Fred); Magda and Martin Reuben Fredrickson (Magnus); Thelma Hatlelid (Oscar); Clifford Hovland (Ole); Lyla Witty (George). In Norwegian: Myrtle Arneson (Bernt); Charles Knutson (Ole); Elenora Kvelstad (Iver); Clifford Ronholdt (Olaf); Olaf Sandberg (Mathias); Ernest Sorlie (Albert). Sermon in both Norwegian and English. Offering - \$47.62. To Columbus in the evening with the girls.
- 21 - MON - Weather was better today. The sun came out - solen kommer frem. It froze last night. S. Nyback came over early this morning to telephone to Dr. Smith. His little baby had died and Mrs. Nyback was very sick. This afternoon Ida and I and Baby (Ada) went over to Fotlands. It was a little difficult to get in - things were in big disorder - but we were invited in and they served us ale - Ol (homemade beer) - and then Mrs. F. went out to get cow chips to heat up the stove so she could make some coffee for us. There were so many flies. I guess I forgot my raincoat there when we left. (Sometimes Dad's Norwegian sentences must be included: "Det var noget rusket at komme ind - men saa fik vi da ol - og Mrs. F. gik ud efter cow chips for at laegge i ovnen og koke kaffe - men du for fluer! Jeg glemte vist min raincoat!")
- 22 - TUES - I was out hunting for a little while - got a prairie chicken and a few ducks.
- 23 - WED - Nice and warm now. They have started threshing again. I got a team of horses from

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- 23 - WED - (cont.) - Watteruds and hauled some hay - 2 loads that were cut late. Also hauled some straw over on the road west of us (to fill in some of the deep ruts and holes).
- 24 - THURS - Home in a.m. Class in Thorson in p.m. Over to J. Wick. Concluded with classes there today - Confirmation on SUN. Nice, warm weather now.
- 25 - FRI - Nice weather these days. Hunting a little now and then - nu og da - some prairie chickens and some ducks. To Columbus to get the girls - Ida along. Visited Heggs too.
- 26 - SAT - Colder today. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 27 - SUN - Confirmation and communion service in Thorson. A little rain this morning - cloudy and cold. Thelma and Valborg along. Many people there today - a very nice service. There were 4 in the class: Joseph Hjalmar Gjerd (John); Myrtle Wick (John); Alma Pladsen (Nels); and Selma Hanson (Peter). All were confirmed in Norwegian. Offering \$27.65. Furness - \$5. To Bethlehem at 3:00 - Ida and Thelma along. To Columbus in the evening with the girls. The roads were very slippery - did not try to drive on the Carlson grade - drove by Dahl.
- 28 - MON - Cold and cloudy but by noon the sun shone thru. Letters from Martin and Lena today.
- 29 - TUES - Rain - and then some snow. Ground is thoroughly soaked now.
- 30 - WED - Cloudy - slow drying - tonker sent. About the same all week.

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- 1 - THURS - Same wet weather - no threshing in the Hills.
- 2 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls. Heard that they were threshing N of Columbus but there is no threshing around here - her oppe gaar det ikke an.
- 3 - SAT - Rain again and a little snow - all day - hele dagen. Ended towards evening.
- 4 - SUN - Nice weather but the roads are terribly muddy. To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - service with communion - Norwegian and English. 39 communicants. Ida and Ada along. Should have gone to O. Billeruds for service and L.A. at 3:00 but gave up on that - the roads are terrible. Did take the girls to Columbus later on in the day (after some drying) but roads were awful.
- 5 - MON - Beginning to dry up somewhat. 6 - TUES - Likewise today. Looks hopeful for getting the crops threshed now.
- 7 - WED - Then we have more rain and snow again - more snow than we had before. This is the 3rd time we have had snow now.
- 8 - THURS - Clear today but the mud is terrible for driving to and from school. Fy - saa sole t! Have to put the cattle in to feed them. No mail today. Butchered a calf today - O. Serdahl came over. A Watterud also came over.
- 9 - FRI - Mail came today. Went in to Columbus - Ole Serdahl went along. Terribly muddy but we had to go in to buy overshoes, rubbers, etc. Brought the girls home. The trip home was terrible - so muddy - we had to drive by Dahls.
- 10 - SAT - Nice day with a wind from west. The snow is all gone now and it is beginning to dry.

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- 10 - SAT - (cont.) - Heard that Hegg has accepted the call to Nome, N. Dak.
- 11 - SUN - Foggy - raw and cold. Thorson at 11:00 - not many there - only some from P. Hanson, Gjerdes and Furness. Marie and Thelma along. Bethlehem at 3:00 - Ida and Thelma along. It was cold in church - it had not been warmed up. Evening - to Columbus with the girls.
- 12 - MON - Home. 13 - TUES - Ida and I and Baby went over to Sorlies with the baby buggy. (The buggy had been borrowed and now Sorlies were going to need it themselves - soon). Also by Dihles and A. Anderson where we were able to borrow another buggy. Also took up subscription for the church treasury - Samfunds Gjernemaal - some promised \$10.00 - some \$5.00. Mostly raw and wet all week - no threshing done.
- 16 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls. 17 - SAT - Snow and rain.
- 18 - SUN - Snow and rain today too. Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - I went alone from here. Few there - Otto Evenson, some from Sandbergs, A. Anderson and Albert Hysjulien. To Larson at 3:00 - many there. The weather is beginning to clear up. L.A. at Mrs. Frank Lorence. To Columbus with the girls - then home. Oscar Evenson rode along from Larson and home. He then walked home from here. Evenson is moving to Larson.
- 19 - MON - and on thru WED the weather has been clear but too wet for threshing. Started turning barley shocks - dug some potatoes. Sick during the night. On MON had been east to Trulins, A. Olson and A. Serdahl. Old Nels Serdahl - Gamle Serdahl - is becoming weaker and weaker - mer og mer skrobelig. Talked with him at great length. He is having very serious thoughts as he prepares for death. Got a sack of barley from A. Olson and borrowed a sack of ground feed from Trulin. On TUES A. Serdahl hauled a load of coal - this is the 2nd load - a good 2 ton. This one cost \$3.70 - the other load \$3.81. It costs \$1.75 a ton.
- 22 - THURS - Rainy again. They had planned to start threshing today - but no. Man skulde ha begyndt at treske idag - men nei. I shipped 4 cattle with Carlson and Watterud - 1 cow and 3 steers. Adolph and I took them only as far as Carlsons - Louie Watterud went along with Carlson as they had 3 to ship. In the afternoon I went over to Olaf Anderson about some auto repairs but he could not fix everything. Have to have new brake bands and a new steel plate on the frame as it is broken. Had to drive home in low. Will have to drive to Columbus tomorrow in low too, to get it fixed. They had to walk to school today as Adolph and I had to start out early with the cattle. Adolph went to school after we came home.
- 23 - FRI - Nice day. Drove in to Columbus - in low - got the car fixed at Moore. The girls came along home. Weather is not very pleasant - Veir ei behagelig. 24 - SAT - Home.
- 25 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 - Adolph along. Bethlehem at 3:00 - Ida and Thelma along. Cold today. Mrs. Wrolson and Clara come over later - they are soon planning to move to Odin Holte. Henry Halvorson is going to move to the Wrolson place - might even buy the land.
- 26 - MON - To Columbus this morning with the girls. Cold. Sheriff's sale at Johnson store today. Bought 5 sacks of flour at Ronnings. This p.m. when I was outside doing some digging

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- 26 - MON - (cont.) - and fixing 1 hurt one of my hands a little.
- 27 - TUES - The coldest day this fall - so far. Several degrees below zero - flere grader under zero. Snow with a NW wind. Trulin's threshing rig froze up - some of the pipes. A. Olson is threshing at Ole Serdahl. 28 - ~~WED~~ - Nicer today - also THURS.
- 30 - FRI - To Columbus. This p.m. C. Trulin came to thresh - first a little flax for Toso and then some barley for L. Serdahl. He threshed barley here from 6:00 to 8:30 in the evening.
- 31 - SAT - Nice day. Trulin finished up here.

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- 1 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - nice weather. Baptism for Louis Reuben, B. Sept. 28 - to Louis and Dina Holte. To Larson at 3:00 - service with communion. Ida and Marie along. Thelma home with Ada - she is going to be home this week. To Columbus with Marie. S. O. Bergs have moved to Columbus for the winter. We stopped by to see them - had coffee with them. Also stopped by at Heggs for a short while - to say Goodby - og by Farvel - as they are moving to Nome, N. Dak. Home a little late.
- 2 - MON - Mrs. Sandberg came over to visit. I went around west in S. St. Olaf - collecting for the General Fund - Samfundet - strong wind. Same on TUES. Have seen almost all of them now and it has gone well. Cold the rest of the week. To town on FRI to get Marie.
- 8 - SUN - Nice weather. Ida and Thelma along - Marie at home. Many in Thorson. Baptism for Thelma Corinne, B. Oct. 6, to George and Stella Benson. To Columbus with the girls.
- 9 - MON - Around to various places in Bethlehem for the church fund - Samfundet. Stopped at A. Haga, C. Holter, E. Hoff, Bergs. Ida along and visited at Holters.
- 10 - TUES - To Larson - subscriptions. 3 gave \$10.00 each and John Norby gave \$20.00.
- 11 - WED - To Bethlehem again - A. Serdahl - M. Hoff - M. Danielson - Theo. Westerness - M. Helseth - Hoie - Herland - Moe - Kleppen - Brothen. 12 - ~~THURS~~ - Home.
- 13 - FRI - Foggy. To Columbus - bought apples. Yesterday Anton Watterud and Carlson came over to make settlement for the cattle we had shipped to St. Paul. I had sent Branda (cow) and 3 half-year steers. They came to \$89.00 in St. Paul but with freight and commission deducted it came to \$29.29 (costing \$20.00 a piece to ship them!). The same day, the butcher from Larson came out and I sold turkeys to him for \$45.00 at \$2.50 each. He will come to get them on MON. 14 - ~~SAT~~ - Foggy. The girls are in Columbus today - there is a school function tonight. Will go in early tomorrow to get them. (H. S. Carnival)
- 15 - SUN - Nice weather. Went in to Columbus early today to get the girls. There had been many people at the H. S. last night. There had been many different things - among them a Norwegian show put on by Thelma and 3 others that they had repeated about 15 times. It was the best of all. Thelma used Mrs. Ole Berg's national costume - dragt. To Bethlehem at 11:00 - service with communion. Baptism for Duane Elmo, B. Oct. 2, to

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- 15 - SUN - (cont.) - Carl and Alma Trulin. Many in Bethlehem. Larson at 3:00 - offering to Missions - WMF Mission boxes brought in also. To Columbus.
- 16 - MON - Nice weather and on thru the week. Went out to Thonson one day getting subscriptions to the General Fund - went very well. C. Furness gave \$35.00 this year.
- 22 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - many there. Mission offering - WMF Mission boxes.
- 23 - MON - Cold. 24 - TUES - Foggy and windy. There was some snow near Flaxton and east of there.
- 25 - WED - A nice, clear day. The girls came out from Columbus with Anton Olson. I drove east in the evening and met them N of Trulins. It was cold and windy from the NW this evening and froze hard during the night.
- S. St. Olaf annual congregation meeting at 1:30 in the church. Meeting opened with Devotion based on Math. 24:1 - after which I gave my annual report. As sec. A. Sorlie was absent I read the secretary's report and J. Holte was chosen secr. pro tem. Treasurer's report heard. New members: H. C. Nortvedt family and M. Holte. Election: Secr. - J. Holte; Treas. - A. Anderson; Trustees - M. Sandberg (3) to replace T. Hysjulien, A. Sorlie (2), and L. Holte (1); School committee - M. Sandberg (3), I. Kvelstad (2), O. Ronholdt (1); Janitor - nothing decided today but by next service will come to some decision - vil bestemme hvordan det skal gjøres. There was enough money now for janitor, tiling, ditching, coal, etc., and even a little more - og enda lidt mere. They decided to build a barn - 14' by 16' - big enough for 2 teams. O. Ronholdt and Ole Evenson were asked to buy the necessary material and bring it out from town, and set it up one day when the weather is nice. A committee was chosen to check on the condition of the church basement and see what can be done about it - Ronholdt, Sandberg and Nortvedt. Another committee was chosen to be responsible for doing some breaking around the church next spring for planting trees - komite for at forestaa at brekke lidt til at plante traer til vaaren - J. Holte, A. Anderson, T. Hysjulien. There was some discussion about having English services occasionally but nothing concluded at this meeting - most of them seemed to be against it - fleste imod det. Parochial school will be held in church. Most members were present. Received of salary what was due - \$164.50.
- 26 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. Bethlehem at 11:00. Cold. The church was only about half filled. Ida, Thelma and Julien along. Baptism for Leonard, B. Oct. 8, to Ole and Karen Lundstad. Mission offering - WMF Mission boxes. Alfred Petersons were in church and invited us over for dinner - but it was so cold. M. Ronnings and P. Bergs came to church also - even tho late. We then went home to a fine Thanksgiving turkey dinner - Marie had made a very good dinner - pumpkin pie and everything. 27 - FRI - Home.
- 28 - SAT - A little cold. Annual meeting of the Bethlehem congregation at 1:30. Meeting opened with Devotion after which I gave my annual report. Oversight over arbeidet. Secr. and Treas. reports heard and accepted - however, the treas. report was accepted for '24 but was in-

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- 28 - SAT - (cont). - complete for '25. Received in salary \$165.50 - had received earlier this summer \$28.35. Still some to come - about \$58.00. Election: Secr. - A.M.Olson; Treas. - M.Pedersen; Trustee - C.Holter (3); Janitor - A.M.Olson; School committee - N.Kleppen (3). It was decided that we would have Christmas Tree and a committee was chosen to collect funds for it - valgt at same ind - Martin Hoie, Louie Serdahl, John Westerness and Clarence Holter. Purchasing committee - A.Olson and A.Serdahl.
- 29 - SUN - To Larson at 2:00. Marie and Thelma along - went to Columbus. Stopped in to see Mrs. Bjorkman in Larson. She is quite sick.
- 30 - MON - Nice weather today. Out to Thorson for services and annual congregation meeting at Rysgaards. L.A. and Mission boxes. Quite a few there today. Baptism for Thelma Gunhild, B. Oct. 28, to Carl and Thora Overlie. Meeting followed immediately after services - I read a short report over the year's work - kort beretning. The congregation had contributed to the church's General Fund - Samfundet - \$147.75. After sending in what they had been asked for - they still had \$37.00 remaining and an additional \$5.00 from J.Wick. The L.A.'s Mission offering will go on next year's budget. Secr. report heard. New members: Nels Wold and wife - hustru, Sivert and Andrew Wold, P.Rysgaard and family. Treas. report read and approved. There was \$31.00 lacking for my salary, which the L.A. then paid. Election: Secr. - C.Furness; Treas. - A.Bakken; Trustee - P.Rysgaard (3); School committee - Martin Sathre; and Janitor - J.Wick. A report from the building committee was heard with the decision made that the congregation was not in position to go about building right now except for the possibility of building the basement. However, more time was needed to plan this. The ladies served dinner following the meeting. \$19.00 came in from the Mission boxes today and there are still about 5 or so boxes to come in. Quite a few present today.

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- 1 - TUES - To Larson in the p.m. Had some work done on the car radiator at Wilkie. Stopped in to see Mrs. Bjorkman again - she seemed weaker today than SUN. Then to Columbus - paid some bills - Sommerness store, \$75.00 - Farmer's State Bank, a note for \$49.30 for a horse - Ronning store, \$131.97 - etc. Deposited \$403.00 in the bank. Dark before I came home.
- 2 - WED - In the p.m. Ida and I and Baby went over to Trulins - then to Eva. I went on to Kleppens, Fotland, A.Serdahl, A.Olson. Old Nels Serdahl is quite sick. In the evening over to Ole Serdahl. A little snow tonight.
- 3 - THURS - Ole took a load of feed over to A.Olson to have ground for me. Nice, mild day.
- 4 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls. Paid up a few more bills - small ones. Do not owe anything now in either Columbus or Larson - skylder vist intet nu i Columbus eller Larson.
- 5 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 6 - SUN - 2nd SUN in Advent. S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Nice weather and many there today.

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- 6 - SUN - (cont.) - They decided that there would be Christmas Tree. Have now gotten in the quota for the General Fund - and a little extra. I was sick today. When I came home from church I had a temperature of 103 so I went right to bed.
- 7 - MON - Felt somewhat better today - temperature down to about 100. Got up and around noon took the girls to Columbus. Foggy.
- 8 - TUES - Better. Nice weather the rest of the week. Went over to Anders i Dalen to get what he had promised to the General Fund - \$10.00. To Ole Olsons and Trulins.
- 11 - FRI - To Larson. Went to see Mrs. Bjorkman who is very sick. Then to Columbus to get the girls. Colder - even some snow on the ground.
- 12 - SAT - Cold - snowing a little. The cows got away last night - found them east of here. The girls went along with me to S.St.Olaf church at 2:00 - we were going to practice for the Christmas program. Not very many children came today - it was so cold - but there were quite a few adults so we did some singing.
- 13 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00. All the children along. Had some choir practice afterwards. Home at 2:00. At 3:00 I took the girls over to A.Olson - they will ride in to Columbus with them. There was baptism in Bethlehem for Melba, B. Oct. 15, to Calmer and Hazel Strand. A.Watterud came over this afternoon and stayed until evening.
- 14 - MON - Home for the most this week. Driving to school with the children. On WED thru FRI there are exams for the 8th graders. Adolph and 2 Arneson girls are writing exams. It went just fine for Adolph.
- 16 - WED - Should have been to Larson but could not get the car started. Had to get Olaf Anderson over to fix it. We had to go to town for repairs - Olaf drove.
- 18 - FRI - Went to Columbus to get the girls. Also bought some things for Christmas - tree etc. Some snow on the ground. The radiator is leaking terribly - had to stop S of Carlsons - the car got so hot.
- 19 - SAT - To S.St.Olaf church - practice for Christmas program - children and adults.
- 20 - SUN - Out to Thorson for services at 11:30. Then had dinner at O.Olsons before going over to Bethlehem church for Christmas program practice. A.Olson had been over here to get girls.
- 21 - MON - Home - studying for the most - also on TUES.
- 23 - WED - Should have been over to Bethlehem church for practice but could not get the car to start. Adolph and I walked over to Trulins - to get the harnesses that are S of there - and the harnesses - saelerne - that are being repaired at Anderson. Later in the day I had Louis Watterud help me check out the car - clogged up gas line in the Ford.
- 24 - THURS - Christmas Eve. Home. We had our Christmas Tree at home tonight.
- 25 - FRI - Glaedelig Jul! Merry Christmas! S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - we had a ride with Ole Sendaal - it was a little cold. Marie home (making dinner). Full church. We had Christmas Tree and program following services - by the children and adults - born og voksne. Home by 3:00.

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- 25 - FRI - (cont.) - Ole Serdahl came in for dinner. He is alone now for awhile as Mrs. Serdahl and the children are in Minnesota. Adolph went along home with Ole - stayed over night.
- 26 - SAT - Colder. Ole Serdahl came again with his big sled and we had a ride with him over to Bethlehem at 11:00. Full church here also - and Christmas Tree and program. The choir sang quite well - ganske bra. The girls and I sang - and Valborg - and 2 little Brother boys. The children sang very well. Then home. Ole came in for dinner. Then he received a telegram that his brother, Henry, in S.Dak. had died. He went over to tell Albert, who left tonight. Nels Serdahl is very sick.
- 27 - SUN - Used the auto to drive to Larson for services at 2:00. Cold today. They also had Christmas Tree and program afterwards. Then stopped by to see Mrs. Bjorkman - very sick. Had trouble with the auto on the way home. Buxaus helped me - hose busted - no water.
- 28 - MON - Drove with horses and sled out to Ole Olson - then rode with them out to Furness for services and L.A. Many there. Home by evening. We have received many Christmas gifts - Julepakker - from relatives and friends - fra slegt og venner - and \$10.00 from the YPS of S.St.Olaf - \$5.00 from each of Clarence Anderson, Alfred Peterson and Martin Ronning - and in the offering in Thorson - a \$10.00 bill from Furness. Ida has been home with Ada during Christmas. Ada has been getting some teeth and has been sick from that.
- 29 - TUES - Ida and I went over to see Laurits and Eva - Laurits is sick - jaundice - gulsoet. He came home from work at the mines - sick. Dr. Grogan was out there Christmas Day. He seemed to be feeling quite a bit better today, however. We brought along some things - milk, eggs, meat, etc. Home. Then over to see Nels Serdahl - he is in bed now - very restless - urolig.
- 30 - WED - Home today. Quite a bit of writing to do. Chopped up some ice to haul home - hugger op lidt is og kjoner hjem.
- 31 - THURS - Studying. Nice weather - beautiful moonlight during the evening and night - pent maanelys om aften og natten. Stayed up only until 10:30. This old year 1925 has been for us a good and blessed year.

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- 1 - FRI - May God grant us all a Blessed and Good New Year. This year started out very nice - clear weather with sunshine and not too cold. New Year's service in Bethlehem at 11:00. We had planned on driving over with our horses and sled - Ida, Thelma and I - as we were going over to Laurits and Eva afterwards for dinner - Laurits' birthday Jan. 1. But then Ole Serdahl came with his big rig and we rode with him. Ole went along over to Laurits' for dinner too. Laurits is better today - was up when we came. Mrs. Nels Kleppen came along also - from church. We had lutefisk and chicken dinner and Ida and I brought along some things too - among other things, some flatbread she had made etc. Ole Serdahl went over to Albert's again tonight - Nels is very sick - and Albert is in S. Dak. for the funeral of their brother, Henry.
- 2 - SAT - A nice day. I used one of Ole Serdahl's teams to haul 2 loads of hay and 2 of straw.
- 3 - SUN - New Year's Day service in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Had thought about driving with the auto but it leaks too badly - had to drive with horses - maate tage hester. Thelma along. Baptism for Hazel Marian, B. Nov. 23, 1925, to Iver & Tolvine Kvelstad. New Year's Day evening, Ida and I and the little boys went down to Halvorsons - Andersons came too. We expected them over here tonight - Ole S. came but not the Andersons.
- 4 - MON - School started here today. I was going to take the girls in to Columbus today but the car is not in working order - min car er ikke i god stand. Anton Olson came over at noon to get the girls so they could ride in to Columbus with him. Arneson and Edna came over too - with auto - and then went over to Ronholdts. This evening we had the Anton Olsons over for supper - roast goose.
- 5 - TUES - Nice day - same on WED. A little snow on THURS but not cold.
- 8 - FRI - Another nice day - not cold. L.A. at E. Dikle. Ida and I and Baby drove over in sled. There were quite a few that came - but most of them drove with autos. Baptism for Julien Ellsworth, B. Dec. 15, 1925 - the 7th son of Albert and Thilda Sorlie. Ida and I and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ronholdt were sponsors. 9 - SAT - Another beautiful day.
- 10 - SUN - Nice in the morning. Services in Larson at 2:00. I drove over to Sandbergs with horses and then Edgar took me to Larson in auto. Ida and Baby along to Sandbergs. The boys - smaagutterne - stayed at home - they were going over to Halvorsons for a little while. There was some snow. Edgar went to Columbus while I was in Larson. Hazel came home with us.
- 11 - MON - Adolph and Julien stayed home today - started trapping. They got 8 muskrats today. Went over to Trulins - heard that his mother, Mary Trulin, had died yesterday. Over to A. Olson - then home. Back to Olson and rode along to town with him. Stopped in to see Nels Serdahl again before going home in the evening. Had paid the threshing bill to Trulin today too - \$25.50.
- 12 - TUES - School meeting here - Ronholdt's brother also came along.
- 13 - WED - Funeral service for Mrs. Mary Trulin, 71, at G. Benson. I rode over there with Carl

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- 13 - WED - (cont.) - Trulin in car. She will be taken to Minnesota (Vasseau) this evening for burial.
- 14 - THURS - Over to see Nels Serdahl - communion - Alterens Sakrament. Seemed to be very alert and aware of things today but is often quite sick.
- 15 - FRI - Over to A. Olson - asked him to bring the girls home from Columbus today. Laurits and Eva drove over this p.m. in car. I have not used mine for some time now. In the evening over to Olsons to get the girls. Laurits and Eva were here until quite late in the evening - sent paa kveld. It snowed a little this evening but it was nice and mild - has been very nice and mild all week. Same on SAT.
- 17 - SUN - Drove with horses and sled out to Ole Olson - then rode with them in auto out to P. Hanson for services at 1:00 - and L.A. following. Quite a few there. Very nice weather all week - made many trips over to Serdahls to see Nels - jeg er ret some det er til Nels Serdahl og ser ham. He has been bedridden since Dec. 29 and is looking forward to death - nu stunder han efter at dø. He feels he is ready - beredt. Received Holy Communion once more. He is not really suffering any great pain but is so weak and has developed bedsores - liggesår.
- The girls have been taking Semester exams this week - halvaarlige examen. Thursday evening Thelma, Myrtle and Ethel came home to Sandbergs with Arnold. Marie and Vera came out with Sandberg on FRI. They all stayed at Sandbergs until SAT noon. They had a good visit.
- 24 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - I drove alone from here today - somewhat colder. Nona played. Bethlehem at 2:30 - Ida and Marie along - Marie played. Quite a few were driving with cars today - Alfred Petersons also came in car from east. We stopped in at Albert Serdahl to see Nels - Ole also stopped in there. Nels is about the same. Marie and Thelma had a ride to Columbus this evening with Martin Hoie - in car.
- 25 - MON - Louis Serdahl came over today to get some milk and butter. This p.m. we had some company from west - Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ronholdt, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sorlie and Mrs. E. Dihle.
- 26 - TUES - Colder. After I came home from my trip to school this morning I got ready to go to town. Drove over to A. Serdahl with sled and then rode to town with Louis in car. Brought along 12# of butter @ 35¢ a lb. and 16½ dozen eggs - only 25¢ a doz. Home before dark. Talked with Nels for awhile today - he was quite sick for awhile when I was there.
- 27 - WEDS - Cold today - wind from NW. Cold the rest of the week - also some snow.
- 29 - FRI - This evening the girls came walking home from town - came about 8:00. We were not expecting them - vi ventede dem ikke.
- 31 - SUN - Drove with sled over to Sandbergs - Marie along. Rode along with Sandbergs in auto to Larson. Edgar took the girls to Columbus while I had services in Larson at 2:00. Went over to see Mrs. Bjorkman for a little while - she seems to be a little better. Back to Sandbergs with Edgar. Hazel S. came along home from there.

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- 1 - MON - This week the weather has been very nice for the most part. Drive to school morning and evening. Adolph stayed home from school on FRI - the weather was so nice he wanted to do some more trapping. He has trapped about 64 so far. Marie came home with Anton Olson FRI evening. Albert Serdahl came over on WED - his wife was to leave THURS a.m. for Minnesota as her father is near death. Nels is also failing very rapidly now. Mild on FRI - hard on the snow. Nice on SAT too but maybe not as mild as yesterday.
- 7 - SUN - Very nice day. To Thorson for services and L.A. at J. Wick at 2:00. I drove by Ole Olson but as they were not ready I drove on. There were many there. Ole Serdahl came by this p.m. on his way over to Albert to see his father. The girls had a ride with him over to A. Olson and then with Olson to town.
- 8 - MON - Another nice day. Adolph stayed home to do some more trapping. In the p.m., Ida and I and Baby drove over to see Laurits and Eva but they were not at home. We then drove over to Albert Serdahls. Nels had become a great deal worse about noon today - does not speak any more and cannot take food or drink. When we were ready to leave, Albert asked if I would come back again this evening and be with them thruout the night, and I said I would. I went over to tell Ole after we came home then. He went along in the evening. Anton Olson was there - also Nels Birkeland - his wife (Bertha Hoie) is working there for awhile. Norah (Pooler) came - Leonard and Ruth were also there for awhile. We could see that his hours were numbered - he could not speak and his breathing was very difficult. He lived thru the night but shortly before 6:00 a.m. he died.
- 9 - TUES - Albert and Ole went in to town today to send telegrams to their sisters and brothers - soskende - and Albert sent a letter to his wife. They had to get a casket - kiste - in Columbus. Funeral will be on SAT. I had a ride home with Milo O., who was going over to Ole's place to do chores. Nice day - temperature about 30 degrees above zero.
- 10 - WED - Another nice day - temperature about 40 degrees. Great thawing weather.
- 11 - THURS - Just as nice today. This p.m. Tolo and Mrs. and Baby came out from Noonan - in regard to Concordia College (fund drive).
- 12 - FRI - Foggy - some snow in the p.m. The girls came home with A. Olson this evening. Today I installed a new radiator on my car - one I had gotten from J. Runnigen and that A. Olson had fixed up. Had some help from a man who is staying at Serdahls, to get it on the car. Then FRI evening I drove over to Olsons to get the girls. There was some snow but with chains on it went fine.
- 13 - SAT - Colder. Funeral today for Nels Serdahl - Bethlehem. 1:00 at the home. Ida and Baby stayed home. The children went along - the choir sang a song in church and our girls sang one song. Quite a few in church. It was cold - but we drove with car.
- 14 - SUN - Today I am 51 years old - seems rather remarkable that I am already so old - det synes merkelig jeg er saapas gammel alt. I celebrated the day by conducting 2 services - jeg

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- 14 - SUN - (cont.) - feirer dagen med 2 Gudstjenester - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 2:30. It was cold as I drove west with horses and sled - few there. Rode with Ole Serdahl to Bethlehem. Baptism for Wallen Nobel, B. Mar. 28, 1924 - to Martin and Pauline Helseth. Marie and Thelma were along and they had a ride in to town with A.Olson. Alfred Petersons came to church - in car - and came home with us after church for awhile - also Mrs. Olson, sister of the Serdahls.
- 15 - MON - Hauled hay and straw - cold. Cold, also on TUES - wind from NW. Ida canning meat.
- 17 - WED - Indoor work today. 18 - THURS - To Columbus today - with auto. Ole Serdahl along. We drove by Carlsons - quite a bit of snow south of Carlsons - had to make some detours - kjorer noksaa kroget - but it went fine. No snow farther north. I had dinner with the girls - middag med pigerne. Brought along the front runners - bob sled - to get new shoeing on them - skoning paa dem. Marie, Thelma and Myrtle Sandberg came along home. We drove home by way of A.Olson. The auto radiator is leaking - the one I had just replaced.
- 19 - FRI - L.A. in S.St.Olaf at J.Holte. Had planned to drive with car so all of us could go but the radiator is leaking so badly now I cannot use it - kan ei bruge den. Used the sled. Ida, Thelma and Myrtle went along and Marie stayed at home with Baby. Adolph was home too. (Trapping?) There were many at Holtes. 20 - SAT - Home.
- 21 - SUN - To Larson at 2:00. The girls and I went to Sandbergs in sled and then drove with them - in car - to Larson and Columbus. Mild and foggy today.
- 22 - MON - Nice weather again today. No mail today - Washington's birthday.
- 23 - TUES - Home. Got a call today from Mrs. M.Dahl that her elderly mother is quite sick and wondered if I could come over as she wanted to go to Communion - hun vilde faa gaa til alters.
- 24 - WED - Went over to Dahls today in the p.m. Just barely able to drive with sled as a little snow and rain came down. Yes, Old Mrs. Loken is really failing now (in her 90's) - spends most of her time in bed. She is so weak.
- 25 - THURS - Over to A.Olson to get the radiator fixed - he did some soldering on it - fik den loddet. Got a call from Sommerness to come to Columbus tomorrow for a funeral. The 3-day old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kvernum had died. (Columbus was without a pastor as Hegg had left. Pastors Tolo, Noonan, and Aarthur, Lignite, conducted some services).
- 26 - FRI - Mild but cloudy. Drove in to Columbus in car. Came to Kvernums at 1:30 - had the service at the house. Spoke English - Jer. 29:11. There were quite a few at the house but only a few went along to the cemetery. The girls came along home. Wet and muddy roads. Drove by A.Olson and Trulins - there is a little too much snow between Watteruds and Carlsons. This was Marie's birthday. The little Kvernum baby girl had not been baptized.
- 27 - SAT - Mild weather. We were invited to Alfred Petersons for dinner today. Ida and I, Marie and Valborg went. We drove with car - east to A.Olson - then by G. Benson and Otto Tweter and east to Macroom. There is no snow left now N on the flats. When we left for

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- 27 - SAT - (cont.) - home - or rather, when we were ready to leave for home, I found that there was a big hole in the radiator so we could not drive home with the car. Alfred Peterson had to bring us home. It got to be late for him before he came home again.
- 28 - SUN - Much colder - wind from NW - with some new snow and even some rain, or sleet. Went to Thorson for services and L.A. at George Benson. I drove with sled to Ole Olson and then the rest of the way with Olsons in the truck. Roads extremely slippery. Many people there. Baptism for Ellen Ruth, B. Feb. 4, to Martin and Kirsti Berg. Home by evening. Alfred Peterson had gotten my car fixed and brought it over. The girls had a ride with him to A. Olson and from there to Columbus with Olsons. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sathre want to come over tomorrow with their radio and set it up for us as they have gotten a new one.

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- 1 - MON - Cold today. Yes - Sathres came over for dinner today and we got the radio set up. We got Regina tuned in at 2:00 p.m. This evening it took quite awhile before we got any station but finally we were able to tune in Regina and Winnipeg and they came in quite good. (This radio was a home-made set. Whether or not Mr. Sathre made it, or someone else, I don't know. I seem to remember that there were 3 dials in addition to a row of about 6 pegs on the front. They had to be tuned, or adjusted properly, to get the miracle of sound to come from hundreds of miles away, finally to be heard thru the horn sitting on top of the radio as a separate unit. The radio was powered by a storage battery that had a way of "running down" when used too persistently. Sometimes reception was excellent - and then again, all that could be coaxed out of the speaker would be squeaks and howls. Receiving this radio from the Sathres was, indeed, an exciting event for us. Our neighbors also shared in the fun and enjoyment as they spent many evenings "listening" with us, as we all sat around looking at the radio.)
- 2 - TUES - Cold. Drove to school with car - just a little ice along the way now. A radio program from Regina came in real good today and this evening it was very good - Scottish program.
- 3 - WED - Could not get the car started today so the children walked to school. Asked Olaf Anderson come over in the p.m. to work on it. The radio came in good this afternoon but not so good this evening.
- 4 - THURS - Some good programs on radio - also on FRI. Went to town on FRI to get the girls. Drove west and ran out of gas about 1 mile from home. I had a little at home so I was able to drive as far as Frank Bureau where I got enough to get to Larson. Drove home by Carlson.
- 6 - SAT - Cold.
- 7 - SUN - 5 below zero today. Hard to get the Ford started. S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Went alone to S. St. Olaf. The girls went along in p.m. Baptism for Norman Hoff, B. Dec. 11, 1925 - Parents, Even and Clara Hoff. To Columbus tomorrow - also to Noonan then.

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- 8 - MON - To Noonan for a meeting concerning Concordia College. Had a ride with Anton Olson. Quite a few in attendance - both men and women - from almost all congregations in the Circuit. From my call: O. Dillerud and A. Haraseth from Larson; Mr. and Mrs. O. Ronholdt, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hysjulien, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sandberg, Mrs. E. Dihle, A. Sorlie and B. Arneson from S. St. Olaf; Mr. and Mrs. A. Bakken from Scandia; A. Olson, N. Kleppen, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peterson from Bethlehem. Prof. Brown and Rev. Amundson, Fertile, Minn. were there to present the plan for the \$500,000.00 Endowment Fund for Concordia College. Brown was the first speaker - first about the recent death of Ivar Ylvisaker, Pres. of N.D. District of Norw. Luth. Church (Mar. 6, in Minot for Conc. College Fund Drive, following a stroke). Then both Brown and Amundson spoke - also Tolo - about Concordia College and the drive for funds. Committees were chosen from each congregation to take subscriptions for the cause - 2 - 4 - or 6 - as needed, for the week of May 16 - 22. These men are to meet in Noonan on April 27, at 2:00. Chosen from my congregations for the subscription committees were: O. Dillerud and A. Haraseth from Larson; A. Bakken and P. Rysgaard from Scandia; M. Sandberg, E. Dihle, A. Sorlie, and A. Hysjulien for S. St. Olaf; A. Olson, N. Kleppen, Alfred Peterson, and Charlie Holter for Bethlehem. The Noonan L.A. served a very nice supper for all of us. Kleppen and I had a ride with A. Olson.
- 9 - TUES - Home for the most the next few days. Ida and Baby have colds. There was L.A. at Theo. Westerness on THURS but there were not many there.
- 12 - FRI - Auction today at Carl Trulin and Harry Stock - I went over for a little while - there were many there - believe the sale went well. Alfred Peterson came over here later for an old organ bench - orgel stol - and some medicine. Anton Olson drove in Columbus to get the girls and then I drove over to Olsons later to get them.
- 14 - SUN - Services in Larson at 2:00. The girls were along and we went to Columbus after services. When I came as far as Hjermstads on the way home - had some trouble with the car - the magneto. Hjermstad pulled the car in to Columbus to the Hingst Garage. I had a ride home later with A. Olson. Drove by L. Isakson but they were not at home.
- 15 - MON - Had a ride to town with A. Serdahl. The car will not be ready until at least WED.
- 16 - TUES - Strong wind from SE. Any remaining snow is melting fast now, yesterday and today. There is no snow left on the flats now.
- 17 - WED - Lawrits I. came by to take me along to town. Drove by Larson first. The girls were sick - flu - so we brought them along home. My car was not ready today.
- 18 - THURS - To town today with A. Serdahl. The car was ready - repairs cost \$18.45.
- 19 - FRI - Home. Also SAT. The girls are much better. Roads are drying up fine now.
- 21 - SUN - To Thorson - services and L.A. at Mrs. Walseth at 1:00. Ida, Marie and Adolph along. Drove S on the county road. There was a bad place near Grubb's but he pulled us and another car thru. Other than that the road was good - ellers bra raad. There were many out today

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- 21 - SUN - (cont.) - at Mrs. Walseth. Drove home the same way except that I drove by Blom's and around by Grubb's house.
- 22 - MON - A very nice day. Helped A. Serdahl for awhile in getting a stove installed in the house. He has recently moved down to the old Serdahl place (S of us) - Leonard has moved to the Harry Stock place - Carl Trulin has moved to Powers Lake and Ben Simonson has moved to the Trulin place. Oscar Nash, who has been at Leonard Serdahl, drove his auto out on the lake near Harry Stock's place, where it broke thru the ice and sank. They had quite a bit of trouble with getting it out again. Hans Nontvedt's mother died SUN - Mar. 21.
- 23 - TUES - Funeral at Nontvedt's for Mrs. Helen Nontvedt, 85. Not very many there. There was a dirt storm and then when we were ready at church it started raining. Later, after I came home we had some hail and in the evening there was snow. It froze tonight. Special election today. 24 - WED - Muddy during the day - freezes at night - same on THURS.
- 26 - FRI - Roads are frozen hard now - haarde frosne veie. The girls did not come home today but came on SAT with A. Olson. Milo S. drove over after dinner to get them, using sled.
- 28 - SUN - Palm Sunday. Snow occasionally - drove with horses and sled to S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Not so many there. Broke something on the sled - kjoner slaede sunder. Bethlehem at 3:00 service with communion. Ida and the girls along. The girls had a ride to Columbus with A. Olson this evening. Hard driving today - used the car to Bethlehem. There were quite a few in church today - but A. Olson was not there. C. Furness and C. Overlie were over there - also Alfred Peterson, on some kind of business.
- 29 - MON - Drove in to Columbus in car. The roads were still frozen so it went quite well for driving in. Had to buy gasoline, kerosene and groceries. Also borrowed \$50.00 at the Farmer's State Bank - for the Pension Fund. Thelma came along home again. Student Mathre - the future - fremtidige - pastor was in Columbus and had preached there Palm Sunday evening. John Westernness came over to get some feed that they are going to grind for me.
- 30 - TUES - Milder weather today. John Westernness brought the ground feed today. We were expecting Mr. and Mrs. Nels Birkeland over today but they did not come. They came on WED-31. He is planning on buying a cow and came to look at it. Home - studying on WED.

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- 1 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Service with communion in Larson at 1:30. Then to Columbus to get Marie.
- 2 - FRI - Good Friday. Services in Thonson at 11:00. Adolph went along. It started snowing but we made it home without chains even tho it was a little slippery. There was a Surprise for Mrs. Walseth following services as she is leaving for Washington. I could not stay for it - had to go right home as we were having the choirs from both east and west meet at our place at 2:00 to rehearse for the L.L. Choral Union. However, due to the bad roads

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- 2 - FRI - (cont.) - there were only a few from west that came. Anton Olson and Palmer (Calmar) Strand came over to tell me that the little Strand baby had died and they would like to have the funeral in Bethlehem church tomorrow morning at 11:00. Strand works in the coal mines. The snow had stopped now and it turned colder.
- 3 - SAT - A nice clear day but somewhat cold. Could not get my Ford started to get over to church for the funeral. Ole Serdahl helped for awhile by pulling the car around with a team of horses but it was of no use - nyttet ei. The car would not start. Finally I had to ask him to give me a ride east to church - in his hayrack. Met A. Olson. Quite a few in church. I spoke in both Norwegian and English. Little Melba Strand was just 6 months old. A Mr. Hovland gave me a ride home. After we had had dinner I went to my study - Kontor - to study my Easter sermon. Before long I heard the children calling out excitedly to come and look thru the east window to "See - all the cars that are coming!" Yes, there was a whole procession - en hel række fra øst - also from west. There were those who had been at the funeral in Bethlehem and others from Bethlehem - from Thonson - almost everyone from S. St. Olaf and also from Larson. Martin Sommerness and Student Mathre from Columbus came driving in a new Chevrolet coach. Here was a great gathering for the purpose of presenting me with a new car. Ja - her blev en stor forsamling - jeg skulde få en ny car. Student Mathre spoke a little and made the presentation of the car on behalf of the congregations - talte lidt og overleverede den - and I responded with thanks. It was a great surprise - det var ganske overraskende. I was aware that there had been some talk among some of them about this but was completely surprised when it happened so soon. Yes, my old Ford is a wreck and it could not run much longer - Ja, min gamle Ford er nu skrobelig og kunde ikke gaa svært længe. I knew I would have to get a new car but I had been thinking about another Ford. Now I have been given one that is even better built - but it will take some time before I get used to this one - men det tager en tid for jeg blir vant med den. Sommerness, Mathre, Olaf Anderson and I went out for a little ride to try it out. I drove it a little and Adolph did too. Then we all had coffee and lunch that they had brought along. There was a great deal of food and they stayed on until towards evening. It was a great day. I had not had much time to spend on my Easter sermon today so I sat in my study upstairs working on it until about midnight. Meanwhile, downstairs they kept on with the radio, and talking about the new car and the surprise party. It had been a nice day.
- 4 - SUN - Easter Sunday. Up early so I could study a little more. Weather about the same as yesterday - clear but cool. Easter services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Ida went along - but I drove the old Ford today. The roads were very rough - many in church. Bethlehem at 3:00 - Ida, Baby, Marie and Thelma along. Quite a few there too. Home. Back to Olsons later as the girls had a ride with them to Columbus. But first they had to have a ride in the new car - Adolph drove it for a little while. Albert Serdahl and family came over in the evening to listen to the radio. Radio was very good tonight - they stayed until midnight.

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- 5 - MON - Weather a little nicer today - drove to school with the Ford. Nels Birkeland came over this a.m. to get the cow I had sold to him for \$50.00 and a calf for \$10.00. In the p.m. Olaf Anderson came over to go along with me while I drove the new car. We drove around here for awhile first and it went just fine. Then we drove in to town. Ida and Ada went along. We had to trade a pair of shoes we had gotten at Ronnings as they were too big for her. Also brought along Thelma's coat that had come today (mail order) to return as it is too big. We drove east to A. Olson and then north - went fine. Adolph was along too and drove on the way home. I bought a license for the car - \$14.50 - also some chains. Olaf stayed for awhile in the evening to listen to the radio. A little snow.
- 6 - TUES - Oscar Toso is moving south to Thorson twp. to the place where A. Bakken had lived. They stopped in here on their way out there to have their little 3-week old daughter baptized - Claire Luella, B. Mar. 12. (Mom and Dad were sponsors).
- 7 - WED - This p.m. Ida, Ada and Adolph drove over to school to visit. They drove in the new car. 8 - THURS - Home. 9 - FRI - Adolph and I drove to town to get the girls - used the new car. We drove by Carlsons today.
- 10 - SAT - Started with a new confirmation class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 11 - SUN - Easter service in Thorson at 11:00. Adolph drove - Ida and Marie along. Drove by Grubbs. Stopped in at Kleppens on the way home to find out if Laurits wanted to go along to Sandbergs for choir rehearsal at 3:00. They are preparing for the L.L. Choral Union. As I had services in Larson at 4:00 we all drove west first but the Hovland grade was impossible so we had to return home again. Laurits came by and took the girls along to Sandbergs and the rest of us drove north by Carlsons and then to Larson. We came a little late. Then to Sandbergs. Ida, Baby and Valborg rode home with Laurits - the rest of us went to Columbus - came home again shortly after dark. Laurits and Eva here for awhile in evening.
- 12 - MON - Nice day. Almost everyone is out working in the fields now. This p.m. we drove over to Anton Thompson, near Louis Holte, for the baptism of their little son, LeRoy Clifford, B. Mar. 13. Drove by Carlsons, Sorlies and Ronholdt. Later to Truax coal mine with "Henry Ford" to buy some gasoline. There were some rain showers and wind and it turned colder. "Henry Ford" has to stand outside now, day and night. The new Chevrolet coach has to be in the garage now. We also had to build on to it (addition to the N end of garage). Albert Sordahl did this - free of charge - gjorde det frit.
- 13 - TUES - Cold and foggy today. It is getting too soft now to drive thru Halverson's pasture on the way to school. Got stuck today but then, I did not have the chains on either. The children had forgotten their dinner pails today so we had to send Adolph over with them. School board meeting in p.m. 14 - WED - Home - also THURS.
- 16 - FRI - To Columbus to get the girls. Ida, Baby and Adolph along. We also brought Martha Olson along home. A few raindrops.

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- 17 - SAT - Colder today. Started with a new class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. Drove the old Ford.
- 18 - SUN - Today Arthun and I are exchanging pulpits to speak about the Concordia College Fund drive. Ida and I, Adolph, Julien and Valborg drove to Lignite for services at 11:00. We met Arthun and Mrs. on the way. They are going to be in Bethlehem at 11:00 - S. St. O. at 3:00 - and Larson at 5:30. I spoke in Lignite at 11:00 and Tonseth at 4:00. Adolph drove our new car - roads were nice and dry. Quite a few in Lignite. We were invited to Mrs. O. Hatlelid for dinner. There were others there too - Iver Hatlelid family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kaastad, and the Arthun boys. There were not so many in Tonseth. We were invited over to Alfred Petersons for coffee - also brought some veal - kalvekjod - along home. Drove by L. Steen, A. Haga, P. Lundstad, and A. Olson. Marie, Thelma and Ada were at home. Laurits came over to get Thelma to play in Bethlehem. He did not stay for the services as he had to go some other place. There were quite a few in Bethlehem. Thelma had a ride home with Arthuns - Marie had made dinner for them. Thelma went along with Arthuns to S. St. Olaf to show them the way - at vise dem veien. There were quite a few in S. St. Olaf too. Arthuns then went on to Larson and Thelma had a ride home with Albert Hysjulien.
- 19 - MON - Up early. Valborg and Julien walked to school. Adolph and I took the girls to town. Warm today - spaded some in the garden. At 3:00 we drove in to town again with some things the girls had forgotten. Henry Halvorson was here today with some fresh fish - fersk fisk. He had been to Long Creek last night. The fish was good but they were small.
- 20 - TUES - and on for the rest of the week - dry and windy. Spaded up some more garden. During the past week or so have had Stjerna and Topsy over to Ole Serdahls pasture and Sharphead to Carlsons. The farmers are busy now with springs work - travelt med vaar arbeide. Have been busy now for some time with writing up the information I have been receiving from the Bokne people thru their letters.
- 23 - FRI - Rained all day - also during the night.
- 24 - SAT - Muddy and a little cold. Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Wet. Drove with the old Ford and had to put chains on. After we came home Adolph and I drove in to Columbus to get the girls - used the new car and also had to put the chains on for the first time. We drove by Laurits' - went fine into town. On the way home we became stuck - for the first time with the new car - in the slough N of Trulin's place. Had to get Ben Simonson to come with a team to pull us out.
- 25 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00 - services with communion. Ida and the boys along. Stopped at M. Sathre afterwards to hear his new radio. In the evening, baptism for Richard Duane, B. Sept. 28, 1925 - Parents, Carl and Mabel Simonson. He works in the coal mines.
- 26 - MON - Washday - looked like rain but it did not come. Valborg and Julien walked to school. Took the girls in to Columbus. It does not take long now to make the trip to Columbus and back. This week I have been working with transplanting some bushes to the west garden and

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- 26 - MON - (cont.) - spading up some more ground. (Gooseberry and currant bushes). We have had much strong wind this week but no rain.
- 30 - FRI - Last day of school here today. Had found some ice in an old well so we are going to have ice cream and cake at school this afternoon. Went to town at noon today to get the girls - Myrtle Sandberg and Ethel Dihle also came along. Sandbergs came over to school too. The children put on a nice program. Strong wind all day.

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- 1 - SAT - Class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00.
- 2 - SUN - Rally Day in Columbus for Concordia College. Adolph had taken Marie and Thelma to Columbus yesterday p.m. as there was a program there in the evening. The rest of us drove in to Columbus SUN a.m. A nice day - many people there. Mr. and Mrs. Homnes both spoke - and R.A. Nestos. I also spoke.
- 3 - MON - Strong wind. We worked upstairs with some house cleaning jobs.
- 4 - TUES - Nice day. Went around with Tolo to places in Thorson and S. St. Olaf for subscriptions for Concordia College. 5 - WED - Today to Bethlehem and Macroom.
- 6 - THURS - Home - working in the garden. 7 - FRI - Rain today and during the night.
- 8 - SAT - Muddy. Rode horseback to Bethlehem for class at 10:00. There were only 4 who came so I excused them and sent them home. More rain.
- 9 - SUN - More rain during the night and today. Should have been to both churches for services today but with all this rain and mud it was hard for anyone to get out in it. I talked to quite a few of them (west) by telephone. I went over to A. Olson in the p.m. but no one had come to Bethlehem either. It rained all day - quite a bit came down.
- 10 - MON - Went to Columbus with the girls. No rain - beginning to dry up now.
- 11 - TUES - Planting potatoes and corn - and garden - most of the week. Nice weather now.
- 14 - FRI - This p.m. Ida and I, Ada and Adolph went in to town to get the girls. We also went over to visit Mrs. Duckstad for a little while as she is leaving soon. Ida recently received \$50.00 from Mama (her mother).
- 15 - SAT - Classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S. St. Olaf at 2:00.
- 16 - SUN - Weather was very nice today. Mrs. George P. Homnes came out to speak in both churches today, about Concordia College. We were in S. St. Olaf at 1:30. As there was a school picnic for School #4 today there were not so many present from that neighborhood but there quite a few anyway. Mrs. Homnes came a little late so I had already begun speaking when she came with Mr. and Mrs. John Otheim. The S. St. Olaf L.A. has promised to give \$300.00 to the Concordia Fund - Larson has promised \$75.00. We went home for lunch before going over to Bethlehem. Thelma and Valborg had been home but went along to Bethlehem. The Bethlehem L.A. promised to give \$150.00. Home. To town in evening with the girls.

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- 17 - MON - This week there are State exams in our school so Hazel is staying here for the week. Valborg is taking exams in 3 subjects. Nice weather this week - a lot of driving around this week for Concordia College. East past A. Olson - Helseth - then south. We had our picnic lunch along and ate under some trees on S. Kleppen's land. Then S to Thorson - to Furness for awhile. The Drive totals come to about \$1500.00 from Bethlehem with the contribution from the L.A.; S. St. Olaf about \$1230.00; Larson - \$630.00; and Thorson - \$590.00. Busy with garden and other things here in between trips. On FRI to town to get the girls. 22 - SAT - Started with a class in Thorson today.
- 23 - SUN - Pentecost. Thorson at 11:00. Not very many. Offering - \$5.30. Ida and the boys and Ada along. Home. Then all went over to Sandbergs for L.A. Adolph and I went to Larson at 3:00. Offering - \$10.50. Back to Sandbergs. There was a big crowd there - they took in about \$20.00
- 24 - MON - To Columbus with the girls. Later out to Thorson again - the Concordia fund. In at Hansons and other places. Some do not feel they can give any money to this drive. Very windy - looked like rain but none came.
- 25 - TUES - Classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S. St. Olaf at 2:00
- 26 - WED - Nice weather - washday. Adolph went along with the Halvorson boys to hunt for coyote dens. We now have about 50 small turkeys. A. Sendahl has just finished sowing barley here today. The flax is already in. Have some studying to do. 27 - THURS - Home - nice day.
- 28 - FRI - Rain. To Columbus. The girls could not come home - Thelma has one exam left but Miss Stannard has not sent it. It did not come on SAT either. Went in again on SAT and they came along home. Went by Larson - started with a conf. class. Also stopped in to see Mrs. Bjorkman - very sick. There was a sale in Larson by the Young Girl's Society.
- 30 - SUN - Sunday after Pentecost. S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. The roads are very nice for driving again. We decided that we would have the Bethlehem L.A. at our place next SUN and invite all the other congregations as guests.
- 31 - MON - Took the girls in to Columbus this morning. They are almost finished with H.S. now. We all drove in to Columbus in the evening for the Class Day program. It was very good. There was a song by the class that Thelma directed - som Thelma skulde forestaa; Marie had the Class Poem - she had compared the class and members with an old Ford - hun sammenlignede klassen med en gammel Ford - it was very good. Alvin Ziegenhagen was the Valedictorian. Alice Campbell gave the Class Prophecy and Myrtle Duckstad the Class Will. In the Class Prophecy Marie had become a famous cartoonist and Thelma was an author, writing a book about the unexplored Rocky Mts. south of Columbus, while she fried froglegs for breakfast. It was a good program and it was nice driving home later in the evening.

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- 1 - TUES - The girls were in Columbus.
- 2 - WED - H.S. Graduation tonight - we all went in for it. There were 20 in the class - it was very impressive to see them come marching in - all wearing their caps and gowns. Thelma was the first in line. Rev. Rosholt gave the Invocation - Dr. Sleight of Minot Normal School gave the address. The girls received various gifts. Mildred Buckneberg graduated in Ray last week. I had had classes today in Bethlehem at 11:00 and S. St. Olaf at 2:00.
- 3 - THURS - To town to get the girls. 4 - FRI - Home. Adolph and Thelma to Columbus - Thelma to see the dentist. 5 - SAT - Class in Thorson at 2:00 - 2nd time out there.
- 6 - SUN - Services in Thorson at 11:00 - drove S by Ole Olson. Today we had the Bethlehem L.A. at our place in the p.m. There were quite a few that came - even some from S. St. Olaf and some from Larson and Bakken's from Thorson. They took in over \$23.00.
- 7 - MON - Today Thelma started teaching parochial school in S. St. Olaf. I took her over to church this a.m. and I. Kvelstad came with some school desks - skolebaenke. There were 11 children present today. Thelma will be staying at Sandbergs this week. 8 - TUES - Home.
- 9 - WED - Conf. classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S. St. Olaf at 2:00. I asked the west class to attend parochial school now while it is in session. 10 - THURS - Home.
- 11 - FRI - To Columbus - had the car greased and oiled. Ida and the boys were along. There had been an accident out at the coal mines today - a man was electrocuted when he accidentally came in contact with some electric wires. I saw him in at Sommerness (morgue). We went by Larson - had announced conf. class there but the sky became so dark and threatening we did not stay. We drove home by S. St. Olaf church. Thelma still had her class there but dismissed them then. We hurried home and just managed to get there before the rain started. It was a very heavy rain shower. The children (school) had hurried over to Sandbergs and had just gotten a little wet. 12 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 13 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - service with communion. There was L.A. at H. Brodahl but we could not go there. We went home for dinner and then to Bethlehem at 2:30 and Larson at 5:00. Ida, Thelma and Adolph along to Larson. Home by way of Dihles as Thelma will stay there this week.
- 14 - MON - Today we went to Minot - Marie is going to attend Normal School there for 6 weeks. Also Ronholdts with Vera. We were up at 5:00 and could have left at 6:30 but we were waiting for Ronholdts as we had arranged to drive down together. It was 7:30 when we left. We all went except Thelma, of course, who is teaching school in S. St. Olaf. It was a nice day - not too warm and a little cloudy. We lost track of Ronholdt in Bowbells - so we drove on by ourselves by Niobe and Kenmare. A little east of Kenmare we had a flat tire. We took the tire off and tried to patch the inner tube but it did not work very well - it still leaked - fik den ei taet. We had to drive back to Kenmare to buy a new inner tube and it went fine then to Minot. We arrived there about 1:30 - just shortly.

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- 14 - MON - (cont.) - after Ronholdts had come there. Alfred Petersons were there with Marie - and Svend Reistad and H. Runningen were there - each with a daughter. It was hard to find rooms for the girls - heard that there may be between 1000 and 1500 attending school this summer. We got a room at Avery's - not far from Cullixson - a place for the 4 girls in one room - Ronholdt, Peterson, Reistad and us. It costs \$25.00 a month for room and board for each. I paid for about 2 weeks in advance - forskud - on \$12.00. The girls were all a little sad when all of us had to leave but they will get over it - men det gaar vel over. Before we left Minot to return home we went over to the Park (Roosevelt) to see the animals. We left Minot about 3:30 - and then had a flat tire again just a few miles out of Minot - same wheel. We got it fixed at a Service Station by the road (Speedway, possibly - located a few miles west of Minot). There were 5 holes - took a long time to fix. (This was the NEW inner tube!). We expected to see Ronholdt drive by but did not see him while we were at the station. Had to get the tire pumped up again in Burlington (9 - 10 miles from Minot). Did not see Ronholdt again on the way home. We stopped in Carpio and again in Kenmare. We got on a different road to Niobe - drove on a road that followed the railroad track between Kenmare and Bowbells - by way of Barron, a station between the 2 towns. When we came to Bystedt's we had a flat tire again. It was impossible to pump it up again so I had to call to Bowbells and have them bring out a new casing and inner tube. That came to \$17.00 for the casing, \$3.75 for the tube, and with labor amounted to \$23.00 total. It was dark when we came to Bowbells, about 9:00. It went fine the rest of the way home - came there about 11:30. Milking was late tonight.
- 15 - TUES - Wash day. Also worked outside with various things - fixed up a pig pen. There was a heavy rain shower this p.m. but it quit towards evening. Now as I sit here writing, everyone is getting ready to go to bed - except Ada who is laying there talking and playing - men Ada ligger og prater og basker - she now tries to repeat and imitate everything she hears. She also counts - one - two - tee. She is very entertaining and understands that she can make us laugh at her performances - hun er nok saa morsom og forstaar at gjore sig til saa man skal le at hende.
- 16 - WED - Class in Bethlehem at 10:00. No class in S. St. Olaf as they are attending school. Rain again today.
- 17 - THURS - To Thorson - L.A. at M. Sathre. There was also a congregation meeting in regard to building the church. The decision was made to go ahead with it and a building committee of 6 was chosen. One of the members withdrew from the congregation - he is worried about the expense involved with building. Got to visit with John Anderson and his son and daughter from Minnesota, who are now visiting here - also Mrs. Alfred Nelson. Received \$80.00 salary.
- 18 - FRI - To Larson - class at 1:00. Stopped by to see Mrs. Bjorkman - she is very sick.
- 19 - SAT - Our Wedding Anniversary - 19 years ago. Foggy and rainy. Bethlehem L.A. sale here today. We were not very lucky with the weather but there were about 14 families that

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- 19 - SAT - (cont.) - came anyway. The sale went well - they sold for about \$80.00 and a quilt went for \$30.00. I got \$40.00 in salary from Bethlehem today. We had been over to Dikles yesterday to get Thelma - no school on Fri. - cold and raw - wet and muddy.
- 20 - SUN - It rained all day. Today we should have been to Lignite for the Luther League and Choral Union Convention but we had to stay at home. The rain stopped towards evening. (The YPLL and Choral Union was rescheduled for the next Sunday - June 27).
- 21 - MON - Took Thelma over to church. Weather is better - but - oh, so muddy! Seems to be drying quite fast anyway. In the p.m. I went over to Hoies to get Mrs. Hoie and Alma (Lindholt) who will be staying here to take care of things while we are gone on a trip. We will be going by Minot and then on to Fargo for the Stavangerlag and then maybe on to Canton, S. Dak. May God be with us and protect us on our way to bring us safely home again.
- 22 - TUES - We left this morning - the roads were good and it was very nice driving along on the State road. Ida, Adolph, Valborg, Julien and Ada were along. We came to Minot about 2:00 - went to the Park for awhile - we had our picnic lunch along. Then over to Avery's. Marie came there about 4:30. We had a chance to visit for awhile - I gave her some money for board and room etc. Then we left - drove east of Minot about 14 miles to Norwich and about 5 miles past Genoa to Theodore Finseth - a relative of Ida's - slegtring af Ida. They have a very nice place. His brother, Halvor, lives 1 mile south. We were over there for a little while in the evening. It is very dry around here - not much of a crop - ei rar avling.
- 23 - WED - We continued on our way today - to Velva - on Highway # 9 thru Bergen, Drake and Harvey - then south 18 miles or so to ^{Litchfield} ~~Hutchinson~~ on a nice graveled road - then east to Carington about 30 miles on good graded road. Ran into a few rainshowers and even a little hail. We stopped for a little while in town - then went to the park there - had some lunch. Then on to Cooperstown - about 40 miles - south to Hannaford - Valley City - and then to Nome in the evening, where Rev. Hegg now lives. We had nice roads all the way. Hegg's have a nice, big house and we stayed there overnight.
- 24 - THURS - Today we drove east and south to get to Lars Spelhaug who live about 9 miles from Walcott. The road was not so good here. We crossed the Sheyenne River. We came to Lars Spelhaug about noon. They have a large, fine house - and a large fine family. Very nice people - kjaekke folk. They have their kitchen and eating accommodations arranged very nicely in the basement - spisevaerelse.
- 25 - FRI - This morning we drove in to Fargo for the Stavangerlag - we drove thru Christine and Hickson - maybe 50 miles or so - beautiful country - pent landskab. Ida and Adolph and Lars and Mina Spelhaug went along. (Julien, Ada and I stayed at Spelhaug's - their daughter, Curtly, was about my age and we became very good friends). We first drove over to the Auditorium in Fargo but there was nothing going on there today. They were over in Runsvold's

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- 25 - FRI - (cont.) - church (1st Lutheran) and they had already begun with services. The church was full. Met Ingvald there - also M. Gunstad and daughter, Christine, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Olson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Thompson, Sina Haugeland and her husband, Knut Holmen, Volga, S. Dak., and Mrs. Halvorson from near Fergus Falls, Minn. (story on p. 40 in Boknebogen). Dinner was served in the church before we went over to the Auditorium at 2:00. There were talks and music and the unveiling of the new banners - afsloring af nye faner. Speeches and music in the evening also. The others left about 4:00 for Spelhaugs and I checked in at the Viking Hotel with Ingvald. Many there.
- 26 - SAT - We met in the church in the forenoon and in the Auditorium in the p.m. We also had a meeting of the Boknelag - some officers elected to serve for another year. I spoke to them in regard to my book about the people who have come here from Bokne and what it, in all probability will cost - hvad det sandsynlig vilde koste - and they promised to assume responsibility for their share. We spent some time in a Park and in the evening there was an English lecture by Rev. Herman Jorgenson, President of Red Wing Seminary. We also saw a film of the Norse-American Centennial which was very good.
- 27 - SUN - Services in Pontoppidans Free Church - we went there - Rev. Ahre preached. There was also a service in Runsvold's church - both well attended. We were in the Auditorium in the p.m. About 4:00, Adolph and 2 of the Spelhaug boys came to get me. Ingvald left on the train for Hillsboro - and the other Bokner also left. Ida had been to church with the Spelhaugs this forenoon. Rev. Carl Ingebriktson is their pastor. There was a Silver Wedding in the congregation in the afternoon and YPS in the evening. Spelhaug and I stayed at home while the others went.
- 28 - MON - We left Spelhaugs this morning - drove by Wahpeton - Breckenridge - Wheaton - Clinton - and Ortonville in Minn. - then in to S. Dak. to Big Stone City - Milbank - Labolt - Clear Lake - to Astoria - where Jorgen Ahre lives. We drove thru some very beautiful country today but it was a warm day - det var pent landskab vi kjorte igjennem idag men det var varmt. Jorgen Ahre and Mrs. have a large, beautiful house and he is quite well-to-do - han er rig. We stayed there over night - talked a great deal tonight with them about the Bokne people. Astoria is a very nice town. (See Boknebogen pp. 13 - 24).
- 29 - TUES - We left Ahres and drove by Toronto - Dell Rapids - Sioux Falls - Worthing - and so to Canton. We came to Lina about 2:00 - everything was fine there and they were expecting us. 2 of Alma's children were there (Esther Hegvold and one of the younger ones). Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weberg from Inwood, Iowa, came over in the evening. (Lina's daughter, Marie).
- 30 - WED - This afternoon we drove over to Martin's - Lina went along. Valborg and Esther went along home with the Webergs last night. It was both interesting and nostalgic to drive N from Canton - by Klondike - there is a highway now. At Martin's everything was upside down as they were housecleaning. We were there for a little while and then Martin came along

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30 - WED - (cont.) - with us when we drove over to church - we saw the graves of Father and Mother - Far og Mor - also Thomas - Johan Jaeger - Mandius' child - and Martin's children. Next we went over to see the Akre sisters - Martha and Kristine. They are getting to be rather old now. We were there for supper. In the evening we went back to Martin's. Webergs came out from Inwood too - Lina went back to Inwood with them. Valborg had come out with them and stayed with us at Martin over night.

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- 1 - THURS - Today we were invited to Webergs for dinner. There was also L.A. in Inwood this p.m. and we went along. Rev. Lars Thorson asked me to speak, which I did. It was very nice to visit with old friends and acquaintances - hilsede paa mange kjendte. Then to Canton in the evening. Webergs also came.
- 2 - FRI - Spent a nice day in Canton - around to various places in town - Park, etc.
- 3 - SAT - Adolph and I went out to Martin. He is not well and we took him in to Sioux Falls to see Dr. Moe. He took some X-rays of his stomach at 11:30. There is a sore - ulcer - and had to wait until 5:00 to take another X-ray. He had his stomach pumped out and he was given some medicine. They thought he would be able to heal the ulcer with medication. They want to see him again in 14 days. If the medication does not help he may need surgery. Back to Martin's and then to Canton later in the evening.
- 4 - SUN - The 4th of July. There was an outdoor service here in Canton today by Berge but we and Lina and Webergs went to Centerville - to Christ Holland. They had been at Lina's FRI p.m. It was about 30 miles from Canton - drove by Beresford. C.Holland has a very nice, large house. Mr. and Mrs. Andreas Holland were also there - and Mr. and Mrs. August Nygaard - Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Holland - and the son of Jorgen Alvestad and his wife. Later, a son of Nils Buckneberg and Mr. and Mrs. Odland. We had dinner at C.Holland. We had dinner at C.Holland and then we went out to the park where there was a Luther League Convention in session. There were many people there and it was very warm. There was also a swimming pool in the park and there were many people enjoying that today. After awhile we went back to town again - to C.Holland's place. All the Bokner in the area came over to C.Holland's place for awhile. I was able to get quite a bit of information about the younger generations from Bokn that are here in America. When we were then ready to leave our car keys were missing. It is possible that Baby was playing with them. We got a switch key from Edw. S - - but we had no keys for the doors - could not get any until we got home where we had extra keys. To Canton in the evening - there were some fireworks. (Some time on July 4th, according to Dad's records, he baptized 2 of the Hegvold children - Arthur Eugene, B. Nov. 23, 1922 - and Florence Irene, B. Sept. 20, 1924 - Parents, Ingebrigt and Alma Hegvold. Mom and Dad and Ben and Marie Weberg were sponsors).

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- 5 - MON - To Inwood in the afternoon - to Webergs. Martin's also came in. There were some very fine fireworks in the evening. Talked with a few more acquaintances tonight. Martin's left shortly before we did. We left then for Canton - Webergs also came along. It got to be late - almost midnight before we were settled for the night.
- 6 - TUES - We were up early today and on our way again - before 6:00. After leaving Canton we drove by Inwood, Larchwood, and Rock Rapids in Iowa - then north to Luverne, Minnesota - and east thru Worthington - Jackson - Fairmount - Blue Earth - Albert Lea - Austin - to Fountain in Fillmore Co. Came there about 6:00 to Ida's aunt - Tante Randi Fingerson. We stayed there over night. Her neighbor is Mrs. Spelhaug.
- 7 - WED - This forenoon we went out to Klomstad's - spent the day. Today we saw Ida's old home (where she was born) - the church - the school house, etc. Stopped at T Fingerson. In the evening back to Randi. She had been with us today.
- 8 - THURS - We started out again this morning - by Preston - Lanesboro - Oh, what hills - Hutetu for bakker! - Arendahl - Rushford - Winona - over the Mississippi River into Wisconsin. By Galesville - Ettrick - Whitehall - Osseo - Eau Claire - Elk Mound - and Sinking Creek. We got out to the farm about 4:00. Thaline, Caroline and Agnes were there waiting for us. Arnt and the hired man were outside but came right in. It was just like coming home and we had a chance to rest up for a few days. We went to Ingeman's on SAT for awhile.
- 11 - SUN - Went to church in Colfax - Rev. Christian Thompson preached - a very good sermon - 6th Sun. after Trinity. Ida stayed at home to help prepare dinner - delicious spring chicken. In the p.m. we went over to Berrum church where we saw the graves. We stopped by Frogner's but they were not at home. Ingemann's came along too - in his new Ford.
- 12 - MON - In the p.m. down to Ingemann for the baptism of their little daughter, Ida. Rev. Thompson came out from town. I baptized 2 of Alma's children when we were in Canton (Lina's).
- 13 - TUES - At home today. Frogner's came over in the evening. Oh, yes - Valborg and I went out for awhile today to pick blueberries. Julien spent much of the time at Ingemann's - fishing with the boys. Adolph spent much of the time with Arnt who was busy with haying. He also went along with Arnt one day to Colfax with a load of hay. I also went to town a few times. One evening - believe it was last FRI - we went fishing but we did not get any.
- 14 - WED - In the afternoon we went over to Ingemann's - we were there for supper - spring chicken which was delicious. Later in the evening to town with Arnt. We stopped at J. Braaten but there was no one there - it was dark.
- 15 - THURS - This morning we started on the way home - drove thru Menomonie - Hudson - Saint Paul - Minneapolis - Lake Calhoun. Adolph drove thru the cities and it went just fine. We ate dinner by Lake Calhoun. Summit Avenue is beautiful. We drove on thru Wayzata - Litchfield - Willmar - to Benson. We drove on a very nice highway but there was a little too much crude oil once in awhile. We were at Lestebergs over night. His mother - Ida's

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- 15 - THURS - (cont.) - aunt Maria also lives in Benson. Ida was only years old last time she saw her. (The number is blotted so I cannot read it but there is only one figure so she was less than 10 years of age). This evening we also visited with Mrs. O. Bjornsgjeld who lives there.
- 16 - FRI - This morning before we left Benson we talked with a son of G. Grondahl. We then drove on from Benson - to Morris - and Wheaton again. A very warm day. We stopped for lunch in Wheaton at noon - same place we had eaten when we came down. Just outside of town we had the first - and last - bad luck with our car on this trip. We ran a spike into one of the rear wheel casings and had to stop for awhile to fix it. Then on to Breckenridge-Moonhead - Fargo. There was a Fair in Fargo but we did not stop. We drove N about 13 m. to J. Nodsles where we visited and stayed over night. Nice to see them again.
- 17 - SAT - On our way again - by Fargo - Valley City, where we saw P. A. Hendrickson - then on to Carrington. We ate our lunch here at the same place we did coming down. By Harvey - to Velva - and to Theodore Finseth again. We came there about dark and stayed over night. We had driven 333 miles today. The crops look very bad - worse than they did when we came thru before. Some of the farmers have plowed their crops under - some had also done this farther east in the state. Then again - some of the crops look remarkably good. Marie and Marie Peterson had been out to Finseths one Sunday.
- 18 - SUN - We left this morning for Minot - went to see the girls. The 2 Marie's came along with us to the Park where we had dinner. There was a large tent set up in the park with a meeting in session. There was a woman speaking there who claimed she could heal the sick thru prayer. There was a big crowd there listening to her. We heard her for a little while too. Well, around 2:00 we started out again - on the last part of our trip home. When we came to Kenmare we were pleased to see that the crops looked better - as they did the rest of the way home. We came home about 6:00 - Mrs. Hoie and Alma had been taking care of things. Thelma was at Dihles - had been along with them to a school picnic in Pleasant Prairie congregation today. Mrs. Hoie wanted to go home this evening so as soon as we had done the milking we took them home. Gave her \$16.00 for her help. The garden looked real good but the cows were not in such good shape. Neither was the sewing machine. Thelma has now taught 5 weeks of parochial school. Thorson was planning on having a term also but that did not develop - they thought it would be too late.
- 19 - MON - Adolph and I drove over to Bureau's today - Bureau and I compare books (school board business) and Adolph drove over to Dihles to get Thelma. In the evening over to Ronholdt - decided to have a school board meeting Thursday evening.
- 20 - TUES - To Columbus with cream and eggs. 21 - WED - Washday. Hoed some in the corn.
- 22 - THURS - School board meeting in p.m. Had studied some this morning - also yesterday. Stayed up until midnight working on school reports.

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- 23 - FRI - To Columbus in p.m. Ida, Thelma, Valborg and Baby along. Adolph stayed home with Julien who has gotten poison ivy on his legs. We went to Noonan to see Tolo for a little while and then to Larson where we expected to meet Marie, coming by train this evening. There we found out that she had telephoned to say that she had come home with Reistads by car and was at their home. Then we drove to Lignite - and SW to Reistads - got Marie and Vera Ronholdt and brought them along home.
- 24 - SAT - Studied in the a.m. - funeral in S.St.Olaf in p.m. for Nels Larson, 60. Quite a few in church. He was born in Denmark. He died in the Portal Hospital - he was not married.
- 25 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00 - many there. Baptism for Laura Berenice, B. June 25, to Carl and Carrie Furness. Bethlehem at 3:00. S.St.Olaf at 5:00 - baptism for Myrtle Dona, B. May 24, to Hans and Kaspara Nortvedt. Adolph's birthday - 14 years old.
- 26 - MON - Confirmation classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 and S.St.Olaf at 2:00.
- 27 - TUES - Out early this morning to take Marie over to Reistads. Alfred Peterson is going to take the girls back to Minot - all 4 of them. Vera came over here before we left so we took her along too. Ida went along too p brought a big plant along home. Later I went out to put up posters about the school election and then to Larson to have class and make service announcement. Warm today. Stopped by Dilleruds - Haraseth - Math Anderson and Norby. Mrs. Norby (John's mother) was here from Canada - also her son, Ole. Mrs. John Norby is sick. We decided to have services in Larson on Aug. 1, even tho there is a special congregational meeting in Columbus on that day. Prof. Brandt will be there.
- 28 - WED - Class in Thorson at 10:00. Adolph is haying - with Ole Serdahl. Went to Columbus later in the p.m. - Ida along.
- 29 - THURS - Bethlehem L.A. annual meeting at 2:30 - everything went well - alt gik godt.
- 30 - FRI - Put on a new screen door. Then had to fix up the fence between my pasture and Ole's. The cattle had broken it down and were going where they pleased - sometimes here and sometimes there. In the p.m. out to Thorson - to C.Furness for L.A. sale. Ida, Thelma and Ada along. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Serdahl and 2 little girls also rode along - Albert was auctioneer. It was a very warm day but there were many there in spite of the busy times - haying and harvesting. The sale went very well. Valborg and Julien were at home - Julien is getting over poison ivy. Evelyn Serdahl was over here today - Valborg is going to be 12 years old tomorrow. 2 turkey hens that had hatched out 17 little chicks lost all except 5 - they left them alone too much. They were maybe out looking for water (while we were gone). It has been dry and warm for some time now. Thelma had been over at Dihles last night - Ethel came to get her. They were going to do some canning - Mrs. Dihle is in Minn.
- 31 - SAT - Looks like we could have some rain. It has been dry and warm for so long now. Prof. Brandt spoke in S.St.Olaf this p.m. at 2:00 today - we all went - and even with the hot weather and busy times - haying and harvesting - there were quite a few in church.

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31 - SAT - (cont.) - Prof. Brandt talked about Norway. Rosholt brought him out. Tolo and Mathre and their wives also came out. They all came along home with us for supper afterwards. Brandt went in to Columbus with Mathre as he will be speaking in Brenno's grove tomorrow.

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- 1 - SUN - Thunder and lightning - torden og lynild - during the night but not much rain. Warm today too. To Larson at 1:30 - quite a few there. Baptism for Kenneth William, B. June 28 - Parents - William and Helga Hanson. Thelma and the boys along. Stopped over to see the Ourens for a little while.
- 2 - MON - A little cooler today - noget kjoligere idag. Much thunder and lightning again last night but only a few raindrops. Classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 3 - TUES - Class in Larson at 10:00. 4 - ~~WED~~ - Columbus in p.m.. Class in Thorson at 10:30.
- 5 - THURS - Home. Cooler today. More thunder and lightning during the night but not much rain. Harvesting all around. 6 - FRI - Not so warm - also SAT. Albert S. is haying here.
- 8 - SUN - Foggy this morning - quite wet. S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - quite a few there. More rain. Bethlehem at 2:00 - all along. Baptism for Karoline Hattie, B. June 3 - Parents, Melvin and Laura Pederson. Slippery on the way home but I did not have chains on. More rain.
- 9 - MON - Classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 and S.St.Olaf at 2:00.
- 10 - TUES - Home in a.m. Special school election in p.m. Ida along.
- 11 - WED - Class in Thorson at 9:30. Class in Larson at 2:30. All along. Then by Columbus.
- 12 - THURS - Nice weather. Home - studying. Many are getting ready to start threshing now.
- 13 - FRI - Classes in Bethlehem and S.St.Olaf. 14 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 15 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00 - Adolph along. To Larson at 2:30 for services and L.A. at J.Rolie.. All along - many there.
- 16 - MON - Class in Bethlehem in a.m. - S.St.Olaf in p.m. at 2:00. Ida and Adolph were along and went in to Larson. Then over to see Norah (Nelson) and bring a present for the new little baby girl.
- 17 - TUES - Rain - but Adolph and I went in to town again. Rain during evening and night.
- 18 - WED - Muddy. To Thorson in a.m. for class. Had to put chains on but it was tough driving anyway. Drove by Ole Olson. Only Bakken's boy came - I excused him and went home again. Did not even try to go to Larson in p.m. Studied some.
- 19 - THURS - Rain all day - a good day for everyone to stay inside. Some had already started with threshing and others still have some harvesting left to do, but now all work has come to a standstill - men nu blir det stans med alt for en tid. Studying a sermon for the 12th S after Trinity. Albert S. came over for awhile today to visit - her en stund og prater.
- 20 - FRI - Quite muddy - rain occasionally. S.St.Olaf class in a.m. - only 4 there. Bethle-

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- 20 - FRI - (cont.) - hem in the p.m. All there except a Kleppen girl.
- 21 - SAT - Nice in the a.m. - cloudy and some rain later. No outdoor work can be done yet.
- 22 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - all along. L.A. at C. Brothen. S. St. Olaf at 3:00 - many there.
- 23 - MON - Classes in Bethlehem and S. St. Olaf. In the evening took Thelma over to A. Benson. She is now going to work in the cook-car for threshers with Mrs. Nels Birkeland. They will start threshing tomorrow - Benson's rig.
- 24 - TUES - Home in a.m. This p.m. we went down to the coulee to pick choke cherries - nice, big ones. Minnie Carlson went along with us - we stopped in at Carlsons on the way home.
- 25 - WED - Class in Thorson in a.m. and Larson at 2:30. Then by Columbus. Stopped by the Benson rig on the way home - Thelma likes the work. Threshing is going ahead N on the flats but up here in the Hills not much has been done yet. There is still some harvesting left to be done. The yield seems to be good - good avling.
- 26 - THURS - Cloudy - looks like rain. L.A. at Mrs. Albert Hysjulien in p.m. - many there. Strong wind.
- 27 - FRI - This morning, early, we left for Minot to get Marie. We all went except Thelma who is working in the cookcar. Quite a nice day but windy. Albert Sendaht and 3 of his boys went early today too - down to the river to pick plums. We had a flat tire on the way to Minot - S of Bombells. Peterson had 2 flat tires. Ronholdt also drove down to get Vera - Arneson went with him. There were many going to Minot today to get their daughters. Minnie Carlson rode along to Minot with us. We and Petersons ate our picnic lunches near Burlington. We did not spend much time in Minot. Minnie took the train home later with the Sandberg and Berg girls. The wind blew stronger on the way home than when we drove down. Many threshing rigs had to stop because of the strong wind - from S. Heard that Benson's separator had burned yesterday - THURS - and one near Noonan on FRI. Marie came along home from Minot after going to school there for 12 weeks.
- 28 - SAT - Home. The wind is not as bad as yesterday. Albert S. came home last night but had not found very many plums down by the river.
- 29 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00 - Ida, Baby and Julien along. Larson at 2:30 - Adolph along. Drove by Columbus - told Galgeruds that we would not be renting a room there for Adolph for the school term. Thelma had come home so Marie and Adolph took her back later. Windy today - some rigs are threshing and some are not.
- 30 - MON - Classes in Bethlehem and S. St. Olaf.
- 31 - TUES - Home in the a.m. In the p.m. to Carlson's coulee to pick chokecherries - many are dried up now. Ida is canning corn from our garden - it is very good corn. Last SAT Ole Evenson brought over the 35 bu. of barley that I had bought from him. A. Anderson had already ground it for me @ 5¢ a bu. The barley was 45¢ a bu. Came to \$15.75 for the barley and \$1.75 for grinding. (Dad had done this figuring in the margin of the page).

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- 1 - WED - Classes in both Thorson and Larson. Went to Columbus. 2 - THURS - Home - studying.
- 3 - FRI - Classes in Bethlehem and S. St. Olaf. 4 - SAT - Went down to the mines to get gas. Stopped in at A. A. Peterson - the Benson rig is there now - saw Thelma.
- 5 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for Phyllis Constance, B. Aug. 2 - Parents, Michael and Nora Nelson. (Mom and Dad and Marie were sponsors). Bethlehem at 2:30. Nice weather today. We have had enough rain lately to slow down threshing - treshing forsinket. Thelma came to Bethlehem with Birkelands and came home with us afterwards. Later we took her back to the rig (cook car).
- 6 - MON - Threshing begun again. Class in Bethlehem in a.m. This p.m. to Columbus - Adolph is going to begin High School. Ida along too. He is going to stay at L. Isakson - they have bought the Forthun house but have not moved in yet. Laurits is working with Martinson on the new parsonage and Laurits and Eva are planning to move in to Columbus this week. In the meantime we got a room for Adolph at Ludwig Tweten. There was another rain shower - enough to stop the threshing again. Rain during the night too.
- 7 - TUES - This is Adolph's first day of High School in Columbus. Orlando Budke and Marie Watterud have also started H.S. Home today. Halvorson brought us some more fish.
- 8 - WED - Classes in Thorson at 9:30 and Larson at 2:30. 4 at each place. To Columbus.
- 9 - THURS - Over to the school house in the a.m. to wash and clean (Arneson school). In the p.m. we washed the car - dug some potatoes - hoed down some Canadian thistle, etc. It was a nice day but there was no threshing as the grain was too wet.
- 10 - FRI - Nice today - threshing in all places again - treshing overalt. Rain again in the evening. To Columbus to get Adolph. 11 - SAT - Classes in Bethlehem and S. St. Olaf.
- 12 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 and Larson at 2:30. To Columbus with Adolph. He will be staying at Isaksons now as they have moved into the house he bought from Forthuns. Ida's birthday.
- 13 - MON - School started here today (Arneson school) with Marie as teacher.
- 14 - TUES - Class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. Later to Columbus. Stopped by the threshing rig to see Thelma. They were at A. Peterson but they were not threshing. Some of the rigs had been able to start threshing after dinner today.
- 15 - WED - Nice day - quite a few rigs are threshing again. Classes in Bethlehem and Thorson. Clouding up in the east again. 16 - THURS - Must have been home.
- 17 - FRI - Conf. class in Larson. Went to Columbus to get Adolph.
- 18 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem. Cold. I told the children that it would be best to stop with classes this fall. Had really planned on having Confirmation in both Bethlehem and S. St. Olaf this fall but will wait now until next summer. Told this to the S. St. Olaf class too.
- 19 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 and S. St. Olaf at 2:30. Mrs. Albert Serdahl had planned on having L.A. today but had to call it off as they have the threshers. Were over at O. Evenson after church - invited for supper. In the evening we all went to Columbus - took Adolph in again.

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- 19 - SUN - (cont.) - Stopped at Benson's threshing rig to see Thelma - they are at Youngs now. Nice moonlight for driving.
- 20 - MON - Drove to school - dug potatoes MON and TUES. 22 - ~~WED~~ - A little rain. Drove out to Thorson - C. Furness - for class in p.m. Cold. It started raining tonight - thunder - then it turned to snow.
- 23 - THURS - Quite a bit of snow - some places there are drifts several feet deep. Marie could not get to school either THURS or FRI. Thelma came home on FRI.
- 25 - SAT - I rode horseback over to Carlsons to get the mail. The mailman has not been able to get thru for 3 days but he had been able to get as far as Carlsons. It does not look like we will be able to drive with car from our place for some time.
- 26 - SUN - Home today. Services were announced for Thorson and Larson but could not go. There was L.A. in Larson at Nels Gunderson. The snow melted very fast today - the sun was very warm. Had gotten Albert Serdahl to butcher a calf for me FRI evening - we were out of meat and almost out of flour. During this storm we had to get all the cattle in the barn and Albert came with my team of horses that were in his pasture. Adolph came walking from Columbus in all the snow. He had started walking at 9:00 a.m. and came here about 1:00 pm. It was too lonesome in town at Laurits and Eva. (It isn't easy to tell what day Adolph ~~walked~~ walked home - SAT or SUN - because Dad combined several days of information in one paragraph. Whatever day - 4 hours on 12 miles of heavy roads is very good!)
- 27 - MON - In to Columbus with Adolph - roads were terrible. Snow has melted fast so it is almost all gone. Some started threshing on TUES but most are still waiting.
- 30 - THURS - More rain.

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- 1 - FRI - Very muddy. Circuit meeting in Pleasant Prairie church on FRI and SAT. We did not even try to go FRI morning - heard that there had only been a few there. Ida and I went to Columbus later in the day to get Adolph. The roads were terrible.
- 2 - SAT - Ida and I went to Pleasant Prairie today - roads are still very bad - not very many there. Tolo gave a very good discussion on Acts 2:42. Election of officers and I was elected as Circuit President - Kredsens Formand; Rosholt - Vice Pres. and Mathre as Sec.
- 3 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - L.A. at Albert Serdahl. S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Nice day.
- 4 - MON - To Columbus with Adolph. 5 - ~~TUES~~ - To town today too - borrowed money to pay the taxes. Ida along and we went to visit Mathres - were there for supper. Bjorkmans came - also Pastor Syrdal. Home late.
- 6 - ~~WED~~ - Class in Thorson at M. Sathre. Birkeland came over in the evening to get Thelma as Berisons are going to start threshing again tomorrow morning. Some had started threshing today. Finished threshing at Ole Serdahl THURS p.m. They threshed flax here in the evening.

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- 6 - WED - (cont.) - A. Sordahl got about 100 bu. on 9 acres here FRI a.m. Foggy on FRI. They threshed the 12 A of barley here - half and half - I got about 120 bu. Then they went W to harvest Albert's ~~by~~ ^{at} Eskildson's place. Then in the p.m. over to Ljungren's place to thresh Ole's wheat. Also there SAT morning. Anton Watterud threshed for Andrew Watterud and Trulin was at Knutson = now at Arneson.
- 8 - FRI - This p.m. took Valborg in to Columbus to see the dentist but he was not there. To Larson for class at 2:00 - then back to Columbus to get Adolph and Valborg.
- 9 - SAT - Nice, dry weather. Got a few corn shocks hauled up to the haystack and put a fence around it. The cattle are out again (pasture) now - finding plenty of food. Adolph and Julien went over to Ljungren's place in the p.m. to watch the threshers. I studied.
- 10 - SUN - Nice weather. Out to Thorson but had no services - everyone was busy threshing now that the weather is good. To Larson in the p.m. - quite a few there - more than I had expected. L.A. at N. Gunderson. There are many threshing today. Stopped by at A. Anderson - S. St. Olaf L.A. - many there.
- 11 - MON - Adolph took them to school first and then we went to Columbus. Thelma did not come home over SUN as they were threshing. SAT evening Albert Sordahl became very ill - had to call Dr. King. It was some kind of food poisoning - he was sick for a few days. Home for the most this week. Weather quite good - foggy occasionally - much threshing now.
- 15 - FRI - To Columbus - Valborg to the dentist - he was there today. To Larson for class. Paid Laurits and Eva \$20.00 for board for Adolph.
- 16 - SAT - Foggy. In the evening over to the Benson rig to get Thelma. They have finished threshing now. Thelma got a check for \$102.50. Last THURS evening, Oct. 14, we went in to Larson - there was a Surprise Party at Kihles for Tolo and Mrs. He will be leaving soon (for Fertile, Minn.) and this was a surprise supper given by the Pleasant Prairie congregation. Had a little trouble - flat tire.
- 17 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Mission service and communion. Bethlehem at 3:00. Offering to the Mission at both places - WMF Mission boxes.
- 18 - MON - To Columbus with Adolph - Ida along. Cold - raw - rainy. Rain during the night.
- 19 - TUES - The self-starter on the car does not work. Drove in to see Clarence Anderson. The battery was low on water and there was a great deal of green corrosion on the connections. Will have to crank it for a few more days. Roads very muddy - especially the grades.
- 20 - WED - Weather quite good. Class in Thorson - 2:00 at Hanson. Still some threshing left to finish out there. Ida, Baby and Thelma went along to visit at O. Olsons.
- 21 - THURS - A little rain this a.m. - then some snow. Enough to stop the threshing again. The same on FRI. THURS p.m. Ida and I and Baby and Thelma went over to Alfred Petersons.
- 22 - FRI - To Larson for class at 2:00. Ida, Baby and Thelma along - visited at Bjorkmans. By Columbus to get Adolph - bought him a coat. Wind - rain - snow.

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- 23 - SAT - Home. Cold. Have now gotten 13 T of coal hauled home here. Sendaahl did the hauling. Have sold 2 heifers and 2 calves to him for \$70.00.
- 24 - SUN - Service with communion in Thorson at 11:00. Big Mission offering - came to \$40.10. WMF Mission boxes came to \$25.27 - total \$65.37. Adolph and Thelma along. It was cold last night - had some trouble starting the car - it had frozen a little as there was some water in the radiator. Larson at 3:00 - communion. Offering here \$9.25 and the WMF boxes were \$35.75 - total \$45.00. Adolph and Marie along. To Columbus - had something put in the radiator so it won't freeze. Adolph had to come along home again as Laurits and Eva were not there - house locked. The Swedish church, S of Columbus, was dedicated today.
- 25 - MON - To Columbus this morning with Adolph. Sent the Mission offering. Strong wind this p.m. This p.m. Ida and I, Baby and Thelma drove over east - to P. Lundstad - Haga - John Runnigen - they stayed there while I drove on to C. Holter - E. Hoff - Bergs. Then back to Runnigen - we were invited for supper. By Haga again - home late.
- 26 - TUES - Home. Worked some in the barn - fixing some things. Mr. Oscar Long from Noonan came by - he was selling some brooms.
- 27 - WED - Drove around in the S. St. Olaf congregation - Dible - Berg - Sandberg - Anderson - Mrs. George Witty - A. Watterud. Hardly any of the men were home. Did not accomplish much for the General Fund - Samfundet. Fik ei udrette stort med innsamling til Samfundet.
- 28 - THURS - Home - studying. 29 - FRI - To Columbus to get Adolph.
- 30 - SAT - Home. Hauled some hay and straw - used Watterud's team.
- 31 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Reformation Day sermon. Bethlehem at 2:30. There were some more Mission boxes brought in in Bethlehem - \$16.75. Took up a subscription for the General Fund. Baptism for Thelma Marie, B. Sept. 2 - Parents, Ole and Helene Olson. Cold.

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- 1 - MON - To Columbus early this morning with Adolph. Butchered in the p.m.
- 2 - TUES - Election Day. We voted on the change of place for county seat today - Bowbells or Lignite. Big turnout after a big promotion - everyone around here wants to vote for Lignite. I also contacted some of the west people about the subscription to the General Fund at the same time. Mrs. Albert Sorlie had L.A. today.
- 3 - WED - Nicer weather today. Class in Thorson at 2:00 - at Wigdahl. Stopped in at Mrs. Moe - and Fredricksons - and on the way home I stopped at Herlands and Kleppens.
- 4 - THURS - Had a load of feed ground at Ole Sendaahl. Went after my horses that were in A. G. Berg's pasture. Albert Sendaahl here in the evening - the radio was very good tonight.
- 5 - FRI - To Columbus and Larson - class at 2:00. Ida, Baby and Thelma along to Columbus. We went in to Columbus again in the evening as there was a school program and Adolph had a part in it. Thelma stayed home with Baby and the rest of us went in. It was a good pro-

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- 5 - FRI - (cont.) - gram - Adolph gave the Welcome speech and he did it real well. Then all home - nice to drive. 6 - SAT - Home.
- 7 - SUN - Service with communion in Thorson at 11:00 - Adolph and Julien along. A little snow. To Larson in the p.m. - then to Columbus with Adolph.
- 8 - MON - Unpleasant, foggy weather - svrt og taaget veir. 9 - TUES - Home for awhile - then to Columbus. Sale at M. Dahl today.
- 10 - WED - Sale at O. Hovland - Albert S. and I went. Things went cheap - sheriff sale. Butchered a calf in the evening. Albert is now going to build barns at both the Arneson and Holte schools. Foggy and rather cold these days.
- 12 - FRI - To Columbus to get Adolph. A. G. Berg was here today to set up (or fix) a telephone pole. 13 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 14 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - many there. Subscription to the church fund. After services there was a surprise Silver Wedding celebration for Mr. and Mrs. M. Sandberg - many there. Mathres came out from Columbus. Adolph had a ride with them to Columbus in evening. Ada was 2 years old today.
- 15 - MON - Not very cold but there is a little snow coming down. Sale today at Fred Bureau. Ole Serdahl rode along with me over there. Big crowd and good prices on everything. We drove by school afterwards on the way home to get Marie and the children. G. Gunderson was at our place trying to find water. (Divining rod?) He found a vein - aare - that ran from NW to SE east of the house and down to the pasture on the E side of the cowpen and on this side of the old well - den gamle brond - but it is at least 50' deep.
- 16 - TUES - Foggy and then a little snow. Drove to school. In the p.m. to Columbus. The Circuit ministers were to meet there - at Mathres - to discuss the church budget. Rosholt and Arthun were there, also J. Berg from Lignite. I was there for awhile - then did some shopping that had to be done. Stopped at Lawrits and Eva - had a new suit along for Adolph.
- 17 - WED - Could not get the car started today. Milo Serdahl took them to school. I banked up around the house. This evening I drove over to Hans Olson. He had brought along a horse from Haraseth in Larson that he is going to let me use. He is brown and his name is Dan. He had also sent along a saddle, a bridle, and 2 collars. Daisy is now getting very old - 26 years. I suppose I will have to have Halvorson take care of her sometime. Banked the house today - had put on storm windows some time ago.
- 18 - THURS - Had Olaf Anderson come over today to work on the car - some problem with the carburetor - gas could not get thru.
- 19 - FRI - Still thick and foggy and some snow coming down. The mailman is still driving with car, however. Did not go to Columbus today. Chopped up some ice, cleaned the barn, etc.
- 20 - SAT - Adolph came home - walked from A. Olson. He had had a ride out with Carl Trulin, who lives in Powers Lake now. It was cold today - snowing and drifting some. I hitched up Dan

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- 20 - SAT - (cont.) - and Queen for the first time together and tried them with the sled. Dan is a good horse on the road - Dan er flink.
- 21 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. Cold today. Drove with sled over to A. Olson - set the horses in the barn at Olsons (walked the rest of the way). Thelma along today. Not many there today - but more than I expected. There were some from Brothens - M. Pederson - Hoie - Kleppen - Westerness - Alfred Peterson - and Olsons. Mrs. Peterson and some of the children drove with auto and came over to our place after church. They were just barely able to get thru - they did get stuck near Olsons. To Thorson at 3:00 - I drove to Ole Olson with sled and then rode with them in their truck. Quite a few in Thorson. Adolph rode to Columbus on horseback - Daisy. Marie Peterson is staying here for a few days.
- 22 - MON - Had Olaf Anderson come over to work on the car and he got it to run.
- 23 - TUES - Drove in to Columbus with auto - drove by Larson too. Did some shopping. Also mailes in \$41.10 for Bethlehem and \$67.01 for S. St. Olaf to the church General Fund.
- 24 - WED - Snow today - from SE. Annual meeting of the S. St. Olaf congregation at 1:30. I drove with sled. Adolph rode home from Columbus on Daisy - took about 1½ hours - arrived home about 3:00. I guess we will have to keep Daisy around for awhile. Snowed this evening. Meeting in S. St. Olaf church at 1:30. For Devotion I read from Psalm 145 - then gave a report on the work of the church. J. Holte read the secr. report - accepted. Treas. report likewise. Had previously received \$195.00 in salary this year and now received \$157.50. They still had some money left in the treasury with more pledged but as yet, not paid. They have had a good year for the most. Election: Secr. - John Holte; Treas. - A. Anderson; Trustee - Ole E. Opstad (3) to replace L. Holte - M. Sandberg (2 years left) - and A. Sorlie (1); School committee - O. Ronholdt (3); Janitor - M. Nelson. They decided to put in a small heater in one of vestry rooms. There are also some church pews that need some repairs and they decided to paint the barn this spring. They are also planning to plant some trees on the church yard this spring. There was some discussion about the possibility of building a basement under the church. Decisions about parochial school will also have to be decided on later in the spring. It will then be decided if it should be held in the church or in 2 school houses. Present were: J. Holte, A. Anderson, I Kvelstad, T. O. Hysjulien, O. E. Opstad, O. Ronholdt, E. Dihle, A. Sorlie. Meeting adjourned.
- 25 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. We have quite a bit of snow here and there are some big drifts. I could see that it would be impossible to drive with car to Larson - and it would be equally difficult with sled. I telephoned to Dillerud to tell him that I would not be able to get there today. We had a very fine turkey dinner at home. Mrs. Alfred Peterson and Arthur drove over in the p.m. in their Ford to get Marie P. They stayed for a little while - it had been a difficult trip for them today. The girls had been down on Wrolson's lake for awhile this afternoon - the boys too - and quite a few other young people there also.

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26 - FRI - Cloudy - some snow. Looked like it could turn into a real storm. We had school.

27 - SAT - Wind from SE with some snow. This is the kind of weather we have had all month. Annual meeting in Bethlehem church at 1:30. I drove with horses and sled to A. Olson. There are quite a few big drifts to get thru now.

Meeting opened with Devotion - Psalm 145 - followed by my report and reports by Secr. and Treas. Had received \$110.00 in salary previously this year and now \$52.50 - total \$170.50 - but \$21.85 was for 1925. For this year, then, \$148.65 - with \$51.35 still outstanding. Received \$20.00 a little later. Election: Secr. - A. Olson; Treas. - M. Pederson; Trustee - Carl Brothen - he was also on the School Committee; Janitor - A. Olson. Some discussion about Christmas tree but nothing decided today. Also talked about getting an extension on the church loan - will have to see if the L.A. can help with paying the interest. Present: C. Holter, E. Hoff, A. Olson, C. Brothen, M. Pederson, Theo. Westerness and Nels Kleppen. Meeting adjourned.

28 - SUN - 1st Sunday in Advent. Milder - some snow again. S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Quite a few there today - Marie along from here.

29 - MON - First thing today I took Adolph over to A. Olson as he will ride in to Columbus with them. Later in the a.m. I drove out to Ole Olsons with horses and sled - put the horses in the barn there and rode with them out to Thonson for services and annual meeting of the congregation. We met at Walseths and the L.A. had their annual meeting too. The L.A. served a big turkey dinner to all. We got out there about 12:30 and they were already serving dinner. They set many tables - mange bordsaetringer - there were many there today. About 3:00 we had a short devotional service followed by the business meeting. It was almost dark by the time we came back to Olsons - however - I found my way home. Not so cold today - but foggy. This week it has been cloudy every day with a little snow. It is not really cold but it is winter weather.

Secr. and treas. reports heard and accepted. I had previously received \$80.00 in salary and now received \$121.00. Election: Secr. - C. Furness; Treas. - A. Bakken; Trustee - J. Wick; School Committee - C. Overlie; Janitor - J. Wick. One of the members decided to withdraw from the congregation now that plans are being made to build the church. He feels he cannot afford to help with it. The L.A. had their annual meeting with election of officers: Pres. - Mrs. Gjerde; V. Pres. - Mrs. M. Sathre; Treas. - Mrs. Bakken.

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1 - WED - Same kind of weather - cloudy and a little snow. Have had no mail now for a few days but he did come on THURS and FRI.

3 - FRI - Went to Columbus today - Albert Serdahl went along with me. I paid up all my bills

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- 3 - FRI - (cont.) - there but I renewed a note at the bank for \$90.00 until July 1, 1927. It was dark by the time we came home. Adolph had to stay in town - it would be too hard to make another trip in to town by MON. Albert had a few teeth pulled.
- 4 - SAT - Same kind of weather - some snow and wind from E and SE. The weather has been like this all of November and December is starting out the same way.
- 5 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:30. Albert Serdahl drove with the big sled - stonslaede - it was hard to get thru as there is a great deal of snow. Ida and Thelma along. Adolph had to stay in town over SUN this time.
- 6 - MON - Henry Halvorson came over and we butchered the 2 other pigs. There is now so much snow in the pigpen that it had been hard for them to get around. Nice weather - not too cold - some wind from SW but the sun is shining. 7 - TUES - Nice today too.
- 8 - WED - Nice today. To Larson at 1:30 for services and annual meeting of the congregation. The meeting followed the services. Reports were heard. Have received in salary this year \$127.50 - but according to my records it is \$129.50. Election: Secr. - O. Dillerud; Treas. - J. Norby; Math Anderson will have charge of the cemetery and Otto Evenson will be janitor. This congregation has sent in to the Church General Fund - Samfundet - \$83.00 which is \$27.99 more than the quota for this year. They have \$27.08 for 1927 and Dillerud gave \$5.00 today making it \$32.08.
- 9 - THURS - Nice weather - a little wind from SW. Marie is now conducting State examinations for the 8th graders at school - Valborg and Alma Arneson. They had 3 yesterday and will have 2 tomorrow - FRI.
- 11 - SAT - And now Valborg has finished all her classes - it went very well. This was a nice, mild day and the snow was really melting. Then suddenly, during the night, it turned cold with a strong wind from NW.
- 12 - SUN - What a wind! Hutetu for vind. It blew from NW but there is not any drifting or snow blowing around as there is an icy crust - haard skorpe - on the snow from the thawing yesterday followed by the freezing during the night. The wind is so fierce and cold that I almost froze my face - fryser ansigtet - just walking to the barn. I did not even try to go to S. St. Olaf today for services - there would not have been anyone out in this weather.
- 13 - MON - Cold today too. Milo Serdahl came over today to help me dress 16 turkeys. Albert also helped some.
- 14 - TUES - Cold today too. Albert went along with me to Columbus. Took the turkeys in to ship to May Co., Chicago. Weather a little better on WED and THURS.
- 17 - FRI - Went to Columbus to get Adolph. He has now been there for 3 weeks and was happy to get home. Did some shopping for Christmas - things we will be needing - because I do not plan to go in again now before Christmas. Bought the Christmas Tree too.
- 18 - SAT - Nice again today - it was quite nice yesterday too. The boys and the girls are going

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- 18 - SAT - (cont.) - down to Serdahl's lake every once in awhile now that the weather is better and there is beautiful moonlight - pent maanelys - in the evening. The boys have built up a big house on the ice from blocks of snow and ice and there is a stove in it. They have also fixed up a wheel like a merry-go-round with a sled on the end of the pole from the wheel that is much fun. (This lake was located between the Wrolson place and Serdahls and was sometimes referred to, by Dad, as the 'Wrolson Lake' or the 'Serdahl Lake'). Well - now I am almost out of money - snau for penge. I paid Milo \$3.50 for helping me dress the turkeys and \$5.00 for taking the children to school.
- 19 - SUN - Services in Thorison at 11:30. The road S to Lawvers place was quite good but from there to Ole Olson I had to break road - maatte bryde vei. Heavy sledding - gaar tungt di. There is a hard crust - haard skorpe - of ice on the snow that the horses and sled have to break thru. From Olsons to the school house the road was good. Olsons did not go out to school house for services today as they had to go out to look for one of their horses - skulde ud og lede efter en hest. Only Hansons and Bakkens came to the school house. Had a short devotional service - laesegudtjeneste. Back to Olsons - had dinner with them. On FRI when I went to Columbus to get Adolph we sent a box of Christmas goodies to Mandius and a turkey and some pork to Ingvald. 20 - MON - Nice and mild day. Colder on TUES.
- 22 - WED - Adolph and I went over to A. Serdahl for 2 turkeys. Mr. and Mrs. Serdahl had gone to town to see the dentist. Later in the day it became stormy again - thick in the air with snow from NW. Continued thruout the night. Julien is 10 years old today.
- 23 - THURS - Still quite stormy this morning. No school today - Albert S. did not come by for them. The weather was somewhat improved by noon. We have received many Christmas cards, letters and packages - Jule cards, breve og pakker. Today we received a card with \$5.00 in it from Martin Ronning, as usual - som vanlig - and packages from Wisconsin and Ingvald and Tina - and the children received some things from Trulins in Powers Lake. Today we received the returns for the turkeys from May Co. - \$63.32 for the 16 turkeys, which is quite good.
- 24 - FRI - Christmas Eve. Home - studying today. Everyone was busy with some thing - we set up the Christmas tree - and other things. Adolph went along with Milo Serdahl to town today. And tonight we had our Christmas tree. Ada had gone to sleep but woke up for that. She was very excited when she saw the pretty tree with all the ornaments, decorations and candle lights. We sang Christmas songs and heard the Christmas Gospel as we always do. Yes - there were gifts for all and Ada received a doll - dukke. We had a very good and happy Christmas Eve - Thanks be to God for all His Goodness to us.
- 25 - SAT - Christmas Day - Glaedelig Jul! Quite a nice day. We all went to Bethlehem at 11:30. Adolph, Valborg and Julien rode with me (in the little cutter) and the others rode with Albert Serdahl. There were quite a few in church. The girls and I sang a Christmas song.

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- 25 - SAT - (cont.) - \$18.00 in offering, of which \$5.00 was from N. Kleppen. They also gave an offering to the organist (Thelma).
- 26 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf today. A nice day but there was quite a lot of snow to drive thru. Almost everyone was there today. Offering was \$28.55 and \$14.00 came in for the Mission. We had brought some lunch with us which we ate in church before driving to Larson. We got there a little before 3:00. Offering here - \$11.75. Home a little after dark - lidt efter mørkt - but it was nice and clear for driving this evening. We have not had any company during Christmas as yet but that will come later when we are not so busy. This evening the children were down on Serdahl's lake. Tomorrow I go to Thorson.
- 27 - MON - Some wind today but not really too cold. Marie and I started out for Thorson about 9:00 a.m. The road S to Lauwers place was good but driving W and S to O. Olson I had to break road again and it was heavy and slow. Set the horses in at Olsons and had enough time to go in for a little coffee and lunch. Olson drove with sled and we had a ride with them out to Furness. Road was good going S from Olsons. Quite a few at Furness today - L.A. following services. We left so we came to Olsons and then home again just as it became dark. It is good to be finished with all the Christmas services and all this driving.
- 28 - TUES - Nice weather today. A free day - fri dag idag. I read the papers and other things I have had no time for till now. Carl Brothen and family were here for dinner - had a nice time - they stayed until after supper. We sang many Christmas songs.
- 29 - WED - Some nice weather. Studying my New Year's Day sermon. 30 - THURS - Myrtle, Edna and Olaf Sandberg came over. Marie and Thelma went home with them.
- 31 - FRI - And so we come to the last day of the year, and in looking back over the past year we find that we have had a good and blessed year. God has been good to us in both material and spiritual things. Thanks be to God for all His Mercy and Goodness.
- This a.m. Adolph and I worked some with cleaning up an old well - rensen op i en gammel brønd. In the p.m. Milo S. came with his rig and he and Adolph drove over to Sandbergs to get the girls. Albert was working with moving an old house over to the Ongstad farm. The Serdahl family came over here for supper tonight - we had turkey and all the good things to go with it for supper. Then there were games to play and the radio to listen to. We had lunch and coffee shortly before 12:00 midnight so we were all sitting there around the table when the clock struck 12:00. They left about 1:30.
- May this New Year - 1927 - be as good and blessed for us as the old year was - and may we learn to serve God better - for Jesus sake. Ja - maa Nyaaret blive saa godt og velsignet for os som det gamle aar var - og maa vi laere at tjene Gud bedre for Jesus skyld!

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- 1 - SAT - And now we must get used to writing "1927" - saa faar vi da vanne os til at skrive "1927". This new year dawned with a beautiful mild day, warm enough to melt the snow a little - saa sneen smelter lidt. A little wind from NW. To Bethlehem for services at 11:30. Albert Serdahl and his boys came by so we rode with them - Ida and I, Thelma, Adolph and Valborg. Today Ole Serdahl and family, and Nels Birkeland became members of the congregation. May it be for a blessing to them. We were home in the p.m. I have been doing some writing - catching up from Dec. 27. Ida is writing some letters. Tomorrow to S.St.Olaf and in the evening over to A.Serdahls.
- 2 - SUN - Marie and I went to S.St.Olaf - not so many there today. In the p.m. we all went down to Albert Serdahls. We had to go down on the lake to see the snowhouse and the merry-go-round they have set up. Lots of fun for all of them - svaert til moro for alle. They also went skiing for awhile. We were at Serdahls until about 10:00 or later. Nice and still this evening.
- 3 - MON - Went in to Columbus today with Adolph - Ida also went along. School is beginning again. It is hard to get back to school again after vacation and fun - ferie og moro - but that is the way it goes. Had the horses shod and did some shopping - skor mine hester og handler lidt. We heard that Mrs. Mathre is still sick but we did not have time to go up there to see her. We went over to Even Ulstruds and rented a room - fik leie et rum - for Thelma, Adolph and Valborg. Valborg is now finished with grade school and can start H.S. Thelma is going to stay in Columbus and keep house for Adolph and Valborg but it will not be for at least 2 weeks. 4 - TUES - We were at home.
- 5 - WED - Ida and I went over to C.Brothers to visit. Home the rest of the week. Hauled some hay and straw one day. '8 - SAT - A snow storm all day long.
- 9 - SUN - Today I should have been in Larson the the roads were so bad I could not go.
- 10 - MON - Trapping season opened but everything is pretty well frozen up around here. There are only 4 muskrat mounds - tuer - down on the lake. Julien and Clifford Serdahl are going to trap together on shares - $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$. They kept at it for 3 days - and then that was it. They got 5 but now everything is frozen up. Very cold. Ida and I were over to Watteruds one day - otherwise we have been home this week. Marie has been teaching school.
- 16 - SUN - Out to Thorson - at Rysgaards. Thelma went along. It was a still day, but cloudy, and a little snow coming down this morning. We drove out to Ole Olson and from there we rode with them. There were quite a few at Rysgaards. It had started storming from NW - during services - but we did not pay much attention to it right away. After services we had continued with singing (choir) and after that we had lunch. Then, when we realized how bad it was we all got ready to leave immediately. Well, we got started but the storm with drifting snow was terrible. The snow was coming with great force and our eyes were filled with freezing snow as we drove N to Ole Olsons. We finally got to Olsons but many

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- 16 - SUN - (cont.) - times we could not see where we were going. We then started out from Olsons for home but after a short distance we decided that it would be impossible to find the way home in this storm. We knew the best thing to do then would be to try to find our way back to Olsons - which we then did. We just could not see where we were going, against that storm. We stayed over night at Olsons. It continued storming all evening and well into the night.
- 17 - MON - By morning the storm had subsided enough so we could start for home. It was still cold and the wind continued from NW. The air was still quite thick for awhile after we came home but by noon it cleared up somewhat. Everything was just fine at home. Ole Serdahl had to go in to town today - he had gotten an iron or steel splinter in his eye and had to see the doctor about it. Adolph came home with him - he has finished his exams and has no more school this week. Next SAT we will take the 3 in to Columbus and they will maybe have to stay then for a few weeks. Valborg received her 8th grade Diploma today from Miss Stannard, and that made her very happy - og blev da svaert glad. It was very cold when Adolph and Ole came home. It turned out alright for Ole.
- 18 - TUES - It was a little better today. 19 - WED - Stormy again and cold, should have gone to town today for a meeting at Mathres in regard to the Circuit finances but stayed home.
- 20 - THURS - Cold. 21 - FRI - Worse. 34 below zero and a strong wind from SW.
- 22 - SAT - The weather was somewhat better today. Today we went to Columbus with Albert Serdahl - Thelma, Adolph and Valborg to Even Ulsrud. We had a big load of things to bring in for them. We had dinner there - and it was late when we came home.
- This morning, before we went in to Columbus, I received a telegram from Inwood, Iowa, that brother Martin had died at his home this a.m. at 6:00. When we came in to Columbus I sent a telegram saying that I would not be able to come for the funeral. With the trains running so irregularly due to the winter storms, I would hardly get there in time. This is a hard time to be gone away from home. Heard later that Ingvald, in Moorhead, could not go either. Tina's mother had died about the same time - in Thief River Falls - and was to be buried in Twin Valley on TUES - Jan. 25th - the same day as Martin's funeral. Yes, Martin has been sick now for 2 years or more, but not bad enough to confine him to bed until the last 2 or 3 weeks. He was 60 years old now.
- 23 - SUN - Weather was a little better today. To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Marie along. To Bethlehem at 2:30. Marie and I rode along with A. Serdahl. Sharphead had a calf today - soon there will be 2 more little calves.
- 29 - SAT - This week I have not written down anything - not much to write about - just the same winter weather. Marie is not teaching in January - winter vacation. Ida and I drove over to Nyback one day - on a sickcall.
- 30 - SUN - Went to Larson today for services at 2:00 - went alone. It was a little cold and

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30 - SUN - (cont.) - from Claus hill to Larson there was only bare ground and ice - bare jord og is. Later in the week we had a little snow so that helped the roads somewhat.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - TUES - This week I have been busy writing up the information I have been gathering for some time now about the Bokne people in America. It is a great deal of work - det er meget arbeide.
- 6 - SUN - Weather is quite good today. Services in Thorson - at P. Hanson. Drove out to Olsons and rode with them out to P. Hanson. There were many there today - about 100 people. Marie had planned to start school again on MON - Jan. 31 - but it was still so cold and stormy so she lost 1 day. Albert or Milo are going to do the driving but they do not come by when it is too stormy. It was also stormy on MON - 7th - but turned nice later in the day. Marie has decided to stay at B. Arnesons during the coldest weather so I took her over there MON p.m. and she will stay there the rest of the week. I have been busy with studying and writing this week.
- 11 - FRI - Went to Columbus to get the children - they have been there now for 3 weeks and they wanted to come home.. They have it real nice in at Ulsruds. I drove with my sled and as the weather was nice it went just fine. It was a real celebration - especially for Ada - to have everyone home again. Marie came home today too. Nice on SAT - 12 - too.
- 13 - SUN - Marie went along with me to S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - not so many there. To Bethlehem in the p.m. Ida and I and Thelma had a ride with Ole Serdahl and Adolph rode with Albert.
- 14 - MON - And so, today, I am 52 years old - but I don't really feel so old - men jeg føler ikke saa gammel. Company and celebration was really yesterday when everyone was at home. Today, MON, we have wind from NW - cold and drifting. Marie was ready to go to school but Serdahl did not come so I took her over. I should have taken the others to Columbus today but the weather was too cold for so long a trip so they are still home today. The children gave me a nice fountain pen for my birthday.
- 15 - TUES - To Columbus today with the 3. Weather is still a little cold but better than yesterday.
- 16 - WED - L.A. at Mrs. S.O. Berg. Ida, Baby and I went over - Marie and Julien at school. Ada thought it was lots of fun to be along - riding in the sled. "Ada is kating" (skating) she says. "De molo" (It's fun). She talks a great deal now and is very entertaining. "Temma, Adof, Valla leist til Columbus paa Heisen cool". (She was using Norwegian words!) There were quite a few at L.A. Marie stayed at Arnesons tonight.
- 17 - THURS - A. Watterud here today - also A. Serdahl. 18 - FRI - Albert and I hauled straw today from Watteruds place. There is a lot of snow.
- 19 - SAT - Home today. Many of the neighbors went to Columbus today for a special event for the farmers - the occasion being the "Better Seed Train".

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- 20 - SUN - To Larson for services - nice weather and many there today. Baptism for Alvin Tillman, B. Nov. 9, 1926 - Parents, Olaf and Selma Eldevick. Stopped over to see the Ourens. Mrs. Ouren gave me a gift - (can't make out the word).
- 21 - MON - A little rain - mild - thawing weather. Real nice weather - continued on TUES and WED - with thawing every day - snow melting so there is water standing. This is a good thing too as there was very little water in the well. Colder on THURS and FRI. It is now almost impossible to drive to town - there is just a little ice down on the flats. The children will have to stay in town for another week - could not drive on FRI and SAT.
- 27 - SUN - To Thorson. Marie along. Nice weather. We drove only as far as Olsons and then had a ride with them out to Wolds. Quite a few there. L.A. also.
- 28 - MON - Today we have some fog and then more snow.

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- 1 - TUES - Not too much to write down this week. Snow is melting more and more each day.
- 4 - FRI - Today at noon I drove up to Carlsons with sled - then rode in to Columbus with Clifford in his Ford. It is possible to drive with car to Columbus from Carlsons if you drive here and there around the muddiest stretches - ved at kjone lidt kroget. It is very muddy N on the flats. But anyway - the children were able to come home again. On the way home, by Saar's coulee, Carlson's met us with sled. Clifford had to turn around there and go back to Columbus to get the man who had come to test his cows for TB. Home before dark.
- 6 - SUN - To S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - Marie along. To Bethlehem at 3:00. We had a ride with Ole Serdahl - Ida, Thelma and Valborg along.
- 7 - MON - We drove with sled over to A.Olson - then had a ride with him to Columbus in his old Ford. It is now impossible for us to drive with car from our place - or with sled farther north. On the way home we became stuck N of Olsons - had to get a team to pull us out. 8 - TUES - Home. 9 - WED - Sickcalls at Evensons and Andersons - Ida and Baby along.
- 10 - THURS - Mrs. A.Olson here to visit today.
- 11 - FRI - L.A. at E.Dihle today - many there. It is just barely possible to get thru with sled now - det gaar saa vidt an med slaede dertil. 12 - SAT - Home.
- 13 - SUN - Mild weather. It has been mild so far into March and the snow is disappearing very fast - sneen gaar fort. To day I drove over to Albert Sorlie with sled and then borrowed his buggy to drive to Larson. Tough roads - tunge veie - and where there was still some snow it was dangerous to drive as it was so soft that the horses and buggy sank in. It took $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours to get to Larson for 2:00 services. There were quite a few there. In at Lorences for lunch - Mr. Peterson (her father) is there now. Came home just as it became dark - jeg kom hjem i mørkningen.
- 14 - MON - Went along with Albert Serdahl to Columbus - we drove with wagon. We went N by

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- 14 - MON - (cont.) - Carlsons and it was quite difficult to get thru - vanskelig at komme frem. We went in to get seed oats and spelts. Had some lunch with Thelma at Ulsruds. A little late getting home.
- 15 - TUES - We fanned oats and spelts - brought mine home in sacks. Wet and foggy today.
- 16 - WED - Cold again - freezes. Same on THURS with some snow coming down.
- 18 - FRI - A little better today. The telephone line between here and Carlsons is broken in several places now. There was thick ice on the lines and then with the wind - the lines broke. For several days now the mailman has been going S from A.G.Bergs to the Arneson mailbox. The road past our place is impassable - veien forbi her er for fael. Yesterday, Mar. 17, Marie stayed at Arnesons as the weather looked so stormy. It did not turn out to be so bad anyway. Julien was home yesterday but went to school today - he walked.
- 19 - SAT - Home. The snow has been melting at such a rate that there is no sledding left now except for drifts in some places, and they are so soft that the horses sink right thru.
- 20 - SUN - Stayed at home today. Services were announced in Thorson at Walseths - also L.A. - but roads are impossible from here.
- 21 - This week I have spent at home for the most as it is practically impossible to get to any place from here with any kind of rig.
- 22 - TUES - Sale at A.G.Berg today but not everything was sold. We have not had telephone service now for over a week. The line is broken in 5 or 6 places between us and Carlsons - but one of these days now A.G.Berg will get around to fixing it.
- 25 - FRI - Adolph came home this evening - he had had a ride with O.Lundstad out to the Trulin corner. Thelma and Valla will be coming out tomorrow with Nels Birkeland when he goes in.
- 26 - SAT - Well, today we got the car started and drove it a little - but - I also went up to Watteruds to borrow his buggy to drive to S.St.Olaf tomorrow.
- 27 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - Marie along. We drove with buggy but could have gotten thru with sled. To Bethlehem at 3:00. We drove with car but it was very muddy. We drove as far as Olson's mailbox and then there was too much snow going S. We left the car standing there then and rode the rest of the way to church with Ole Sendahl in his sled. Thelma and Valla came with Birkelands in car. After services we had some singing with the children that were there. Thelma and Valla came along home.
- 28 - MON - To Columbus - drove with car by Olsons. This week Ida went along to town and Thelma is going to stay home and take care of Baby. The roads were better than we had expected. We had dinner with Ulsruds and then I drove home alone. Muddy on the way home.
- 29 - TUES - Cloudy - wind from NW - looked for awhile like we might have another snowstorm. It went very well with Ada last night - she slept upstairs with the big girls. This p.m. we went over to Ole Sendahls for baptism of their little girl, Helen Elisabeth, B. Feb. 14. Birkelands came too (they and Thelma were sponsors). We drove over in auto, Thelma, Ada and I - very muddy this afternoon.

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30 - WED - Nice day - mild and sunshiney - solskin. Ada was outside with me for awhile today - helping with things in the barn, etc. 31 - THURS - Home.

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- 1 - FRI - To Columbus to get Ida and the children. Drove by Carlsons and almost got stuck by the coulee. 2 - SAT - Started again with the confirmation class in Bethlehem. Adolph and I rode horseback.
- 3 - SUN - To Larson - drove with car. Got stuck in Larson by the church after services but all the men were still there and helped me get out. Then by Columbus with Thelma and Valla. Adolph came along home again. Home on County Rd - S from Columbus - by A. Olson.
- 4 - MON - Foggy and rainy. 5 - TUES - Albert Serdahl went in to Columbus today - 2 wagons - to get posts and wire - some for me too. Adolph went along in to town. Home for the most part the rest of the week. Rainy - foggy - also a little snow - and very muddy.
- 8 - FRI - A little nicer weather today. Went in to get the children. Thelma had gone along with Mathres to Minot one day this week. Had also gone along to Crosby one day.
- 9 - SAT - Rain. Had planned to start with a class in S. St. Olaf today but gave up - weather.
- 10 - SUN - Palm Sunday. To Thorson - services with communion in the schoolhouse at 2:00. Used B. Arneson's buggy. It was very muddy - especially from O. Olson and south - also some snow. Many in the schoolhouse today. Thelma along from here. They decided today that they would have 6 weeks of parochial school this summer with Thelma as teacher - laererinde - to begin the last of May. 11 - MON - Early to town with children. Roads good this morning.
- 12 - TUES - School board meeting. Cold MON and TUES. Nice on WED - Home studying.
- 14 - THURS - Holy Thursday. To Columbus in the a.m. - Julien along - no school here today. Ole Serdahl went along - to get his auto. A. Watterud also went along. The roads were quite dry now - we drove by Nels Anderson and Toso. I had dinner with the children - then went to Larson for services with communion. Thelma and Julien along. Back to town - home.
- 15 - FRI - Good Friday. Rain from early this morning and on but Adolph, Marie and I drove over to S. St. Olaf anyway. It was hard to get thru but we managed. Oral Ronholdt had gotten stuck. There weren't very many there today. Tried to get to Bethlehem in the p.m. but had to give up - roads too bad. Later heard that only a few had gotten there.
- 16 - SAT - Cloudy but no rain this a.m. Adolph worked outside, hauling away the banking from the house. He used the old buggy. I studied today - 2 different Easter sermons. There was a great deal of rain in the p.m.
- 17 - SUN - Easter Sunday. The roads were impossible today to the west of us - could not think about driving west to S. St. Olaf. It dried somewhat by afternoon so we drove east to Bethlehem in auto. Marie, Thelma, Adolph and Valborg went along. Quite a few there - many of the young folks. We sang for awhile afterwards. Offering - \$13.65.
- 18 - MON - Rain again today. Did not go to Columbus this a.m. - Adolph helped me later with

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- 18 - MON - (cont.) - some fencing for the turkeys. Drove with car over to Arnesons later on to get Marie and Julien - could not drive over his ditch but Arneson gave us a ride up to the house.
- 19 - TUES - Very cold today - wind from NW. To Columbus - icy all the way. Trouble with the car on the way home - became hot. When I got as far as McCarty's I had to go back for new oil. Then I was stuck by Toso for about 2 hours. Engel Toso helped me out. The radiator froze up so now there is a leak.
- 20 - WED - More fencing - cold today too. Conf. class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00 - rode horseback on Dan. There were 12 children there. We now have a little heater in church (in the vestry room to the rear of the pulpit).
- 21 - THURS - Not as cold but there was a little snow. Finished fencing. Also studied some.
- 22 - FRI - To Larson - conf. class at 2:00. To Columbus for the children. Home.
- 23 - SAT - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 24 - SUN - To Thorson - used auto. Adolph, Ida and Thelma along. Drove by Nyback and Olson - went fine. Many there - offering \$19.00. Home. Started out for Larson - services announced for 4:00 - but became stuck between here and Watteruds for 2½ hours - so nothing came of that trip. 25 - MON - To Columbus - early - with the children.
- 26 - TUES - Home - studying - same on WED. 27 - THURS - To Thorson for conf. class at 2:00 - at Furness. 6 there - all present. Ida and Ada along. Strong wind.
- 29 - FRI - To Columbus - Ada along - stayed with Thelma while I went to Larson for class at 2:00. Then back to Columbus for the children. Home. This a.m. had a visit from J.A. Soderquist, Columbus, and a Berget from Minot - in regard to insurance.
- 30 - SAT - Classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S.St.Olaf at 2:00.

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- 1 - SUN - Looked like rain. S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - many there. They took up offering - \$19.00. Bethlehem at 3:00. Very strong wind from SE - also some rain. Some singing following services by the children and adults. The weather - sky - looked very threatening - ser trunde ud - the wind became stronger - seemed to be coming from all directions - but it passed by here with only a little rain.
- 2 - MON - Started out foggy - and then we had rain. We had planned to drive in to Columbus this a.m. but it was raining too hard. I did take Marie and Julien over to Arneson school and that was a hard trip - tough to get thru in some places. We went to Columbus around noon so they could attend the p.m. classes. It rained again while I was driving home but I did not get stuck. Heard today that the storm yesterday had done a great deal of damage. Several of the big barns had blown down - A. Brodahl's and Wilke's - a few S of Larson and some were moved off their foundations - for example - f. eks. - Arthur Benson's

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- 2 - MON - (cont.) - big barn. Smaller buildings, hayracks, etc. went many places.
- 3 - TUES - More rain and some snow. The roads are really becoming terrible now.
- 4 - WED - Somewhat better - beginning to dry.
- 5 - THURS - Out to Thorson for conf. class at 2:00 - at P. Hanson. Ida and Baby along. We drove on the County road (#40) and it was not too bad driving today - ikke saa vaerst at kjore idag. Ada had a lot of fun today playing with Palmer Hanson (he was 6 years old).
- 6 - FRI - Class in Larson at 2:00 - then to Columbus to get the children.
- 7 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 10:00. It rained but all met up except Olga Lundstad and she was at home because her mother is sick in bed. There was more rain in the p.m. but went to S. St. Olaf for class at 2:00. There were 4 children absent. Had a flat tire, rear wheel, on the way to church. L. Holte was there so he changed the tire while I was reading with the class. We meet in the vestry room now where we have a little heater to make it comfortable for us.
- 8 - SUN - When we woke up this morning we were surprised to see that we had received a great deal of snow during the night and the snow continued all day from E and NE. There are some enormous drifts and the storm continued on all day. We now have as much snow again as we had thruout the entire winter and there are larger drifts now than we saw at any time all winter. Almost impossible to take the cattle out of the barn to water them. The storm continued all SUN and into MON - a terrible storm that has covered our whole state and even east and west of N. Dak. We heard that A. Carlson lost some of his cattle. Had announced services today in Thorson and Larson - also L.A. in Larson. The worst of it was that I was about out of Hay and straw now. Sent Adolph over to Ole Serdahl on MON and he brought back a wagon load of hay - also on TUES.
- 10 - TUES - A. G. Berg came over today to look over the telephone line. He had to use a boat to go out in the lake N of here. Albert Serdahl went over to Purley Anderson to get a boat - he had one that belonged to O. Ullsrud. I went along north - Berg and Carlson there too. There is an unbelievable amount of snow to get thru - have to make many detours. The mail man came today - on horseback. It had taken him 4 hours from Larson to Carlsons. When he came here he was walking and leading his horse. I do not know how far he was able to get today. Yesterday p.m. I was out digging thru the snow to find some of the turkeys that are sitting on nests. Found all except 2 of the turkey hens. Wonder how that will go. The snow melted fast on TUES and today - WED - is also a very nice day but we still have plenty of snow all over. The ducks have had to leave their nests and are flying around. There are, no doubt, many of the smaller birds that have lost their lives in this storm. Don't know just when we will be able to get to Columbus with the children. Marie has 1 week of school left - and then 4 days of exams - 9 days in all. Not more than half of the wheat has been sown - some have not gotten any wheat sown yet - A. Watterud and A. Berg.

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- 11 - WED - We had about 30 A of wheat seeded about a week ago and $3\frac{1}{2}$ A of spelts and some for the turkeys. No garden planted yet - there is still a great deal of snow covering the garden and lots of water standing around.
- 12 - THURS - The mailman came on horseback today too. The snow is melting quite fast. Marie was at school on MON but no more this week. I did not try to go to Thonson today - THURS - nor to Larson on FRI for conf. classes.
- 14 - SAT - Adolph and I rode horseback to Bethlehem in the a.m. for conf. class. All present except Esther Hoff. I went to S. St. Olaf for class at 2:00 - rode horseback. 5 absent.
- 15 - SUN - Rode horseback to S. St. Olaf for 11:00 services - not many there. To Bethlehem at 2:00 - drove with auto. Many there. Affirmation of baptism for Sylvia Evelyn, daughter of Charlie and Marie Holter. She had been baptized at home by her father on the day she was born - April 9. Then to our place for YPS and almost everyone came along from church - and also some from west came over. Took in \$10.30. Nice day - snow melting fast.
- 16 - MON - To Columbus and Larson. Drove with auto - east by Lundstads and A. Olson. Roads were terrible near the Trulin place - but otherwise they were quite good. From Columbus I went to Larson to see Edward Evenson who is sick - he has been in Minot but is home now. He seemed to be feeling better but is very weak. He doubts that he will ever be well again. Had some work done on the car in Columbus - home by 1:30. Then I went horseback ^{down} over to Ivar Kvelstad to see how Mrs. K is getting along. She had had surgery in Minot and had come home about 3 weeks ago and was feeling fine but now she has blood poisoning. Dr. Parker had just been there to take her to the hospital in Portal so I did not get to see her. Then over to Anders i Dalen. He had had a stroke a short while ago but is better.
- 17 - TUES - I did not remember until late in the day that today is the 17th of May - Syttende Mai. Cloudy - looked like rain. This p.m. Ida and Ada and I went over to visit Marie's school. On the way home we became stuck by the corner of Carrie Tvedt's pasture in a bad mud hole - faelt solehul. It started raining but Ida walked home the rest of the way. Julien went over to Halvorsons to get them to come with a team of horses but they were not at home. Then over to Albert Serdahl - they were out in the field but the 4 boys came. Could not budge it. Then Halvorson came home with a load of coal and we got him to come over with his team of horses and "med nod og neppe fik de den ud". (This expression translates to "just barely" - "with difficulty" - or "by hook or crook" - or just barely).
- 18 - WED - Out spading in the garden for awhile. Moved some pie plant - rhubarb - and 72 strawberry plants. Then we had a little rain mixed with snow. Carlson and Dahl came by - they were checking up on the road situation.
- 19 - THURS - Home. Doing some writing. Should have been out in Thonson yesterday but had to give up on that. Had announced conf. classes at Sathres. Continued cloudy today. This p.m. I rode horseback S to O. Olson, and heard that school is already out in Thonson but

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- 19 - Thurs - (cont.) - they promised that Olaf would go out to J. Wick and have him phone around to let them know there would be services out there on May 22. Olson has seeded only about 11 A of wheat so far - too much snow and water in the fields yet.
- 20 - FRI - It rained hard last night - continued today. Later in the day - fog. Marie and Julien walked to school today - the last day of school. Milo S. came by and we sent 2 packages along with him over to school - he rode horseback. Marie will have to go back next week to give exams to Alma Arneson and Clifford Serdahl (8th grade) and the Anderson girls in 7th grade. (Clarence Anderson's children living with their uncle, Purley A.). The roads are so bad it was unthinkable to go to Larson for conf. class.
- 21 - SAT - Same kind of weather. Clifford S. came by and we rode horseback over to Bethlehem for conf. class at 10:00. They were all there except for Edna Helseth and Dona Danielson and Adolph, who is still in Columbus. In the p.m. over to S. St. Olaf - only Lilly (Holte) and Alice Hovland, Orlando Budke and Harold Sandberg there today.
- 22 - SUN - Ice rain - sleet - all day long. There is water all around - running and standing. Today I should have been in Thorson and Larson.
- 23 - MON - The wind that has been from the east for a long time now has shifted now to the SW. The clouds are breaking up today so the sun shines thru once in awhile - but there are also occasional rain showers. Busy today cutting up seed potatoes. The wheat and spelts that have been sowed here are coming up very nicely but there are places in the fields where it has no doubt been drowned out. All the sloughs are full to overflowing. Albert went to town today in wagon. The roads are terrible. Marie was over at school today - final review with the children.
- 24 - TUES - Wind from NW. More rain. Today Clifford was the only one writing on exams so he came up here to write.
- 25 - WED - To school today - there were others writing today. I did not have any conf. classes during the week as they are all busy with exams this week. I have been working in the garden when possible, and with other outdoor jobs. The weather is not too bad but the roads are terrible - veiret er ikke saa vaerst men veiene er nok faelle enda.
- 28 - SAT - Baptism for Arvin Monroe, B. Dec. 19, 1926 - Parents, Sivert and Anna Kleppen.
- 29 - SUN - Luther League Convention in Noonan. The girls and I drove to Noonan with car - got stuck S of Albert Sorlie. He had to come and pull us out - other than that - the trip went just fine. Pastor A. B. Swan from Mizpah, Minn. preached for the morning service and there was also some special music. Dinner was served - 35¢ and 25¢. Cold wind today. At 2:30 p.m. the meeting convened in the big tent for the concert by the Choral Union choir. Very fine. We did not stay for the evening session - except Thelma who sang in the Columbus choir.
- 30 - MON - Went in to Columbus to get Thelma. Got stuck near Watteruds. After we got out we

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- 30 - MON - (cont.) - came back home and drove west. Had more rain during the day. On the way home we became stuck N of Hovlands. It rained quite a bit today. Later we tried to drive S to Ole Olson as Thelma is going to begin teaching parochial school in Thorson. We got stuck S on Lawver's field. Thelma walked the rest of the way to Olsons. Adolph walked back to Albert Serdahl and asked him to come with a team to pull us out. 3 times stuck today! 3 gange idag.
- 31 - TUES - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00 - rode horseback.

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- 1 - WED - Class in S.St.Olaf - rode horseback. Funeral in the Bethany church for Mrs. Engel Watterud, 53. (Mother of Mabel, Calma, and Clarence)
- 2 - THURS - Class in Larson at 2:00 - Marie along. Stopped by to see Edward Evenson.
- 3 - FRI - Nice this morning but rain later on. Albert S. was going to sow oats today but that was impossible - too wet. So he made a trip to town - took a pig along. Jacoby came over today to take a look at Queen with the intention of trading for his brown pony. Had Adolph ride W to Hovlands on Queen as the pony was there. Yesterday Adolph and Clifford S. were out riding around all day looking for coyotes. They found none. Nothing came of the trade with Jacoby - it was just a bucking pony and Adolph was thrown off. 4 - SAT - Home.
- 5 - SUN - Pentecost. A nice day. To Bethlehem at 11:00 - we drove in car - made 2 trips - gjorde 2 vender. We drove thru water by Trulin's place and had to drive in Benson's field. Quite a few in church today - then over to Brothens for L.A. From there Marie, Adolph and I went to S.St.Olaf at 2:00. We had a flat tire along the way and Marie and I had to ride part of the way with Dihle. To Larson at 5:00. By Columbus and out to Brothens again to get the rest of the family - and then home.
- 6 - MON - Nice day. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. To Columbus after that - had to go to the dentist to have a tooth pulled. Also went over to Laurits Adamson to get a little lamb that he had to give to Ada.
- 7 - TUES - Today Marie started teaching parochial school in Ongstad's schoolhouse. There was School election at 2:00.
- 8 - WED - Class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00. There were 10 men there today planting trees. There were also 5 women there cleaning the church. Something will have to be done this summer about the cellar - kjaelder - under the church. The dirt is caving in and some of the cement foundation of the church is deteriorating - crumbling.
- 9 - THURS - Class in Larson. 10 - FRI - Funeral for Emma Vangen, almost 13, who died in Minot on SUN - Pentecost. Some rain. In the p.m. to Furness to get Thelma - she has about 25 enrolled in school with more coming. It is going well. Marie also likes her school but so far has only 10 pupils.

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- 11 - SAT - Conf. class in Bethlehem. Nice weather now.
- 12 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00. Drove out by Moe and Sathre. There is still a great deal of water to drive thru by Trulins. Ida and Thelma along. Thelma had the children sing for the services in the school house - 20 or 30 of them - they sang very well. Thelma came along home as we had singing in Bethlehem at 3:00. Adolph took her out to Wolds later.
- 13 - MON - To Columbus in the p.m. Had to see the dentist - had 2 filled and 1 pulled. Then to Larson to wait for the train. Mrs. Isakson and Caroline came for a visit. Arnt was just married this past week (June 9). 14 - TUES - Home.
- 15 - WED - Conf. classes in S. St. Olaf at 9:30 and Larson at 2:30.
- 16 - THURS - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 9:30 - last meeting before confirmation on SUN. In the p.m. over to Brothers for the Bethlehem L.A. sale. We all went - the sale went well. Ole Serdahl was auctioneer and they took in about \$125.00. Adolph went to get Thelma. Laurits and Eva here this evening - stayed late - until about 1:00 a.m. Last TUES p.m. June 14, we went to Columbus to hear the Concordia Choir sing. Ida, Valborg, Mrs. Isakson and Caroline went along. The concert was wonderful - udmerket - 44 voices - stemmer. They also sang a concert in the evening.
- 17 - FRI - Nice day - had some studying to do. Adolph, Thelma, Mrs. Isakson and Caroline went in to Columbus this p.m. Mrs. I. and Caroline are going to stay with Laurits and Eva until SUN when they will come out to Bethlehem for Confirmation services. Baptisms for Anna Olive, B. May 16 - Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Thompson; Clarissa Melvina, B. May 28, Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thompson. 18 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 19 - SUN - The day dawned beautifully - oprinder som en per dag - for the Confirmation service in Bethlehem church where Adolph and 11 others will be confirmed! We had a full car today. It was hard to get thru by Trulins but we managed. The church was completely filled and more - fuldpakket. Everything went very well - the confirmands did very well - Konfirmanterne er flinke. Offering - \$35.25. Laurits and Eva came out from Columbus with Thaline and Caroline. Before the service was over we had a real downpour of rain - osregn - making it very difficult to drive home again. Eva and Thaline rode home with us. Laurits got stuck by A. Olson. Then after our first trip home, Adolph and I drove back there to get them - Caroline and the girls - so they had a ride home in our car. Laurits and Eva were here until evening. Adolph and I drove S to O. Olson with Thelma this evening and she will ride out to the schoolhouse tomorrow morning with them.
- Members of the Confirmation class in Bethlehem today: Adolph Buckneberg; Melvin Lovvy Brothen (Carl); John and Olga Lundstad (Ole); Clifford Serdahl (Albert); Esther Holter (Charles); Esther Hoff (Even); Alice Olson (Anton); Ruth Runnigen (John); Signe Dorthea Kleppen (Nels); Edna Helseth (Martin); and Dona Danielson (Marius). There was also baptism for Melba, B. May 5 - Parents, Ole and Karen Lundstad, and John and Olga,

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- 19 - SUN - (cont.) - brother and sister who were just confirmed today were sponsors.
- 20 - MON - Home for the most - studying - also had to fix the fence in a few places. Same TUES.
- 22 - WED - Conf. classes in S. St. Olaf and Larson.
- 23 - THURS - This morning I went to Minot for the Stavanger Lag - left from Kinkaid on the train. Adolph then took Ida and Thaline over to Noonan to see the doctor about getting some medicine for her cough. I met Ingvald this p.m. at the Grand Hotel - then we went over to West Hotel where we stayed. Other Bokner there besides me and Ingvald were, Thomas Krutson, from Volga, S. Dak. and Mandius Gunstad and family. We had a good meeting but I could not get much accomplished with the printing of the Bokne book - vi kunde dog ikke faa gjore stort med at trykke Bokne bogen. I left for home SAT p.m. Meeting continued on SUN.
- 26 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Announced that Confirmation would be July 17 and Circuit meeting July 30-31. Received \$65.00 in salary. Marie, Adolph, Valborg and Julien along. We had brought our picnic lunch along which we ate at church before driving over to Merryfield school for services at 2:00. The whole Thorson congregation was there as well as many others. There was L.A. following services. Thelma was there, as were many of her pupils and they sang several songs. Very nice.
- 27 - MON - Warm today. After Adolph had taken Marie and the children over to church (Bethlehem) for school he went in to Columbus to get Thaline and Caroline. A little rain today.
- 28 - TUES - Nice day. Studying for the Circuit meeting to be held in Glenwood congregation, S of Crosby, on July 1 - 3. 29 - ~~WED~~ - Classes in S. St. Olaf and Larson.
- 30 - THURS - L.A. at Anton Watterud in the p.m. Ida, Thaline and Caroline along.

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- 1 - FRI - To Glenwood congregation for Circuit meeting - went alone today. A little rain today. There were not very many there for the first day. Meeting started with Communion service - I had the communion devotional - jeg holdt skriftetale - Math. 26:26-28. I introduced the afternoon discussion - referat - on the 1st Commandment. Ministers there were: Mathre, Waage, Aarhuhn, Rosholt and Salhus. Home in the evening.
- 2 - SAT - Back to Glenwood again - there were more there today. Today we heard a missionary from China - he gave a very fine talk. August Haugan from Loshan, Honan, China.
- 3 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. Grandma, Marie, Valborg and Julien along. Marie had her pupils sing several songs - very nice. Home. To Larson at 2:00. We had services in the school house today as they are painting the church. Then to S.O. Bergs for their Silver Wedding. There were many there when we came but Mr. and Mrs. Berg did not come until about 5:00 as they had been invited to have dinner with Elmer and Mabel (Evenson) down at the mines. Mathres also came - from Glenwood. We were there until almost dark.
- 4 - MON - The 4th of July. We were at home today - with some company invited. The weather

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- 4 - MON - (cont.) - looked rather unsettled this morning but it turned out to be a very nice day later on. First thing, Laurits came with ice to make ice cream and then he went over to Kleppens - Adolph also - with our car. Thelma had come home FRI evening from Thorson. Mathres came out from Columbus and they had with them the girl who is teaching parochial school in his congregations. Next came Rosholt and Student Baalson, and Mrs. Waage and the children from Noonan. Waage could not come - there were some very sick patients in Noonan and he did not feel he could leave. Then Laurits and family came - and Kleppens. Grandma and Caroline were here too and we had a very enjoyable day - vi havde en fornøielig dag. Thelma was gone for awhile - went along to the Swedish Luther League in Thorson - but came back in the evening. We had a very good day - races - singing - good food - ice cream - and fireworks in the evening - fyrverkeri.
- 5 - TUES - It started raining about midnight and rained almost all of TUES. Marie did not have school today - nor did Thelma. In the p.m. we took Thelma out to Ole Olson - we got stuck on the way home - by Nybacks. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Lars Spelhaug and 3 of their children came. They are from Walcott, N. Dak. and came now from Crosby where they had been visiting - had lost their way driving out here - havde kjort lidt vildt. Very muddy roads. There are quite a few of us here now - vi har nu noksaa mange i huset.
- 6 - WED - Very muddy now. Conf. classes in S. St. Olaf church in the a.m. and Larson in the p.m. Drove by Columbus before we went to Larson. Lars Spelhaug and son were along - we stopped by to see the coal mines too. Laurits and Eva came over in the evening.
- 7 - THURS - Spelhaugs left today - went to Minot. Adolph took Marie and the children over to church and then took Thelma out to Thorson. Thelma had come along to Olsons last night and we went out to get her. Today we are having good drying weather. I hoed some in the corn and fixed up some places for the little chickens - steller med Kyllingerne. We ordered some white Wyandottes from Stanley - got 52. Some have died - it has been too raw and cold for them. Most of the little turkeys have died too.
- 8 - FRI - Ida, Thaline and Caroline were over to Kleppens. 9 - SAT - Home.
- 10 - SUN - Services in Thorson - we had an outdoor service at Ole Olson out in the trees. The L.A. served dinner - many people there today. After dinner Thelma had her school children present their program which was very good. We were all there except Marie and Caroline. The L.A. had also set up a stand where they sold refreshments. We drove home by Brothers - they are planning to do some work over at church.
- 11 - MON - Thelma started teaching parochial school over at Sorlie today. I had conf. class in S. St. Olaf church at 9:30. Adolph was along and while I was at church he took the car over to Olaf Anderson to have him do some work on it - had the valves ground. He was not finished at noon when I was thru with the class so I had a ride to Larson for class, with Andersons in their truck. After I was finished there I had a ride out with Ole Watterud - with team

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- 11 - MON - (cont.) - and wagon - vogn. Adolph and Thelma met me at Claus hill. Adolph had been stuck. 12 - TUES - School board meeting. Had some more rain.
- 13 - WED - L.A. at Sandbergs but we did not go - it was too muddy. Thelma was there.
- 14 - THURS - Conf. class in S.St.Olaf - last time before confirmation on SUN. The class from Larson met with us there today.
- 15 - FRI - Marie's last day of school in Bethlehem. She put on a program in church this p.m. and it was very good. Many of the parents came.
- 16 - SAT - To Columbus - took Thelma and Caroline along in to Laurits - had dinner at Laurits'. Had some work done on the car - bushings and brakebands. Thelma and Caroline stayed.
- 17 - SUN - Confirmation services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00. It was a fine, big class - 13 from S.St.Olaf and 4 from Larson. I spoke in both Norwegian and English. There were many - so many they could not all get in the church. Offering - \$55.65. Members of the class: Lilly Holte (John); Myrtle Kvelstad (Iver); Thelma Nortvedt (Hans); Marie Watterud (Anton); Alma Arneson (Bernt); Harold Sandberg (Mathias); Onland Knutson (Ole); Marvin Sorlie (Albert); Orlando Budke (William); Leonard and Gladys Holte (Louis); Alice Witty (George); Alice Hovland (Ole). From Larson: Norman Norby (John); Arthur, Borghild and Huldah Dillerud (Ole).
- In the afternoon Ida and I went over to Arnesons for awhile. Mrs. Wrolson, Odin Holte and Clara were there - they had been in church and we wanted to see them a little while when they were there.
- 18 - MON - Today we went to Minot - Ida and I and Adolph taking Thelma and Caroline along. They had been in Columbus since SAT. It was rather warm today. We drove about 80 miles N of Minot to Wolseth to visit A. Spelhaug and a Hall.
- 19 - TUES - Today we took the Wisconsin ladies in to Minot where they left on the train for Wyndmere to visit the Lars Spelhaugs. Mamma bought some material at the Fair Store for Thelma (uniforms) as she is going to Trinity Hospital this fall to train as a nurse. We went thru the hospital yesterday - it is a very fine - storartet - place. It rained as we drove home today, TUES, between Minot and Kenmare. It had also rained at home. Everything was fine at home - Thelma, Valborg, Julien and Ada were at home and Marie was teaching at Sorlie school this week. It rained during the evening and night too.
- 20 - WED - Conf. class in Thorson at 2:00 followed by a congregation meeting at 4:00. They were not all there but they decided to delay the building of the church until next year and to take up a subscription this fall to see what additional can be promised instead of thru the Church Extension Loan. Present were: J.P.Gjerde, Bakken, Rysgaard, Furness, Sathre and Wigdahl. More rain this evening - also some hail.
- 21 - THURS - Warm. Adolph and I fixed up the pigpen and got the little pigs moved to it. Drove west to put up the posters in regard to the School Election on Aug. 5. Looked for wild

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- 21 - THURS - (cont.) - strawberries. Cut down some Canadian thistle. Hoed in the potatoes.
- 22 - FRI - A little rain. Today I have to do some studying. 23 - SAT - Home.
- 24 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - L.A. at Westerness following. Adolph and Julien rode along over there. Marie and Valborg came along home. Thelma along to Larson for services at 3:00. Then we went out to Thorkildsons - school program - but it was over by the time we arrived. Went by Columbus - Mathre had some pictures for us.
- 25 - MON - Adolph and I took Thelma over to Sorlie school this a.m. - then we went to Larson and Columbus - paid for the kerosene stove that Marie had bought at Kindsbeck and Swenson - \$21.00. I bought an oven for it - \$3.75. (The green kerosene stove). Adolph's birth day.
- 26 - TUES - Nice weather. Started with a new conf. class in Bethlehem. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peterson were here for awhile this p.m. This evening Adolph, Julien and Valborg went with me to Columbus to see the film on "Norway", presented by Carsten Woll. He also sang. The film was very good. ("Master Film of Norway" - 10 scenic reels).
- 27 - WED - Warm - became warm early in the day. To Thorson for conf. class in the p.m. but the weather looked very threatening did not conduct class. I assigned lessons for next week and sent them home. It started raining before I came home but heard that it had rained harder in some other places. We also heard later that there had been hail to the S and E of us - the hail coming hard enough to break windows in the train in Minot - and fires had started when lightning had struck. 28 - THURS - Home. Thelma came home from Sorlies on FRI. Also went to Columbus on FRI.
- 30 - SAT - Circuit meeting begins today in S. St. Olaf. A nice, warm day. Church almost full today even tho it is rather warm. Aarthur had opening Devotion followed by Rosholt speaking on our Baptismal Covenant - Daabers pakt. Following dinner Waage spoke on the use of God's Word and Aarthur spoke on the Sacrament of the Altar. The ministers all went to their home this evening except Mathres, who stayed at Sandbergs.
- 31 - SUN - Quite cool this morning but nice later in the day. Many people there today - more than could get in the church. Services with communion this forenoon - in both Norwegian and English. I gave the Norwegian Devotional - Skriftetale - and Aarthur preached in Norwegian; Mathre gave the English Devotional and Waage gave the English portion of the sermon. We finished at 1:15. There were 50 communicants - 35 Norw. and 15 Eng. 17 were the new class of confirmands - 2 weeks after confirmation. The afternoon session after dinner opened with Devotion by Waage. We all spoke this p.m. - first me - then Waage, Mathre, Rosholt and Aarthur. We finished by 5:00. It was a good meeting. We had a little trouble with starting our car.

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- 1 - MON - Nice day. Worked in the potatoes and corn during the a.m. In the p.m. to Columbus

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- 1 - MON - (cont.) - and Noonan. Marie and Valborg had their eyes checked by Dr. Smith - and neither one needs glasses now. We visited briefly at Waages and Sletvold.
- 2 - TUES - Another nice day. They are haying around here now - some are also harvesting rye. Everything looks very good around here now. We have about 50 to 60 little turkeys from the 2nd hatching. We lost almost all from the first hatchings due to snow and rain. We also have between 80 and 90 little chickens.
- 3 - WED - Class in Thorson. Warm every day now. 4 - THURS - Home.
- 5 - FRI - Adolph drove down to the mines to get some ice - Thelma wants to serve ice cream to her school pupils in the Sorlie school as this is the last day. She has had 14 children attending. There was also a special school election there this p.m. We all went over - some of the parents came too.
- 6 - SAT - Quite warm - has been warm all week - dry too. Very good for haying. The rye harvest is finished N on the flats and other harvesting is now beginning there. Up here in the Hills it is a little later.
- 7 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 - then to M. Berg for L.A. Mary there. All along except Valla who is in Powers Lake visiting the Trulins. She went along FRI evening when Mrs. Trulin was here. This evening at 6:00 we were in Bethlehem church for some singing. There were also some from Thorson that came also - and came here later. 8 - MON - Home.
- 9 - TUES - Adolph and Mamma went to Larson in the a.m. In the p.m. to Bethlehem for conf. class, the second meeting for this class. The others drove out to Powers Lake to get Valla. I walked home after class. It was about 9:00 when they came from Powers Lake. Nash (?) from Columbus came out with a new binder for Albert Serdahl and set it together out here. We heard that 2 men had been killed SUN evening a few miles N of Columbus - coming from Canada. One was Carl Simonson and the other was August Larson - both worked at the mines.
- 10 - WED - Conf. class - Thorson at 2:00. Warm day. Ida and the girls along. They drove over to Rysgaards while I had class. Thelma drove. Back to school by about 5:00.
- 11 - THURS - Warm day - some rain in the p.m. Working on a new sermon. They had planned on going over to Birkelands but nothing came of it.
- 12 - FRI - All of us to Alfred Petersons - all except Adolph who is going to help Ole Serdahl with haying. Has been with him before today too. We drove by the mines. Harvesting being done around here now - a little rye threshed too. We hear that the Hessian fly is doing some damage to the wheat and there is also some rust. Home by evening. Looked like rain.
- 13 - SAT - Nice, clear weather - no rain. Home.
- 14 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. Baptism for Leif Oliver, B. July 3 - Parents, Ole and Ingrid Berg. To Larson at 3:00 - at John Rolie. L.A. also. Marie, Adolph and Ada were home in the a.m. Oliver Ulsrud came over - from Purley Anderson. It started raining while we were in Bethlehem church - rained more here and to the NW. Put chains on to go to Larson.

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- 14 - SUN - (cont.) - It was a warm day. Much rain after services (Larson) but it did not rain as much here and farther east. Went to Bethlehem in evening about 7:00 for some singing - all of us except Mamma. Mamma, Thelma and Valborg along to Larson. We had some special singing at Rolies today too - Mrs. Rolie, Thelma and Valla, and Helga and Gladys Rolie.
- 15 - MON - Much rain during the night - foggy and rainy today.
- 16 - TUES - Foggy today too. Albert Sendaahl came over today to repair both the chimneys - skal reparere begge murpiper. We had to take down both of them - down to the roof - and build them up again as there were many leaks and the cement has deteriorated. Went to Columbus twice this p.m. for supplies - bricks - cement, etc. Did not finish in one day - continued working on it 17-WED too. There was rain last night - extremely wet now. To Thorson for conf. class on WED at 2:00 - very muddy many places. Albert Sendaahl's work will come to \$7.00 - very reasonable - billig.
- 18 - THURS - Nice day - they are now able to get started with haying again. Went to A. Carlson this p.m. to get some ground feed. Home on FRI and SAT.
- 21 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Foggy and rainy. In the p.m. we all went to N. Birkeland's for L.A. - many there. 22 - MON - To Columbus.
- 23 - TUES - To Crosby - all except Adolph and Julien. Marie and Thelma had some dental work done. Bought some dresses too. Had dinner with Rosholt.
- 24 - WED - Conf. class in Thorson. Home the rest of the week - studying.
- 28 - SUN - To Thorson for services - many there. Thelma and the boys along. When we came home there were some cars at our place - from Bethlehem. A little later there were more cars - from Bethlehem, Macroom, S. St. Olaf, and some from Thorson. It was to be a Farewell party for Thelma (as she is leaving for Nurses training in Trinity Hospital soon). There were about 200 that came - someone counted 36 cars. They had all brought along something for lunch and lunch was served twice. They presented her with a money gift of about \$55.00. Some of the young folks stayed longer and later went over to S. O. Bergs. 29 - MON - Home.
- 30 - TUES - To Columbus. 31 - WED - To Minot with Thelma - Julien and Valborg stayed home. They had company - Evelyn Sendaahl and her brothers, Ruth Sandberg and Doris Berg. We went to the park in Minot - ate our picnic lunch - then up town and later to the hospital. Thelma has a nice place to stay - some of the girls had already come. We left for home shortly after 3:00 and came home by 9:00.

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- 1 - THURS - Conf. class in Thorson at 2:00 - Ida, Ada and Adolph along. They went over to Furness' while I read with the class. We had seen little Bertha Furness in the Hospital. I went over to Wigdahls for baptism - Vernon Elrod, B. Aug. 22, 1926 - Parents, Leith and Annetta (Wigdahl) Olive. In the evening Adolph took the little girls over to S. O. Bergs - Valla is going to stay there a few days. (Ruth S. and Doris B. had been here a few days.

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- 2 - FRI - To Columbus - all of us. 3 - SAT - Some studying. Albert Hysjulien finished harvesting the oats here today. The wheat is cut and looks good.
- 4 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00. Alfred Petersons came along home for dinner from Bethlehem.
- 5 - MON - To Columbus with Adolph and Valborg as H.S. begins again. They will be staying at Even Ulsruds again - Marie Watterud too.
- 6 - TUES - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00. In the evening over to see Mrs. Ole Evenson-Opstad. She is very ill - near death. I made 2 trips - she wished to receive Holy Communion. She has been very sick now for several days.
- 7 - WED - This morning she died. To Thorson in p.m. for conf. class.
- 8 - THURS - We went over to school to wash and clean (Arneson school - Marie teacher).
- 9 - FRI - Funeral for Mrs. Evenson - 1:00 in the house and 2:00 in church. Considering how busy everyone is now with harvesting and threshing - there were a great many in church. I had Devotion at the house and spoke in both Norwegian and English at the church. After the funeral I went by Larson to Columbus. Valla came along home but Adolph stayed as he is working for Clarence Anderson at the garage tomorrow.
- 10 - SAT - Looked like rain but the sun came out.
- 11 - SUN - Foggy, dark and cloudy this morning. Marie and I went to S. St. Olaf at 11:00 but it started raining before we got there - had to put chains on west of Ronholdts. It turned into a very heavy rain storm - much thunder and lightning. No one came except Ole Evenson-Opstad. I had Devotion and then we left for home again. In Columbus they had had a real cloudburst. Adolph had had a ride home from Columbus with Anderson and drove over to get him at noon. (Clarence came out to Purley Anderson where his children were living after the death of his wife). Adolph and Valborg will get a ride back to Columbus with him tonight. The rain stopped towards evening.
- 12 - MON - More rain - very muddy - home. This is Ida's 44th birthday. We went to Columbus in the p.m. and Adolph came along home and is going threshing with the Brothers. Conrad Isakson came along too - had been in Columbus since he came SAT evening.
- 13 - TUES - Took Adolph over to Brothens. 14 - WED - More rain - quite a bit, in fact.
- 15 - THURS - Took Conrad in to Columbus. 16 - FRI - To Columbus to get Valborg. Ida and Baby along. Conrad left again for St. Paul today. We hear from Thelma almost every day and we write to her often too. Everything is going fine in Minot - she likes it very much. Had class in Thorson on THURS - the last time before confirmation for this class.
- 16 - FRI - Some started threshing today. 17 - SAT - More are threshing today. Cold wind from NW - drying quite well now. Home today getting some studying done.
- 18 - SUN - Some are threshing today too - cold wind from NW. It has dried quite well. Ida and I went to Thorson for 11:00 Confirmation service. There were many there today - the class

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- 18 - SUN - (cont.) - of 7 confirmands did very well. Class members: Arthur Bakken (Anton); Julius Fredrickson (Nick); Arnold and Minnie Wigdahl (Sam); Olga Hanson (Pete); Sophie Furness (Carl); Nora Sathre (Martin). We drove home on the Co. road past C. Brothen but there was no one home there. Adolph was home when we came there about 3:00. Brothen had threshed on FRI but not yesterday - but will start again tomorrow early.
- 19 - MON - Ida and I, Adolph, Valla and Ada left early this morning for Brothers - left Adolph there and then took Valla to Columbus. Bought some things for Adolph (clothes for threshing) and drove by Brothers again on our way home. There was some snow this forenoon - held up threshing from noon until about 4:00 p.m. and then the weather was fine again and continued so for the rest of the week.
- 20 - TUES - To Bethlehem for conf. class but as only the Kleppen children were there I excused them. Home for the most the rest of the week. Carlson finished threshing FRI evening except for a little at Vangers - but could not thresh on SAT - foggy, wet and cold. We went to Columbus on FRI to get Valborg - Adolph came home on SAT. The children will have to move from Ulsruds to Fiegels as Ulsruds have to have the room for some elderly people that have come to stay with them.
- 25 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - all along. Cold - few out today. To Larson at 3:00 - many there. Baptism for Norman Milton, B. Aug. 29 - Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommas Christianson. By Columbus with Adolph and Valla. Stopped in at Laurits and Eva for a little while.
- 26 - MON - Threshers came here about 10:30 - a nice day. We got about 500 bu. of wheat - about 18 bu. to the A - 75 bu. of spelts and 141 bu. of oats. They finished TUES a.m. It is cold these days and freezes during the night. Have gotten a bad cold - it has hung on all week. Has been cold now for a few days.
- 30 - FRI - To Columbus to get the children. Foggy - even a little rain. Went by Noonan to get some medicine for Ida and Valborg had her eyes checked. She does not need glasses but got some medicine to use for granulated eyelids. It rained again enough to put a stop to threshing. They are over at Ole Sordahl now.

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- 1 - SAT - We were up early today as we were all going to Minot to see Thelma. We left home about 7:00 - the roads were a little slippery on the way to Columbus but everything went fine. Got to Minot at about 11:00. Thelma was glad to see all of us and we drove down to the park where we ate our dinner. We were there for awhile - then we went up town and also drove out S and E from Minot for awhile. It was a little after 3:00 when we started for home again - got home just as it started getting dark.
- 2 - SUN - To Thorson for services with communion at 11:00. Had gotten almost to Emil Grubb's place when I realized I had forgotten the communion wine. So - home again, but I still

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- 2 - SUN - (cont.) - managed to get to the schoolhouse by 11:10. There were quite a few there. To S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Then to Columbus with the children.
- 3 - MON - Today and thruout the rest of the week - cold, rainy and sometimes a little snow.
- 7 - FRI - To Columbus. Adolph came along home but Valla had to stay because of Freshman Initiation tonight. I bought some things at Romring's Store - a special sale - for \$25.00. Got a check from Brenno for \$29.00 for a little bull calf I sold him. Paid Mrs. Edlsvud \$7.00 for room rent. Cold and clear tonight.
- 8 - SAT - Today we have snow - but it let up later in the day. Had announced meeting with the new conf. class in S. St. Olaf today but did not go - terrible roads. Went to Bethlehem at 2:00 for class. It is too bad that there are still those who have not finished with their threshing yet. Many also have potatoes in the ground that should be dug. We have frost at night quite often too. I have not gotten much dug up either.
- 9 - SUN - Weather is somewhat improved today. Bethlehem at 11:00. Marie and Julien along. Roads are still very muddy - lost a chain on the way to church. Quite a few in church. To Larson at 3:00 - Marie and Adolph along. Quite a few there too. Baptism for Gladys Lavourne, B. Aug. 25 - Parents, Hans and Anna Rolie. By Columbus with Adolph. Roads are drying nicely. Valla was at Fiegels - had stayed over this time for Freshman Initiation which was held FRI evening.
- 10 - MON - Dug potatoes this a.m. Rain in the p.m. School board meeting here this p.m. Rain quit towards evening. Then during the night we had more rain and snow.
- 11 - TUES - A considerable amount of snow on the ground and it is still snowing. Marie and Julien walked to school today. WED and THURS - the same muddy roads - not much that can be done outside these days.
- 14 - FRI - To Columbus. Mamma and Ada along. Adolph and Valla came along home. Roads are still very muddy. 15 - SAT - Started with a new conf. class in S. St. Olaf - there were only 3 of this age - Reidar Berg, Inga Kvelstad, and Grace Nortvedt.
- 16 - SUN - Today I preached in Crosby for Rosholt who is in Minot. Ida went along. It took 1 hour to drive from home in to Larson and then only ½ hour from Larson to Crosby. We got there about 10:00 just as they were beginning with Sunday School. I also took a class. They have a large S.S. - filled the whole church. Then services at 11:00. I used for my text John 5:39 - "Ye search the scriptures - - -" - "I randsager skrifterne - - -". There were many in church. Invited over to John Otheim for dinner - Mrs. Bilstad also there - and Hove. Left for home about 3:00. To Columbus with Adolph and Valla.
- 17 - MON - Now we have nice, dry weather so all the threshing rigs are starting up again. Ole Serdahl had gotten only about half of his threshing done 2 weeks ago and has been waiting all this time for better weather. They started there today and finished by evening. On TUES they threshed at Nybacks and Watterud. TUES evening they moved the rig back to

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- 17 - MON - (cont.) - Carlsons as he had some flax and barley left to thresh. On TUES I made a quick trip over to A.G. Berg and Sorlie with some warrants. On MON I dug up the rest of the potatoes - must have about 25 bu. or maybe a little more. Bought some cabbage from Halvorson for 2¢ a lb. - $\frac{1}{2}$ bu. of carrots for 50¢ - and $\frac{1}{2}$ bu. onions for \$1.00.
- 19 - WED - Same nice weather - also on THURS - 20.
- 21 - FRI - Today we went to Minot again - the weather was so nice. Adolph had come home THURS evening. We left this morning about 7:00 - Marie and Julien walked to school. We stopped in Columbus to get Valborg - left there about 8:00. Nice and dry now. We came to Minot about 11:00. Thelma was expecting us and went with us to the Park where we ate our dinner. Adolph and I had to take the car up town for a little repair job - cost \$1.40 - then back to the Park where we stayed for a little while longer. Thelma enjoyed this very much - we had also brought along a box of food for her - roasted chicken, coffee bread, lefse and other things. We left about 3:00 - came to Columbus about 6:30 - had stopped in Kenmare for a little while.
- 22 - SAT - Conf. class in Bethlehem. Mrs. Alfred Peterson came over here.
- 23 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Thorsen at 3:00. Ida, Ada and the boys along. Invited over to M. Sathre for supper.
- 24 - MON - To Columbus this morning with Adolph and Valborg. Nice weather continued all week. They have been able to finish with threshing around here this week.
- 28 - FRI - Julien and I went to Crosby today to see the dentist - we both had some work done. On the way home - about 3 miles E of Crosby - we had some auto trouble - coils burned out. Had to telephone to Crosby to get help. The coil cost \$5.00 and labor \$2.00. Dental work cost \$3.00. By Columbus to get Valborg. There had been no school today and Adolph had come home at noon.
- 29 - SAT - Foggy and wet. To S. St. Olaf at 2:00 for conf. class. It started raining - really poured - so we did not stay there long. The roads were bad - hard to get home. It continued raining all evening and into the night.
- 30 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem with communion. Mission boxes brought in and offering to the Mission - total \$40.25. Had some singing afterwards. All along except Julien. Roads were very muddy. Should have been in Larson at 3:00 but with the roads the way they are we made slow progress. We realized we could not get there by 3:00 - it would have been closer to 4:00 at the rate we had to drive - so we turned back. There was L.A. announced also. The roads were terrible. We had fresh fish for supper - Halvorson had been to the river and I bought 3 from him for \$1.15.
- 31 - MON - Rain and snow from SW but it did not continue for long. Adolph took Marie and Julien to school and then a little later we drove in to Columbus. Drove by Nels Anderson place - the Town Hall and north. It was a little better driving that way but that, too, was bad

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31 - MON - (cont.) - enough. I drove home the same way - came home about 2:00. I sent in the Mission offering from Bethlehem today - Jerpbak said it was \$40.36. Froze hard last night.

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- 1 - TUES - Froze hard again last night but thawed later in the day. They walk to school in the morning when it is frozen and then I go to get them in the afternoon when it is harder to walk. 2 - WED - Nice weather with some strong wind in the p.m. Nice also on THURS and not much freezing over night.
- 4 - FRI - To Columbus - Adolph came along home but Valborg stayed as there was something going on at school tonight. She came along out with Anton Watteruds on SAT and then came to church with them on SUN.
- 5 - SAT - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Bethlehem at C.Brother at 2:00.
- 6 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - Marie, Ada and Julien along and Valborg came along home with us. To Thonson at 2:30 - went alone. Drove S by O.Olson. Some song rehearsal at our place this p.m. - Brothers - O.Serdahls - Westernesses.
- 7 - MON - To Columbus this morning. Frozen solid now and we have some snow. Home for the most all week. 11 - FRI - Cold. To Town to get Adolph and Valla. There was to be L.A. sale in Larson on SAT but I did not go in for it.
- 13 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 and Larson at 2:30. A little more snow now. Service with communion in Larson - Mission offering - \$27.90. Marie, Adolph and Valborg along. Then to Columbus. Home a little before dark.
- 14 - MON - Some snow today. Ada is 3. 15 - TUES - More snow. Halvorson here on TUES to help me dress 13 turkeys and 4 chickens. He was also here a week ago to butcher a pig.
- 16 - WED - Went in to Columbus with Albert Serdahl - he hauled in a load of wheat and I brought along the turkeys to ship. We brought flour along home - Albert bought 1200 lbs and I bought 500 lbs. The Farmers Union had ordered a carload of flour from the State Mill in Grand Forks (Dakota Maid) and it cost \$3.85 per 100 lbs. In town at the store it costs \$4.50. Very cold - hard trip home.
- 17 - THURS - Still driving to school with car but a little S of Eskildson's place something went wrong with the starter - starteren kom i ugreie. The gears locked - I could not crank it. Marie and Julien had to walk the rest of the way to school and I had to walk home. I telephoned to Alvin Dihle and he came with horses and sled and used his team to pull the car home. He was able to get it fixed then. We have the self-starter disconnected now, however. He went along at 3:30 when I went over to school to get them and it worked all night. I gave him \$2.00. Got a load of coal from W.Larson mine - had gotten 2 ton before.
- 18 - FRI - Stormy last night. Drove to school with sled and horses today - there has been a great deal of drifting. Expected 2 loads of coal today. Did not go to Columbus today

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- 18 - FRI - (cont.) - but Adolph came out with the Carlson boys and walked home from there.
- 19 - SAT - Cold today too. Hennis (mail carrier) got thru with car today, as well as yesterday, but he has to drive many places where there is no road and even then it is almost impossible. Men kan maa kjore i krog og sving og enda er det naesten uraad.
- 20 - SUN - Should have gone to Thorson but the weather was blustery and unsettled - veiret var tykt og saa ud til lidt af hvert - so I did not go. Had discussed this with them last time I was out there - that if the roads would be difficult - I would not come.
- 21 - MON - Adolph had a ride to Columbus today with Serdahls. I am driving to school with sled these mornings and also in the p.m..
- 22 - TUES - Ida was not feeling so well today. Dressed 4 grey chickens today - the last of the grey - now all we have are the white.
- 23 - WED - Nice weather today. Annual congregation meeting in S.St.Olaf today but first I drove over to John Holte to baptize their little boy, John Jr. Dale, B. Oct. 2 - Parents, John and Edith Holte. They have been quarantined for 3 weeks now as Melba has been sick with scarletina. Went from there over to church. Adolph and Valla came home with Serdahls. Meeting in church was called for 2:00. Devotion - Philippians 2:1-18. Gave my report of the year. I read J.Holte's secretarial report as he was not present. A.Sorlie chosen as secr. pro tem. Election: Secr. - J.Holte; Treas. - A.Anderson; Trustee - S.O.Berg (3); School Committee - Iver Kvelstad; Custodian - M.Nelson - who was also welcomed as a new member. I.Kvelstad promised to haul some coal. Sandberg and Nortvedt will check on the rain gutters - tagrender - on the church. Of salary I had received \$137.00 previously and now \$202.00 - with \$13.50 still outstanding but expected any day. Present: H.Nortvedt, I.Kvelstad, Ole Evenson, M.Nelson, O.Ronholdt, A.Anderson and A.Sorlie.
- 24 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. A nice day. Marie and I went to S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - quite a few there. Took up a subscription for the General Fund of the church - (budget) - samfundet - which came to \$46.00. 3 more Mission boxes were brought in - \$12.59. Home for a fine dinner but I was not feeling so well today.
- 25 - FRI - More of the mild weather and the snow is melting fast. To Dilleruds for services - also L.A. and annual congregation meeting was announced for today. Norby was the only one from Larson. There were neighbors there and also some from the Hills. We did have a meeting. I left there about 4:00 - snow had melted a great deal today - much water and mud to drive in. It was dark when I came home. O.Dillerud was re-elected as secr. and John Norby as treas; Otto Evenson as custodian; M.Anderson in charge of cemetery - tilsynsmand. Had received \$55.00 in salary last summer.
- 26 - SAT - Colder - no thawing today. Annual congregation meeting in Bethlehem at 1:30. After Devotion gave my report on the work done during the past year. Reports heard from secr. and treas. I had received \$85.00 this year but of this \$31.50 was for 1926. Received

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- 26 - SAT - (cont.) - today \$95.00 and yesterday from Ole Serdahl - \$15.00. Some over \$80.00 due. Election: Secr. - A. Olson; Treas. - M. Pederson; Trustee - O. Serdahl; School committee - A. Olson (3) - and he will also serve as church custodian. There was discussion concerning the Church Extension loan. The \$500.00 loan is due but they cannot manage all right now. The L.A. has promised to give what they have, which amounts to about \$200.00. 2 teams of 2 each were chosen to see what they can do about collecting some more money - Ole Serdahl and N. Kleppen, and A. Olson and N. Birkeland. Nothing was decided about Christmas Tree today - tomorrow we will see what the young folks will want to do about it. Present: Kleppen, Brothen, M. Pederson, A. Olson and C. Holter.
- 27 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. It was decided that we would have Christmas tree. We had some singing following services.
- 28 - MON - To Thorson - services at M. Sathre at 11:30. I drove with sled out to O Olson and then rode along with him. He used his truck - there is still some snow along the way but we got thru anyway. There were many there - the L.A. served dinner too. We had the annual meeting of the congregation following services. Reports heard. Anton Bakken, treas., has moved. Had received in salary \$81.00 previously and now received the remainder minus \$11.00. Election: Secr. - C. Furness; Treas. - P. Rysgaard (but later he penciled in M. Sathre); Trustee - Sam Wigdahl; School committee - C. Furness; Custodian - J. Wick. The building of our church was discussed - Kirkesporgsmaalet optaget. There is \$1000.00 subscribed but from now until Christmas they are going to work seriously on it and try to expand it - men nu skal de gjore alvor af det mellem nu og Jul og faa mere. They collected about \$29.00 for the budget - Samfundet.
- 29 - TUES - Cold. Wind from NW - drove over to A. Olson with sled - Valborg along. Adolph will have to stay at home for awhile as he has a sore knee and has to be quiet for awhile. Olson drove to town with car. I paid off bills in Columbus - spent almost all the money I had now.
- 30 - WED - Cold today - drive to school morning and evening these days. Wrote some letters. I walked over to Albert Serdahl. He has moved the old barn on the Eskildson place home to his place now. I cleaned the barn, etc. Got the returns for the 11 turkeys and 3 chickens I shipped to May Co. Not very good - \$39.57 for all. The 2 teams in Bethlehem that are collecting for the Church Extension Loan have been able to collect a little now.

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- 1 - THURS - Cold - home for the most. Albert Serdahl came over on WED to butcher the 2 pigs we had. Home on FRI and SAT.
- 4 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - I went alone - not many there - quite cold.
- 5 - MON - A. Serdahl hauled in 2 loads of wheat for me to Columbus - got \$1.10 a bu - \$121.55 total. I also drove in - took Adolph in. Not as cold today. Paid \$80.00 and interest on

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- 5 - MON - (cont.) - a note at the bank - \$50.00 left. Had Dan shod - shoet. Sent 2 boxes of apples home with Albert.
- 6 - TUES - Much colder. Albert Sordahl went to town again today with a load of wheat for me and one for himself - \$109.00 today. Got \$60.15 for that.
- 7 - WED - Colder - 35 to 40 degrees below zero. Albert S. went to town today too - to get vaccine for his cattle - there are those who have lost cattle due to black-leg. I had 3 of mine vaccinated. Marie stayed over at Arnesons TUES night - it is too cold to drive back and forth these days. She stayed there the rest of the week and Julien was at home. It has been between 20 - 30 below every day now.
- 9 - FRI - A little better today but no mail. Went over to get Marie this afternoon but the children will have to stay in town this time.
- 10 - SAT - 20 below zero. I drove over to A. Olson to find out if he can drive from his place with car and if that is possible if he would take me to Larson for services tomorrow. He was over at Ed Hallum dressing turkeys so I drove over there. He said he would drive to Larson tomorrow with car unless it is too cold.
- 11 - SUN - Better today but it is still 10 below this morning. I drove over to Olsons about 11:00 but it was about 12:30 before we got started from Olsons. The first mile was hard - quite a bit of snow - but after that it went quite well. Many in Larson - baptism for Vernice Vivian, B. Oct. 11 - Parents, Olaf and Laura Olson. Collected for the budget - Samfundet - got more than the quota, even tho there were 2 that did not want to contribute - no, there were 3. Received the rest of my salary in the total of \$65.00 (\$120.00). Stopped in at A. Olson on the way home - had some coffee. Marie and Julien had been down on Sordahls lake for awhile this afternoon.
- 12 - MON - Nice and mild today. Went to Columbus today & had to bring in some food and supplies for Adolph and Valla. Did some shopping - bought a Christmas tree. Drove over to school this morning before going to town. Home quite early. There was some snow.
- 13 - TUES - Cold again. Continued cold on WED and THURS. 20 to 25 degrees below zero.
- 16 - FRI - A great deal better today but a little snow coming down. I went to Columbus and Adolph and Valla came along home. School is not out for Christmas vacation until next WED but that cannot matter now, with the way the weather has been - and could be. Well, the weather was nice today so they did not have to freeze on the way home anyway. Heard in town today that yesterday it had snowed up to 19" in and around Fargo. We have not had anything like that here - just the cold. 17 - SAT - Cold - like it has been for awhile.
- 18 - SUN - Cold - but no wind. 22 below zero this morning. 5 of us had a ride with Ole Sordahl to Bethlehem at 11:00. Some singing after services. Marie rehearsed with the children - ovede bonnere - and some of us older folks sang also. Home for the rest of the day. Mamma and Ada were home today.

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- 19 - MON - Marie is teaching all this week - Adolph is doing the driving to and from school. I went along with Ole Serdahl to Columbus today. 20 - ~~TUES~~ - Nice weather today.
- 21 - WED - Marie gave exams for 2 Anderson girls. Weather much better on THURS and FRI.
- 23 - FRI - Not so cold now. Marie had a little program at school on FRI - very good. I am busy studying whenever I can.
- 24 - SAT - A busy day for everyone - travel for alle. Adolph went in to Columbus with Louis and Floyd Serdahl - came home shortly after dark. We had our Christmas Tree in the evening with singing and the reading of the Christmas Gospel. Yes, there were many presents for all of us. There were things that we had bought but there were also things from St. Paul and Moorhead, etc. I also received a pair of stockings and mittens - stromper og vanter - from Mrs. K. An. (Kristoffer Anderson). Received a great many cards and pictures also.
- 25 - SUN - Glædelig Jul! I was up at 5:00 this morning to do some more studying. Nice weather today. Marie and I went to S. St. Olaf at 11:00. There was a full church but we did not have Christmas tree this year. 6 girls sang "Glæde Jul". Then home for a nice turkey dinner - and at home for the rest of the day - er ivo resten af dagen.
- 26 - MON - A little colder today - wind from NW. Marie, Valla, Adolph and Julien along to Bethlehem at 11:00. Here we had a beautiful Christmas Tree and the church was decorated - it all looked so festive. The weather turned nice too. Many people - some even drove with autos. Following the service we had the Christmas tree and program. The choir sang and the children that Marie had had in parochial school last summer sang - and then there were some declamations - and then distribution of gifts, etc. (etc. means candy, nuts and apples). Home by 2:30. Floyd and 2 of the Serdahl boys were here till later in the evening. Yesterday in S. St. Olaf there was baptism for Donald Kenneth, B. Oct. 3, Parents - Edwin and Ida Evenson.
- 27 - TUES - To Thorson for Christmas services at Rysgaards. Drove out to O. Olson and then rode with him. There were many there - L.A. and Christmas tree. The children sang so nicely. Came home a little after dark. Today Marie and Valla had a ride in to Larson with Louis Serdahl. The girls are going to stay over night at Math Andersons and then take the train tomorrow morning to Minot to visit Thelma. They will come home again on the train THURS night to Kirkaid.
- 28 - WED - We received a letter today from Thelma telling about Christmas down at the Hospital. They had had a Christmas tree and there were about 800 presents for the nurses - Thelma had gotten about 20. They sang a great deal and had also had a fine banquet - svaert gjestebud. But Christmas Day afternoon from 1:00 to 7:45 she had sat with a dying man and could not attend services as planned. I am home today, WED, It is colder - snowing a little - drifting from NW. Worked out in the barn for awhile, cleaned etc. Ida washed some clothes this forenoon and I helped with that. This afternoon it was nice to sit down

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- 28 - WED - (cont.) - and read - faar jeg vaere ivo og laese.
- 29 - THURS - Cold today also - Some wind from NW and some snow. This afternoon Marie and Valla will leave Minot and Nels Birkeland has promised to meet the train in Kirkaid and bring them home there - and then home here on FRI. It was cold tonight. I sat up until 11:30 to keep the stoves going - og holdt stoven gaaendes - and read in W. Peterson's book. "Vaaga Slegten", and then slept until 8:00 on FRI morning.
- 30 - FRI - Still colder today but not as much wind.
- 31 - SAT - This is a very cold ending for the year - en kold afslutning paa aaret. This is one of the coldest days we have had. It is best to stay in the house as much as possible. We stayed up late tonight - but one by one - they went to bed. Finally - only Marie and me left. Listened to the radio - which was good tonight - and read until the clock struck 12 and we could say "Happy New Year" - "Godt Nytaar". Marie was writing a letter to Thelma. And now this old year has had its final day - God has shown us much mercy and goodness during this past year. Thanks and Praise be to God for all we have received. Finally - I, too, went to bed - to sleep a little in the New Year - and sleep is just as good in the New Year as it was in the Old Year that has passed.

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- 1 - SUN - 1928 - That is what we must remember to write now. May this be a good and blessed year for us - in Jesus Name. Today I had announced services in Larson at 1:30; the weather was clear and still but when I went out this morning the thermometer registered 30 degrees below zero so decided it would be best to stay at home. It was a nice day even tho cold.
- 2 - MON - About the same as yesterday - maybe a little better. Adolph and I worked out in the barn - cleaned - hauled in some hay and straw.
- 3 - TUES - About the same as yesterday. The boys were down at Serdahls for awhile - on the lake. This evening Floyd and the 3 Serdahl boys came over - they were here until about midnight. MON p.m. Albert S. was here and MON evening Ole came to listen to the radio.
- 4 - WED - Nice weather today. Took Adolph and Valla to Columbus. It was nice today but it became foggy on the way home from town.
- 5 - THURS - Mild day - hauled some straw - cleaned the barn, etc. The cows were out by the straw stack today - the first day for a long time that they have been able to be out.
- 6 - FRI - Just as nice today. Spent quite a lot of time studying today.
- 7 - SAT - Almost nicer today than yesterday. Many of the neighbors are out today - driving to town or after coal etc. In the house most of the time except for the regular chores that have to be done - feeding - watering, etc.
- 8 - SUN - A little colder today than yesterday but still a nice day. To S. St. Olaf for the

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- 8 - SUN - (cont.) - first service in this year. Marie along. There were only about a dozen in church today. There had been a Farmer's Union meeting at Ronholdts last night - a basket social and dance - so I guess many of them had to sleep late on Sunday. Marie and I had some lunch along to church so we could drive from there down to Dilleruds. We had some dinner with them and then rode along with them to Larson for services at 3:00. They could drive with car from their place as there is hardly any snow down on the flats. We also had some supper at Dilleruds when we came back there again. Nice weather but it started getting dark as we drove home thru the foothills. Hardly any sleighing left on the flats but it is still good up in the Hills. The moon came up about 7:00 - we were home by about 8:00. The radio was very good thruout the evening.
- 9 - MON - Nice and mild today. Marie started teaching again today so we were up early to drive to school. Nice weather thruout the whole week. Decided I would make a trip to Kermare to see Mr. Stumne who is sick in the hospital there. That will be on THURS.
- 12 - THURS - I walked N to Carlsons and had a ride to Columbus with Clifford. Took the train to Kermare in the evening. He is getting along quite well - better than we could have expected and hopes he can come home before too long.
- 13 - FRI - Left Kermare again this morning. Walked up to Mathres and had him take me out as far as he could drive - almost to Carlsons - and I walked the rest of the way home. Then there were things to do - both in the house and in the barn - had to get some hay in, etc. Adolph came home this evening - had had a ride with Pete Watterud and had walked home from Sandbergs. Foggy.
- 14 - SAT - Colder. 10 below here. Wind from NE. Heard that it had been 18 below.
- 15 - SUN - New Year's service in Bethlehem at 11:00. Cold and only a few there. Adolph and Marie along. Stopped in at O.Lundstad to pay for the barley - 44 bu. @ 63¢ - \$27.72 - but with \$10.00 off. After dinner Adolph started walking in to Columbus. A little snow.
- 16 - MON - Weather quite nice again. This evening Adolph came walking home again. He and Valla had each had an exam today. Valla is still in Columbus.
- 17 - TUES - Today we were going to get the car started up again but the battery was frozen - had to use the radio battery. We drove around a little - over to Ole Serdahl - and then in the p.m. we drove east to A.Olson and in to town to get Valla.
- 18 - WED - Nice day. We still have a little snow around here but to the north there is none left.
- 19 - THURS - Adolph and I went in to Columbus early this morning as Adolph had 1 exam left - at 9:00. It was cold and stormy - snowing a little and drifting. We drove the same way we did last time - east to A.Olson and then N. It was rather stormy all day. It was a little better on FRI and SAT and then we were at home.
- 22 - SUN - Weather quite a bit better today. Used horses and sled to go to S.St.Olaf at 11:00.

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- 22 - SUN - (cont.) - Marie along. Must go to town tomorrow with Adolph and Valla.
- 23 - MON - Floyd Serdahl came over to ride along to Columbus. We drove with car - left about 7:30 - and came in to Columbus in plenty of time for school. We didn't stay very long in town. Cold - but clear. 24 - TUES - Cold today too.
- 25 - WED - Real storm from NW and very cold this a.m. Drove to school anyway but today only Julien and Lily Arneson came. Not quite as cold on THURS but the NW wind continued.
- 27 - FRI - No wind but 18 below this morning. Weather improved during the day and by noon it was almost up to zero. Drove to Columbus with car. Floyd Serdahl went along. Stopped in at Laurits and Eva - had coffee with them. Adolph and Valla came along home.
- 28 - SAT - Mild - 30 above today. A little foggy and some snow.
- 29 - SUN - Mild - there was some snow coming down. Drove S to Olson and then rode along with them out to Furness - services at 12:00 - L.A. following. Many there. Mrs. Rysgaard had the children sing some Norwegian songs and the teachers (public school) had them sing some English songs. The older folks sang several songs too. Came home about dark.
- 30 - MON - Clear but a little colder. We drove to Columbus about noon - with auto. Floyd S. along. We got stuck near A. Olson but J. Lundstad pulled us out with a team.
- 31 - TUES - Stormy - from NW. Took Marie to school but Julien was at home. Not too cold.

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- 1 - WED - Weather is quite nice - same on THURS.
- 3 - FRI - Floyd S. went along with me to Columbus. There was funeral today for Mr. William Sims. Heard also that Mrs. Lee McGuire, 46, and Mrs. Alfred Koppelsloen, 24, had both died today. Adolph and Valla came along home.
- 4 - SAT - Adolph had to go in to Columbus again today for a rehearsal of the Junior play. Floyd went along again - also Esther Halpin (teacher staying at Ole Serdahl). It was storming and drifting. It was a little late when they came home.
- 5 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - all along. We drove with auto - Julien rode along with Ole S. Ida, Ada and Julien rode along home with Ole after services. The rest of us - and Albert S. went by Columbus and to Larson for services at 3:00. Few there - many were attending the funeral for Mrs. McGuire in Pleasant Prairie. Albert came along home. Bad roads between A. Olson and Lundstad - much snow.
- 6 - MON - Very mild. 7 - TUES - Colder. Went over to school to wash and clean. Nice on WED
- 9 - THURS - Nice weather continues. This afternoon at 2:00 there was a congregation meeting in Bethlehem to try to work out some of their financial problems. They are short \$48.85 on last year's salary and a few other things. I told them they could cut it down to \$30.00. They had paid me \$40.00 last SUN (of the \$88.85 unpaid). They also decided to increase the subscription by \$5.00 each, annually, to get caught up.

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- 10 - FRI - Did not go in to Columbus today as the Junior play will be given tonight and Adolph is in it and Valborg is along in some singing (between acts of the play). (Adolph was a sophomore but the Juniors did not have enough boys so borrowed from the other classes).
- 11 - SAT - To Columbus this morning to get Adolph and Valla. Ole Serdahl along too. Mild today. After we came home and had eaten dinner, we decided rather suddenly to drive down to Minot this p.m. We got ready in a hurry - Ida and I, Adolph and Ada - the others were at home. Drove by Columbus - went just fine - got to Minot by 7:00. Thelma was very happy to see us. We stayed at Grand Hotel over night.
- 12 - SUN - Did some driving around - in town - and east - for awhile. We ate dinner at Waverly Hotel. It turned cold and looked like snow so we left about 1:15 - came home before dark. We stopped in at Birkelands for a little while to see Bertha who had recently had surgery but is getting along quite well now.
- 13 - MON - To Columbus with the children. In the p.m. to A. Carlson for L.A. Met Rev. Cederberg.
- 14 - TUES - My 53rd birthday - home today. A little cloudy and a little snow coming down. It remained rather cold for the rest of the week.
- 17 - FRI - To Columbus to get the children. Ingvald was also in Columbus - had been to Williston. He came along home with us. He had a very bad cold and cough - slum kulde og hoste - he will rest here for a few days now and "doctor" with B & M.
- 18 - SAT - Home. This evening we had quite a concert here - singing and instruments. All the Serdahls were here - with each their instrument - and then with Marie, Adolph, Julien and Valla - there was much music. Became quite windy tonight and it continued all night. We had a real bad dirt storm from NW. It was a good thing that we did not have any loose snow on the ground or we would have had a real blizzard.
- 19 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 - cold and stormy. There were only a few there - from Olsons, Brothers and A. Serdahl. Adolph and Marie along. To Larson at 3:00 - drove with auto. To Columbus with Adolph and Valborg.
- 20 - MON - Not so windy but still quite cold. Churned butter today - kjerner smor idag. We haven't done that for some time - not since Christmas. Topsy had a calf Feb. 12, and on Feb. 17 we got another little calf - a little white one.
- 21 - TUES - Got a flat tire on the way home from school - later another one east of here - senere ditto ostover et stykke. Services in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. Drove with horses and sled to Ronholdts - then rode to church with A. Hysjulien. Quite a few there - somewhat cold too. Cold thruout the rest of the week. To Columbus on FRI to get Adolph and Valla.
- 26 - SUN - To Thonson for services at 1:00 at M. Berg. We drove with auto - Marie and Adolph along. We became stuck S of Ole Serdahl - had to get help to get out - otherwise the trip went fine. A. Serdahl went along with us. There were many at Bergs and we had much singing - in both Norwegian and English. Ole Serdahl and family came over here this p.m. Marie cel-

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- 26 - SUN - (cont.) - celebrated her 20th birthday today and the Serdahl twins were 6 today.
- 27 - MON - To Columbus. Weather continues cold. Went to Columbus again on WED -29- at noon to have the brakes on the car fixed - to pay taxes etc. Ingvald also came along and went to Crosby. He has been resting and recuperating at our place now for about 2 weeks from a very bad cold that he had when he came here. The first time he was out any place was last SAT when he went along with us to S.O.Bergs for L.A. There were many there then - and we had quite a bit of singing - Marie and Adolph along but Adolph went in to Columbus to get Valla and Marie Watterud and came back to Bergs later.

MARCH

- 1 - THURS - Stormy today - same on FRI. A little better on SAT.
- 4 - SUN - To S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Quite a few out today in both places. We drove with car. Baptism in S.St.Olaf for Harold Wilford, B. Sept. 19, 1927 - Parents, Henry and Anna Erickson. After we had eaten dinner we took Adolph in to Columbus (play practice) - then home and over to Bethlehem at 3:00.
- 5 - MON - Drove to school with auto. Shortly after that Adolph and 3 other boys came out from Columbus. They are going to Crosby today to put on the Junior play that was recently put on in Columbus. They did not have enough cars to take everyone over to Crosby so they wanted to use ours too. I let Adolph take it. Valborg is going along too. (I was in a singing group that sang between acts and I also had a walk-on part as one of the little children in the large family in the play - because I was small, besides being there!). They came back here about 2:00 a.m. with the car - everything had gone well - and then Adolph had a ride back to Columbus with someone else. It snowed a little. It was a little cold and windy the rest of the week.
- 9 - FRI - Stormy and some drifting. To Columbus - Louis Serdahl along. Adolph and Valla along home. 10 - SAT - Some snow today too.
- 11 - SUN - To Larson at 3:00. Adolph and Valla along to Columbus. This forenoon Adolph and Marie drove over to school to get some books that Marie needed. Julien went along to Larson - and Adolph and Valla. This is thawing weather and there is water running in many places. There were many in church in Larson. L.A. following, in the Hall with Mrs. Norby serving. Then to Columbus and home. Ada has had a very bad cold but has gotten over it now. We used B & M but she did not like that very much - had to hold something over her nose when we used it on her.
- 12 - MON - Very foggy - froze hard last night and there was not much thawing today. Ada had a ride along to school today. When we came home I had to carry her over to the barn so she could see the 2 little calves - "Linca" and "Dokka". ("Linca" was the calf born on FEB 12 - and "Dokka" was the little white calf - "doll").

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- 13 - TUES - Quite nice weather - same on WED. 15 - THURS - Mild and thawing. L.A. today at J. Holte. Ida and Ada along - quite a few there. Drove by school on the way home to get Marie and Julien. Much water running today. Sharphead had a calf today.
- 16 - FRI - Cold wind from SE this morning - froze hard last night. To Columbus today. Stjerne had a calf today. 17 - SAT - Weather somewhat better today. Home studying.
- 18 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 and S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Nice day - much thawing. Many out today.
- 19 - MON - To Columbus this a.m. The roads became quite slippery driving home but I was able to drive without chains.
- 20 - TUES - Nice, mild weather. It is getting harder to drive to school these days. From WED and on thru the rest of the week they walked - by Serdahls.
- 23 - FRI - To Columbus - drying up quite well for driving now.
- 24 - SAT - Some rain today - Adolph and I worked outside - hauling away the banking etc.
- 25 - SUN - Cold and cloudy - wind from NW. Freezing a little and there was some snow coming down this morning. To Thorson today. Marie and Adolph along - we drove with car on the county road. It was rough and it froze just enough so it stuck to the wheels. We became stuck just S of Herlands but got out without any help. From there it went just fine to Hansons - got there about 1:20. Many there. L.A. after services and then much singing. M. Sathre has started with the choir again and the teachers were there with their pupils who also sang some songs. Home by Ole Olson and Ole Serdahl.
- 26 - MON - Froze hard last night. Early to Columbus - went fine. Got stuck on the way home - S of A. Watterud. It had thawed a great deal - the ruts were very deep - and I did not have chains on. I had to let it stand for awhile - until I could get Ole Serdahl to come with a team to pull it out. Had burned out a connecting rod in the car - called Olaf Anderson.
- 27 - TUES - He came over this p.m. with a new connecting rod. He did not get very much done as it was quite cold. He worked on the car on WED too - quite a bit of overhauling to do - not as cold today.
- 29 - THURS - Olaf finished up today in the forenoon. He then drove from here in to Columbus and Marie had a ride with him to Kinkaid. She is going to take the train to Minot where she will be attending Teacher's Convention. She will come home on SAT. B. Arneson came over today to get 20 bu. of wheat. We washed clothes today - also studied some. Kenneth Anderson (son of Clarence A. - living with his aunt and uncle, Purley Andersons).
- 30 - FRI - To Columbus to get Adolph and Valla. Ida and Ada along. Good drying weather.
- 31 - SAT - Home during the day. In the evening to Kinkaid to get Marie - Adolph and Julien along. Rev. Cederberg also came on the train and we gave him a ride out to Arthur Bensons. (He came from Niobe to conduct services in Bethany church).

APRIL

- 1 - SUN - Palm Sunday. Nice day. Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Marie and Adolph along. Very few went to communion. I had to speak some about the neglect of the Lord's Supper - forsømmelse af Nadveren. Home for dinner. Then to Larson for services with communion at 3:00 - many there. L.A. afterwards. Marie and Valla along. By Columbus with Valla. Adolph rode in on his bicycle - took him 45 minutes.
- 2 - MON - Drove to school - cloudy - colder - had some snow and rain later but then the sun came out again. Many were planning to get out in the fields with spring's work today and possibly some did. Marie had had a very nice time in Minot at the Teacher's Convention - had visited some with Thelma too. It turned quite cold this week - there was some snow and it froze every night. No seeding this week.
- 5 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Did not have any services announced for today but went to Larson in the p.m. to begin reading with a conf. class at M. Anderson. They have 2 children in a class and there is a Rolie girl. To Columbus to get Valborg. Adolph rode his bicycle again. Had to put chains on the car to get home.
- 6 - FRI - Good Friday. Cloudy and cold. Services with communion in Bethlehem at 11:00. Valla, and Julien were home with Ada - the others along. Many in church. Milder in p.m.
- 7 - SAT - Weather is "so and so" - veiret saa om saa. Snow in the evening. Yesterday, after we came home from Bethlehem we went over to Carlsons - Ida, Marie and Ada.
- 8 - SUN - Easter Sunday. Cold day. To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Ida, Marie, Adolph and Ada along. Many there. We had taken some lunch along so we could drive directly from church to Larson for services at 3:00. After services over to Kihles for lunch and coffee. Home. In the evening over to Andrew Watteruds to baptize Aloha Delphine, B. Feb. 25, Parents Harry and Lina Hammock. 9 - MON - Milder today - to Columbus in a.m.
- 10 - TUES - School board meeting here in the p.m. The pastors of Crosby Circuit were to have a meeting today in Crosby but I could not go. Cold weather - freezes every night - no work in the fields yet. Same all week.
- 12 - THURS - Started with a class in S. St. Olaf. 13 - FRI - Class in Larson at Andersons. To Columbus to get Adolph and Valla. 14 - SAT - Started with a class in Bethlehem.
- 15 - SUN - Sunday after Easter. Easter services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - quite a few there. Marie, Adolph and Julien along. Julien had a ride home with Sordahls and the rest of us had lunch along and left from church for Thorson - Easter services and communion at 2:30. There was also L.A. following services. The choir sang. quite a few in both places today. Home by about dark.
- 16 - MON - To Columbus this a.m. with Adolph and Valla. I went up to Mathres for a little while - the pastors will be meeting there this p.m. at 2:00 in regard to Circuit meeting. I went home but drove in again in the p.m. Cold today too.
- 17 - TUES - It snowed again today and it stayed with us all week - too cold to melt.

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- 19 - THURS - Class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. 20 - FRI - Class in Larson - to Columbus.
- 21 - SAT - Had announced conf. class in Thorson for today but the roads are so bad I sent a message out there that we would wait until next SAT for class.
- 22 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Had announced for communion in both Norwegian and English and had intended to use both languages for the sermon - dividing the time - but as I did not see any of the people there that prefer English - I delivered the sermon in Norwegian. The roads were terrible. We had forgotten our lunch at home but we were able to have some lunch anyway from the supplies that we had along for Adolph and Valla for this week. They were along - also Marie. To Larson by 2:30. We drove by the Budke school and stopped in to see Stumme. He is still confined to bed. Quite a few in Larson. Conducted the communion service in English but spoke in both Norwegian and English in my sermon. L.A. following. Then to Columbus with Valla. Adolph came along home again as he is going to take the car in to the garage on MON to have some work done on it.
- 23 - MON - Adolph drove in to town today - new bushings in the car. Today a great many are beginning field work - not much has been done up to this time. I worked down in the pasture for awhile today - chopping down some brush - hug noget brush - Ada was with me and had a good time picking Mayflowers. Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00 - had to walk over there today. They were all there except from Hoff's. Alfred Petersons were also there.
- 24 - TUES - Adolph brought the car home TUES evening - they had not had time to work on it MON.
- 25 - WED - Drove in to Columbus this a.m. It had cost \$10.20 to have the car fixed - then I had it greased and oiled at S. Johnson for \$5.15 - that also included gas. Previously - \$4.30 for brakebands and bushings - some over \$9.00 total - and \$6.75 to Olaf Anderson. Also got 2 new tires during the winter. Rev. and Mrs. Mathre came out today for awhile. Ida is not feeling too well these days.
- 26 - THURS - In the p.m. over to see Mr. Stumme - he is still so very weak - went to communion. The roads have dried up quite well by now. Albert Serdahl started sowing wheat here today. Will sow spelts on FRI and later the flax and millet.
- 27 - FRI - This morning Adolph called to say that Valla was sick. I went in to get her - both of them came along home as Adolph was not feeling well either. They have the flu. There are many cases of flu in town. They went to bed as soon as they came home and by evening they felt somewhat better. Strong wind from S all day. I spaded up some in the garden and planted some seeds. Gladys Arneson came along home with Marie tonight and is going to help her with some washing and housecleaning tomorrow. I did not go to Larson for class today - called to cancel. Letter from Thelma - everything is fine but they are so busy. Also had a letter from Ingvald today - in Keene now.
- 28 - SAT - Ida was not feeling well during the night - was awake much of the time. Then about 5:00 or 5:30 she realized she was in labor. She was not expecting this for another month

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- 28 - SAT (cont.) - but it seemed to be happening now. About 7:00 I called Dr. Smith in Noonan, asking him to come out, and then I drove over to get Mrs. Ole Serdahl. Shortly after 8:00 about 8:10 - a little baby girl was born, weighing about $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. It went very fast. Dr. Smith came a few hours later. He had driven S from A.G. Berg and had gotten stuck. Everything went well for both Ida and the new baby. Marie and Gladys washed clothes and also washed the kitchen walls. I had announced conf. class in Thorson at 2:00 and as everything was going well at home I did go. Drove out on the County Rd - came home the same way - but also drove on N by Truax mines and to Columbus - had to get a new gasoline pipe - the one in the car is leaking a great deal. Then home. Went over to J. Holte to get Esther Carlson who will be helping out here for awhile. Took Mrs. Ole Serdahl home this evening. Olaf A. came over to get Gladys. Adolph and Valla are feeling better now.
- 29 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - Marie along. Had to drive N to Carlsons and then E - it is impossible to drive E past Lundstads now. Marie had a ride home with C. Holter and I went over to C. Brothen - their youngest son has been very sick - still is very sick even tho he seemed to be a little better today. Dr. King has been out there twice. They asked me to have dinner with them. There was a terrible dirt storm from NW and also a little rain. Clarence and Lorry Brothen went along with me to Thorson at 3:00. The Scandia choir decided that they would come to Bethlehem in 2 weeks - on May 13 - to sing. Wind all day.
- 30 - MON - Adolph drove over to school today. I went to Columbus later - Adolph and Valla are home. (I broke out with measles and had to spend at least a week at home.) I sent out quite a few announcements about the arrival of our little daughter. Weather was nice today. Ida is getting along just fine and the baby is very good - snild. I guess Thelma is surprised tonight after receiving a letter and would like to be at home with us.

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- 1 - TUES - Looked like rain but there were only a few drops. The weather is very nice so they can continue uninterrupted with work in the fields. Same on WED. Studied in the a.m. and in the p.m. I worked out in the garden with some spading. Planted some things in the evening. We also had some company this p.m. - Mrs. Sandberg and Mathres. They brought gifts for our little baby - Mrs. Mathre came with some pretty booties and Mrs. Sandberg gave her \$2.00. We had a letter from Thelma today - she can hardly believe it.
- 3 - THURS - Nice weather - dry - good for spring's work. To S. St. Olaf at 2:00 for conf. class. Ida is feeling fine and baby is very good. Adolph is cleaning up the yard today.
- 4 - FRI - Marie's last day of school - Adolph drove over this a.m. The rest of them went over this p.m. and did not get home until about 6:00.
- 5 - SAT - To Larson for class at 9:30. Marie and Adolph along and they went to Columbus. They came back to Larson for me and we were invited to M. Andersons for dinner. Mrs. Anderson

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- 5 - SAT - (cont.) - told me that Marie must be sure to come along tomorrow as they want to present her with an offering for being organist. Home. Mrs. Alfred Peterson was here - went to Bethlehem for class at 2:00 - took the Peterson children along. Mathre had come to Larson this a.m. to ask me to conduct services for him in Columbus tomorrow evening at 8:00.
- 6 - SUN - Services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Adolph along but Marie was at home - Esther was not feeling well. It was decided in S.St.Olaf that they would have 1 month of parochial school in the Sorlie schoolhouse beginning May 14, with Marie as teacher. Home for dinner. Marie along to Larson for services at 3:00. Marie was presented with an offering - \$12.75. We went over to visit with the Ourens after services - had coffee with them too. Then to Columbus - to Mathres. Had supper with them - then services at 8:00 (Norw.). Not very many there - 20 or more. Home a little after 10:00. Today I delivered sermons from 3 different texts - Mark 10:13-16; John 14:1-3; and John 10:11-16. Everything was fine at home. S.O.Bergs and Ole Serdahls had been here today.
- 7 - MON - To Columbus with Adolph. In the p.m. over to Hoff - their children will be coming to Bethlehem for conf. class. Had met up in the schoolhouse when Aarthun met with the Tonseth class there but will now meet with the children in Bethlehem.
- 8 - TUES - Warm these days. Worked in the garden - have planted almost all of it now. Took Valla in to Columbus this evening. 9 - WED - Looks like rain. 10 - THURS - Class at 2:00 in S.St.Olaf. 11 - FRI - Class in Larson at 2:00 - then to Columbus for the children.
- 12 - SAT - Conf. class in Thorson at 2:00 - at Furness. 10 met up for class.
- 13 - SUN - A very festive day in Bethlehem - services at 2:00. The Thorson congregation came and there was much singing. Sathre was there with his choir and Miss Bornsted had her school children sing also. All very good. Then coffee and lunch. There were people from other places here today too - the church was full. There were some of the Thorson people that could not come as they were sick - but the singing was excellent even with a few missing.
- 14 - MON - Up early today. Marie started teaching parochial school over in Sorlie school today. We drove over there first and then in to Columbus with Adolph and Valla. Planted some more garden today. A little rain this p.m. and evening. Also on TUES. Rain did a lot of good.
- 16 - WED - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00 - Julien and I rode horseback.
- 17 - THURS - Nice weather. Class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00. Stopped by Sandbergs - Marie is staying there this week. The Sons of Norway is celebrating in Larson tonight.
- 18 - FRI - To Larson for conf. class at 2:00 - then to Columbus to get Adolph. Valla is going to Crosby tonight for Choral Union rehearsal so she cannot come home tonight. Drove by Sorlie school to get Marie.
- 19 - SAT - Today Marie and I went to Crosby for the Luther League Convention. We went by Columbus to get Valla first. The meeting started this p.m. at 2:00. Dry and windy - near Noonan we ran into a real sandstorm. The crowd was not very big for the p.m. session. Rev. Tollefsrud

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- 19 - (cont.) - from Landa spoke this afternoon. Supper was served in church. This evening there were more there. 4 papers were given this evening on the theme, "Make Christ King". Marie had prepared one of them and hers was the best. She received much praise - especially from Rev. Rygh - fik megen ros, isaer fra Rev. Rygh. (George Taylor Rygh, 1860-1943, who has his name in our red hymnal several places as a translator of some of our hymns). I stayed with Rosholt over night and the girls stayed at Kolstads. (They adopted Evelyn Lindholm).
- 20 - SUN - A nice day - many there today. Rev. Rygh delivered the sermon this forenoon. In the p.m. the Choral Union presented the concert - excellent - udmerket. We did not stay for the evening session. Valborg came along home.
- 21 - MON - Marie had exams over at school today for the Anderson girls. She could not have parochial school on TUES and WED over in Sorlie school as Vera was giving exams there.
- 23 - WED - Very warm - we have not had much rain in May and it is beginning to get dry. This is the last week of school for Adolph and Valla in Columbus. I guess they are glad that it will soon be over. Planted some flower seeds today. Marie, Esther C. and Ada walked over to Ole Serdahls this evening. A little cooler tonight. We have not had any letter from Thelma for a little while - we plan to drive to Minot on SAT to get her so she can be home for Pentecost Sunday when we plan to have our little baby baptized.
- 24 - THURS - Adolph brought the car home this evening - have had it in at the garage for a good overhauling so it should run well for some time now. Still very dry and warm.
- 25 - FRI - Conf. class in Larson at J. Rolie in p.m. Then to Columbus to get Valla. Ida and I went to Columbus this forenoon - the first time she has left baby (with Esther).
- 26 - SAT - Colder today. No, we did not go to Minot to get Thelma as we had planned - she could not be gone over Sunday this time.
- 27 - SUN - Pentecost Sunday. Today we have our little Dagmar baptized in S. St. Olaf church at the 11:00 service. Ida, Marie and the boys went along. Nice day. Sponsors for Dagmar Arlene Genevieve were Mr. and Mrs. M. Sandberg, Hazel, and Adolph. They came here for dinner. Marie and I did not have much time - we had to get to Bethlehem by 2:00. I went out to Thorson after that but Marie had a ride home from Bethlehem with Ole Serdahl. Sandbergs were here until I came home shortly after 7:00.
- 28 - MON - Cloudy - looks like rain. Adolph has been taking Marie to school every day (Sorlie). To Thorson for conf. class at 2:00 - at Sathre - 12 there. There was some rain this evening and during the night - but only a little.
- 29 - TUES - Class in S. St. Olaf at 9:30 - Adolph along and he went to Columbus to get some millet and a cultivator. P. Nord came out to church to put rain gutters - tagrender - on the church. Albert Serdahl here plowing where he will sow the millet. To Bethlehem for conf. classes at 2:00 - Valla and Julien along. P. Hanson came by to let me know that the baby born to Furnesses last night had died at birth. Mrs. Furness is very sick. They want me to come out there tomorrow at 2:00 for funeral of the little baby boy.

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- 30 - WED - It rained a little last night. Adolph and I drove out to Thorson in the p.m. - it was a little slippery but I did not put chains on. Many of the neighbors were over at Furness' for the funeral of the little baby boy, B. and D. May 28. Mrs. Furness is feeling better now. Some more rain tonight.
- 31 - THURS - Today we went to Minot - left about 7:00. It had rained during the night so it was slippery on the way to Columbus but from there and on it went fine. It was dry between Bowbells and Kenmare. Came to Minot about 10:45. Valla was at home with Esther C. - and Marie was teaching. Thelma was not really expecting us because it had rained so hard in Minot she did not think we would attempt driving. She was very happy to see us, and especially Ada and Baby, who she now saw for the first time. We were down in the park for awhile - 2 parks - and left again about 5:00 - home about 9:30. It had been a fine trip. Ida and the 2 little ones managed the trip just fine.

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- 1 - FRI - First to Columbus - then to Larson for conf. class at J. Rolie. Bought 2 small pigs for \$7.00.
- 2 - SAT - Studied much of the day. Did make a quick trip up to Carlsons - Esther and Valla along. Went to get Marie at 4:00. Heard then that M. Sandberg had become very sick yesterday and had been taken to the Portal Hospital. It was appendicitis - he has been bothered with this for many years. Surgery was performed - ruptured appendix - he is very sick.
- 3 - SUN - I went to Portal this forenoon - had to cancel going out to J. P. Gjerde for services. All of the Sandberg family had been called to come and they don't have much hope that he can recover from this illness. We were there for some time before I could see him but after awhile I was permitted to go in to see him and talk with him a little. He does not have much hope that he will ever be up again - and well - but he has faith in Jesus and that whatever happens will be for the best. Adolph and Valla were along. From Portal we went to Larson for services at 3:00. Adolph and Valla went home and then came back with Ida and Baby in time for L.A. We drove back to Portal then to see Sandberg again. He seemed a little improved this evening.
- 4 - MON - Class in Thorson at P. Hanson at 2:00. 11 there - Olaf Olson absent. Cloudy and a little rain now and then. Heard that Sandberg was a little better today.
- 5 - TUES - School election today. A little rain. Sandberg was not as well today.
- 6 - WED - A nice day. L.A. at Albert Hysjulien.
- 7 - THURS - Classes in S. St. Olaf at 9:30 and Bethlehem at 2:00. A good rain shower - had to put chains on to drive east to Bethlehem.
- 8 - FRI - Continued rain but it cleared up later in the day. The boys and I went to town in the p.m. Home. Then over to get Marie. Heard that Sandberg was better again today.

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9 - SAT - A nice day - even tho a little cool. A few things worthy of comment: About the turkeys - very poor year. Almost all the eggs were rotten. So far we only have 6 little turkeys and there are some that haven't hatched out yet. The other turkey hens may have better luck with the next hatching. The chickens are not having very good luck either. We have only about 25 little chicks - there were many rotten eggs - but there are some hens sitting on nests again. In the garden - the onions and beans are growing nicely - too dry for the rest but if the seed is still good may still grow. The corn and potatoes look good. The wheat looks alright but the spelts is thin. The flax looks good. We hear that they are searching for the Italian explorer, General Nobile, who is lost on his trip to the North Pole. And now that the Norwegian Lutheran Church, at its meeting, has decided to remove the "Norwegian" from its name - I suppose everything will go much better - especially when it comes to collecting money for the budget. Nu har den Norske Lutherske Kirke paa sit mode besluttet at stryge det Norske navn. Nu skal vel alt gaa meget bedre - ialfald med indsamling af penger for samfundet.

Have not heard anything from Sandbergs today. Now I must study.

- 10 - SUN - A nice day. S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - service with communion - many. There were some of the Sandberg family in church too. He is a little better. Bethlehem at 3:00. Alfred Petersons and C. Holters over here afterwards. Alfred Peterson went along with me to Portal later - also Adolph and Julien. I saw Sandberg briefly - he is a little better.
- 11 - MON - To Minot today - we left at 6:00 a.m. Marie is going to attend Summer school at the College. Adolph, Valla and Esther C. along too. We arrived in Minot about 10:30. Thelma came along with us to the park for dinner - she was free from 11:00 to 6:00. I met Ingvald at the West Hotel - he came here last night. Tina and Mildred are in the Ray area teaching parochial school. Ingvald is going to spend about a week in western N. Dak. and then he will be going to Madison, Minn. for the Stavanger Lag. He wanted me to go along but I cannot go now. Took Marie over to the Normal School after dinner, to get registered and get a room. Spent quite a bit of time with Ingvald this p.m. We left for home about 5:45 - got home about 9:30. We had a flat tire in Minot.
- 12 - TUES - Cooler. To Thorson for conf. class at 2:00 - 9 there. Over to Hemmingsons in the evening - school census.
- 13 - WED - To Columbus in the p.m. - Ida and Baby along. Stopped in to see Mrs. Nels Birkeland who had just come home from the Portal Hospital. She has been sick for a long time but is better now. I went to Columbus - had some work done on the car - then to Larson. Stopped in to see Mrs. Owrn who is sick but she says she is feeling better now. Ada was with me to Larson - and then back to Birkelands again - and home.
- 14 - THURS - Conf. classes in S. St. Olaf in a.m. and Bethlehem in p.m.
- 15 - FRI - Conf. class in Larson at 2:00. By Columbus. Home. Rain.

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- 16 - SAT - Rain this p.m. Adolph and Clifford S. were out hunting for coyotes. We have lost some of our turkeys to the coyotes. They got wet.
- 17 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00. Adolph and I drove S by Olsons - the roads were not as bad as we had expected them to be. Many there. 2 baptisms: Harold Leif, B. May 24, Parents - Martin and Kirsti Berg; and Adina Geneva, B. May 31, 1927 - Parents, Gust and Annie Lunde. Did not get to go to Larson in p.m. 18 - MON - Home. Rain today.
- 19 - TUES - Rain today too. Did not go out to Thorson for conf. class at Wigdahls. Today we should have celebrated the anniversary of our wedding but we did not think about it until this evening. It rained all day.
- 20 - WED - Rain today too - no classes in either S. St. Olaf or Bethlehem.
- 21 - THURS - The rain stopped but it is still cloudy. Thorson L.A. sale today at Sathre. Adolph, Albert Sordahl and I drove out - Albert was auctioneer. There were none there when we came but little by little they came and finally there were quite a few. The sale went well - they served free lunch - fri bevert. Received \$60.00 of my salary.
- 22 - FRI - Cloudy - a little rain again. To Columbus - paid \$30.00 to Voben for car repairs. Did some shopping. Then to Larson for conf. class at 2:00. Then to Noonan to get some medicine for Valla - she may have pleurisy. Saw Overlies in Noonan - one of their sons (2nd) had broken his leg last night.
- 23 - SAT - Some studying. Rain today too - occasionally. Have lost some more small turkeys in this rain. Have only about 18-20 left now. Some of the hens are sitting on nests again and we may get some out of the 2nd hatching. Have lost some turkeys to the coyotes too - at least 5 - maybe more. Baby is crying quite a bit - especially in the evenings. Had a letter from Marie today - everything is fine. The District YPLL Convention is now being held in Minot but we didn't go down for it. Received some of my salary in Larson yesterday - \$42.50. - J. Rolie.
- 24 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - Adolph and Valla home with Baby - the others went along. Baby was very good - slept most of the time. S. St. Olaf at 3:00 - I went alone. The roads were very muddy but quite a few came anyway. This afternoon the Brothen boys came over to play ball - some others too. When it started to rain Adolph gave them a ride home. Received some salary in Bethlehem - \$40.00 - Melvin Pederson.
- 25 - MON - First Adolph went over to Carlsons to get Esther - then Ida and I, Valla and Baby to Noonan. Got some medicine for Baby and it seems that Valla may have appendicitis.
- 26 - TUES - Class in Thorson at Wigdahls at 2:00. Baptism for Violet Mae, B. May 13, Parents, Leith and Annetta Olive. Yesterday, the 2 Ronning brothers - Talbert and Harold - came here from Epping. They had slides - lys billeder - about their life and work in the Mission fields of China. In the evening One of them went to S. St. Olaf and one went to Thorson. Ida, Julien and Ada and I went along over to church and Adolph went along out to Thorson.

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- 26 - TUES - (cont.) - Valla home with Baby. There were many in church and collection - Freewill offering - came to \$22.95. In Thorson - \$9.11. TUES evening in Bethlehem with a full church - \$16.56. The other one went to Columbus in the evening - not too many there - \$8.50. (In May, 1972, we heard another one of the Ronning brothers - Chester, 78, who was the Commencement speaker at St.Olaf when Janet graduated. He told us that his father was Halvor Nilson Ronning, missionary to China, and that he, Chester, had been born in China. His uncle was N.N.Ronning, editor of "The Friend". Chester Ronning, now retired, had had a varied career as missionary, educator, and Canadian Diplomat, and had last visited China in 1971 on the invitation of Chou En-Lai, a personal acquaintance. St.Olaf conferred on him an Honorary degree at this time.)
- 27 - WED - Election day - a nice day. To Noonan this forenoon to see Dr. Smith about the application for military pension. (Dr. Smith was the one who had urged Dad to make some inquiries into the pension as a Spanish-American War veteran, which definitely made him eligible). By Columbus - home by noon. Took Esther Carlson home this p.m. - paid her \$21.00 now - \$15.00 before. Then over to school to vote - Primary election. Many there. Also received some salary - \$102.00 in S.St.Olaf - and \$52.50 for Marie (parochial school). Later \$5.00 from Mrs. Knutson - \$5.00 from A.Sorlie - and \$2.50 from B.Arnneson. (school)
- 28 - THURS - Classes in S.St.Olaf in the a.m. and Bethlehem in the p.m.
- 29 - FRI - Conf. class in Larson. 30 - SAT - Home - studying. THURS evening, the 28th, Julien and I went to Columbus to see Olstad's Norway film. It was very good.

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- 1 - SUN - Had announced services in Thorson and Larson but cancelled them as all of the Circuit pastors were invited to come to Crosby today for Rosholt's Farewell service. It was a nice day. The service was held at the Fairgrounds for all of his congregations. Many people. He spoke in both Norwegian and English. Valla went along with me today. It seemed that everyone had brought their picnic lunches along - we were invited to eat with the Otheims and Homnes families. Mathres came at noon from Pleasant Prairie. There was a program at 3:00 - Band - choirs - speeches by Mathre, Hoversten and me, and both Mr. and Mrs. Homnes - followed by a Response by Rosholt. We all had coffee and lunch - then home.
- 2 - MON - To Columbus - a quick trip. 3 - TUES - Conf. class in Thorson schoolhouse.
- 4 - WED - We had a little celebration here at home - invited the neighbors to come over. They came from Albert Serdahls, Carl Brothens, Ole Olsons, Martin Bergs, Theodore Rasmussen, B.Arnnesons, Albert Sorlies, and some from Knutsons and Halvorsons. There were about 60 here. We made ice cream - lemonade - coffee - and there was a lot of food as everyone brought something. We had peanuts - candy - crackerjack - races and ball games - and then in the evening we had fireworks - altho most of the guests had left by that time. It was

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- 4 - WED - (cont.) - a nice day. Many from around here had gone to Crosby and Estevan, etc.
- 5 - THURS - A warm day. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. 6 - FRI - Home - studying.
- 7 - SAT - Rain all day so I was at home. We should have been in Macroom - Tonseth church for Circuit Meeting - but doubt that many could come. Tomorrow we should be there for the Dedication of the Tonseth church. I am supposed to deliver the Dedication sermon - Provste tale - but will have to wait now and see what morning brings - faar se hvad dagen bringer. I became completely soaked when I went out to get the cows to bring to the barn and had to change all my clothes. Baby is better now - does not cry so much. But Valla is not feeling well - she has a pain in her side quite often. We will be taking her to Minot to see what the trouble is.
- 8 - SUN - Rain all night and forenoon. It was unthinkable to try to drive to Macroom. Heard later that none of the other circuit pastors had come either. Some had come as far as Lignite but could not drive S to Tonseth.
- 9 - MON - Conf. classes in S. St. Olaf in a.m. and Larson in p.m.
- 10 - TUES - There was to have been a school board meeting here but they did not come.
- 11 - WED - To Minot - all of us. Marie and Thelma came along with us to the park for a picnic lunch. We left for home about 4:00 - everything went fine. We met Nels Birkeland S of Carlson - he had just come from our place. Mrs. Birkeland (Bertha) had been taken to the Portal Hospital yesterday for surgery and died in the evening. She died peacefully with a strong faith in Jesus.
- 12 - THURS - Conf. class in Bethlehem. 13 - FRI - Class in Thorson.
- 14 - SAT - To Columbus in a.m. L.A. sale in the p.m. at A. Sorlie - many there. Rev. and Mrs. Mathre came out too and brought with them Deaconesses Ingeborg Sporland and Ingeborg Pederson from China - both spoke.
- 15 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Ida along to Bethlehem to play the organ.
- 16 - MON - Funeral for Mrs. Nels Birkeland, 28, in Bethlehem. It had rained very hard last night so the roads were terrible. There were, however, many people who came to Bethlehem - impossible for all to get in the church. Many beautiful flowers.
- 17 - TUES - School board meeting - a turbulent meeting - et rusket mote.
- 18 - WED - Conf. class in S. St. Olaf at 9:30 - there was a very heavy rain shower so there was no class. Did not try to go to Larson for class in p.m. - terrible roads.
- 19 - THURS - Conf. class in Bethlehem. Adolph went to Columbus while we were at church.
- 20 - FRI - A nice warm day. Marie is coming home from Minot tonight. We had another extremely heavy rain this p.m. which kept on until about 4:30. Then Adolph and I started out to see if we could get thru to Kinkaid to meet Marie who was coming on the train. We drove in a great deal of water all the way - but we somehow managed to get thru without getting stuck. We drove E from Toso to the county road and got to Kinkaid in time for the train.

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- 21 - SAT - Home during the day. In the evening there was a meeting over at Arnesons in regard to the school situation. It seems that A.G.B. and O.R. are opposed to letting Marie have school #3 again (she had taught there for 2 years now) and think that Vera R. should have it this coming year. However, Albert Sordahl and Purley Anderson maintained that if they were not going to rehire Marie - they would have to hire someone from outside the community. (They had children attending and were well pleased with Marie's ability).
- 22 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00 - many there. Marie and Adolph along - drove by Albert Sordahl and Ole Olsons. Marie inquired about school out in Thorson - they are waiting to hear from Miss Eleanore Jacobson, about whether or not she will be returning, as she has been given the first chance naturally. To Larson at 3:00 - many there - Marie along to play the organ. From Larson we drove to Portal to see Sandberg. He is much better and expects to be able to come home soon. Some of his family were there in the forenoon and then left for Minot.
- 23 - MON - Adolph and Valla went along with me to the coulee to pick berries. We became stuck near Carlsons on the way home - Hagen helped us get out.
- 24 - TUES - Rain and some hail during the night. To Larson in the p.m. for class. Adolph along. To Columbus later. Dillerud and I were looking for rooms to rent for H.S. this fall. They also have a boy and a girl attending H.S. and we thought we might work it out together. There is a possibility that we can get rooms at Hagens. Ronholdt was here this morning to get the books - Clerk's books for the School District. They have not gotten anyone to replace me yet. Ronholdt feels badly about my quitting my job as school clerk but I find that it is impossible to work with A.G.B. any more. (Dad had served as Clerk of the School District since August, 1919 - a long time).
- 25 - WED - Conf. class in S.St.Olaf at 9:30 - only Morris Hovland and Inga Kvelstad there. I rode horseback as we had had some more rain. Adolph is 16 today. The road gang is working now in my pasture. We have quite a few little turkeys from the 2nd hatching. (Just noticed something interesting - these last 2 sentences were written in English in the Diary).
- 26 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Ida and Ada along and I took them over to Hoies before class. Back to Hoie after class. Gladys Peterson came along home with us. Hoies seem to be getting along better now (since Bertha's death).
- 27 - FRI - Conf. class in Thorson at Furness. Ida and Ada along - there was L.A. following class. The L.A. had their annual meeting and election of officers today. We received a telephone call that we had some company at home. When we came home we found that Rosholt, Ranum and Waages were here. They stayed for supper and into the evening. (Ranum was the new pastor in Crosby, taking over for Rosholt).
- 28 - SAT - Ingvald, Tina and Mildred came to Larson from Wildrose - by Crosby. I went to meet them - but first I went to Columbus.

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- 29 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - quite a few there. Ingvald, Mildred and Marie along. To Bethlehem at 3:00 - Ingvald preached. There was also a student from Concordia College - Wigdahl - who spoke a little. Many in church today. I had been invited to come to Columbus in the p.m. for the double Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration honoring Mr. and Mrs. O. I. Ronning and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peterson but it got to be too late. We did not get away from Bethlehem until about 5:00. Tina and Valla were home with Baby.
- 30 - MON - Adolph went along with Ingvald over E - about "Visergutten". (Ingvald's work)
- 31 - TUES - Conf. class in Larson. Ingvald and Adolph to Columbus and east.

AUGUST

- 1 - WED - It rained again last night and the roads are terrible. I started out for S. St. Olaf for conf. class but had to give up on that. We did not have any mail go by either. Very warm - we may get more rain. 2 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. FRI - HOME.
- 4 - SAT - To Long Creek congregation for Circuit meeting - 12 miles NW from Noonan. Not so many there today - these are busy times. I preached on the text from James 1:22 - "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your ourselves". (James is called Jacob in the Norwegian). Pastors Arthun, Mathre, Rosholt, Ranum and Hoversten were there.
- 5 - SUN - To Long Creek again. Marie, Valla, Julien and Ada along. Hoversten delivered the sermon in the a.m. and we all participated in the p.m. discussion.
- 6 - MON - Class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. This evening we received a call from Thelma saying she would be in Flaxton a day earlier than she had expected so we went to get her.
- 7 - TUES - To Columbus - had to get some work done on the car - the self-starter.
- 8 - WED - Class in Larson at 2:00. We have not had any rain now for a few days now - it is quite warm and there is much haying being done - also harvesting. Adolph has gotten a job - working on the road - for which he will be paid \$4.00 a day. Baptism here for Lorraine Jeanette, B. June 13 - Parents, Anton and Olga Thompson.
- 9 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Mrs. Alfred Peterson came over here. Adolph went to Battleview while we were in church, to get the radio (which had been repaired). After class, the boys and I walked home by way of O. Lundstads. Adolph had driven home by Olsons and came to meet us and took us home. Then back to church to get Valla, Gladys P. and Ada. They were not there. We drove by Olsons - Brothers - home - but they were not there. So we drove back by Hallums - Olsons - Brothers - and then they came walking from Kleppens. It had been a little exciting there for awhile. (We had figured that instead of sitting waiting on the church step we might as well walk S along with the Kleppen girls - Olga and Borghild - as we expected Adolph to come driving on the county road from Battleview - the same way he had driven out there. It didn't work out that way - he came home another way - and that caused our families some uneasy moments, thinking we had been picked up by gypsies - - or something).

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- 10 - FRI - Conf. class in Thorson at 2:00. Had to stay after class with a few of the boys who did not have their lessons prepared.
- 11 - SAT - Studied some. Received a letter from Washington, D.C., and the Postmaster in Columbus that I should get a doctor's examination in regard to my Pension claim. Ida, Thelma and Adolph were in Columbus this a.m. and I went in this p.m. - and then to Portal to see Dr. Parker. Had to wait until about 7:00 before he could examine me. Went home by Larson so I could pick up the mail. A warm day.
- 12 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00 - Ida, Thelma, Adolph, Julien and Ada along. Many there. We drove on the new road that is finished as far as a little S of Ole Serdahl. To Larson at 3:00. Marie, Thelma and Ada along. By Columbus - and out to the coal mines to H. Baglien. Then home. 13 - MON - Class in S. St. Olaf at 9:00. Home in the p.m.
- 14 - TUES - To Alfred Petersons - all the girls along - Julien home - Adolph working on the road.
- 15 - WED - To S.O. Bergs with Marie and Thelma. Then I went to Larson for class at 2:00. It was foggy - even a little rain. By Bergs again - then home.
- 16 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Over to Brothens to get the 2 boys (song rehearsal).
- 17 - FRI - Home in the a.m. - studying. To the coal mines in the p.m. - did some shopping and then went over to Henry and Esther Baglien for the baptism of their little girl, Helen Frida, B. Feb. 16.
- 18 - SAT - Studied in the a.m. Warm weather. Albert Serdahl started harvesting the wheat here. He has also done some of his own harvesting. Down on the flats they are about half finished with harvesting. Crops look quite good - but there are some fields that have been drowned out. Later in the p.m. we went to town - Ida and I, Thelma and Ada.
- 19 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Marie and Thelma along both places. In Bethlehem Marie rehearsed for awhile with the children - some singing for next SUN.
- 20 - MON - Class in S. St. Olaf at 9:00. There was a little rain. In the p.m. we worked down in the trees - getting things fixed up for services there next SUN.
- 21 - TUES - Every morning now I drive over with Adolph to where they are working on the road. Thelma and I went to Crosby today to have some dental work done but Dr. Bergem was not there today so we got nothing accomplished. By Columbus on the way home. Albert Serdahl finished harvesting the spelts here today.
- 22 - WED - Invited to Sandbergs for dinner - we all went except the boys. Adolph had to quit working on the road - he had hurt his foot. I went to Larson for class at 2:00 - then returned to Sandbergs for supper. He is feeling quite well now.
- 23 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. 24 - FRI - Class in Thorson at 2:00. It is chilly - we had some heavy frost last night.
- 25 - SAT - Quite a nice day. Went to town to buy some things for tomorrow. It will be a big day - we are expecting all 4 congregations here for a joint service. We worked some more

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- 25 - SAT - (cont.) - with fixing things up down in the trees (our little park).
- 26 - SUN - The day started out cold and cloudy with some rain during the morning. It did not look very promising for much of any outdoor gathering here today - or that anyone would even come - but then about mid-morning the rain stopped. Shortly after noon Rosholt came - then Rolies from Larson - and then one after the other they came - many from Thorson, Bethlehem and S.St.Olaf, and some more from Larson - until there were 200 or more here. We had our program outside, even tho it was a little cool. The S.St.Olaf choir sang several numbers, I spoke a little - then a duet by Valborg and Doris Berg - a song by Julien and 2 of the Brothen boys - a reading by Thelma - a song by Mrs. John Rolie - a talk by Rosholt - several songs by the Thorson choir and a few songs by the combined choirs of Thorson and S.St.Olaf. Then in for coffee and lunch. After that we had some more singing by both of the choirs. It was a great day. Rosholt stayed over night.
- 27 - MON - Class in S.St.Olaf at 9:00. Weather quite nice today. The girls went over to Carlsons this p.m. This evening we went to Flaxton with Thelma - Rosholt drove. Ida and I, Adolph and Valla went along. The train came about 1:00 a.m. - we were home by 2:30 a.m.
- 28 - TUES - Home. 29 - WED - Rain last night. Class in Larson at 2:00.
- 30 - THURS - Conf. class in Bethlehem. Then to Columbus.
- 31 - FRI - Today we took Valborg down to Minot to see Dr. Sorenson. She has for some time been experiencing pains in her side. After Dr. Sorenson examined her he decided it would be advisable to have her appendix removed and he will perform the surgery. Thelma was quite surprised to see us - was not expecting us. Fortunately, she had FRI p.m. off so we were able to spend that time together. We went down to the park for awhile and then left about 3:00. Ida, Ada and Adolph were along - and Valla, who stayed then. We had had a flat tire near Bowbells on the way to Minot and on the way home we had another flat tire near Columbus. We were home before dark. Albert S. Harvested flax here today.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - SAT - Some have now started threshing. Adolph is shocking at Watteruds. It looks like it could start raining at any time. Adolph and the Serdahl boys are talking about driving down to the river to pick plums. Studied some today.
- 2 - SUN - It was cloudy this morning but it cleared up. Adolph went along with the Serdahl boys down to the river to pick plums. There were quite a few from around here that went down there today. At 9:00 this morning, Alfred Brenden and Olga Aune came here from Columbus to get married. They went to Williston from here. Services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - Marie, Julien and Ada along. M. Sandberg was in church today for the first time today since he came home from the hospital. He feels fine now and has gained back much of his former strength. We are all very saddened by the death of Gov. Sorlie. (He had died Aug. 28

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- 2 - SUN - (cont.) - from heart trouble, with only 4 months left to serve of his term).
To Bethlehem at 3:00 - not as many there. Nice weather. Ida, Ada and Baby, and Marie with.
- 3 - MON - Home. 4 - TUES - Today we went to Minot to see Valla - everything is going very well.
Ida, Baby and Julien along. 5 - WED - Classes - S. St. Olaf at 9:00 - Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 6 - THURS - All. (S. St. Olaf and Larson classes together).
- 7 - FRI - Class in Thorson. 8 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 9 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 - Larson at 3:00. Boys along to Thorson and Marie to Larson. Rain.
- 10 - MON - Class in S. St. Olaf. To Columbus in p.m. 11 - TUES - Home.
- 12 - WED - To Minot to get Valla. Adolph along. It had rained so they could not thresh. We
came home by dark - everything fine.
- 13 - THURS - Received a telegram that M. C. Gunstad had died and funeral will be on SAT - 15.
They threshed here after dinner today. 14 - FRI - Nice day - home - studying.
- 15 - SAT - Conf. classes in S. St. Olaf at 9:00 and Larson at 2:00 - the last meeting before con-
firmation. A little rain this p.m. - enough to stop the threshing.
- 16 - SUN - A nice day - hunting season opened today - lots of shooting - faelt til skyd.
Confirmation services in S. St. Olaf - the class from Larson was confirmed here also. Marie,
Valla and Julien along. The church was full - Mission offering \$39.29. The class was very
good - 5 from S. St. Olaf and 3 from Larson: Reidar Berg (S.O); Morris Hovland (Ole);
Inga Kvelstad (Iver); Grace and Gladys Nortvedt (Hans); and from Larson: Willard and
Berenice Walstad (Alfred); and Edna Rolie (Hans). There was also baptism for Lilly Verley,
B. July 19 - Parents, Hans and Alma Brodahl. Home for dinner. In the p.m. Ida and I and
the 2 little girls drove S by O. Olsons - Sathre - Moe - Klepper - Toso - Carlson and home.
Later down to Dilleruds to make some plans about school. Huldah will be starting but
Valla will have to stay home for another week and Adolph is along with Albert Serdahl and
his threshing crew. They are now at Ole Serdahl.
- 17 - MON - and TUES - Home for the most. No - on MON we drove down to the river to pick plums
and buffalo berries. There were not very many plums to find but there were many buffalo
berries. Ida and Julien along. TUES - Spent a lot of time cleaning berries.
- 19 - WED - To Columbus. 20 - THURS - Adolph has gotten hurt - sprained some muscles - forstrekt
sig - in threshing so he cannot continue. He came home today. I drove out to Thorson -
Sathre - to tell them there would be no class tomorrow at 2:00. Then I went to help out
in Adolph's place at the threshing rig. They were almost finished at Ole's when I came -
then they moved to Watteruds. Adolph was no better by this evening.
- 21 - FRI - Took Adolph in to Columbus today to see Dr. Payne. He had a treatment there and it
seemed to help a little. They did not finish threshing at Watteruds today - had a little
left for SAT a.m. Then they came here to thresh the flax. Adolph to Columbus again for
another treatment but it does not look like he will be able to go along with any more of

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- 21 - FRI - (cont.) - the threshing this fall. So - Adolph and Valla will be starting H.S. on MON - the 24th. I have had a bad cold now for a few days - don't know how I will manage tomorrow. Marie met with the class in Bethlehem today - Adolph drove - Valla was along but Julien has poison ivy all over him - udslet over all. Cold today. We got 313 bu of spelts on $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres; 190 (or 170 - the number is blotted so it is difficult to tell) bu. of wheat on 12 acres; and 258 bu. of flax on 15 acres. Good. I have a bad cold.
- 23 - SUN - To Thonson at 11:00 - Adolph along. Stopped in at Overlies afterwards to see Carl's father who is very sick. I was able to talk with him a little - he is near death and is well aware of it. I will go out again tomorrow to see him again. To Bethlehem at 3:00 - not so many there. To Columbus in the evening with Adolph and Valla - they will start H.S. tomorrow. They have nice rooms at Sigurd Hagen - with the Dillerud children.
- 24 - MON - Out to Overlies this a.m. He had died at 10:00 - shortly before I got there. Pete Hanson had been there with him thru the night. He had been conscious and died with the assurance of Salvation. Over to Hansons at noon. Home. To Columbus - went by Dilleruds and Zimmerman - about school.
- 25 - TUES - A nice day - good weather for threshing. Cold during the night. Yesterday there was wind from NW - enough to stop threshing for awhile. Home - studying.
- 26 - WED - Home - studying. Also wrote some letters.
- 27 - THURS - Nice today - not as cold. Funeral in Thonson today for Johan Overlie, 78. Ida along - there were a great many people there. All of his 7 children were there as well as a brother from Clarkfield, Minn. I spoke in both Norwegian and English. The people out there feel that it will be for the best to postpone conf. classes for a little while as the boys are all busy helping along with threshing now. Drove by Bergs and Olsons on the way home. Marie was at home with the little girls.
- 28 - FRI - Nice day. To Columbus in p.m. to get Adolph and Valla.
- 29 - SAT - Home - studying. Adolph along with the threshers today.
- 30 - SUN - Service with communion in S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Ida, Marie and Adolph along and went to communion there. Valla, Julien and the little girls at home. In the p.m. services with communion in Larson - Norwegian and English. Had to cut the sermon short as the Germans needed the church at 4:00. Their pastor was to deliver his Farewell sermon then - afskeds praediken. We were invited over to Frand Lorence's for coffee after church. Marie, Valla and Ada along. To Columbus with Valla. Adolph is going to be along with the threshers again this week. Marie is going to Minot tomorrow to attend Normal School. Now this evening they are all down at Serdahls for awhile and I am home with Baby - she is crying a great deal.

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- 1 - MON - Marie and I drove in to Columbus - had made arrangements to ride to Minot with Mathres who had also made plans to go down. It was a nice day - even tho a little cold - lidt kjellig. We came to Minot a little before 12:00. As I was going to have a doctor's examination and X-rays I did not eat any dinner but the others did. Mathres were also going to see the doctor. I went to Dr. Sorenson first - and he sent me to Dr. Rowe for examination and X-ray. I was able to eat supper. Mathre had taken Marie up to the Normal School. Mathres and I ate at the Grand Hotel about 4:00. In the evening, Marie and her room-mate - a French Catholic girl, came up to the hospital. Thelma was free at 7:00 and we all went down town for awhile. I stayed at the Grand Hotel. Mathres went home today.
- 2 - TUES - For breakfast today I had a dose of salts. Then to the Clinic. Had X-rays. Could not eat any dinner either as I had another X-ray at 2:00. After that I could have something to eat. Marie came uptown in the p.m. and then I went back to the Normal with her. Marie signed out for the evening and Thelma had time off so she could also come along with us. We went to see the movie, "King of Kings" - the Life of Jesus. Very moving and impressive - meget gribende. After the movie we had some lunch - then each to his own place.
- 3 - WED - I was able to eat today but had an X-ray at 10:00. I did not eat any dinner as they pumped my stomach at 1:00. Then I ate 2 slices of bread and drank some water, after which they pumped my stomach again. That was hard - but now I can eat again. I saw Thelma during the noon hour. Left on the train this p.m. at 3:20 on the G.N. to Kinkaid. Mathres had gone home on MON and had called home to tell them that I would be staying in Minot for a few days. He was at the Kinkaid depot to meet me, with my car, so I was able to drive home after taking him home. It was cloudy - with a little rain. Everything was fine at home and I was happy to find out that there is nothing wrong with my stomach.
- 4 - THURS - Home - studying. 5 - FRI - To Columbus in the p.m. Ida and the little girls along. We went up to Mathres - he took pictures. (Pictures of the girls - Arlene has a picture in her Baby Book of when she was about 5 mon. old - taken at this time). I had an accident when we were at Mathres - broke and almost tore off my little finger in the wringer. Left hand. (Mathre was demonstrating their new washing machine!) We hurried down to Dr. King and he set it and put a cast on my finger. It really pains - and it is very unhandy - I cannot milk the cows and it is not so easy to drive the car either. Valla along home.
- 6 - SAT - Conf. class in Bethlehem - a nice day. Adolph has been threshing this past week with A. Serdahl. They are threshing east of here now.
- 7 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 - went alone. Bethlehem at 3:00 - quite a few there. Baptism for Mavis Constance, B. Aug. 23 - Parents, Ed and Hilma Hallum. Valla and Ada along. To Columbus with Valla. Adolph was not home today.
- 8 - MON - A nice day. Home - helped with washing and other things. Most of the threshing is finished by now - some are all thru and have put their rigs away. Nice all week.

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- 13 - SAT - Class in Thorson at Sathre at 2:00 - the whole class present.
- 14 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - but we had to meet in the Sorlie school as the stove in church is not in good working order. Many in school. Distributed envelopes for the Mission offering next time. Home. Ida went along to Larson. Had announced services for 3:00 but we did not meet in the church. We went to the Hall as there was to be a Silver Wedding celebration for M. and Mrs. Gust Kihle. Mathre and all of Pleasant Prairie congregation were there as well as all of the Larson congregation. First we all had dinner and then I spoke in Norwegian and Mathre in English. Home by dark.
- 15 - MON - Early to Columbus this a.m. with Adolph and Valla. Then to Larson - over to Ourans. They had some cabbage, Carrots, and onions for us. In the p.m. over to Kleppens - Borg-hild has had an operation but is getting along fine.
- 16 - TUES - Dug up the rest of the potatoes. MON evening, Mrs. Wrolson came to visit - she was here on TUES and then on WED we went over to Sorlies to visit and she stayed there.
- 18 - THURS - Some rain and snow. We had some rain yesterday too.
- 19 - FRI - Nice weather today - to Columbus to get Adolph and Valla. 20 - SAT - Class - Bethlehem.
- 21 - SUN - Service with communion in Thorson and Bethlehem - Mission offerings. Nice day.
- 22 - MON - To Columbus early this a.m. with Adolph and Valla. Did my shopping and then went over to Anton Stumnes to make funeral arrangements for Hans P. Hiram, who had died at their place on SUN - in Columbus. Drove by Larson. Home in p.m. 23 - TUES - Home - studying.
- 24 - WED - Funeral in S.St.Olaf at 2:00 for Hans P. Hiram, 82 years. (He was single and had made his home with the Stumnes for many years). Nice day. Stumne gave me \$20.00.
- 25 - THURS - To Noonan - Concordia Rally. Yesterday Albert Serdahl hauled out our wheat - for shipping. 26 - FRI - Class in Thorson at 1:00 - at M. Bergs. Adolph came home today with Ronholdt to the Hovland corner and walked home from there. Valla came home yesterday.
- 27 - SAT - Up early today - we all went to Minot. We left here by 6:00 a.m. - it was still dark - and cold and cloudy with a NW wind. We got to Minot by 10:30. First we went to the Dormitory to get Marie - then over to the Park. Adolph and I went up to the hospital to get Thelma. We were in the Log Cabin in the Park - there is a stove there and we had a nice warm fire. We ate our dinner there. Nice to be all together again. After awhile we drove up to the hospital and went in to the Home where Thelma lives. They have it nice there. It was very warm there. Then we took Marie back to the Dormitory and we were ready to start for home at about 3:30. To Columbus by 6:40. Then home. Quite cold.
- 28 - SUN - Nice clear day - but cold. Ice on all the lakes now. S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - Mission service - many there. Ida and Ada along. Offering came to \$97.15. Home. To Larson at 3:00 - met in the Hall. Mission service - offering and Mission boxes - \$35.38. To Columbus with Adolph and Valla. Home. Yesterday we did not have any trouble, either to or from Minot, but today, before we drove west, we had a flat tire.

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- 29 - MON - Tore down the old summerhouse and rebuilt it making it larger. (The ivy house)
30 - TUES - Put in some fenceposts and fence around the trees. 31 - WED - Home.

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- 1 - THURS - Home. Nothing of great event all this week. To town on FRI and Bethlehem class SAT.
4 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 - many there. Julien along. Bethlehem at 3:00 - Ida, Adolph and Ada along. Also talked about the Concordia College fund drive and delivered the lists to the solicitors.
5 - MON - Early to Columbus with Adolph and Valla. To Larson - saw Norby - about Concordia. Then by Sandberg and Dihle - some errand.
6 - TUES - Election Day. It was a nice day. We washed clothes first and then we went to vote. I stayed up until after 11:00 tonight listening to the election returns on the radio. Hoover coming in strong. (The last sentence written in English in his Norwegian Diary).
7 - WED - Home. 8 - THURS - Used Watteruds team to haul some flax straw and burned the stubble on the field. 9 - FRI - To Columbus. Adolph and Valla came along home.
10 - SAT - Thorson class at O. Olson. Nice day. Adolph and Louie S. hauling straw.
11 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - went alone. L.A. at Witty but I did not have time to go. To Larson at 1:30. L.A. there also. Then to Columbus for the Silver Wedding celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Anton Sommerness. There were many there. I had been asked to speak so gave a little talk. Then there was lunch and coffee. Mathre has resigned and is leaving Columbus in 2 weeks - going to Plaza. Rosholt will be coming to Columbus to serve temporarily - midlertidig. (That temporary job lasted about 20 years!)
12 - MON - Up early and all of us went in to Columbus with Adolph and Valla. Then the rest of us went on to Noonan. Ida had to see Dr. Smith about a change of lenses in her glasses - briller. Home. Home also on TUES and WED. Ada is 4 years old today - WED - 14.
15 - THURS - L.A. at C. Brothen. Many there today. They had their annual meeting today and among other things decided that they should try to have their meetings on a more regular schedule and each one should bring something along each time for the lunch. They also decided that their first obligation should be to work towards paying off the church debt - \$180.00 - and then they will contribute to the Concordia fund. They have almost enough in their treasury right now to take care of the church debt.
16 - FRI - To Columbus to get the children. We are still having nice weather.
17 - SAT - L.A. at Sandbergs. Foggy this morning and on thru the day. Did not meet with the class in Bethlehem today. Albert Sordahl came over yesterday so we could settle up. We had shipped our wheat - 190 bu. on share. St. Paul price was \$1.16 - 98¢ clear with 14% dockage. I got \$4.10 after deducting the threshing bill of \$61.90 and hauling which was \$9.00. I also paid for twine - 50# for \$6.00 - price was \$6.50 - and have paid for Hail

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- 17 - SAT - (cont.) - Insurance for 2 years. Albert's share comes to \$23.00. But then, I have 156 bu. of spelts and 128 bu. of flax, which will most likely amount to no more than 75 bu. because of the mustard and other seeds in it.
- 18 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 - I went alone today. Nice weather but a little cold. Many there - song by the choir. Home for dinner. Bethlehem at 2:30 - Ida, Ada and Adolph along. Later to Columbus with Adolph and Valla.
- 19 - MON - This p.m. we went to Columbus - all the Circuit pastors and families met there for a Surprise Farewell party for Mathres. We were the first ones there - then Waages - Rosholt - Ranum - Hoversterns - and then Arthurs, as they had first been to Stanley. Yes, we had a good dinner - we brought along roast turkey, lefse and other things. The others also brought things along for the dinner so we had a very good meal. We had both dinner and supper there - and then home in the evening. Home for the most during the week except for a trip to town one day and then on FRI -23- to both Noonan and Columbus. Had an examination by Dr. King for the Pension. The children could not come home this weekend - Adolph is going along with the B.B. team to Portal this evening -FRI- and Valla is busy with a H.S. program.
- 24 - SAT - Thorson class at J. Wick at 1:00. Also baptism for Lyle Dillwayne, B. May 16, Parents, Elmer and Anna (Wick) Vick. Home. To Columbus - Adolph came along and we went to Larson. The L.A. in Larson was serving their Ludefish supper today - many there.
- 25 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - the boys home with Baby. Thanksgiving Day services and they brought their Mission Boxes - \$31.46. No other services today. Nice weather. Mathre is preaching his Farewell Sermon in Columbus tonight.
- 26 - MON - To Columbus early this morning with Adolph. The first thing I heard in town was that the 1st State Bank had closed. Many of the people west in S. St. Olaf lost money - as well as many others of course. The S. St. Olaf L.A. had \$500.00 in the Bank. This evening I sold 42 turkeys to John Krogh. He came out here with his truck to get them - 25¢ a pound. I went in on TUES and found that they did not weigh as much as I had expected they would - an average of 8# each. Got \$83.75. (This was from the 2nd hatching). Have 11 turkeys left plus 1 for Thanksgiving.
- 28 - WED - Thick fog - quite cold. Annual congregation meeting of S. St. Olaf congregation at 10:00 a.m. this time. 11 there. Quite a few of them had lost money when the Bank closed. Opened meeting with Devotion - Hebrews 11. Gave my yearly report of the church work - oversigt over arbeidet. Secr. was late so we heard the treas. report first - I had received all of my salary except for \$10.50. Then secr. report. Election: Secr. - Jong Holte; Treas. - A. Anderson; Trustee - H. Nordtvedt (3); School committee - M. Sandberg; Custodian - M. Nelson - but he did not want to be responsible for bringing water for baptisms but Sandberg said he would do that. Decided that everyone should help with any special cleaning

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28 - WED - (cont.) - and washing. They have had to give up any plans they had for working on the basement next summer as the money is gone (bank failure) but they will have to do something about the chimney. They also decided to change the day for the annual meeting from WED to TUES before Thanksgiving starting next year. Believe that was all. Berg and Sorlie are going to haul coal and J. Holte is going to get some kindling and a shovel. There were 11 present: Sorlie, Dihle, T. Hysjulien, Berg, Sandberg, Anderson, Evenson, Nelson, Ronholdt, J. and L. Holte.

At about 5:30 I went to Columbus to get Adolph and Valla. Many people in town tonight - Sons of Norway celebration - Grand Opening and Ludefisk dinner. We drove out to Kirkaid to meet Marie who came on the train at 7:07. It was nice and light - pent og lyst - to drive home. Mama had supper ready for us and then there was much to talk about - Minot etc.

29 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. To Bethlehem at 11:00. Cold and clear - quite a few there. The L.A. Mission boxes - \$22.00. Ida, Valla and Dagmar at home - the others along. Then home for a fine turkey dinner.

30 - FRI - A nice day even tho a little cold. Had some feed ground over at O. Serdahl. We also hauled some hay.

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1 - SAT - Colder. Foggy. Banked up around the house in the evening after coming home from the annual meeting of the Bethlehem congregation. We met in the church at 1:00. Devotion - and the usual reports. Received \$51.00 - with \$41.00 of salary outstanding but one of the trustees has not reported yet. Election: Secr. - A. Olson; Treas. - M. Pederson; Trustee - A. Haga (3) - he was not present but was chosen with the condition that C. Holter will serve again if Haga does not accept it. School committee - M. Pederson; Janitor - C. Brothen. They decided to put a spire on the church - saette spir paa kirken this summer and also to varnish the floor of the church. It was decided that M. Pederson, Treas., should send in money to pay the remainder of the church debt. (With the help of the L.A. the church was out of debt). They decided that we would have a Christmas Tree and a committee was chosen to collect for it - John Westerness, Clarence Holter, John Lundstad, Elmer Kleppen, C. Brothen and A. Olson.

2 - SUN - To Larson at 2:00. It was a little stormy last night and there was a little snow from east but it turned into a nice day. Thanksgiving service in Larson at 2:00 - Ps. 92:1-2. Marie, Adolph and Valla along. After services we drove to Flaxton with Marie. It was a little cold. Back to Columbus with Adolph and Valla. Paid S. Hagen \$20.00 for rent - Adolph \$5.00 - Marie \$15.00. Then home alone - from Columbus. Almost dark.

3 - MON - First I took Julien to school - then out to Thorson for services at Furness at 12:00. There was also L.A. and annual meeting of the congregation - quite a few there. Much extra

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3 - MON - (cont.) - music today. A little snow to drive in. Home by dark.

The meeting followed the service. I gave my report as did the Secr. and Treas. I received the rest of my salary - \$140.00 - and they still had a little left in the treasury - lidt mer i kassen. Election: Secr. - C. Furness; Treas. - M. Sathre; Trustee - P. Hanson or J. Wick; School committee - Sam Wigdahl; Janitor - J. Wick. The building of the church was discussed - kirkesagen diskutert. \$1100.00 has been subscribed and the L.A. has over \$2200.00. They decided that the pledges should now be paid in to the treasury before March 1. Also decided to have 1 month of parochial school next June.

Not much else to note this week. To town on FRI to get the children.

8 - SAT - Met with the children in Bethlehem at 2:00 - started rehearsing for the Christmas program. Valborg and Julien along - 11 there today.

9 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. 10 - MON - To Columbus with Adolph - Valla has the flu so had to stay home. Mama is not feeling well either. Went to Noonan to get some medicine.

11 - TUES - Home. 12 - WED - To Larson for services and annual meeting of the congregation at 2:00. Meeting following services. Reports were heard. I had received \$120.00 for 1927 and \$120.00 for 1928. Election: Secr. - O. Dillerud; Treas. - J. Norby; Janitor - Otto Evenson; M. Anderson in charge of cemetery. I told them that it was difficult to serve them as regularly as previously and perhaps only once a month during winter.

13 - THURS - Home. 14 - FRI - To Columbus to get Adolph.

15 - SAT - Trapping season opened today - both the boys are busy trapping.

16 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - practiced some with the children after services.

17 - MON - Valla went along to Columbus too - Adolph wasn't feeling too well but went along.

On THURS Ada and I went over to Dihles for L.A. Later on I went over to Carlsons for their Silver Wedding celebration - many there (Dec. 13).

The last part of the week Valla became sick again but we did not find out about it until FRI as the telephone line was broken. I went in FRI p.m. to get the children and also did a little shopping. Then in the evening, Adolph and I drove in to Kinkaid to meet Marie. First we drove in to Columbus with a present for Mrs. Hagen for taking care of Valla when she became sick again.

23 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 2:00 - Adolph and Marie along - Valla is not feeling well - she has an earache. We had some choir rehearsal after services and also practiced with the children.

24 - MON - Christmas Eve. Home today - studying. We also washed some clothes and Ida and Marie were busy with baking. We are not having our Christmas Tree tonight as we usually do, but will have it tomorrow evening - Christmas Day - as Thelma will be coming home for one day.

25 - TUES - Christmas Day - Glædelig Jul. Beautiful weather and moonlight - deiligt veir og maaneskin. We were up at 3:30 a.m. and the boys and I drove to Flaxton to get Thelma who was coming on the train at 5:30 a.m. We left from home at 4:20 - there is hardly any snow

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- 25 - TUES - (cont.) - on the ground any place now. The train came in at 5:15 to Flaxton - a few minutes before we got there. Thelma was there and we left for home right away - came home about 6:30. This was a happy day for Thelma - getting home for Christmas. She had not slept much during the night as she worked until 11:00 last night. I was a little sleepy myself so after some breakfast I lay down on the sofa for a little while. Then to S. St. Olaf for services - Christmas services at 11:00. Marie and Adolph went along. The church was full. There was special music - several songs by the Berg girls and Myrtle Sandberg. Offering - \$38.00 - and \$5.00 from Mrs. Sandberg; \$20.00 in salary and \$5.00 from Morris Hovland (confirmed in Sept.). Then home for dinner. The time went so fast - so much visiting and talking - with the whole family at home again. In the p.m., Edgar and Myrtle Sandberg and Ethel and Alvin Dihle came over for awhile. Then in the evening we had our Christmas tree - gifts - singing - all of us together again. Valla was not feeling well - she had an earache and was sometimes laying down and then again up when she felt a little better. We had all had a very nice day but as we were tired we all went quite early to bed.
- 26 - WED - Up a little before 6:00. Nice weather again today. After breakfast we took Thelma to Kirkaid - train at 7:48. Adolph went along - nice moonlight for driving. Came to the depot 15 minutes before train time. Then Thelma was on her way back to Minot and we drove home. Yesterday morning, when we were driving home from Flaxton, we saw that they were having early morning services - Juleotte - at the Swedish church. Looked like a big crowd as there were many cars by the church. Then to Bethlehem for Christmas services at 11:00. Valla is sick in bed - Adolph stayed at home with her and the rest of the family went along to church. Good roads - we were able to drive right east from our place to church. Beautiful Christmas Tree and decorations in church. The church was full. We had a little program too - songs by the adults and the children - some declamations - Agnes Ronning sang 2 songs, 1 each in Norwegian and English. There were many Christmas gifts. Offering - \$30.25 and \$5 from M. Ronning. Marie received \$16.65 - Christmas offering to the organist. Then home. Beautiful weather. Tomorrow to Thorson at 12:00 - at P. Hanson. Marie can stay home until New Year's Eve.
- 27 - THURS - Very mild day. Ida went along with me out to Thorson today - very nice day for driving. We were the first ones there but the others started coming at about the same time. There were many there but there were also quite a few that were home, sick with the flu. We had a great deal of extra music today - songs by the adult choir - songs by the children - a male quartette and a duet. When we were ready to leave, Hanson came with a big salmon for us to take home.
- 28 - FRI - L.A. at Haga. Nice weather. Full house. We all went except the boys
- 29 - SAT - Home for the most but a quick trip to Columbus - Ida went along. We stopped in to

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- 29 - SAT - (cont) → see Laurits and Eva - they have the flu there, also. There a great number of flu cases now and some are very sick too. We heard that Mrs. Ronholdt is very sick.
- 30 - SUN - Foggy - and a little snow. Marie went with me to Larson for services at 2:00. There were quite a few there. Stopped over to see the Ourens afterwards - she is quite sick. Now - Christmas is over and all thru this past Christmas week we have had exceptionally good weather - no snow to speak of and fine car roads every place we went. The churches were filled at all places - many gifts - everyone happy and satisfied - alle glade og fornøiede. The only unfortunate thing about the whole season is that the flu is striking so many and some are quite sick.
- 31 - MON - And so we come to the last day of the year 1928. Mostly a quiet day around here - studied when I could? I sat up for quite a long time tonight but not quite long enough to welcome the new year - 1929 come in - but it came anyway. Jeg sad oppe i nat en hel stund men ikke laenge nok at se det nye aar - 1929 ind - men det kom nok alligevel. Valla also sat up with me for awhile. Marie went to bed quite early as she is going to leave tomorrow morning from Kirkaid for Minot again. Now we say thanks to God for all we have received in this year 1928. For us, it has essentially been a good year with much of God's Grace and Goddness shown to us in both the spiritual and temporal. To God we give thanks for these blessings and pray for His Guidance in the coming year. Gud, vaere tak for alt og vaere med os i det nye aar.

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- 1 - TUES - May this be a Happy and Blessed New Year for all of us - and all of God's children - that is our prayer and wish.
- We were up between 5 and 6 today - it is quite a bit colder today. Adolph took Marie to Kirkaid to get on the train and was home again before it was daylight. He froze on the way - really quite cold. The rest of the family is not feeling exactly well either. I went to S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and there were really more there than I had expected. This is a very sad time - stuslig - for the Ronholdt children and relatives. Mrs. Ronholdt is very sick and last night, New Year's Eve, they took her to the hospital in Minot. Carlson drove and we heard that she had managed the trip quite well. I spoke to the congregation - with a prayer for her recovery and asked all there to pray for her also.
- 2 - WED - Mrs. Ronholdt had surgery this morning - the same as Mrs. Nels Birkeland. It is very critical and there is a very small chance for her recovery.
- 4 - FRI - She lived until this morning. Ronholdt called me from Minot to tell me and asked if I would drive west to their place to tell the children - which I did. This was a sad

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- 4 - FRI - (cont.) - evrand - much grief and sadness in their home today. Mrs. Sorlie and Mrs. Dihle came over there then to stay with them.
- 5 - SAT - Ronholdt came home from Minot with her today. The funeral will be on WED. It seems to be getting colder every day now.
- 6 - SUN - This must be the coldest day of the winter so far - 30 below zero. I should have been in Bethlehem at 11:00 but I could not get the car started. Adolph and I worked at it for quite awhile but it would not start - the battery is too weak. I called Alvin Dihle to come and help me. He came and we got it started by using the radio battery. By this time it was too late to get to church but Adolph had ridden over to church on Dan to tell them. There were only 3 or 4 there. About 4:30 this afternoon, Andrew Watterud came over to find out if it was true that Mrs. Ronholdt had died. We had to drive in to Columbus then so gave him a ride home on the way. Adolph and Valla start H.S. again tomorrow. We stopped in at Carlsons for a little while. In Columbus I went over to see Rosholt. He will come out on WED for the funeral. It was dark by the time I came home. Ada and Dagmar are so restless and fretful - they both have bad colds. Julien has been in bed for a few days, and Ida has a bad cold, headache and pain in her chest. Hope they will all be better soon - and that this cold spell will change for the better.
- 7 - MON - Not quite as cold today. Julien is home from school today - he is coughing a great deal but is up now most of the time anyway. Now I have gotten a cold too - I am so hoarse I find it difficult to speak. Ronholdt came over this p.m. and talked a great deal about her illness and death. He was glad that he had taken her to Minot anyway. He knew that everything that was humanly possible had been done for her during her last illness. She knew that she was going to die and she died with a strong faith in her Savior.
- 8 - TUES - My voice is still very bad - very hoarse. Studied for awhile today. Carlson and Clara came over this afternoon - visited for awhile. Clara came to get the Koralbog as she is going to be the organist for the funeral tomorrow. They also brought along. They also brought along some cream again. We have been buying butter from them once in awhile now. They are very nice people - dem er snille folk. Mild day - Julien walked to school.
- 9 - WED - Funeral today for Mrs. Ronholdt, 51, at the house at 1:00 and then over to church. Rosholt came out here about 10:00 - had time to visit for awhile and have some coffee and lunch. Cold today - wind from NW. A. Watterud came over too - wanted to go to the funeral. We rode along with him - got stuck in the snow a few times going west. There were many many people at the house but none of either his or her folks in Minnesota had been able to come but his brother from Canada came, and there were many from Ray. I am so hoarse I could not sing at all at the house - S.O. Berg and Rosholt had to lead the singing. I read from John 14 for Devotion - Rosholt spoke in English - another hymn and then over to church. There were many more at church - not even enough room for everyone to sit.

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- 9 - WED - (cont.) - Clara played "Nearer My God to Thee" for the processional at church as we came in with the casket. There was good singing by the congregation and there were many there who were not Norwegian. I read Psalm 23 in Norwegian and Røsholt read Psalm 90 in English. More hymn singing and then Røsholt spoke in English. I spoke a little in Norwegian, followed by another hymn. I read her biography in English and the graveside rites in Norwegian. It was very cold out on the cemetery. This is a very sad time for the whole Rørholdt family. Home. Røsholt and Watterud stopped in at our place for coffee and lunch.
- 10 - THURS - Cold weather and continued on thru the week. My cold is not much improved - still very hoarse. Ida has a bad cough - the little girls also have colds and coughs. Julien too, has a cold but went to school 3 days this week - staying home on MON and FRI which were very cold days. I told Ida she better go to bed FRI p.m. and SAT and it seemed to help her some. Did not go to Columbus for the children - Adolph went with the B.B. team.
- 13 - SUN - Should have been to Larson today but I had sent cards around to them saying I would not be able to come - due to cold weather, cold and hoarseness. Ida is still in bed but feels better. The children are all up and feeling quite well now. Baby was very restless and cranky during the night - she absolutely wanted Mama to take care of her and she could not. I feel quite good now in spite of the cold and hoarse voice that hangs on - and now I have to be both cook and nurse, as well as working outside.
- 14 - MON - Julien was to have taken 2 state exams today but it was changed for tomorrow.
- 15 - TUES - Julien took exams in 2 subjects today and he passed both of them. Continued cold all this week. Ida is still not feeling completely well and the rest of us are getting along all right even tho we are not completely over these colds.
- 19 - SAT - Cold - blowing and drifting from NW. But, nevertheless, I had to try to get in to Columbus to get Adolph and Valla. There was much snow on the road N of Carlsons but it went all right. Stopped in at Carlsons both going in to town and coming back. Got some cream and buttermilk there. Myrtle Arneson has been here a week now to help out when Ida has been sick. I called M. Nelson tonight to tell him it would not be necessary to heat up the church for tomorrow as I would not try to come over.
- 20 - SUN - The weather was somewhat improved today even tho it continued very cold. This afternoon Adolph and I drove over to Bethlehem at 2:30 - drove with car going straight E from here. Just barely able to get thru. Just a few in church. Later, Adolph and Valla had a ride to Columbus with Runnings when they brought Mabel over (teacher in our school). Myrtle was at her home today.
- 21 - MON - Myrtle and Esther A. came over today. We were expecting Albert Sendaahl to come over with their new washing machine - to demonstrate - but he did not come today.
- 22 - TUES - Cold - between 30 and 40 below. Albert came today with the washing machine. It went very quickly - and easy - to wash clothes. Julien was home from school today - also

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- 22 - TUES - (cont.) - WED and THURS. Weather still very cold but somewhat improved. Have been busy these days writing up my Parochial Report and some letters to others - it all takes time. From New Year's Day until now - the 24th - it has been cold - down to 35 and 40 below sometimes and regularly down to 20 and 25 below. But, as we have had no more additional snow to speak of, we can still drive with car.
- 26 - SAT - Julien and I drove in to Columbus today - still very cold but there was no wind. We brought along some supplies for Adolph and Valla as we thought it would be best for them to remain in town this weekend - there is a Basket Ball game tonight with Kenmare and Adolph should be there. Both the boy's and girl's teams are playing. But - they wanted to come home. Adolph got to drive in again this evening and Julien and the 3 Serdahl boys went along. They came home about midnight - girls won and the boys lost.
- 27 - SUN - To Thorson. Adolph and I drove with car out to C.Overlie at 12 for services and L.A. Mrs. O.Olson and 2 of the boys also rode along with us. Olson was also ready to go but Arneson came just then and asked him to drive out to Battleview to get Gladys. We ran in to a little snow here and there as we drove S but it went all right. There were many at Overlies. There were those who drove with horses today. Home by 4:00. Adolph and Valla and Louie Serdahl drove in to Columbus - will have the car in the garage for some repairs. Then Adolph and Louie came back again - Valla had forgotten her suitcase. They came here about 7:10 and left right away again.
- 28 - MON - Colder today - some snow during the night. Julien walked to school today. Turned colder each day - Julien home for the rest of the week. A very cold January.

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- 1 - FRI - A little better today. Heard that Adolph had been with the B.B. team to Colgan on THURS evening where Columbus won. They lost to Ambrose.
- 2 - SAT - Adolph brought the car home this forenoon. He drove by Toso - and had to have Engel Toso pull him out one place - quite a bit of snow some places. I took him in again this p.m. - drove N from Carlsons and that road was better. This evening there is a program and entertainment in Columbus, sponsored by the Improvement League for the benefit of the school. Both Adolph and Valla are taking part in it. (A Carnival called "Ground Hog Frolic", with lunch, program, and booths of various kinds to make some money).
- 3 - SUN - Julien and I drove with horses over to Bethlehem at 11:00 - not very many there. I went alone over to S.St.Olaf for services at 3:00 - more there. Ronholdt gave me \$5.00 and \$10.00 for Memorial - Mindekrans - from his parents in Minn.
- 4 - MON - A little snow - like yesterday. Julien to school. Colder on TUES and WED. Over to A.Watterud for a little while on WED. 7 - THURS - Hauled some straw and got some hay in.
- 8 - FRI - Clear and cold. 9 - SAT - To Columbus - drove with auto - just barely possible but I

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- 9 - SAT - (cont.) - did not get stuck any place. Adolph and Valla came along home.
- 10 - SUN - To Larson at 2:00. Adolph, Valla and Julien along. We got stuck a little just S of Carlsons - and then again on the N side of Carlson's coulee - a little worse here. By Columbus with Adolph and Valla after Larson. No trouble on the way home.
- 11 - MON - and on for a few days. A little snow each day but we also see some sunshine occasionally - lidt sne hver dag skjønt solen ogsaa sees iblandt.
- 14 - THURS - So now, today, I am 54 years old. Celebrating it quietly at home - feirer dagen i stilhed hjemme - and wrote some letters. Cloudy and stormy off and on - with some drifting. Ole Serdahl came over to get some eggs and aspirin.
- 15 - FRI - Went in to Columbus today with Ole Serdahl. I saw Adolph and Valla but they will have to stay in town this time. Snowing quite a bit. Nice but colder on SAT.
- 17 - SUN - Cold - wind from NW. I should have been in Thorson today - at Rysgaards at 12:00 - but gave up on that. Too cold and too much drifting.
- 18 - MON - 40 below zero today. 19 - TUES - Cold - but not as cold as yesterday. Looks like we might be having a storm. No mail today but he did come around yesterday. Have for a few days now had an earache and a little toothache - guess I will have to have a tooth pulled.
- 20 - WED - It was better today - services in Bethlehem at 2:00 - not so very many there. I had a ride with L. Serdahl. There were some from Olsons, Brothens, Kleppens, Westerness, Helseths and Mrs. Ed. Hallum.
- 21 - THURS - Colder - 30 below this morning. Julien home today. Temperature improved some by afternoon. Got some hay and straw hauled in. Martin Gunderson came over to get some B & M for Melvin - he has bad rheumatism. A. Watterud came over this evening to get some milk.
- 22 - FRI - Washington's birthday. Nice day - not as cold.
- 23 - SAT - Nice today. Adolph came home today with Albert Serdahl.
- 24 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 2:00 - quite a few there today. The weather is nice but there is quite a bit of snow to the west of us.
- 25 - MON - To Columbus with Adolph - nice weather. This was the first trip to town this year with horses. Had to get some repairs on the sled. Had lunch with Adolph and Valla.
- 26 - TUES - A. H. Brusven came over - bought a cow - "Stjerna". She will soon come fresh. Got \$75.00 for her which is a good price. Have 3 cows left and 4 that are a year old and one small one. 27 - WED - Mild - cleaned the barn and chicken coop - hauled some straw.
- 28 - THURS - Nice weather. Wrote some letters today - to Minot, etc.

MARCH

- 1 - FRI - March started out nice and mild this morning but it turned colder later in the day. Runningen called to ask about the roads over this way - could he possibly drive with auto. I told him it was all right as far as our place anyway - they were coming to get Mabel.

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- 1 - FRI - (cont.) - I drove over to school to get her and Valla had a ride home with Runnings from Columbus. Adolph could not come home this weekend as they are playing B.B. in Lignite SAT evening. 2 - SAT - Some snow coming down.
- 3 - SUN - To Larson - drove with horses and sled. Drove to Dilleruds - had dinner with them and then rode in to Larson with them - in auto - for services at 2:00. We had to use the Hall as the Germans were using the church at 2:00 today. We had L.A. following services. They also had a short business meeting and decided to give \$25.00 to the church budget for Missions, \$5.00 to Book Mission, and some to UMF. I came home as it started to get dark. Runningen came as far as Watteruds with car and then Mabel had to get Louie to take her the rest of the way.
- 4 - MON - A nice mild day. Hoover's Inauguration Day - but we were not able to hear any of it on the radio. Ada and I went to Carlsons to get some butter - also stopped in at Watteruds. Julien and Louie traded Accordion and guitar. In the p.m. Ida, Ada and I went over to Ole Serdahls for a little while. She is sick - suffers with rheumatism.
- 5 - TUES - Drove in to Columbus this a.m. - took Valla in. It took 2 hours to drive in - there at 11:30. It went quite easily with sled on the way in but on the way home the snow had melted down on the flats so there was only water to drive thru. I went to the dentist - had some teeth extracted that have been giving me some trouble during the past few weeks.
- 6 - WED - Cold today - rather stormy. Watterud over in the p.m. for awhile.
- 7 - THURS - Cold and stormy in the a.m. - nice in the p.m. That \$75.00 I got for Stjerna went fast. \$25.00 to Thelma - \$20.00 to Vogen (car repairs) - \$10.00 to Sig Hagen - \$8.25 for auto license - \$3.00 to the dentist (3 teeth) - and today I sent for a suit for \$20.25 and an order for some dress material for Marie for \$4.32 - so that took all of Stjerna and most of the \$20.83 check for February from the Mission. That's the way it goes - Ak ja, slig gaar det. Nothing much to note on FRI and SAT. Quite windy.
- 10 - SUN - Nice, mild day. Bethlehem at 11:00. Drove with horses and sled - Ida and Ada along. Ida played. Quite a few there. The boys were home with Baby - went just fine - she slept most of the time. Adolph had walked home from Columbus yesterday. To S.St.Olaf at 3:00 - went alone. Quite a few there too. Stopped in at Ole Evanson afterwards - had coffee and lunch. Adolph had a ride back to town with Runnings this evening.
- 11 - MON - Nice day. Albert Serdahl helped me haul in some hay today. Wrote some letters - to the girls in Minot - to Ingvald about the Boknebog - to Prof. Brown in regard to getting teachers for parochial school this summer. Turned colder towards evening.
- 12 - TUES - Looks like a nice day - the snow and ice will be on their way today - ser ud til at blive en pen dag saa sne og is vil gaa sin vei nu. Wash day. Home on WED and THURS.
- 15 - FRI - Drove in to Columbus with auto today. Albert and Louie Serdahl rode along. It went just fine even tho there is still a considerable amount of snow left. Drove to Columbus

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- 15 - FRI - (cont.) - first and then over to Larson for services at 2:00. Quite a few there. Then back to Columbus to get Adolph and Valla. Albert rode along home again but Louie has hired out to work N of Kermit. The trip home went just fine also.
- 16 - SAT - Nice day. I worked in my study a great deal today - sorting papers and books - and also burned up some of the old papers.
- 17 - SUN - To Thorson - Adolph and I drove S from here with auto to Olsons and then rode with them to M. Berg. Many there. Baptism for Eleanore Irene, B. Feb. 2, Parents, Martin and Maghild Enget. Adolph and Valla had a ride to town this evening with Runnings.
- 18 - MON - There was a light frost last night - muddy today. Some showers and wet snow during the day with strong NW wind. The snow really melted today. Washed clothes. Cleaned barn.
- 19 - TUES - Nice and clear this morning but then it clouded up rather quickly. Not much thawing for the next few days. Cold and cloudy.
- 22 - FRI - To Columbus this p.m. - some thawing today. Had to use chains for about the first half of the trip to town. Valla went along to Flaxton to meet the train as Marie was coming home. The train was due at 5:30 but was 1 hour late today. The road to Flaxton was good. Adolph was working at the garage but came along home when we came back to Columbus.
- 23 - SAT - Adolph drove in to Columbus again this morning to work at the garage. Came home late. He has earned \$8.00 this week.
- 24 - SUN - Palm Sunday. It froze last night and the roads are very rough today. Marie, Valla and Julien along to S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Marie played - not many there today. Baptism for Adeline Doloris, B. Feb. 20, Parents, Edwin and Ida Evanson. To Bethlehem at 3:00. Ida, Marie, Adolph and Ada along - many there. Communion. In evening to town with Adolph and V.
- 25 - MON - Clear but cold. Milder on TUES and WED - snow melting fast now.
- 28 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Service with communion in Larson at 11:00. Following that went over to Ourens - communion. Nice weather. To Columbus to get Adolph and Valla. Bought a small bed at Sommerness.
- 29 - FRI - Cold and cloudy - service with communion in Thorson at 2:00 - Adolph along. Many there. There are quite a few mudholes along the way. Snow later - wind - then it froze.
- 30 - SAT - A cold day. Home - studying.
- 31 - SUN - Easter Sunday. Some snow coming down - cold. S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - many there. Ida, Julien and Ada along - Ida played. To Bethlehem at 3:00 - all along except Julien - Baby was a little restless in church - lidt urolig. Later in the day Ida and I drove over to Annasons to get Alma to come along home to help with washing clothes tomorrow.

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- 1 - MON - Took Adolph and Valla to Columbus this morning. Cold last night and today - the roads are frozen and very rough. Washed clothes - took Alma home again this evening.

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- 2 - TUES - Not as cold today. This evening we went over to see Mrs. Ole Serdahl - she is still sick. She is thinking about going in to Columbus to take some treatments for this rheumatism. We also heard this evening that Carsten Kindsbeck had been killed in an automobile accident E of Flaxton MON. The Kindsbecks and Mads Dahls were coming home from Minot when the accident occurred.
- 3 - WED - A nice day. Mr. and Mrs. Erik Dihle came over.
- 4 - THURS - Colder today. L.A. at Frank Bureau. Ada went along with me - quite a few there. Ida and Baby not feeling exactly well. 5 - FRI - Cold and cloudy. To Columbus about noon. Took Ole Serdahl and Mrs. along - she is going to have a treatment at Dr. Payne for her rheumatism. There was a big funeral in Columbus today for Carsten Kindsbeck at 2:00. He was killed in an automobile accident E of Flaxton MON evening. Rosholt spoke in Norwegian and Sauer in English. Serdahls came along home with me - Adolph and Valla too. Snow in the evening - and night.
- 6 - SAT - Cold. Adolph went up to Carlsons to get the 10# of coffee we had ordered.
- 7 - SUN - Easter services in Thorson at 11:00. Adolph and I drove in auto - we drove by Pete Eibogt's place and S to avoid the bad mudholes on the grade. Many people came to the schoolhouse. The choir sang and the school children presented a cantata but I could not stay for all of it as I did not have enough time. It was very good. Home. Adolph and Valla along to Larson - English communion for 12. Sermon in both Norwegian and English. There were many here too. To Columbus. Home by Toso and Carlson - very slippery. We got a little calf today that Ada calls "hers" - a pretty little red and white calf.
- 8 - MON - Should have been to Crosby today for a meeting of the program committee for the L.L. I called Rosholt and asked if he would represent me - it is too difficult for me to get there from here. Wrote some letters - to Marie with \$15.00 and also wrote to Thaline Isakson, St. Paul. In the afternoon, Ida and I and the little girls drove over to Andrew Watteruds for a little while.
- 9 - TUES - Alma Arneson came over today - Ida is going to sew a dress for her. We had some more snow. This won't help the roads much. Home for the most - studying.
- 12 - FRI - To Columbus - Adolph and Valla along home. Drove by Nils Pearson and Toby Hysjulien - the road past Toso is quite difficult. 13 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 14 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - roads are terrible - the boys along. Heard that Ole Evanson has become sick again - it is his heart and kidneys and he is often delirious. To Bethlehem at 3:00 - many there. The boys stayed home with Baby. It was decided to invite the Thorson choirs to come here to sing 2 weeks from today - April 28 at 2:00. We were stuck a little near A. Watterud on the way home. During the night - about 2:00 a.m. we were awakened when Runningens came with Mabel. They had been stuck for quite awhile over by

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- 14 - SUN - (cont.) - the pasture and finally had to come to get a spade to dig out. I got dressed and went down to help him. He was stuck really bad. Mabel came up to the house and stayed until morning - the others drove home as soon as they got out. Ida did not feel well during the night - seemed to have a little temperature.
- 15 - MON - Adolph drove in to Columbus alone today - Valla stayed at home to help. Adolph came home again this evening. Mabel had to walk to school. Alma came over to help with the clothes washing. I rode horseback over to see Ole Evanson - he is quite sick.
- 16 - TUES - To Columbus with Adolph and Valla. Got stuck near A. Watteruds on the way home - had to get Watterud to bring a team of horses to pull the car out. I then drove over to Evansons again - he is no better - maybe worse. Went to communion. Home on WED.
- 18 - THURS - Home in the forenoon. Over to Evansons in the p.m.. He seems to be getting weaker each day - has a great deal of pain in his side. I talked with him - read Psalm 23 and prayed with him. He knows he is near death but his faith in his Savior is strong. Over to L. Holte for L.A. - Ada along - not very many there. People are so busy now. Nice day and good drying weather.
- 19 - FRI - Nice today too. To Columbus in the p.m. Ida feels well one day and not so good the next. M. Nelson and Mrs. Farstad came over here after I came home from town to tell me that Ole Evanson had died today. Funeral will be on MON at 2:00.
- 20 - SAT - Class in Thorson at 2:00 - 12 present. The roads have dried up quite good by now.
- 21 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00. The children sang several songs and the choir sang 1 song. To Larson at 3:00 with L.A. afterwards. Then to Columbus. Talked to Rosholt briefly. Laurits and Eva are celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary today. On the way home - by Hauges church - the Runnings were stalled with their car - they could not get it to run. I brought Mabel along then and took her over to Arnesons.
- 22 - MON - Funeral today for Ole Evanson, 73. A few rain showers but nice for the most part. Rosholt came by and rode along with me. Had a flat tire not very far from Evansons - had to leave the car standing there - as Sorlie came along and we rode with him over to the Evanson home. There were many at the house. We had some hymns and Devotion at the house - and 2 of the Farstad girls sang a duet (granddaughters). Rosholt and I had a ride over to church with S.O. Berg. The church was full. I spoke in Norwegian there and Rosholt spoke in English. Mrs. P. Nord sang a solo and the Farstad girls sang a Norwegian duet, "Fly som en Fugl". There were many beautiful flowers. After the service we had a ride back to the car with J. Holte. Now I had time to change tires. But there was something else wrong with the car so I drove over to Olaf Anderson. He could not tell what was wrong - so we drove home - but as we drove, I could hear every so often that there was something wrong with the car. Olaf will come over tomorrow to work on the car, find out what is wrong.

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- 23 - TUES - Olaf did not get over here until evening but then he started taking some things apart and worked all of WED too. Had to make a trip to Columbus to get some repairs. Turned out to be the ball bearings in the drive shaft that were worn. Repairs came to \$6.00 and I gave Olaf \$4.00.
- 25 - THURS - Went over to Kvelstads to get Eleanore - she is going to help out here for awhile as Ida is not feeling so well - her back is giving her a lot of trouble. Eleanore does not seem to be too well either but she washed clothes. I helped.
- 26 - FRI - Ida along to Columbus - then to Noonan to see Dr. Smith. Smith was not there - had gone out to Ole Barmoen who had broken a leg. In the meantime we went over to visit the Waages until Dr. Smith came back to Noonan. He then examined Ida and gave her some medicine. To Columbus for Adolph and Valla. 27 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 10:30.
- 28 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 2:00. Nice day. We had a real Music Festival - Sangerfest - in Bethlehem as the 2 choirs from Thorson came to sing. Miss Bornstedt had her pupils - the whole school - sing a Cantata and the Adult choir sang 4 numbers. It was really wonderful - udmerket. Coffee and lunch was served to all afterwards. The church was more than full - there were people from all 4 congregations and also some from Columbus and Pleasant Prairie. When we came home from church, Ingvald was here. He had driven from Carpio and as all of us were at church there was no one home when he came - but he could get in anyway as the door was not locked. Then when we came home he was at the door to bid us welcome and greet us. Baby is 1 year old today.
- 29 - MON - Early to Columbus with Adolph and Valla. Ingvald along too. When we came home I took Eleanore home as she was not feeling well. Spent the rest of the day in the house - small jobs and visiting with Ingvald. Adolph called to say that Valla had gotten sick - she was not feeling well on SAT either - so Ingvald and I drove in to get her. Adolph came along home too as he was not feeling too well. Looks like Valla is coming down with the measles.
- 30 - TUES - Ingvald left today - is planning to go by Lignite - Norma - Mohall etc. Adolph drove in to town about noon as he was feeling better and he was supposed to sing in a quartette and choir. I worked out in the garden for awhile - spading and also planted some onion sets. We also did some work inside - washed the kitchen ceiling and walls. SUN I received \$65.00 in salary in Thorson - M. Sathre - and \$4.50 that was still due from last year. I had received a check then for \$4.56 but it was no good.

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- 1 - WED - Home in the a.m. Class in Thorson at M. Sathre at 2:00. Valla is breaking out with measles now. 2 - THURS - Washed clothes - quite a big wash.
- 3 - FRI - To Columbus in p.m. Adolph is also sick now - no doubt measles.

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- 4 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 5 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00 and Larson at 3:00 - Norwegian and English in Larson. Went alone today. Adolph is sick now. Suppose Julien and the little girls will get it too. It has been cold - freezes every night.
- 6 - MON - Over to Brothens to get 3 sacks of potatoes. The weather is nice even tho it is a little cool. Talked with A. Haga - made arrangements to get 2 small pigs from him. Pete Watterud was at Brothens - trying to sell a Maytag washing machine. He wants to bring one over here, too, to demonstrate it.
- 7 - TUES - Pete brought the washer over here today and tomorrow we will try it. Julien and I did some fencing today - many of the posts in the pasture are broken.
- 8 - WED - Today Albert Serdahl came over with 2 rigs to start plowing here. Nice weather. Pete Watterud came over and we washed clothes in the new Maytag. We had about 5 or 6 washes and got thru in about 1½ hours and it was well done too. Yes - we must get this Maytag. It costs \$175.00 but we will get a \$20.00 trade-in on our old machine - then \$20.00 in cash - \$36.75 in August - \$50.00 on Dec. 15 - and \$50.00 on April 1, 1930.
- 9 - THURS - To town - a short trip - looks like rain. Julien became sick tonight - Adolph is feeling better - and Valla is up now. Rain tonight. 10 - FRI - Home.
- 11 - SAT - Classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 and Thorson at 2:00.
- 12 - SUN - Went to Ambrose for the L.L. Convention. Anton Olson rode along with me - it was a nice day and many people came. I was to have preached the Norwegian sermon in church but came late - had had a little trouble on the way. Aarthin preached for me. They had English services in the gymnasium and they said there were 1800 there. The L.A. served a noon meal for 50¢ a plate. The Bromhead Band played before the afternoon session. (Bromhead is a little town in Saskatchewan, about 15 miles N of Ambrose). The Choral Union concert was at 2:00 - about 80 voices - with Rev. Ranum as director. Very good. There were not very many there from my congregations today - some from west. We went home after the Concert and afternoon session.
- 13 - MON - To Columbus with Valla. She seems to be OK now - synes at vaere OK nu. Foggy - rain - sleet. 14 - TUES - Took Adolph in to town. Snow during the night - freezes.
- 15 - WED - The snow melted during the day. We washed clothes. Baby, Ada and Julien are better now and soon everyone will be fine again. 16 - THURS - Home. Studied.
- 17 - FRI - To Columbus to get Adolph and Valla. 18 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem. Studied.
- 19 - SUN - Pentecost. Nice weather today. Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. Not too many at either place. Suppose this was due to the Wild West Show in Columbus today. Ida and Adolph along west - Valla home with the little girls and making dinner. Ida and Valla along to Bethlehem.
- 20 - MON - To Columbus early this a.m. Home by noon. Planted some garden later.

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- 21 - TUES - Washed clothes this forenoon. Washing clothes is not such a big job now that we have the new Maytag. It is really nice to have this machine. Ada is just fine now - she had some company yesterday when the little girls at Albert Serdahl - Alzada and Mavis - came to visit. This p.m. we went over to visit the Herlands. Planted some seeds in the evening - mostly flower seeds - blomster. Home a great deal of this week.
- 24 - FRI - All to Columbus at noon - the Circuit pastors and families met at Rosholt today. We made summer plans - Circuit meetings, etc. We had lunch and coffee. Valla came home with us - Adolph rode home with M. Gunderson who has gotten a new car. Albert Serdahl has also gotten a new car.
- 25 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 9:30. L.A. in p.m. at S.O. Berg. Valla home with Baby.
- 26 - SUN - Rain during the day - also last night. To Thorson at 11:00. Adolph and I went - terribly muddy - not many there. Extremely muddy driving home. Had announced services in Larson at 3:00 but gave up on that. Adolph did drive in to Columbus later on, alone, as there was Baccalaureate services in the church and he is in a singing group. There was Confirmation service in the Swedish church today - also Stampede (Grandview). It was no doubt difficult for all of them with this mud - leit for dem - but the rain is also welcome.
- 27 - MON - Drying fast today. Valla is home today - those with an average over 90 are exempt from writing exams.
- 28 - TUES - Adolph came home at noon and then both Adolph and Valla had to go in again - they sing tonight for Commencement. Rev. Gullixson will be the speaker. Ida, Ada and I went along to town - did some shopping and then drove home again. Julien was home with Baby. We were home this evening - did not go in for graduation.
- 29 - WED - Real heavy downpour of rain - osregn - all day - even more than on SUN.
- 30 - THURS - Memorial Day. The roads are terrible. Julien and I and Milo Serdahl drove in to Columbus this forenoon - roads are really tough. Adolph and Valla came along home at noon. There was a program this afternoon at 2:00 and Valla was supposed to be along in it - some singing - but with the roads as bad as they are - we could not make that trip again - so she had to skip it.
- 31 - FRI - Class in Thorson at 2:00 - poorly prepared lessons today. I guess they have been too busy with school exams. The roads had dried up considerably. Very busy at home today - we are planning on going to Minot tomorrow but it looks like it might rain again. We'll just have to wait and see what it is like tomorrow.

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- 1 - SAT - Yes, it rained plenty last night and on into the morning, so we almost had to give up on going - but then, at about 6:00 a.m. or so, the clouds seemed to be breaking up a little - syntes det at rive i skyerne - so we got ready to go. It was very difficult to

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- 1 - SAT - (cont.) - to drive in to Columbus but from there and on it went quite well. The farther east we drove, the less rain there had been. We drove for the first time over the lake east of Bowbells on a very fine grade. We got to Minot at 12:00 - sunshine and dry weather there. First we went to get Marie at the college - then to the hospital to get Thelma. Valla, Ada and I stopped off at the Clinic. We wanted to see Dr. Sorenson to have him check Ada - there are times it seems she could have appendicitis. We were going to have Dr. Carr check Valla's eyes (bothered too often with sties) but we had to wait until the afternoon. Adolph and Ada came to get us. They had been down in the park and we all went down there then for dinner. Thelma had brought Myrtle Jacobson along with her. At about 2:00 we went back to Thelma's home and then Thelma took Valla and Ada over to the Clinic. I came over there later but in the meantime I had been over at Frosaker to get a spring on the car fixed but they were too busy to do it now. Ada was examined and does not have anything wrong. Dr. Carr gave Valla some ointment to use on her eyelids and then in a few weeks he would like to see her again to see if it has helped. We left Minot about 5:00 and came home by about 9:30.
- 2 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Adolph went with me - only a few there. In the afternoon Ida, Ada and I went to Crosby for the 25th Anniversary of the congregation at 3:00 in the auditorium. Speeches by the Circuit pastors. In the evening there was a Choir Concert. We were invited to Nordstogs for supper. We heard some of the concert but could not stay for all of it - we had to leave. Home by 10:00.
- 3 - MON - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00. A little rain today too.
- 4 - TUES - A nice day. Sold a cow and 2 heifers to Sande today - old Sharphead - got \$60.00 for her and \$35.00 for each of the heifers. This p.m. over to Sandbergs - then to Buraus - and Albert Hysjulien.
- 5 - WED - Louie Watterud hauled the 3 cattle that I had sold, in to Columbus. We washed clothes in the a.m. and then in the p.m. Valla, Ada and I went in to Columbus to do a little shopping and to get the car repaired - the 2 broken leaves in the spring. Sandbergs here - p.m.
- 6 - THURS - Adolph and I did some fencing for the horses. Looks like rain.
- 7 - FRI - This forenoon over to see old O. Hysjulien - communion. In the p.m. to Thorson for class at 2:00. Rain. 8 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 9:30.
- 9 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00. The roads were terrible after all that rain during the night but many came, nevertheless. Brought Johanna Hove along out to Thorson - she had come to Larson last night - a student at Concordia College - and will be teaching parochial school. She sings and plays very well. The choir sang - Thorson. Valla along to Thorson. To Bethlehem at 2:30. Mama, Adolph and Ada along. Then to Larson at 5:00 - Mama and Ada along. We stopped over to see the Ourens afterwards. (This morning when Johanna and I were

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- 9 - SUN - (cont.) - upstairs getting dressed to go to church we could hear Dad singing downstairs in the "front room". Johanna stood quietly - listening - and then after a few moments she turned to me and said, "Your Father has a remarkable voice!" We all knew that and maybe took it for granted, but it pleased me that she should be aware of it too).
- 10 - MON - To Columbus - quick trip. 11 - TUES - Home. Have given up on making the trip to Fargo as I cannot afford it - jeg har ei penge nok. Studying some.
- 14 - FRI - Conf. class in Thorson at 2:00. There are 28 attending parochial school. Marie came home this evening - had a ride with Graves, the druggist in Columbus, and then with Watteruds out from Columbus.
- 15 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 9:30. The others went to Columbus and then came back to church.
- 16 - SUN - To S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - many there. The boys along. Strong wind. Then to Merryfield at 2:30 - services and L.A. - a great deal of singing today. To O.Serdahls in evening.
- 17 - MON - Took Marie to Ambrose - by Columbus - to apply for school. She talked to Bredley - and he as good as promised her the job. He is president of the School Board. By Crosby and Columbus on the way home. 18 - TUES - Home today.
- 19 - WED - To Kirkaid this morning with Marie as she is going back to Minot. In the p.m. we went to Larson - Mama, Adolph, Valla, Julien and little girls. Julien and Valla are going to start taking music lessons now, from Mrs. P. Nord. Mamma went over to see Mrs. Bjorkman. She is no better than she was when I last stopped in to see her. This was our Wedding Anniversary but we did not remember it until the next day. In the evening we were over to C.Brothers and M.Pedersons.
- 20 - THURS - Ida and Ada and I over to A.Haga and C.Holter - then to Columbus. There we met Agnes and her husband, Edwin Swenson. They were just married June 15. Ida rode along home with them and Ada and I went to Larson to see Mrs. Bjorkman - communion. This forenoon I had started with a conf. class in S.St.Olaf.
- 21 - FRI - Class in Thorson.. 22 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 9:30. To Columbus in p.m.
- 23 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00. The boys and Oliver Ulsrud stayed at home and the rest of us went to church. We were invited over to Kleppens for dinner - Laurits and Eva were there too. Nels K. was in Canada but came home today. I went to Larson for services at 3:00 and L.A. There was baptism for Ernest Arnold, B. April 13, Parents, Henry and Anna Erickson. There were many in church - but there was also a ball game in Larson today. Stopped by to see Mrs. Bjorkman. S.St.Olaf L.A. at H.Brodahl.
- 24 - MON - Wedding here today for Borghild Berg and Warren Dewing. The Swensons from St.Paul left today after visiting for a few days with us. To Columbus in p.m.
- 25 - TUES - Today Valla, Adolph and Ada and I went to Minot to get Thelma as she has vacation now. We drove by Powers Lake, Stanley, etc. Quite a nice road. Valla had her eyes checked again by Dr. Carr. She does not need glasses but will continue to use the ointment as nec-

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- 25 - TUES - (cont.) - essay. While we were in Stanley we just happened to meet Ingvald - very unexpectedly. He had been west and was on his way to Minot and had intentions of going to Brookings, S.D. for the Stavangerlag. We drove on to Minot - a little faster than Ingvald - but met him again in Minot. We saw Marie for a little while and left about 4:00 for home - driving the same way.
- 26 - WED - Somewhat rainy - thunder and hail towards evening. We went over to Dihles in the evening - there was to be a surprise party for the newlyweds at Bergs. But - as the weather looked so stormy and threatening we went right home again. No one else had come yet but we heard that some had come later in the evening.
- 27 - THURS - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 9:30 and Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 28 - FRI - Studied in the a.m. Class in Thorson in p.m. The boys went to Columbus today with the Serdahl boys for the Carnival and Show.
- 29 - SAT - Studied in the a.m. Albert Serdahl is working on the new road past here today. To Columbus in p.m. - called on Mrs. O.I. Ronning who is sick. To Larson to see Mrs. Bjorkman.
- 30 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00. In the p.m. the Bethlehem L.A. met at our place. It was a big gathering - collection came to \$32.00. Besides Bethlehem, there were people from west, Larson, Columbus, and some from Thorson. We had hoped to have the Thorson choir sing but there were not enough of them here. It was a beautiful day after the small amount of rain this morning.

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- 1 - MON - Took Adolph to Columbus early this morning as he is going to work in the garage for awhile. Heard that Adolph Serdahl had come last night to Dahls, from Des Moines, Iowa. He has a new Ford and had driven over 700 miles in one day - some kind of a record. Today I must study for the Circuit Meeting and 25th Anniversary of S.St.Olaf tomorrow.
- 2 - TUES - A nice day. Festivities in S.St.Olaf with Circuit meeting and 25th anniversary of the congregation. Opening service in a.m. with communion - Waage - and sermon by Hoversten. Many there. In the p.m. there were talks by Arthur, Waage, Salhus, Hoversten and me. Offering - \$27.47. Nice day.
- 3 - WED - Conf. class in Bethlehem. In the evening Valla, Ada and I went to Coteau to get Marie who was coming home from Minot with O.Kristiansons. We got a call that she was in Bowbells so we went there. Home by Flaxton - Columbus - also brought Adolph along home. He has been working in the garage,
- 4 - THURS - 4th of July Celebration at Olsons - Thorson. A nice day but a little cool - many people came. We had a nice dinner before the program in the afternoon. The Thorson choir sang - I made a few remarks - Arthur spoke in Norwegian. This was followed by the program by the children - we have now had 1 month of parochial school with Miss Johanna Hove and

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- 4 - THURS - (cont.) - she presented a very fine program. Waage spoke in English and the choir sang again. After the conclusion of the program there were races and a ball game. The young folks had set up a stand to sell refreshments. Big crowd. Our whole family was there - made several trips.
- 5 - FRI - To Columbus early this morning with Adolph - to the garage. Thorson class in p.m.
- 6 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 7 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 and Thorson at 2:30 - many at both places. Rysgaards came here this evening. This evening Adolph took Marie over to O. Kristiansons in Big Butte as she is riding back to Minot with them tomorrow morning. Valla, Julien and Ada went along for the ride. Some rain during the night.
- 8 - MON - Up early. Foggy. Took Adolph in to Columbus to work.
- 9 - TUES - No rain to speak of. Classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 and Thorson at 2:00.
- 10 - WED - To Crosby - Thelma and Valla to the dentist, Dr. Bergem. Valla had one pulled - also Thelma and she also had 2 fillings - cost \$2.00 for all. In Minot it would have cost at least \$11.00. Bought shoes for Valla - \$4.50 - and for Thelma - \$7.00. By Columbus.
- 11 - THURS - Studied. Invited to Sandbergs for supper.
- 12 - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00 - last time before confirmation on Sunday.
- 13 - SAT - Class in Thorson at 2:00 - last time here also.
- 14 - SUN - Confirmation service in Bethlehem church for classes from Bethlehem and Thorson at 11:00. There were 11 from Bethlehem and 12 from Thorson confirmed. A big crowd - more people came than the church could accommodate. We started at 11:00 and finished at about 1:30. The offering from the combined congregations came to \$74.90 - Thorson used envelopes and theirs came to \$33.65 and Bethlehem \$41.25. Catechization took 40 minutes. The confirmands sang 3 verses of "I Himmelen" - "In Heaven Above". Very nice - meget pent. The Thorson choir sang 2 numbers - "Alt det, som Aande har, lover vor Gud", and "Maegtigste Kriste". Members of the classes: Bethlehem - Valborg Constance Buckneberg (Adolf); Borg-hild and Olga Kleppen (Nels); Agnes and Ruth Hoff (Even); Gladys and Willard Peterson (Alfred); Evald Brothen (Carl); Arthur Westerness (Theobald); Arthur Lundstad (Ole); Morris Helseth (Martin). From Scandia: Clara Hanson (Peder); Minnie and Sina Furness (Carl); Ida and Stella Wigdahl (Sam); Signe and Odmar Berg (Martin); Martin Sathre (Martin); Norman Fredrickson (Nick); Erling and Otto Wick (John); Olaf Olson (Ole). Marie came home from Minot with Lawrence and Gladys Jacobson and another young man (Frank Dorfler). They came home with us for dinner - We had a very delicious dinner. They went by Ray on the way back to Minot. Ethel Dihle and the Sandberg young folks and the teacher (Johanna Hove) came over in the afternoon and stayed until late in the evening.
- 15 - MON - To Columbus - Thelma, both the boys and I. Did not do much - a warm day. Adolph received \$30.00 from Vogen today - has now worked at the garage for a few weeks - had also

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- 15 - MON - (cont.) - received \$7.00 previously. Well done - godt gjort. He sent for a suit, cap, shoes, etc. now. Thelma went up to see Eva. The Ronning brothers came tonight from Sherwood. They had slides to show from Madagascar. Such a warm day. They went to S. St. O. and Thorson this evening.
- 16 - TUES - This evening one went to Bethlehem and one to Noonan. We took Thelma in to Kinkaid today so she could leave on the train for Minot. Even warmer today than yesterday.
- 17 - WED - Still very warm and dry. Harold Ronning left today - went by Noonan to get his brother, Talbert, and from there they will go to Ray. The boys are busy cultivating potatoes and corn. The same warm dry weather continued thru the week - hot during the day and cooling somewhat during the night. Home for the most - studying.
- 20 - SAT - L.A. auction - Bethlehem - at A. Haga today. Warm and dry - not a very big crowd out today. Sale came to \$52.55 - Albert Serdahl was auctioneer. Valla went along home with Alfred Petersons - there is confirmation in Macroom tomorrow.
- 21 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - many there. Julien and Ada along. To Larson at 3:00 - quite a few there. Then to Columbus at 8:00 - Adolph along. I spoke on "False Prophets". The Holy Rollers are quite busy around Columbus now. Did not get home until about 10:00. Albert Serdahls had been out to Thorson for L.A. at M. Sathre and there had been many there.
- 22 - MON - This forenoon Strands came over to have their baby baptized - Helen Opal, B. May 6. Parents, Calmar and Hazel Strand. In the p.m. Ida and I and the little girls went to Alfred Petersons to get Valla. The Macroom church had been full for Confirmation yesterday. Continues dry and warm. They are haying now.
- 23 - TUES - To Columbus this a.m. but first I had been over to Albert Serdahl to get some meat (just butchered). Warm today also.
- 24 - WED - Class in S. St. Olaf at 10:00 for the English group. Adolph took Valla and Julien to Larson for music lessons at 2:00. 25 - THURS - Home. Ingvald came from Tioga.
- 26 - FRI - Today Ingvald and I and the boys went to Long Creek to fish. Terribly warm - we were there most of the day and did not get anything. Left for home about 5:00. Shortly after we came home the weather changed - we had strong wind - rain - and there was hail in some places, like out at Ole Olson and Harry Stock. Albert Serdahl is doing a little haying here now. On THURS Adolph was going to town to get some oil - he has now painted the auto shed and has started on the barn. He did not get any farther than Carlsons when something went wrong with the car. He had a ride in to town with the Serdahl boys in the p.m. so he could get some repairs for the car and got it running again. He is also working with the Serdahls in Haying.
- 27 - SAT - They hayed this forenoon but had to quit for the p.m. as it was too windy. Still very warm and dry - just a few drops here FRI eve. Some harvesting N on the flats. There was L.A. sale at Albert Sorlie on SAT. Many there - it went very well.

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- 28 - SUN - Service with communion in Bethlehem at 11:00 - many there - 28 communicants. Julien home with Baby. Baptism for Merle Burton, B. June 28, Parents, Magne and Bertha Kleppen. To Thorson for services and communion at 3:00 - 44 communicants. There were so many there that all of them could not get in (schoolhouse). Ingvald, Ida and Adolph along. After services we drove over to the cemetery - church yard - to take a look at the new basement for the church. They will be building on it soon. To Kvelstads in the evening.
- 29 - MON - A nice day. Ingvald went to Crosby today. Gladys Peterson came along home with us yesterday from church - is going to visit here.
- 30 - TUES - Took Valla and Julien to Larson for music lessons - Gladys along too. I went to Columbus to the garage - have some things that need fixing on the car - the rear axle - connecting rods - bearings - and other things too. Had another examination at Dr. King - for the pension (Spanish-American War Veteran). Waited for a long time in Columbus but they did not finish the car. At about 7:15 Bergeson took me home. We had to drive by Larson to get the children who were waiting for us. Bergesons were here for awhile.
- 31 - WED - Adolph had a ride in to Columbus with Albert Serdahl. They came home around noon but Adolph had to wait for the car and came home later in the evening with it.

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- 1 - THURS - We went to Minot - Ida and I, Adolph and Ada. We drove S by Battleview and Powers Lake - had to stop there and get a new gas pipe - then on by Stanley to Minot. Got there shortly after 12:00. Thelma was sleeping when we came but woke and came with us. We then went to get Marie and she did not have classes this p.m. Ida went to the Clinic to see Dr. Sorenson - had examination and X-rays. One of her lungs shows a little scar so she has to be careful. She got some medicine. We left Minot about 6:00 - drove by Kenmare - home by about 10:00.
- 2 - FRI - Met with the English class in S. St. Olaf at 10:00.
- 3 - SAT - Studied during the forenoon. To Town in the p.m. - just a quick trip.
- 4 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - quite a few there. L.A. at Sandbergs. Larson at 1:30 - spoke in both Norwegian and English. L.A. here also. Stopped over to see Mrs. Bjorkman. She is no better - possibly weaker today. Home. Then we all went to E. Hoff for L.A. Many there - they took in over \$25.00. The L.A. had their annual meeting with election. We went over to Alfred Petersons later and Gladys came along home with us again.
- 5 - MON - A nice day. We had a little rain yesterday forenoon but it is just as dry again. There has been a little harvesting done. FRI p.m. we went over to Sorlie school for the program given on the last day of Parochial school. It was very good - she is an excellent teacher. She is now going in to Lignite to visit for a little while. Today - MON - Adolph went over to N. Birkeland to help him haul out some wheat. Ida and I took him over and then went down to the Mine Store.

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- 6 - TUES - Adolph came home this p.m. Continues warm and dry. Albert Serdahl started harvesting the barley here this p.m. Not very much here even tho I have barley on all fields.
- 7 - WED - To Larson with Valla and Julien for music lessons. Went over to see Mrs. Bjorkman - she was worse today. By Columbus to do a little shopping. Adolph used a team from Serdahls to do a little mowing. Warm today - hard to hay and harvest. Adolph went in to Columbus this evening with the Serdahl boys - to stay at Ulsruds.
- 8 - THURS - Went in to town this a.m. - to Ulsruds. Adolph and Oliver had gotten a ride out with the mailman and they were going to hay today. They came home shortly before noon. They got Serdahl's team again and started raking and hauling. They got in 2 loads even tho it was windy. Serdahls finished harvesting here this evening and it amounted to more than we had expected. We took Oliver in to town this evening as he had Band practice. Ida and Adolph also along. Adolph is going to stay until tomorrow evening. Ida and I went over to see Laurits and Eva for a little while.
- 9 - FRI - Conf. class in S. St. Olaf at 9:30 - both the Norwegian and English classes. 2 of the Halvorson girls came today too - there are now 8 in the English class and 7 in Norwegian. We are expecting Grandma Isakson tonight - she is coming to Larson - and then we are going to Columbus for supper at Laurits and Eva. Went over to Kvelstads this afternoon to get Eleanore. She and Valla and Baby and Gladys Peterson are going to be home here for a few days while the rest of us and Grandma I. take a little trip to McKenzie Co. Ida, Ada and I went in to Larson to get Grandma - Bestemor - then to Columbus to Laurits and Eva for supper. We were there until about 11:00 - then home. Adolph, who has been at Ulsruds for a day came along home too.
- 10 - SAT - We got ready to leave this morning but waited until the mailman had come by. Then Ida and I, Ada, the 2 boys, and Grandma left. We went by Battleview and White Earth to Stanley. We ate our lunch there at the Fairgrounds. Quite a warm day. Then by Van Hook and Sarish. We met Ingvald there. Very warm today - harvest on in full swing out here. The crops look better here than farther N. We see many tractors and combines out here. We left before Ingvald was ready to go and drove on across the new bridge for the first time and into McKenzie Co. The highway is very nice - we drove thru some land that is Indian Reservation. Much of this land is under cultivation - rented by whites. We drove thru Keene and got to Ingvald's place about 4:00. Tina and Mildred were at home, expecting us, and Ingvald came after awhile.
- 11 - SUN - Ingvald had invited his neighbors to come over today and quite a few came - there were 2 Brenna families - Wisness - Anderson - Sundland - Olson - Sorenson - Clevelands - and Gunstads. I spoke on the Gospel for the 11th SUN after Trinity. Mildred sang several songs in Memory of Mandius Gunstad. Ingvald also spoke a little. Then Holey and family came and he spoke about the "Old Days". Then we had dinner. Some stayed on for awhile

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- 11 - SUN - (cont.) - and some went over to church where there was L.A. A little later we, too, went over to church - saw M. Gunstad's grave and some others too. In the evening we drove west on Ingvald's land to see his crops. They look pretty good.
- 12 - MON - Today we decided to drive to the Bad Lands and over to the Little Missouri River to see the new Roosevelt Bridge. Mrs. Gunstad and Christine also went along - Adolph drove their new Ford and Julien and Mildred also rode along in their car. The others all went in our car. It is 32 miles to Watford City - good roads but hilly - god vei men bakket. Many nice farms to see and some very nice crops. There are also some strange formations and Buttes to see along the way - and some beautiful valleys. In Watford City we just happened to meet Rev. Gustav Hanson, Arnegard, and he invited us to drive over to see them later on. (Pastor Hanson had been present at Mom and Dad's wedding, June 19, 1907, in Wisconsin. He was then a student at the Seminary). We then drove S from Watford City to the Little Missouri River - more hills. We drove past Jon Nordstog's farm, and Ambjor's, his brother-in-law - hans svoger. The closer we came to the river, the hillier it became but the road was good. They have been working on this road all summer and have finished it on this side of the river. We approached a high bluff and then drove on many zig-zag turns down the hill. What a tremendous engineering achievement it has been to build a road thru this grand, scenic wild country. Then we drove over the new bridge and up a little ways on the other side of the river where we stopped to have our picnic lunch. They are working on the road on this side now, thru the buttes. Some of us had to do some climbing - up to the tops of some of these buttes - especially the boys and Mildred, who was collecting rare and beautiful stones. Then the weather changed - the wind became strong - it became cloudy and there was some thunder - so we left. We stopped briefly in Watford City so we could telephone to Rev. Hanson in Arnegard that we would not be coming over. Even tho it was only 7 miles over there, it was getting late and the weather did not look good. Home to Ingvalds.
- 13 - TUES - Today we took a trip west in the bluffs to see Grandma and Gunvald who are living there in a new house they have built. We were invited over to Gunstads for dinner. They have it very nice. The boys had stayed there last night. Gunvald was there too, as he is renting and working the land. Then in the afternoon we left for home. We had broken the main leaf in the spring so we had to drive very carefully. We left about 2:00 from Gunstads and drove by Keene - Sanish - Van Hook. There we stopped to say "Hello" to Torvald Rossum who has a store there. By Stanley - stopped there for a little while - then Powers Lake - Battleview - and home before the sun went down. It had been a very nice, enjoyable trip - en fornnoielig tur - and everything was fine at home. Kvelstads came over in the evening to get Eleanore. Baby had been very good but was fussy when we came home.
- 14 - WED - Washday and many other things to do. Very busy. Warm day.

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- 14 - ~~WED~~ (C) - Another warm day. Went to Columbus in the p.m. Got a new main leaf in the front auto spring of the auto that was broken on the way out to McKenzie Co. Ida and Thaline went along and visited with Eva for awhile. Lawrits is in Portal doing some carpentry work. Got a new rod for the well and a few other things.
- 15 - THURS - Got the returns today for the heifer I shipped to St. Paul - gross \$43.35 - net \$36.35. Had been offered \$35.00 in town. This p.m. to Larson with Valla for music lesson - Julien did not go today. Gladys P. went along and so did Grandma I. She went along to Columbus and will be staying with Lawrits and Eva for a few days. Adolph has started digging a cistern. Everyone around here is now very busy with harvesting. Mrs. Bjorkman was no better today - but no worse either.
- 16 - FRI - Class in Sorlie school at 1:30. Ida went along and visited with Mrs. Sorlie. When I had finished with the class we drove to Noonan. Had received a call from Waage telling me that M. Fredrickson was at the hospital and had had an operation for a ruptured appendix. He is very sick. We stopped in at Waages for a little while too. Stopped in Larson on the way home - Mrs. Bjorkman is as usual. Ada was along today too.
- 17 - SAT - Studying for the most.
- 18 - SUN - I conducted services in Columbus today at 11:00. Valla, Gladys P. and Ada along. We were invited over to Rykkens for dinner. Ada went along with Grandma I. over to Lawrits and Eva and will stay there until tomorrow. Home. Ida and Adolph along to Bethlehem at 2:00 - the rest of them at home. Alfred Petersons came along home after services and Alfred went along with me to Thorson for services at 4:15. Then home for supper. Gladys went home.
- 19 - MON - Washed clothes in the forenoon. Then to Columbus at noon for dinner at Lawrits and Eva. Grandma and Ada came along home. I stopped in at Sommersness to see about getting a truck to haul out 15 sacks of cement - and some lumber. Alvin Dihle had just left with the threshing rig from Sommersness' to start threshing at O. Dillerud. After we came home Adolph drove in to town and got to use the truck to bring out the cement etc. and then in again with the truck so it got to be a little late for him.
- 20 - TUES - Worked on the cistern. Finished digging on WED.
- 21 - WED - To Larson with Valla and Julien for music lessons. This will be the last time for awhile as Mrs. Pete Nord is going to work in a cook-car for awhile. We went to Noonan to see Dr. Smith - Ada was along too - and all 4 children had examinations for insurance policies.
- 22 - THURS - Grandma I. left today - from Kinkaid. She will be in Minot from 12:45 until 3:35 so she may see the girls. Some have started threshing. It is very dry.
- 23 - FRI - Adolph made a quick trip to Columbus this forenoon. Conf. classes in S. St. Olaf - 1:30 for the Norwegian class and 3:00 for the English class. Also some studying today.
- 24 - SAT - A little rain last night makes it fresher today. But there is a strong wind from NW making it impossible to thresh. Albert Serdahl had planned to start today but could not.

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- 25 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Ida along. We brought along some lunch to eat before driving to Larson from there. Stopped briefly at Dilleruds and then to Larson at 1:30. Also over to Bjorkmans - she is very sick now. Home. Over to Albert Serdahls for L.A. - quite a few there. Albert and I went over to see the Hattelids - Oscar and Dick - later on but neither one was home. Over to J. Holte but he was not home either. (School or township).
- 26 - MON - To Larson and then to Noonan to see Dr. Smith - examination for pension. By Columbus on the way home. Adolph started threshing with Serdahls today.
- 27 - TUES - There was a little rain - enough to stop threshing. We washed clothes anyway. Out hunting for the turkeys but could not find them.
- 28 - WED - Dry and warm - has been for some time. Home mostly - also THURS.
- 30 - FRI - To Minot quite early - we left shortly after 5:00 a.m. Ida, Valla and I went and Eva and their children were at home here with the rest of the children. Laurits came out on WED to plaster the cistern - I helped him on WED and THURS. We had to stop in Columbus for some auto repair - Bergeson was up early. It was a very warm day. We were in Minot shortly before 10:00 and attended the program and Graduation exercises at the College. There were 70 in Marie's class (2 year) and 11 in the 4 year class. Then Marie came along with us up town and to the hospital to see Thelma. We also stopped at the Clinic and made appointments for 2:00 for Ida to see Dr. Sorenson and Valla to see Dr. Carr. Then we went to the park for dinner. Dr. Carr thinks glasses may help Valla now. We left for home at 4:30 - very warm weather. Home before dark.
- 31 - SAT - The threshers came here today - got 528 bu. of barley by machine measure. The rig left here for Watteruds about coffee time.

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- 1 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - Ida and Marie along. Home. To Thorson at 3:00. Very warm. This evening Oscar Hattelid came over to talk about school affairs again - hiring of teachers - Grace Benson - Vera Ronholdt. A little rain tonight.
- 2 - MON - Turned cold today - rather unusual after all this warm weather. Laurits came out today with rain gutters for the house - also finished the cistern. He plastered the second coat on the cistern - finished by WED evening. No threshing on TUES as there was rain during the night. They did thresh on WED - after coffee-time at Ole Serdahl.
- 5 - THURS - Rain showers occasionally. They will have to quit threshing again if this continues. 6 - FRI - Conf. class at 1:30 - Sorlie school. 7 - SAT - Studying. Also to town.
- 8 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Marie, Valla, Julien and LeRoy along. Home for dinner. Then in the p.m. Ida and I and Marie went to Ambrose. She will start teaching there tomorrow. She has a room at Grytnes. We stopped in at Hoversterns too - had supper there. We were ready to start for home about 7:00 - then had a flat tire right out of town so drove back

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- 8 - SUN - (cont.) - to town to have it fixed. It got to be a little later than planned.
- 9 - MON - Washed clothes. Adolph and Valla to Columbus to register for H.S. A nice day.
- 10 - TUES - Home in the a.m. Out to Thorson in the p.m. The church frame is now practically completed on the basement. It is not going to be as high a building as - for example - Bethlehem church - but it will be very nice. We stopped at Wolds - Hansons - then Overlies. They were threshing there - we had coffee and lunch there.
- 11 - WED - Home in a.m. - to Columbus in p.m. Strong wind from S. Trial in Columbus today for Sheriff Bureau. 12 - THURS - A little rain today. Boys cleaned the barn. Studied. Ida's 46th birthday. 13 - FRI - Home. 14 - SAT - Studied. Class in Sorlie school at 1:30.
- 15 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - Ida and Julien along. To Thorson at 3:00 - Adolph along. To Columbus in the evening - Ida and Ada, Adolph and Valla. Julien stayed home with Dagmar - went just fine. We went to church in the evening - also Rosholt and Rykkens. We were home by 10:00. Adolph and Valla stayed in town - H.S. begins tomorrow. They and the Dilleruds have nice rooms at Bjores this year.
- 16 - MON - To Noonan to see Dr. Smith - examination for pension. This was the 3rd exam. By Larson to see Mrs. Bjorkman - so very sick now. When I came home there was a call from Adolph - he wanted to get in a few days of threshing but needed his work clothes - hverdags klaer. We drove in to town - also brought some fruit for canning along home. Mamma has been feeling fine now and has gotten some canning done. Julien got to stay home from school, which started today, and went hunting - got 5 ducks. Vera R. is teaching. This was the first day of hunting season.
- 17 - TUES - Julien went to school today. I used a team from Albert Serdahl and hauled home some of the loose barley straw left on the field. At 4:30 out to Thorson to see the progress on the church and to meet with the committee.
- 18 - WED - To Columbus to buy some fruit. Also got some iron braces on the car.
- 19 - THURS - Home. Weather turned quite cold. Studying.
- 20 - FRI - Same today. Got a telephone call about noon today that Mrs. Bjorkman had died during the night about 1:00 a.m. Then Bjorkman and J. Kleppen came to make funeral arrangements. It will be SUN a.m. - I said I would cancel services announced for S. St. Olaf at 11:00. In the evening to Columbus to get Adolph and Valla, and Marie who came on the train from Ambrose. 21 - SAT - Strong wind from S. Washed clothes. Boys out hunting. I studied.
- 22 - SUN - Up early - to Larson by 10:00 for funeral of Mrs. Bjorkman. Devotion at the house at 10:00. Ida and Adolph along. There were so many there that we met outside. In the church Rosholt spoke in English and I spoke in Norwegian. There were more there than could get in the church. The casket could not be brought in the church and there was no viewing - ligskue. Cloudy - light rain. Home for dinner. Then Adolph took Marie to Ambrose. Julien and Ada went along for the ride.

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- 23 - MON - Up early this morning - took Adolph and Valla in to Columbus. Started raining about noon so now it will be too wet to thresh for awhile. There is still a great deal of flax left to thresh as well as some late barley. 24 - TUES - Home for the most - also WED.
- 26 - THURS - Over to M. Fredrickson but he was not at home. By Mike Nelson. Ida and the little girls along. 28 - SAT - Both classes in Sorlie school at 1:30.
- 29 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - quite a few there. Got some salary from the trustees - \$35.00 from A. Haga. S. St. Olaf at 2:00. There I received \$62.00 in salary - H. Nordtvedt. Then we all went to Columbus - we were going to have a little surprise on Eva as she is 30 years old today. We were there about 6:00 but there was no one home. A little later some of the relatives came - but not Laurits and Eva. After awhile some of them went to see if they could find them and they came about 10:00. We collected about \$10.00 so she could get an electric toaster. We got home about 12:00. 30 - MON - Home. A nice day.

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- 1 - TUES - A nice day again. To Columbus - the flour car had come in. I had ordered 500# - it was \$3.90 per 100#. In the p.m. over to M. Hoie. About 6:00, Marie and 4 other teachers from Ambrose came - they had supper and then had to go again. Miss Turbett has a car.
- 2 - WED - Louie Watterud and I did some fencing. On MON I had gotten a load of coal from Bob Wixom (mine). We were entirely out.
- 3 - THURS - Fixed on the pig house - fenced around the haystacks - dug some potatoes. They are threshing again now. 4 - FRI - To Larson with Julien for music lessons. Then to Columbus to get Adolph and Valla. 5 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 6 - SUN - Nice weather. To Thorson at 11:00 - many there. This is the last time we will be using the schoolhouse for services - next time we will be in the church for the first time. I distributed envelopes for offering to our Church Mission work for next time. Home for dinner. To Larson at 3:00. Exceptionally nice weather. We had rather expected that Thelma would come home today but she didn't. To Columbus in the evening with Adolph and Valla. It turned cold - and I have a cold too. 7 - MON - Home.
- 8 - TUES - Julien at school. We went in to Columbus - to Laurits and Eva for dinner. Weather turned raw and cold for the rest of the week, stayed home for the most.
- 12 - SAT - To Columbus - weather is nicer today. Went in to get Adolph and Valla - they were in town last night as there was a party last night given for the Freshmen (given by the Seniors). I have had a bad cold this past week and Ida has had an earache. Conf. classes in S. St. O. at 1:30. It was so nice we did not even have to warm up the church today. All present today except Elmer Watterud.
- 13 - SUN - The weather is beautiful - nice and still like a warm summer day. Many hunters are out today. S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - church was almost full. Distributed envelopes for next

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- 13 - SUN - (cont.) - time. Ida along - she played. Bethlehem at 2:30 - not quite as many there. Some had no doubt gone in to Columbus for the double Silver Wedding celebration for Ole Rykkens and Anton Ness'.
- 14 - MON - Same kind of nice weather. Early to Columbus with Valla this morning - Adolph went in yesterday with Milo Sordahl. Ida went along today too - she is going to have some treatments from Dr. Payne for her earache - oreverk. We were there before 9:00 - had to wait for a little while. It seemed to help a little - we have to go in again tomorrow. He thinks it will take 5 - 6 treatments. In the p.m. to the big sale at Pete Berg. Julien and I went. There were more people there than I have ever seen at any sale. I bought a few chairs - everything sold well - alt godt betalt.
- 15 - TUES - Another nice day. We are expecting Rosholt out today but we also have to go to Columbus. We left about 12:30 and met Rosholt and Ranums near Toso's. They wanted to go hunting out in the country. We told them to drive by home and get Julien to go along. They had brought their picnic lunch along so they were going to drive east a little ways first and find a place to eat. We went in to Columbus and Ida had her 2nd treatment and feels better - one ear feels just fine now. Then home. Rosholt and Ranums came shortly after and then I went along with them - S around P. Eibogt's place and around there. They got a few ducks. Beautiful weather - nice and still. They had supper with us and then they left.
- 16 - WED - To Columbus again - Ida had the 3rd treatment. Her other ear is much improved also. This electrical apparatus he uses must be good.
- 17 - THURS - We did not go in to town today. There was L.A. in the p.m. at N. Kleppen. Quite a few there - they took in \$13.00.
- 18 - FRI - To Columbus at 12:30 - Ida had her 4th treatment today and seems to be all right now. Julien and Ada were at home. Then we drove by Larson to Crosby. Ida and Baby stopped off at Ranums and I went to Ambrose to get Marie. Then back to Ranums - he and Rosholt were both there now, having in the meantime returned from a funeral in Troy. We had supper at Ranums and saw their nice new house. Back to Columbus to get Adolph and Valla. It was dark by the time we came home.
- 19 - SAT - Home studying today. Foggy in the a.m. but then the sun came out - taaget formiddag men solen kommer frem igjen. Adolph took Julien in to Larson for music lesson at 2:00. He also went to Columbus. Tomorrow, Oct. 20, we will be having services in Thorson church for the first time. Hope we have nice weather. Will also have Mission services in Larson.
- 20 - SUN - 20th SUN after Trinity - beautiful day. Mamma, Marie and Julien went along to Thorson for services in the church for the first time. The church was about full - some visitors too. Mission sermon - several songs by the choir - \$81.10 in offering which was enough to cover what the congregation needed to send in for the budget. Home for dinner. To Larson - not so many here. Adolph took Marie to Ambrose while I was having services in Larson.

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- 20 - SUN - (cont.) - I went over to Bjorkman after services until Adolph returned from Ambrose. Home. Then we went in to Columbus again in the evening with Adolph and Valla and also attended church there at 8:00 to hear Dr. Braafladt speak. He had been in China - Kina - as a Medical Missionary. Julien was home with the little girls.
- 21 - MON - Albert Sendahl and I went to Bowbells today about "school affairs" but we did not get to see the Co. Supt. of Schools. There was a little rain.
- 22 - TUES - Foggy. Started working upstairs in the study - kontoret - doing some rearranging but then Rosholt and Rev. George Loftnes from Devils Lake came and wanted to go hunting so I went along with them. They were here for dinner and supper.
- 23 - WED - Worked upstairs today - real housecleaning. Also put the storm windows on.
- 24 - THURS - To Columbus - Ida had the 5th treatment at Dr. Payne. The little girls stayed with Eva when I went down town to attend to some errands. Sent a draft to Shurson for \$81.10 from Scandia. We had dinner at Eva. Washed clothes in the p.m. after we came home. Nice, sunny day. Heard today that Arthur Benson had died in Minneapolis at a hospital. Had a letter from Thelma that she planned to come home on SUN for a little while.
- 25 - FRI - Beautiful weather - mild and clear. By Larson to Columbus for Adolph and Valla.
- 26 - SAT - Conf. classes in Sorlie school - Norwegian at 9:00 and English at 10:45. All present except Roy Ronholdt and I understand there is some illness there - sore throats, etc. and that Oral is quite sick. This p.m. took Ida in to Dr. Payne again. The earache is not completely over yet. Will go in again on MON too. From Columbus we drove to Larson as the L.A. was having its Sale and Supper at the Hall. It all went very well and the dinner was excellent. Home after it became dark. Adolph and Julien drove in to Columbus to meet the train at 11:00 as Marie came from Ambrose tonight.
- 27 - SUN - Nice in the morning but it became cloudy. Mission service in Bethlehem at 11:00 - Ida, and the boys and Ada along - Marie, Valla and Baby at home. The Mission offering came to \$104.25 - almost enough to take care of the budget - very good. Home for a fine chicken dinner. Miss Gertrude Chatfield and Mr. Heisel - teacher friends of Marie from Ambrose - came for dinner too. Marie will ride back with them this evening. I had to leave and go to S. St. Olaf at 2:00 - very cloudy now. Many in church - offering came to \$93.75. Left for home immediately after services - Thelma had come about 2:30 with Lawrence Jacobson and Myrtle Jacobson. They had left Minot about 11:15. So for a little while we had the whole family at home again. Shortly after supper Marie and her friends had to leave for Ambrose. Soon after that, about 6:30, Thelma and her company left for Minot. Adolph had a ride with them to Columbus. It started to rain.
- 28 - MON - Yes, now we have snow - quite a bit of snow laying in drifts. It kept on snowing all day. We could not drive in to Columbus today with Valla. No mail today. No funeral for Arthur Benson today - will be held later in the week. Had to get out today to see about

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- 28 - MON - (cont.) - getting all living creatures in under a roof - maatte ud og se og faa alt levende ind under tag. It kept on snowing all day and all night too.
- 29 - TUES - Still snowing some today too. No mail so far and it is now 12:00. None later either.
- 30 - WED - Foggy - but not very cold. Towards evening Henry Halvorson and his brother from Minn. came driving in his brother's big car. They had tried to drive S from Larson but had to drive back again to Columbus and then S by the mines - and Carlson. He brought our mail and today I received my long awaited Pension check in the amount of \$59.00, dated back from July 25. A fee for the Pension attorney, Joseph Hunter, had been withheld but from now on I will be receiving \$30.00 a month, which will be a big help for us. We have received a lot of snow these last few days and there are some big drifts. Must be 5-6 inches on the level. Fixed up the sled today and will drive in to Columbus tomorrow.
- 31 - THURS - Up early and we got ready to go to Columbus - Valla has been home all this time because of the snow. It was not very cold. The farther N we drove - the more it had snowed and the heaviest snowfall seemed to be from Carlsons and N. When we came to the mines we saw that there had been a real storm - almost all the telephone poles were down all the way to town. The roads were terrible - mud - water - snow. The cars were driving by the side of the grade instead of on it - and some were really stuck. We got in to town by 10:30. Adolph had been alone these days as the Dilleruds had not gotten in either. I did a little shopping - paid a few bills here and there - and then left again by about 1:00. There was funeral today for Arthur Benson who had died Oct. 21 in St. Paul - funeral had had to be postponed because of the terrible weather. Rosholt officiated - Bethany church. I came home about 3:30. There was some drifting again. The mailman came by today.

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- 1 - FRI - Clearing today and some thawing. Studying English sermon for Larson on SUN.
- 2 - SAT - A bright sunshiney day - hard on the snow today. Adolph and Valla in town over SUN.
- 3 - SUN - Cloudy from early on this morning and then before long it started snowing and looked like we were in for another snowstorm. Gave up on trying to get to Larson for services at 2:00. It cleared up about that time this p.m. but then it was too late to go. Heard later that it had not been so bad down on the flats and there had been quite a few there.
- 4 - MON - Wind from S but not very cold. Louie Watterud came over to help butcher a pig. Halvorson and his brother drove by - for forbi - in car and are on their way to Minn. again. They had difficulty in getting thru some places.
- 5 - TUES - Wind from NW and some drifting. Spent most of the day in the house - writing letters etc. This evening there is the Junior play in Columbus and then the teachers are going to Minot for Teacher's Convention for the rest of the week, so I will be going to town to get Adolph and Valla tomorrow.

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- 6 - WED - To Columbus - drove with sled. The road was best for sled from here to Carlsons and about down to the mines - but from there and on to Columbus the road was terrible. The snow was practically gone and it was very rough. In Columbus by 11:15. Had to do a little shopping etc. and then we drove home. Mr. and Mrs. E. Dihle had been here today.
- 7 - THURS - Some wind from S today but nice weather. This p.m. Ida and I drove over to Ed Hal-lums - sled and horses. Ida's first sleigh ride this winter. Baptism for Ed and Hilma's little girl, Eleanore Helen, B. Sept. 23. We spent the afternoon there. Adolph went in to Columbus on skis this p.m. for Band practice this evening.
- 8 - FRI - Nice and mild day. Studying some. Also drove over to Albert Sordahl to borrow their meat grinder - kjod kvern, Adolph walked home from town this p.m. The mailman came thru with car today and yesterday. He had had some trouble getting thru near Carlsons as there is a great deal of snow there but S, nearer us, and W it went fine.
- 9 - SAT - Home - studying. Snow disappearing fast today.
- 10 - SUN - A foggy, raw day. Adolph and I drove in car over to S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Haven't had the car out for 2 weeks now. It went all right - not many in church. Drove alone over to Bethlehem for services at 3:00 - with horses and sled. We got ready to drive in to Columbus about 5:00 - A.G. Berg rode along from Carlsons. Very muddy - terrible roads N on the flats. Put the car in at Ford Motor Garage. We went to church in the evening - Luther League at 8:00. The church was full. Rosholt showed his pictures of his European trip - with Magic Lantern. Not really too clear. I stayed at his place over night. Home in the morning.
- 11 - MON - The roads were still just as bad S to the mines. In the p.m. I went S to Ole Olson to send announcements out to Thorson that I would have services there on THURS at 1:30. Colder today. 12 - TUES - Nice - home today. 13 - WED - Colder but clear.
- 14 - THURS - Drove out to O. Olsons with horses and sled and then rode with him to Thorson church in his old Ford. Quite a few in church. They decided to have their Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 29 in connection with services - Mission box offering - and annual meeting at 2:00.
- 15 - FRI - Home. 16 - SAT - A nice day. Ida and I drove in to Columbus this forenoon in auto - we had to drive by Stampede - rough roads. Adolph and Valla along home. Home by Larson.
- 17 - SUN - To Larson at 1:30 - English services. Adolph and Valla along. Drove with car. Quite a few there - Mission offering \$27.72. To Columbus. Drove by Stampede on the way home. There was a little snow coming down.
- 18 - MON - Turned colder today. Julien and I dressed 8 turkeys and 13 chickens.
- 19 - TUES - Julien and I drove in to town today with car - cold weather. Had to bring in the dressed poultry which I shipped to Dauber Bros. The car froze up as we started for home - had to go back to town to get it thawed out and filled in radiator with alcohol. The roads are terrible now - frozen ruts - very rough.
- 20 - WED - Banked up around the house and cistern. Fenced around a strawstack and hauled up

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- 20 - WED - (cont.) - some ice, etc. Worked outside all day with various jobs. Cold day.
- 21 - THURS - Cold today too - spent the day inside for the most - studying and writing. The wind came from SW but it was cold anyway. Wind during the night too.
- 22 - FRI - Snowing with wind from NW today but it wasn't really cold. Drove over to A. Olson in p.m. to buy 10# of butter. We have only one cow right now that is giving a little milk. Adolph and Valla will have to stay in town over SUN this time.
- 23 - SAT - Snowing and windy but not too cold. Sent a box of goodies to Thelma for Thanksgiving.
- 24 - SUN - A little snow. Bethlehem at 11:00. Julien along - not many came today. Sermon on Thanksgiving theme - Mission box offering - 8 boxes \$13.19.
- 25 - MON - Annual meeting in S. St. Olaf at 1:30 - I drove with horses. It rained today - also rained last night. Hard on the snow. There were only 7 men present at the meeting. Opened the meeting with Devotion - 1 Thes. 5:12 - Epistle for the 26th SUN after Trinity. Reports heard. Had previously received \$294.00 in salary with \$58.00 outstanding. Received \$31.00 now. A. Haraseth and Edwin welcomed as new members. Election: Chairman - A.B.; Secr. - J. Holte; Treas. - A.A. Anderson; Trustee - O. Ronholdt (3); School Committee - A. Sorlie; Ushers - Dihle and Sorlie; no janitor chosen - will talk with Dick Hatlelid. Decided that some English at each service would be used. Nothing has been done about the basement but they decided to rebuild the toilets. Present were: A. Hysjulien, O. Ronholdt, J. Holte, M. Nelson, A. Haraseth, M. Sandberg, and A.A. Anderson.
- 26 - TUES - Home. Mild weather - snow is really melting.
- 27 - WED - Colder. Drove to Columbus about 11:30 - drove with car. Got a flat tire and had 2 tires fixed in town. Then to Ambrose to get Marie. Started snowing on the way back. Had to get a tire fixed at Crosby and put chains on. It quit snowing by the time we came to Noonan. It was dark by the time we came to Columbus. Valla came along home but Adolph went to Lignite with the Basket Ball team. He came home later - Art Rykken gave him a ride home. I broke a chain on the way home this evening.
- 28 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. Cold wind from N - snowing and a little drifting. To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Norw. and Eng. service. L.A. Mission offering - \$36.14 - very good. Marie, Valla and Julien along. We spent the whole afternoon at home - stormy outside. We had a very nice, cozy day at home - hyggelig tid - had a delicious turkey dinner and all the good things that go with it - and much music and singing afterwards.
- 29 - FRI - To Thorson today. Adolph along - we drove with car even tho it had snowed and drifted with wind from the NW. We had no problems until we were almost to Ole Olsons and ran into a great deal of snow on the hill E of his barn. Had to get Olsons to bring a team to pull us thru the deep drift. Olaf and Inga rode with us from there out to church. We got there a little after 1:00. The ladies were very busy as they served a fine turkey dinner today. There were quite a few there today. Services at 2:00 - songs by the choir. We had the

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- 29 - FRI - (cont). - annual meeting following services and then the ladies served coffee and lunch again. Then home. We had tire trouble again on the way home - 2 flat tires. The annual meeting was held immediately following services. I gave my report of the year's work - reports from secr. and treas. - both for the church and the building committee. Received \$135.00 in salary. New members: Christ Wold and family. Election: Secr. - John Wick; Treas. - M. Sathre; Trustee - C. Overlie; School committee - C. Overlie; Janitor - P. Rysgaard. They decided to change the meeting date for the annual meeting to the day following Thanksgiving Day. There was a little discussion about Christmas Tree. There was also some discussion about the assessment for the Budget, which some thought was too high.
- 30 - SAT - Adolph went to Columbus today for B.B. practice at 10:00. Marie went along and took the train back to Ambrose. I went to Bethlehem for annual meeting at 1:30 - had a ride over there with Ole Serdahl. It was snowing from SE but Adolph had no trouble driving home from town with the car in the snow. Planning to go to Larson tomorrow at 2:00. Opened meeting with Devotion - Math. 21:7-9. Gave my report of the year's work. Secr. report - treas. report was incomplete - ei fuldstaendig. Election: Secr. - A.M. Olson; Treas. - M. Pederson; Trustee - N. Kleppen; School Committee - C. Brothen; Janitor - C. Brothen. There was some discussion about Christmas Tree but they thought it might be best to forego it this year. They decided that there would have to be some repairs made on the church steeple and spire - kirketaarn og spir - this spring. There was \$47.50 due on salary and received \$40.00 today. Present today: O. Serdahl, A. Olson, M. Pederson, N. Kleppen, A. Haga, and P. Lundstad.

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- 1 - SUN - Men ak og ve - alack and alas - today there is a terrific snowstorm with wind from NW so we had to stay at home today.
- 2 - MON - A little better - Adolph and Valla had a ride to town with Albert Serdahl - he drove with horses. Julien walked to school in the p.m. 3 - TUES - A nice day. Same on WED.
- 5 - THURS - Drove to Columbus this forenoon with car - have to have new brake bands and linings change oil, etc. Went up to Rosholt for a little while - also saw Adolph and Valla. To Larson for services at 2:00 - Norw. and Eng. Baptism for Betty Jane, B. July 5 - Parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Christensen. Annual meeting following services. Drove by Columbus on my way home. Reports heard. Have received in salary \$115.00 so far and \$5.00 today. Election: Secr. O. Dillerud; Treas. - J. Norby; Trustee - J. Rolie (2); Cemetery caretaker - M. Anderson; Janitor - Otto Evenson. They decided to send for 16 Lutheran Hymnaries - 4 large (with music) and 12 small (words only).
- 6 - FRI - Cold today. Continued cold on SAT - with wind.
- 8 - SUN - Cold weather. Julien and I went to Bethlehem at 11:00 - more there than I expected.

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- 8 - SUN - Gundersons and Westerns were there with cars and there were some with sleds and some even walked. Home in the afternoon.
- 9 - MON - Stormy - tykt i veiret. Wind and drifting from E. Strong wind last night and today.
- 10 - TUES - Snowing and drifting - from E today too. Cold. Julien home today. Got a telephone call today from Mrs. L. Holte that old Mr. Sathern had had a stroke and wanted to see me. He is at his son, Ed, on the Barney Melby place (S of Noonan). I suggested that it might be better if they called Waage, who is quite a bit closer. The roads are too tough for me to get thru over there from here. This week it has been stormy most of the time - snowing and drifting. MON and TUES it was really bad - WED it was a little better but there was snow off and on both THURS and FRI. We have quite a bit of new snow now.
- 14 - SAT - Went in to Columbus to do some shopping for Christmas. Not so cold today and there is good sledding now - almost too much in some places. Had dinner with Adolph and Valla. Adolph was ready to leave at 1:00 for Kenmare with the B.B. team. They won over Lignite.
- 15 - SUN - Windy with snow last night. Drove with horses and sled over to S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - much snow and some big drifts. Went by Albert Hysjulien - put my horses in his barn and had a ride with him. Not very many in church. Had dinner at Hysjuliens after church when we returned. Old Ole is quite well - he likes to talk and visit - han liker at prate. Weather turned out quite nice towards afternoon and evening.
- 16 - MON - Looks like a nice day today. Mamma is busy baking some things for Christmas and we plan to send a box of things to Mandius tomorrow.
- 17 - TUES - Sent a package of various things to Mandius today. Heard that Tina had also sent some.
- 18 - WED - Dressed 3 turkeys and 1 chicken today to give for Christmas presents. Very cold now.
- 19 - THURS - We washed clothes - still very cold. Adolph came home from Columbus WED evening - rode out with Gunderson to Olsons - he wants to do some trapping. Julien has already gotten 33 muskrats. But then, Adolph got a call from Finke to come in to Columbus again this p.m. as they were going to play Crosby this evening. He rode horseback on Dan. I walked up to A. Watterud for awhile and made arrangements with Louie to ride in with him to Columbus on SAT to get Marie and Valla.
- 20 - FRI - Julien went to school today - last day of school and Christmas Tree. Very cold. We got a load of coal today - L. Serdahl brought it - 4350# - \$9.00. Adolph came home tonight - quite frozen (on horseback). Yesterday we mailed 3 boxes - 1 turkey to St. Paul - 1 turkey to Ingvald in Moorhead along with some pork - and a box of things to Thelma. Today we sent out quite a few letters and Christmas cards - also received some. Have been studying these days - have to be prepared in both Norwegian and English for Christmas.
- 21 - SAT - Up early today to go along with Louie Watterud to Columbus - last time now before Christmas. It was cold. We drove by Orvald Watterud - many in town today. We left for home shortly after 3:00. It turned colder - stormy - with wind and drifting from SW. It

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- 21 - SAT - (cont.) - was very cold for Louie and me - facing the wind as we drove. We froze. Marie and Valla were fine - all packed in.
- 22 - SUN - Home today. The weather was somewhat better today.
- 23 - MON - Stormy again from SW today. Then in the evening we got a terrific snowstorm from NW - forrygende snestorm - which kept on all night but it was quite nice again on TUES.
- 24 - TUES - Christmas Eve. Weather much better than yesterday. We had our Christmas Tree at home this evening - much singing and many gifts for all of us. Marie had many things for all of us. Thelma did not come home - she went to Ray.
- 25 - WED - Glaedelig Jul. Christmas Day dawned with nice mild weather. Marie went along west to S, St. Olaf. It was a very nice day but there is quite a bit of snow. We drove to Albert Hysjulien's and then rode with them from there. The church was full and I spoke in both Norw. and Eng. There were a great number of young folks there today. Received \$10.00 in salary and offering was \$40.95.
- 26 - THURS - Became stormy again during the night and continued today. Marie and I went to Bethlehem at 11:30. It was so thick and stormy we did not really expect many but were surprised and pleased to see so many there. Holters, Hoff's, Hagas, P. Lundstad, Birkeland, Olsons, Brothens, M. Pederson, Ed Hallum, Elmer Kleppen, O. Serdahl. Offering \$13.75 and \$3.00 in the mail from M. Ronning. L. Watterud came over this evening.
- 27 - FRI - Up early to drive to Thorson. With the storms we have had, I have been dreading this trip now for several days - havde gruet mig flere dage for denne tur - as no one had driven between here and Ole Olsons for 3 weeks and there are huge snowdrifts all along the way. But it went all right - many of the drifts held up for driving over with sled and horses. (That's cold!) I drove S past the Lauwer place and W to P. Eibogt and then S to Olsons. I rode with them the rest of the way.. The whole Olson family went along. Came home again by about dark. The weather was quite good today. We had a nice Christmas Tree with program after services. The program got to be quite long but it was very good. Little Clara Furness sang a few songs alone - she is a great little singer (7 years old). And tomorrow to Larson for the funeral of Mrs. William Hanson (Helga Rolie).
- 28 - SAT - Adolph and I went to Larson this morning - a little cold wind from NW. I first went over to Tormod Christensens, where some of the relatives were. Helga's death is a very hard blow for them all. (She was just 20 years old - had given birth to a baby boy Dec. 14 - and her death was attributed to a blood clot). The church was more than full. Rosholt also came and he spoke English and I spoke Norweg. After the service Rosholt and I went over to see the Ourens, Helga's grandparents.
- Stopped in at the store for a few things. Then at 7:00 over to Kihles for Christmas Tree and program - a very fine program - after which lunch was served to all. We were there until about 11:00. I went home with Dilleruds (over night) and Adolph went to Columbus.

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- 29 - SUN - A nice day. Services in Larson at 1:30 - many there - I spoke in both Norw. and English. By Dilleruds again - Adolph too - then home a little late. Nice weather.
- 30 - MON - Nice and mild but cloudy. Studying for New Year's Day services. Adolph went over to O. Serdahl to borrow his bus to drive to town. Marie is expecting Miss Zobolik from Minot - by train to Columbus - and she will visit here for a few days. Adolph drove in to get her. Nice this p.m. I had to get up on the roof to fix the chimney that had blown down during the last storm. Started blowing and storming - snowing - later in the day but it was not very cold. Adolph walked up to Watteruds to get some milk. A few small annoyances today:- nogen smaa fortraedeligheder idag: On SAT I had bought some butter in Larson at the Tweten Store, but we found it was impossible to use it - men vi fandt ud det kunde ei bruges. We sent it back today with the mailman - and to make things worse - when I was on my way out to the mailbox with it as the mailman came - the wind caught the stormdoor and broke the glass window in it. Hopefully this will be the last mishap in this old year. There have no doubt been numerous others too but it is best to forget about them and remember more how good God has been to us again during this past year. We have a tendency to take so many things for granted and forget to show our thanks for all God's Blessings. But - regardless of our failings - God's Grace is just as great and bountiful to us all anyway. To God we give Thanks for all - in Jesus Name.
- Miss Zobolik came with Adolph about 4:00 - she is a very pleasant young lady. Her home is in southern Minn. and it was too far to go for Christmas vacation. She had been in Minot for some days at relatives and seemed to be happy to come here for a few days.
- 31 - TUES - A nice day - this last day of the year. We lit the candles on the Christmas Tree again tonight - sang and played - a very enjoyable evening. I did not stay up to see the New Year in - went to bed about 11:00 or so. The boys and the little girls also went to bed but the 3 girls and Ida stayed up - talking and visiting. Marie planned to ring 12 short rings on the telephone at midnight and she had taught Miss Z. (Crescence) how to say "Godd Nytaar". I woke up as I heard her saying that (With a Bohemian accent!) and then Marie saying "Same to you", as several on the line greeted back with "Happy New Year".
- And so - the Old Year has left us - with all its sorrows and joys. Now when we look back, we must say that for us, the joys and blessings far outweigh any sorrows or sadnesses we have had to experience during the year. If we could only realize and understand this and be more thankful. I have also during the latter part of the year received my Government Pension of \$30.00 per month.

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JANUARY

- 1 - WED - May this be a good and Happy New Year for all of us. Adolph, Marie and Valla went along over to Bethlehem at 11:30. It was a little cold and there were not very many there. I received some Christmas offer today too - Mrs. Westerness came with \$5.00. The home for turkey dinner. Cold on THURS and FRI too. Ida and I drove over to Watteruds THURS p.m.
- 4 - SAT - Today they all have to get ready to leave again. I had made arrangements with Louie Watterud to drive in to Columbus. He came over about 9:00 and we were ready to leave for town - Marie, Miss Zabolik, Adolph and Valla, and me - with Louie. We had a full load of boxes, suitcases, etc. Cold wind from E. Paul Lee also rode along with us. He and his father came driving from S - Paul was also going to Columbus to take the train to Westby, where he teaches. Lee was going to the mines for a load of coal. We came to Columbus shortly after 11:00 - had some lunch with Valla and Adolph - then the others left on the train and Louie and I went home.
- 5 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf. I drove over to Albert Hysjulien and rode with him to church. It started storming before we were thru in church - not so many in church today. I started right out for home again after we came to Hysjuliens. It stormed all day and night and on MON -6. Cold on MON and even colder on TUES so Julien was home these 2 days.
- 8 - WED - Cold - 30 below - but Julien went to school - walked down to Serdahls. Became better during the day. We washed clothes - a big wash. Letter from Marie today and Thelma yesterday. This has been a real cold spell - hope it will soon improve.
- 9 - THURS - and on thru the rest of the week - cold and stormy occasionally.
- 12 - SUN - Cold but still. To Larson for services at 1:30. Stopped in to see elderly Mrs. Anna Halvorson (mother of Henry) - she is about 80 and quite sick. To Larson for services at 1:30 - we used the school house today as the Germans are using their church. Invited over to Otto Evanson for coffee and lunch afterwards. Home by dark.
- 13 - MON - Not too bad today - ei saa vaerst idag. Julien went to school - he is taking exams today and TUES. 15 - WED - and on thru the rest of the week cold and stormy with wind and drifting from NW. This has been a cold and terrible winter over the entire U.S. - people have frozen to death in many states - even Calif., Ariz., Texas, Alabama etc. Should have gone to Columbus on FRI but the weather was too tough to go out in.
- 19 - SUN - Had announced services in Thorson for today - but it was so cold and there is so much snow and drifting - it was good to stay at home. Still cold and stormy on MON -20.
- 21 - TUES - Went to Columbus early this morning - the weather seemed to be a little better today. The wind was from SW so I did not feel it so much driving N to town. There was some drifting in the foothills. I had to go in with some supplies for Adolph and Valla. It is now a little over 2 weeks since I took them in and ever since then we have had terrible weather. Also had to have new shoeing put on the runners of my sled - at H. Rude - \$5.50. Spent a little time with Adolph and Valla - also up to Rosholt. Did some shopping at the Golden

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- 21 - TUES - (cont.) - Rule Store - paid \$20.00 on my account - and \$20.00 at Sommersness - and all at Vogen. Left town about 3:45 - the wind had changed and was now blowing from NW so it was behind me and I did not feel it so much - but it became quite stormy.
- 22 - WED - Not quite as cold today but the wind was still from NW. Sent in \$3.50 to Life and Casualty Ins. Co. in Kansas, for insurance for 1 year.
- 23 - THURS - The weather continues about the same - thick, stormy, windy. SAT was a little better so I was able to haul in some straw.
- 26 - SUN - Storming and drifting from NW - gave up on driving over to S. St. Olaf for services at 11:00. It improved towards the afternoon so I drove over to Bethlehem at 3:00 but there were only a few there - Brothens, Anton Olson and 3 Serdahl boys.
- 27 - MON - Thick in the air - stormy from SW - not quite as cold. 28 - TUES - Still cold - but no wind. Each day for the rest of the week the weather seems, finally, to be improving.
- 31 - FRI - This afternoon Julien and I got ready to go to Columbus to see the B.B. games this evening - both the boys and girls teams play Crosby. The weather turned quite mild and Ida was sure she could manage over night - alone in the house. We carried in plenty of coal and Louie Watterud promised to come down early tomorrow to see how they are getting along - and to do the feeding. We got in to town about 4:30. I had the horses shod - it was quite icy on the way in. I had supper with Rosholt and Julien was at Laurits and Eva. We also went up to see Adolph and Valla - had brought along some things for them. Rosholt and I went over to Laurits for a little while after supper before going over to the school house. The place was full and the games were very interesting to watch - especially the Boy's game. Julien and I stayed over night at Laurits.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - SAT - As soon as we were all ready this morning we left for home - Adolph and Valla came along home today. Nice weather today too. Adolph is quite stiff today.
- 2 - SUN - Mild and foggy. To Larson at 11:30 today so we had to get out early. Adolph and Valla along. Adolph did not feel too well today either but went along and as time went by he felt better. Last night the boys had been down to Louie Serdahl - bought his banjo for \$6.75. Adolph and Julien bought it together but Adolph is going to use it first so he had it along today. There were many in Larson today. Baptism for Walter Wilbert, B. Dec. 9, 1929 (and his mother died Dec. 24), Parents - William and Helga Hanson. We were all invited over to Norby's for a very fine dinner - Dilleruds too - and Bjorkman. Later I went over to see Ourens - she is very sick - hopes that she will soon be able to go. Adolph and Valla had a ride to Columbus with Dilleruds this evening and I drove home from Larson. The Noonan L.L. was coming to Columbus tonight.
- 3 - MON - Mild again today. Cleaned both the chicken barn and the other barn. L. Serdahl brought

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- 3 - MON - (Cont.) - a load of coal - 4800 #.
- 4 - TUES - Expect another load of coal today - nice and mild again today. Had gotten 10 tons of coal last fall, hauled from Bob Wixom's mine, and then later a load - 4500# by L. Serdahl. Now with 2 more loads we should have enough. Julien is at school. Washed clothes again. Coal today - 4600# - yesterday - 4800#.
- 5 - WED - Nice and mild again - real thawing weather. What was left of sleighing down on the Flats and in the Foothills is going fast now, but up here in the Hills we still have plenty. There are snowdrifts around the house 12' high. Home for the most these days - got some hay and straw hauled in, etc. We are watering the stock down on the lake these days - L. Watterud too. Andrew Watterud came over on THURS p.m. - told us that Mrs. had been very sick on TUES - seemed to be an attack of gallstones. Yes, little Ada was also sick on TUES - upset stomach, fever, weakness, and a pain in her side. She was in bed all day TUES but felt better on WED and on THURS she was OK as usual. It almost seemed like it could be appendicitis.
- 7 - FRI - Another nice day. We have been without milk since before Christmas but we will have a fresh cow soon. (Had been getting milk from Watteruds).
- 8 - SAT - Drove in to Columbus this morning; Marie had come there yesterday p.m. at 3:30 on the freight train from Ambrose. She had gone along with the B.B. team that went as far as Noonan where they played last night - but Marie continued on to Columbus to visit with Adolph and Valla until today at 1:30 when the train went west again. Hardly any sleighing left now between Carlson's and across the mines tracks. Turned colder towards evening.
- 9 - SUN - To Thorson for services at 1:00. A little cold with a NW wind. Drove by Albert Serdahl and then S to Olsons. Had a ride with them - the whole family went. Many in church today - baptism for Josephine Lorene, B. Dec. 9, 1929 - Parents, Carl and Carrie Furness. There was some special music by a group of girls. Stopped in at Olsons - coffee and lunch - before driving home. Mrs. P. Rysgaard was in the hospital in Red Wing - had had surgery - gallstones.
- 10 - MON - Cold again today. Have sent in for the 1930 Budget now - \$20.00 from Larson in January and now \$10.00 in Memory of Mrs. William Hanson, and \$12.90 from Scandia in Mission boxes. Have left to send in \$17.00 from Bethlehem and \$8.10 from Larson.
- 11 - TUES - and the following days - weather is quite nice this week - nothing of importance to note. Intet af betyding at skrive om.
- 15 - SAT - Heard by telephone today that Mrs. Loken had died last night at Dahls.
- 16 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - quite a few there today. I drove as far as Albert Hysjulien and then rode with him in his rig to church. Ida went along with me to Bethlehem at 3:00. There is a great deal of snow on the way east to church.
- 17 - MON - It is thawing today and on TUES there is even more thawing. Went N to Carlsons and Dahls for awhile today. Had thought about getting Clifford Carlson to take me and Ida to Columbus tomorrow - the 19th - to see the Operetta ("Tulip Time") that the H.S. is putting on then.

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- 18 - TUES - (Cont.) - Both Adolph and Valla are in it. But - the roads are impossible now - too tough to drive - water and mud all over.
- 19 - WED - The Serdahl boys rode horseback in to town to see the Operetta.
- 20 - THURS - Funeral today for Mrs. Kari Loken, 97 years old, in S. St. Olaf church at 1:00. Ida and I drove over to A. Hysjulien and rode with them from there. Great deal of water standing now. A. Sommerness, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Berg, and W. Johnson came out from Columbus. They drove with auto as far as Dahls. Many in church. Weather is very nice and warm.
- 21 - FRI - Today Sandberg is leaving for Minot where he will have surgery. Very mild these days - hard on the snow - none left on the Flats now.
- 23 - SUN - Should have been in Larson at 11:30 but cannot drive with sled very far as there is no snow to the north and I cannot get out with auto around here - still some snow and muddy - so I have to let it be today. There was also L.A. announced for today and I heard later that they had taken in \$20.00. 24 - MON - Some snow today.
- 25 - TUES - Over to M. Kortgaard - Mrs. is very sick. She went to Communion. Some snow.
- 26 - WED - Last night there was a fire in Larson and the P.O. and Store burned. All mail was lost.
- 27 - THURS - Over to H. Nortvedt - baptized their little girl - Rose Donella, B. Dec. 27, 1929. Then over to Halvorsons on the Klienschmidt farm. Old Mrs. Halvorson went to Communion. It was colder today.
- 28 - FRI - And we have a little snow on the last day of February and also some during the night. Home today - studying.

MARCH

- 1 - SAT - Stormy today. Sent in a box of food for the children today with Ole Serdahl. I have not been in to town for 3 weeks and I had thought about going in too but it was so stormy I decided to stay home.
- 2 - SUN - Services were announced for 11:00 in S. St. Olaf today - stormy. I drove over to Albert Hysjulien and he hitched up his team and Ronholdt and Oral also rode along with us. The only other one in church was R. A. Hatlelid, who had been there to warm up the church. We waited for a little while and then left for home again. Stopped in at Hysjuliens and had Devotion.
- 3 - MON - Weather somewhat improved - same on TUES.
- 5 - WED - Services in Bethlehem at 1:30. Ida, Ada and I rode over with Albert Serdahl - quite a few came. There was a congregation meeting following services. I first gave a report on the budget. Next there was some discussion followed by a vote on the question of whether or not the name "The Norwegian Lutheran Church" should be changed, or if the word "Norwegian" should be removed. They voted unanimously to have it remain as it is. Enstemmig ortaget navnet skal staa wort. There was also some discussion about Parochial school. They would like to have 6 weeks of school in the church this summer if there is enough money available

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- 5 - WED - (cont.) - to take care of it. The School Committee will check into this before the next service.
- 6 - THURS - Went in to Columbus - good sleighing now. Have not been in Columbus now for 4 weeks - but we have been sending in food, etc. to Adolph and Valla whenever possible. Adolph was in Crosby today for B.B. Tournament so I did not see him - but I saw Valla.
- 7 - FRI - Colder today. Went over to Annesons - a quick trip.
- 8 - SAT - Nice today - weather is maybe going to be milder for awhile now. Adolph came home with Ole Serdahl.
- 9 - SUN - To Thorson. Drove out to Ole Olsons and then rode with them. It was nice today but not as mild as yesterday. Many in Thorson. The Choir sang - and L.A. served following services.
- 10 - MON - Mild - snow is disappearing - same on TUES. Adolph is home for a few days - needs a little rest after all that Basket Ball. Valla is in town.
- 12 - WED - Real cold again with wind from NW. Services in S. St. Olaf today at 2:30. Poor sledding - many bare places along the way. I drove to Hysjuliens with sled and from there rode with them in car. There is both snow and water many places along the way. There were only 10 men and 1 woman in church - cold and stormy and no roads - intet fore. Back to Hysjuliens - Tobias Hysjuliens were there with their baby for baptism - which I then did - for Wayne Francis, B. Jan. 12 - Parents, Tobias and Anra Hysjulien.
- 13 - THURS - Cloudy but not so cold - a few snow flakes in the air. We have now had congregation meetings after the last services in Bethlehem, Thorson and S. St. Olaf, and there has been a unanimous decision in each of the 3 places to let the name of the "Norwegian Lutheran Church" remain as it is. There has also been discussion about Parochial School this summer and it seems possible that all 3 places will try to arrange for this. Adolph had the car out today.
- 14 - FRI - Drove to Columbus in car - went by Larson. The roads are rough but we got thru. Put some more alcohol in the radiator and got a new cable and ground wire for the battery. Valla came along home today. 15 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 16 - SUN - To Larson at 11:30 - both Norwegian and English. Drove with auto. Adolph and Valla along - took them to Columbus. Had dinner with the children. Then over to Laurits - L. Serdahl was there and had a ride home with me. The motor got hot on the way home and the alcohol boiled out of the radiator. Had to stop twice between Carlsons and Watteruds to fill in water. Julien and Ada are sick - Adolph was not feeling too well either. We got a calf yesterday - the spotted cow. Yes - - here is Dagmar's autograph - she writes very well. Ja her er merker efter Dagmar - hun skriver godt. (These 2 pages - besides Dad's neatly written words - contain many scribbles, scrawls and blots, written by the almost 2-year-old member of the family!)
- 17 - MON - A nice day for St. Patrick - en pen dag for St. Patrick.
- 18 - TUES - Even milder today - very hard on the snow.

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- 19 - WED - It turned cold very suddenly - with a very strong wind from NW. The temperature dropped to a few degrees below zero.
- 20 - THURS - Nicer today but still cold. Julien home today. I have ordered 7 bu. of seed flax from Gilbert Lea, Battleview, for \$3.75 a bu. 21 - FRI - Wet and slushy.
- 22 - SAT - To Columbus in car this a.m. - Adolph and Valla along home. Drove by Larson. The weather is nice but the roads are muddy.
- 23 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 - drove with car. Adolph, Ida and Ada along. In the p.m. to Columbus with the children. Drove across the school section. Some snow coming down.
- 24 - MON - Funeral today for John Sattern, 73, in S. St. Olaf church at 2:30. I drove with car but the roads are terrible. Ida and Ada along. Waage came along with the family from west - he had been at the house for Devotion. In church I spoke in Norwegian and Waage spoke in English. The church was full - many from west - and also some from Minnesota.
- 25 - TUES - Cloudy today. Today, Eielson's body was brought to Minot. This evening the Trinity Nurses Choir is giving a concert in 1st Lutheran Church, Minot. Should be great. Julien at school today. He was home with Baby yesterday p.m.
- 26 - WED - Weather a little cold - not much thawing during the day and it freezes hard every night. Julien fell on the way to school yesterday morning and sprained his hand quite badly. It pained him a great deal during the day but he stayed at school. By evening he could not use his hand at all and is home today and will be for a few days.
This afternoon at 2:00 there were 232 Memorial Services for Carl Ben Eielson, who was buried in Hatton, N. Dak. today. We listened to a program on the radio from Bismarck - very nice. There are also many stories about him in the newspapers now.
- 28 - FRI - A nice day - turned mild and warm. Julien walked to school today. In the evening, Ida and I and the little girls went to Columbus for a program - Declamation contest. Adolph gave a declamation and Valla was along in some singing. Adolph did very well and was chosen to go to the County Contest in Bowbells. We stayed at Eva - Lawrits is still in St. Paul.
- 29 - SAT - We went home this morning - Valla came along - Adolph went out to Ulsruds. Julien and Archie Serdahl had taken care of things at home and everything was just fine. I had to leave as soon as possible after coming home - rode horseback out to Ole Olson and then rode with him S to Thorson church. We had services at 2:00 followed by L.A. annual meeting. They also served lunch. Olson had a little trouble with the old Ford on the way home. Had to stop in at Seims to do some fixing on one of the rear wheels. It was quite late when I came home. There was baptism today for Lorraine Elaine, B. Jan. 22, to Parents, Leonard and Ruth Serdahl.
- 30 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Mamma along. Norwegian and English. To Columbus in p.m. with Valla. Cold today.
- 31 - MON - Cold today too but it looks like it may improve.

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APRIL

- 1 - TUES - Quite nice and mild. 2 - WED - About the same today. Went to Larson for services at 11:00. Only 6 there. Went by Columbus.
- 3 - THURS - Nice, mild weather. Over to Watteruds for a short while. We received letters from both Marie and Thelma. They want Mamma to go along with Mr and Mrs. Dihle to Minot on SAT when they go down to get Milo. Marie sent Mamma a check for \$20.00 so she could go. We talked with Dihles and they have room for her if she wants to go along.
- 4 - FRI - Mamma is busy, getting ready to go along to Minot - finishing some sewing - a dress for herself - and doing some baking of bread and cookies etc. Very windy today.
- 5 - SAT - Up early today - shortly after 5:00, as I was going to take Mamma in to Columbus where she will meet Dihles to ride along to Minot. Nice weather. We were in town before 7:00 - but got a flat tire just as we got in to town. It was ruined. We had to wait for awhile for Dihles to come so Ida walked over to see Valla and Adolph. Valla was still asleep - so was Adolph. The Basket Ball teams had come home late last night as Mr. Finke had taken them over to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson for supper. (Mrs. H. is Finke's sister). This was near Bow-bells. I got the tire fixed and then Adolph and Valla came along home. Ada was also along - Julien had stayed home with Baby - everything OK.
- 6 - SUN - Very nice day. To Bethlehem at 11:00. Adolph and Julien along - quite a few there. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peterson were there today too - have not seen them since last fall. Valla is getting a very sore throat.
- 7 - MON - Now we can see that Valla has the mumps so she will have to stay at home but I took Adolph in to town. Julien stayed home today. Mamma came by bus today at 10:30. We stopped over at Laurits and Eva briefly before we went home. Laurits had been in St. Paul and Wisconsin for awhile. Mrs. Isakson is thinking about selling her farm in Wisconsin. Then we went home and the little girls were very happy when we came. While we were at Laurits' - Ole Dillerud came to tell me that Mrs. Frank Lindblom had died very suddenly early this morning. Lindblom would like to have the funeral tomorrow - Tues. p.m. Decided to ask Rosholt along too.
- 8 - TUES - A very nice day. Left for Larson - funeral at the house at 1:00 for Mrs. Frank Lindblom, 54, and in the church at 2:30. The church was full. I spoke in Norwegian - John 5:28-29; Rosholt spoke some in English. Mamma and Ada along. By Columbus - then home.
- 9 - WED - Looks like it might rain. Julien hauled away the banking from around the house. Mamma is busy with some housecleaning. Valla is better today but now it looks like Ada is getting the mumps too.
- 10 - THURS - Same nice weather. Also on FRI. Went in to town to get Adolph FRI evening - Ida and Baby along.
- 12 - SAT - Home - studying. Adolph and Julien hauling away from the house. They also hauled water for the cistern as it is dry. Took off storm windows and put on the screens. Valla, after having been home for a week with mumps is fine now and Ada is almost all right too.

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- 13 - SUN - Palm Sunday. Colder today. Service with communion in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Mamma and Julien along. Service with communion in Thonson at 3:00. Adolph along. There was considerable extra singing today. It was decided that we would have a 2-day meeting in Scandia on June 18-19, in connection with the Cornerstone laying, if President Stove can come then. Cloudy - colder and also a little rain. To Columbus in the evening with Adolph and Valla.
- 14 - MON - Cold - cloudy - a little rain too. 15 - TUES - Rain - foggy all day. Same on WED.
- 17 - THURS - Holy Thursday. To Larson - by Columbus. The roads are very muddy. Services in Larson at 10:30. Over to Ourens after services. They went to communion - saa faar de 2 gaa til alters. Had dinner with them. I left there about 2:00 to go to Ambrose to get Marie. The highway was fine but the last 3 miles in to Ambrose were very rough. Marie was just finished with school when I arrived there. There was a little rain now and we left right away for Columbus to get Adolph and Valla. It was also raining in Columbus. Had to have a little work done on the car. The weather cleared up now. Home shortly after 7:00. Adolph went in again in the evening for Band practice. The roads had dried up considerably and he was able to drive without chains.
- 18 - FRI - Good Friday. Service with communion in Bethlehem at 10:30. Many there. Julien and Baby at home. Later, Adolph and Julien walked over to Brothers.
- 19 - SAT - Home - studying. Adolph went in to town to send a telegram to Thelma to find out if she could get off and come home for Easter but she could not.
- 20 - SUN - Easter Sunday. A nice day. S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - both Norwegian and English. Full church. All along except Valla and Julien. Then home for turkey dinner. Valla had seen to that everything was just right. Then to Larson for services at 4:30 but it got to be closer to 5:00. The Germans were using the church - had services, communion and Sunday School. All from here were along except Julien. They took Marie to Ambrose while I had services in Larson. Then to Columbus with Adolph and Valla. It turned cold towards evening - even some corn snow.
- 21 - MON - A rather cold day. Today we went to Lignite - all the ministers in Crosby Circuit and their families - to discuss and make plans for Circuit meetings during the summer. We will be having Cornerstone laying and Circuit Meeting in Scandia June 18 - 19. Hoversten will have 25th Anniversary of the congregation in Ambrose on Sun. July 6, followed by Circuit meeting on July 7 and WMF on July 8. Waage will have 25th Anniversary on July 13 preceded by Circuit Meeting on Sat., July 12.
- 22 - TUES - Julien and I hauled stones all day long. 23 - WED - To Columbus in the p.m. Over to Laurits and Eva for a little while. Valla had gone to Minot today with the Glee Club for Music Contest. 24 - THURS - Home - cold today.
- 25 - FRI - Cold and windy today too. Went to Larson this afternoon - started with a confirmation class. There were only 2 girls there today. To Columbus to get Adolph and Valla.
- 26 - SAT - A little rain today - from S. Started with a confirmation class in S. St. Olaf today -

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- 26 - SAT - (cont.) - really 2 classes - Norwegian class at 1:30 and English class at 3:00. There were some new ones in the English class. Got 6 bu. of potatoes from Oscar L. Hatlelid.
- 27 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 - Valla and Baby at home. Laurits and Eva came out at noon. To Thorson at 3:00 - Adolph and Valla along. Many there. Baptism for Borghild Christine, B. March 30 - Parents, Martin and Kirsti Berg. L.A. after services. The L.L. is beginning again. Adolph and Valla had a ride in to town with Laurits. A little rain again.
- 28 - MON - Foggy and cloudy - looks like rain. Dagmar is 2 years old today. This afternoon about 3:00 we went over to S.O. Bergs - Ida and I and the 2 little girls. Arliene is 2 today and Kenneth Berg is 12 so they are going to celebrate it together. Yes, we had a good time. Mamma brought a cake along and Mrs. Berg had made a little cake for Baby to take along home - with 2 lights on it. (This is the first time Dad calls Baby or Dagmar - ARLIENE. He used the 3 names at various times - Baby - Dagmar - and Arliene. Arlene was the name that eventually became her name).
- 29 - TUES - Nice day - home studying.
- 30 - WED - This evening we drove in to Columbus to see a play that was put on at the H.S. - Valborg was in it. We got caught in a terrible rain storm on the way in to town - a real cloudburst in Columbus for awhile - rigtig skybrud. Julien was at home with Dagmar. We stayed over night at Laurits and Eva.

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- 1 - THURS - It dried up fast today, even after all that rain. This evening we went over to Michael and Nora Nelson for the baptism of their little girl, Marvel Devee, B. March 5. We got home about midnight. I had washed the ceiling in the front room today.
- 2 - FRI - A nice day. Today I had to study. To Columbus in the evening to get Valla. Adolph could not come along home as he is going to Bowbells SAT evening for Declamation Contest.
- 3 - SAT - Conf. class in Larson at 8:30 - Julien along to take music lesson. Home for dinner. This p.m. conf. class in Sorlie school at 1:00 for the Norwegian class and 3:00 for English. There were several new ones today - 2 from Frank Witty, Francis Halvorson, 2 from Louie Holte, 1 from Hovland, and have heard that there may be a few more coming too.
- 4 - SUN - Service in S.St. Olaf at 11:00. Memorial service for Mrs. M. Kortgaard. (She had been in Minnesota - had undergone surgery there and died soon after, on April 1. She was buried in Minnesota. From Dad's Record Book). It was a rainy day but many came. However, by p.m. the roads were so bad I did not try to go to Larson.
- 5 - MON - In to town, early, with Valla. Had to have some work done on the car - new rear wheels and new shell. It was a big job so it took quite a while. I got Rosholt to drive me out home - we were here for dinner - and then I rode along again to town in the p.m. and got the car when it was ready. It cost a total of \$37.50. Went by Twetens to get 7 Bu. of flax. Nice day.
- 6 - TUES - It was a windy day but I was outside almost all day, spading in the garden and planting

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- 6 - TUES - (cont.) - some seeds - also some potatoes.
- 7 - WED - A little rain and snow last night and it continued into the morning. Cold - but it dried up considerably during the day. This evening we all went to Columbus to take in the Delphian program, in which Adolph takes part. Baby stayed at Laurits and Eva while we went to the program. After the program was over it was raining and snowing so we stayed over night at Laurits and Eva.
- 8 - THURS - There was a great deal of snow by morning and it was a tough trip home, but we managed. It snowed all day. 9 - FRI - Cloudy. Studied some. Roads are terrible.
- 10 - SAT - To Columbus this morning. Roads are somewhat better - drove by Dahls and the School section. Adolph and Valla could not come home this time as they are taking part in a Minstrel Show put on by the Methodists this afternoon and evening. On the way home, the self-starter quit working - could not start the car with it. Conf. classes in the p.m. in S.St.Olaf church - Norwegian at 1:00 and English at 3:00. There are now 15 in the English class. Weather was nice again - beginning to dry.
- 11 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00. Nice weather - quite a few came. Baptism for Walter, B. Feb. 23 - Parents, Ole and Karen Lundstad. There was L.A. at C.Brother following services. The family stayed at Brothens while I drove S to Thorson for services at 3:00. The YPS (Young People's Society - or Luther League) presented a program following services. They had organized last time - April 27. As this was Mother's Day, they gave a program appropriate for the day. They also served lunch. There were quite a few there. Then I drove back to C.Brothens - there were still quite a few there. Tomorrow, early, we are planning to go to Minot to attend Thelma's graduation - but the weather does not look very promising. It did start raining to-night about 9:30 - but it did not look like it would be too bad, at least, that is what we were hoping for when we went to bed. Vi gikk tilro og haabedes saa ialfald.
- 12 - MON - But alack and alas - Men ak og ve - right after midnight it started raining very hard and kept on like that all night until morning. We thought we would have to give up on the trip, but we knew that Thelma would be very disappointed if we did not come - so we decided we would at least try it. Julien was going to stay at home to look after things. We left about 7:00 - drove by Larson thru a continuous downpour of rain - much water standing on the road - osende regn og igjennem vand. It took about an hour but then it was fine between Larson and Columbus. We drove over to Laurits and Eva as the little girls were going to stay there while we were gone. Next to the garage to get the self-starter fixed. The switch was burned out. Laurits went up to school to get Valla and both Adolph and Valla went along. We left Columbus about 11:20 - it went fine on the highway - got to Kenmare about 12:30. There we bought a suit for Adolph, \$24.75, and a slicker, \$3.98. We left Kenmare about 1:30 and were in Minot by 3:30. Thelma had just about given up on us coming but was very

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- 12 - MON - (cont.) - happy to see us when we did get there. Went over to the hospital for a little while - stopped in to see Mrs. J. Holte. She was feeling quite well now. Adolph and I drove down to the Grand Hotel to reserve a room. Then up to Thelma's Home - and Mamma and Valla came along to the Grand Hotel. Later we went back to Thelma's Home again - there were many there now. The program was in the auditorium at 8:15. It was a beautiful and grand sight - pent og storlagent - to see all the nurses march in procession singing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers". There were 23 nurses in the class. There was a reception following the graduation exercises - in Ellison Home. There was a big crowd there for that. Back to Thelma's Home and then to the Grand at midnight.
- 13 - TUES - We had said Goodby to Thelma last night when we left, as we wanted to get an early start this morning. Yes, it had rained all the way to Minot - it rained all the while we were in Minot - and it was still raining when we left at 7:00 this morning, but as we drove west it finally let up. We came to Columbus about 11:00 - had dinner with Laurits and Eva - and then left for home, driving by Larson again. It was a slow, tough trip - det gik turkt og smaat - took over an hour to get home from Larson. It was cold too, and even tho it had stopped raining, it remained cloudy. It was nice and warm and cozy in the kitchen - Julien was not there right then but came shortly - had been down to Serdahls for a little while. The little girls had gotten along just fine in Columbus at Laurits and Eva.
- 14 - WED - The rain stopped - it was nice in the p.m. when the sun came out. Louie Watterud has started plowing here now. 15 - THURS - Nice day - sunshine. It is wash day here.
- 16 - FRI - To Larson for conf. class. To Columbus but Adolph and Valla could not come home this time. 17 - SAT - Conf. classes in Sorlie school at 1:00 and 3:00.
- 18 - SUN - English services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. English services in Larson at 3:00 - also L.A. There was a little rain. Valla had come out with Dilleruds.
- 19 - MON - Planted some potatoes and garden. We also had a little rain.
- 20 - TUES - To Olaf Hanson to get 2 small pigs. Read with Evelyn Serdahl later in the day.
- 21 - WED - Busy planting garden etc. We went to town this evening to see the Senior Play - they did very well - dem gjorde det godt. 22 - THURS - More planting in the garden.
- 23 - FRI - To Larson for conf. class. Julien along to take music lesson. To Columbus to get A & V.
- 24 - SAT - Conf. classes in S. St. Olaf at 1:00 and 3:00. Adolph and Valla got to take the car to Columbus this evening as the Journalism Club was to have an outing (picnic N at Duricks). It was quite late when they came home.
- 25 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00 - L.A. following. Some visitors there today. Bethlehem at 3:00. This evening there was Baccalaureate Services in Columbus for the Senior Class. Rev. Zeller was the speaker. Paul Rude and Adolph are the only boys in the class - there are 14 girls. Ida and Ada went along and Julien stayed home with Baby. The service was held in the 1st Lutheran church and it was completely filled. There were several songs by the Glee Club and a Quartette - Valla sang in both groups. Miss Gunderson is the director. We stopped over at

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- 25 - SUN - (cont.) - Laurits and Eva afterwards for awhile - then home. Very nice weather. The lights on the car were very poor tonight - old battery.
- 26 - MON - Home. Also TUES. We are busy with painting and varnishing. Julien took 3 exams on MON and 2 on TUES and 1 on WED and passed all of them.
- 28 - WED - To town in the a.m. for a little while - changed batteries. This afternoon there was funeral for Hugo Domrese, who died last SAT, when he was overcome by gas in a coal shaft 40' deep - near Noonan.
- 29 - THURS - This is Marie's last day of school in Ambrose. Went to get her this afternoon. Started with a conf. class in Bethlehem at 10:00. Louie Watterud finished plowing here today for the 20 acres of barley. The flax which was sown some time ago is up in some places. Everything is growing fine. This p.m. Ida and I and the little girls went, first to Columbus, and then to Ambrose. We got there about 3:15. Marie was having a picnic for her pupils but came shortly after that. As we waited we had coffee with Mrs. Nelson. We had a little trouble about 3 miles S of Ambrose - had to stop as the car got hot - we were low on oil. Went in to a farm place and phoned to Ambrose and had a man from the garage bring some oil out and then it was OK. By Columbus again. Home before dark.
- 30 - FRI - Home. Strong wind all day. Had planned to go to Columbus for Memorial Day Services but did not go.
- 31 - SAT - Conf. classes - S. St. Olaf - both Norw. and Eng. in Sorlie school. This afternoon the Luther League Convention started in Columbus. We drove in for it. Rev. Mathre spoke this p.m. and there was also the Business Meeting. We did not stay for the evening session but Marie stayed in town with Valla.

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- 1 - SUN - Very strong wind today from NW - too bad for the L.L. convention today. We drove in at noon - the air was thick - a fierce dust storm - luften var tyk af stov. They had used the big tent for the services this forenoon but could not use it in the p.m. - they had to lower it because the wind was so strong - so we met in church. The church was hardly large enough - it was really filled. The Choral Union Concert at 2:30 was very good. We got home before dark - Marie also came along.
- 2 - MON - Nicer today. Started with a conf. class in Thorson today at 10:00. This p.m. there was funeral for Mrs. John Hendrickson, who had died very unexpectedly on Friday.
- 3 - TUES - Today Thelma came home for 3 weeks of vacation. Went to Larson - conf. class at 9:00 - and Julien had a music lesson. It had rained quite a bit there yesterday, while we had just a small amount. To Columbus - Thelma came there by bus. Home for dinner. This evening we all went to Columbus - Class Night for Seniors. Thelma and Marie went over to see Mrs. Martin Sommersness - she had a present for Thelma. We went to see Adolph and Valla - and then over to

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- 3 - TUES - (cont.) - Laurits and Eva. The little girls were going to stay with their children while we went to school. It started raining as we walked over to school. The program was very good - especially Adolph, who was so humorous and full of fun he had everyone laughing. After the program we were planning to drive home - put the chains on - but gave up on it as it had been raining steadily while we were at the program. We stayed at Laurits'. It was a good rain.
- 4 - WED - Left fairly early this morning. The rain had stopped but the roads were terrible. We drove by H.M. Olson - then stopped in at Lundstads. They had been in an accident near Powers Lake and both of them were hurt. They had been on their way in to Powers Lake to see Arthur who is sick in the hospital there. A Steen boy was driving and something had gone wrong with the steering mechanism - the car tipped over and rolled several times. Someone had picked them up after that and brought them in to Powers Lake Fri. a.m. and then they came home SAT. They both looked pretty bad - bruised and scratched - but it seems they will get over it in time. Strong wind again from NW today - after the good rain last night.
- 5 - THURS - Classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and Thorson at 3:00. This evening we went in to Columbus for Adolph's Graduation.
- 6 - FRI - S.St.Olaf conf. classes at 1:00 and 3:00. 7 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 8 - SUN - Pentecost. S.St.Olaf at 11:00. A very nice day. L.A. at Ronholdts. Bethlehem at 2:00. To Thorson at 4:00 - L.L. following. Thelma along. Marie at Ronholdts for L.A. The others along to Bethlehem and then home.
- 9 - MON - Conf. class in Larson at 2:00. Home for the most on TUES and WED. To town on WED and Marie, Adolph and Julien along to Crosby to see the dentist. Lawrence and Myrtle Jacobson came from Ray on WED.
- 12 - THURS - Classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and Thorson at 2:30. Some of the family went along with Lawrence to Canada today.
- 13 - FRI - They left for Ray today. I had announced conf. classes in S.St.Olaf church but we could not meet there as they had recently varnished and oiled and it had not dried completely. Announced that they should meet on TUES. Started with Parochial School THURS a.m. in Sorlie school - 1 month with Miss Skatteredud from Moorhead. Seems to be a very competent teacher.
- 14 - SAT - Studied some more. Arthur Lundstad died today in Powers Lake. He had been there for several weeks and he died of pneumonia. He was only 15½.
- 15 - SUN - 1st Sunday after Pentecost. Norwegian services in Larson at 10:30. Then home. We had invited Bethlehem Congregation here at 2:00. Many came and we organized the YPS. We had a program - from our family - then coffee and lunch, games and fun. A very nice day. Later on Marie, Thelma and Adolph went over to Sandbergs for awhile - some of the young folks from west had been here this p.m. Later in the evening, Lawrence came here from Ray, and his sis-

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- 15 - SUN - (cont.) - ter, Gladys, from Powers Lake. Thelma went back with them.
- 16 - MON - Conf. class in Larson at 2:00. Valla and Julien along for music lessons.
- 17 - TUES - Class in S.St.Olaf at 10:00. Funeral for Arthur Lundstad, 15½, in Bethlehem at 3:00. Full church. Terrible wind.
- 18 - WED - The first day of the meeting in Scandia. It rained a little last night but today was nice. We had arranged that the ministers would meet at our place first and then we would all drive out to the church. Hoversten came first - then Rosholt - next Waages and Aarthuns. We drove out to Thorison - our whole family except Thelma, who had gone to Ray SUN for a few days. They were going to Williston and the Bad Lands. President David Stoeve was there - Andrew Wold had gone to Wildrose to meet him. We started at 11:00 - Pres. Stoeve preached and presided at the Cornerstone laying ceremony. Many people here today - many from N of here and even some from Larson. Offering amounted to about \$70.00 and a later collection - \$12.58. They gave the Pres. \$5.00. The church was more than full. Following the morning service we all went to the church basement where we were served a great dinner - svaer middag. The afternoon session started at 3:00 with a talk by Pres. Stoeve, speaking on, "What a Congregation is, and the Duties of the Congregation". Following this Hoversten introduced the discussion on "The Lord's Prayer". We finished about 5:00. We went home - Stoeve stayed at Rysgaards, and Aarthuns stayed at Sathres.
- 19 - THURS - This is the 23rd Anniversary of our Wedding. A nice warm day. We all went again. Meeting started about 10:00 today. Stoeve spoke again - then Aarthun spoke on the 2nd Petition. Stoeve had to leave at noon. In the p.m. we had communion service - Rosholt spoke on the 6th Petition and Waage spoke in English on the 7th. I spoke briefly in conclusion. Home. It had been an exceptionally good meeting - udmerket godt mode. In the evening, A.M.Olson came over to tell me that Mrs. Lundstad was in the hospital in Bowbells - very sick - and would like to see me - and Ole and Olga. Adolph had gone in to town for band practice so he had the car, but Olson took us in to town - Ida and Thelma along. Thelma had come home last night. We got L.Steen in Columbus to drive to Bowbells. Mrs. Lundstad was very sick but wanted to go to Communion and felt more at peace following this. Then back to Columbus. Adolph had waited in Columbus for us to come back - then home.
- 20 - FRI - We were invited over to Sandbergs for dinner - all of us went except the boys. Sandbergs had some company there from Minnesota. Then we went to L.A. at Mrs. T.O.Hysjulien. Many there.
- 21 - SAT - Home - studying. Heard that Mrs. Lundstad was worse - later heard that she had died.
- 22 - SUN - This morning A.M.Olson came over to tell me that Mrs. Lundstad had died. It was decided that the funeral would be on WED - 25 - at 3:00. This is also Primary Election Day. To S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Marie, Adolph, Valla and Ada along. To Bethlehem at 3:00. Mr. and

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- 22 - SUN - (cont.) - Mrs. Julius Gundetson were there - they had come out from Larson. We asked them to come along home for supper - also Mr. and Mrs. Nels Gunderson and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Serdahl and the little girls. Ida, Marie, Thelma and Ada along to church.
- 23 - MON - This morning I took Thelma in to Kirkaid - she left about 9:00 on the train for Minot again. In to town briefly. Then at 2:00 to Larson for conf. class - but first in to Columbus with Adolph and LeRoy (who had been staying at our place). There will be a great celebration in town tomorrow - the Dedication of the Park - and the Band will be playing. Adolph is in the Band. Adolph went in today as it is doubtful that we will be going in tomorrow. Valla along to Larson for music lesson. We had a good rain shower while we were in Larson.
- 24 - TUES - A nice day with rain showers occasionally. Ida and I drove east to Ole Lundstad this p.m. and then over to church. A nice day for many people to go to Columbus for the Dedication of the Park. Spent a lot of time on studying today - for the funeral tomorrow.
- 25 - WED - Primary Election today. First to S.St.Olaf for class at 9:30 after which I went by the school house to vote. Ida went along with Ole Serdahls this forenoon - over to church - as they were going to arrange flowers etc - pynte kirken med blomster. Great deal of rain around noon and thruout the p.m. Had to put chains on before we went to church and even then it was very slippery. In spite of the roads, many people came - many from Crosby and there were also some who had come from Minnesota. The funeral was at 3:00. Mrs. Lundstad had been sick for about a week and died in the Bowbells Hospital of pneumonia Sunday morning, the 22nd, about 3:00. She was only 40 years old.
- 26 - THURS - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 9:30. There were quite a few of the men there working on the basement. Class in Thorson at 2:15. When we came home we had a wedding here - Melvin Koppelsloen and Alice Berg were here. Mamma and the little girls and Adolph had gone along to Thorson and while I had class they had been over to Rysgaards and then out to McGregor. The wedding took place about 5:00.
- 27 - FRI - Rain showers. Home for the most. Same on SAT.
- 29 - SUN - English services in Larson at 10:30. We had planned to drive east to Alfred Petersons in Macroom this p.m. for L.L. but gave up on that because of all the rain.
- 30 - MON - Conf. class in Larson at 2:00. Valla and Julien along for music lessons.

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- 1 - TUES - Conf. classes in S.St.Olaf at 9:30 and congregation meeting in Bethlehem at 2:00. This meeting was called to discuss their financial problems. It is very difficult to collect now - no money. Even at that, some were in favor of increasing the annual amount per family from \$20.00 to \$25.00 but that did not develop into anything either. They could not borrow from the L.A. either. There were a few who were able to pay for the entire year right now so I received \$82.50 now and \$20.00 was promised very soon. There were 9 men present. Alvin Brothen

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- 1 - TUES - (cont.) - was chosen to see what he could collect from the younger ones this fall - whatever he could. Went over to Brothens after the meeting - got some potatoes.
- 2 - WED - Some rain showers. Louie Watterud cut the alfalfa here, yesterday, and today he raked. The boys cultivated in the corn and potatoes today. 3 - THURS - Home - studying. Nice weather.
- 4 - FRI - The 4th of July. A nice day but a little cool. We all (except Adolph) went to Thompson Lake - drove east thru the Hills to Coteau - then S on the highway about 12 miles or so to a very nice place. Many people there. Harthurs, Waages and Rosholt were already there when we came. We ate dinner together, all having brought something along for the picnic. Met many acquaintances from Big Butte and Coteau. We also ate our supper there and then at about 6:30 we left for home again, stopping in at Alfred Petersons for a short visit on the way home. Harry Finke had come out yesterday, in a truck, and today he and Adolph drove S with Queen and the buggy to look for Indian relics and graves, etc. They were home here when we came back. Many from around here had gone S to Mobergs, Battleview, and others had gone to Canada.
- 5 - SAT - Home in the forenoon. In the afternoon, Ida, Ada and I went to see Mrs. Halvorson. She is quite sick and wanted to go to Communion. Adolph and Finke went in to town in the evening and then Adolph came home with the Serdahl boys later.
- 6 - SUN - English services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Many there. Marie and Julien along. Glenda Skatterud has just finished 1 month of school here and will now go S to Thorson to begin one month there, starting tomorrow. Eric Dihle took her out to Furness' this p.m. To Scandia at 2:00 - all along except Julien. Baptism for Gunda Nora, B. May 28 - Parents, Christ and Kari Wold. Then over to Tom Moe for L.A. (Bethlehem). The Scandia choir came also and sang some numbers. Then home.
- 7 - MON - To Ambrose for Circuit Meeting - Ida, Marie and I went. It turned out to be a very warm day. Had a flat tire 2 m. S of Ambrose but got there by 10:30 anyway. I delivered the sermon this forenoon - Mark 10:13-16. Fair crowd - more came in the p.m. From my congregations present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Serdahl; Mr. and Mrs. E. Dihle; Mr. and Mrs. C. Holter. Serdahls stayed over for the 2nd day too. This p.m. the other pastors discussed "Christian Training", and this discussion continued on into the evening session. We stayed over night at Mrs. Nelson. It was a very warm day.
- 8 - TUES - WMF today. Another very warm day. We left about 4:00 - had a flat tire right out of town - went back to get it fixed - so we lost a little time there. Home shortly before 7:00. Then back to Columbus again to hear the Luther College Quintette Concert. They were very good. We all went in except Adolph. Mrs. O. I. Ronning was buried in Columbus today. When we were about halfway home, after the concert, the lights on the car burned out. We borrowed a searchlight from Ovallie Watterud to get home.
- 9 - WED - Eng. class in S. St. Olaf at 9:30. Larson class at 2:00. Then by Columbus to get the

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- 9 - WED - (cont.) - car lights fixed.
- 10 - THURS - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 9:30 and Sorlie school at 2:00. Then to Columbus again. Ingvald came here last night from Wildrose. He is out collecting funds for Wild Rice Children's Home. Adolph took him around to many places today - first east and then S to Thorson. He got in about \$20.00 - not much money around now - smaat med penge nu.
- 11 - FRI - Foggy - looks like rain. Adolph and Ingvald went W this morning for awhile - back here at noon. Then in the p.m. he went out to McGregor and to Wildrose again. Tina has just finished parochial school there and Mildred has taught in Stanley. They were all going to Epping on Sunday for L.L.
- 12 - SAT - First day of Circuit meeting in Zion today - Ida and Valla along with me - Albert Serdahl also rode along with us. A nice day - not a very big crowd today. Same discussion as we used in Thorson.
- 13 - SUN - 25th Anniversary of Zion Congregation today. We all went today - the Albert Serdahl family also came. There were many people there today - not enough room for all to get in the church. President David Støve delivered the sermon this morning - and a Festival offering was presented. At noon the ladies served dinner to all - the ministers were guests and the others paid 25¢ each. This p.m. G.W. Tolo spoke - he had come yesterday from Minn. with his family. I spoke some on "Pioneer Days". Støve spoke again, as did Arthun and Rosholt. Home.
- 14 - MON - Conf. classes - both Norwegian and English - in the Sorlie school.
- 15 - TUES - Extremely warm - some said that it was 107 in the shade in Columbus. Class in Larson at 2:00. 16 - WED - Home - but a quick trip over to Brothers.
- 17 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem. Adolph went over to Mons Fotland - had heard that there might be some work there. To Columbus in the evening. C. Watterud here haying.
- 18 - FRI - Home - studying. 19 - SAT - Same today.
- 20 - SUN - Larson at 10:30 - Norwegian. Bethlehem at 2:00 - quite a few there. There was a L.L. program afterwards and then we went over to Brothers for coffee and lunch. The young folks went back to church afterwards for some singing.
- 21 - MON - Conf. class in S. St. Olaf - both Norwegian and English. Mrs. Sandberg and Myrtle here.
- 22 - TUES - Conf. class in Larson. Valla and Julien along for music lessons. I stopped in to see Mrs. Halvorson for a little while - she is not very well. It continues to be very warm - the fields are drying up around Columbus. Drove by Columbus.
- 23 - WED - Home. Busy whitewashing the chicken coop this forenoon. Also helped C. Watterud a little. Did some studying too. 24 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem at 9:30 - Eng. in Sorlie school at 1:30 and Norw. at 3:30. 25 - FRI - To town briefly - home for the most. Warm on SAT too.
- 27 - SUN - Services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - many there. To Thorson at 3:00. Baptism for Iola Adeline, B. June 19 - Parents, Oscar and Louise Toso. Valborg was one of the sponsors. Many there today. There was L.A. and also a program by the school children. Parochial

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- 27 - SUN - (cont.) - school is almost finished now. Adolph, Julien, Valla and Ada along. We did not leave there until about 6:00. Then when we came home there was a big surprise - a whole bunch of young people from Columbus had come out to help Adolph and Valla celebrate their birthdays (Adolph 18 on the 25th; Valla 16 on the 31st). We had a nice supper and lots of fun. They stayed until about midnight.
- 28 - MON - Up early to take Adolph S to Grotes near Battleview to work. He has already worked there for 1 week already and I had gone out there to get him SAT evening. 2 classes in Sorlie school at 1:30. 29 - TUES - Class in Larson at 2:00. Very warm these days.
- 30 - WED - Home. 31 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem at 9:30 and Sorlie school at 1:30 - both classes. Ida along and visited at Sorlies - also at Dihles. I went over there after classes to get her and then we went over to Clarence and Minnie Witty for the baptism of their baby boy, Merlyn DeLoyd, B. June 23. This was at 6:00. A very warm day.

AUGUST

- 1 - FRI - Home. Same dry weather continues - also very warm.
- 2 - SAT - Same kind of weather. Mrs. Knutson came over today to let me know that Charles had died last night in Ambrose at the hospital after surgery (ruptured appendix). The funeral will be on TUES. To Columbus this p.m. and in the evening out to Grote's to get Adolph. There was L.A. at S.O. Bergs today.
- 3 - SUN - To Larson at 10:30 - many there. Also L.A. Baptism for Donna Mae, B. June 16 - Parents, Matt and Lottie Anderson. Ida and I and Valla were sponsors. At 2:30 over to Theo. Westernness for (Bethlehem) services and L.A. There were many there - all of our family along today. We heard there that Mrs. Anton Sommerness had died in Minox during the night at the hospital. Took Adolph out to Grote's this evening.
- 4 - MON - Studied in the a.m. Conf. classes in S.St.Olaf in the p.m.
- 5 - TUES - Funeral in S.St.Olaf for Charles Knutson, 19, who had died in Ambrose at the hospital. Very warm weather. We were at the house at 1:00 and at the church at 2:00. There were more people there than could get in the church. I spoke in both Norwegian and English. Mrs. Pete Nord and Marie sang. Martin Sommerness asked me to speak at the funeral for Mrs. Anton Sommerness on THURS, Aug. 7th.
- 6 - WED - To Larson for class at 2:00. Valla and Julien along for music lessons.
- 7 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem in the a.m. To Columbus in the p.m. for the funeral of Mrs. Anton Sommerness. We came in about 1:00 - the church was already full. The relatives were all at the house (right across the street from the church) and the ministers met there at 1:30. Rosholt had Devotion there and then at about 2:00 they carried the casket across the street to the church. There were more people outside than those who were able to get in to church. Rosholt spoke first - song by a quartette - then I spoke - Sauer next - choir selection -

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- 7 - THURS - (cont.) - Mathre - Biography. There must have been at least 200 cars but not all of them drove out to the cemetery. John Lundstad is sick - at the Fiegel hospital - has pneumonia - so I went down there to see him. He is much better. Ida went along with Waages out to the cemetery but Marie and Valla did not go out. Afterwards we were all invited over to Sommernesses for coffee and lunch, served by the L.A. This is a very sad time for Sommernesses.
- 8 - FRI - Conf. class in Sorlie school - English. In the p.m. Ida and I went in to Columbus. We stopped in to see Rudes. We had brought along Adolph's application to Luther College and the \$5.00 fee to send in with it for registration. Rudes were going to send Paul's application in, also. (This is no doubt, the only time in the history of CHS that ALL the boys graduating in a Senior class applied for admission to the SAME college). We then went down town for a little while - and then to Larson to see Old Mrs. Ouren. She has been sick but was feeling a little better. Then over to see Old Mrs. Halvorson - she is not very well. Home late.
- 9 - SAT - This forenoon Julien and I fenced around a haystack S of here, and over a slough. Have to move the cattle down on the S 80 now. There is hardly any grass left for them in the pasture now - it has been dry and warm for a long time now. The sloughs are drying up around here but it is even worse down on the flats. There they have nothing in their pastures and hardly any water. Crops are poor - daarlig med avling. Flour is now selling for \$3.35 per 100# in Columbus. Studied some in p.m. In evening out to Grotes to get Adolph.
- 10 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Thorson at 3:00. L.L. there. All along to Thorson except Julien. Then out to Grotes with Adolph.
- 11 - MON - Today we had a little rain - but not much. Cooler too. Conf. classes in S.St.Olaf - first class at 1:30. Did not finish until about 6:00 with the second class.
- 12 - TUES - Class in Larson at 2:00. 13 - ~~WED~~ - Class in Thorson at 1:30.
- 14 - THURS - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 1:30 - 2 classes. 15 - FRI - Class in Larson at 2:00.
- 16 - SAT - Home for the most - studying. Over to Carl Brothen a little and then to the mines. Looks a little like rain. L.Watterud is keeping on with the harvesting - on the last of the flax here. In the evening out to Grotes to get Adolph. They have already started threshing so we had to drive over to Phillips to get him. Then, in the evening, Adolph, Marie and Valla went in to Columbus.
- 17 - SUN - Up early - Ida and I took Adolph in to Columbus this morning as he was going along with the band to Canada, where they were going to play today for some picnic. Ida and I then went to Larson for services at 10:30. Home. Bethlehem at 2:00. Many there. L.L. program following. Very good. Agnes Ronning was there and sang a few songs. And Valla, in Norwegian dress (Mrs. Ole Berg's beautiful Norwegian dress) sang several Norwegian songs. She sang so nicely - hun sang saa pent syntes alle. Then over to A.Haga for coffee and lunch. There was a short business meeting of the L.L. Marie has been President but will soon be leaving for Ambrose so another will have to take over. Alvin Brothen was chosen as Pres. and Olga Kleppen - treas.

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- 17 - SUN - (cont.) - From Haga's we drove over to Sandbergs, where they had L.A. Many there too. Adolph came home quite late - Richardson brought him out.
- 18 - MON - Up early - took Adolph out to Phillips. Classes in S.St.Olaf at 9:00. Nice day.
- 19 - TUES - This morning we got a call from Battleviue - Adolph was sick out at Phillips. Ida and I drove out there right away. We were worried that it might be appendicitis - vi frygted for. There are so many that have had this now. He was feeling better when we came but we wanted to have him examined by a doctor. This p.m. we went in to Columbus first - stopped at the bank and then over to Fiegels to see John Berg who had had surgery last Fri. or Sat. for appendicitis. There was also Mrs. Nels Fagerbakke there, who had had surgery for the same - both of them better now. Next to Larson. I had class there at 2:00. Adolph and Mamma drove over to Noonan. Dr. Smith examined Adolph and said that it was appendicitis alright, but not really critical right now - ikke farlig enda - but we decided that we were going to Minot tomorrow anyway to see what the doctors down there advice.
- 20 - WED - First I had to go out to Thonson for conf. class - Adolph also went along and while I had class he drove over to Grotes to get his pay - by Battleviue and Phillips. Then in the p.m. we went to Minot. Along the way we saw many threshing rigs in operation. We got to Minot shortly after 5:00 - saw Dr. Rowe, who, after examining Adolph said it was appendicitis all right. Thelma went with us down to the Park for awhile. Then about 8:00 or 8:30 we went back to the hospital, where we saw Dr. Sonenson. After Dr. Sonenson had examined Adolph it was decided that we should get a room for Adolph at the hospital tonight. Ida and I went down town and got a room at the Waverly Hotel.
- 21 - THURS - At 9:45 this morning Adolph had the operation - it went just fine. There were 3 doctors there during surgery. Adolph came out of ether about noon - he woke up laughing! We stayed until about 3:00 - and as Adolph was feeling fine we left then, getting home about 7:30. Everything was just fine at home. There had been a call for me from Larson - Ole Western had died yesterday. Funeral will be tomorrow. Not much time for any preparation now but I sat up for awhile tonight and studied.
- 22 - FRI - Conf. classes in S.St.Olaf at 9:00 and 11:00 - last time before Confirmation. Home. Then to Larson for funeral at 2:00 for Ole Western, 75. Marie along. Not a great many there. Met with the conf. class afterwards. Then over to Ourens so they could go to communion. To Columbus to see John Berg again, in the Fiegel hospital. Back to Larson to wait for the train. There was a letter from Thelma - Adolph is getting along just fine.
- 23 - SAT - Home - studying for confirmation service. Did not really feel very well today.
- 24 - SUN - Nice day - but it turned quite warm. Confirmation Day in S.St.Olaf at 10:30 - English service and sermon with communion - but 7 were confirmed in Norwegian and 13 in English. There were so many there today they could not all get in the church. Offering to Missions - \$58.45.

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- 24 - SUN - (cont.) - Members of the classes: Norwegian - Roy Sorlie (Albert); Arthur Dihle (Erik); Roy Ronholdt (Olaf); Ruth Sandberg (Math); Agnes Doris Berg (Sivert Olai); Solveig Kvelstad (Iver); Lillian Arneson (Bernt). English Class: Russell Hatlelid (Oscar); Allen Hatlelid (Richard); Frank Witty (George); Allen Witty (Frank); Harold Gunlock (Sam); Francis and Gladys and Fern Halvorson (Henry); Evelyn Serdahl (Ole); Clara Harbig (William); Helen Holte (Louis); Dorothy Witty (Frank); Elmer Watterud (Anton).
Home after this service for the rest of the Sunday - rather tired when it was all over. Oh - we did go over to N. Kleppens in the evening. They decided that they would have L.L. there next SUN. Home a little late. Julien was at home and had done the milking.
- 25 - MON - Expected a letter from Minot today but there was none. Mrs. Kleppen, Olga and Borghild came over this afternoon - Mrs. Kleppen brought along some wool for a quilt for Thelma.
- 26 - TUES - Ida and I and Valla to town this p.m. to find a place for Valla for the coming year. We talked to Lawrits and he thought it would be all right if she stayed with them. Then to Larson for conf. class at 2:00. Back to Columbus. Eva was not home - she was out at Nels Birkeland cooking for the threshers. While in Columbus I was called to go out to see old Mr. Skramstad (SW of town). He is near death - ligger dods-syg. Rosholt has just come back from vacation but was in Ambrose conducting a funeral. On the way home we stopped at Birkelands and talked to Eva. Continues dry and warm except for the rain shower we had the night we were in Minot. It rained here at the same time as in Minot.
- 27 - WED - Drove over to A. Olson's mailbox (to mail a letter) - Mamma along. Then over to Ben Simonson to get some information about rumors concerning O.L. Studying in the p.m.
- 28 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem at 9:30. At noon today, Ingvald, Tina and Mildred came. He had called us from Bombells last night. They had been in Bowden and had stopped in Minot on the way - had visited both Thelma and Adolph.
- 29 - FRI - To Columbus - then Larson for class at 2:00. By Columbus. 30 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 31 - SUN - Communion service in S. St. Olaf at 10:30 - both Norwegian and English. Some rain but full church nevertheless. 54 to communion - altergjester. L.L. in p.m. at N. Kleppen - all went along except Mamma and the 2 little girls. Mildred sang several songs during the L.L. program. Ingvald and Tina went with me from there out to Thorson at 3:00. Then back to Kleppens again. Many there. Then home. We had some singing at home in the evening too - Valla as the Norwegian girl, etc. Adolph surprised us by coming home today with Alvin Dihle. We were expecting him tomorrow by train, but as long as he had a chance to ride today with Alvin, he came today. He is feeling just fine.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - MON - There was frost last night - grass was white this morning. Cold. Up early. Took Valla to town this morning as H.S. begins today. She will be staying at Lawrits and Eva. Ingvald

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- 1 - MON - (cont.) - also went to Columbus and then W to Crosby, on behalf of the Wild Rice Children's Home. This p.m. the threshers came here - Kleppen and Olson. They come from Watteruds at about 2:00. Well - the barley was not very good - Ja, byg var nok ikke rart - 105 bu. on 20 A. and flax 137 bu. on 20 A.
- 2 - TUES - Home today - trying to do some studying. Adolph drove in to Columbus. Ingvald had stayed over in Crosby last night but came today. Adolph came later.
- 3 - WED - Ingvald and family left today - went to his farm to spend a week. I went to Thorson for class at 2:00. 4 - THURS - Bethlehem class at 9:30. To Columbus in p.m.
- 5 - FRI - To Columbus today too. Brought in trunks for shipping - Adolph's from Kinkaid and Marie's from Columbus. Adolph also along - had many friends to see and say Goodby to before leaving for Decorah. Valla came along home after 1 week of school - staying at Laurits and Eva.
- 6 - SAT - So - today was the day to take Adolph in to Kinkaid to take the train to Decorah, Iowa, where he will attend Luther College. This was also the day that Marie had to leave for her teaching job in Ambrose, on the train from Columbus. The train left from Kinkaid at 9:14. Rudes were also there, with Paul, who is also leaving for L.C., and it was very difficult for them. Adolph was very brave - nok saa taper. Then after the train left we drove in to Columbus. Ida and Marie stayed there while I went to Larson for conf. class - the last time before Confirmation. Back to Columbus again - dinner with Laurits and Eva. Then we took Marie down to the depot - train due at 12:55. Then home. Some studying.
- 7 - SUN - Confirmation and baptism service in Larson at 10:30 - 2 confirmed and 4 baptized. A very beautiful service - full church. Offering \$19.94. Ida played. Valla and Ada along too. Alice Gunderson (Nels) and Beatrice Norby (John) were confirmed. Then there was baptism for 4 Lindblooms - Ruth, 19; Edith, 18; Dagny, 16; and Conrad, 14; prior to their confirmation. Home for dinner - Julien and Baby at home. Clifford Serdahl is now in Trinity Hospital in Minot, where he has had an operation for appendicitis. The Serdahl boys went to Minot to see him today. To Bethlehem at 2:00. In the evening to Columbus with Valla.
- 8 - MON - A quiet day at home - hjemme i ro. A little cloudy. Almost all the threshing seems to be finished by now. 9 - TUES - Home today.
- 10 - WED - Brought some butter down to the mines store - 35¢ a lb. Bought 50# of sugar and other things. Over to A.Haga - there we got a little dog to bring home; we named it "Bingo". A little rain this evening - even some hail in places.
- 11 - THURS - Foggy day. Class in Thorson at 2:00. I was having trouble getting the car to run, and just then, Carl Rosholt came here so I got him to take me out there and bring me home again. He talked a lot of insurance (Lutheran Brotherhood salesman) and we decided to take out a policy for Adolph. Rosholt stayed overnight with us until FRI.
- 12 - FRI - In the p.m. Julien and I went to Larson - Julien for music lesson. Then to Columbus to get Valla. LeRoy also came along out. 13 - SAT - Conf. class in Bethlehem.
- 14 - SUN - St. Olaf at 11:00 and Thorson at 3:00. They had a surprise party for Sathre, their choir director.

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- 15 - MON - Up early to take Valla and LeRoy in to Columbus in time for school. Mamma along. We had had a letter from Adolph on SAT and everything was fine there. In the p.m. over to Kvelstads - we came home with a great deal of garden stuff. 16 - TUES - Home - washday.
- 17 - WED - This p.m. we drove over to Alfred Petersons but they were not home. Found out they were in Lignite. Stopped briefly at Anton Olson - then over to Albert Hysjulien.
- 18 - THURS - Mrs. Van der Pan from Crosby, and Mrs. E. Larson came over here about the Lundstad children. They are finding homes for them and have been successful in placing most of them now. I went along with them over to Albert Hysjulien - then E to Lundstad. Hysjulien are going to give a home to Phillip, who is 9 years old. Mabel, 7, will be going to Marius Nelson and Olga will be going to live with Mrs. E. Larson.
- 19 - FRI - To Larson - Julien took music lesson. Then to Columbus for Valla.
- 20 - SAT - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 9:30. Cold. To Thorson for class in the church at 2:00 but it was so cold there we did not stay long.
- 21 - SUN - English service with communion in Larson - many there. Baptisms for: Carl Raymond Lindblom, B. Feb. 17, 1919, and Leonard Kristoffer Lindblom, B. Apr. 18, 1922 - Parents Frank and Alma Lindblom; and Olai Lawrence, B. July 14 - Parents, Olaf and Laura Olson. Ida along to play. Valla and Julien home with the little girls. Bethlehem at 3:00. Laurits and Eva came out for dinner. When we came home from Bethlehem, Mr. and Mrs. Tort Rude were here.
- 22 - MON - Cloudy today. There was a great deal gunshot to be heard today as hunting season opened. Valla had a ride in to Columbus last night with Laurits and Eva.
- 23 - TUES - Cold today with a little rain. Drove in to Columbus this p.m. when there was a letup and bought 400# of flour at Ronnings - got it right off the car for \$2.75 per 100#.
- 24 - WED - To Columbus to get Grandma Isakson who came this evening (Kinkaid). We went in to Columbus for supper at Laurits and Eva.
- 25 - THURS - Home. Rather cold - freezes during the night. Alfred Petersons and P. Barmoen came over today. I also got a little studying done today. 26 - FRI - Studied. To town to get Valla.
- 27 - SAT - Nice day. Marie had said that she would be coming home today and here they came for breakfast - Marie, Miss Sobolik, and Mr. Heusel. After breakfast, Julien went along with Mr. Heusel for some hunting. He got 7 or 8. They left again for Ambrose towards evening. Grandma is here now. Went to Thorson for class at 2:00 - today we met at Bensons.
- 28 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Ida and Grandma along. Quite a few there today. Discussed the use of the envelope system. To Thorson at 3:00 - all along except Julien. L.L. after services. Valla had gone along to Columbus yesterday. The American Legion was putting on a program to-night and Valla was taking part in it.
- 29 - MON - Over to Ben Simonson at 2:00 for baptisms - 3 of Simonson's children and 3 of Hollingsworths: Ben and Ella Simonson's children - Lillian Jean and Lilly Jeannette, twin girls born June 3, 1927, and Myrtle Elvina, B. March 8, 1929; Frank and Gilma Hollingsworth's children:

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- 29 - MON - (cont.) - Myretha Lucille, B. Dec. 23, 1924; Jean Evangeline, B. Sept. 20, 1926; and Veril Van, B. Sept. 11, 1929. Ida and Grandma were along. From here we went in to Columbus and Grandma will stay at Laurits and Eva now.
- 30 - TUES - Nice day. I dug potatoes - not much this year - only about 7 bu. But - a nice day.

OCTOBER

- 1 - WED - Nice day today also - warmed up considerably. To Columbus - Grandma along home again.
- 2 - THURS - Home. 3 - FRI - To Columbus - Grandma along to Laurits and Eva. Julien along to Larson for music lessons. Paid up at Mrs. Nord - \$4.75. 4 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 5 - SUN - Norwegian services in Larson at 11:00. To Ola Olson at 2:00. The Bethlehem L.A. met at Olsons and most of Thorson came too. The choir sang several numbers too.
- 6 - MON - To Columbus for a little while today in the a.m. - Valla to school. Ida along in.
- 7 - TUES - Nice day. Home - studying. 8 - WED - Market Day in Columbus. B. Arneson came over on SAT with a truck load of coal - $1\frac{1}{2}$ T - for Lilly's confirmation and Bible. I have hired Andreason to haul coal for \$3.50 per T. He has hauled 11 T. and 1400#.
- 9 - THURS - Home. We are having rainy weather now. Grandma is here now.
- 10 - FRI - Rain during the night. Today, Ida, Ada and I went to Minot to get Thelma as she has now finished her term at the hospital. We were out early - there was a little more rain and it was very muddy north on the flats. We got to Columbus by 7:00 - Laurits went along to Minot. It rained all day. We were in Minot shortly before 11:00. We did not spend more than about an hour in Minot and then Thelma came along home. The nurses had been in Bismarck on Oct. 7-8 to take State Exams. There are still 3 of the Senior girls from her class at the hospital as they have not quite finished yet. In Columbus by about 4:00 - Valla along home. The roads S of Columbus are terrible but we managed to get home. Did not get stuck but broke a brace on the car and also a chain. Still raining. Grandma, Julien and Baby were at home - everything OK - alt OK.
- 11 - SAT - Still raining. Did not go to Thorson for confirmation class.
- 12 - SUN - A little snow during the night - also some rain. To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - English service. Very few there today. Thelma along - she played. Started out for Thorson after dinner but had to turn around and come home. The roads were impossible.
- 13 - MON - A little better today. To Columbus this morning with Vall and Grandma. Julien and Ada along too. The roads were a little better for driving today. Grandma is leaving tomorrow for St. Paul again. We had been invited to come over to Alfred Petersons for dinner today but the roads east of here are just too terrible. On SAT I got \$25.00 worth of checks back from McGregor. The Bank was closed. (Salary).
- 14 - TUES - Nice weather today. Went over to Alfred Petersons this afternoon.
- 15 - WED - Today started out with a cold NW wind. We heard on the radio that there was a snowstorm

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- 15 - ~~WED~~ - (cont.) - in Canada. 16 - ~~THURS~~ - Snow - cold weather - and a cold strong wind from NW. Freezing weather now. 17 - ~~FRI~~ - Same kind of weather today - did not go to Columbus.
- 18 - ~~SAT~~ - Went to Columbus today - got the radiator fixed up with alcohol. Valla came along home. Still snowing a little. Went to Bethlehem in the p.m. for 2:00 class but there were just a few there so I dismissed them. Cold weather. Studying whenever I can.
- 19 - ~~SUN~~ - Not so windy - but cold. To Bethlehem at 11:00 - service with communion - Mission offering. Not many today - only 7 to communion. This p.m. there was L.A. at Alfred Petersons but we did not go. Services in Larson at 3:30. Ida, Thelma, Valla and Ada along to Bethlehem - Thelma played. Thelma and Valla along to Larson. Quite a few there - English service. Then to Columbus with Valla. Home. Received \$50.50 in salary in Larson.
- 20 - ~~MON~~ - Weather was very nice today - still and not so cold. We used Watterud's team and rack and Julien and I hauled some flax straw to cover up the cistern - also hauled some to the barn as well as some barley straw and some hay. 21 - ~~TUES~~ - Just as nice. To Columbus in p.m.
- 22 - ~~WED~~ - Another nice day. Over to Nels Kleppen and C. Brothen in the p.m.
- 23 - ~~THURS~~ - Home - studying. 24 - ~~FRI~~ - Milder weather - much thawing - there is water standing on the ice on the sloughs now. Went to Ambrose this p.m. to get Marie - Mamma and Ada along. By Columbus to get Valla. 25 - ~~SAT~~ - Nice day. Conf. class at M. Bergs at 2:00.
- 26 - ~~SUN~~ - 19th Sunday after Trinity. Nice, mild, beautiful weather. S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - many there. Ida, Marie and Ada along. Lawrence J. was here when we came home from church - nice chicken dinner. Out to Thorson at 2:30 - Ida and Julien along. Full church. Excellent L.L. program following services. The L.L.'s from Battleview and McGregor presented some of the program too. Then home. Lawrence left shortly after - by Ray and Williston. Thelma went along to look for a job.
- 27 - ~~MON~~ - Up early today - at 5:00 - to take Valla to Columbus and Marie to Ambrose. We got to Ambrose by 8:00. There was a little rain but it did not amount to much. Sunshine later on.
- 28 - ~~TUES~~ - Nice day. Water on top of the ice on the sloughs. Ice is all gone in some places.
- 29 - ~~WED~~ - Colder again today. In the p.m. over to Dihles - then to Columbus and Larson. Julien had a music lesson in Larson. By Dihles again. 30 - ~~THURS~~ - Another nice day.
- 31 - ~~FRI~~ - Nice today too. A quick trip to Columbus but Valla could not come home this time.

NOVEMBER

- 1 - ~~SAT~~ - Nice day - class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 2 - ~~SUN~~ - Bethlehem at 11:00. Nice day. Additional - tillaeg - to Mission offering of \$20.70. Alfred Peterson family came along home for dinner. To Larson at 2:30 - had services in the Hall today - also L.A.
- 3 - ~~MON~~ - Continues very nice. Today was a very big day for Ada - I took her over to school for her 1st day of school. Myrtle Wick is the teacher. To Columbus later. To school again on

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- 3 - MON - (cont.) - on TUES and WED but not on THURS. Cold, icy wind. FRI was better so I took her to school again. Ada walks home with the Serdahl girls - Alzada and Mavis - and then we meet her or else they walk all the way home with her.
- 8 - SAT - Class in Thorson at 2:00. Met at Sathre. There were 12 there today.
- 9 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - quite a few there. Mamma along to play. She was feeling fine but had not felt well on THURS and FRI. Out to Thorson at 3:00. They had had Lutefisk dinner there at noon - many people there - took in over \$80.00. Thelma came home from Williston.
- 10 - MON - Took Valla in to Columbus - Thelma also went along in.
- 11 - TUES - Nice weather but this evening we had a little snow. Melted the next day. To Columbus briefly on WED. Some more snow.
- 13 - THURS - Cloudy - also a little snow. I drive to school with Ada every day. Julien trapped a big muskrat today - had gotten one before also.
- 14 - FRI - To Columbus in p.m. to get Valla. Heard from Stompro that Adolph was sick.
- 15 - SAT - To Bethlehem for conf. class but we did not have class. Some more snow. We received letters from Luther College today - from Guy Larson (Adolph's roommate) and a nurse.
- 16 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 and in Larson at 3:00 - English. Ida and Valla along. Home by dark. Had to use chains. By Columbus.
- 17 - MON - Nice, mild day - a little snow. Ole Serdahl here - butchered a pig.
- 18 - TUES - Dressed turkeys. Also drove S to Ole Olson briefly. 19 - WED - To Columbus with the turkeys - took along some of Watterud's too. Ida along to town.
- 20 - THURS - Home. Also on FRI. 22 - SAT - To Columbus - quick trip.
- 23 - SUN - Snowing and Stormy. Thelma went along to S.St.Olaf at 11:00 but we did not stay for any service. It was to have been English Thanksgiving service with Mission offering. Announced services for Nov. 30.
- 24 - MON - Weather much improved today. Annual congregation meeting for S.St.Olaf congregation at 1:30. In the evening Ida and I went in to Columbus for a Surprise Birthday Party for Rosholt. There were many people there and he was presented with a fine radio. Waages and Ranums also came.
- S.St.Olaf meeting opened with Devotion - 2 Peter 3 - followed by my report of work done. Reports heard from Secr. and Treas. \$284.00 has come in in salary - counting 40 bu. of barley at 50¢ a bu that Mrs. Knutson promised to give, and \$13.00 for coal from Kvelstad. Election: Secr. - J.Holte; Treas. - A.A.Anderson; Trustee - Albert Hysjulien (3); School committee - 1.Kvelstad; Ushers - Dihle and Sorlie; Janitor - Dick Hatlelid. It was decided to have English services every other time - anden hver gang - and also to try to use the envelope system for the coming year - to pay 6 times a year - or once every 2 months. Nothing definite decided about Christmas Tree at this time. Nortvedt promised to haul some coal. Present: Dihle, Berg, Sandberg, Anderson, Nortvedt, Haraseth, 2 Hatlelids, J.Holte, Ronholdt, M.Nelson, and Albert Hysjulien.

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- 25 - TUES - Cold wind from NW. I took Ada to school. She was at home yesterday - a sore throat.
- 26 - WED - A little snow. To Columbus to get Marie and Valla. Marie had a ride to Columbus about 6:00 with Sletta - he was driving on to Michigan City, his home.
- 27 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. To Bethlehem for services at 11:00. Quite cold. Then home to a fine turkey dinner. Spent a nice afternoon at home.
- 28 - FRI - To Thorson at 1:00 for Thanksgiving services and annual meeting of the congregation. L.L. also had their annual meeting. Meeting called to order after services. Reports heard. I received the remaining \$5.00 of my salary and they still have \$23.00 left in the treasury. Election: Secr. - J. Wick; Treas. - M. Sathre; Trustee - P. Hanson (3); School Committee - C. Furness; Janitor - P. Rysgaard. They decided to have 1 month of Parochial school this summer and that every 3rd service will be in English. The L.L. will be in charge of the Christmas Tree. Lutheran Hymnaries will be purchased later.
- 29 - SAT - Annual meeting in Bethlehem at 2:00. Opened the meeting with Devotion - 2 Peter 2:3. Reports heard. Had previously received \$176.30 in salary and now \$15.00 - \$61.20 remaining. Election: Secr. - A.M. Olson; Treas. - M. Pederson; Trustee - Albert Serdahl; School Committee - A.M. Olson; Janitor - C. Brothen. They decided that they would also try the envelope system - same as S. St. Olaf - and to borrow \$40.00 from the L.A. Nothing was decided about Christmas Tree today. Present: A. Olson, Brothen, M. Pederson, Kleppen, O. Serdahl, A. Haga and Martin Hoie.
- 30 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - English service. Mission offering \$47.67. Went to Columbus in the p.m. with Marie, Valla and LeRoy. Sletta came about 5:30.

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- 1 - MON - Cold. 2 - TUES - Milder. Had Albert Serdahl butcher a heifer.
- 3 - WED - Colder again. Ida, Julien and I to Columbus. We brought in some meat to Laurits and Eva. Paid some bills.
- 4 - THURS - A little snow during the night and mild weather today. To Larson at 2:00 for Norwegian services, followed by the annual meeting of the congregation. The L.A. also had their annual meeting. Thelma along today. Reports were heard. Treas. J. Norby was not there today but Secr. Ole Dillerud read his report. I have received \$114.50 this year. Election: Secr. - Ole Dillerud; Treas. - John Norby; Janitor - Otto Evanson; Cemetery caretaker - M. Anderson. Decided that we will have English services every other time.
- 5 - FRI - Nice weather - home for the most. Same for SAT.
- 7 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00. Some discussion following service in regard to Christmas Tree. The L.L. will meet at our place on WED at 2:00 to make plans.
- 8 - MON - Just as nice today. Ida and I went to Columbus for a little while. Received 40 bu. of barley from Mrs. Knutson. Also received a pig from Arneson to apply on salary - faaet en gris

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- 8 - MON - (cont.) - paa lon. 9 - ~~TUES~~ - Nice today too. 10 - ~~WED~~ - Snow and stormy - wind from NW. Some of the Bethlehem Luther Leaguers came over and they decided to go ahead with Christmas Tree plans. 11 - ~~THURS~~ - Nice again. Quick trip to Columbus. Nice on FRI also.
- 13 - SAT - Thelma went along to town this a.m. Valla came along home. We have now had 3 days of thick fog. Also some trouble with the telephone line. There is a telephone pole N of Watteruds that has been broken - and the wire is also broken.
- 14 - SUN - Same kind of weather. S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Thorson at 3:00. Thelma and Valla along to S.St.Olaf. Drove without chains. Stopped in at O.Olson - received a check for \$40.00 from the Bethlehem congregation for salary - they had borrowed from the L.A. to pay my salary. Yesterday I sold 14 turkeys to J.Norby for \$1.50 each - \$21.00.
- 15 - MON - Out early today - took Valla to Columbus in time for school. Thelma along and we went to Crosby for some dental work. 2 fillings each - \$4.00. By Columbus again by about 11:00. Paid some more bills - \$15.00 left at each of Sommerness, Ronning, and Golden Rule. When we came home there was a letter from Adolph. He will not be able to leave on TUES from Luther College, as he had hoped, but will have to wait until FRI a.m., Dec. 19, and will be home SAT evening, but it will also cost him \$5.00 more than he had thought. I drove in to town again and sent him a letter with some more money. Cloudy most of the day.
- 16 - TUES - Strong wind during the night from S. Clear today and not so cold.
- 17 - WED - Bethlehem L.L. met at our place again at 2:00 to work on Christmas plans - committees - etc. Also started planning a program. Started snowing and it became stormy. There were some from Westernness, Helseth, Hoff, M.Hoie, Olga Kleppen, O.Serdahl, Alice Olson, Mrs. Haga, and Albert Serdahls. We sang for awhile too - Thelma played. We decided to meet in church again on SUN at 2:00.
- 18 - THURS - Today we dressed 3 turkeys and a goose - 1 turkey to send to St.Paul - 1 to Williston - and a box with various things to send to Ingvald's in Bowden. Adolph came home this afternoon, earlier than we expected. He was going to come SAT but came last night to Kirkaid - No - that is not right. It was THURS evening that he came to Kirkaid and then it was FRI afternoon that he came home. He had stayed in Columbus last night at Lawrits and Eva and had taken in the B.B. game there. He had a ride out with Carl Vogen on FRI. That was also the day I dressed the turkeys and goose. Then, FRI evening, Adolph, Thelma and Julien drove in to town to get Marie, who came on the train at 10:00 - and Valborg. They came home about 12:30 - they had been up at Lawrits and Eva for awhile too. I was still up, anyway.
- 20 - SAT - Ida and I to Columbus - we shipped 3 boxes, Nice driving.
- 21 - SUN - No services announced for today. Last night about 11:30, Dr. Smith called from Noonan, asking for Thelma to come for Special Duty on a very serious case - a McGuire boy who had had surgery. Adolph and I took her in immediately - we came home about 2:00 a.m. SUN p.m. we went over to Bethlehem for rehearsal at 2:00 p.m. There were many there - both children and

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- 21 - SUN - (cont.) - adults. We got in some good practice for the Christmas program. Marie, Adolph, Valla, Julien and Ada were along. In the evening the Sandbergs, Bergs and Watteruds came over to sing. There was a little snow this evening.
- 22 - MON - We went over to S. St. Olaf - there were about 20 others there too, to decorate the Tree and then we practiced some singing also. A nice day.
- 23 - TUES - To Bethlehem at 2:00 to decorate the Tree and practice - both children and adults - baade barn og voksne. Many there - nice weather. All from here along except Ida and Baby.
- 24 - WED - Christmas Eve. Ida and I drove to Noonan today to see Thelma. Adolph went along to Columbus. The McGuire boy is so much improved by now that Thelma does not have to remain on the case any longer and she can come along home. We were up at Waage's for dinner. It was a foggy day. Then back to Columbus - did a little shopping - and Adolph came along home too. Thelma was very tired - she has not slept very much since she came on duty - only about 3 hours. This was Christmas Eve. We had our Christmas Tree tonight at home. It has been some time now since we have all been together at home for Christmas. First - supper - and then it was time to light the candles on the Christmas Tree. I read the Christmas Gospel - we sang - and there were other readings and recitations - and then gifts. Many things for everyone. Marie gave Ida and me \$10.00 and some to each of the others, too.
- 25 - THURS - Christmas Day. Glædelig Jul! A nice day - a little foggy - not very cold. To S. St. Olaf. Adolph and Julien had a ride with L. Sordahl in his bus. The rest of us went in our car. There was some snow here and there but we managed just fine anyway. The church was full - everything in English today. The choir sang several songs during the service and also during the Christmas Tree program following services, when they sang 3 numbers. There was also a trio, and Thelma Hatlelid had her school children there to put on their program. It was all very good - pent alt sammen. Received \$44.65 in Christmas offering. This evening Adolph, Marie and Thelma went W to Sorlies - for some skating on their lake - there were about 50 young folks there. The rest of us were at home. Christmas presents from Sandbergs to Ida and the girls.
- 26 - FRI - To Thorson. Nice today too. Mamma, Marie and Adolph along. We had chains on the car but would not have needed them. It took an hour to drive out to Rysgaards. Services at 1:00 - Norwegian services. Then Christmas Tree and program and L.A. after that. Mrs. Sathre was sick so he was not there to direct the choir, but they sang anyway. Offering - \$18.50. This evening Ida, both of the boys, Thelma and Valla went in to town for the Christmas Tree program and the Alumni B.B. game. Also up to Laurits and Eva for a little while. Home about 1:00.
- 27 - SAT - Beautiful weather. Today at 11:00 we have services in Bethlehem with Christmas Tree and program. We all went - the boys rode in sled and the rest of us in car. Full church in Bethlehem also - many from Macroom too. I spoke in both Norwegian and English. Then - after the services we had Christmas Tree and program - songs by the choir and children - recitations -

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- 27 - SAT - (cont.) - a very good program. John Berg was also along with us today - sang tenor. Christmas offering - \$27.05. Home for dinner. John Berg and Alvin Dihle along here too. Then we all went over to J. Holte for L.A. - many there - much good singing.
- 28 - SUN - Another nice day. To Larson at 1:30. Marie went along. Quite a few there too. Service in English. Offering - \$15.97.
- 29 - MON - Silver Wedding at T.O. Hysjulien's. Many there. Ida and Marie along. Thelma is now in Williston - left yesterday with Lawrence.
- 30 - TUES - Over to Bethlehem at 2:00. Others were there too and we helped to take down the Christmas Tree. Adolph and Valla went to town this evening - Bard and B.B.
- 31 - WED - The last day of the year. Have been studying. Mamma is busy baking. The boys have been down on the ice whenever they can find the time. Marie and Valla busy with housework. We stayed up tonight until about 11:00. The boys were down on the ice again and there were many others there also. And so the year 1930 comes to an end. It has brought us more good than we deserve. Many have reason to feel that this has been a lean year - poor crops all around and low prices - but it seems that everyone around here is getting along all right. I have not received all of the salary that I was promised - but I think, most of it - and have been able to pay up most of my bills that I owe. We are all in good health - the only serious illness was when Adolph had surgery during the fall. Thanks be to God for all His goodness to us in 1930.

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- 1 - THURS - May this be a Blessed New Year for us all - both temporally and spiritually - Maatte det isandhed blive et velsignet Nytaar for os alle - timelig og Aandelig. The year dawned with a very nice day. We have a little snow but we can drive with car. To S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Marie, Valla and the boys along. No other services today. Adolph leaves tomorrow for St. Paul.
- 2 - FRI - Nice weather again today. We left about 8:00 this morning for Kinkaid - Adolph left. Ida and Marie along to town. The train was due at 9:25 but it was a little late. We went in to Columbus after the train left.
- 3 - SAT - Home in the forenoon - studying. We left around noon for Columbus - Marie was going to take the Soo from Columbus to Ambrose at 1:25 but then she got a ride with Carl Rosholt and stopped in Noonan for a doctor's examination for Lutheran Brotherhood insurance policy. Carl had been out here FRI evening and Marie decided to take out a policy - \$1000.00 for 20 years - the Lutheran Brotherhood Special. Ida went along to town.
- 4 - SUN - The weather continues very nice. To Bethlehem at 11:00 - Thelma and Valla along - quite

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- 4 - SUN - (cont.) - a few there. Baptism for Maxine Carol, B. Oct. 24, 1930 - to Louis and Hazel Gunderson. Thelma was one of the sponsors. Louie and Mrs. became members of the congregation today too.
- 5 - MON - Nice day. To Columbus (school again). 6 - TUES - Nice weather continues.
- 7 - WED - This p.m. Ida and I and Thelma and Arlien drove over to A. Haga's - we drove by the mines - then east - and south. Also stopped in to see Iver Toso who is quite sick.
- 8 - THURS - This evening we had unexpected company - Valla and 14 H.S. boys and girls - B.B. teams - came out from Columbus to go skating down on the ice - 2 cars full. They stopped at our place first - then Julien went along with them down on the ice. They were down on the lake for about 2 hours and then they came back here for lunch. (That was a great evening. I can't remember who initiated the idea of driving out to our place - but, needless to say, the favorable publicity about "the lake - the ice-house with the heater - the swing-wheel - was not confined to Harmonious Twp. We had a lot of fun down on the lake, and while we were enjoying ourselves, Mom and Thelma "cooked" up a lunch for the ravenous appetites that showed up at the house later. I can remember casseroles of Spanish Rice - donuts - hot chocolate, etc - all of which disappeared very quickly. That "Spanish Rice" has to be the best I have ever eaten! So, Thanks again for the party!)
- 9 - FRI - Nice weather continues thru FRI and SAT.
- 11 - SUN - Snowing and drifting today. Had announced services in Thorson today. Drove with car but it was hard to get thru in some places. Got stuck before I came to Ole Olson. When I finally got out I turned around and drove home - jeg vendte om og kjorte hjem. Kept on all day with snow, wind and drifting.
- 12 - MON - About the same kind of weather - snowing, drifting and blowing. The Mailman kept on driving with car until THURS when he came driving with horses. The drifts are getting too deep for cars.
- 16 - FRI - Drove in to Columbus to get Valla. Yvonne Sommersness and Donnella Olson also came along with her - they wanted to go down on the ice again. They went down there FRI evening - also on SAT. The weather was very nice then.
- 18 - SUN - To Larson at 1:30 - then took the 3 girls to Columbus. This evening there was more snow, wind, and drifting from NW and it continued all night long. We have quite a bit of snow now.
- 19 - MON - Home. Also TUES. weather somewhat better on TUES. Quite nice this week. Ada goes to school these days. We drive with sled down to Serdahls and then she rides along with them.
- 23 - FRI - Rosholt came out this evening - brought Valla along. He wanted me to come in SUN evening to speak to the L.L. He was here until about 9:30. 24 - SAT - Home - nice and mild.
- 25 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - English service. Thelma and I drove over in sled. Not very many there. Buraus and Budkes became members. Distributed envelopes. To Bethlehem at 3:00-

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- 25 - SUN - (cont.) - service in Norwegian. Ida along too.
- 26 - MON - To Columbus - drove with car - took Valla in. Ida and Julien along. We are going to have Laurits come out now to fix up the dining room with sheetrock and some plastering in the front room. The sheetrock will cost about \$25.00. Will get Andreason to bring it out in his truck this evening and Laurits will come with him. They came this evening - a little later than planned as they had been stuck near Watteruds.
- 27 - TUES - We got started with the job today - took off the casings, etc. Then - to get the old paper off the walls in the front room - a dirty job - faelt til sole job. We had nice weather all week long - snow melting - water running in streams - sneen smelter og vandet gaar i stromme.
- 30 - FRI - Almost finished with the plastering today - a little left to finish SAT morning.
- 31 - SAT - After finishing the plastering I took Laurits in to Columbus and Valla came along home. January has been exceptionally nice - vidunderlig per - it seems just like springtime. Thelma got a call from Williston to come on a case but there was no way to get her there this afternoon. Then there was another call - from Noonan. Ida and I took her to Noonan then. A Mrs. Otteson from Crosby had had an operation and was seriously ill - not expected to live. She died 4 hours after Thelma came.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - SUN - Dr. Smith brought Thelma home at noon today. Julien and I drive out to Thorson at 1:30. We drove with car but the roads were terribly muddy S to Seims. There were many in church and there was L.L. following church services.
- 2 - MON - We were invited to Waages for dinner. We took Valla to Columbus first and then the rest of us went to Noonan. Aarthuns also came. Had a flat tire - had to buy a new one in Noonan. By Columbus on the way home - Laurits came along home with us.
- 3 - TUES - Nice weather but a little colder. We are painting the dining room now. Have been driving to school with Ada every day now.
- 4 - WED - Nice weather continues. The cattle are out and can find their own water - the horses, too, are out. 5 - THURS - Nice weather continues.
- 6 - FRI - Cloudy - colder and a little snow. We are planning to go in to Columbus tonight to see the H.S. Operetta in which Valla has the leading role. The weather looked like it could turn bad but we drove in - Laurits went along with us. We just finished the dining room today and will next week work on the front room. We have to tear out some old plastering before replastering and painting. Yes - we saw the operetta and it was very good. Marie and 2 other teachers from Ambrose came also, so we were all there. Home quite late.
- 7 - SAT - Much house cleaning today - rengjoring i huset. Studying also.
- 8 - SUN - Colder today. Drove with car to S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Norwegian service. Thelma and

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- 8 - SUN - (cont,) - Julien along. Lawrence Jacobson came today. To Larson at 3:00 - English services - also L.A. To Columbus with Valla. N. Kleppen has been sick - in the Noonan hospital - but was able to go home today. Thelma went along with Lawrence J. to Williston today to look for work.
- 9 - MON - Cold today - everything frozen again. Had to go down on the lake to chop out a new hole to water the cattle. There was an airplane flying around today - from Williston. They are hunting coyotes - shot 2 N of Watteruds and landed there. Julien had to go up there to see what was going on. They got both the coyotes - had gotten 7 today - and a total of 72 so far this winter at \$12.00 a piece. I have not felt really well for a few days now.
- 10 - TUES - Nicer weather today. Ada was at home yesterday but today I took her over to school. Lawrits came out today to work on the front room. Arlien became sick yesterday - had a high temperature and was laying in bed most of the time.
- 11 - WED - Today she feel fine but Ada has a cold now. 12 - THURS - Lawrits finished here today and went in to Columbus this evening. 13 - FRI - Home - studying. Valla came home with Stompro.
- 14 - SAT - So today I am 56 years old. (He had first written 55 and then changed the 2nd 5 to a 6). It is amazing how fast the years go by - merkelig saa fort aarene gaar. But it is also good that I don't feel like an old man - men de t er dog godt at jeg ikke foler som en gammel mand. Went to Columbus to get Marie - she had had a ride from Ambrose with Blanche Peterson and Mrs. Turbett's son. They were going to Minot to see Mrs. Turbett who was there in the hospital. A nice day. A. Watterud came over this afternoon and a little later Mr. and Mrs. Sandberg and Myrtle came over. She had baked a nice cake which she brought along. They were here until later in the evening - maybe about 10:00.
- 15 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 - Ida and Ada along. Julien went along with me to Thorson at 3:00. Alfred Petersons came over for dinner (from Bethlehem) and then Marie and Valla had a ride with them in to Columbus. Very nice weather.
- 16 - MON - Foggy and a little colder. All the ministers in Crosby Circuit with families met today in Columbus at Rosholt at 2:00 - all were there. We discussed the coming meetings - L.L. Convention which will be in Noonan on May 16-17; Circuit Meeting in Flaxton on June 23-24. We were in Columbus until after dark - we had a swell dinner at Miss Margaret Lagried. Albert Hysjulien came by here last night - on his way over to N. Kleppen with Peter Lundstad. I went along with them to see Nels K., who was feeling quite well tonight. (Hysjuliens were taking care of Phillip Lundstad and Peter L. was living at Kleppens and had been visiting his brother at Hysjuliens. Kleppens also had Leonard Lundstad for awhile, until he went to live with Jake and Gladys Kleppen).
- 17 - TUES - Nice, mild weather these days. Home. 19 - THURS - Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peterson and Willard and Lilly came over this afternoon. Lilly is going to stay here for awhile to "read". (Study her confirmation lessons). Mr. and Mrs. Nels Kleppen came over too. We heard that

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- 19 - THURS - (cont.) - Mrs. Fred Peterson had died on TUES on the farm N of Columbus.
- 20 - FRI - Home. Also SAT - foggy today. Rosholt came out SAT evening - asked me to come in on MON for the funeral of Mrs. Fred Peterson.
- 22 - SUN - Foggy today too. S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - English service. Quite a few there. Mamma along to play - Lilly and Ada along too. To Larson at 3:00 - Norwegian. We met in the Hall today - not so many there today. Nice weather. Stopped over to see Ourens for a little while. Then to Columbus - over to Rosholt. I spoke to the L.L. tonight - the church was full. Home.
- 23 - MON - Funeral in Columbus today at 2:00 for Mrs. Fred Peterson. Ida went along. The church was full. I spoke in Norwegian and Rosholt in English. Then we went out to Short Creek for burial. The rest of the week - home for the most. A little colder now. We had a letter from Thelma - she is still working at the same place in Williston - sounds like a nice place. Had a letter from Adolph too. He needs \$122.00 in addition to the \$70 he got at Christmas time.
- 27 - FRI - Cold wind from NE. Julien received a letter from Thelma today with \$10.00 in it that she had borrowed from him before.
- 28 - SAT - To Columbus to get Valla - nice weather today. We are busy with classes every day now for Lilly and Julien.

MARCH

- 1 - SUN - A nice day. To Bethlehem at 11:00 - all from here along to church. Quite a few there. Then to Thorson at 3:00 - English service. Many there also - all along again except Julien. L.L. following services - a good program. L.A. served lunch.
- 2 - MON - To Columbus this a.m. with Valla. Laurits came along home with me and is going to paint the bedroom. Cloudy and cold. We went over to Alfred Petersons this afternoon.
- 3 - TUES - Turned into a nice day. We had to go to town this evening to buy $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon of paint. Laurits went along in and will come back here tomorrow.
- 4 - WED - He came out at noon today with Albert Serdahl. There was a little snow.
- 5 - THURS - To Kleppens for L.A. Many there. Laurits went back to Columbus from there.
- 6 - FRI - In to town to get Valla. Gave Mildred Stompro a ride in to town - she is teaching east of here (Ongstad school). LeRoy and Katherine came along out too.
- 7 - SAT - A little more snow.
- 8 - SUN - A nice day. S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Norwegian service. Ida along. To Larson at 3:00 - English service. Many there. L.A. served too. On the way to Larson I stopped in to see Mrs. Halvorson. She is about the same as she was THURS evening. I was called to come down there then after we came home from L.A. at Kleppens. She has been sick and bedridden now for a long time. Laurits and Eva came out SUN p.m. He went back alone in the evening to get some things and then came back MON a.m. He is going to fix the sofa. They were here until evening. Odin Stompro came by MON a.m. when he brought Mildred out to her school and took Valla, LeRoy

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- 9 - MON - and Katherine along in to Columbus for school.
- 10 - TUES - This morning we heard that Mrs. Halvorson had died last night. Funeral services this afternoon at the house at 3:30. Ida, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Serdahl went along. The house was full. I used Hebr. 4:9-11 as text. She was 80. She will be buried in Minnesota.
- 11 - WED - Some snow today. Still there on THURS and there is some drifting today. Went in to Columbus - got a call from Laurits that Valla was sick. She had not been at school the last 3 days and was in bed now. I have a cold too - we have all had colds - Arlien was quite sick but feels better now. Valla came along home - seems that it could be the flu.
- 13 - FRI - This evening we heard that Doris Berg was very sick. She has been sick for some time but tonight she became very ill. Ida and I went over about 10:00 p.m. - we could see she was near death - she was bleeding thru her nose and had great difficulty breathing. She died at 11:00 p.m. and most certainly went Home to God.
- 14 - SAT - To Thorson for conf. class at 2:00. Met at Furness. First class out there this spring.
- 15 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 - Ida along. Alfred Petersons and A. Haga along home for dinner. I went out to Thorson at 3:00.
- 16 - MON - This forenoon I drove E to Iver Toso - he is at his son, Engel. Iver is sick and wanted to go to communion. He seemed to be a little better today. This p.m. the Crosby Circuit ministers were invited to meet in Noonan at Waages - Salhus and Stoeve to be there. Ida went along. We drove by Columbus but Valla is still at home - not ready to go back to school yet. Laurits came along home with us when we came by later - still a little painting left to do, (Uncle really did a beautiful job of painting. The dining room and the front room were the same color - colors. First, he painted the walls a light brown. Then, when that paint was dry, he painted a lighter tan over it and before it had dried he rolled a crumpled newspaper over this wet paint to "marbleize" the colors. Each wall was made to appear panelled as he left a border of the first coat of paint about 6" wide, around the 2-color panel, with a darker line of paint marking the outline of the panel. The effect was beautiful. The bedroom was painted the same way but he went very modern with green and blue and the effect was lovely).
- 17 - TUES - Home studying most of the day. In the evening to Columbus to practice some singing - 5 of us - Valla and me, Laurits, and Mr. and Mrs. Rudin.
- 18 - WED - A nice day. Funeral for Doris Berg, 15. There were many there - many flowers. The 5 of us sang 2 songs - "Rock of Ages" and "Abide with Me". Rosholt spoke in English and I spoke in Norwegian in the church. Rosholt came along home with us for supper - and Valla, who has been out of school for a week now feels ready to go back. She had a ride in to Columbus tonight with Rosholt.
- 19 - THURS - We have now also painted the kitchen - malet i kjokkenet. Cloudy today. Laurits was here until FRI and then went along in to town when I went to get Valla.
- 21 - SAT - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Weather very good.

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- 22 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - English service - Mamma and Julien along. Home in the p.m. Alfred Petersons came over this p.m. We had expected Thelma home from Williston for dinner today but they came later - around supper time. She and Lawrence had driven by Ambrose and had visited with Marie. Lawrence went back to Williston this evening.
- 23 - MON - Took Valla in to town this morning. Left the car at Northwest Motor Co. for overhauling. Laurits took me home. Then he and Julien did some fixing on the Maytag. Thelma is home now from her case in Williston.
- 24 - TUES - It turned very cold - suddenly - blev pludselig koldt. On WED we had a stormy day - some snow - and this was possibly the coldest night of the winter. A little better on THURS.
- 27 - FRI - Cold continues. My car was now ready and Laurits is going to bring it out this p.m. I have such a bad cold and cough that I cannot go out today - have to stay right here at home. Julien and Thelma are going to drive back in to town again. I got this bad cold about 3 weeks ago - the day of the L.A. at Kleppens. There were so many people there and it was so warm in the house and so many were there with colds.. Then, during the night I was called to come and see Mrs. Halvorson who was very sick, and then shortly after for her funeral. I had to go to bed FRI and stayed there until SAT morning, when I got up for awhile. The cold was better but I am still coughing a great deal. The weather is much better now on SAT - I should have been in Thorson for conf. class at P. Hanson's at 2:00, but we called them yesterday to let them know that I would not be able to come today.
- 29 - SUN - I feel much better today even tho I am still quite hoarse. The weather is nice too, even tho a little cold this morning. Services announced for Bethlehem at 11:00 - service with communion. Many in church today. Baptism for Arlene Dolores, B. Dec. 18, 1930, Parents - Elvin and Elsie Thingvold. Julien and Arlien at home - they have colds. To Thorson at 2:30 - service with communion. Many there also. Thelma home this p.m. with the 2 little ones. L.L. program - the choir sang, "Den Store Hvide Flok", for the first time - very beautiful. Meget pent. The girls also sang - very nice. Valborg gave a reading. Old Mrs. N. Wold had broken her arm (wrist?) last FRI but was in church today and went to communion. Brave little old lady - tapper liten gammel kvinde. Also stopped in to see Mrs. Seim - she is sick in bed at home. Ole Sordahl rode along with us. I was quite hoarse but managed to get thru the day just fine - men greiede alt bra.
- 30 - MON - To Columbus this morning with Valla. Did some shopping for L.A. as we will be having the Bethlehem L.A. here on WED. In the p.m. over to Albert Sordahl's and church to get the dishes. Mild this p.m. Julien is sick in bed now. Sent a letter and \$5.00 to Adolph today. Nice on TUES too.

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1 - WED - Weather even nicer today - very mild. Became a little cloudy later in the day. We had

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- 1 - WED - (cont.) - Bethlehem L.A. here today. Quite a few here today - also some from west.
A few raindrops this evening - but more rain S. of here and also around Columbus.
- 2 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Cloudy - some showers with snow mixed. To Larson at 10:30 - Norwegian services and communion. Not so many there today. Stopped in at Ourens afterwards - communion. Ida along. Then home. A little more snow. In the p.m. to Columbus to get Valla, and Marie, who came at 6:00 from Ambrose.
- 3 - FRI - Good Friday. To S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - service with communion. Quite a few there. Ida, Marie and Ada along. Sandberg came with \$4.00 in Memorial - Blomster Krans - for Doris Berg - which was to be sent to Missions or Children's Home - from Sandberg, Dihle and Andersons.
This was a very nice day.
- 4 - SAT - Home - studying. I don't feel exactly well yet - I still have a cold and cough quite a bit during the night. Have tried several kinds of medicine now. The one Sandberg told me about - that I got in Columbus - has helped the most. Lawrence Jacobson came this evening.
- 5 - SUN - Easter Sunday. A very nice day. Ida did not feel very well today. To Bethlehem at 11:00. Marie, Valla, Julien and Ada along. Marie and Valla sang 2 songs - one each in Norwegian and English. Many there. Lawrence and Thelma drove S today. We expected some from Ambrose for dinner - Mr. Heusel and Annie Nelson. Marie had a ride back to Ambrose with them. I drove S to Thorson alone today - at 3:00. Quite a few there.
- 6 - MON - A nice day - took Ada to school. Looks like they are beginning with a little spring's work around here now. Last week Louie Watterud hauled out our flax. Instead of 137 bu. by machine measure (threshing measure) it came to only 79 bu. One load had 4% dockage and one had 3% dockage. Sold for \$1.22 and \$1.21. We got \$29.00 each then, for the flax crop.
- 7 - TUES - Quite a nice day. To Columbus. Sent \$25.00 to Adolph - had just gotten my check from Washington. This evening Thelma got a call from Noonan to come on a case. Ida and I took her in. This was Ruby Anderson, a 16-year old girl from Crosby who had had surgery.
- 8 - WED - Thelma called today to tell us that Arthur Rysgaard was in the hospital - he had had surgery MON evening for a ruptured appendix. We did not find out about this when we were there TUES evening. Dirt storm from NW but in the p.m. Ida and I drove in to Noonan. Arthur was feeling quite well today. Talked a little with Thelma too. By Columbus. Really stormy but by evening the wind had died down somewhat.
- 9 - THURS - Some more of the dirt storms today. Mrs. F. Bureau had L.A. today. Ida and I went - quite a few there. Ada at school. This evening Halvor Johnson came to tell me that his sister, Mrs. Nils Pladsen, had died in Bottineau and would be buried in Thorson, April 11, at 2:00. She had had a ruptured appendix and seemed to be getting along fine after surgery for a few days - but then her condition had changed - she became very sick and died.
- 10 - FRI - Home - studying - nice weather today. Thelma called from Noonan to say she was thru with this case and would come home. But there was no one there who could bring her out so

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- 10 - FRI - (cont.) - Ida and I went in to get her. Got to Noonan about 7:00 this evening. Ruby Anderson was quite well now. Arthur Rysgaard was also much improved.
- 11 - SAT - Halvor Johnson came again this morning to see if the funeral for Mrs. Pladsen could be earlier - at 12:00 noon instead of 2:00. There is another funeral today in Battleview at 2:00 - Mr. Torgerson. Ida and Thelma went along with me - the church was full. I spoke in both Norw. and English. After this service for Mrs. Nils (Ingeborg) Pladsen, 56, I believe that all the people here went in to Battleview for Torgerson's funeral - but we went home. A nice day.
- 12 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - English service. Thelma, Valla, Lilly and Ada along. Thelma and Valla sang 2 English songs. Ida was not feeling well today - was in bed. In the p.m. to Larson at 3:00 - same ones along. Thelma and Valla sang there too. To Columbus with Valla.
- 13 - MON - Thelma and I went to Columbus - then Crosby. Valla and Laurits also went along. Laurits wanted to see Dr. Payne and I went to the dentist - 3 fillings. Thelma bought Valla a hat and a dress and I bought her a pair of shoes. Thelma bought herself a coat. Back to Columbus. (H.S. graduation for Valla coming up).
- 14 - TUES - Took Lilly Peterson home - she had a bad toothache.
- 15 - WED - Louie Watterud is sowing wheat here - but it is so dry. Terrible dirt storms again today and THURS. Thelma got a call THURS noon, from Noonan, to come on a pneumonia case - son of W. Johnson. I took her in to Noonan - Ida and Arlien along to Columbus.
- 17 - FRI - Home - studying. Have been studying a great deal this week - whenever time allows.
- 18 - SAT - Started with a new class in S. St. Olaf today at 9:30. There were 11 there but some are too young - only 12 years old. To Bethlehem at 2:00. All present except Lilly P.
- 19 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00. All from here that are home went along. Thelma is in Noonan on a case - a Johnson - since last THURS noon - and Valla did not come home this time as she had gone to Minot for the Music Contest yesterday. She had a ride with Vogens and was coming back again last night. To Thorson at 2:30. Also L.A. Read with the class after that. Ida and Arlien went along to Thorson.
- 20 - MON - Colder - started snowing but it did not amount to much. Thelma came home this afternoon - Waages brought her out.
- 21 - TUES - Got our horses home - Julien is going to haul some water up from the lake. We have to get wash water from there as the cistern is dry. Almost all the sloughs around here are dry now. Julien hauled some water into the cistern too. Ida and I drove out to Furness' this p.m. Sophie is not well. This evening it started to cloud up - looked promising. Received a letter from Adolph today - had been about 2 weeks since we heard from him. He had been sick - had the flu and had been in the hospital for 3½ days. He mentioned that he might be able to get work on the College farm this summer - \$40.00 a month. Also received a letter from Marie today.
- 22 - WED - Thelma and I to Columbus. 23 - THURS - Ida and I to Columbus - took Valla to Noonan to see Dr. Smith. Her neck was so swollen on the outside and sore. She has swollen glands and

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- 23 - THURS - (cont.) - will have to rest for awhile. She came along home and will have to be here quietly for 1 week. Stopped in at Waages too. (How well I remember that. I wasn't worried about being sick. My worry was that I would not be able to participate in the Senior Play! We had just gotten the books - parts had been assigned - and I had a delightful part which I was afraid would have to be given to someone else if I couldn't be there for rehearsals. But Dad went up to school to talk to Mr. Finke, who was directing the play, and explained my problem. Finke told Dad that all I had to do was to learn my part while I rested up at home and everything would be fine. What a relief! I memorized the whole book while I was home).
- 24 - FRI - Ida and I went to Crosby today to attend the funeral of old Pastor Bue. (He was born in 1842 in Norway - and ordained in 1875, the year he came to the U.S. He was father of Mrs. Geo. Homnes (Frida Bue). Mom told about how they were going to get a nurse when he became sick. He refused to have any nurses from Crosby, even tho there was one there with a good Norwegian name available. Then Thelma Buchneberg's name was mentioned. BUCKNEBERG? Yes - that name was satisfactory - but he had died before she was called). Waage came to get Thelma to take care of their youngest daughter who is sick with pneumonia.
- 25 - SAT - Conf. classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 and in Thorson at P. Hanson at 2:00. After that we went to I. Kvelstads for L.A.
- 26 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Norwegian service. To Larson at 3:00 - also L.A. Stopped in to see Ourens. Ida and the little girls along.
- 27 - MON - Went to funeral for Iver Toso in the Swedish church at 2:00. Ida along. Later to Columbus. Had had class in S. St. Olaf at 9:30.
- 28 - TUES - Arlien is 3 today. Rosholt came out shortly after dinner and then Waages came out with Thelma. Their little girl is much better now. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. S.O. Berg and Kenneth came over. Kenneth is 13 today. Waages and Rosholt left shortly after Bergs came - Bergs some later. Home for the most this week. It is so dry. Mamma, Thelma and Valla have been fixing upstairs - painting and rearranging things. They have moved my study room to the south room now - a big job to move all my books and things.

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- 1 - FRI - May begins with a very nice day.
- 2 - SAT - Conf. classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 and in Thorson at 2:00 at Ole Olsons.
- 3 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00. English services in Thorson at 3:00 - L.L. following. Lawrence came to Bethlehem - we were all there. He went along to Thorson too. Thelma and Valla sang for L.L. and also in Bethlehem. In the evening we took Valla in to Columbus. It was cloudy and we had a little rain. It seems that our prayers will be answered,
- 4 - MON - Cold today - foggy and then freezing. Class in S. St. Olaf at 9:30.
- 5 - TUES - Nice day. Started with a conf. class in Larson and Julien started with music lessons

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- 5 - TUES - (cont.) - again at Mrs. Nord. Went by Columbus. 6 - ~~WED~~ - Very windy. Windier on THURS. There were also a few raindrops in the evening and more during the night.
- 8 - FRI - Foggy and a little rain today. Went to Ambrose this p.m. to get Marie. Yes, it is really wonderful to get some rain. We have not had a real good shower all spring except for a few drops now and then. It was even a little slippery driving in to town without chains - but we managed. Mamma and Ada were along to Ambrose. The rain was soon over and then there was sunshine again. Valla and Marie came along home.
- 9 - SAT - Class at 2:00 in the Thorson school house.
- 10 - SUN - To S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - English service with communion. All along from here. Thelma, Valla, John Berg and I sang a quartette and Valla and John sang a duet - a Mother's Day song. Over to M.Nelson for L.A. Quite a few came. Cloudy and cold and a few raindrops again. We sang some over there too. Home and then to Ambrose with Marie and Columbus with Valla. Thelma and Ada along. 11 - ~~MON~~ - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 9:30 and Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 12 - TUES - Class in Larson at 4:00. Had left Ida in Columbus to finish some sewing for Valla. The Senior Banquet is tonight with the Juniors as hosts. By Columbus after class to get Ida. Old Mr. Ronning (O.I.) who died on SAT will be buried on THURS p.m. Huldah cannot get here any sooner from California.
- 13 - WED - Louie Watterud finished plowing here today - for the barley. It is still very dry. Laurits came out today to fix the chimney and plaster a crack in the cistern. Nice weather.
- 14 - THURS - Funeral in Columbus today for O.I. Ronning, 73. Ida and I went in. Sauer came too - he is living on his farm now. We had Devotion at the house - then to church. It was quite warm - long service. 3 speakers took time, besides extra music. Then out to Pleasant Prairie for burial. We were in Columbus until quite late as there was a party at Rosholt. Home by midnight. 15 - ~~FRI~~ - A windy, dry day.
- 16 - SAT - Conf. class in Thorson at 9:30. To Columbus in the p.m. - Thelma along. We stopped by to get Valla and then we drove to Noonan for the Crosby Circuit L.L. convention which started at 2:30. There were quite a few there. Rev. Aaberg, Wildrose, preached at the Opening service. This was followed by the business meeting. Marie and Valla along home. Marie had come along to Noonan with Hoverstens. Very strong wind today.
- 17 - SUN - All of us to Noonan today. There was a little rain during the night and very windy again today. Many people there today - the Memorial Hall was full. Rev. Ulvilden preached today. Dinner was served in the church at noon. Choral Union at 3:00 - very good. All 3 of the girls sang in it. We did not stay for the evening session - I did not feel too well.
- 18 - MON - Cold with a strong NW wind. Classes in S.St.Olaf at 9:30 and Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 19 - TUES - A little rain yesterday and a little snow last night. Got a little water in the cistern. Did not go to Larson today for conf. class - the roads were quite slippery,

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- 20 - WED - Dried up fast today. Tonight we all went in to Columbus to see the Senior Play. Marie also came - with Hoverstens. Ranums were there too. Valla had the leading role and did it very well - everyone thought so.
- 21 - THURS - Home for the most today and FRI. Studying. Planted some in the garden. Dry and windy for the most part these days. 23 - SAT - Classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 - Thorson at 2:00.
- 24 - SUN - A beautiful day - sunny and warm. This was a very busy day. To S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - all along. Choir sang 2 songs - one each in Norwegian and English. Many there. To Bethlehem at 2:00 - all along there too. Then to Thorson at 4:00 - Ida along there. There was discussion there about Parochial school and it is their plan to start on June 8. Then home. This evening all of us went in the Columbus for Baccalaureate Services at 8:00 in the 1st Lutheran Church - Rosholt spoke. There are 27 in the class and the church was full. Home a little late. Should mention that FRI evening we were invited in to Waages for dinner - their baby's birthday (Margaret). From there we went out to Sandbergs for choir practice.
- 25 - MON - We slept later today. It is still just as dry. Over to see Mrs. A. Herland today - she had broken her leg. Ida went along. Mrs. Herland was feeling quite well. This evening we all went in to town for Class Night.
- 26 - TUES - Tonight was Valborg's Graduation - a little cloudy today and a little rain. Received a letter from Adolph in Decorah - he will be coming home this week. Drove in to town right away and wired him \$35.00. Later in to town for Graduation - very nice. There were 27.
- 27 - WED - To town this p.m. to get Valla. Choir practice in Bethlehem this evening - 14 there. Then a little after 10:00 Thelma and I went to Portal to meet Adolph. The train was due at 12:30 a.m. but did not come until 1:00. Then it took awhile to get his trunk as it had been taken across to the Canadian side. Home by about 2:30 a.m. Nice out.
- 28 - THURS - Class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00. There was graduation out in Thorson tonight - 10 8th graders. I was invited to come out but I was too tired to go.
- 29 - FRI - Classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 and Larson at 3:00. Julien along for music lesson.
- 30 - SAT - Memorial Day. American Legion program in Columbus. Adolph, Valla and Julien went in for it (Valla sang in a quartette). I was home - studying. A little rain later in the day. Lawrence came last night and today he and Thelma went to Ambrose to get Marie. They came home about 2:00 this p.m. Adolph, Valla and Julien came shortly after that.
- 31 - SUN - Pentecost. English service in Larson at 11:00 with communion. L.A. following service. Lawrence and Thelma went to Canada - came back this evening. Valla along to Larson - Marie was not feeling well today.

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- 1 - MON - Classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 and Thorson church at 2:00.
- 2 - TUES - To the mines to do some shopping. Washed clothes. Had a little rain shower but it did

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- 2 - TUES - (cont.) - ~~not~~ amount to much. This evening Adolph, Valla and Julien went in to town for a Boy Scout Program. (Court of Honor and a farewell party for H. Finke, scoutmaster). There was a terrible dirt storm about 5:00 - en fael jordstorm - I was planting a few potatoes down in the north slough (which is dry). The air was thick all evening. The children came home about midnight.
- 3 - WED - A little cloudy but no rain. Studied some. Choir practice in Bethlehem at 7:30. There were 18 that came tonight. 4 - THURS - Classes - Bethlehem at 9:30 - S. St. Olaf at 2:00.
- 5 - FRI - To Columbus in the p.m. - Thelma and Adolph along. Conf. class in Larson at 3:00 and then Adolph took the car to Columbus to have a new leaf put in one of the springs. It got to be late. Then in the evening to Anton Watteruds for choir practice. I stayed at home with the 2 little girls. 6 - SAT - Home in the a.m. Class in Thorson at 2:00.
- 7 - SUN - English service in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - quite a few there. The choir sang 2 numbers. To Bethlehem at 2:00 - the choir there also sang 2 numbers. Then home. Then down to the Mines to buy some ice cream - it was a very warm day. Lawrence came this evening and Thelma went back with him. Myrtle Jacobson is going to be married in Ray, June 10.
- 8 - MON - Class in Thorson at 9:30. Home for the most on TUES and WED. Choir practice in Bethlehem WED evening. There were 21 there. Cloudy and a little fine misty rain.
- 11 - THURS - Foggy. Classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 and S. St. Olaf at 2:00. It cleared up again and there was no rain.
- 12 - FRI - Very windy and warm. Class in Larson at 3:00. Valla along for music lesson. Laurits and Eva came out for dinner today. This evening we had S. St. Olaf choir practice here - it went very well - sang for 3-4 hours. (During that time period there was also lunch and coffee). On WED p.m. we had a wedding here too - for Michael Skarphol and Esther Harbig.
- 13 - SAT - Foggy this morning - home in the forenoon. To Thorson for class at 2:00.
- 14 - SUN - Norwegian services in Larson at 11:00. Ida along. Received a check for \$100.00 (salary) from the L.A. - men Ak og Ve - alack and alas - sad to say, MON the bank in Columbus had closed and there was no money available. To Thorson at 3:00 - Norwegian. L.L. program. Many there.
- 15 - MON - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. 16 - TUES - To Columbus. Ida and Adolph went to Noonan. They saw Thelma who had come there Sun. a.m. from Williston to take care of someone near Noonan and today she had just come in to the hospital on another case - a Mrs. Negaard. When I was in Columbus I talked with some people at the bank. Quite a few others there too. Home by noon.
- 17 - WED - Home. 18 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem in a.m. - last time before Confirmation on SUN. Several of the class members gave me \$5.00 each. Continues to be warm and windy. Last night we had choir practice in Bethlehem. Class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. Very windy. To Columbus and then to Larson to get Thelma.
- 19 - FRI - To Columbus again - then to Larson at 3:00 for class. This evening 5 of us went over

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- 19 - FRI - (cont.) - to J. Holte for choir practice. It went very well. Home studying on SAT.
- 21 - SUN - Confirmation service in Bethlehem at 11:00 - Norwegian and English - a class of 12 young boys and girls confirmed. The church was completely filled - the choir sang 2 numbers - everything went very nicely. Offering \$27.00. We were all in church this forenoon - made 2 trips over but we made only 1 trip home as Adolph had a ride with L. Serdahl then. Then at 3:00 we went over to Sandbergs for L.A. - had a short Devotional service too. All of us there too. Many people at Sandbergs. We sang quite a bit this afternoon - very nice. There was a little rain this evening. The members of the confirmation class in Bethlehem were: - Julien Buckneberg (Adolf); Palmer Brothen (Carl); Archibald Serdahl (Albert); Lillian Peterson (Alfred); Eva Hoff (Even); Evelyn Olson (Anton); Edna Westerness (Theobald); Minnie Helseth (Martin); Emma Manda and Hilda Thingvold (Elvin); Mamie Hazel Watterud-Magnon (Paul and Louise); Alvera Simonson (Ber).
- 22 - MON - Foggy. Class in Thorson at 2:00. 23 - TUES - Class in Larson. Rain both MON and TUES and it helped remarkably. 24 - WED - Home.
- 25 - THURS - Ida and I went to Flaxton for Circuit Meeting. I preached this morning for the 11:00 service. Extremely warm. This p.m. Waage introduced the discussion on "The Sower" - "Saedemanden". Very good. Aarthur and I also spoke. Everything in English today. Rosholt was here this forenoon but had to go to Crosby in the p.m. for a wedding. Ranum has not returned yet from the L.L. Convention in Chicago. Home this evening.
- 26 - FRI - Today, early, we went to Minot. Thelma wanted to register at the Normal School - she wanted to enroll there for 3 months so she can teach the home school this fall. Ida and Julien along. We left here about 5:00 - 5:30 and were in Minot before 10:00. There was no place for her to stay - all places were filled. We went to the Park for a little while and then home - but by Noonan first. 27 - SAT - Home - very warm weather.
- 28 - SUN - Very warm. To Thorson at 11:00 - also L.A. To Larson for services at 3:00 - stopped in to see Mrs. Ouren who is sick now. 29 - MON - Class in Thorson at 2:00.
- 30 - TUES - Class in Larson at 9:30. Over to Ourens - she was taken to the Portal hospital this p.m.

JULY

- 1 - WED - Home for the most. Over to Bethlehem for choir at 8:00.
- 2 - THURS - Choir at O.L. Hatlelid at 8:30. 3 - FRI - Cooler. To Columbus to do some shopping for the 4th. Valla and Julien along. Home by noon. Then Adolph had to go to the mines to buy yeast. Home. Then in to Columbus again. I spent some time walking around, looking for little turkeys but could not find them. Cloudy this evening. We are planning to spend the 4th at home tomorrow. Got some studying done.
- 4 - FRI - The 4th of July. It was a good thing that we had planned to stay at home today. It rained almost all night and well into the morning. It was very wet and muddy - not too good

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- 4 - SAT - (cont.) - for all those who had plans to go someplace. Many had to change their plans and stay home. We were expecting Waages and Rosholt to come out here today and the weather cleared up around noon and they came out about 1:00. We were all at home today. We had a very nice dinner - then there was some ball playing - we made ice cream - we sang - and then in the evening we had fireworks. Waages left shortly after it got dark but Rosholt stayed longer. We had more fireworks - fyrverkeri - after it became dark. Lawrence J. came in the evening. We were all up until around midnight - Rosholt left about that time.
- 5 - SUN - Cooler - kjolig. To Bethlehem at 11:00 - communion service - both Norwegian and English. Adolph was at home - not feeling well today. L.J. took some of the family in his car. There were 37 communicants. 2 songs by the choir. To S.St.Olaf at 3:00 - English. Many there. Choir sang 2 numbers here also. Marie, Valla, Adolph and Ada along. Thelma and Lawrence went to Noonan. Cool and cloudy - maybe we will soon have some more rain. We chose delegates for the WMF Convention in Fortuna, July 8. From Bethlehem - Mrs. Albert Serdahl and Mrs. Carl Brothen; from S.St.Olaf - Mrs. Albert Hysjulien and Mrs. F. Bureau.
- 6 - MON - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 9:00 and Thorson at 2:00.
- 7 - TUES - Class in Larson at 9:30 - also to Columbus. Old Mrs. Ouren is now in the hospital in Portal - broken leg - brekket ben.
- 8 - WED - Wet and rainy - also yesterday and also some on MON. Choir in Bethlehem at 8:00 but only about half of them there tonight.
- 9 - THURS - To the mines - bought some seed oats. Louie Watterud is going to plow up the wheat field south of the house - there is nothing on it.
- 10 - FRI - Cool today. Lawrits came over - had been at Ed Hallum. 11 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 12 - SUN - Service in Larson at 11:00 - Norwegian. Marie, Valla and Adolph and the 2 little girls along. We sang a song there. Many in church today. Old Mrs. Ouren is now seriously ill in Portal - seems to be near death - nu paa det sidste. To Thorson at 3:00 - Ida along. Adolph stayed in Columbus to play in the Band. We had a lot of company this evening - first Donnella Olson and Yvonne Sommerness came out - then Mrs. Evenson (Violet) - Mrs. Kleppen - and then Lawrence and Thelma and Mrs. Stone (Williston).
- 13 - MON - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 9:00 and Thorson at 2:00. Ida and I stopped in at John Oby - then over to N. Kleppen to baptize Muriel Betty, B. June 5, Parents Melvin and Borghild Gunderson.
- 14 - TUES - Marie and Julien went to Larson - Marie read with the class. Mrs. Ouren died early this morning in Portal. Adolph and I did some fencing down in the long slough this forenoon. Studied in the p.m. Very warm. Got a call this p.m. about the funeral for Mrs. Ouren which will be tomorrow p.m. in Larson at 2:00. Looked like a real storm was coming tonight but we only had a few drops of rain here. In Canada there was a great deal more.
- 15 - WED - Home in the forenoon studying. Left right after noon for Larson - all of us except Julien and the little girls. I spoke mostly in Norwegian but also a little in English. Used Ps. 16:6

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- 15 - WED - (cont.) - for the Norwegian sermon and Rev. 14:13 for the English. 5 from our family sang 2 songs. I received \$6.00. Home by way of Columbus. To Bethlehem for choir at 8:00. Adolph had a ride with Louie Serdahl this evening - Band practice. A warm day. There were some missing from choir tonight as they went to Flaxton for the county Fair.
- 16 - THURS - Warm again. To town with Adolph. He was going with the Band to Flaxton today to play at the Fair. Ida and I saw the Nodsles in town. Class in Thorson at 2:00.
- 17 - FRI - Nicer today. Mr and Mrs, Nodsle and son, Alfred, came here for dinner, along with Mrs. K. Karlstad. They stayed until this evening. Adolph came home mid-morning - in a Salvason car - and left again after dinner for Columbus again as the Band was going to Flaxton to play again. Marie, Valla and Julien went to Larson - Marie read with the class and Valla and Julien had music lessons. Came home shortly before supper. Should mention that WED evening we had a very strong wind from SE - strong enough to break a window here.
- 18 - SAT - Another warm day, Spent some time out looking for a cow that had had a calf - searched for quite a long time before we found them - had gotten out of the pasture.
- 19 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Baptism for Eugene Delroy, B. June 6, Parents - Paul and Ethel Lee. The choir sang 2 songs - we had practiced at Sandbergs FRI evening - a good rehearsal - god overse. To Bethlehem at 3:00. Nodsles were there. Congregation decided to assure church.
- 20 - MON - Classes in S. St. Olaf at 9:00 and in Thorson at 2:00. A warm day. Waages came out in the evening.
- 21 - TUES - Started with choir practice in Larson - at 4:00. Thelma and Julien went to Noonan with the 2 oldest Waage children - they had stayed over last night (Wesley and Ruth Ann). Home by way of Columbus. 22 - ~~WED~~ - Continues to be warm. Home.
- 23 - THURS - Classes in S. St. Olaf at 9:00 and in Thorson at 2:00 - the last time for them before confirmation on SUN. All 12 will be confirmed. Warm.
- 24 - FRI - Conf. class in Larson at 2:00 - we met in the parsonage - i prestegaarden.
- 25 - SAT - Home - studying. Last night there was a big fire in Columbus - burned Sommerness and Grina Stores, King's Livery Barn and Tyson's Cream Station. Started in the Livery Barn.
- 26 - SUN - Confirmation service in Thorson at 11:00 - class of 12 confirmands. I spoke in both Norwegian and English. Offering - \$22.06. Received \$56.00 from the confirmands which was very good. Members of the class: Carsten Sathre (Martin); Selmer Wigdahl (Sam); Johan Overlie (Carl); Stanley and Thelma Johnson (Henry); Gladys Hagen (Anton); Florence Pare (Tom); Mildred Benson (George); Tina Hansøn (Peder); Bertha Furness (Carl); Inga Olson (Ole); Olga Berg (Martin). There was serving by the L.A. in the basement following services. Ida Ada and I stayed there for awhile. The rest of them went home in Lawrence's car.
- On THURS -23- I had to finally pen up 7 of Halvorson's cattle that have been running all over the place for awhile. Then he came and got them when I wasn't home. I sent him a letter but may just have to let the law take its course.

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- 27 - MON - Class in S. St. Olaf at 9:00. 28 - TUES - Ida, Julien and I made a quick trip to Bowbells where we talked to Wilson. Then to Larson for choir at 4:00 - about 16 there but not very many men's voices - mandstemmer.
- 29 - WED - Home. Sheriff Doyle came out to Halvorson today. Ida, Julien and Adolph in to town - Adolph will have a few days of work at Vigens. Choir in Bethlehem at 8:00.
- 30 - THURS - Home today - studying. Cloudy and cool. There is hardly any crop left now - it has all been burned up by the heat and lack of rain. What kind of a hay crop we will get - I do not know. Many have plowed under much of their fields - there is just nothing there.
- 31 - FRI - Cool, cloudy and some misty rain. To S. St. Olaf at 9:30 for class. The rain became a little heavier and it continued all day. Did not go to Larson for class in the p.m. not did we go to Nordtvedts in the evening for choir.

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- 1 - SAT - Rained nice all night - fine, gentle and steady. Adolph had gone to Vigen's on WED to work with haying. He had worked on THURS and that was all. Julien and I went to town this p.m. - quite muddy. Had 2 flat tires on the way in - broken valve stem. Bought a new tube in the mines and a new rim in Columbus for \$2.25. The inner tube cost \$1.50. Then to Vigens to get Adolph.
- 2 - SUN - English service in S. St. Olaf at 10:30 - so special music by the choir today. To Bethlehem at 2:00 - the Luther College Quintette sang there. They had given a concert in Columbus this forenoon at 10:30 and Rosholt brought them out. The church was full - good concert. They came over here for lunch afterwards. Then they went on to Westby, Montana. This evening Julien and I took Ida to Noonan. She will be going to St. Paul with Waages tomorrow morning. We were home before dark. Myrtle Sandberg and Alvin Dihle came over this evening.
- 3 - MON - Louie Watterud cut the alfalfa here today. We have been testing for water - trying west by the garden. We found a dry sand vein - sand core - about 11-12 feet deep. We tested to a depth of 20 feet but found no water.
- 4 - TUES - Class in S. St. Olaf at 9:00. Choir in Larson at 4:00. Marie, Valla and Adolph along. We went by Columbus too.
- 5 - WED - Cool and cloudy - looks like rain. Choir in Bethlehem at 8:00. Marie home tonight.
- 6 - THURS - Rain today - became muddy. Laurits came out today to do some fixing - some windows and the sled. (Head start on winter). He was here until FRI evening.
- 7 - FRI - Misty and foggy today. Class in S. St. Olaf at 9:30. The girls and Julien went to Columbus and Larson in the p.m. Marie read with the class in Larson and Julien and Valla had music lessons. This evening Adolph and I and Marie and Valla went to Nordtvedts for choir - only about half of them there. A very heavy rainstorm during the evening while we were there, making it difficult to drive home. And now the Honorable Old Man - Prof. H. G. Stub - is dead.

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- 7 - FRI - (cont.) - Saa er ogsaa den gamle Haedersmand, Prof H.G. Stub dod. He died August 1 - SAT in the evening and the funeral was in Minneapolis on WED - Aug. 5. Mamma and the Waages came to St. Paul that evening at 6:30, from Fertile. We had a letter from her today.
- 8 - SAT - Cld and clear weather today. Home.
- 9 - SUN - A cool day. Communion service in Thorson at 11:00 - both Norwegian and English. About 50 communicants. Following the service there was a surprise for the Wigdahl family with lunch and coffee served. The Wigdahls are leaving for the West Coast. Valla, Julien and Ada along. Then to Larson at 3:00 for English service. Marie, Valla and Ada along - Julien home with Arlien. Lawrence J. came this forenoon - then he and Thelma took Adolph in to Columbus at noon as the Band was going to play in Canada, but they were too late - the Band had already left so Adolph came along home with them again. Later, Lawrence took Thelma to Noonan as she was going to start working there this evening. There was L.A. in Larson. We were there for a little while and then went to S.O. Bergs - L.A. there also. Many people there. We came a little late but sang a few songs anyway. The choir in Larson had also sung for the service. Julien and LeRoy at home.
- 10 - MON - To Columbus - I went along with Rosholt to visit C. Sauer, who lives 8 miles S of Niobe. We stayed there until TUES p.m. Rosholt took me to Larson when we came back - the rest of the family was there - singing. Bud Evenson was also there, singing with them. Home.
- 12 - WED - Home in the a.m. Got a call from Noonan at noon to come in and see Mrs. Kjos, who is very ill. I went in - she is very ill - and was very glad that I came to see her.. Also went over to see Old Mr. Sletvold - Thelma went along. By Columbus. Rosholt came out for supper. Adolph is haying - with Louie Watterud.
- 13 - THURS - Got a new radiator on the car - Adolph installed it. Went to Columbus to get a few other repairs and things.
- 14 - FRI - Class in S. St. Olaf at 9:30. This p.m. Julien and I are going to go to Canada with Rosholt for a few days for some fishing. Adolph and Marie went to Larson - Marie read with the class there. They left me and Julien in Columbus. We got his car loaded and then we left. We drove by Northgate - had to report at the station there. We got to Fish Lake just about dark. It is about 73 miles from Northgate and the road was good - well - most of the way, anyway. We rented a cabin there for \$2.00 a day. We went out fishing SAT. SUN was a nice warm day - spent much of the time on land but we also went swimming. There were a great many people at the lake today. There was an accident this evening and a boy drowned.
- 17 - MON - Spent the whole day out fishing today. 18 - TUES - It is very pretty around Fish Lake - so many trees. Nice weather - a little rain during the night. We went home today. There was noone at home when we came but it wasn't long before they came - from Larson. Rosholt was here for supper. Waage had come home on the train from Eau Claire, Wisc. last SAT as Mrs. Kjos was worse. He had had services in Noonan on SUN and was going back this morning on the

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- 18 - TUES - (cont.) - train and will stay 1 week more - so Mamma will be away for about a month too.
- 19 - WED - Home. In the evening to Bethlehem for choir. We sent along some fish for Kleppens and Serdahls and Watteruds also got some.
- 20 - THURS - Home in a.m. Columbus in p.m. Valla along to visit at Hieraths.
- 21 - FRI - Class in S.St.Olaf at 9:30. This evening we had the S.St.Olaf choir come over here to practice. After we had gotten started singing I got a call from Noonan. They wanted me to come in as Mrs. Kjos was very sick. Julien went with me - we got to Noonan shortly before 10:00 and we were there for about 1½ hours. Mrs. Kjos is very sick but she is well prepared to die - hun er vel beredt at fore herfra. We came home about 12:30 a.m. The singers were still here and sang a little after I came too. Quite a few here. (Not all singing - lunch too).
- 22 - SAT - A little rain today. Class in S.St.Olaf at 3:00.
- 23 - SUN - Norwegian service in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - song by the choir too. Marie and the boys along. Valla home with the little girls making dinner. Then to Bethlehem at 2:00 - all of us and LeRoy. L.L. program following - very good. Several songs by the choir - a trio by Marie, Valla and Adolph - an English reading by Valla and a Norwegian one by Marie. Then over to Brothens for coffee and lunch. They took in about \$7.00.
- 24 - MON - It turned cool this evening - went in to Noonan - Julien and Marie along. Mrs. Kjos died about 1 hour after I got there.
- 25 - TUES - Class in S.St.Olaf at 9:00. To Columbus in the p.m. - Marie along. We took LeRoy in - Eva was there now - Lawrits is at Jake Kleppens helping with haying. Then to Noonan. As there were no patients in the hospital now, Thelma came along home. We went by Larson - choir at 4:00. To Columbus to do some shopping - then home.
- 26 - WED - We are expecting Waages and Mamma tonight. They had called Waage MON night from Noonan, as soon as Mrs. Kjos died. Waages were then in Belgrade, Minn. The call had gone thru very quickly. Waage was then going to call Ida in St.Paul. Today we cleaned out a well in the pasture and dug down a little deeper. We dug at another place too - nearer the barn. It is so warm and dry these days. I am afraid that we will not get very much hay this summer - vi faar naesten ikke noget hoi, er jeg bange for. Marie, Valla and I drove over to Bethlehem this evening for choir but no one came as it looked like we would have bad weather - we did not stay long either. We did get wind and a bad dust storm this evening. We were up until about 10:30 waiting for Mamma and Waages but they did not come. There were a few drops of rain during the night and it turned quite cool.
- 27 - THURS - Cold and foggy. Class in S.St.Olaf at 9:00 but before I went over there I received a telephone call from Ida in Columbus. They had gotten there last night. Marie went with me and stayed at church to read with the class while I drove in to Columbus. They had gotten to Columbus last night about 7:30 and had called us but the Larson Central could not get us.

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- 27 - THURS - (cont.) - (We must have been in Bethlehem then). Waage also called me before leaving for church this morning, asking me to come to Noonan for the funeral of Mrs. Kjos - but I do not see how I can manage that. Yes, Ida had had a very nice time but was glad to get home again - and so were we all - happy to have her home again. This was a cold day - windy from NW - foggy.
- 28 - FRI - Class in Larson at 2:00. Thelma is still at home. By Columbus - to Helgeson about some curbing for the well. Choir practice at A. Carlsons tonight. Thelma got a call to come back to Noonan - Ida and Adolph took her in about 7:00. Many singers at Carlsons.
- 29 - SAT - Nice day - studied in the a.m. Class in S. St. Olaf at 3:00. It has been quite cold now for a few nights - close to freezing.
- 30 - SUN - Thorson at 11:00 - L.L. afterwards. All along from here. Adolph stayed on there for a ball game. To Larson at 3:00 - Norwegian. Marie along. Lawrence J. and Thelma came home this evening - they had been in Estevan today. Thelma will be home again now as there are no patients in the hospital.
- 31 - MON - Washday. I went to Columbus this a.m. Laurits is coming out with the curbing for the well. In the p.m. to Crosby to get some repairs for the Maytag. Valla is over in Bethlehem church today - playing the organ. (Not having had the need pump-organ to practice on at home, I wanted to get some idea of how much "physical exertion" was involved in producing a hymn to sing by. Plenty! I remember working very hard - and long - on the Koralbog - and learned a lot about how many stops to pull - which ones - how fast to pedal and how much pressure to use on the knee swells).

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- 1 - TUES - Class in S. St. Olaf at 9:00. Laurits went home again today - did not put in the curbing in the well as there does not seem to be enough water in it. To Columbus in the p.m. to get some repair on the car - fly-wheel - starter - but C. Anderson did not have enough time to work on it today. This was also washday.
- 2 - WED - Home during the day. In the evening over to Bethlehem for choir. Julien went over to Kleppens to get 4 ducks. Laurits is haying with Kaje Kleppen now.
- 3 - THURS - Laurits came out today to put in the well curbing - Adolph and Julien helped him. Class in S. St. Olaf. O. Hovland came by to get a steer that I had sold to Sande. Ingvald and Mildred came this afternoon from McKenzie Co.
- 4 - FRI - Today Adolph is leaving for Luther College. He is taking a stock car from Columbus to St. Paul for Sande and gets his ride free this way. I took him in to Columbus about 11:00 and the train left about 1:00 - then I went home. Ingvald is sick - seems to have a touch of pleurisy or pneumonia. Mildred is going to teach in Outlook, Montana, this coming year and leaves this evening. First she had to have a doctor's examination so went to Noonan to see Dr. Smith. (Montana requirement). Ida, Thelma and Julien also went along. We went by Larson

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- 4 - FRI - (cont.) - and they left me there for conf. class at 2:00 and then Julien took the rest of them to Noonan. They came back to Larson to get me and then we took Mildred to Columbus to take the train from there out to Montana.
- 5 - SAT - Today Marie leaves for her school in Ambrose. Ida and I took her in to Columbus. Ingvald was up today - has been sick in bed. Choir from S.St.Olaf here tonight.
- 6 - SUN - Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 and English in S.St.Olaf at 3:00. It was a warm day and churches were full. Choirs sang at both places. Thelma played. Ingvald also along. Joe Ronning's funeral in Columbus today at 2:00. Baptism for Orville Wesley, B. Nov. 13, 1930 - Parents, Anton and Olga Thompson. This was yesterday and Ida and Thelma were sponsors.
- 7 - MON - Our school begins today - took Ada over to school. Laurits and family came out today - he is going to set up a new pump in the new well. They stayed here until TUES. Class in S.St.Olaf on MON at 2:00.
- 9 - WED - We went over to Hoies for awhile this p.m. - Ingvald stayed here at home. Valla went along but stayed at Bethlehem church to play the organ again. Julien is haying with Louie W.
- 10 - THURS - Ingvald left today - went to Bottineau - Dunseith and farther east. Class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00 - last time before confirmation. In the evening Ida and I drove in to Larson - she was expecting her glasses in the mail but they did not come. Cloudy and a little rain. Oh, yes, we had choir in Bethlehem WED night. A little rain THURS night and foggy on FRI.
- 11 - FRI - Class in Larson at 2:00 - plan to have confirmation there this fall too. This evening Valla and I over to L.Holte for choir practice. All there except Bergs. Valla played tonight and she did very well. 12 - SAT - Home today - studying.
- 13 - SUN - Confirmation services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - everything in English today. 5 confirmed: Clifford Nordtvedt (Hans); Norman Fredrickson (Magnus); Carol Hatlelid (Richard); Carmen Hatlelid (Oscar); Lydia Hovland (Ole). The church was full - a beautiful day - offering was \$31.55. They decided that this time it should be applied to my salary. There was a big choir and they sang very nicely. The confirmands were very good (catechisation) - flinke. Larence J. and Marie and Thelma came over to church and then back again this evening. This evening we took Julien in to Columbus as he is now going to start H.S. Laurits and Eva were not home so we left him at Rosholt.
- 14 - MON - Took Ada to school. Waages - the whole family - came out for awhile this evening.
- 15 - TUES - To Columbus in the p.m. Ida has a very sore finger - we thought we might have to go to Noonan but got something in Columbus that will help it. Terrible dust storm - very windy. SAT, the 12th, was Ida's birthday and she received some presents. She was 48 years old.
- 16 - WED - Cold and cloudy. The conf. class from Larson met here today at 2:00 - 3 of them came - Howard Walstad and 2 from Twedts. The Aune family has moved to Columbus. I sent \$25.00 to Adolph - sent it in with Marie on SUN.
- 17 - THURS - Home - studying some. 18 - FRI - Very strong, cold wind from SW all morning. In the

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- 18 - FRI - (cont.) - afternoon to Larson for class at 2:00. Then to Columbus to get Julien. He has now been there for 1 week. 19 - SAT - Home.
- 20 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00. All along. Not so many there today. It had rained last night and the roads were muddy. Foggy and wet today. To Thorson at 3:00 - English - not so many there either. Ida along. In the evening to Columbus with Julien.
- 21 - MON - Foggy today too. Went down to the coal mines - then to Columbus. To Larson for class. Then back to Columbus again. Julien got a new suit. We got some coal today - Albert Hysjulien, Albert Sorlie, Kveldstad and Arneson each brought a load. Hysjulien was also over here on SAT with 5 bu. of potatoes that I bought from him. Hysjuliens are planning to go to Minnesota this winter and will be taking their cattle along (as it was easier to get feed for them there).
- 22 - TUES - Raw - cold - foggy - there was a little rain last night. Went to Noonan today for a meeting of the Crosby Circuit pastors with Pres. David Stoeve. He wanted to know if any of us would be needing any special help during these hard times - and it could just be that all of us will be in need. He was not even too sure of how much help would be available. Ida was along - we also stopped in at the hospital to see Thelma. Marie and Mrs. Hoversten came too - but we had already left then. By Columbus. We were a little late getting home.
- 23 - WED - The class from Larson met here. 24 - THURS - Rain. 25 - FRI - To Larson for conf. class - last time before confirmation. To Columbus for Julien. Bethlehem choir WED evening.
- 27 - SUN - Communion service in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - both Norwegian and English. Valla played. In the p.m. all of us to Larson for confirmation service and communion. Very warm day and the flies were terrible. There were 4 in the class; Howard Walstad (Alfred and Lottie W. - Matt Anderson); Ralph Aune (Gerhard); Lawrence and Mildred Twedt (Theodore). Then to Columbus with Julien.
- 28 - MON - Took Ada to school this morning. In the p.m. Valla went to visit school and the rest of us went over to Albert Hysjulien. Old Mr. Hysjulien went to communion.
- 29 - TUES - Home in the a.m. To S.St.Olaf in the p.m. - several of them there to measure out lots.
- 30 - WED - Home in the a.m. To Columbus in p.m. Bethlehem in evening for choir - many there.

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- 1 - THURS - Home today. Hunting season opened today but there are not many ducks to hunt. All the sloughs are dried up with the exception of a few of the larger ones. Not many hunters out either. 2 - FRI - Rain. Drove over to school to get Ada - then to Columbus to get Julien. Had planned to go to O.L.Hatlelids for choir this evening but did not go - roads too muddy.
- 3 - SAT - Nice weather today. Marie had a ride to Columbus this forenoon and called to let us know she was there. I had announced class in S.St.Olaf this a.m. but drove by there and then excused them this time. Then by Larson to Columbus.
- 4 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00 and then L.L. at our place afterwards. Quite a few came - also

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- 4 - SUN - (cont.) - some from Macroom. Agnes Ronning came too, and sang some Norwegian songs. We had a very good program but that was later, after lunch and coffee. I had to leave for Thorson at 2:30. They also had L.L. but I did not stay for it this time - came home at 4:00 at which time we had our program here. There were also some from west who had come over for it. Lawrence and Thelma also came but that was after 6:00 and by that time all had gone. Marie had a ride along to Ambrose and Julien, to Columbus. 5 - MON - Home, I guess.
- 6 - TUES - This afternoon we went over to A. Haga - it was her birthday. Ada was at school.
- 7 - WED - Home in a.m. To Budkes in the p.m. for L.A. Not many there - cold and rainy day.
- 8 - THURS - To Alfred Petersons - all of us. Valla and the little girls visited school there.
- 9 - FRI - To Columbus to get Julien. Also brought Evelyn Serdahl and Inga Olson along home. When I was in town today I took out a government loan to buy hay and feed for the cattle and horses. We all have to do this now as there is nothing. I took out a loan for 5 cattle and 2 horses - \$3.00 per head per month for 6 months - a total of \$126.00.
- 10 - SAT - Thelma called to say that she and Marie would be coming out for dinner today with Hoverstens. It was a cold and cloudy day. Had announced class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00 so Julien and Marie drove over briefly. Hoverstens and the girls left after supper. Marie gave me \$10.00 right before they left.
- 11 - SUN - Norwegian services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. To Larson at 3:00 - we met in the Hall. Lawrence and Thelma came out about 1:00. Julien was at home - the rest along to Larson. Julien had a ride with Lawrence and Thelma when they left about 7:00.
- 12 - MON - Louie Watterud and I went to Columbus. There we heard that the Feed Loans have been held up for awhile and that when they do eventually come thru it will not be for as much as we expected. I bought 3 boxes of apples @ \$1.37 each and 500# of IGA flour @ \$2.30 per 100# at Ronnings. I left 1 box of apples and 1 sack of flour at Lawrits. Also had to have some repairs on the auto - \$3.65. In the p.m. to Larson and bought 2 sacks of corn at the elevator @ 60¢ a bu. Thelma Hatlelid, our teacher, is going to stay at our place now. She has been 1 month at Bud and Violet Everson.
- 13 - TUES - Dug up the rest of the potatoes and onions. Louie Watterud started disking here - north for rye. 14 - WED - Home in the a.m. To Albert Hysjuliens in the p.m. - surprise party for them as they are going to leave for Minnesota soon. It was a nice day and there were many there. Also went to Larson to buy 10 bu. of rye from Miller @ 50¢ a bu. which he will sow either today or tomorrow. Choir in Bethlehem tonight - quite good.
- 16 - FRI - Choir here but too few came to amount to anything. 17 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 18 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - Norwegian. Choir sang 2 songs. Thorson at 2:30 - L.A. afterwards. Nice day. Julien had a ride to Columbus in the evening with Lawrence and Thelma who came out this afternoon.
- 19 - MON - All of us to Columbus in p.m. - to Rosholt. Waages and Thelma came too.

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- 20 - TUES - Home. Cold and windy. Mr. and Mrs. C. Furness and Sophie came this p.m. for the baptism of her (Sophie) little girl, Elizabeth Anne, B. June 11. Ida and I were sponsors.
- 21 - WED - Home in the a.m. - working outside and in the barn, etc. Rosholt came out around noon and we went S for a little hunting. We got 3 - not much water around here any place. Bethlehem choir in evening - many there. Heard that Mrs. A. Haga was in the hospital in Minot.
- 22 - THURS - Cold last night - freezing temperatures. Nice during the day with sunshine.
- 23 - FRI - Valla and I went to town to get Julien. Did some shopping.
- 24 - SAT - Julien and Mamma went, first to Columbus, and then to Noonan. Marie was there. She had come there last night and came along home. She has a very bad cold.
- 25 - SUN - English service in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Valla along to play. Marie stayed at home to take care of her cold. In the p.m. to Larson for English service at 2:30. We met in the Hall and there was L.A. following. Ida and the little girls were along. We drove by Columbus and then home on the new highway they are working on now. (#40).
- 26 - MON - Up early today - at 4:00 - so we could get ready to take Marie to Ambrose and Julien to Columbus. We left about 6:00 - Ida along. Nice day. We stopped in at Hoverstens, in Ambrose for a little while. Then to Crosby - and Noonan. To Waages for dinner. Also saw Thelma. Then by Columbus and home.
- 27 - TUES - Cold and cloudy. A little rain - also a little last night.
- 28 - WED - Cold and cloudy. Home for the most. This evening we went to Columbus - Valla and Thelma Hatlelid wanted to see the Junior play. I took the car to Northwest Motor Garage and had some alcohol put on the radiator - also got a light and some fixing on the fender. Went over to Lawrits for awhile too.
- 29 - THURS - Weather cleared up somewhat today. This evening we got some potatoes, cabbage and beans from O.L. Hatlelid. Over to Bethlehem for choir this evening - we all went. A little snow.
- 30 - FRI - To the mines and then by Kveldstad - about Red Cross.
- 31 - SAT - Luther's Reformation Day. Cloudy. To Columbus - Julien along. He had come home last night with Ole Serdahl. Then we drove to Noonan to get Thelma - she is thru at the hospital now. By Larson. Studying in the p.m. This evening Lawrence came - Marie was with him. She is sick - has a very bad cold.

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- 1 - SUN - English service in Thorson at 11:00 - many there. L.L. program following. There was a quartette from Battleview - some teachers gave readings - a little Rustad girl sang - and they expected the choir from Hamlet. We could not stay for the entire program, however, as we had to leave. Ida along. Home to a nice turkey dinner. Marie is sick in bed. Then to Bethlehem for services at 2:00 - also L.L. program - very good. Over to Louie Gunderson for coffee and lunch. Nice weather and many there. Lawrence and Thelma took Julien in to Columbus. Later,

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- 1 - SUN - (cont.) - John Tweten came over. His father is seriously ill and they wanted Thelma to come and take care of him.
- 2 - MON - Lawrence and Thelma left early this morning for Larson - Thelma is going to work at Twetens. Marie is sick in bed - coughing a great deal. She felt better on TUES but stayed pretty much in bed. I went to a sale at Brolin (or Brothens?) and bought 2 loads of green oats. Ed Hallum hauled it home for me on WED. Marie was up quite a bit on WED. On MON I got a load of millet hay from J. Norby - Kveldstad hauled it home for me. The other (green oats) I paid \$8.00 a load for - 250 bundles.
- 5 - THURS - At noon we went in to Columbus and then on to Lignite for WMF. Ida and Marie along. All the ministers were there. Quite a few came. Marie rode back to Ambrose with Hoverstens.
- 6 - FRI - A nice day. Home. 7 - SAT - Home - studying in a.m. Bethlehem choir here in the p.m. Thelma came from Twetens today - has been nurse there for about 4 days or so.
- 8 - SUN - To Larson at 11:00 and then S. St. Olaf at 2:30 - Norwegian. Took Julien in to town later.
- 9 - MON - Nice these days but cold during the nights. My car froze up one night.
- 11 - WED - Armistice Day. Today I received my Compensation from Minnesota. (Veteran's Bonus - he enlisted in the army - Cavalry - for the Spanish-American War from Minn. - Ft. Snelling). On MON Ida and I went over to Magnus Fredricksons. The old one (Grandma or Grandpa?) is quite well now. 13 - FRI - To Columbus to get Julien. Had some trouble with the car.
- 14 - SAT - Ada is 7 years old today. We expected some little girls over here today - also the Bethlehem choir to practice for awhile. 8 little girls came but not too many of the choir.
- 15 - SUN - Cold today. Foggy. The fog seems to freeze as it comes. To Bethlehem at 11:00. I did not feel really well today so I read a sermon from Kildahl's "Postille" for the 25th SUN after Trinity. Not many in church either. Some from Kleppens, Brothens, M. Pedersons, A. Olson, L. Gunderson, C. Holter and Alfred Petersons, and Lawrence J, who had come last night. All from here went this a.m. Then home. After dinner Thelma and Lawrence left - going to Ray and then to Williston. She is going to be there a week. They drove S and Thelma was going to stop in at Rysgaards to let them know that I would not be coming out there at 2:30 - I did not feel very well. There was also L.A. at Dihles but it was so cold I doubt if many came. Took Julien in to town this evening.
- 16 - MON - Felt better today. Dressed 14 turkeys. When Thelma Hatlelid came this evening she said there had been quite a few at Dihles yesterday.
- 17 - TUES - Went to Columbus today with the turkeys. First, I went to school - but then, I do that every day. 18 - WED - Home - studying for Thanksgiving. Cold today.
- 19 - THURS - Cold today too. 20 - FRI - Cold again. Butchered a pig - Albert Serdahl here. Cold SAT.
- 22 - SUN - English Thanksgiving service in Larson at 11:00 - Valla and Julien along. Valla played. Baptism for Milford Clayton, B. Oct. 22 - Parents, Tormod and Hilma Christianson. Julien had come home yesterday with Dihles and now we took him to Columbus after services. Then home.

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- 22 - SUN - (cont.) - It is difficult now to get enough water for the cattle and horses.
- 23 - MON - This forenoon I worked on the well down in the pasture - trying to clean out some of the mud in the bottom and make it deeper. In the p.m. I drove over to S. St. Olaf at 1:30 for the annual meeting of the congregation. I had a flat tire on the way over and came a little late - cold and snowing a little too. There were only 6 men that came today: Sorlie, Dihle, J. Holte, A.A. Anderson, O.L. and R.A. Hatlelid. None of the trustees were there. They all are feeling very discouraged. They are not able to come up with much salary now. I did receive \$22.00 - making a total of \$262.00 this year. After the meeting I drove by the schoolhouse to get Ada and Thelma H.
- Meeting opened with Devotion, Luke 24:35. My annual report of work. Secr. and treas. reports. Election: Secr. J. Holte; Treas - A.A. Anderson; Trustees - William Budke (3) to replace Hans Nordtvedt, and E. Dihle (2) to replace Albert Hysjulien who has left for Minnesota. Janitor - no one chosen. Dick Hatlelid said he would take care of it one more time - or more - until someone else can be found. School committee - L. Holte (3) together with Albert Sorlie and I. Kveldstad. There was some discussion about sending in the Cemetery Plat to Bowbells - that will cost \$7.50 (for registration). The application to Home Mission for help was acted on. There was nothing decided about Christmas Tree at this time.
- 24 - TUES - Cold. 25 - WED - Cold today too. Ida and I went to Columbus at noon and from there to Ambrose to get Marie. We brought along a turkey for Hoverstens. We got to Ambrose about 3:00 and left there again at about 4:00. Went by Columbus to get Julien. We were a little late getting home today. Ada was at home today.
- 26 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. A nice day - a little snow. English services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Marie and Valla along. Thelma is still in Williston - taking some treatments. In the p.m. all along to Thorson except Valla. They served a Lutefisk dinner there today - many people. I spoke briefly - in English,
- 27 - FRI - Out to Thorson again. Services and annual meeting of the congregation at 1:00. Coffee and lunch today too. I received \$75.00 in salary today - \$64.00 left. Cold today.
- Meeting immediately following services - reports heard but treas. report was not complete. Election - Secr. - J. Wick; Treas - M. Sathre; Trustee - P. Hanson; School committee - C. Wold; Janitor - P. Rysgaard. They decided to have Christmas Tree. The Cemetery Plat has been registered in Bowbells and the application for aid from Home Mission was acted on.
- 28 - SAT - Annual meeting in Bethlehem at 1:30. The ground is just barely white with a little snow but driving conditions are still good for car. Ole Serdahl rode along with me and there were 6 others that came. Only Kleppen, of the trustees, was there - neither Haga nor A. Serdahl there today. Drove by the mines afterwards - then home.
- Meeting opened with Devotion - Math 25:1-13. Reports heard but the treas. report was incomplete - expecting more to come in. I received \$59.00 now, so with what I had received previously and

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- 28 - SAT - (cont.) - the \$50.00 from the L.A. it now amounts to \$181.00. (Later I received \$10.00 and on JANUARY 24, 1932, I received \$12.50). Election: Secr - A.M.Olson; Treas - Melvin Pederson; Trustee - A.Haga (3); School committee - Ole Serdahl (3); Janitor - C.Brothen. Decision made to have the Cemetery Plat registered and to buy a record book in which to list all the names of those buried on the cemetery. There was discussion about English services and it was decided that every 3rd service should be in English as soon as we can get some English song books. The application for help from Home Mission was acted upon. No decision made today about Christmas Tree.
- 29 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - Thanksgiving service - quite a few there. A few more Mission Boxes came in today. The total for Bethlehem is now \$10.76 - Scandia \$4.26 - and S.St.Olaf \$23.18. We went to Columbus about 5:00 with Julien and Marie. Marie had a ride with someone from Columbus to Ambrose this evening.
- 30 - MON - Nice weather. This p.m. the Hoies came over to visit. Louie Watterud was also here - he butchered a pig for us.

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- 1 - TUES - To Columbus this p.m. - bought some bran. Albert Serdahl had been able to buy 4 sacks of corn for me in Larson too.
- 2 - WED - Nice weather. Had some trouble with the car on the way home from school - had to get Louie Watterud to come over to look it over and he finally got it to run.
- 3 - THURS - Services and annual meeting in Larson at 1:30. There were too few there today to have a business meeting, however. I received \$15.00 in salary today - previously \$32.75. Paid the rest of my telephone bill - \$9.15 - and \$2.25 to Mrs. Nord for music lessons. (Music lessons for Valla and Julien cost 25¢ each for 30 minute lessons). Mission boxes amounting to \$6.76 came in today. The L.A. had their business meeting today. By Columbus.
- 4 - FRI - Ida and I went to Columbus to get Julien this p.m. - Albert S. along. Cold now.
- 5 - SAT - Home - studying. Last night after school, Ada went along home with her teacher, home to Hatlelids and is going to stay there until MON morning.
- 6 - SUN - Quite cold today. To S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Not many there today. Ada and Thelma H. did not come along to church this morning with Hatlelids. Heard that they were going over to Witty's this p.m. Took Julien in to town this afternoon.
- 7 - MON - Extremely cold wind. Went over to school to get them this p.m. Not as cold on TUES.
- 9 - WED - Albert Serdahl helped me dig a well down on the lake (dried up lake). Nice day.
- 10 - THURS - Nice today too. Some snow during the night.
- 11 - FRI - Had to put chains on the car to drive in to Columbus. Quite a bit of snow here and there. Took the car to the garage and had them put on a new oil pump. Paid some bills. This day cost me \$82.00. \$25.00 to Adolph - \$25.00 to the Lumberyard - \$10.00 to Golden Rule - \$7.00

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- 11 - FRI - (cont.) - to Thelma - \$4.85 to the garage etc.
- 12 - SAT - Clear but cold. This afternoon it was planned that we would meet at S.O. Bergs to do some planning and practicing for Christmas Tree program. Thelma, Valla and I went over. There was much snow west of Carlsons. There were 9 there to practice singing. Had some trouble starting the car again when it was time to leave.
- 13 - SUN - Julien and I drove out to Thorson for services at 11:30. We drove by Ole Olson on the way home and made arrangements with him to drive in to Columbus tomorrow with his truck to bring out a load of feed for me and a 400# shipment of clothes and shoes that had been sent here from Ellsworth, Iowa, to be distributed to the needy people in this area.
- 14 - MON - To Columbus this morning with Julien. Some people came over today to get some of the clothes and we expect more tomorrow, as the word gets around. (There was much of value in the barrels of clothing - BUT - Mom and Dad had a chance to go thru all of it before anyone came over, and were able to discard and cull out some of the strange things that had been included for "the needy in N. Dak." There were high-button shoes with high heels from pre-World War days - corsets - wornout clothing and shoes - and other oddities of no value. Even tho there had been no crops during the year and there was a lack of money, it did not mean that the people had lost their pride too. There were many good coats, sweaters, dresses, suits, caps that were usable to those who received them - as well as to the senders who gave them away - but it never fails; someone always cleans closets in the name of Charity. Dad did not say that - I DID! We ran into the same thing during clothing drives in World War-II. Singlehandedly I may have averted another war with our Allies when I sorted out organdy bonnets, lace dickies, wornout saddles etc, and consigned them to the garbage heap before they were shipped out to our "Friends in Need".
- 15 - TUES - Quite a nice day. Had to put chains on to drive to school today - there is quite a bit of snow in some places. I also drove around to the neighbors to let them know about the shipment of clothing that had come. They told others and all who came got all they wanted.
- 16 - WED - Home. Studying for Christmas and SUN - the 4th SUN in Advent. Home for the most.
- 19 - SAT - To Columbus to get Julien and Marie.
- 20 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 11:00. Choir practice following. Quite a few there.
- 21 - MON - A cold wind from SE but it had been nice and mild for a few days now - even some thawing.
- 22 - This evening Julien and I, Marie, Ada and Thelma H. went in to town.
- 22 - TUES - Nice day. All of us over to Bethlehem at 1:00 to decorate the Christmas Tree and practice some singing. Many there. Marie and Valla over to O. Serdahls in the evening.
- 23 - WED - Nice today too. The girls went with me over to S. St. Olaf this p.m. to decorate the Tree and practice some singing - many there.
- 24 - THURS - Home - studying. This is the last day of school here before Christmas. Thelma Hatlelid had Christmas Tree and program in school this afternoon. Julien drove down to the mines to

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- 24 - THURS - (cont.) - get some gas and a few other things. There were a few other families who came over today to get some clothes and shoes. There is much activity around here today in getting ready for Christmas. We had our Christmas Tree this evening - much singing and the reading of the Christmas Gospel - and then gifts. All of us were home for Christmas this year except Adolph. He was invited to spend Christmas with a classmate at the home of Knut Rogness in Ossian, Iowa, not far from Decorah. Beautiful mild weather and a full moon tonight.
- 25 - FRI - Christmas Day. Nice and mild. All along to Bethlehem at 11:00. Christmas Tree and program following services - much good singing and a fine program. The church was full. Then home for dinner. No other place today. Julien drove over to Ole Serdahls in the p.m. with some Christmas presents and things. They were not in church today. Received in offering today \$22.26 and \$2.00 from Martin Ronning. There was also offering to the organist \$10.75 - Thelma. Thawing today.
- 26 - SAT - Foggy today but it was not cold. All of us to S.St.Olaf today except Julien, who was not feeling real well. English service - the church was completely filled today. Christmas Tree program with good choir singing and other numbers. Hazel Sandberg's school children sang and had some recitations. Ada gave her pantomime - both the little girls did yesterday in Bethlehem. (Thelma Hatlelid had made Angel costumes for them for her school program and the Pantomime was done to "Away in a Manger" - very pretty). Home after the program. There were many cards and letters in the mail today - also heard from Adolph who is in Ossian, Iowa at Rogness'.
- 27 - SUN - Beautiful sunny day - just as nice as Christmas Day. Out to Thorsen today - only Mamma along today for services at 11:30. The girls wanted to stay home today to fix up the house and make a good dinner - Pigerne vilde vaere hjemme og fise op huset og lave til et maaltid af skikkelig mad. (Hard to do when on the go all the time!) The Thorsen church was full - Norwegian service with good congregation singing. Then program and Christmas Tree - excellent program. There were some singers from McGregor there - also some violin music. The L.A. served coffee and lunch.
- 28 - MON - To Larson at 11:00 - English service - quite a few there. Both the little girls were along and did their pantomime here, too. Marie, Valla and I sang "Beautiful Savior". There was a short congregation meeting following services today as we had not had one earlier in December when announced. Election: Secr. - O.Dillerud; Treas - J.Norby; Trustee - Matt Anderson (2); Cemetery caretaker - J.Norby; Janitor - Otto Evenson. The cemetery plat has now been registered in Bowbells. Have received in salary \$47.50 and a load of millet hay from J.Norby. We drove by Columbus after services. Rosholt came out for dinner - here until 11:00.
- 29 - TUES - Foggy weather today. And so we are all thru with the Christmas services and festivities once again. It was a very nice Christmas - the weather was good every day for which we can be especially thankful. Many cards, letters and gifts too. Bud and Violet Evenson were here today.
- 30 - WED - Foggy today - has been for a few days. Julien and Louie Watterud were hauling up some

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30 - WED - (cont.) - hay today, and as they were working, Louie became sick quite suddenly, and fell over - fainted - as he was pitching hay from the stack. Ada came running home - *Ada kom lobendes hjem* - to tell us. Julien worked with him - it seemed that it was hard for him to get his breath and he was turning dark in his face. Finally he was able to breathe and then Julien came to get help. Andrew Haga and Mrs. had just come over here - in truck - so I got him to drive over with me. Thelma and Julien had run on ahead and Louie was sitting up but seemed to be in a dazed condition. We helped Louie up in the truck and took him home to Watteruds. He felt better quite soon but Julien went up there this evening to do chores for him - *gjorde aftenstellet*.

31 - THURS - First I went over to Bud Evenson and he came over to help Julien haul the rest of the hay home to Watteruds. Louie was feeling fine today - had been out to the barn to do the milking, etc. This evening Lawrence came from Hanks. Nice weather. Up until midnight - not me, however, as I went to bed about 11:00.

So now, this year, with its joys and sorrows is past. It has been a hard year here in the NW of N. Dak. It has been very dry and therefore no crops of any significance. Bank failures have been numerous - money is scarce - but many things have been sent here from other areas east of us to distribute to the needy. These contributions have come from various sources - private - churches - Red Cross and Farmer's Union. And now we are having such wonderful winter weather - the horses can be out taking care of themselves and the cattle are also out a great deal. The farmers have been able to get Feed Loans so they are managing.

I have received about \$600.00 of the \$900.00 salary promised to me - but now I am receiving \$300.00 a year from Home Mission and for awhile now have been receiving \$25.00 a month from the Stub Memorial Fund and \$35.00 a month from Washington in Spanish-American War Veteran's Pension. So - we are getting along all right and everyone is well and healthy so we have much to thank God for - in Jesus Name. And so we say Farewell to the Old Year, 1931.

Farvel da med det Gamle Aar, 1931.

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May God grant us a Good and Happy Year - in Jesus Name.

- 1 - FRI - This New Year dawned for us with a beautiful, clear day. To S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - quite a few there. Marie, Valla and Julien along. The choir sang 2 songs. Home. Lawrence and Thelma had already left for Ray and Williston by the time we came home. Ida and I went over to Watteruds for awhile this p.m.
- 2 - SAT - Another nice day. To Columbus with Marie - she left again for Ambrose at 4:40 p.m. Mamma and Julien along to town.
- 3 - SUN - Nice day. To Bethlehem at 11:00 - Mamma and Valla along. Julien home with the little girls. To Larson in the p.m. at 3:00 - we met in the Hall. Julien along. Then to Columbus and Julien stayed there as school begins again tomorrow.
- 4 - MON - Looks like another nice day. We are not going to have school here in January but will resume again in February. 5 - TUES - Still nice but a little colder - started snowing a little.
- 6 - WED - Snowing a little but it does not amount to much. Home. About the same on THURS.
- 8 - FRI - To Columbus in the p.m. to get Julien. Roads are still alright for driving with car.
- 9 - SAT - Nice weather. To Larson. There was a meeting of the members of the Telephone Co. to discuss whether the company can continue operating or if it will have to close down. There is a big debt and there are too many that are not paying. I bought 3 sacks of cotton seed cake - \$1.35 per 100#.
- 10 - SUN - English services in Thorson at 11:30 - Valla along. L.L. program following - very good program 2 boys played violins. To Columbus in the evening with Julien.
- 11 - MON - Rosholt, Lawrits, Eva and Levina came out for dinner. Cloudy but mild. They were here until about 8:00 this evening.
- 12 - TUES - Valla and I were planning to go to Columbus today. It was raining a little when we started out and then it turned cold. We had driven only as far as Watteruds when the windshield was completely covered with ice and we could not see thru it. We turned around then and came home. Shortly after that it started snowing and by afternoon we had a real snowstorm. It kept on all night and continued on WED too. The horses have been outside all the time but now they came home.
- 14 - THURS - Better today but very cold. 20 below zero. About the same on FRI. So now we have winter. The mailman is driving with horses now.
- 16 - SAT - Julien will have to stay in town over SUN this time - the first time since school started this year. Albert Sordahl went in to town today - drove with horses and the bus. Sent along a letter to Adolph in Decorah, with \$40.00.
- 17 - SUN - Still a little cold. English services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - Valla and I drove over in sled. Not more than about a dozen or so there today. Lawrence and Thelma came from Williston this evening. They had been stuck S of Carlsons.
- 18 - MON - Home except for a little trip up to A. Watteruds.

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- 19 - TUES - Louie Watterud went along with me to Columbus. I drove with car. There is a considerable amount of snow on the ground but we managed. We drove N past Carlsons on the way in but past the Hauge church on the way home. There was not as much snow down in the Foothills and the rest of the way to town. 20 - WED - Home. Colder. 21 - THURS - Mild - foggy. Washday.
- 22 - FRI - Weather quite nice in the forenoon - not even very cold - but towards afternoon it started drifting with a wind from NW and it kept on all evening and thru the night. Very thick and stormy. I did not go to Columbus to get Julien today - too difficult to drive with car when it is so stormy. 23 - SAT - Cold but clear in the morning. Turned milder in the p.m. Julien came walking home this afternoon.
- 24 - SUN - Mild weather. To Bethlehem at 11:00 - drove over in sled. Mamma and Valla along. Not very many in church today.
- 25 - MON - A nice, mild day. Julien was at home until this p.m. He has not missed a single day so far this year so I guess missing one day now will not be too serious. Mamma went along in to town - also Louie Watterud. We got stuck several times in the snow drifts on the way to town, but we managed to get out each time. We had no trouble on the way home - the road had been traveled more by that time. Louie W. came over this evening.
- 26 - TUES - Another nice day - even some thawing. Clara Carlson came over today and stayed over until the next day. We have had several letters from Luther College - one from Oscar Olson today in regard to Adolph's standing, which is good. Another letter from Carl Hanson about expenses. They will be down \$30.00 - deducted from his account - a very nice thing to hear as money is scarce.
- 27 - WED - A nice day but a little colder than yesterday. SW wind. Then the next few days of the week were cold and stormy again with the temperature dropping from 25 below to 36 and 40 below.
- 31 - SUN - 36 degrees below zero today. Did not go to S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Too cold to go anywhere.

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- 1 - MON - Not as cold as yesterday. 2 - TUES - Went in to town in car - Louie Watterud went along. There was a great deal of snow for the first 3 miles but we managed anyway. Louie came over yesterday and drove the car around for awhile so today it was quite easy to start it. I sent \$50.00 to Luther College today to Treas. Estrem and \$5.00 to Adolph.
- 3 - WED - Quite nice today and for the following days. Albert Serdahl helped me clean out a well down on the lake one of these days. There seems to be more water now. SAT evening there was a storm from SE with much snow so there are some big drifts again. Valborg went along to Columbus with Ole Serdahl on FRI. She wanted to see the Operetta - Julien was in it. Julien came home on SAT on his new skis.
- 7 - SUN - Should have been to Larson today but that was out of the question. Ole Olson tried to go to town today with truck - to take Inga and Evelyn Serdahl in. That got to be a tough trip.

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- 7 - SUN - (cont.) - It took him 2 hours to get from his place to O. Serdahls. Julien was going to ride along to town with them too so we walked over to Serdahls this p.m. The weather is improving but the roads are terrible. It was impossible to drive on the road from Serdahls - had to drive on the field. Ole Serdahl went along too. They had to drive across Watterud's field too. They left about 3:00 and at 8:00 we got a call from Julien that they had gotten to town about an hour ago and that Valla would not be coming along home with them tonight as planned - too tough a trip. They came past here about 9:30 - a very hard and slow trip. After Julien called I walked over to O. Serdahls to let her know that it might be late for them.
- 8 - MON - Our school begins again today - have not had any since Christmas. Bad weather for this first day of school. Thick - stormy - wind from SE - snowing and drifting. Milo Serdahl came by in his bus to get Ada. We had expected Thelma Hatlelid to come here yesterday but she came to school today instead. The roads are really very tough.
- 9 - TUES - Nice and mild today. Same on WED when we went to S. St. Olaf for English services at 2:00. Quite a bit of snow but I drove by Annesons on a road that has been used more now lately. Thelma along. More in church than I had expected. The Trustees had a short meeting in regard to the Cemetery Deed that was not quite in order. Valla is still in Columbus.
- 11 - THURS - Stormy again with drifting from NW. Had planned to be in Thorson today but did not even make an attempt at going in this storm. We have had a letter from Adolph in which he says that he is going on a Concert Tour with the Luther College Choir in 2 weeks starting Feb. 28.
- 12 - FRI - Lincoln Day. Cold and stormy. Only half a day of school today but Thelma H. came home here - too stormy for them to come from Hatlelids to get her. Thelma B. went over to Serdahls for awhile today to help out some with the housework there - had a ride both ways in the bus.
- 13 - SAT - Cold but clear.
- 14 - SUN - Same cold, clear weather. To Bethlehem at 11:00. Thelma and I rode along with Serdahls in their bus. Not very many in church. Valla and Julien are in town. Today I am 57 years old and observed it quietly - feirede den i stilhed.
- 15 - MON - Quite a nice day. 16 - TUES - Stormy again from NW but not as cold as before.
- 17 - WED - Colder again. Had asked Rosholt to have English services for me in Larson today at 2:00.
- 18 - THURS - Still cold. Same on FRI. 20 - SAT - Milder today. Ole Olson went to town today with sled. We sent along a box of things for Julien, and Valla was to get a ride home with him. She has had to stay in town now for 2 weeks (at Feigels). Both Valla and Julien came along home.
- 21 - SUN - To Thorson at 2:00 - much colder again today. I left here about 11:00 - drove as far as O. Olson - set my horses in there and rode along with them. Not so many in church today. Nice this evening - came home at dusk. Julien, Thelma and Valla were out coasting - at Albert Serdahls. Thelma H. did not go along - she was a little tired.
- 22 - MON - Washington's Birthday. This is also the 200th Anniversary of his birth so there are many big celebrations all over the land. We heard a fine program today on radio from Washington, D.C.

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- 22 - MON - (cont.) - in this regard. Albert Serdahl went to town today - used my sled and Julien rode along with him. Milder today but cloudy.
- 23 - TUES - Milder - and this continued thruout the rest of the week. The thermometer - gradestokken - went up to 50 and 60 degrees. The snow is melting fast.
- 26 - FRI - Today Ida and I drove in to town in car. Louie Serdahl went along with us. Not much snow left now. Julien came along home and Thelma H. also went home today.
- 27 - SAT - Another nice day. Heard by phone today that Gladys Arneson had died in Minot last night, at 9:00. She had been there in the hospital for a few weeks. She will be brought back to Larson this evening.
- 28 - SUN - To S.St.Olaf - drove with car. Thelma and Ada along. We stopped in at Arnesons - they had come home last night with Otto Karlstad. They came along to church. Funeral on TUES.
- 29 - MON - Cold today. To Columbus this morning with Julien Albert Serdahl came along.

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- 1 - TUES - Another snowstorm today from SE. Had to postpone the funeral until tomorrow.
- 2 - WED - Funeral today at 2:00 in S.St.Olaf church for Gladys Arneson, 23. Sommerness came as far as Erik Dihle with the hearse and from there they had to use sled over to church. Albert and Milo Serdahl came by here with the bus and Thelma, Valla and I rode along with them. It took awhile before we were able to begin the service - about 3:00.
- 3 - THURS - Cold - windy and some drifting. Adolph is now on tour with the Luther College Choir. On SUN - Mar. 6 - they will be in the Twin Cities - Tvilling Byerne.
- 4 - FRI - Still cold. Julien could not come home this weekend - cannot drive to town with car.
- 6 - SUN - 25 below but no wind. Did not try to go to Bethlehem today - knew that no one would come out today. It became thick and stormy this afternoon. This evening Thelma got a call from Columbus to come in tomorrow - a typhoid case at Kvernums. They will meet her at Carlsons tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.
- 7 - MON - We were up early today - it was over 20 below with a strong wind from NW. We got ready and drove up to Carlsons. A car came from Columbus but they had trouble getting there and the radiator froze up and they had to drive it into the barn for awhile to thaw it out. They were not able to leave from Carlsons before about noon. It continued storming all day - very cold. Some of the schools to the west were closed today.
- 8 - TUES - The storm continued today - the same as yesterday - wind from NW. It does not seem to be quite as cold today but the air is thicker. We were not planning that there would be any school today but Milo came by in the bus. Thelma H. got ready in a hurry to go but we did not let Ada go along today. The little Serdahl girls stayed home too. Milo and Thelma H. went to school but no one else came so after a little while they came home again too. This is really rough weather. Yes, March came in like a lion and continues to roar - Mars kommer

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- 8 - TUES - (cont.) - nok som en love og holder paa fremdeles. Feb. was also a tough month.
- 9 - WED - Clear but quite cold. We let Ada go along to school today.
- 10 - THURS - Not so cold this p.m. - it got up to 15 above this afternoon. Louie Serdahl drove in to town with buggy today and we sent a list along with him for a few groceries. We have not heard how things are going in Columbus with Thelma's patient. Had a letter from Marie today. This afternoon Bud and Violet Evenson came over. It has been very cold in their house during this stormy weather. This has been a very cold week.
- 11 - FRI - Now I have gotten a bad cold. 12 - SAT - Very hoarse - cancelled services in S.St.Olaf for tomorrow. Thelma is still in Columbus - the little boy is very sick. There is a lot of flu and bad colds in town and all around. Russell Hatlelid came over to get Thelma H. on FRI evening and he also brought along 6 bu. of potatoes for us.
- 13 - SUN - Quite a nice day - it got up to 26 degrees but the air is still cold - no thawing yet. And now we are almost out of water. Both the wells in the sloughs were filled with water when it was thawing towards the end of February - and then a lot of dirt caved in and the water disappeared. I stayed at home today. This p.m. Thelma B. called up - from Dihles - she had come out there with Melvin Runningen who was going out to Gunlocks. The little Kverrum boy had died SUN morning from spinal meningitis. Thelma came home about 7:00 this evening. Julien was not feeling well on FRI but by today he was feeling all right.
- 14 - MON - Cold wind from SE. I feel better today. Louie Watterud and Bud Evenson came over today to clean out a well for me. They were here in the forenoon. Now Adolph has been on tour with the Luther College Male Choir for 2 weeks. Yesterday they were to be in Mabel, Spring Grove and Harmony, Minn.
- 15 - TUES - Continues to be cold - all the rest of the week. I feel better each day, however.
- 18 - FRI - To Columbus for Julien - he has been there for 3 weeks now.
- 19 - SAT - Valla became sick today and had to go to bed for awhile. This p.m. there was a "Quilting Party" here - the quilt will be sold to raise money for the school. Thelma H. was in charge of this. They came from Yahns, A.Serdahls, O.L.Hatlelid and Violet Evenson. Nice day.
- 20 - SUN - Palm Sunday. English services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - Bethlehem at 3:00. We drove with car. The snow is melting fast and it was quite muddy.
- 21 - MON - Took Julien in to Columbus. Home in the p.m. - studying. Easter sermons.
- 22 - TUES - Nice day. To A.Watteruds in p.m. 23 - WED - Thawing. Studying today too.
- 24 - THURS - Holy Thursday. English services in Larson at 2:00 - Thelma along. We met in the church today. Thawing - the roads are bad. By Columbus to get Julien and Marie. She came about 6:30.
- 25 - FRI - Good Friday. A little snow during the night. Julien and I went to Thorson for services - Norwegian with communion. Quite a few there. 34 communicants - altergjester. Roads tough.
- 26 - SAT - Paaske aftern - Easter Eve. Home today - studying.

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- 27 - SUN - Easter Sunday. Cloudy - a little snow coming down too. To S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - Marie, Valla and Julien along - Marie played. Quite a few there. Had a flat tire on the way home - got it fixed but it went flat again close to home but drove home on it then - men kjorte hjem sliq. Julien went over to Ole Serdahl to ask if some of us could ride with him to Bethlehem. Marie and I rode along with Ole - quite a few here too. Snowing - wet and muddy - and Ole's Ford is terrible to drive in. Sneer, vaadt og solet, og Ole's Ford er fael at kjore i. Offering in S.St.Olaf \$17.55 and in Bethlehem \$12.15. Lawrence and Thelma went to Columbus during the day - something wrong with his car. Plans to leave early tomorrow morning - driving by Crosby and Alamo.
- 28 - MON - Up early this morning - some of us as early as 4:00. They left at 5:00. Julien went along to Columbus and Marie along to Crosby.
- 29 - TUES - Bought 13 bu. of seed wheat from Ed Hallum for 80¢ a bushel.
- 30 - WED - Snow today. Drove to school with car. Had thought about going to Columbus but gave up on that. Sent \$20.00 to Adolph - from Larson.
- 31 - THURS - The last day of March and it is quite a nice day. Valla and Arlien went along to school today. They spent the whole day there - practicing for a play, after school. (This was a play put on by the "Local Artist's Guild" !! - directed by Thelma H. The cast was made up of the young folks from Serdahls, Yahn's and Gunlocks, and me. It was hilarious and lots of fun. The name escapes me now but my character was "the Mother-in-law" named Mrs. Iona Ford, with her precious dog named, Socrates. And it made money for the school treasury. I also played the organ - Hatlelid's reed organ brought over for the event - for some little exercises put on by the school children).

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- 1 - FRI - Valla along to school today too. Ida and I to Columbus in the p.m. to get Julien.
- 2 - SAT - Home - studying. There is a little snow coming down occasionally.
- 3 - SUN - Cloudy and cold - rain and snow mixed coming from SE. To Thorson at 11:00 - Ida along. Roads are terrible - very rough. L.A. following. To Larson at 4:00 - weather improved in p.m. Marie called shortly after 2:00 - she was in Columbus. She had had a ride there with Ranums as the Crosby choir was there to give a concert at 3:00 - with Carsten Wold, Minot, there as soloist. So, we got ready to drive in - Ida, Thelma and Julien went along. Thelma came along with me to Larson but she should really have stayed in Columbus. Only 5 showed up in Larson today. Then back to Columbus, after services, for a little while. Rain in evening.
- 4 - MON - To school with Ada. Hatlelids brought their organ over to school today so they can use it for the program. A nice, clear day - but muddy. Valla walked over to school this afternoon to practice with the children - and then play practice after that.
- 5 - TUES - Went to Columbus - those of us who are at home. There is a Declamation Contest there

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- 5 - TUES - (cont.) - for area schools. Marie was going to bring some children from Ambrose to participate in the contest. Ida and I left about noon. Valla walked over to school again for practice - Thelma was home with Arlien. We went over to the H.S. and saw Marie there - she was there with 2 girls from Ambrose taking part in the contest. We left for home about 5:00 and Marie went back to Ambrose. There was a little rain on the way home.
- 6 - WED - Rosholt, Lawrits and Levina came out for dinner. Rosholt stayed until about 10:30 - and Valla and Thelma H. came home about that time from Play practice at the schoolhouse. Lawrits is going to stay here for a few days now - to work on the woodwork in 2 rooms. We want to remove the old finish and put on a new one.
- 8 - FRI - Lawrits went along to town today - Thelma too. Julien came along home. Study on SAT.
- 10 - SUN - To S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - communion service - Norwegian and English - Thelma along. Baptism for Marlys Luella, B. Jan. 4, Parents - Walter and Clara Priébe. To Bethlehem at 3:00 - communion service. Ida, Valla and Arlien along. Julien home with Ada. Thelma and Lawrence left this afternoon - first to Ray and then to Williston, where she will be for a week now. This will be the last time she leaves with Lawrence I suppose, until she leaves as his wife, in a few weeks.
- 11 - MON - To Columbus with Julien - Valla along. Took Ada over to school at noon today. This is Thelma H's. birthday - she is 21 years old and tonight we are going to have a little party for her at our place. They came from Hatlelids, Yahns, Serdahls and Bud Evensons.
- 12 - TUES - Cold yesterday and today - but dry. 13 - WED - Dry and quite windy. Farmers are busy sowing their fields all around us now. Drive to school every day now - sometimes twice - as Valla has to go over to help with the program and play.
- 15 - FRI - To town in the p.m. to get Julien - Donnella Olson also came along out here. This evening we all went over to school to see the play when they had their dress rehearsal. It was very good - and it will be given for the public tomorrow night.
- 16 - SAT - Everyone went to school tonight for the big program but Arlien and I stayed at home - we had seen it last night. There had been a big crowd and the whole program went well. They came home about 1:00. (Ada, Phyllis Gunlock, Alzada and Mavis Serdahl did a little costumed dance number that was really cute. I pumped out "Dance of the Rosebuds" on the Hatlelid reed organ for them and the little girls performed right on cue).
- 17 - SUN - To Thorson for English services at 11:00 - Ida and Arlien along. L.L. following - good program. To Larson at 3:30 for English services with communion. All along - then to Columbus with Julien and Donnella. Lawrence and Thelma came about 10:00.
- 18 - MON - Nice day - but dry. Have planted a little of the garden but none of the sowing is done.
- 19 - TUES - Quite nice today. 20 - WED - Terrible wind and duststorm from SE - same on THURS.
- 22 - FRI - This morning about 3:00 we finally had some rain - and it was a good rain that continued past noon. It really helped to soak up the ground very well. Foggy on SAT with a little rain.

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- 24 - SUN - Foggy and cold. To Bethlehem at 11:00 - English services for the first time. Not very many there but the roads were tough. To S.St.Olaf at 3:00 - Norwegian services there. Not many there either. Thelma, Valla and Ada along to both places. Julien was in town this weekend. Received \$14.00 in salary today in S.St.Olaf - last SUN \$20.00 in Thorson - and in January \$10.00 in Bethlehem.
- 25 - MON - Thelma and I went to Columbus today - were there almost all day. It turned cold this evening and we had a hard frost during the night. I sent a check to Augsburg Publishing House for \$14.88 - some of that was for Concordias for Bethlehem.
- 26 - TUES - Cold in the forenoon - warmed up some later. 27 - WED - A nice day - Louie Watterud is here now sowing wheat. 28 - THURS - Foggy and a little rain.
- 29 - FRI - Today I received a letter from President Aasgaard with the \$25.00 check for April, and an invitation to attend the Annual Meeting, expenses paid. I may go. Also received a letter from Adolph - he can have a ride to Minot with a Leraas and it will cost \$10.00. Home today. Julien came home this evening with Ole Serdahl.
- 30 - SAT - To Columbus to get Marie - also went to Noonan to see the School Board about school for next year. Everyone is very busy around here now, getting ready for Thelma's wedding tomorrow. Quite a nice day. Lawrence came here from Hanks this evening.

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- 1 - SUN - A nice day - a fine day for a wedding. During the forenoon the expected company came - from Ray, Williston, Trenton and Columbus - and other friends from around here that had been invited. The Wedding took place at 1:00 - then dinner - and toasts to the newly-weds. Thelma and Lawrence left quite soon after dinner for Hanks - but there was considerable work involved in getting his car in order again as Julien and Edgar had fixed it up. (Several sacks of ground feed in the car and graffiti on the outside of the usual kind for "Just Married").
- 2 - MON - Up early this morning to take Marie to Ambrose. We left here at 5:40 and were in Ambrose at 7:10. We left right away to get to Columbus by 9:00 - for Julien. East of Crosby we had a flat tire which delayed us some - forsinket lidt - but we got to Columbus by about 9:00 anyway. Took Julien right up to school. Then had to go to Mads Dahl and have him put a window in the car - \$3.50. Had some tire repairs - talked to Miller about spelts, etc. Home by 1:00. Hauled some stones - rocks - in the afternoon.
- 3 - TUES - Home in the a.m. Nice day. In the afternoon Ida and I went over to A.Haga. Mrs. Haga is feeling better now but she has been sick for 3 weeks. Also over to C.Holter briefly - bought 2 small pigs there @ \$2.00 each.
- 4 - WED - A little rain today. Cold. A letter today from Thelma to Ada - first letter from her since she moved to Hanks - everything is fine there.
- 5 - THURS - Foggy and a little rain - same on FRI. It was a little later than usual when we went

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- 6 - FRI - (cont.) - in to Columbus to get Julien as we had been over to Sorlie school in the p.m. for Play Day. Parents of the participating children were invited to be there. This evening I got 2400# more of cracked wheat, which Carlson hauled out for me, from Columbus. John Oby had hauled out 1200# previously, from Larson. Everybody gets this now. Some are getting for the 3rd time. This evening Ida and I went over to N. Kleppens as we heard that Mrs. Kleppen was seriously ill. Dr. Parker had been called out there and all the children were home. She seemed to be better this evening when we were there.
- 7 - SAT - A very nice day. Home - studying.
- 8 - SUN - Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - English services in S. St. Olaf at 3:00.
- 9 - MON - Home for the most part all week. Planted some garden. Nice weather but no rain. Julien had a trip to Fargo this week with the Smith-Hughes group. They went down for a Judging contest. They left WED and returned home again SUN evening. The A.C. provided transportation and room - I gave him \$8.00. It was an interesting trip for him. He had been over to Concordia College and had also had a ride in an aeroplane.
- 15 - SUN - Pentecost Sunday. Norwegian services in Thorson at 11:00. English services in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. Then to Larson for services at 4:00.
- 16 - MON - To Columbus to get Julien. We planted potatoes today. Ada was at Hatlelids over SUN this time so Valla and Arlien were the only children home over the weekend.
- 17 - TUES - Took Julien in to town again. A nice day. I planted some more things today.
- 18 - WED - Ida and I went to Noonan today for WMF meeting. A nice day and many there. I also bought 16 bu. of oats in Noonan for 40¢ a bu.
- 19 - THURS - Home for the most - studying. Went over to Ole Serdahls and Ole Olson too, in regard to the Silver Wedding for Westernesses on Sunday.
- 20 - FRI - Home - studying in a.m. To Columbus in the p.m. to get Julien.
- 21 - SAT - Julien made a pen for the turkeys. Strong wind from SE - terrible dirt storm. It is very dry again now and there is little water in the pasture now.
- 22 - SUN - Sunday after Pentecost. The wind was even worse today - impossible to milk the cows outside. I milked one and then Julien had to put the others in the barn to finish the job. To Bethlehem at 11:00 - all went except Julien - he was not feeling exactly well. Many in church in spite of the strong wind and dust. Baptism for Lise Marie, B. Apr. 11 - Parents - Andrew and Louise Haga. We went over to Westernesses right from church for the surprise celebration of their Silver Wedding. There were many who came from other places too - Macroom etc. I spoke briefly and they were presented with a gift of money. Coffee and lunch. On the way home we stopped in at Kleppens - she is still quite sick. Then home. Took Julien in to town. It became cloudy. After milking, and when it became dark, there was thunder and lightning and we are really hoping for a good rain. Mamma sent \$3.00 to Adolph.
- 23 - MON - Not quite as much wind today. Hauled some stones today - also on TUES.

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- 25 - WED - Planted some potatoes. It started raining a little - it came down nice and still - gently without any wind - rained more towards evening but it didn't amount to much. It also turned colder during the night.
- 26 - THURS - Almost 30 degrees this morning - with a little snow flying around this forenoon. Heard that there really was some snow farther east in the state. To town on FRI.
- 28 - SAT - Started with a conf. class in S.St.Olaf today at 10:00. Most of them had been in the class last year but there were a few new ones too.
- 29 - SUN - English services in Thorson at 11:00 - L.L. following. Quite a few there. Norwegian services in S.St.Olaf at 3:00. This evening Lawrence and Thelma and Marie came from Williston. Marie's school is finished and she had been to visit them in Hanks since FRI evening. Over to Bethlehem at 8:00 for choir practice.
- 30 - MON - Thelma and Lawrence left early this morning - Julien had a ride to town with them. I fenced today - pasture for the horse(s). I worked hard. Memorial Day program in Columbus.
- 31 - TUES - Home for the most.

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- 1 - WED - L.A. at Mrs. George Witty in the p.m. First I took Valla in to Columbus and then we went to L.A. Many came. We have now had a good rain and it rained again last night.
- 2 - THURS - Conf. class in S.St.Olaf at 10:00. The roads were a little muddy today.
- 3 - FRI - Julien came home with O.Olson last night and got to take the car today so he could drive - as there was to be a School Picnic today in Canada. Valla has been in Columbus (Commencement week) and they will both come home tonight. Ada and Arlien went along with Julien today as far as Watteruds - to pick dandelions. Yesterday we went over to see Mrs. Anton Olson - she is sick - has pneumonia - lungebetaendelse - but she is improving. Louie Watterud is busy here today - sowing for green oats - grøn havre. 4 - SAT - Home today - studying.
- 5 - SUN - To Larson at 10:30 - Ida along. There were very few there today - there was a picnic some place. Only some from Lindbloms, Dilleruds and Evansons. By Columbus briefly - then home. This p.m. at 2:00 we had invited Bethlehem congregation to come here for services and L.L. There were quite a few and we had a nice day outside (down in the "park") in spite of the wind.
- 6 - MON - Foggy today. Conf. class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00. We were rather expecting Adolph tonight.
- 7 - TUES - Nice day. Julien and Valla went in to town tonight - Julien for a Scout meeting. Then they went out to Kinkaid, expecting Adolph, but he did not come. They went in last night too. Rosholt was out MON p.m. to let me know about a concert that a student will be presenting in Columbus (Orber Sime). I drove out to Thorson today to talk to Sathre about it and decided to have him come out to Thorson June 12, when we have services at 3:00.
- 8 - WED - Funeral today at 2:00 in Bethlehem for Mrs. Jens Ness, 53. She had died in Kernare on June 4, following surgery for a ruptured appendix. The casket had been in church since MON.

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- 8 - WED - (cont) - We had real hard rain all forenoon - storregn herte formiddag - but it let up towards noon. There is water standing in many places now. The church was full - many also came from S in Thorson. I spoke in both Norwegian and English. Marie, Valla and Julien were along and the 4 of us sang several numbers.
- 9 - THURS - Class in S.St.Olaf at 10:00. Rain showers the latter part of the week - sometimes more - sometimes less - mer og mindre. This evening we got a call from Adolph. He was in Bowbells - he had had a ride that far from Minot and he wondered if we could come to meet him there. It was about 9:00 when we left here - Ida and Julien along. We met him - walking - about 2 miles N of Bowbells. 10 - FRI - Out to Sathre. 11 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 12 - SUN - Real cloudburst - osregn - this forenoon. Did not even try to go to S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Should have been in Thorson at 3:00 but could not think about that either. It had been planned that Orbern Sime was going to come from Columbus and be in Thorson today but he could not come - the roads were impossible. He did give a concert in Columbus.
- 13 - MON - Class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00. In the evening we went to Larson for a concert by Orben Seim at 8:00. There were many people there - concert was in the Hall. Heard that Mrs. Norby is quite sick. 14 - TUES - Nice sunshiny weather today.
- 15 - WED - L.A. today at Mrs. Frank Bureau. Many there. We were there for awhile but then Mamma and I and Julien drove in to Larson and Marie remained at Bureau's. There was no Express in Larson for Adolph as yet. We then went over to see Mrs. Norby - she is very sick - terribly thin - ~~h~~ elendig mager - plans to go to the Sanatorium. We went to Columbus briefly - then back to Larson. We brought some fruit over to Mrs. Norby. Back to Bureau's. Announced services in S.St.Olaf for SUN at 3:00.
- 16 - THURS - S.St.Olaf conf. class at 10:00 - 13 there. Started with a class in Bethlehem at 2:00 - there were 8 there. 17 - FRI - Home - studying. Also worked outside with various things.
- 18 - SAT - To Columbus in the evening - many people in town. Adolph plays in the Band.
- 19 - SUN - Today is our 25th Wedding Anniversary - a very nice day. English services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - many there. Lawrence and Thelma, who came home late last night drove and we had a ride with them - all except Adolph and Marie who stayed home this a.m. When we were ready to leave church we were surprised to see that almost every one had already left and we were about the last ones there. Then when we did get started for home Lawrence drove N - and then W by Carlsons - and then home. We were beginning to suspect something - vi begyndte at ane ugle i mosen - and the oldest children were in on it. As we drove S from Carlsons we saw Rosholt come driving right behind us (with a big smile on his face !). As we drove up in the yard at home - there were so many cars and people we were just barely able to get in the house - vi kom knapt ind til huset. They had fixed up down in the trees with tables and decorations. There must have been at least 600 people here and about 150 cars. I am sure there were present from all the families in all 4 of the congregations and from Macroom,

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- 19 - SUN - (cont.) - Lignite, Bombells, Columbus, Noonan, Crosby, McGregor and Battleview. We were so overwhelmed we did not know "in or out" - vi blev saa alterent/vi vidste ikke Ud eller Ind. After we had had a few minutes to get our bearings, we were escorted down to our Park to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March. They had moved our piano down there while we were in Bethlehem. Rosholt led the way. They had set tables down in the Park - one for our familt - another one for the ministers and trustees - and then another longer table with lots of food for all the rest of the crowd, which was served buffet style. Then there was a Program - a duet by Ada and Arlien - a song by the Buckneberg Quartette - reading of the 103rd Psalm - a talk by Rosholt - all of this taking place as we ate. There was an abundance of all kinds of good things to eat for everyone. Mrs. Bureau was in charge of the serving with all the congregations participating and contributing. Then, a little later the others came - Aarthuns, Sauers, Ranums, and Waages. Even the Columbus Band came - and then there was the Thorson choir. Finally there was a large choir made up of all other singers there combined with the Thorson choir. Ranum also sang a solo - an excellent voice. The final part of the program took place up by the house, out on the front lawn, when we were presented with a purse of money - \$116.00 - of which \$5.00 was from Ranum and \$5.00 from Lawrence. It was a beautiful day in all respects - the weather was fine - a nice day to be outside. Agnes Ronning also sang a few songs during the afternoon. Then in the evening, after a wonderful day, everyone left again for his own place. Om aften reiste da alle, hver til sit. Lawrence and Thelma went back to Hanks and Mamma and Ada went along with them. They got there about 1:00 a.m.
- 20 - MON - This morning I got a call from Lawrence that I could make a better deal on a car in Alamo than I had been offered in Columbus. This afternoon an Iverson came here from Alamo - he offered me \$127.00 for my old car (1926). They did not have any Chevrolet Coach in stock in Alamo but could get one from Williston, so I decided to go and see about it.
- 21 - TUES - Adolph and I left about 7:00 this morning - drove S by McGregor to Alamo - and got there about 9:30. Iverson took us to Williston in a new Coach - his own - and we got to Williston about 11:30. We decided to buy a 6-Deluxe. With taxes, license, insurance, it came to a total of \$702.00. I paid \$330.00 in cash and he gave me \$127.00 in trade on my old car. That leaves \$245.00 to be paid in 12 installments. With interest that came to \$288.00 - at \$25.00 a month for 11 months and \$13.00 on the 12th month. But this is a dandy car. It was ready for us at 3:00 and then we left with it, driving to Hanks. They were halfway expecting us but were quite astonished when we came from Williston - and with a new car! We stayed in Hanks for a few hours then - had waffle supper - then left for home going by way of Alamo. We stopped there for some papers and got some gas. Then home by way of Alamo again. 9:00 home.
- 22 - WED - Adolph and Julien went in to Larson - no Express has come for Adolph yet (trunk). In the evening to Bethlehem for choir - many there tonight. (We could practice there at night as we had an Aladdin lamp on the wall behind the organ. It was a kerosene lamp with a mantle that gave very good light.

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- 23 - THURS - Home - studying for my talk at the Circuit Meeting in Glenwood Congregation June 25-26. Adolph and Julien worked with cultivating and hoeing in the garden and potatoes. This evening Adolph went to Columbus for Band practice. Ida along.
- 24 - FRI - Rain last night but it quit here during the morning - continued raining to the east of us. We went to Columbus in the p.m. as Gov. Shafer was going to speak there at 2:00. Adolph went along to play in the Band. We all went except Ida and the little girls. Stopped in at Vogen to pay what I owed there - \$25.65 - and he was disappointed that I had not bought my car from him (even tho he had not offered him as good a deal). Before I had a chance to hear Gov. Shafer, I got a call from home - Arthur Rysgaard and Alice Stavem were there and wanted to get married. So - I had to go home. Julien came along so he could drive back in to town with the car again. Then when I got home - they were not there. They had to drive back to Rysgaards as he had forgotten the license - so I then had to wait for them. (Mom remembered that as they were sitting there, waiting for Dad to come, Art realized that he did not have the license with him. Maybe Mom had asked him. No - as he checked all his pockets - he did not have that piece of paper with him - but he would bring it over another day. Oh, no - Mom said. Dad would not perform any ceremony without seeing the license first - so if they wanted to get married today they would have to go back and get it! So - Dad missed hearing the Governor, but he did get them married legally).
- 25 - SAT - Out early today. Mamma, Julien and I went to Glenwood for Circuit Meeting. We got there about 9:30 (allowed time for car trouble, even with a new car). There were only a few there then so we drove in to Crosby first. When we got back to church many had come and we started soon after 11:00. I introduced the discussion based on John 15:1-11. We continued after dinner with the other pastors taking part in the discussions. At noon they had to get a good look at our new car. Rosholt and Waage each came with \$5.00 today to be included in the Silver Wedding gift. This evening we drove to Crosby - to stay over night at Ranums. He was alone there now except that he had the Student, Shafland, staying there.
- 26 - SUN - This morning we drove back to the church again - comfortably cool - passelig kjolig. Many people there today - hardly room for all to get in. I preached this forenoon. Special music. Then there was observation of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Paulsons. A little longer noon hour today. Rosholt and Waage came at noon from their congregations. The afternoon program was in English - music - talks - and the reading of the History of the Congregation. Waage had the Opening Devotion and Rosholt spoke. I was free this afternoon. Before we left, Ranum came with \$10.00 for me - the trustees had decided that I should have this. The offering had been \$36.00. On the way home we stopped in at Noonan for a little while at Waages to make some plans for the 4th of July. We also stopped in Larson to see Mrs. Norby. She is very sick and will be leaving tomorrow for the Sanatorium. Then home. Marie started with a Sunday School in Bethlehem today at 10:00 - there were 19 there today.

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- 27 - MON - A busy day for everyone. Class in Bethlehem at 10:00. Julien took Adolph S to Grote to help along with the haying but they did not get started today. S.St.Olaf class at 2:00.
- 28 - TUES - A little rain last night. Picked gooseberries in the forenoon and strawberries and Juneberries in the afternoon. Julien and Mamma went to the mines - a quick trip. Adolph was digging for water - we have to haul water for the cows now.
- 29 - WED - A nice warm day. Primary Election. I went over this morning to vote - then Julien took Adolph S to Grotes for haying.
- 30 - THURS - Class in S.St.Olaf at 10:00. In the p.m. we had the S.St.Olaf L.A. at our place. Terrible wind from NW today - not very many came - only from Sorlie, Dihle, Sandberg, Berg and Bureau.

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- 1 - FRI - Home in the forenoon. This p.m. I started with a confirmation class in Scandia - we met at M.Berg. Went to town after that - had the oil changed in the new car for the first time. Have already driven 700 miles. Went out in the evening after supper to pick strawberries. Mrs. Watterud gave us some rhubarb - pie plant - today. Marie went along with Bud and Violet Evenson to pick Juneberries N in the coulee.
- 2 - SAT - Adolph came home early today from Grotes - Lester brought him - looked like rain. Adolph then drove in to town but shortly after he left it started raining quite hard. It is now 11:00 a.m. and he has not returned yet. I am worried that he may have had some trouble along the way - very slippery now. Heard yesterday, when I was in town, that Mrs. Kleppen is sick again. We got a fresh cow yesterday - the white one. Must not forget to write down that Valla and Arlien went to Hanks Thursday evening at 8:25, on the train from McGregor. Julien took them out to McGregor after the L.A. Valla's ticket cost \$1.53 (Arlien free - 4 years old). Adolph came home from town after dinner today when it stopped raining. Studying.
- 3 - SUN - First we took Marie and Ada over to Bethlehem church shortly before 10:00 for Sunday School. Then Ida, Julien and I stopped by Kleppens. She is in bed now - very weak. Then we drove on S to Thorson - very muddy and soft - solet og blodt. We got stuck near the Thorson church but had quite a bit of help to get out. Norwegian services at 11:00 - quite a few there. We drove home by O.Olsons. To Larson at 3:00 for English service. Not so many there. Marie along. Adolph went in to Columbus this a.m. - he is going to play with the Band at Lake Metigoshe on the 4th of July. Rosholt came out here this evening - we are all going to Hanks tomorrow. Then when it became cloudy and looked very much like rain again we decided to drive in to Columbus this evening and stay at Rosholt tonight. Louie Watterud has promised to take care of the milking while we are gone. We have picked a considerable amount of wild strawberries and Juneberries this past week.
- 4 - MON - The 4th of July. We were up at 4:00 and got ready to leave - looked like rain today too.

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- 4 - MON - (cont.) - We left Columbus about 4:45 and drove to Noonan - to Waages. It was beginning to rain a little now. To Crosby - Fortuna - more rain. Roads were getting tough. We stopped to put chains on before driving S. The road is graded but it was tough driving now when it was raining. Waage drove ahead - we came next - and Rosholt was last (with the kids). We came to Hanks about 9:30 - for waffle breakfast. We spent the whole day at Thelma and Lawrence - it was too wet to do any driving around - but we had a nice, pleasant - hyggelig - time there. Waages and Rosholt left about 5:00 p.m. but we stayed over night in Hanks. There was more rain during the night.
- 5 - TUES - We left about 12:30 today - drove by Alamo as we were going to have the car checked over. We should have had this done after driving 500 miles - but we have now driven 900 miles. The roads were really bad here and there. We were there for about 1 hour and then we drove on by Crosby to Fortuna again - to let Marie talk to members of the school board there. Then by Noonan to Waages - were there for supper. Then home. Adolph had not come back yet (band trip to Lake Metigoshe). Louie Watterud was here doing the milking. Then we had to go over to Bud Evenson to get our lamb. Waages and Rosholt had been 4 hours on the road from Hanks to Fortuna - had been stuck etc. Had gotten to Noonan about 11:00 p.m. - a real tough trip.
- 6 - WED - Conf. classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and St.Olaf at 2:00. Rain showers in the p.m. Adolph called about noon today - they had come back to Columbus last night - but I did not have time to go in and get him right then. Julien and I started out for town later on but had to turn back as we had a great deal more rain again.
- 7 - THURS - To Columbus in the a.m. - the roads were quite muddy - Adolph came along home. This p.m. we went over W to pick some strawberries again.
- 8 - FRI - Conf. class in Thorson at 2:00 - class met in church. There is some discussion out there about the possibility of starting a Sunday School like we have in Bethlehem now. Choir practice at Sandbergs this evening - 22 there. We had been in Bethlehem WED evening.
- 9 - SAT - A quick trip over to Bethlehem church and C.Brother. Then home - studying. The boys are digging a little more in the well in the pasture - there is a little water there now.
- 10 - SUN - A nice day. Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Many people there today. S.S. at 10:00 - there were 38 there today - started 2 weeks ago. After services over to C.Brother for L.L. - program, coffee and lunch. At 3:00 to S.St.Olaf for English service - many there also. 2 songs by the choir and a duet by Adolph and Valla. Marie played. 22 in the choir. We sang #1 and #173. Then back to Brothers again.
- 11 - MON - Conf. classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S.St.Olaf at 3:00. A little rain off and on especially in the forenoon. This evening Marie, Valla and I went down to the lake to pick Juneberries. The boys dug some more in the pasture well - seems to be plenty of water there now. Also cut down some Canadian thistle in the field. Nice day on TUES.
- 13 - TUES - Pete Hanson came here today to let me know that Andrew Wold had died yesterday in Minot

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- 13 - WED -- (cont) - and would like to have the funeral on FRI at 2:00. Shortly thereafter John Westernness came over with 60# of pork - had gotten 40# previously. This evening we went to Bethlehem for choir practice. Somewhat cloudy.
- 14 - THURS - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Thorson at 2:00 - in the church. They were there today digging the grave. We met in the basement today and I caught a cold.
- 15 - FRI - Nice warm day. Adolph was with Louie Watterud yesterday - haying. Also today. We left about noon, or shortly thereafter, for the funeral of Andrew Wold, 38, in Thorson - Ida, Marie, Julien and Arlene along. We went to the house first - many there. The hearse came from Minot today but they were late - they were delayed in Ross for awhile due to a breakdown of some kind that had to be repaired. When they finally came they did not stop long at the house but drove on to church. I had Devotion at the house and the choir sang, "Jeg Ved Mig en Sovn i Jesu Navn". Then all of us went over to church. I suppose there have never before been so many assembled there - a great many could not even get in the church. I spoke in both Norwegian and English. There were also a group of American Legion men - maybe a dozen - in uniform with their rifles - gevaer - to give their Military salute and Taps at graveside. The choir sang several numbers in church - "Kjender Vi Hverandre Der", and "Nearer My God to Thee". Then out by the grave they sang, "Den Store Hvide Flok Vi Se". After the service we were invited to come over to Wolds and had supper there. Carl Rosholt was there too. They came from Hansons and Overlies and there were some who had come from Petersburg, N.Dak. There were several \$5.00s given in Memorial - Mindekrans - and Sivert gave me \$10.00. This evening we had the choir from S.St.Olaf come to our place to practice - they kept on until midnight. (Some of that time was spent on lunch and coffee too - not all in singing).
- 16 - SAT - A nice day - Old Settler's Picnic in Noonan today - we are going in as Adolph plays in the Band - no - not me - but the others. Adolph left this morning with Carl Rosholt and the others went in the afternoon. Marie, too, stayed at home. Rosholt came back here tonight but he sleeps in his car
- 17 - SUN - Rosholt went along to Bethlehem S.S. at 10:00 today. I went to Larson for Norwegian services at 11:00. I was quite hoarse but I managed. In the p.m. all of us went to Breese for services and L.A. There were many there. As I was so hoarse, I had Marie read a sermon on "The Sabbath Day". It became cloudy and windy - the sky looked very bad toward the west - and by the time we were ready to leave it was here. There was hail in some places. We did not get more than a few rain drops with the wind but N of us there was hail and it also looked like that to the S and E. It was a very warm day today and has been so for about a week.
- 18 - MON - Marie read with the class in Bethlehem at 10:00. I drove down to the mines and then to Columbus to have the oil changed in the car for the 2nd time - have now driven 1575 miles. Marie also read with the class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00 - Julien took her over. Not as warm today but windy and a little rain later. We are picking berries in the garden (strawberries, currants and gooseberries).

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- 5 - TUES - (cont.) - for area schools. Marie was going to bring some children from Ambrose to participate in the contest. Ida and I left about noon. Valla walked over to school again for practice - Thelma was home with Arlien. We went over to the H.S. and saw Marie there - she was there with 2 girls from Ambrose taking part in the contest. We left for home about 5:00 and Marie went back to Ambrose. There was a little rain on the way home.
- 6 - WED - Rosholt, Lawrits and Levina came out for dinner. Rosholt stayed until about 10:30 - and Valla and Thelma H. came home about that time from Play practice at the schoolhouse. Lawrits is going to stay here for a few days now - to work on the woodwork in 2 rooms. We want to remove the old finish and put on a new one.
- 8 - FRI - Lawrits went along to town today - Thelma too. Julien came along home. Study on SAT.
- 10 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - communion service - Norwegian and English - Thelma along. Baptism for Marlys Luella, B. Jan. 4, Parents - Walter and Clara Priebe. To Bethlehem at 3:00 - communion service. Ida, Valla and Arlien along. Julien home with Ada. Thelma and Lawrence left this afternoon - first to Ray and then to Williston, where she will be for a week now. This will be the last time she leaves with Lawrence I suppose, until she leaves as his wife, in a few weeks.
- 11 - MON - To Columbus with Julien - Valla along. Took Ada over to school at noon today. This is Thelma H's. birthday - she is 21 years old and tonight we are going to have a little party for her at our place. They came from Hatlelids, Yahns, Serdahls and Bud Evensons.
- 12 - TUES - Cold yesterday and today - but dry. 13 - WED - Dry and quite windy. Farmers are busy sowing their fields all around us now. Drive to school every day now - sometimes twice - as Valla has to go over to help with the program and play.
- 15 - FRI - To town in the p.m. to get Julien - Donnella Olson also came along out here. This evening we all went over to school to see the play when they had their dress rehearsal. It was very good - and it will be given for the public tomorrow night.
- 16 - SAT - Everyone went to school tonight for the big program but Arlien and I stayed at home - we had seen it last night. There had been a big crowd and the whole program went well. They came home about 1:00. (Ada, Phyllis Gunlock, Alzada and Mavis Serdahl did a little costumed dance number that was really cute. I pumped out "Dance of the Rosebuds" on the Hatlelid reed organ for them and the little girls performed right on cue).
- 17 - SUN - To Thorson for English services at 11:00 - Ida and Arlien along. L.L. following - good program. To Larson at 3:30 for English services with communion. All along - then to Columbus with Julien and Donnella. Lawrence and Thelma came about 10:00.
- 18 - MON - Nice day - but dry. Have planted a little of the garden but none of the sowing is done.
- 19 - TUES - Quite nice today. 20 - WED - Terrible wind and duststorm from SE - same on THURS.
- 22 - FRI - This morning about 3:00 we finally had some rain - and it was a good rain that continued past noon. It really helped to soak up the ground very well. Foggy on SAT with a little rain.

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- 24 - SUN - Foggy and cold. To Bethlehem at 11:00 - English services for the first time. Not very many there but the roads were tough. To S.St.Olaf at 3:00 - Norwegian services there. Not many there either. Thelma, Valla and Ada along to both places. Julien was in town this weekend. Received \$14.00 in salary today in S.St.Olaf - last SUN \$20.00 in Thorson - and in January \$10.00 in Bethlehem.
- 25 - MON - Thelma and I went to Columbus today - were there almost all day. It turned cold this evening and we had a hard frost during the night. I sent a check to Augsburg Publishing House for \$14.88 - some of that was for Concordias for Bethlehem.
- 26 - TUES - Cold in the forenoon - warmed up some later. 27 - WED - A nice day - Louie Watterud is here now sowing wheat. 28 - THURS - Foggy and a little rain.
- 29 - FRI - Today I received a letter from President Aasgaard with the \$25.00 check for April, and an invitation to attend the Annual Meeting, expenses paid. I may go. Also received a letter from Adolph - he can have a ride to Minot with a Leraas and it will cost \$10.00. Home today. Julien came home this evening with Ole Serdahl.
- 30 - SAT - To Columbus to get Marie - also went to Noonan to see the School Board about school for next year. Everyone is very busy around here now, getting ready for Thelma's wedding tomorrow. Quite a nice day. Lawrence came here from Hanks this evening.

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- 1 - SUN - A nice day - a fine day for a wedding. During the forenoon the expected company came - from Ray, Williston, Trenton and Columbus - and other friends from around here that had been invited. The Wedding took place at 1:00 - then dinner - and toasts to the newly-weds. Thelma and Lawrence left quite soon after dinner for Hanks - but there was considerable work involved in getting his car in order again as Julien and Edgar had fixed it up. (Several sacks of ground feed in the car and graffiti on the outside of the usual kind for "Just Married").
- 2 - MON - Up early this morning to take Marie to Ambrose. We left here at 5:40 and were in Ambrose at 7:10. We left right away to get to Columbus by 9:00 - for Julien. East of Crosby we had a flat tire which delayed us some - forsinket lidt - but we got to Columbus by about 9:00 anyway. Took Julien right up to school. Then had to go to Mads Dahl and have him put a window in the car - \$3.50. Had some tire repairs - talked to Miller about spelts, etc. Home by 1:00. Hauled some stones - rocks - in the afternoon.
- 3 - TUES - Home in the a.m. Nice day. In the afternoon Ida and I went over to A.Haga. Mrs. Haga is feeling better now but she has been sick for 3 weeks. Also over to C.Holter briefly - bought 2 small pigs there @ \$2.00 each.
- 4 - WED - A little rain today. Cold. A letter today from Thelma to Ada - first letter from her since she moved to Hanks - everything is fine there.
- 5 - THURS - Foggy and a little rain - same on FRI. It was a little later than usual when we went

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- 6 - FRI - (cont.) - in to Columbus to get Julien as we had been over to Sorlie school in the p.m. for Play Day. Parents of the participating children were invited to be there. This evening I got 2400# more of cracked wheat, which Carlson hauled out for me, from Columbus. John Oby had hauled out 1200# previously, from Larson. Everybody gets this now. Some are getting for the 3rd time. This evening Ida and I went over to N. Kleppens as we heard that Mrs. Kleppen was seriously ill. Dr. Parker had been called out there and all the children were home. She seemed to be better this evening when we were there.
- 7 - SAT - A very nice day. Home - studying.
- 8 - SUN - Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - English services in S. St. Olaf at 3:00.
- 9 - MON - Home for the most part all week. Planted some garden. Nice weather but no rain. Julien had a trip to Fargo this week with the Smith-Hughes group. They went down for a Judging contest. They left WED and returned home again SUN evening. The A.C. provided transportation and room - I gave him \$8.00. It was an interesting trip for him. He had been over to Concordia College and had also had a ride in an aeroplane.
- 15 - SUN - Pentecost Sunday. Norwegian services in Thorson at 11:00. English services in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. Then to Larson for services at 4:00.
- 16 - MON - To Columbus to get Julien. We planted potatoes today. Ada was at Hatlelids over SUN this time so Valla and Arlien were the only children home over the weekend.
- 17 - TUES - Took Julien in to town again. A nice day. I planted some more things today.
- 18 - WED - Ida and I went to Noonan today for WMF meeting. A nice day and many there. I also bought 16 bu. of oats in Noonan for 40¢ a bu.
- 19 - THURS - Home for the most - studying. Went over to Ole Serdahls and Ole Olson too, in regard to the Silver Wedding for Westernesses on Sunday.
- 20 - FRI - Home - studying in a.m. To Columbus in the p.m. to get Julien.
- 21 - SAT - Julien made a pen for the turkeys. Strong wind from SE - terrible dirt storm. It is very dry again now and there is little water in the pasture now.
- 22 - SUN - Sunday after Pentecost. The wind was even worse today - impossible to milk the cows outside. I milked one and then Julien had to put the others in the barn to finish the job. To Bethlehem at 11:00 - all went except Julien - he was not feeling exactly well. Many in church in spite of the strong wind and dust. Baptism for Lise Marie, B. Apr. 11 - Parents - Andrew and Louise Haga. We went over to Westernesses right from church for the surprise celebration of their Silver Wedding. There were many who came from other places too - Macroom etc. I spoke briefly and they were presented with a gift of money. Coffee and lunch. On the way home we stopped in at Kleppens - she is still quite sick. Then home. Took Julien in to town. It became cloudy. After milking, and when it became dark, there was thunder and lightning and we are really hoping for a good rain. Mamma sent \$3.00 to Adolph.
- 23 - MON - Not quite as much wind today. Hauled some stones today - also on TUES.

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- 25 - WED - Planted some potatoes. It started raining a little - it came down nice and still - gently without any wind - rained more towards evening but it didn't amount to much. It also turned colder during the night.
- 26 - THURS - Almost 30 degrees this morning - with a little snow flying around this forenoon. Heard that there really was some snow farther east in the state. To town on FRI.
- 28 - SAT - Started with a conf. class in S.St.Olaf today at 10:00. Most of them had been in the class last year but there were a few new ones too.
- 29 - SUN - English services in Thorson at 11:00 - L.L. following. Quite a few there. Norwegian services in S.St.Olaf at 3:00. This evening Lawrence and Thelma and Marie came from Williston. Marie's school is finished and she had been to visit them in Hanks since FRI evening. Over to Bethlehem at 8:00 for choir practice.
- 30 - MON - Thelma and Lawrence left early this morning - Julien had a ride to town with them. I fenced today - pasture for the horse(s). I worked hard. Memorial Day program in Columbus.
- 31 - TUES - Home for the most.

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- 1 - WED - L.A. at Mrs. George Witty in the p.m. First I took Valla in to Columbus and then we went to L.A. Many came. We have now had a good rain and it rained again last night.
- 2 - THURS - Conf. class in S.St.Olaf at 10:00. The roads were a little muddy today.
- 3 - FRI - Julien came home with O.Olson last night and got to take the car today so he could drive - as there was to be a School Picnic today in Canada. Valla has been in Columbus (Commencement week) and they will both come home tonight. Ada and Arlien went along with Julien today as far as Watteruds - to pick dandelions. Yesterday we went over to see Mrs. Anton Olson - she is sick - has pneumonia - lungebetaendelse - but she is improving. Louie Watterud is busy here today - sowing for green oats - grøn havre. 4 - SAT - Home today - studying.
- 5 - SUN - To Larson at 10:30 - Ida along. There were very few there today - there was a picnic some place. Only some from Lindbloms, Dilleruds and Evansons. By Columbus briefly - then home. This p.m. at 2:00 we had invited Bethlehem congregation to come here for services and L.L. There were quite a few and we had a nice day outside (down in the "park") in spite of the wind.
- 6 - MON - Foggy today. Conf. class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00. We were rather expecting Adolph tonight.
- 7 - TUES - Nice day. Julien and Valla went in to town tonight - Julien for a Scout meeting. Then they went out to Kinkaid, expecting Adolph, but he did not come. They went in last night too. Rosholt was out MON p.m. to let me know about a concert that a student will be presenting in Columbus (Orber Sime). I drove out to Thorson today to talk to Sathre about it and decided to have him come out to Thorson June 12, when we have services at 3:00.
- 8 - WED - Funeral today at 2:00 in Bethlehem for Mrs. Jens Ness, 53. She had died in Kernare on June 4, following surgery for a ruptured appendix. The casket had been in church since MON.

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- 8 - WED - (cont) - We had real hard rain all forenoon - storregn herte formiddag - but it let up towards noon. There is water standing in many places now. The church was full - many also came from S in Thorson. I spoke in both Norwegian and English. Marie, Valla and Julien were along and the 4 of us sang several numbers.
- 9 - THURS - Class in S.St.Olaf at 10:00. Rain showers the latter part of the week - sometimes more - sometimes less - mer og mindre. This evening we got a call from Adolph. He was in Bowbells - he had had a ride that far from Minot and he wondered if we could come to meet him there. It was about 9:00 when we left here - Ida and Julien along. We met him - walking - about 2 miles N of Bowbells. 10 - FRI - Out to Sathre. 11 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 12 - SUN - Real cloudburst - osregn - this forenoon. Did not even try to go to S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Should have been in Thorson at 3:00 but could not think about that either. It had been planned that Orbern Sime was going to come from Columbus and be in Thorson today but he could not come - the roads were impossible. He did give a concert in Columbus.
- 13 - MON - Class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00. In the evening we went to Larson for a concert by Orben Seim at 8:00. There were many people there - concert was in the Hall. Heard that Mrs. Norby is quite sick. 14 - TUES - Nice sunshiny weather today.
- 15 - WED - L.A. today at Mrs. Frank Bureau. Many there. We were there for awhile but then Mamma and I and Julien drove in to Larson and Marie remained at Bureau's. There was no Express in Larson for Adolph as yet. We then went over to see Mrs. Norby - she is very sick - terribly thin - ~~h~~ elendig mager - plans to go to the Sanatorium. We went to Columbus briefly - then back to Larson. We brought some fruit over to Mrs. Norby. Back to Bureau's. Announced services in S.St.Olaf for SUN at 3:00.
- 16 - THURS - S.St.Olaf conf. class at 10:00 - 13 there. Started with a class in Bethlehem at 2:00 - there were 8 there. 17 - FRI - Home - studying. Also worked outside with various things.
- 18 - SAT - To Columbus in the evening - many people in town. Adolph plays in the Band.
- 19 - SUN - Today is our 25th Wedding Anniversary - a very nice day. English services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - many there. Lawrence and Thelma, who came home late last night drove and we had a ride with them - all except Adolph and Marie who stayed home this a.m. When we were ready to leave church we were surprised to see that almost every one had already left and we were about the last ones there. Then when we did get started for home Lawrence drove N - and then W by Carlsons - and then home. We were beginning to suspect something - vi begyndte at ane ugle i mosen - and the oldest children were in on it. As we drove S from Carlsons we saw Rosholt come driving right behind us (with a big smile on his face !). As we drove up in the yard at home - there were so many cars and people we were just barely able to get in the house - vi kom knapt ind til huset. They had fixed up down in the trees with tables and decorations. There must have been at least 600 people here and about 150 cars. I am sure there were present from all the families in all 4 of the congregations and from Macroom,

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- 19 - SUN - (cont.) - Lignite, Bombells, Columbus, Noonan, Crosby, McGregor and Battleview. We were so overwhelmed we did not know "in or out" - vi blev saa alterent/vi vidste ikke Ud eller Ind. After we had had a few minutes to get our bearings, we were escorted down to our Park to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March. They had moved our piano down there while we were in Bethlehem. Rosholt led the way. They had set tables down in the Park - one for our familt - another one for the ministers and trustees - and then another longer table with lots of food for all the rest of the crowd, which was served buffet style. Then there was a Program - a duet by Ada and Arlien - a song by the Buckneberg Quartette - reading of the 103rd Psalm - a talk by Rosholt - all of this taking place as we ate. There was an abundance of all kinds of good things to eat for everyone. Mrs. Bureau was in charge of the serving with all the congregations participating and contributing. Then, a little later the others came - Aarthuns, Sauers, Ranums, and Waages. Even the Columbus Band came - and then there was the Thorson choir. Finally there was a large choir made up of all other singers there combined with the Thorson choir. Ranum also sang a solo - an excellent voice. The final part of the program took place up by the house, out on the front lawn, when we were presented with a purse of money - \$116.00 - of which \$5.00 was from Ranum and \$5.00 from Lawrence. It was a beautiful day in all respects - the weather was fine - a nice day to be outside. Agnes Ronning also sang a few songs during the afternoon. Then in the evening, after a wonderful day, everyone left again for his own place. Om aften reiste da alle, hver til sit. Lawrence and Thelma went back to Hanks and Mamma and Ada went along with them. They got there about 1:00 a.m.
- 20 - MON - This morning I got a call from Lawrence that I could make a better deal on a car in Alamo than I had been offered in Columbus. This afternoon an Iverson came here from Alamo - he offered me \$127.00 for my old car (1926). They did not have any Chevrolet Coach in stock in Alamo but could get one from Williston, so I decided to go and see about it.
- 21 - TUES - Adolph and I left about 7:00 this morning - drove S by McGregor to Alamo - and got there about 9:30. Iverson took us to Williston in a new Coach - his own - and we got to Williston about 11:30. We decided to buy a 6-Deluxe. With taxes, license, insurance, it came to a total of \$702.00. I paid \$330.00 in cash and he gave me \$127.00 in trade on my old car. That leaves \$245.00 to be paid in 12 installments. With interest that came to \$288.00 - at \$25.00 a month for 11 months and \$13.00 on the 12th month. But this is a dandy car. It was ready for us at 3:00 and then we left with it, driving to Hanks. They were halfway expecting us but were quite astonished when we came from Williston - and with a new car! We stayed in Hanks for a few hours then - had waffle supper - then left for home going by way of Alamo. We stopped there for some papers and got some gas. Then home by way of Alamo again. 9:00 home.
- 22 - WED - Adolph and Julien went in to Larson - no Express has come for Adolph yet (trunk). In the evening to Bethlehem for choir - many there tonight. (We could practice there at night as we had an Aladdin lamp on the wall behind the organ. It was a kerosene lamp with a mantle that gave very good light.

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- 23 - THURS - Home - studying for my talk at the Circuit Meeting in Glenwood Congregation June 25-26. Adolph and Julien worked with cultivating and hoeing in the garden and potatoes. This evening Adolph went to Columbus for Band practice. Ida along.
- 24 - FRI - Rain last night but it quit here during the morning - continued raining to the east of us. We went to Columbus in the p.m. as Gov. Shafer was going to speak there at 2:00. Adolph went along to play in the Band. We all went except Ida and the little girls. Stopped in at Vogen to pay what I owed there - \$25.65 - and he was disappointed that I had not bought my car from him (even tho he had not offered him as good a deal). Before I had a chance to hear Gov. Shafer, I got a call from home - Arthur Rysgaard and Alice Stavem were there and wanted to get married. So - I had to go home. Julien came along so he could drive back in to town with the car again. Then when I got home - they were not there. They had to drive back to Rysgaards as he had forgotten the license - so I then had to wait for them. (Mom remembered that as they were sitting there, waiting for Dad to come, Art realized that he did not have the license with him. Maybe Mom had asked him. No - as he checked all his pockets - he did not have that piece of paper with him - but he would bring it over another day. Oh, no - Mom said. Dad would not perform any ceremony without seeing the license first - so if they wanted to get married today they would have to go back and get it! So - Dad missed hearing the Governor, but he did get them married legally).
- 25 - SAT - Out early today. Mamma, Julien and I went to Glenwood for Circuit Meeting. We got there about 9:30 (allowed time for car trouble, even with a new car). There were only a few there then so we drove in to Crosby first. When we got back to church many had come and we started soon after 11:00. I introduced the discussion based on John 15:1-11. We continued after dinner with the other pastors taking part in the discussions. At noon they had to get a good look at our new car. Rosholt and Waage each came with \$5.00 today to be included in the Silver Wedding gift. This evening we drove to Crosby - to stay over night at Ranums. He was alone there now except that he had the Student, Shafland, staying there.
- 26 - SUN - This morning we drove back to the church again - comfortably cool - passelig kjolig. Many people there today - hardly room for all to get in. I preached this forenoon. Special music. Then there was observation of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Paulsons. A little longer noon hour today. Rosholt and Waage came at noon from their congregations. The afternoon program was in English - music - talks - and the reading of the History of the Congregation. Waage had the Opening Devotion and Rosholt spoke. I was free this afternoon. Before we left, Ranum came with \$10.00 for me - the trustees had decided that I should have this. The offering had been \$36.00. On the way home we stopped in at Noonan for a little while at Waages to make some plans for the 4th of July. We also stopped in Larson to see Mrs. Norby. She is very sick and will be leaving tomorrow for the Sanatorium. Then home. Marie started with a Sunday School in Bethlehem today at 10:00 - there were 19 there today.

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- 27 - MON - A busy day for everyone. Class in Bethlehem at 10:00. Julien took Adolph S to Grote to help along with the haying but they did not get started today. S.St.Olaf class at 2:00.
- 28 - TUES - A little rain last night. Picked gooseberries in the forenoon and strawberries and Juneberries in the afternoon. Julien and Mamma went to the mines - a quick trip. Adolph was digging for water - we have to haul water for the cows now.
- 29 - WED - A nice warm day. Primary Election. I went over this morning to vote - then Julien took Adolph S to Grotes for haying.
- 30 - THURS - Class in S.St.Olaf at 10:00. In the p.m. we had the S.St.Olaf L.A. at our place. Terrible wind from NW today - not very many came - only from Sorlie, Dihle, Sandberg, Berg and Bureau.

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- 1 - FRI - Home in the forenoon. This p.m. I started with a confirmation class in Scandia - we met at M.Berg. Went to town after that - had the oil changed in the new car for the first time. Have already driven 700 miles. Went out in the evening after supper to pick strawberries. Mrs. Watterud gave us some rhubarb - pie plant - today. Marie went along with Bud and Violet Evenson to pick Juneberries N in the coulee.
- 2 - SAT - Adolph came home early today from Grotes - Lester brought him - looked like rain. Adolph then drove in to town but shortly after he left it started raining quite hard. It is now 11:00 a.m. and he has not returned yet. I am worried that he may have had some trouble along the way - very slippery now. Heard yesterday, when I was in town, that Mrs. Kleppen is sick again. We got a fresh cow yesterday - the white one. Must not forget to write down that Valla and Arlien went to Hanks Thursday evening at 8:25, on the train from McGregor. Julien took them out to McGregor after the L.A. Valla's ticket cost \$1.53 (Arlien free - 4 years old). Adolph came home from town after dinner today when it stopped raining. Studying.
- 3 - SUN - First we took Marie and Ada over to Bethlehem church shortly before 10:00 for Sunday School. Then Ida, Julien and I stopped by Kleppens. She is in bed now - very weak. Then we drove on S to Thorson - very muddy and soft - solet og blodt. We got stuck near the Thorson church but had quite a bit of help to get out. Norwegian services at 11:00 - quite a few there. We drove home by O.Olsons. To Larson at 3:00 for English service. Not so many there. Marie along. Adolph went in to Columbus this a.m. - he is going to play with the Band at Lake Metigoshe on the 4th of July. Rosholt came out here this evening - we are all going to Hanks tomorrow. Then when it became cloudy and looked very much like rain again we decided to drive in to Columbus this evening and stay at Rosholt tonight. Louie Watterud has promised to take care of the milking while we are gone. We have picked a considerable amount of wild strawberries and Juneberries this past week.
- 4 - MON - The 4th of July. We were up at 4:00 and got ready to leave - looked like rain today too.

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- 4 - MON - (cont.) - We left Columbus about 4:45 and drove to Noonan - to Waages. It was beginning to rain a little now. To Crosby - Fortuna - more rain. Roads were getting tough. We stopped to put chains on before driving S. The road is graded but it was tough driving now when it was raining. Waage drove ahead - we came next - and Rosholt was last (with the kids). We came to Hanks about 9:30 - for waffle breakfast. We spent the whole day at Thelma and Lawrence - it was too wet to do any driving around - but we had a nice, pleasant - hyggelig - time there. Waages and Rosholt left about 5:00 p.m. but we stayed over night in Hanks. There was more rain during the night.
- 5 - TUES - We left about 12:30 today - drove by Alamo as we were going to have the car checked over. We should have had this done after driving 500 miles - but we have now driven 900 miles. The roads were really bad here and there. We were there for about 1 hour and then we drove on by Crosby to Fortuna again - to let Marie talk to members of the school board there. Then by Noonan to Waages - were there for supper. Then home. Adolph had not come back yet (band trip to Lake Metigoshe). Louie Watterud was here doing the milking. Then we had to go over to Bud Evenson to get our lamb. Waages and Rosholt had been 4 hours on the road from Hanks to Fortuna - had been stuck etc. Had gotten to Noonan about 11:00 p.m. - a real tough trip.
- 6 - WED - Conf. classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and St.Olaf at 2:00. Rain showers in the p.m. Adolph called about noon today - they had come back to Columbus last night - but I did not have time to go in and get him right then. Julien and I started out for town later on but had to turn back as we had a great deal more rain again.
- 7 - THURS - To Columbus in the a.m. - the roads were quite muddy - Adolph came along home. This p.m. we went over W to pick some strawberries again.
- 8 - FRI - Conf. class in Thorson at 2:00 - class met in church. There is some discussion out there about the possibility of starting a Sunday School like we have in Bethlehem now. Choir practice at Sandbergs this evening - 22 there. We had been in Bethlehem WED evening.
- 9 - SAT - A quick trip over to Bethlehem church and C.Brother. Then home - studying. The boys are digging a little more in the well in the pasture - there is a little water there now.
- 10 - SUN - A nice day. Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Many people there today. S.S. at 10:00 - there were 38 there today - started 2 weeks ago. After services over to C.Brother for L.L. - program, coffee and lunch. At 3:00 to S.St.Olaf for English service - many there also. 2 songs by the choir and a duet by Adolph and Valla. Marie played. 22 in the choir. We sang #1 and #173. Then back to Brothers again.
- 11 - MON - Conf. classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S.St.Olaf at 3:00. A little rain off and on especially in the forenoon. This evening Marie, Valla and I went down to the lake to pick Juneberries. The boys dug some more in the pasture well - seems to be plenty of water there now. Also cut down some Canadian thistle in the field. Nice day on TUES.
- 13 - TUES - Pete Hanson came here today to let me know that Andrew Wold had died yesterday in Minot

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- 13 - WED -- (cont) - and would like to have the funeral on FRI at 2:00. Shortly thereafter John Westernness came over with 60# of pork - had gotten 40# previously. This evening we went to Bethlehem for choir practice. Somewhat cloudy.
- 14 - THURS - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Thorson at 2:00 - in the church. They were there today digging the grave. We met in the basement today and I caught a cold.
- 15 - FRI - Nice warm day. Adolph was with Louie Watterud yesterday - haying. Also today. We left about noon, or shortly thereafter, for the funeral of Andrew Wold, 38, in Thorson - Ida, Marie, Julien and Arlene along. We went to the house first - many there. The hearse came from Minot today but they were late - they were delayed in Ross for awhile due to a breakdown of some kind that had to be repaired. When they finally came they did not stop long at the house but drove on to church. I had Devotion at the house and the choir sang, "Jeg Ved Mig en Sovn i Jesu Navn". Then all of us went over to church. I suppose there have never before been so many assembled there - a great many could not even get in the church. I spoke in both Norwegian and English. There were also a group of American Legion men - maybe a dozen - in uniform with their rifles - gevaer - to give their Military salute and Taps at graveside. The choir sang several numbers in church - "Kjender Vi Hverandre Der", and "Nearer My God to Thee". Then out by the grave they sang, "Den Store Hvide Flok Vi Se". After the service we were invited to come over to Wolds and had supper there. Carl Rosholt was there too. They came from Hansons and Overlies and there were some who had come from Petersburg, N.Dak. There were several \$5.00s given in Memorial - Mindekrans - and Sivert gave me \$10.00. This evening we had the choir from S.St.Olaf come to our place to practice - they kept on until midnight. (Some of that time was spent on lunch and coffee too - not all in singing).
- 16 - SAT - A nice day - Old Settler's Picnic in Noonan today - we are going in as Adolph plays in the Band - no - not me - but the others. Adolph left this morning with Carl Rosholt and the others went in the afternoon. Marie, too, stayed at home. Rosholt came back here tonight but he sleeps in his car
- 17 - SUN - Rosholt went along to Bethlehem S.S. at 10:00 today. I went to Larson for Norwegian services at 11:00. I was quite hoarse but I managed. In the p.m. all of us went to Breese for services and L.A. There were many there. As I was so hoarse, I had Marie read a sermon on "The Sabbath Day". It became cloudy and windy - the sky looked very bad toward the west - and by the time we were ready to leave it was here. There was hail in some places. We did not get more than a few rain drops with the wind but N of us there was hail and it also looked like that to the S and E. It was a very warm day today and has been so for about a week.
- 18 - MON - Marie read with the class in Bethlehem at 10:00. I drove down to the mines and then to Columbus to have the oil changed in the car for the 2nd time - have now driven 1575 miles. Marie also read with the class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00 - Julien took her over. Not as warm today but windy and a little rain later. We are picking berries in the garden (strawberries, currants and gooseberries).

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- 19 - TUES - Cool today. Picked some more Juneberries and what was left (berries) in the garden. Thunder this evening - also a little rain. Adolph to Columbus.
- 20 - WED - Cool after the rain last night. I see that Louie Watterud has come now to mow in the big slough to the S - has been busy haying but not much here yet - mostly at his place. Adolph has been helping him as for the time being he has no other work. However, he will be going to work at Grottes soon.
- 21 - THURS - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Thorson at 2:00. Julien went along - he is selling soap - for the Boy Scouts - to make some money. Not so warm today. This evening there was a concert in Bethlehem church at 8:00 by Orben Seim (Theremin). The church was full. Paul Rude brought him out. We all went over to hear him. Tomorrow evening he goes to McGregor.
- 22 - FRI - A nice day - home today - studying. Adolph has been helping Louie Watterud this week with haying. Warmed up later on. Paul Rude and Orben Seim came out this p.m. and then Adolph went along with them out to McGregor. They had had a full house there also - at the Hall. In the evening we all went over to O.L.Hatlelid for choir - we got home about midnight. Adolph was already home.
- 23 - SAT - Another warm day. Adolph, Marie and Valla to Columbus in the evening.
- 24 - SUN - Norwegian service in Bethlehem at 11:00. Quite a few there. To S.St.Olaf at 3:00 for Norwegian services - many there also. All of us went to both places. There was some discussion about salary - received \$23.00 in S.St.Olaf (expected in June). Home. Took Adolph out to Grottes in the evening.
- 25 - MON - Classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S.St.Olaf at 2:00. Ida along in the p.m. - over to Sandbergs and Bergs. Home the next few days studying. Not as warm on TUES and WED.
- 28 - THURS - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Thorson (church) at 2:00. Ida went along to visit at M.Berg and we also stopped by at O.Olson. We feel we must delay the Silver Wedding celebration for awhile as people are so busy and there is so little money. (He did not say whose anniversary it was but in September there was a double Silver Wedding for Olsons and Brothens).
- 29 - FRI - To Larson in the p.m. Paid the telephone bill of \$5.10 and 40¢ to J.Tweten. To Columbus for some shopping. Sent a Postal Money order for \$4.00 for shoes - for Julien and me. Received \$15.00 for July from the Stub Memorial Fund. Have been receiving \$25.00 a month from there since before Christmas - the same from Home Mission - but now it will be only \$15.00 a month from there - and maybe \$15.00 one more time from the Stub Memorial Fund - for August.
- 30 - SAT - Home - studying. Last night we were over at Nortvedts for choir practice. Many there but we had no tenors tonight. This evening out to Grottes to get Adolph. He has worked there for 6 days in haying now - gets only \$1.00 a day. He was not feeling so well tonight either.
- 31 - SUN - To Larson at 10:30. We met in the Hall as the Germans were using the church at 11:00. Marie, Valla, Julien and the little girls went along. Adolph stayed at home - he has a cold. To Thorson at 3:00 - Norwegian - and L.L. following. Ida and the little girls along. Warm day but then it became cloudy and we had a good rain shower after we came home.

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- 1 - MON - Nice and fresh today after the rain. Classes today in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S.St.Olaf at 2:00. We are expecting the Luther College Quartette this afternoon. They will be singing in S.St.Olaf this evening at 8:30. Adolph did not go out to Grotes today as he wanted to be here when the boys come. Ida and Adolph went along to church this p.m. to have the church fixed up for this evening (dusting, etc.). Then after we came home Adolph went in to town to meet the L.C. boys. However, they came here without driving in to Columbus so Adolph did not see them until he came home. The church was full tonight but the collection was not very big - only \$7.41 - but they did not think that was so bad. 2 of them stayed at Sandbergs and 2 of them at Bergs.
- 2 - TUES - Took Adolph out to Grotes at 6:00 a.m. this morning. To Columbus in the p.m. - Mamma, Valla and Julien. Valla stayed in town at Sommernesses. Later in the day Julien and I went out to do some shocking - the green oats.
- 3 - WED - Home - studying some.
- 4 - THURS - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Thorson at 2:00. Julien took Marie out to read with the class in Thorson. Valla had been in Columbus since TUES and came out this p.m. with Sommernesses. They had been to Noonan TUES evening to hear the L.C. quartette. Waages came out this afternoon shortly after Sommernesses. They were here for supper.
- 5 - FRI - To Columbus - ordered a zinc chimney to replace the one that blew down in July. Choir at S.O.Bergs tonight - 24 there.
- 6 - SAT - Laurits and Eva came out today - brought along the chimney and set it up. This afternoon Julien went over to Bud Evenson to help with haying.
- 7 - SUN - A nice day. This morning we had a Song Service in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and English service in Bethlehem at 2:00. All of us along to S.St.Olaf - The Song Service was very well arranged and presented. This was the first one we have ever had - the church was full. Bud and Violet Evenson came along home with us from S.St.Olaf for dinner and then they went along with us to Bethlehem - and back here for supper. Then later in the evening we all drove out to Grotes with Adolph. We also stopped in Battlevew to get some gasoline.
- 8 - MON - Classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S.St.Olaf at 2:00.
- 9 - TUES - This morning about 8:00 we left for Hanks to visit Lawrence and Thelma - Mamma, Valla and the 2 little girls and I. Julien stayed home to do some fencing. The cows will out! Marie was also at home. We drove by Hamlet and west - stopped in Alamo for a little while. We got to Hanks about 11:00. Warm day. We left again about 5:00 and were home by about 8:00. Valla stayed in Hanks.
- 10 - WED - Home in the forenoon. To Noonan in the p.m. - Julien and I. I went in to see Old Ole Stetvold who is very sick now. Bought 100# of sugar there for \$5.50 and a 4 gallon jar for \$1. Went by Columbus - insured my house against storm for \$2000.00 and the other buildings for \$400.00 - cost \$26.00 for 3 years. Bought a 100# sack of Occident flour for \$2.70 and 50# sack at the mill for \$1.10. Changed oil on the car, etc. and bought some lumber to make some shelves in the cellar.

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- 11 - THURS - A little rain last night. Louie Watterud helped butcher a calf last night. Cool and windy today with a little rain. Class in S.St.Olaf at 10:00. Home in the p.m. studying. Yesterday forenoon I fenced around a haystack. 12 - FRI - Home - studying.
- 13 - SAT - L.A. at Mrs. Anton Watterud - we all went - those of us who are at home. In the evening out south to get Adolph. Raw and damp in the a.m. - cool. Better in the p.m.
- 14 - SUN - A nice day - warmer. To Thorson at 11:00 for Norwegian services. Adolph went along. Then in the p.m. at 3:00 to Ole Dillerud for English services and L.A. We all went there. In the evening we took Adolph out to Grotes again.
- 15 - MON - Classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S.St.Olaf at 2:00 - a little cloudy. After I came home I went down to Andrew Pederson and was planning on going to the store in the mines but it started raining so heavily - men det blev saa dugelig med regn - that I decided I better drive home instead. I drove S very fast - jeg saette paa speed sydoover - and got to Anton Olsons before it became too slippery. (Hwy #40 was not graveled yet). I stopped in at Olsons until the rain let up and then drove home. Julien had shocked the rest of the wheat today so we are finished with the harvesting here. They have now started threshing in some places.
- 16 - TUES - Nice day. To Columbus. Tomorrow we are planning on going to the Missouri R. Ida and I went up to talk to Rosholt today and he plans to go along to the river tomorrow.
- 17 - WED - Up early and we got ready for the trip. Nice day. Rosholt came here a little after 6:00 and then we had breakfast. Waages came shortly after that. Waage rode with Rosholt and Mrs. W. with us and the little ones were at home with Marie. Julien was haying with Bud Everson. We drove past Albert Serdahl but they were already gone - we did not see him along the way either in Battleview or White Earth. We came to Barthelsens but there were no plums there. Then we drove by Sanish and over to Ingvalds - got there about 11:00 and stayed there until about 5:00. No plums there either. Then by Sanish, Stanley, White Earth, Battleview and home. Got home about 10:00. Marie had had a real little girls' party. (Ada and Arlene, Ruth Anne and Margaret W. and maybe Alzada and Mavis Serdahl too).
- 18 - THURS - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Thorson at 2:00. Several absent in Thorson - from Benson, Fredrickson and Hagen.
- 19 - FRI - To Dilleruds - got a sack of corn - by Columbus. Ida along.
- 20 - SAT - Home studying. Julien is still haying with Bud E. In the evening Ida and I and the little girls went to Battleview and then to Grotes to get Adolph.
- 21 - SUN - To Bethlehem for S.S. at 10:00 - then services at 11:00. S.St.Olaf at 3:00 - Norwegian at both places. Julien and Marie took Adolph out to Grotes this evening. Tomorrow Adolph will start threshing with Phillips.
- 22 - MON - Julien started threshing today with Carlsons - took him up there early this morning but they did not get started so very early at that. Everyone is threshing now. Conf. classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S.St.Olaf at 2:00.

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- 23 - TUES - Foggy. Some had started threshing early today. Went to Columbus this forenoon and it started raining - enough so they had to stop threshing even tho we had nice sunshine in the p.m.
- 24 - WED - There was a little rain during the night and then early this morning we had a heavy rain shower so there was no threshing today. Julien came home from Carlsons yesterday.
- 25 - THURS - A little rain again during the night. I had classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Thorson at 2:00. Some of the rigs started threshing again this afternoon.
- 26 - FRI - A nice day for threshing. In the p.m. we got a call from Sandbergs to see if we were going to be home. Mathres were there and they wanted to come over and visit. Before they came, Waages came out from Noonan. Soon after that Sandbergs and Mathres with their 3 children came. With Waages and ours and Mathres children there was quite a flock of little ones running in and out. They were here until about 8:00.
- 27 - SAT - Another nice day. Ida and I went in to Columbus to buy some fruit - it is quite reasonable now. Home the rest of the day. To Grotes in the evening to get Adolph. All are threshing around here now except Serdahls who have not begun yet.
- 28 - SUN - Should have been in Thorson for English services at 11:00 but it is raining so much this morning that I did not even try to go. Marie did not go to Bethlehem for S.S. either. Adolph and I did go to Larson in the p.m. - drove by Columbus. The roads are terrible and it seemed there had been more rain farther north. Larson at 3:00 for Norwegian services - not many there. Home. Did not go out to Grotes tonight.
- 29 - MON - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 10:00 - only 5 there. Class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00. Julien and Ida along. While I had class they drove over to Dihles to make plans for Julien and Arthur staying together this school year in Columbus. They can get a room at Thorvald Dihle. Julien came back to church to get me and then we went back to Dihles again.
- 30 - TUES - Still foggy and a little rainy. Adolph and Julien used a team from Louie Watterud and hauled home a load of sand. Adolph, Mamma and Marie went in to Columbus in the p.m. Cold and wet today. Yesterday I received a \$15.00 check from the Stub Memorial Fund - no doubt the last one. The check for last month was also for \$15.00 but the ones before that were for \$25.00 - which I have received since last fall. This has been a big help for me and other ministers.
- 31 - WED - Eclipse today at 12:44 p.m. We could see it easily but it did not make much difference here - it did not become very dark - almost as light as usual. We drove out to Grotes this evening with Adolph but he did not stay. They did not think they would be able to start threshing tomorrow.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - THURS - Class in S.St.Olaf at 10:00. The threshers are getting ready to start up again now and Julien went up to Carlsons this p.m. Adolph went along with me S to Thorson when I had class there. He got off at Seims as they were getting ready to start threshing there after

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- 1 - THURS - (cont.) - lunch. Good weather for threshing on FRI and SAT. To Columbus on FRI. Out to get Adolph on Sat. evening.
- 4 - SUN - English service in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - choir sang. Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 3:00. Went to the mines - and by A.Olson. Julien at home. Adolph had gone with some young folks from Columbus on a picnic - out south - came home a little late. Julien to Carlsons in the evening.
- 5 - MON - Up early - took Adolph S to Carl Johnson where the threshing rig is now. Most of the rigs threshed yesterday too - on Sunday. Classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S.St.Olaf at 2:00. By Larson and Columbus afterwards. Our school started today so I took Ada over to school before I went to Bethlehem.
- 6 - TUES - The ministers of Crosby Circuit were all invited to come to Rosholt, in Columbus, this afternoon. I had planned on going but the threshers came here right after dinner - A.M.Olson's rig came from Louie Watterud then. L.Serdahl is at O.Serdahl and the Anderson boys are at Anneson. We got 95 bu. spelts - 92 bu. wheat - and 58 bu. rye - but that seems to be considerable "long" measure - adskillig overmaal. They charge \$4.50 per hour.
- 7 - WED - Today there is Harvest Festival in Columbus so they are expecting a big crowd of people in town but it is doubtful that very many farmers have time to go as they are all so busy getting the threshing finished now while the weather is nice. Julien came home about supper time as the rig broke down.
- 8 - THURS - Took Julien back to Carlsons early this morning. Drive to school every morning too - Thelma Hatlelid started with school her on MON, the 5th. Marie is starting her school on MON, the 12th (Orgstad school) and she was over there today fixing it up.
- 9 - FRI - Conf. class in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 for the last time before Confirmation on SUN. Went to Columbus later in the day.
- 10 - SAT - Home studying for Confirmation. Julien came home this evening and then we went out S to get Adolph who was now at Oscar Berg. Ida and I went out to McGregor this morning to get Valla who came on the train from Hanks.
- 11 - SUN - Confirmation service in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 for a class of 13 - 5 in English and 8 in Norwegian: Jacob Anderson (Hans); Kenneth Berg (Sivert O.); Chester Sorlie (Albert); Milo Dihle (Erik); Mandt Knutson (Ole); Melvin Holte (Louis); Judith and Agnes Anderson (Andrew); Juella Ronholdt (Olaf); Avis Holte (John); Cora Kortgaard (Martin); Bertha Anderson (Kristoffer); Eleanore Hovland (Ole). The weather was nice and the church was completely filled. There were 2 songs by the choir - a duet by Adolph and Valla - and a song by the confirmation class. The offering was \$36.23. It was a very nice Confirmation service. At 4:00 we had the Communion service. Rosholt came out also - he spoke in English and I spoke in Norwegian. Many went to Communion, including our whole family. Rosholt came along home for supper and stayed quite late. Julien and Mamma took Adolph out S this evening.

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- 12 - MON - Today is Ida's birthday and she is 49 but there are not very many of the family around here to celebrate it. First I took Julien up to Carlsons - then Marie over to her school - and then Ada to our school. Then I came home to milk the cows. After that Ida and I went to Columbus. In the p.m. out to Thorson for class at 2:00. In the evening I cut down some corn. This was Marie's first day of school (Ongstad school) - she had 11 pupils and likes it just fine over there. There was a rain shower this morning so there was no threshing then but there was sunshine and wind after the rain so they were able to thresh this p.m. I sent the 3rd payment on my car - \$25.00 - to Minneapolis now; the first two went to Fargo.
- 13 - TUES - Washday - nice weather today. Drive to both schools these mornings - ours and Marie's. We mailed out a lot of cards - invitations - to the Silver Wedding in Bethlehem on Sunday for Brothens and Olsons.
- 14 - WED - This morning we drove out to Grotes to get Adolph as they have finished threshing. Julien came home from Carlsons this evening. This p.m. Ida and I and Valla and Arlien drove E to Martin Ronnings in Macroom to do some planning for the program on SIN for the Silver Wedding for Brothens and Olsons. We also drove by Ole Bergs (Bunad) and then by Andrew Petersons and the coal mines.
- 15 - THURS - Windy. The boys and I piled up some of the corn we had cut down. They went to town this p.m. Sent a draft to Shurson - \$36.00 confirmation offering, from S.St.Olaf. Studied some. Mailed out some more cards about the Silver Wedding.
- 16 - FRI - Home. The boys are digging potatoes. Julien and I also have dug a little deeper in the well and we have a little more water now. 17 - SAT - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 18 - SUN - English services in Thorson at 11:00 - Adolph along. A little cloudy. To Bethlehem at 2:00 for English services. There were visitors in church from some distance. Then there was Silver Wedding Celebration at Brothens for Anton Olsons and Brothens. There was a big crowd and everything went very nicely. It was a surprise - and especially so for the Olsons. We had a nice program - first, Buckneberg quartette singing, "I Bryllupet i Cana"; then I spoke; next a song by the the 2 smallest Brothen boys. Then during lunch - here comes the Rommegrot, carried in by Valborg and Agnes Ronning, who were both dressed in Norwegian National costumes (Bunads - I wore Mrs. Ole Berg's). Valla and Agnes sang several Norwegian songs then - "Det er saa Yndigt", "Astrid, Mi Astrid", "Naar Fjordene Blaaner", and "Millom Bakkar og Berg". Next Melba (Lundstad) Ronning sang, "Aa Kjore Vatten". Then there were more Norwegian songs and a duet by Adolph and Valla. Rosholt came out too, even tho a little late. He came home with us afterwards for awhile this evening. Julien then had a ride in to town with Rosholt later in the evening as he starts H.S. tomorrow.
- 19 - MON - Cold and cloudy. Adolph took Marie and Ada to their schools. Then Adolph went to see an Egge, to find out if he can take a cattle car down to St.Paul.
- 20 - TUES - Today Ida, Adolph, Valla and Arlien went to Hanks. I was home alone during the day

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- 20 - TUES - (cont.) - as the others were at school. O. Olson brought a load of coal today. I dug some more potatoes. They did not come home from Hanks today - they stayed over night and came home on WED about 11:00. Adolph and Valla went to town this p.m. after they came home.
- 21 - WED - Today there was funeral for George Keup who was shot by Henry Frazon last FRI in Columbus. 22 - THURS - Adolph helped dig potatoes today - I dug some yesterday too.
- 23 - FRI - Quite windy today. Home a.m. To town in p.m. to get Julien. 24 - SAT - Home.
- 25 - SUN - Today Orben Seim came to Thorson church at 11:00 for a concert. I had a short Devotion and Sermon based on Psalm 98; there were a few songs by the choir and then he gave his concert (Theremin). The church was full and the L.A. served lunch. They took in \$18.00. I had planned to have services in Larson today in p.m. but there was no place for us to meet as the Germans used both the church and the Hall all day. We drove in to Columbus in the evening with Julien. Marie and Valla were at home today when the rest of us went to Thorson.
- 26 - MON - Today we are taking Valla to Minot to start College. Adolph and I took her and Marie Watterud down. Before we left for Minot we took Marie (B) over to her school and Ada and Arlien stayed home with Mamma today. Marie W. and Valla got a room to rent at Mrs. Burns for \$6.00 a month each (with light housekeeping arrangements). We were home again before dark.
- 27 - TUES - Adolph hauled water for Louie Watterud today - Louie was sick. Adolph was not feeling so well either but he was up anyway. None of us felt really well today.
- 28 - WED - A nice day - I feel better. To Thorson in p.m. for conf. class - we met at Furness at 2:00. Hagen boy and Harbiggs absent. Yesterday p.m. Adolph, Marie and Arlien went to Noonan to have some pictures taken. Marie took off $\frac{1}{2}$ day of school. Adolph stopped off in Larson to talk to Norby. He doubted that he would be shipping cattle this week because of the Farmer's Strike. Norby had promised Adolph some time ago that he could ride down with a cattle car. Ida and I then drove over to Albert Hysjuliens this evening. They are going to Minnesota early tomorrow morning and they said that Adolph could ride along with them as far as Fergus Falls, where they are going for the winter. We went home then and got his things packed in a hurry.
- 29 - THURS - Not much sleep after we finally got to bed. We were up at 3:00 and Hysjuliens came by at 3:30 - got Adolph - and off they went. Lawrits was also here yesterday, doing some work on the cement porch. Home today - became quite warm.
- 30 - FRI - Another rather warm day. Home today too. Arlien went along to school today - also one other day this week. We have now gotten about 18 tons of coal hauled home here - hauled by both the Serdahls and Ole Olson.

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- 1 - SAT - Warm and still. Dry. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Harold Gunderson absent. Julien had a ride home with Arneson last night.

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- 2 - SUN - S.S. in Bethlehem at 10:00 and services at 11:00 - not so many there. To S.St.Olaf at 3:00 - quite a few there. There was baptism for Norma Maureen, B. Aug. 16, Parents, Michael and Nora Nelson. Took Julien in to town this evening - Albert and Archie Serdahl along. It started raining this evening and continued on during the night.
- 3 - MON - Rain today - took Marie to school. Ada had gone down to Serdahls last night to stay with the little girls over night. O.L.Hatlelid came over this p.m. to get one of my cows that he is going to keep this winter. I still have 3, which is enough to take care of when I am alone during the winter - and there is so little water.
- 4 - TUES - First I took both the teachers and Ada to school this morning. Then around noon, the rest of us, Ida, Arlien and me, went to Columbus and then to Noonan for a meeting of the Circuit ministers with President Stoeve in regard to the Budget. Waage had been to Wildrose to get him and they came about 2:30. We came home about 6:00 - had to milk in a hurry and then we all went to Columbus. Marie and Thelma H. wanted to attend the choir rehearsal there - choirs from Noonan, Columbus and Lignite rehearsing there for the L.L. Convention and Choral Union in Crosby, Oct. 6. Quite a few there tonight.
- 5 - WED - Home today. Cool and clear weather. We had a letter from Adolph yesterday written in St.Paul on SAT, Oct. 1. He had taken the bus from Fergus Falls to St.Paul but did not get to Decorah before TUES, the 4th, as they were going to Colfax, Wisc. on SUN, the 2nd, staying until MON. So Adolph had gone along with Conrad to visit Arnt. He had come down to St.Paul on THURS evening. Nothing of much importance to note on THURS and FRI.
- 8 - SAT - Conf. class in Thorson church at 2:00 but it was so cold I did not keep them long.
- 9 - SUN - Norwegian services in Thorson at 11:00. The choir sang and they also stayed to rehearse afterwards. I had to leave right away - home first and then to Larson for English services at 2:30. L.A. afterwards - quite a few there. Offering - Mission Boxes - \$12.78 total with the loose change which came to about \$5 or \$6. Mamma, Marie and the little girls along - Julien was at home - waiting for a ride with Serdahls to Columbus. By the time we came home they had left.
- 10 - MON - Ada went along with Marie to her school today. It has been cold for about a week - we have seen both snow and rain but nothing to amount to of either.
- 11 - TUES - Took Marie and Thelma H. in to Columbus for choir rehearsal in the evening.
- 12 - WED - Rosholt and Julien came out to go hunting and I went along with them. Mrs. Wrolson has been here for a few days visiting with us.
- 13 - THURS - Home. A week ago today we went to L.A. at S.O.Bergs - not many there.
- 14 - FRI - To Columbus. Julien came along home.
- 15 - SAT - Cold and cloudy. Class in Bethlehem church at 2:00. It was not warmed up and it was too cold to stay very long so I dismissed them - only 3 boys came today.
- 16 - SUN - L.L. Convention in Crosby today. Thelma and Carmer Hatlelid came over to ride along

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- 16 - SUN - (cont.) - with us. It was wet, foggy and cold so it froze. Marie and I went from here. Ida and Arlien are at home and Ada is at Serdahls with the little girls. We went by Columbus to get Julien. We had to stop several times along the way to scrape the windshield - we could not see to drive because of the ice. Julien had gone over to Anton Watteruds yesterday to ride in to town with Elmer and from there they were going to get a ride to Crosby in the evening for the L.L. Banquet. They had come in too late - the others had already gone - so he stayed in Columbus over night. The ride to Crosby was cold - there was a little snow too. However, the Auditorium was almost full. Rev. Tallakson preached - he is a very good speaker. We ate dinner down town. The Choral Union Concert was at 2:30 - very good - very well done - godt udfort. Tallakson spoke again. We left after this - went by Columbus with Carmen H. - Julien came along home. There was a little more snow.
- 17 - MON - Had planned to go to Savers for their Silver Wedding but the weather was so cold we gave up on that long drive. Drove to both the schools with the "schoolmoms" - then to Columbus with Julien. Talked to Rosholt too - he telephoned to Aarthuns and they were not planning on going either.
- 18 - TUES - Some snow today - drove to both school houses. Continued snowing all day. Went to get Marie about 4:00 - there must be at least 6" of snow on the ground now. Thelma H. went over to Yahns tonight. Kept on snowing all night and started blowing.
- 19 - WED - It looked pretty tough this morning. Marie walked over to Ole Serdahls and had a ride to school with them. The drifts are quite big already. Ole brought her home this evening too. It was even hard for the horses to get thru the drifts in some places. Thelma H. had a ride home with A. Serdahl and walked home here from there. Fixed up my sled today.
- 20 - THURS - Took both the schoolmoms today - drove S by Ole and then W to Albert with Thelma H - then by Ole again and to school with Marie. None of Ole's children went to school today - Dr. Smith was there - a little baby girl was born. Ole came over here at 3:00 a.m. to telephone to Dr. Smith. I went to get Marie after school - Thelma H. had a ride home with Milo Serdahl.
- 21 - FRI - A nice, mild day - snow is thawing. Both the teachers are going to Teacher's Institute today in the Ness schoolhouse - Milo took them over there.
- 22 - SAT - Another nice day. Julien had a ride home with Melvin Pederson as far as to A. Olson.
- 23 - SUN - To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Marie along. Quite muddy. Bethlehem at 2:30. We started out but had to turn around and return home. It was raining very hard and before long it changed to snow. Before dark we had had quite a bit of snow and then the wind started blowing in the evening and it continued all night.
- 24 - MON - By this morning we had more snow than we had a week ago and it kept on coming. Yesterday evening we heard that Frank Bureau was seriously ill - near death - after suffering a heart attack. He had been sick for sometime but this was unexpected and he died during the evening. It was a very disturbing and confusing situation over west last night - no one could get out in

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- 24 - MON - (cont.) in the storm and Central in Larson could not be reached as the telephone lines were broken. Conditions were not any better today, MON. Many cars were stalled along the roads. Fred Bureau, Bowbells, had left there SUN evening and did not get out to the Bureau farm until MON evening. There was no school around here any place today but the weather did start improving in the p.m.
- 25 - TUES - I was going to take Marie to school this morning - or at least over to Ole Serdahls - but only made it about halfway as the snowdrifts were so deep I could not get thru. She walked the rest of the way (on top of the drifts). A. Serdahl came with the bus this morning so Ada went along with them. Thelma H. did not come over here yesterday but no doubt came to school early this morning. This afternoon I went over to Burau's - Julien went along as far as to the Carlson corner and from there he was going to go to Columbus on skis. The snow was extremely deep - we got stuck S. of Carlsons - vi lagde ned hestene - we had to unhitch them and get them out of the deep snow and then pull the sled out separately. Mrs. Bureau was in bed - feeling very poorly. This was very hard for her but she had faith that Frank knew God.
- 26 - WED - A nice day today. 27 - THURS - The weather was nice this morning and continued until noon. At noon Marie and Thelma H. and I drove in sled over to the funeral for Frank Bureau. We got to the Bureau home at 1:00. Many there - some from Minnesota too. People from Columbus and Larson were able to drive as far as Burau's with car - but no further. But there were many there with teams and sleds so everyone had a ride to church. I had Devotions at the house - read from John 11, and I sang "Come, Ye Disconsolate". Then over to church. Sorlie rode along with me to show me the best route to follow to get thru to church. South of Dihles something on my sled broke. Thorvald Dihle took my team over to E. Dihles and then fixed my sled and brought it over to church before we were thru. We had another ride over to church. There were quite a few in church by the time we came there. It started snowing on the way over and continued snowing while we were in church - and there was no letup on the way home either. It was a hard trip home. Continued snowing all night, coming from SE.
- 28 - FRI - Snowed today too but now the wind is from NW. Neither Marie nor Thelma H. went to their schools today. Very stormy and thick out today.
- 29 - SAT - Weather improved today. We got some groceries from town today with Albert. Tough roads.
- 30 - SUN - Weather was better today and not as cold but the roads are impossible - men veiene er umulige nu. Should have had English services with communion in Larson today at 11:00 and Norwegian in Thorson this p.m. but had to stay home. Walked over to Watteruds for a little while this p.m. Julien had to stay in town this weekend.
- 31 - MON - Marie walked to school today - weather was nice. O. Serdahl took Evelyn in to town today. There is funeral today for Harry Trulin in the Swedish church - Rosholt officiating. We did not go - stayed home and got some jobs done around here - put on storm windows and paper (tar) around the house and banked with straw.

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- 1 - TUES - Went to Columbus with Louie Watterud - had to go in to do some shopping. Bought some flour and apples among other things, Flour was \$1.75 per 100# and apples 89¢ a bu. I bought 3 bushels of apples.
- 2 - WED - Should have gone to Circuit Meeting in Fortuna today and tomorrow but we are having another terrific snowstorm again - en fooygende snestorm igjen - so it is doubtful there will be any meeting. I took Marie over to O. Serdahls and he was going to drive to school. Ada and Thelma H. also got off to school.
- 3 - THURS - The weather was better today - cloudy but thawing. Louie Watterud came over and helped with butchering a pig.
- 4 - FRI - A nice day - much sunshine but not much thawing. Marie sent \$10.00 to Valla and \$6.00 to L. Nelson, photographer in Noonan. Julien came home this evening - had had a ride with Carlsons. He will be going in to town again tomorrow with Dihles. It is difficult to drive to town now with any kind of rig - det er vanskeligt at kjore til byen med hvadsomhelst.
- 5 - SAT - Took Julien over to Dihles this morning - they are going to drive in with sled. Mild day.
- 6 - SUN - Nice and mild weather. To Bethlehem at 11:00 - Marie and I drove over in sled. Not very many there. A little rain. Home for dinner in a hurry. Then over to S. St. Olaf. Few there too.
- 7 - MON - NW wind and a little snow but not cold. Marie walked over to Ole Serdahls and got a ride with them to school. Serdahls bus came by for Ada.
- 8 - TUES - Today is Election Day. So now the decision will be made whether or not Hoover will continue in office for 4 more years or if Roosevelt will step in. Still somewhat stormy - some snow and drifting from NW. Marie has decided that she is going to stay in the schoolhouse now when it storms. So, today I took over a bed and bedding, food, a lamp and a few other things so tonight she will not be coming home from school. After I had taken these things over to her school I drove over to Sorlie school to vote - Ida did not want to go along today in this weather. Arlien went along to school with Ada today. There were many who came out to vote today - almost all who are registered, I believe.
- 9 - WED - The same kind of weather - some snow coming down and today the wind is from N. Hard for the mail carriers to get thru on their routes these days. 10 - THURS - Stormy today.
- 11 - FRI - A little better today. Rode horseback out to Ole Olson - used May - the horse that Ole Hovland brought over on Wed, the 9th. May is a 12 year old mare - good on the road. Brown. He took Queen with him - she is now 19 or 20 years old - getting rather stiff and not too good on the road any more. He will decide what to do with her. 12 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 13 - SUN - Left here about 11:00 for Ole Olson - set my horses in there and then rode with them in the school bus to church. Much snow and not very many at church but we had services with communion. Came home before dark.
- 14 - MON - Today Ada is 8 years old and she brought a nice birthday cake along to school to celebrate. Cold with NW wind today. There was Silver Wedding for Albert Serdahls today. We went over in

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- 14 - MON - (cont.) - the p.m. - Milo came with the school bus to get us. Not too many there - too cold. Ben Simonson and family, Ole Serdahls, John Oby, Harry Stock, Ole Olsons, Oscar Yahns, Thelma Hatlelid and us. We had a nice little celebration anyway but there was only about \$6.00 in gift. Marie stayed at her schoolhouse tonight. There was baptism for Ben and Ella Simonson's little girl, Phyllis Clara, B. Nov. 27, 1931.
- 15 - TUES - Went to Columbus today with Louie Watterud - quite a nice day - and it is about 2 weeks since I have been to town. I bought several Postal Money Orders to send - \$25.00 payment on my car - \$15.00 to Carl Hanson, Treas. of Luther College - \$12.00 to Adolph from Mamma - and \$22.38 to Shurson from the Mission Boxes in S.St.Olaf and Bethlehem. Also mailed some things for Thelma H. (I'm quite sure that the \$12 to Adolph from Mom was the room and board money Thelma H. paid her).
- 16 - WED - More stormy weather. 17 - THURS - Foggy and still. Marie came home tonight. 18 - FRI - Cold wind from NW with some drifting. Took Marie over to O. Serdahls and they were just ready to leave when we came. Ada was sick when she came home from school today - she has a bad cold and we put her to bed right away.
- 19 - SAT - Home - studying. Ada was in bed all day, running a little temperature too. Dresses 2 turkeys which we will send on MON - one each to Valla and Thelma. We also gave one to Hatlelids and Valla got one before. (Marie Watterud and I were doing light-housekeeping. There were 6 girls upstairs at Burns - 3 bedrooms - and we all did some very light housekeeping. At the end of the hall there was a little 2-burner gas stove with a small oven that we took turns using. I have a vague recollection of roasting a turkey in this little oven, but everything was done very casually that had nothing to do with menus out of "Good Housekeeping". With the economy being what it was in 1932-33, the Chain Grocery Store deserves a Star Award for service beyond the call of profits in assisting MSTC Lighthousekeepers thru their shopping lists. We would ask for a dime's worth of pork chops or whatever, and he would ask, "How many you gonna be?" - and measure out enough to go around - for a dime! We ate a lot of soup, graham crackers, peanut butter, pork and beans, but I can also remember baking a Lemon Chiffon Pie so we did get out of the rut sometimes).
- 20 - SUN - Quite a nice day - to Larson at 1:30 for English Thanksgiving services and communion. 14 communicants. I drove to Dilleruds - got there for dinner and then rode along with them to Larson. It was a little late when I came home.
- 21 - MON - Took Marie over to Ole Serdahl and then she rode to school with them. Nice and still this morning. Ada is still in bed - not feeling quite well yet - and we heard that one of the Serdahl girls is also sick. Annual meeting of the S.St.Olaf congregation this p.m. I drove over to Ronholdts - set my horses in there and then rode with him. There seems to be even more snow to the west of us. Mild but a little stormy from NW. We met at 1:30 and meeting opened with Devotion - 1 Thes. 5:12-- and followed this with my annual report. Other reports also heard. The treasurer reports that I have received \$50.00 previously and now \$45.30 of

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- 21 - MON - (cont.) - which \$12.80 is from the L.A. Election: Secr. - J. Holte; Treas. - A. Anderson; Trustee. - M. Nelson (3); School Committee - A. Sorlie (3) and O. L. Hatlelid (1); Janitor - one time each. Present: John and Louie Holte, Ronholdt, Sorlie, A. Anderson, Sandberg and Budke. 22 - TUES - We kept Ada at home today too.
- 23 - WED - Nice and mild today. I went over to school to get Marie. Julien came home from Columbus with Ole Serdahl today. Today I sent some books and a letter to Mrs. Norby who is in the Sanatorium in San Haven, N.D.
- 24 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. A nice mild day. English service in Bethlehem at 11:00. Marie and Julien along. He came home from town yesterday with Ole Serdahl. LeRoy came along home with us from church - he had come out to Kleppens yesterday. Nels Kleppen had to go to Portal today to see Dr. Parker as he has a badly infected hand. Yes, we had a great turkey dinner when we came home from church. Mamma, Ada and Arlien had been very busy.
- 25 - FRI - To Thorson for English services at 12:00 - rode from M. Berg with them. Quite a few there. The L.A. served lunch after services and then we had the annual meeting of the congregation. The women brought their Mission Boxes and there was also a Mission offering. I gave my report first, followed by the other reports. Secr. J. Wick was gone but he had left the books at church. Carl Furness was elected secretary; Treas - M. Sathre; Trustee - Carl Overlie (3); School Committee - Martin Berg (3). Martin Berg and family became members. Janitor - P. Rysgaard. I received \$60.00 in salary now and had received \$65.00 previously - a total of \$125.00 for the year. Possibly a little more will come in later. I had forgotten to bring along the application for financial help from Home Missions but they suggested that I fill it in and mail it with their complete approval. A nice day - clear and still.
- 26 - SAT - Another nice day. LeRoy went along to Kleppens today when I went to Bethlehem for the Annual meeting at 2:00. Opened with Devotion and followed by my report. Secr. report heard and accepted. Treas. report for 1931 accepted byt the 1932 report was incomplete. Election: Secr. - A.M. Olson; Treas. - M. Pederson; Trustee - N. Kleppen (3); School Committee - Brothen (3). Janitor - Olson and Brothen have promised to donate their services until April - M. Pederson and L. Gunderson have also volunteered their help and others will see to that the church is given a thorough cleaning this summer. I received \$30.00 in salary now. This, together with what had come in before - and coal and other things - threshing bill to Olson and Kleppen \$8.60 - it came to a total of \$104.00 and some cents for this year. It is still possible that a little more will come in. No report yet from A. Haga (trustee). Ole Olson has given \$20.00 this year which is the biggest contribution. The application to Home Mission for financial help was signed. They also decided that we would continue with English services every third time. They were also going to see if the L.A. could help out with the church assessment of \$10.50.
- 27 - SUN - Nice weather. To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 for English Thanksgiving service. Marie along. We set the horses in at Ronholdts and rode with them the rest of the way. Quite a few there.

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- 27 - SUN - (cont.) - Took Julien over to Anton Olson in the p.m. as he will ride in to town with them. LeRoy also came along in to town.
- 28 - MON - Very nice and mild day. This p.m. Louie Watterud came over and helped me butcher the other pig. No - that was TUES. MON Ronholdt brought over 200# of beef - to count for 6¢ a pound towards my salary - regnes paa prestelon. Ben Simonson came over TUES evening and wanted to trade some beef for pork - so we made a trade. 58# of pork for 66# of beef. John Oby wants some too. Marie is coming home every night this week as the weather is so nice. I take her to school every morning.

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- 1 - THURS - A nice day - to Columbus with Anton Olson - in car. Paid up some bills. The highway is quite rough for cars. 2 - FRI - Also a nice day but a little colder.
- 3 - SAT - Getting some studying done - also yesterday. Last night there was a shower of corn snow first - then it turned to rain and we had some wind from S. Today there is a covering of ice all over everything and we have a cold wind from NW.
- 4 - SUN - 2nd Sunday in Advent - Norwegian service in Bethlehem at 11:00. Today Marie and I walked to church. It was so icy and slippery from the rain FRI night that it would have been dangerous to drive on our roads with anything. It was not very cold and there were quite a few in church in spite of the roads. There were a few that came with cars. There was some discussion in regard to Christmas Tree and it was decided that the L.L. would be responsible for the expenses connected with it. Yesterday p.m. Julien, Elmer Watterud and Arthur Dihle came driving out from town in an old Maxwell car that belongs to Duricks. They did not stay very long but drove back to town.
- 5 - MON - The weather is not too cold but the roads are very slippery and dangerous.
- 6 - TUES - About the same. The mailman came with his car today but he had some trouble.
- 7 - WED - It turned cold last night and today we have a strong wind from NW and it is 20 below. I should have been in Larson today but gave up on that. Alice Olson came home with Marie last night and then she went along with her again today and they were going to stay at school until FRI. On THURS it was 30 below. On FRI it was clear and only 20 below.
- 10 - SAT - 12 below zero. It should improve soon - but it was colder again tonight.
- 11 - SUN - This morning it was 35 degrees below zero and I stayed at home. Should have been in S.St.Olaf today but cancelled it. This p.m. I took Marie over to her school and Ada went along with her and will stay there and go to school this week. It was cold driving over there.
- 12 - MON - Not as cold today - it was 12 below this morning but went up to 10 above. Waage called me today from Noonan to let me know that Old Mr. Sletvold had died yesterday - the funeral will be tomorrow TUES in Noonan and he hoped I would be able to come in. I cannot do that as I have announced services in Larson and will have to try to get there for that. We got a

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- 12 - MON - (cont.) - telegram from Adolph today saying that the roundtrip for Christmas from Decorah to Minot would be \$15.00 and he would like very much to come home.
- 13 - TUES - Snow from N this a.m. but not very cold. I drove over to Anton Olson and got him to drive today with his Ford. First we went to Columbus - brought along some food for Julien - sent in the payment for my car, and did some shopping. Then we drove to Larson for services at 1:30. There were only 4 women and Otto Evanson that came out today, Had a short service - in Norwegian - then back by Columbus and home. I bought a Money Order in Larson for \$20.00 and sent it to Waage in Noonan so he could wire it to Adolph from the Noonan Bank.
- 14 - WED - Cold and stormy from NW. Marie and Ada came home this evening. Nice but cold on both THURS and FRI.
- 17 - SAT - Today Valla is coming home. Had a letter from her that she would be coming by train to Columbus. Rosholt had promised us that he would bring her out to Anton Olsons when she came. Julien called about 5:00 to say that they were ready to leave from Columbus. The train had been late. I drove over to Olsons then and they came almost immediately after I got there. Julien, too, came along home. Valla was tickled to be home again - had been in Minot since September. Yes, there was much to talk about all evening. We have not heard any more from Adolph about when he will be coming. ("The train was late". That sentence really tickled me because for the next 15 years that happened practically every time I came near a train. The proportion of "late" trains to "on time" trains was overwhelming!)
- 18 - SUN - Quite a nice day. English services in Bethlehem at 1:30. We all rode along with Albert Serdahl. Quite a few there. Marie rehearsed with the school children afterwards - her school children - for the Christmas program. The children sing so well - er flinke at syng. Adolph came home this evening. He had had a ride in car to Minot - they left Decorah at noon on FRI - had driven thru the Twin Cities and had gotten to Minot SAT evening. He had to stay at the Grand Hotel SAT night and then took the Soo to Flaxton on SUN - got a ride to Columbus with someone from Noonan - and then he had a ride with Elmer Watterud as far as Nels Anderson and had walked home from there.
- 19 - MON - Nice and clear weather. Marie went to school today and had Ada and the 2 Serdahl girls along so they can practice for the Christmas program. Louis Serdahl came by with the bus and took them all to school. Julien went in to town again - they have school all week.
- 20 - TUES - Not too cold today but there is a strong wind from SW. It seems that the cold wave - kuldebolgen - is over now. Wedding here today for Rollo Marston and Loretta Bureau - they drove over in car. Adolph walked over to Anton Olson today and had a ride to town.
- 21 - WED - This is the shortest day of the year and the sun seems to stand still for a moment to consider briefly before turning its face toward the North - Saa dette er aarets korteste dag og nu staar solen stille lidt og betaenker sig for den vender sit aasyn mod Nord. It is a nice day - clear and still - and 15 degrees above this morning. We have sent out a great many cards

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- 21 - WED - (cont.) - and letters for Christmas, and some presents. We mailed a box of various things to Mandius - a turkey to Lina in Canton - a turkey to St. Paul - one to Hanks (Thelma) etc.
- 22 - THURS - Home - studying for Christmas. Marie has been coming home every evening from school. The weather is - has been quite nice.
- 23 - FRI - The wind is a little cold today. I went to Columbus today with Anton Olson. Adolph and Valla went over to Bethlehem church this p.m. to help decorate the Christmas Tree. We drove over to Olsons right after dinner. I put my horses in there - Adolph and Valla walked over to church and I rode along with Olson to town in his Ford. Julien came home last night - Elmer and Jim brought him home. Julien was not feeling well - he has a cold and maybe the flu as there is a great deal of that in Columbus. Marie dismissed her school a little earlier than usual today - they had a little party and she had presents for all her pupils. Adolph and Valla were waiting for me at Olsons when we came back from town. Then home.
- 24 - SAT - Christmas Eve. There are many things to get done here today for Christmas - but I am not feeling well. Have gotten a cold and maybe the flu. Julien is sick too. But we have our Christmas Tree tonight and every one had a part in it - we sang and there were gifts. But I went to bed early to see if that would help.
- 25 - SUN - Sunday morning and Glædelig Jul - but I don't feel very Merry - men jeg føler ikke svaert glædelig. I am sick and I had to force myself to get up - maa nok tvinge mig op - and get ready to go to S. St. Olaf for services at 11:00. The weather was nice. Adolph went to Albert Serdahl and got a team and sled there. It's a good thing that he feels well. Marie and Valla went along to church too. The church was full for English service at 11:00. It was hard to conduct the service and speak but I managed - after a fashion - paa en maade - then home to rest for the remainder of the day.
- 26 - MON - Nice weather today too. To Bethlehem at 11:00 for Norwegian and English service and Christmas Tree and Program following. I feel miserable today (this was written in English in his Norwegian Diary) - do not know what I can do in church - but must go. Adolph went to Louie Watterud to get a team. Serdahls were using both their teams as they brought the Oscar Yahns along too. Julien and Arlien went along today too but Mamma and Ada are sick in bed. Poor little Ada - she could not go along for Christmas Tree Program. Well, I got thru somehow, in church - but it seemed to be very warm there. We had a quartette and a duet from here for services. Then, after the service, Marie had her Christmas Tree Program - a Cantata of Christmas songs that took about 20 minutes. The children certainly knew their parts well - it was very good - the best children's program we have ever had in church, I guess. Well - we got home - and we had to talk it over - and many other things. I again went early to bed - hot and feverish - then I perspired a lot and by next morning I felt better.
- 27 - TUES - Another nice day and I felt considerably better. To Thorson at 12:00 for Norwegian and English service. We drove out to Rysgaards - full house. Adolph got to see Grotes again -

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- 27 - TUES - (cont.) - we heard that P. Hanson is still sick. It was easier for me to speak today - the choir sang 2 songs. There was also a Christmas program afterwards which had been arranged by Mrs. Rysgaard. The choir sang a few more songs and then the L.L. served lunch. We drove home by the H. Stewart place. Julien is OK now - I am better - so are Mamma and Ada - but now Arlene is sick.
- 28 - WED - Today I feel quite well. I got up early and have now written up all this in my book about Christmas. Today Rosholt is going to conduct services for me in Larson at 10:30. There is no sleighing from here to Larson now and I do not have a buggy now and we cannot drive with car. So Rosholt has promised to have services for me there when it is difficult for me to get there. It would be nice if Rosholt could take over Larson entirely as we so often have trouble with roads between here and there. We have not had any company during Christmas this year - there has been too much sickness. Ole Serdahls want me to come over today to baptize their baby. I walked over - feel much better now. Violet Lucille was B. Oct. 20. It is not cold but the air is thick with a wind from NW and there is some drifting with a little snow coming down. The boys drove over to Carlsons - Adolph had a ride to town with Clifford and Julien wanted to take a look at Anton Johnson's radio that he has for sale for \$15.00. They brought it home and set it up so we could try it. It sounds good.
- 29 - THURS - We expected Rosholt out today for dinner - Adolph was coming with him - but they did not come.
- 30 - THURS - Rosholt called today - he had also been sick.
- 31 - SAT - Adolph came home this evening with John Oby. He had stayed at Lawrits and Oliver Ulsrud.

And now we come to the end of this Old Year - in Jesus Name - as we did when we started it. Again we have much to be thankful for - Thanks be to God for Health and Livelihood and God's great Mercy towards us. Financially, this has been a hard and tough year for all. The Depression - scarce money - and poor prices for everything the farmer has to sell. People cannot pay their taxes and debts. I have received in salary about 1/3 of it this year; last year about 2/3. But we have managed unbelievably well - Adolph is at Luther College - Julien is in Columbus at H.S. - and Valla is in Minot at the College there. So - all in all - it is wonderful how things work out. Thanks be to God For All Good Things in 1932.

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- 1 - SUN - May this year bring us much happiness and many Blessings - may we learn to be more Thankful in all ways - and may we all learn to Pray more about it. Today there was a good deal of snow coming down with a wind from SW. Services were announced for 11:00 in S.St.Olaf and went tho I did not expect that many would come, with all this snow and illness of flu and colds. The snow let up about the time we had to leave so Marie and I went. There were not very many at church - but some. Then home again. Adolph drove over to Carlsons this p.m. to see if anyone would be going to town tomorrow and if he and Valla could ride along as they will both be leaving on the train then. The Carlsons were not going to town tomorrow as they were invited some place tomorrow. Then he went over to Anton Olson - and he will be going in so they can ride with him. Bud and Violet came over for awhile. I am feeling much better now after the flu and cold but I still have a bad cough. Ida too.
- 2 - MON - A little colder today. Took Adolph and Valla over to A.Olsons this forenoon and we all 3 went along to town with Olson. The train came at 12:40. Valla and I were up at Laurits and Eva for a little while first. Then Olson and I went home again.
- 3 - TUES - I drove S to Thonson today to see P.Hanson. He has been sick for a long time now but he seemed to feel better today. It was 5 below here this morning but it had been 14 below at Hansons this morning.
- 4 - WED - Milder today. We hauled in some hay and cleaned the barn. Then Julien drove up to Carlsons with a radio battery (to be charged). I bought Anton Johnson's radio a few days before New Year's for \$15.00. It is quite good - especially so for that price.
- 5 - THURS - Home. Still have a cold and the cough hangs on so I have to be careful. Mamma has not gotten over the cold completely either. Bud and Violet came over today. They and Marie were planning on going over to O.L.Hatlelids on FRI - but on FRI there was such a snowstorm from NW that they were glad to stay at home. It was not really very cold during the day on FRI but by evening it turned quite a bit colder. Still much flu around here.
- 7 - SAT - Cold today. Julien went up to Carlsons to get our radio battery. Stormy from SE tonite.
- 8 - SUN - New Year's service in Bethlehem at 11:00. Not quite so cold today - Marie and I drove over to Bethlehem - not many there today.
- 9 - MON - Nice and mild today. Julien and I drove over to Anton Olson this forenoon and we rode along with them to town. I did some shopping and bought some Money Orders - \$25.00 for car payment; \$18.00 to Adolph; \$9.32 to Lutheran Brotherhood for his Insurance premium; and \$41.56 for Marie's Ins. premium - I had lent her \$25.00. Came home in the p.m. By the time I came home Marie had gone over to O.L.Hatlelids with Bud and Violet. It started storming during the evening from SW but it was not very cold. During the night the wind changed to NW.
- 10 - TUES - When I got up this morning there was a real snowstorm raging outside. Marie had called us last night from Hatlelids to let us know that they were not going to start out in the storm but would stay over night there and come home today. But, today they will also have to stay

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- 10 - TUES - (cont.) - where they are - idag faar dem pent vaere i ro. Had some bad luck with a few turkeys last night. They have been staying out some of these nights when it has not been so cold - and could not find them when it started storming. I found 2 today that had frozen to death and another one that may be alright after awhile. Well, it's too bad. It stormed all day but let up towards evening. They left Hatlelids and came back to Evensons this evening so Marie stayed there over night and came home WED morning. Guess she has had enough visiting for awhile. The Mailman came here on TUES but got lost a little farther west, in the storm, so he came back here and went N from here and back to Larson. Nice weather on WED.
- 12 - THURS - Nice today too but there was a little snow again. Went over to Watteruds this p.m. (walked) - bought $7\frac{1}{2}$ # of butter at 20¢ a lb. Marie was over at her school today giving exams to Peter Lundstad. She walked both ways. This evening I walked over to Ole Serdahls - he is sick. Brought along some B&M.
- 13 - FRI - A very nice day. This p.m. Marie and I drove over to Brothers. Brought along a battery which they will charge for me. Marie had to talk over something about school (Brother was on the School Board). We have had several letters from Valla since she went back to Minot.
- 14 - SAT - A nice day. Home.
- 15 - SUN - Last night it started snowing and storming again and it continued storming all day SUN. I had not announce any services for today, which was a good thing, as I could not have gone any place anyway. 16 - MON - A little better today but cold. About the same on TUES.
- 18 - WED - A little better. I hauled some water and straw - and cleaned the barn. This afternoon Mrs. Brothen and 3 of the boys came over. They brought along the radio battery so now we have radio music again. She also brought along some butter and cream.
- 19 - THURS - 10 degrees below zero but nice and clear. 20 - FRI - Zero degrees and clear. Home - studying. 21 - SAT - About the same as yesterday.
- 22 - SUN - A nice day. Marie and I drove over to S.St.Olaf for English service at 11:00. Not very many out today. 23 - MON - Colder with a wind from S in the p.m. with some drifting. Nice on TUES.
- 25 - WED - Zero weather in the morning - improved during the day but then we had some stormy weather again from S later on in the day. About the same on THURS.
- 27 - FRI - Quite a nice day but there was a cold wind from SE. Albert Serdahl went in to town with some wheat today. There was funeral in town today for Carl Larsen. He had died very unexpectedly earlier in the week. Julien came home tonight - had been in town now for 3 weeks. He had a ride out with Anton Olson and then walked the 2 miles home. Albert Serdahl came somewhat later. Quite stormy on SAT.
- 29 - SUN - I shpuld have been in Thorson today but I had received a letter from Mrs. Rysgaard this week saying that there was so much flu out there that it would not be advisable for me to make the trip this time. So, today I am at home. It was quite stormy all forenoon around here but let up later on. Rosholt is conducting services in Larson at 2:30 today. I took Julien as far

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- 29 - SUN - (cont.) - east of Vangens and then he walked from there.
- 30 - MON - It snowed some more during the night and today it is foggy. Marie started with her school again today so I took her over there, The fog was so thick we could only see a few feet ahead of us. I drove over to Melvin Pedersons from school to find out if Marie could stay there with them when the weather gets stormy. Marie would rather do that than stay in the schoolhouse. Yes, that would be OK - said Mrs. Pederson. It turned out to be a nice day. Hauled a barrel of water. Thelma H. also started her school today and came over here in the evening after school.
- 31 - TUES - The last day of January already. This month has been quite cold and stormy - but today is a nice clear day. Marie did not come home last night - went over to Pedersons - but she came home tonight. I drove down to the mines this p.m. to do a little shopping.

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- 1 - WED - Foggy today - and cold. Took Marie over to school. Hauled a barrel of water and then did some work in the barn. In the p.m. in the house - doing some studying.
- 2 - THURS - Somewhat cold. This p.m. I drove over to Brothens to get a radio battery that they had charged up for me. Got some butter and cream from Mrs. Brothen. Then over to the school house to get Marie.
- 3 - FRI - Cold. Anton Johnson came over to do some work on the Maytag washing machine and the radio. He stayed over until SAT and also fixed up a clock.
- 5 - SUN - A beautiful mild day even tho a little cloudy. I drove alone over to Bethlehem for services at 11:00 - Marie has a cold. Only those who live near the church came out today. Not too long after I came home from church it started snowing with a wind from N - and it turned into a real blizzard before long and the temperature dropped and continued all night.
- 6 - MON - Extremely cold today - must have been about 40 below even tho our thermometer showed only 30 below. It continued storming all forenoon but the wind did let up a little during the day. No school today - no mail either, of course. It must have been difficult for all of the people who had gone to Minot for the big Ski Tournament yesterday, with the weather turning so stormy and cold. I could not even water the cattle today.
- (In regard to that Ski Tournament - I was there. The day had a beautiful beginning - it was a lovely mild day - not even very cloudy in Minot to start with. The big ski jump was located NW of Minot - beyond the College - but not too far for us to walk out to it. Marie W. and the rest of them at the house too, walked out there in the p.m. to take in this exciting event. It was really very exciting for awhile, hundreds of people standing around watching the skiers swoosh down the giant slide and sailing thru the air to land down below in the valley. But then - it started to blow and the skiers were in danger. They were being blown off course when they came down the jump! I can't remember if it started snowing before we

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- 6 - MON - (cont.) - got back to town but the wind was fierce and the temperature dropped quickly so everyone was rushing to get back to town. We had walked out there but we got a ride for most of the trip back to town. Everyone with a car that had an extra space - or could pack a few more in - stopped to pick up those who were on foot. That was the first - and only - ski tournament I have attended, and that one was not even completed. The snow came - and continued to fall all the rest of the day and thru the night and by MON a.m. the streets were blocked. We did get to classes but had to walk out in the street thru snow up to our knees).
- 7 - TUES - It cleared up but it was still very cold. The mailman came thru today - Thelma H. also came to school today. Marie is at home - she has a bad cold. I drove over to Anton Olson this p.m. to get the message out that there would be no school this week. 30 below today.
- 8 - WED - Another terrible snow storm from N. It started last night. 45 degrees below. Could not take the cattle out to water today. No school. No mail. Almost impossible to even go out the door.
- 9 - THURS - Well, the storm keeps on also today. The snow drifts between the house and the shed are now as high as the auto shed and the drifts are just as high circling the house. I've never seen such a winter. (These sentences were all written in English - this happens once in a while - but not often).
- 10 - FRI - Still stormy but Thelma H. and Ada went to school when the Serdahl bus came by for them but they came right back. 11 - SAT - Not stormy today but still very cold.
- 12 - SUN - Had announced services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and John Holte had promised to go over there to heat up the church. He called me this morning about 6:00 a.m. It was then 28 degrees below zero so we decided to cancel it for today. A little later on it started blowing again from NW. We had our own services at home - Thelma H. stayed over this weekend. On FRI we received letters from Adolph, Valla and Thelma. Adolph has now registered for the 2nd Semester but needs some more money.
- 13 - MON - Cold and windy again from NW. Up early today and took Marie over to her school. She is going to stay over at Melvin Pedersons tonight,
- 14 - TUES - Today I am 58 years old. It is still cold today with a wind blowing from NW. I hauled a barrel of water from Bud Evenson's well - then I was in the house for the rest of the day. Mamma baked a nice birthday cake. Received a box of cigars from Lawrence and Thelma and Valentines - also Valentines for Ada and Arlien. I also received a birthday card from T.Kopslund. We had turkey for dinner.
- 15 - WED - Weather is quite good today. We sent a box of "eats" to Valla today. Today is the 35th Anniversary of the Sinking of the Battleship "Maine" in the Havana Harbor, when 256 sailors lost their lives. I saw the wreck of the "Maine" one year after it happened - when I came to Havana with the 2nd U.S.Cavalry and then again when I left Cuba one year later. Read in the paper that there are still 18 survivors now. Nice weather on THURS and FRI.

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- 18 - SAT - Went to Columbus this a.m. with Anton Olson. A very nice day - some thawing farther N. Julien came along home - it is now 3 weeks since he has been home.
- 19 - SUN - Nice today too. To S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - Marie along.
- 20 - MON - Stormy again today - much drifting with wind from NW. I took Marie over to Ole Serdahl and she had a ride with them over to school house. Thelma H. came here about 11:00. She had been at school but Henry Yahn was the only one who came there today. Weather improved in the p.m. and was quite nice. Julien was at home today.
- 21 - TUES - A little stormy again this morning but not too bad. Clifford Serdahl took Archie and Julien as far as McCarthy's (mine). Nice WED and THURS but Marie went over to Pedersons THURS evening anyway. Rather cloudy but there was no snow as we expected.
- 24 - FRI - Nice day. My only horse, Dan, is sick today. Does not want to eat or drink. I let him be outside for awhile.
- 25 - SAT - Another nice day. We received a letter from Adolph yesterday - he has gotten some work to do. He wipes dishes after 1 meal - it takes about 3/4 of an hour and for this he will get \$10.00 a month. Had gotten a letter from Valla the day before yesterday - she had been sick again - the same old problem again - swollen glands in her neck. (Not only did I have a flair-up of swollen glands again, but I had measles. There was a real epidemic of measles sweeping thru Minot but none of the hundreds of cases were serious and there was no quarantining or keeping others of the household out of circulation if someone in the house had them. Dr. Sorenson prescribed cod liver oil).
- 26 - SUN - To Bethlehem at 2:00 for English services - Marie and Ada along. A nice mild day with a lot of thawing. Marie had her school pupils sing several songs. This was Marie's birthday and she invited Alice Olson and Mabel Westernness to come along home after church and they were here until MON. Julien came home here for a little while when we were gone. He had come out with Thorvald Dihle to Erik Dihle and then Art D. and Roy Sorlie took Julien over here.
- 27 - MON - Cold wind today. Ada is home today. This p.m. I drove over to Anton Olsons - then to C. Brothers to get a battery they had charged up for us. Ada went along with me. Mrs. Brothen sent along some cream today - she has sent over cream several times before too - and butter several times. We have also received cream from Olsons, Kleppens and M. Pedersons. Today, when we drove past M. Pedersons over to school for Marie, they gave us some pork.
- 28 - TUES - The wind was quite cold today but nevertheless there was some thawing during the day.

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- 1 - WED - Cold east wind. Took Marie to school today - also the O. Serdahl children. Today Hannis (mailman) tried to come around with car. At 10:00 a.m. we heard that he had gotten as far as Ole Watteruds but was now stuck. It was cloudy at first today but later the sun came out and we had bright sunshine.. Hannis had considerable trouble getting around today but he did

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- 1 - WED - (cont.) - finally make it. He also drove with car on THURS but then he had had enough.
- 3 - FRI - Over to Watteruds a little. Julien and Archie S. came walking home from town this evening.
- 4 - SAT - Today is F.D.Roosevelt's Inauguration Day in Washington, D.C.. We were able to listen to the whole program over the radio - starting at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until about 3:00 or 4:00 this p.m. It was really great - so wonderful to be able to hear it all by radio - rigtig storartet. We hope - and believe - that Roosevelt is the right man to take over the leadership of our country now - til at tage ledelsen nu. Hoover and Mrs. left Washington directly after Roosevelt had taken his oath of office and delivered his Inaugural Address - efter han havde aflagt sin ed og holdt sin tale.
- 5 - SUN - Nice day. Drove out to Ole Olsons this forenoon - had dinner with them and then rode along with them to Thorson at 1:30 for Norwegian services. The others are home today.
- 6 - MON - Today we heard that all the Banks in the land are closed for a few days - with a message from President Roosevelt that all will be restored to normal again and that Congress will be in session on THURS, March 9.
- 7 - TUES - Exceptionally nice, mild day - snow melting fast - but then, suddenly, at about 3:00p.m. there was a strong wind from NW with enough new snow to make the air very thick. The wind was so strong it was difficult to walk. Milo Serdahls bus tipped over several times today. Marie went over to M.Pedersons tonight. We have been waiting for a letter from Valla, who is sick in Minot but did not hear today.
- 9 - THURS - Cold - 10 below zero today. We listened to the radio today and heard from Washington, D.C. where Congress is in session. 10 - FRI - Nice and clear but zero weather.
- 11 - SAT - Nice day. Wedding for Lester Grote and Selma Hanson here. (In the Burke Co Book they tell about driving to Bucknebergs place with horses and bobsled because there was so much snow that was the only way to get there).
- 12 - SUN - Nice mild day - snow is melting fast today. English services at Sandbergs at 2:00 with L.A. following. Marie went along - we drove with sled. There is a great deal of water standing now. They took in \$13.55 today - and then they gave it to me to apply on salary.
- 13 - MON - Today - school again. It was nice but all of a sudden, this morning, there was a strong cold wind and fog from NW. I walked along with Ada down to Albert Serdahls but the little girls had already left - so Albert gave Ada a ride to school. Otherwise, they have been walking to school each day - and then home again. Cooler on TUES and WED - no melting.
- 16 - THURS - Drove over to C.Brothers again for a battery - roads are tough for driving. I bought 5# of butter again - have bought 3 times before and gotten 5# once - have also received cream several times both there and from Kleppens, M.Pedersons and Olsons.
- 17 - FRI - Quite cold again. Julien had a ride home this evening with Carlsons.
- 18 - SAT - Home today - studying.

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- 19 - SUN - Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 2:00. Drove with sled but it was hard to get thru - had to walk over to church from Olsons. Mamma and Marie along. Quite a few there today.
- 20 - MON - Out early today with Julien - over to Olsons so he can ride along with them to town. Brought along his food supplies.
- 21 - TUES - Home today - weather is quite cold. Yesterday p.m. M/M A. Sorlie came over to visit and this evening Albert Serdahls were here until about midnight listening to the radio.
- 22 - WED - Cold today too. Spring will be coming but it seems to be late this year - Vaaren skal nok komme men kommer sent. 23 - THURS - Some thawing today.
- 24 - FRI - Marie and Thelma H. decided that they would like to go to Columbus this evening to see the H.S. Operetta. Julien has a leading role. There is not much sleighing left now but one of the Serdahls has promised to be at school at 3:00 to get Thelma H. and then to drive over to Marie's school and then over to A. Olson to ride along to town. They are going to stay over night in Columbus. We are also expecting that Valla may be coming from Minot tonight.
- 25 - SAT - We got a call this morning from Valla that she and Julien were coming home at noon - Rosholt was going to bring them out. Marie would be coming home later with Carlsons. Yes, they were here for dinner - were able to drive almost way up to the house with car. Valborg and Marie W. had had a ride to Columbus last night with a teacher, Miss Knutson, from Fortuna. Marie, Valla and Thelma H. had stayed at Soderquists last night. (Carmen Hatlelid, Thelma's sister, stayed at Soderquists. I'm sure that Carmen was in the Operetta too). Rosholt was here for dinner and then left for town again. Heard later that he had been stuck N of Watteruds. Marie came home this evening.
- 26 - SUN - Today to Thorson for English services at 1:30. I rode horseback out to Olsons and then rode with them in car. That was a tough trip. Valla and Julien had a ride up to Carlsons with Louie Watterud at 1:00. Then they had a ride from there in to Columbus with Anton Watterud who came by A. Carlson. Valla and Marie W. had a ride back to Minot at 3:00 with Mrs. Joe Ronning. 27 - MON - Great thawing weather. 28 - TUES - More wind - cloudy - but not cold.
- 29 - WED - About the same - thawing a great deal. A. Watterud here for a visit.
- 30 - THURS - L.A. at Mrs. Nels Kleppen - she and Hilma, Mrs. Ed Hallum, served together. Borrowed Watterud's buggy to drive over - went alone. Many people there. By Brothers for the battery.
- 31 - FRI - The last day of March. Up early to take the buggy back to Watteruds as he is going to town today. Strong NW wind today is very hard on the snow drifts - there are real rivers of water running in all directions. Home - studying. We had a letter from Valla today - she had just registered for the Spring Quarter and was told that she could take as many subjects as she wanted to. (Having been sick during the winter quarter I had had some doubts about how I would come out with my courses but had been able to make it all up and was ready to go on from there).

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APRIL

- 1 - SAT - Still having thaw weather. Julien came home today - had a ride to Anton Olson with Paul Lee. After he came home we really got busy and worked with getting the car out of the shed. We had to do quite a bit of shoveling to get it out - but we finally made it. It has been standing there all winter now - has staaget iro - since Oct. 16 when we went to Crosby for L.L. Today is April Fool's Day and even little Arlien had to get in on it - on the telephone. Marie rang O.L. Hatlelid's ring and then Arlien talked, "Hello, is this Teacher? This is Arlien. April Fool."
- 2 - SUN - Used Watterud's buggy today and Marie and I drove over to Budkes at 2:00 for English services and L.A. following. The roads were terrible - very muddy W past Ronholdts. There were a few who drove with cars and even got thru without getting stuck. Cold wind from NW as we drove W with corn snow coming down hitting us right in the face as we drove over there.
- 3 - MON - Freezing weather today. Marie was sick today so she could not go to school. Ada went to her school. Drove in to town today with car and it went well. Took Julien and Archie S. in to school - Louie Watterud also went along. We drove in without chains. Heard in town that Ed Newberger had died yesterday, very unexpectedly. As we were driving home it started raining and snowing - the air was quite thick and it kept on for the rest of the day.
- 4 - TUES - So today we have sleighing again - and still foggy and wet. Marie and Thelma H. walked to their schools today - and Ada stayed at home today. Drove with sled this p.m. over to Brothens to get the battery and Ada went along with me. Found out at Olsons that they had taken the battery over to school so then we drove over there. Snow off and on WED and THURS.
- 7 - FRI - Julien came home today - no school today - NDEA meeting in Minot. Snowing - muddy and wet. We then drove over to Olsons to get his suitcase - roads were quite tough. We broke a chain but it was an old one.
- 8 - SAT - Milo Serdahl went in to town today so I had him bring out a new pair of chains for me. It is still snowing.
- 9 - SUN - Palm Sunday. Cold - and it is still snowing off and on. We all went to Bethlehem at 11:00 - drove with car. Baptism for Nelsie Levina, B. Jan. 9 to parents Nels and Lucille Birkeland. (Dad and Mom were sponsors). Then over to Charlie Holters for Silver Wedding celebration. There were quite a few there. We drove E by Hagas and also came home the same way. The gift came to about \$18.00.
- 10 - MON - Took Marie and Ada over to school in sled today. Julien was going in to town on skis today - I took him N as far as O. Vangens and then he went from there on skis. Then by school to get Marie and Ada. Broke a runner on the sled - slaede meie.
- 11 - TUES - Took Thelma H and Ada down to Serdahls and then had him fix the sled. Louie brought it back here later on, all fixed. Today is Thelma H's birthday and Ida has prepared for company. The yahn girls came over with Thelma from school and then stayed over night. We had more snow during the night - quite a bit, in fact.

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- 12 - WED - Serdahls came by with the bus to get them this morning and I took Marie to her school. More snow during the day. Evelyn Serdahl called to ask her father to meet her at Youngs this evening. I went over to give Ole the message. He then went over to school first to get his children and Marie also had a ride home with him.
- 13 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Marie had school today and I took her over there. Ada was at home today. The roads are terrible - it is becoming difficult to get thru with any kind of rig. I was home today - had not announced services any place today. Julien had a ride home with Olsons this evening. Today Magne Kleppen is moving over on the Eskildson place (west of our place where Bud and Violet had been living). Weather continues cold.
- 14 - FRI - Good Friday. Today the weather is nice - mild from early morning and on thru the day. Services announced for Thorson at 11:00 - Norwegian with communion. But - I cannot drive with either sled or car to get out there - and I do not have a buggy. Decided I would have to ride horseback - so I rode on May. However, when I got out to Ole Olson, both he and M. Berg had already left with truck because they were going to McGregor first to get the girls who attend H.S. there. So - I rode horseback on May all the way out to Rysgaards and the roads were terrible. They were all driving with cars out S - except Overlie and they came in wagon. Gilbert Hanson asked me to come along home - his father is very sick and wished to go to communion - so I rode home with them then. Yes, Pete Hanson is very sick now - so weak but he does not seem to be in much pain, however. His blood and liver are failing - he is quite swollen. It does not seem possible that he can recover or even live much longer. He believes this himself and is reconciled to that fact. There were many who stopped by there today - all of Furnesses - Nels and Mrs. (Mae) and Grandma Wold. We were all there for dinner - and then Gilbert gave me a ride back to Rysgaards with horses and wagon. By now the roads were terrible. Then home on horseback again. Came home shortly before dark. This evening we heard a concert from Salt Lake City, Utah - "The Seven Last Words" - "Jesus Syv Ord paa Korset" - it was beautiful - came in so strong and clear.
- 15 - SAT - Easter Eve. Paaske Aften. Home - studying. Beautiful day. Julien went over to Watteruds to borrow their buggy for tomorrow.
- 16 - SUN - Easter Sunday dawned with beautiful, mild weather and a little wind from SE. But it is muddy. Marie and I drove over to S. St. Olaf for 11:00 - in buggy. Quite a few there and many were driving with wagons and buggies. To Bethlehem at 3:00 and we used the auto then as we were going to take Julien in to town afterwards. Not as many in Bethlehem. We had to drive a detour - N from M. Gunderson and then around by Olsons. We stopped in at Olsons after services - had some coffee - and then we took Evelyn and a Jensen girl along to Columbus. The highway was in good shape. Then back by Olsons and home.
- 17 - MON - Colder today. Foggy and a wind from E. Took Marie to school in buggy - then drove by Brothens with a battery. Then to Watteruds with the buggy. Home the rest of the day. We

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- 17 - MON - (cont.) - received a letter today from a student at Luther College - President of the Musical Union. He wrote about the Luther College Band going to play at the World's Fair in Chicago and that Adolph was needed in the Band. Yes - we will certainly have to try to manage that. I wrote letters to Alstad, Sperati and Adolph to mail on TUES that he can plan on that.
- 18 - TUES - A little rain and cold wind today from NE. Took Ada and Thelma H. to school today in car and was able to drive as far as Arnesons. There is still snow in some places.
- 19 - WED - Same kind of weather. This evening, just about dusk, the Otto Walther house (C. Trulin place E of us) burned down. Marie, Thelma H and I got in the car and hurried over there - and even tho we were the first ones there, there was nothing much that we could do as the fire was completely out of control - ilden havde faaet overhaand. We were only able to get a few small things out - bare noget smaateri. Caroline was home alone when the fire started. We brought her along home with us.
- 20 - THURS - Cold today. Took Marie as far as the Walther corner - also Lawrence Walther who had been here for breakfast. Got stuck in a ditch over there and Lawrence helped me get out. Then home to take Thelma H and Ada to school. Caroline Walther is here - waiting for her folks to come from Lignite. They came here later in the day. 21 - FRI - Home.
- 22 - SAT - To town today - Marie went along. Julien came along home - had been in Crosby last night.
- 23 - SUN - A nice day - the roads are drying up very well now. To Thorson for English services at 11:00 and L.A. following. There were quite a few there today - we all went today. Very nice special music by the choir and Girls Glee Club. Ida and I went over to see Pete Hanson after services. He is very sick. Then home and a little later all of us went in to Columbus with Julien. We also went over to see Lawrits and Eva for a little while.
- 24 - MON - Today I planted some garden. Brought up the rest of the potatoes from the cellar and sorted them out. Took off the storm windows and put screens on the windows. Spent some time out and around looking for turkey eggs - but I guess the crows have been there first - men kraaken tager dew forst. Today Ada and Arlien went along with Marie to her school as she is going to start rehearsing for a Mother's Day program.
- 25 - TUES - and 26 - 27 - 28 - Nothing of great importance to note. Drive to school every morning. Oh, yes, on THURS, the 27th, we drove to Hanks - Ida and I and the little girls. The roads are dry but it a rather stormy day. We stopped in Alamo for a short while - and we were in Hanks before 12:00. Everything is fine there. We left again shortly after 5:00 - drove by Alamo and then home.
- 28 - FRI - Today Arlien is 5 years old. She went along to school today for a party and then in the evening we were invited over to S.O. Bergs. (Kenneth and Arlene had the same birthday).
- 29 - SAT - Marie and I went to Columbus - then to Noonan. I went in to see Dr. Smith. Stopped in at Waages for a little while too. Then by Columbus to get Julien. He came along home.

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30 - SUN - English and Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 11:00 with communion. In p.m. to Louis Holte for English services at 3:00 and L.A. following. They took in \$20.50 - fact is - it was \$20.62. Also a check from Mrs. Bureau for \$13.00. There was a big crowd there. There was also baptism for Donna Lou, B. Jan. 9 to parents Walter and Clara Priebe. In the evening we took Julien in to Columbus.

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- 1 - MON - A nice day even tho a little windy from east. Took Marie to school - Ada was at home today. This was washday. A. Watterud was here for awhile this forenoon. He told us that Vera is sick again - very sick with cancer - kraft. This p.m. I drove south to see to see old Mrs. Breese who has been quite sick but was better today. Then S to Pete Hanson - he is near death and is unconscious a great deal of the time. He appeared to be so today too but when I spoke to him and took him by the hand he nodded perceptibly when I talked to him. He lay there with eyes closed all the while I was there - he is so weak. He has a strong Faith. It did not seem possible that he could live thru the night but TUES - WED - and THURS went by and I did not hear anything. The wind has been very strong now each day from SE but no rain. That is perhaps just as well too because the farmers are able to get their crops in without any weather delays. Spring's work has been late this year and very little plowing was done last fall. Hopefully, the price of grain will go up; wheat is now about twice as much as it was last fall and thruout the winter, and other grains have also gone up some in price. Have been home most of the time this week - studying some and working in the garden a little. Have planted some and have been busy raking and cleaning up the yard - rager op og pynter op lidt rundt ide.
- 5 - FRI - Wind continues from the SE - a few raindrops last night but it was not enough to amount to anything. To Columbus to get Julien.
- 6 - SAT - Home - studying. Yesterday about 1:00, Nels Hanson and Lester Grote came here to tell me that Pete Hanson had died shortly before noon. Funeral will be on MON. There was a little rain and then later on in the p.m. I went to Columbus.
- 7 - SUN - Norwegian services in Thorson at 11:00. We all went from here but Marie and the little girls and Alzada and Mavis Serdahl stopped off at Ole Olsons for some singing rehearsal. Marie is working on a program for Mother's Day next SUN, May 14. Mr. and Mrs. Ole Olson rode along with us to church. When we came back we stopped at Olsons for dinner. Then we all went down to see old Mrs. Breese who was 72 years old today. The children sang for her and there were other neighbors and relatives there also. Home. There was a little rain.
- 8 - MON - It rained quite good last night and also continued today altho not so heavy - more like a gentle, fine rain. However, the roads were tough for driving - it was a good thing that Julien was still at home to drive along with me out to Thorson for Hanson's funeral. The

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- 8 - MON - (cont.) - roads were terrible. We came out to Hansons a little after 10:00 - but did not stay long there - over to church by 11:00. The church was more than full. Spoke in both Norwegian and English. We drove home by a different route - N from church - and Mrs. Olson and 2 of her little girls rode along with us. Julien had taken Marie to school this morning before we drove S. Mamma and the 2 little girls were home today. \$9.00 came in for Memorials. Julien and I drove in to Columbus later - the roads were bad in that direction too. I went up to Rosholt for a little while. The other ministers and families of Crosby Circuit were all meeting there today and we should have been there too, but with the roads the way they are it became too late after the funeral. I didn't stay long. Laurits has been working at the P.O. since the beginning of May. We have had letters from both Adolph and Valla just recently - 2 from Valla.
- 9 - TUES - There was a light frost this morning and cool all day. Home today. Ada was also at home today. Worked out in the garden for awhile. Home for the most the rest of the week. Drive to both schools every morning.
- 12 - FRI - This is Marie's last day of school. This p.m. Ida, Arlien and I drove over there with ice cream for their party. They went thru their program for Mother's Day - their singing is excellent - dem er svaer at synge. Later Ida and I went to Columbus to get Julien. The roads are a great deal better now.
- 13 - SAT - Quite a nice day. Louie Watterud is here today disking the 8 acres to the N where he will sow wheat. Last night Frank and Gilma Hollingsworth came over to have their little boy, Kenneth Leon, baptized. He was born Sept. 22, 1932. Marie and Ida and I were sponsors. They are planning to move to Minnesota quite soon.
- 14 - SUN - Mother's Day. First we went to S. St. Olaf for Norwegian and English service with communion at 11:00. Marie along. Home for dinner. Then we all went to Bethlehem for services at 2:00. Marie had prepared an excellent Mother's Day program with her school children and the L.L. had purchased carnations for all the mothers present and seated in reserved pews. As the children were singing, Arlien and Helen Serdahl came with the flowers and presented one to each mother. The program was very good. I also spoke in English about "Mother's Day". It was a beautiful day and there were many there. After we had finished in church we all went over to Nels Birkeland for coffee and lunch served by L.L. - collection came to about \$6.00. Julien stayed there for awhile and the rest of us went out to Rysgaards for the wedding of Mabel Rysgaard and Carl Davidson. Only relatives were invited. We were there for awhile following the ceremony as they served a very nice lunch - and ice cream and cake. Then there was some singing by the Davidsons. Yes - even Ada and Arlien sang some songs. Home a little late. Julien was already home.
- 15 - MON - To Columbus with Julien in time for school. Marie has finished with her school. Louie

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- 15 - MON - (cont.) - Watterud finished sowing wheat here today. Home for the most this week. Started with a conf. class in Bethlehem on the 17th of May at 10:00 - a very nice day. On SAT, the 20th, I started with a class in Thorson. On FRI went to town to get Julien. Marie sent \$40.00 to Adolph and I sent him \$10.00. Marie also sent \$10.00 to Valla. There was some rain FRI evening. Off and on I have been working in the garden and studying.
- 21 - SUN - English service in Thorson at 11:00. There was a surprise party following for Rysgaards. The church was well filled. There was a L.L. program with most of the numbers presented by people from Battleview - music and readings. There were also a few numbers by the McGregor Ladies Choir. Then down to the basement for refreshments. They had set a table for the Rysgaard family and us and others were all served buffet style. I gave a little talk for the occasion. (He does not specify what the occasion was but possibly a 15th Wedding Anniversary as they were married in Jan. 1918 - 15 years ago). Then at 2:30, on a little later maybe, we had to leave to get to Larson for services at 4:00 - English. Then to Columbus with Julien. On the way home we drove by the Swedish church (Bethany). They had had services there and L.A. so we stopped by there for a little while too - had some coffee there. I asked Anton Johnson to come over and look at the radio to see what was wrong with it - it has been on the bum for awhile. Seems that the B batteries are dead. This was a busy day.
- 22 - MON - This was also a busy day. Over to Brothers to get some barley - I bought 18 bu. @ 35¢ a bu. Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00. After I came home I burned off some thistle - braender tidsel. Some rain this evening and during the night.
- 23 - TUES - Cloudy, grey and rainy today too. Took Thelma H. and Ada over to school - drove without chains. It was muddier and softer than I had expected and we got stuck in Arneson's field (the road went diagonally across it). Had to go to Arnesons to get a team of horses to pull the car out. I had Arlien along too and she had to stay in the car while the rest of us walked (across the muddy field) over to Arnesons house. She thought I was gone too long and had been crying - but everything was OK when we came with the team.
- 24 - WED - Today Thelma H. walked down to Serdahls and had a ride to school with them - also home again in the evening. It rained all day.
- 25 - THURS - There was a let-up in rain today but it remained cloudy.
- 26 - FRI - A nice day with sunshine again. Louie Watterud was here plowing for the barley. During the past week we have received about 5" of rain. There were exams on THURS and FRI.
- 27 - SAT - Cloudy again. Ida and I went to Columbus to get Julien and do some shopping. Started raining on the way home and rained thruout the day. Class in Bethlehem - tough driving.
- 28 - SUN - English service in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - not many there. The roads are still quite muddy. Collection \$9.15 - and Mrs. Bureau sent \$1.00. Bethlehem at 2:30 for Norwegian services - \$11.35 there. Roads drying good today. To Columbus in evening with Julien.

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- 29 - MON - Cloudy this a.m. Class in Thorson at 2:00. To Columbus in the evening. We are expecting Valla to come from Minot this evening. They came about 9:00 - Valla and Marie Watterud had a ride with Mrs. Joe Ronning. A little late getting home.
- 30 - TUES - Memorial Day - program in Columbus today - a very nice day. Finished planting the rest of the garden today. Louie Watterud was here today - p.m. - sowing barley. Had to wash the car today - it had gotten very muddy. Took Valla in to town again as they were going back to Minot about 5:00. Waages came out from Noonan this p.m. too. Julien had a ride home with A.G. Berg when he went out to his farm. Julien took Valla in to town and then later he had a ride in to town with A.G. Berg again.
- 31 - WED - First of all in to Columbus to get a few things fixed on the car. Julien came along home as he is thru with school now. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Rosholt came out this p.m. - was here for supper and stayed thruout the evening until about 11:00.

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- 1 - THURS - Julien went in to town this morning to get some of his stuff. Also had Clarence Anderson fix the starter on the car as it had locked yesterday and we had to crank it. A nice, warm day. To Thorson for class in the p.m. at 2:00. Julien drove in to town again this evening to attend Graduation and then stayed over night in town. There was a school picnic on FRI - all the classes except the Seniors - going to Canada. Julien is President of his Class.
- 2 - FRI - Another nice day. Home - studying for Pentecost. Same on SAT for the most. We were surprised SAT evening when Lawrence and Thelma came - quite unexpectedly. They were here until SUN evening and then the little girls went along home with them. They also took along plants, etc - blomster planter.
- 4 - SUN - Norwegian services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - we all went. Then home for dinner. I went alone out to Thorson for Norwegian services at 3:00. The rest of them went over to Brothers for L.A. It was a nice day and there were many at Brothers. I stopped by there after Thorson. Then home. Thelma and Lawrence left here about 7:00. The little girls were undecided about going along with them - they wanted to go and then again they did not want to go - dem baade vilde reise og ikke. Arlien wanted to have Marie along too.
- 5 - MON - Conf. classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and Thorson at 2:00. There were 2 absent in Thorson - the Enget boy was sick and the Johnson girl came too late over to Bergs for a ride. In Bethlehem Tommy Pederson was absent - he has been sick for awhile. Nice weather. Same on TUES.
- 7 - WED - W.M.F. meeting in Columbus today. Many from the congregations out here had planned to go but it rained until noon and then there were showers off and on all p.m. so none from the Hills went in. Heard later that there had been quite a few from the surrounding towns there.
- 8 - THURS - We had a letter from Thelma yesterday saying that everything is going just fine with the little girls in Hanks. The roads were very muddy driving over to Bethlehem for class - 10:00.

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- 8 - THURS - (cont.) - Tommy Pederson was absent again today. To Thorson at 2:00 for class.
- 9 - FRI - To Columbus - Marie along. Insured the car for 1 year at Soderquist - \$10.95. Had a trunk put on the car - cost \$30.00 - paid \$20.00 now. Nice and warm again today. We went up to see Lawrits and Eva - had dinner there. Rosholt came out about 4:00 - was here until 9:00.
- 10 - SAT - A beautiful day. It is remarkable to see how wonderfully everything is growing now. Yes - with rain and sunshine that God blesses us with - everything can grow bountifully. But now they start complaining about the grasshoppers coming in to eat up everything. We do hear that they are very bad in some places already. Einar Benson and the Brothen boys came over to set up a stand for tomorrow.
- 11 - SUN - An exceptionally beautiful day. Services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - we all went. The church was almost entirely filled. Baptism for Nelsie Kathrine, B. Mar. 21 - to Melvin and Borghild Gunderson. Then home. There were already some here at our place - from Zion - and Rosholt. Almost all of Bethlehem came along from church over to our place. People came from all directions - we had tables set up outside down in the trees - we cooked the coffee - and about 1:30 we all had dinner. Then about 2:30 we were ready to start with the Program out on the lawn. We must have had a choir of about 100 voices, using the Concordias for our singing. Later there were special numbers by the Thorson Choir, Bethany Choir, Zion Choir, Thorson Glee Club, Clara Furness, Brothen boys, Agnes Ronning, Paul Rude, and a duet by Paul and Yvonne Sommerness. There were talks by Waage and Rosholt, Opening Devotion and Welcome by me and I also spoke briefly at the Closing. Then after some more singing by the entire crowd we had coffee and lunch again. There must have been at least 600 people present over 100 cars. Later in the evening there were some more from Columbus who came out - Stompros and Solvies and Rosholt stayed on too. We ended up having Rommegrot - and they were here until about 11:00. The Bethlehem L.L. had set up a stand to sell refreshments and were able to sell out everything they had. They made out quite well today.
- 12 - MON - Conf. classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and Thorson at 2:00. Marie went along out to Thorson but we could not get in the schoolhouse as it was locked so I read with the class outside. (Marie wanted to take a look at the school and the equipment as she and Valla were going to teach there in the fall). Julien and Mamma went to town after we came home. Louis and Hazel Gunderson came over in the evening for the baptism of Arlen Myrle, B. Feb. 1.
- 13 - TUES - Another nice day even tho a little cool in the early morning. We made a trip to Hanks today - left about 7:00 and drove S - and then W by Hamlet - stopped in Alamo where we got a new battery and we were in Hanks shortly after 10:00 - a little earlier than they expected us. The little girls were in the house playing school - we came in and surprised them and made them very happy. After dinner we decided to drive to Williston - we 4, Ida and I, Marie and Julien, and then Thelma and the 2 little girls. Thelma was going to try to cash some grain checks - \$500.00 worth. We left Hanks at 2:10 and it took an hour to

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- 13 - TUES - (cont.) - get there so the Banks were closed. But Thelma got them cashed by going to several different stores. It was a warm day - we were there until 5:30. There was an American Legion Parade in Williston while we were there. We did not stay very long in Hanks when we came back. Ada was sad when we got ready to leave and she cried but Arlien didn't. (Ada and Arlien had been getting used to staying with Lawrence and Thelma because they were going to stay there when the other Bucknebergs went on a trip). We drove home by way of Ambrose and Noonan - stopped in at Waages - got our car cleaned out somewhat from all the dust - (did Waages have a vacuum cleaner in 1933?) We were home a little after 9:00 - very tired after a long, busy day.
- 14 - WED - Julien went to Columbus this forenoon to have the car checked over - oiled and greased etc, and to see if there were other things that needed fixing a little - se om noget er i veien med den. Class in Bethlehem at 3:00 - a nice day with a fresh, brisk wind after a little rain last night. Washday today.
- 15 - THURS - Class in Thorson at 10:00 - we met in the church. Warm today. This is the last time I will meet with the class before we leave on our trip. In the p.m. I took Marie over to O.L.Hatlelids as they were going to have a meeting about the possibility of organizing an L.D.R. like east here. But there were only 3 besides Marie today. Then over to Sandbergs. They are going to let us use their tent and 2 camp cots.
- 16 - FRI - Another warm day. We all went to Minot today to get Valla as she is thru with school now. Mrs. Waage also went along with us - we met her in Columbus. Julien drove. Home by 7:00.
- 17 - SAT - Still very warm and it is getting dry now and the crops are beginning to suffer from both the heat and dryness and grasshoppers. Hope we will soon get some rain and a little cooler weather. Home - studying. Will have 3 English services tomorrow. Then we will have a busy day on MON to get ready, and then on TUES, the 20th, we will leave on our trip. May God be with us and protect us from all harm and misfortune on our way that we may have joy and pleasure as we travel, and bring us home again in good health, in Jesus Name we pray this.
- 18 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 10:30 - Bethlehem at 2:00 with quite a few there - and then to Thorson at 4:00. Received some salary in S.St.Olaf - from Anderson.
- 19 - MON - Our Wedding Anniversary - 26 years ago. Today we are so busy we hardly have time to think about it. Quite different from last year with all the festivities here. Received a Telegram from Adolph, who was now in Milwaukee, and needed some money. Julien and I went in to Columbus. Bought Traveler's Checks for \$160.00. Marie had put in \$90.00 of this - \$50.00 which she wanted to put into the trip herself and \$40.00 she would get back. We then went to Noonan and wired \$15.00 to Adolph to Chicago. We had borrowed a tent from Sandbergs as well as 2 single cots and we had gotten a double cot in Hanks.
- 20 - TUES - We were up early today - a little after 3:00 - and finished the last packing. Oscar

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20 - TUES - (cont.) - Hatlelid came over with Thelma H. who was going to ride along with us as far as Clinton, Minn. We got on the way at 4:30 - 6 of us. Archie Serdahl is going to take care of things at home while we are gone. It was a very nice day to start traveling. It did not seem to take so very long to get to Minot today, even tho we were loaded down quite heavily. From Minot we drove S by Max and Washburn to Bismarck - a new route for us. The crops looked quite good around here. It became cloudy and rained in Bismarck. We stopped there for dinner - saw the new Capitol and other things. We also spent some time at the Historical Museum where we saw many old and interesting things. This is where we saw the Silver Service - which was on the Battleship "North Dakota" many years ago and is now kept here on display. It is very beautiful. (In trying to recall the "new" Capitol that Dad writes about, I had to do a little research, as I could not really remember going thru it. The old Territorial Capitol burned Dec. 28, 1930. I came across 2 dates for the Cornerstone laying of the New Capitol - Oct. 8, 1932 and Sept. 5, 1933 - and was ready to call one a typographical error - but which one? I checked at the Museum one day as to the correct date and was very surprised to find that the New Capitol had TWO Cornerstone ceremonies - so both dates were correct! The first one was presided over by Gov. Shafer and U.S. Vice President Charles M. Curtis. The second one was arranged by Gov. Langer as he claimed that the first Cornerstone had been broken and damaged so it was unfit for use. The 1933 ceremony was held on the 50th Anniversary of the Cornerstone Dedication of the Old Territorial Capitol building. There was also a picture of the new Capitol taken on June 19, 1933, the day before we were there and it showed that the tower structure was only about 2/3 completed with the outside limestone facing, so no tours were being taken thru the building - and we had no doubt viewed it from the Museum, on the Capitol grounds.)

After awhile then we left Bismarck and drove E to Jamestown. It seems to be quite a bit dryer here and on towards Fargo. We came to Fargo shortly before dark. There was a great deal of traffic to drive thru in Fargo but Julien managed it just fine. Across the river to Moorhead and S in Minnesota to Breckenridge on an excellent highway and the crops also look very good here. We had to add some oil in one of the towns along the way. It was dark by the time we came to Breckenridge - we drove to Wahpeton where we rented a cabin for \$1.00. The 4 women slept in the bed and Julien and I slept on camp cots. We drove 530 miles this first day.

21 - WED - We were out again shortly after 6:00 a.m. this morning after cooking coffee and having our breakfast there. We drove S to Wheaton - it looked familiar even after 7 years when we were first here. Then S to Clinton where Thelma H. was going to stay for awhile. We found her Aunt - Tante - said Goodby to her and were on our way again. It was quite dry around Clinton. We drove S to Ortonville, like we did 7 years ago, and then to Big Stone City and in to S. Dak. We drove S in S. Dak. and before long we were in Brookings. Dry and warm here too. We found the Tourist Park and ate our dinner here. We then went down town to look

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- 21 - WED - (cont.) - around - and over to the State Agricultural College - many nice, big buildings there. There is a Tower on the campus - a Campanile - which was a gift presented by one man - beautiful bells and chimes - forunderlig klokke spil. The tower is at least 280' high. Marie, Valla and Julien had to go up to the very top of it but us old folks did not want to try that. They took pictures of us standing down on the sidewalk and I guess we looked like small ants - smaa maur. We went into some of the buildings - saw some classrooms - the Library - a Museum where old historical things are displayed very nicely, as in Bismarck. But - we had to drive on. The highway was good S to Sioux Falls and Canton, where we arrived at about 5:00 p.m. Everything was just fine at Lina. Very warm and dry in this part of the country too. In the evening we went up town but did not see very many I knew. We did see Gust Moen and Henry Hanson, who were at the Band Concert held outside, and we listened to it also.
- 22 - THURS - Today we took our picnic dinner along and went to Klondike and in to Iowa. It was so nice to be back in these well-known places again. First we stopped in at Anna for a little while. Then back to Klondike where we ate our dinner. Julien took some pictures. Then over the Svenna land to Akres. Martha and Kristine were home, all right, but they have aged a great deal, especially Kristine. Martha did not even recognize me when I came to the house - had to tell her who I was. Then she knew me, of course, and we had to go in for a little visit. Next we drove by the church where we saw the graves of Father and Mother - Thomas - Martin - Johan Jaeger - Ingeborg and the others. Many memories came rushing over me as I stood there by the graves of so many dear ones. Next we drove to Inwood - there I met Ben Moen - Emanuel Johnson - Elias Moen - Mrs. T. Moen and others. Then back by the Indian Hospital to Canton - had supper in Canton and then some of us drove back again to the Indian Hospital - talked with some of the Indians. Ida and Lina were not along then.
- 23 - FRI - Very warm here every day now. We were up early - got packed up again and left for Madison, Minn. for the Stavanger Lag which begins today. Lina went with us today to the Lag - we had a heavy load again but the roads were good. We got an early start - drove thru Sioux Falls again and then NE to Pipestone, Minn. - we had breakfast there. Drove thru other towns - Canby, a very nice town, and Ben Bolt Lake - drove thru some very nice country with good crops - pen avling - also drove thru Dawson and came to Madison about 9:00 a.m. - after driving between 150-200 miles this morning. Lina and I got off at the Court House where the parade was to go into formation to proceed to the Armory. The Banners were at the Court House. The others were going to find a proper parking place and also had to go to a store. Yes, we found the Banners, and Mandius Lobland was standing there with the Banner for Bokn - Boknefanen - but there were not very many there from Bokn. There were Angus and Daniel Waage, Mrs. Gabrielson, Mrs. Askeland from Ovreboe - the 2 Askeland brothers but they are from Tysvaer, and brothers of Mother. Then there was Mrs. Lobland, but she is Irish, so there were not very many in the group with the Bokne Banner but there was a long parade with the

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- 23 - FRI - (cont.) - Band leading it. Then to get tickets at the Armory - 50¢ each - per snude. Terribly warm in the Armory - men hutetu - saa varmt inde i Armory. There were good speeches - talks - and music - but it was too warm. In the evening we had rooms at a Lee family that were acquaintances of Lina. We also had breakfast there the next morning and I guess it cost \$4.00 for all 6 of us. We ate supper at the Normal School and dinner we ate at noon in a nice grove of trees about a mile out of town. There was no Tourist Park in Madison. Olaf Nedrebo came from Chicago at noon today. He sang in the p.m. and accompanied himself on guitar. Later on MM Andrew Thompson from Ada, Minn. came - also Mrs Gunstead and her daughter, Christine.
- 24 - SAT - We decided to leave for St. Paul this forenoon but went back to the Armory for awhile. The Bokner planned to have a meeting this p.m. at the home of Mrs. Gabrielson but we had to miss that. We drove E thru Willmar and a lot of other towns. Still very warm weather. We came to the Minneapolis outskirts - grenser - about 4:30 p.m. or so and there we had a small accident. There was a STOP sign that we did not see in time as there was an old Ford in front of us that obstructed the sign. We could not stop quite fast enough and hit the Ford causing a little damage to it and also a little damage to our car - lidt skavank - but really not too much to either car. It could have been a great deal worse if Julien had been driving faster. The other party got my name and address in St. Paul and then we will have an adjuster come to adjust the damage. I had taken out some car insurance - collision - in an Illinois company before we left. We continued driving on thru Minneapolis and thru St. Paul and found the place (Grandma /sakson). We were all tired and somewhat shaken after that incident but were thankful that it had not been worse. Conrad went with us to a garage to get an estimate on what it would cost to get it repaired. It was just a small damage and they figured it would come to about \$8.00 - but we drove back to Grandma's to wait for the adjuster to come. He came later on that evening - a retired German minister. He estimated about \$15.00 and gave us the name of another garage downtown but it was too late to go there to-night. Besides that, it was no worse than we could drive with it.
- 25 - SUN - We had planned to get an early start today for Decorah but it did not get to be so early after all - it took us quite awhile to get packed up again. Conrad drove ahead of us to Fairview Ave. and out to Ft. Snelling. There we took #1 to Farmington, a distance of about 40 miles or so - then on #55 to Rochester and Chatfield. We had dinner there. Then about 10 miles more to Fountain shortly before 12:00. People were still in church there so we drove on to Preston. This was another warm day. Crops look quite good around here anyway. By Harmony - many trees around here - and Prosper - and before we knew it we were in Iowa. It had rained here very recently. We came to Decorah shortly before 2:00 and drove right out to the College. It seemed to be completely deserted - ode og tomt. I went in to one of the buildings and found 2 boys there - asked them if they knew Adolph and knew where he might be.

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- 25 - SUN - (cont.) - They said that everyone had gone down to the Park where the Band Concert would be played at 3:00. So then we drove down town on some steep hills and streets to the Park. There were already a great number of cars there but we found a place to park and then had a chance to look around. We saw 2 boys in band uniforms come walking and I said, "One of them is Adolph", and sure enough - it was Adolph and Dale Moen from Canton, S. Dak. We had a chance to visit for awhile then before the Band had to assemble for the concert. There was a big crowd of people there in the park for this concert. We met Mrs. Sperati - daughter of Moen - Rev and Mrs. Unseth - and the Rogness family from Ossian, Iowa, who invited us to come out there to spend the night. And then there was music! It was really grand - rent storartet - and they played for about 2 hours even tho it was so warm. Really a wonderful concert. Also met Rev. C. Preus and Norman. After the concert was over the band boys went back to Luther College, after which they were invited over to Hoff's church for supper. While we waited for Adolph, we drove around some, had something to eat, and drove out to the Ice Cave - went in - but that was a cold place. Then back to the college to get Adolph after which we drove out to Rogness' near Ossian. There was L.L. at the church tonight so the young folks went there but Mrs. Rogness was at home - so we just settled down comfortably and quietly to rest until the others came home. This was very nice after a very busy day - in warm weather.
- 26 - MON - This morning we drove over to Kvammen's church - a very beautiful and large church. Pastor John Oien is buried in this cemetery - saw his grave. Then back to the house and Pastor Kvammen, who lives just across the road came over for a little while. Shortly after this we drove over to see the "World's Smallest Church", which was just a few miles away. It had been built by 2 Catholic families in 1854. It had been destroyed by fire and the one standing there now was built in 1884. It is a very pretty little church with a seating capacity for 8 people. Many come here to be married. The Rogness family went along with us to see this little church. After this we drove back to Decorah and the Rogness family went home. Adolph had a few things to take care of - turning in his horn - talking to Sperati, etc. In the meantime, while Adolph was busy doing these things, we drove around some more - drove out to the Dells - some rock formations with an ice-cold spring flowing out of it. Very good and refreshing to drink - then back to town. Must not forget to mention that SUN evening while we were waiting for Adolph we had visited the Museum - a remarkable place.
- When Adolph was finished with everything here today, we started driving again - west to Worth Co. in Iowa, so Ida could see her old home and church. On the way we drove thru Spillville, where we stopped to see the wonderful clocks - forunderlige klokkespil. These clocks are really amazing and interesting - all hand made with unbelievable carving. We then drove on to Worth Co. - very nice, flat country and wonderful crops here. We came to Kensett - and Ida called an old friend, Karen Arneson. She was not out on the farm now - they had just

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- 26 - MON - (cont.) - moved in to town. (Mom and Karen were childhood friends - had been confirmed in the same class). We found her place and went over to visit for a little while. Then we drove thru Northwood and over to Joice and there was the old store that Lars Isakson had owned. (Mom said that the store used to be between Harlontown and Joice and was called Norland. Then the train built its line thru Joice and the man who bought the store moved it there.) Next, we drove out to Concordia church. We stopped in there and while the young folks went in the church, Ida and I walked around on the cemetery. There were many there that Ida had known. There was a recent grave there - Pastor Ludvig Kleppe - who had been at Joice since 1921. Pastor Lars Bilstad was also buried there - died in 1915. We drove out to the farm where the Isaksons had lived. The house was about the same as when Ida lived there but the other buildings had been changed - and the people living there were complete strangers - not Norwegians. Then on again - we drove some miles before we came to John Holland's place (near Leland). John had died but Mrs. Holland and Alvin and Berenice were there. They had some company there from Montana - formerly Mrs. Gilbertson and family. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rusten were also there for awhile. She had a full house already but she wanted us to stay and they made room for us. It has been quite dry around here and Mrs. Holland is very concerned about hard times now.
- 27 - TUES - Today we drove on again - by Lake Mills - Northwood - Albert Lea - and N to Faribault and Northfield, where we stopped for awhile. We saw St. Olaf College up on a hill - and Carleton College. This is only about 45 miles from St. Paul. Then on to Farmington again and to St. Paul. Took the car to a garage this evening to have the minor damage repaired. Had been too busy until now. The cost came to \$18.50 and according to the Insurance contract I pay only 20% and the company pays the rest.
- 28 - WED - Went to pick up the car this evening when it was ready. Also paid the 1/5 of the cost.
- 29 - THURS - and FRI - Busy here and there - some sightseeing too.

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- 1 - SAT - Today we all went to Colfax, Wisc. - 2 cars (ours and Con's). Very beautiful drive - by Menominee and Elk Mound. We ate our lunch in a park in Menominee. We stopped at Bervum church and saw the graves of Lars Isakson and Eilert and many other acquaintances. Then to Arnt. Mrs (Olive) was at home but Arnt had gone to town but he came home soon after we did. We were there for supper and then then a little later Ida and I and Grandma drove down to Ingeman's to stay over night. I was very tired - og traet var jeg - but we had to stay up until 1:00 a.m. visiting. This is the most difficult thing about visiting. The rest of the family stayed at Arnt.
- 2 - SUN - Today we were all up at Arnt and Olive for a picnic. Warm and dry day. In the p.m. Conrad, Adolph, Marie, Valla and I went for a ride - went to Colfax and Sand Creek to Visit

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- 2 - SUN - (cont.) - Pastor Engel Olsen. Mrs. Olsen was at home when we came and Pastor Olsen came shortly after. We had a nice visit and she served us some cool drinks. Olson appeared only a little older now than he was 30 years ago when I was with him, but Mrs. seemed about the same. Adolph knew their son at Luther College but he was not at home right now. Also saw his oldest daughter, who was a baby when I was at their place in Minnesota. (Dad had taught Parochial school in Olsen's congregation during a summer while attending Seminary - Morris-Alberta area). After this visit we drove home to Arnt. Olsens live in a very nice house in Sand Creek but he does not serve a congregation there in town. That pastor is Ingel Hovland. There was a great deal of singing at Arnt during the evening. They had taken the organ outside. We slept at Ingemans again - like last night.
- 3 - MON - Up early today to go back to St. Paul again. We had planned to leave before breakfast but that, of course, was unthinkable. Went by Elk Mound again - Menomonie, where we stopped for a little while, had lunch there. Back to St. Paul shortly after noon.
- 4 - TUES - Home at Grandma in the forenoon. In the afternoon Conrad and I and the 4 young folks - Adolph, Julien, Marie and Valla, drove over to Como Park and out to some lakes - Forest Lake - and Bald Eagle Lake and a few others. It was a very nice day. The traffic on the roads, streets, and out by the lakes terrific - everyone from town must have been trying to get out of town or to another place anyway - det vrinlede av autos. We saw motor boats, sailing boats, fishing boats, etc. We were gone all afternoon. Ida, Grandma and Caroline had stayed at home to have a quiet, restful time. In the evening we went for a walk - went to a higher place where we could watch fireworks from all over the city. (This was Highland Park by the Tower right off Snelling Ave.)
- Believe it was MON, the 3rd, that Olga Braathen and a few others came over to visit in the p.m. We were now beginning to talk and plan about driving S to Nebraska - and maybe further - but we did not get started either WED or THURS. One of these days we drove out to Ft. Snelling - out to the Airport - to the Soldier's Home - Veteran's Hospital - and out to Minnehaha Falls. There are many interesting and pretty things to see.
- 7 - FRI - Then - this morning we started out for Arkansas - to visit Mardius. We drove again by Ft. Snelling - Farmington - Northfield - Albert Lea - and then in to Iowa. The crops looked fine all along the way - especially the corn. We stopped for a little while in Albert Lea - then thru Northwood - Kensett - to Mason City. There was a little rain along the way. Went thru Des Moines - and in the afternoon we entered the state of Missouri - driving on #65 all the way. The crops looked very good in Iowa - especially the corn. Iowa is a beautiful state to drive thru - big houses with big groves of trees - well-planned and cultivated farms. They also seem to be raising a great many white chickens. The southern part of Iowa is a little hillier than the northern and central parts - also a little drier. So also in Missouri. We must have driven about 75 - 100 miles in some very hilly country - bakket land - with lots of

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- 7 - FRI - (cont.) - trees and small farms. It was quite dry thru here and we did not see any more of the beautiful farmland (like in Iowa) on this first day of driving south. Cannot remember now all the towns we drove thru without referring to the map but we stayed on Highway #65. We came to Chillicothe, Mo. this evening and rented a cabin with 2 beds for \$1.50 and a garage for our car. It was a very pretty place - the man who owned this place had built a rock garden - many flowers - and a pool with a great many goldfish - and many miniature house and other buildings placed here and there. It had been dry here for a long time but now it started to rain - it rained all night and continued raining the next day.
- 8 - SAT - We drove in rain all forenoon but as we were driving on pavement it went OK. Then all of a sudden we seemed to be up in the mountains and forests and if it hadn't been for the fairly good highway we would not have been able to get thru this country. This road was old and very narrow in most places - temmelig smal i mange pladse - but there was a new highway in process of being built thru here now. One place we even had to put chains on to get thru a few rods of this road. As we continued on S thru Missouri the land became flatter and the farms appeared to be larger. There were cotton fields to see - also corn and peanuts - not much in small grains - but good gardens. They were threshing in some places - what grain there was to thresh - both of wheat and oats. Then across the line into Arkansas - mostly hilly and mountainous - the Ozarks. We drove S thru the center of the state and heard that both in the eastern and western part of the state there was nice, level farmland, but we did not see anything like that around here. What we saw was mostly wild forest land and hills and mountains - vildt skog land og hauger og fjeld. The hills are all overgrown with trees and bushes which certainly gave this country a beautiful appearance. Without the trees we would have seen only hills covered with grey rocks and stones. We drove thru quite a few small towns. The men seemed to have a lot of leisure time - sitting around outside in front of the stores on the streets - talking and smoking. As this was SAT - Valla and Marie decided that there must be a lot of 7th Day Adventists around here - observing SAT as their day of rest - but I have an idea this is the way they spend every day. They do not have much work to do with their farming here - having only small patches and pieces of fields and gardens - bare nogen smaa flekker of stykker af field og garden. The houses we saw were - many of them anyway - small and poor both for the white and negro - smaa og daarlige baade for hvide og negre. Some houses are only shacks made out of a few boards nailed together and some houses are built on stilts or set on rocks - with no cellars or basements but we could see many places where there were storm cellars nearby. The soil is a reddish-brown and full of small stones or gravel - sometimes more rocks and stones than anything else. It seems amazing that anything at all can grow in it. The highway was anything but straight thru here and sometimes we were driving in the valleys and then again the road was laid along the highest ridges thru the forest - but we were always able to find filling stations and cafes and lunch places along the

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- 8 - SAT - (cont.) - way. Their main source of income seems to be the tourist business. We could see great distances in all directions when we were up on the highest ridges - trees - and more trees without end - as far as our eyes could see - with deep valleys and high hills - skog - og mere skog i det uendelige med dybe daler og høie bakker. The farther S we drove - the higher the hills seemed to be but the valleys also became wider with more small farms, and the towns also seemed to be more prosperous. We stopped for the night when we came to Clinton, Ark. All the cabins were taken in this tourist camp but we could camp there anyway. It cost us 15¢ to park our car in the campground and as we had our tent along, we set that up now. Some of us slept in the tent on cots - some in the car. It was warm so the boys slept on their cots outside of the tent but when it started to rain they moved their cots in under the canvas. We croked our own coffee for supper and breakfast and sometimes we bought 2 quarts of milk when we ate. Milk was expensive in the south - some places they charged as high as 20¢ a qt. In Iowa we got it for 5¢ a qt. Mosquitoes were also quite bothersome this evening but not as bad as farther north.
- 9 - SUN - We had gotten 2 flat tires yesterday driving in Arkansas. There is much rough gravel on the highway and there are many old rigs - wagons and hayracks - driving on the road so it is not so strange that there are many nails scattered around to be picked up in the tires as we drive. We had to stop at a service station one of the first things this morning - SUN - to have them fixed. It is very warm here even early in the morning, that we perspire with the slightest effort of walking even a short distance. There is a river close to town which they use for swimming, fishing, etc. I could see fish in the water from where I stood. It cost 35¢ per flat to have them fixed. Then on our way again. Little Rock is a large, pretty city and around here the land is more open again. On to Benton, SE of Little Rock. We had dinner here at a Hotel - then we drove on again SE to Hot Springs. This is also a large city but not as large as Little Rock. There are many large, fine hotels here as well as other big beautiful buildings - especially near the Hot Springs. And there are filling stations beyond number - i det uendelige - all catering to the tourist trade. Hot Springs is a tourist town - all businesses live off the tourist and people coming to use the hot springs. We drove on thru town until we came to Hotel Como. Mandius had given us directions on how to drive from this Hotel to find his place. We followed the highway S from town for about 5 - 6 miles but then the road changed to very poor and the last 2 miles were the worst. We had to ask several places for directions and to make sure we actually were on the right road. Yes - they all knew the man without legs that lived alone - about 10-11 miles from town. Before too long we came to Mandius' nearest neighbor, Sam Warren, and he went along with us the rest of the way. The last little part of the way was almost impossible with car - narrow and rocky road - smal of stenet - but driving very slowly and carefully we managed to get thru to Mandius' place about 1:00. He was expecting us today and when we came he was sitting in his kitchen eating

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- 9 - SUN - (cont.) - his dinner. Marie was the first one in the house and she greeted him, "God dag, Onkel Mandius!" - the first Norwegian words he had heard in many years. Yes, now there was much to talk about. Mandius looked better and seemed in better spirits than I had expected - He managed very well with his wheelchair, getting around to wherever he had to. His house is not much to speak of - he has plenty of room but it is not in very good condition. We had a good look at his land - 40 A. - half of which is cleared and half in forest - over grown with trees. There are hills and mountains around here too and the ground is very rocky. On the cultivated acreage Mandius has some corn, cotton, peanuts, sorghum and a garden, and he has some chickens and one horse, a buggy and a light wagon. Some of the neighbors from around here came to take a look at us. They were an unusual group, living nearby in the hills, not very clean and seemingly very aware of what was going on in the world outside of their immediate neighborhood - but very curious about us and extremely interested in our car. Some of them stayed around until we thought it was time to go to bed.
- 10 - MON - This morning, as early as 6:00 a.m., some of them were back again, and thruout the day others came too. This forenoon Adolph, Julien and I took Mandius for a ride in our car - we went in to Hot Springs for awhile. The hot weather was almost too much for me today - this afternoon I was close to being overcome by the heat - close to sunstroke - solstik - I think. The hot weather also affected Marie but Mamma and the others seemed to get along quite well. This afternoon we had a little service and Mandius had the opportunity to receive Holy Communion. I had planned for this before we left on our trip and had brought along what was needed. Later in the p.m. a neighbor, Sam Warren, came over. He is a good neighbor to Mandius and he promised me that he would come over to see Mandius as often as possible and see to his needs and in case of any emergency he will get the message to me as well as doing what he can for Mandius. They are very good and kind neighbors to Mandius. The boys, Adolph and Julien, had a good time down there - going up thru the hills to explore - and visiting with the neighbors. Marie and Valla also did quite a bit of walking around - they had picked some nice plums and some blackberries that grow wild around there. (I can remember that Marie and I ventured up the hill - not very easy climbing - and may have wandered beyond the boundaries of Uncle Mandius' 40 A. We came to an interesting place - Adolph and Julien and some other boys were there inspecting a pile of hardware, copper tubing, kettles of sorts and what have you. We wondered what all that "stuff" could possibly be used for. They had absolutely "no idea" but then proceeded to assemble it the way they "thought it might be" because they "thought" it might be what was called a "still" - but they couldn't imagine who would do that around here! The adeptness with which they reconstructed the apparatus left little doubt in our minds. We looked around and over our shoulders when we walked back, lest a "revenooer" should be lurking around someplace - behind a tree! We did take a picture of this contraption. Interesting.) At night we sleep outside on the camp cots and some in the car. There are some flies around

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- 10 - MON - (cont.) - here that are very annoying with their buzzing and especially when they bite - but there are not really so many mosquitoes around. We cook outside - eat our meals outside - practically live outside. Mandius gets around in his wheel chair very well both inside and outside. He enjoys the meals - thinks it is nice to get something that he has not had to cook himself. He does not hear quite as well as he used to but his voice is still just as good. This evening as we sat outside he sang for us - remember especially the song about Mother and her Boy. This visit seemed to do a lot for him - he livened up a great deal while we were there visiting him. The farmers - the people around there on little patches of farms have to live very frugally - cornbread, beans, blackberries and other wild fruit they can find. Meat, butter and milk are luxury items and very few have even one cow or a pig. Mandius thrives in this climate and is getting along all right but it is lonesome for him sometimes. He has now decided, however, that he will come N to live in an Old People's Home - Gamle Hjem - if they will take him in in exchange for his 40 A of land and I am going to check in to this and see what I can do for him.
- 11 - TUES - Today we decided that we would have to leave - start driving again. The weather down here is so warm - it is hard to take. So we got our things together again, packed up and said Goodby to Mandius. He rode along in his wheelchair as far as the gate and sat there waving his hat to us as long as he could see us. Poor Mandius - stakkels Mandius. We took a few pictures while we were there - of him - of his house and land - also took some pictures along the way to Hot Springs. We spent a little time driving around in Hot Springs now. There is a big hill right near town where there is a 165' steel observation tower with an elevator to get to the top. We drove up to the tower but it was no problem as the road was paved all the way. The road zig-zags or makes hairpin turns all the way up to the top of the hill. Then we took the elevator to the top - cost 25¢ for each one - and we had a really magnificent view of the whole city and whole countryside. We were up there for awhile and then came down again to do some more driving around in town. We found a nice park where there were many things to see, including a great many alligators. They charged 25¢ a person here too. The young folks were interested in this but Ida and I did not go in. There were some huge alligators in there that they claimed were several hundred years old.. We left Hot Springs shortly before noon and ate some lunch along the way between Hot Springs and Little Rock. We met a great number of National Guard trucks on the highway going towards Hot Springs and no doubt coming from Little Rock. There were many stands along the highway where they were selling pottery, and Marie bought some. From Little Rock we took highway #70 E thru Arkansas where the land was not so hilly - very pretty - and we could see that the farms were larger here - many old plantations where many people - mostly negro - were working in the fields with mules. We saw rice fields under water. The next large city was Memphis, Tenn. where we crossed the Mississippi River on a very long bridge. We drove on NE in Tennessee -

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- 11 - TUES - (cont.) - where it seemed to be a little hillier again. We stayed in Ripley, Tenn. over night. We paid \$1.25 for a cabin but the boys wanted to sleep outside on the camp cots. The cabin was very nice and there was a negro in charge of everything there. He was very hospitable - wanted us to feel right at home and as comfortable as possible. There was a place close by the cabins where they were barbecuing beef. We bought some for our supper and it was delicious.
- 12 - WED - We left Ripley this morning - drove N thru Tenn. and across the SW corner of Kentucky. We were heading for Cairo, Ill. Here we had to take the Ferry across the river into Illinois. (This is where the Ohio R. runs into the Mississippi R.). It cost 75¢ to cross on the ferry. We arrived in Illinois about 10:00 a.m. To describe Illinois is not easy - at beskribe Ill. er ikke let - even with what we saw. We drove N thru the center of the state. It must be 4-500 miles from N to S. thru the state. It is quite a large state and very prosperous - both in rural areas and cities with all their industries. From what we saw it appears that almost anything can be grown in this state. We saw wonderful crops of grain and corn. They were busy with harvesting and threshing here - as we had also seen in the other states we have driven thru. Garden produce and fruit are grown in abundance in Illinois. We saw miles and miles of plum and apple orchards on rolling, hilly land. The trees were just loaded with fruit. We drove thru many towns and cities but I cannot remember the names without looking at the maps. We did not go to Chicago but drove past about 70 miles to the W of it. Tonight we stayed in Wenona, Ill. - had a nice cabin again. Weather cooler here - more comfortable.
- 13 - THURS - Out again this morning - still driving on highway # 7. Went thru several large cities - Rockford being the biggest. There are many Swedes around here - the names of business places gives evidence of that. There are many thousands of people living in Rockford. Before long we crossed the state line and entered Wisconsin - Beloit - Janesville - Edgerton - Stroughton - Deerfield - McFarland, etc - and then to Madison. We drove thru town and past the Capitol - very beautiful. Madison is a nice city. Then we drove out S of Madison a little ways to the farm where Agnes and Ed live - on his brothers farm. They live in a very big house here. We arrived there shortly after noon - stayed there over night and FRI until SAT morning.
- 14 - FRI - Edmin went with me and the boys in to Madison today - I wanted to look up Gust Olson. We found his house but he was not home. So home again to Swensons.
- 15 - SAT - Today we left Swensons for St. Paul - took Agnes along too. We were really loaded down now - 7 people and all our luggage - svært laes nu. We drove thru Viroqua - but before we got there we drove thru an area that had recently been ravaged by storm and hail - reiste vi gjennem et strog herjet af storm og hagl en tid for. Much of the crop had been destroyed here, trees had been uprooted and buildings completely destroyed. By the time we came near Viroqua things looked better again. Then down thru Coon Valley - very steep hills and a deep valley which was quite narrow. A nice little town down here with a big church - the minister there

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- 15 - SAT - (cont.) - is Rev. Bock, I believe. This is one of the oldest settlements in Wisconsin. Then to LaCross and across the Mississippi River again. We now drove on the Minnesota side along the river to the east and steep hills and bluffs on the other side. There are many small towns along the way - many pretty houses - summer homes of the well-to-do city dwellers. We drove thru Red Wing - came to St. Paul about supper time. Agnes really surprised them because they were not expecting her to come.
- 16 - SUN - Today we went to Norwegian services at 9:00 in Reque's church in St. Paul. There were not very many there for this service - I had a chance to talk with Reque after the service. (When Dad was at the Seminary he taught Sunday School in this church; Reque came to Christ Lutheran on Capitol Hill in 1904). We then drove over to Minneapolis where we attended the services in Central Lutheran Church. Jacob Stub is minister there (came in 1919). They have a big, excellent choir. The church is unusually large, but as big as it is, it was full. On our way home to St. Paul we stopped in at Ebenezer Home. The old people were having their dinner when we came there - about 150 of them. It would be so wonderful if we could get Mandius in here. Then back to St. Paul. In the p.m. we went out for a ride again - over to our old Seminary on Hamline. We went in there for a little while. It had been sold for \$40,000.00 to some doctors who want to make it into a hospital. Next we drove over to see Mrs. J. Ylvisaker and Olaf and Gudrun. (Mrs. Ylvisaker was the widow of Prof. Ylvisaker who was a teacher at the Seminary when Dad was attending there. Olaf was minister in Crosby 1906-1912). In the evening we went out for a walk - stopped in at a service on Snelling Ave - some Pentecostal group.
- 17 - MON - Took a trip over to Minneapolis again today. The ladies wanted to do some shopping and go to the big Sears Roebuck store. Conrad took me over to Ebenezer again - did not have a chance to talk to the Superintendent - Field - but I did have a good chance to look around for awhile.
- 18 - TUES - Today we packed up again and got started driving once more, heading for Canton, S. Dak. We drove by Ft. Snelling again and on until we came to #5 - then SW past the Mudbaths - down to Mankato and S to Blue Earth. Then W to Fairmont where we ate our dinner. When we came to Sherburne, we stopped for a little while so Marie could look up Cresence Sobolik. Then W again thru Jackson, Worthington and Luverne. There had been a bad storm thru this area too and many trees had been broken down and some uprooted, and there were buildings that had been destroyed. Even at that, the corn crop looked very good. Then in to S. Dak. to Sioux Falls. The small grain around here is burned up - forbraendt - but the corn still looks good. The closer we came to Canton, the better the small grain crops looked. We came to Lina about 5:00 - rather tired. In the evening Adolph and Julien drove up town to see if they could find Dale Moen. He was out on a farm but they found him.
- 19 - WED - Today we drove to Beresford to make some inquiries about the Old People's Home there. Lina, Mamma and Julien went along with me. It is a very nice place but in order to live there one would have to have \$2000 or more to turn over to them. From here we drove to Centerville

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- 19 - WED - (cont.) - to see Christian Holland and he was at home. The widow of Jacob Bru is keeping house for him and we were invited to stay for supper. Back to Canton again. There had been a terrible accident about 2 miles N of Beresford around 11:00 a.m. when a truck collided with a Ford. A young girl had been killed and burned in the fire that followed.
- 20 - THURS - Today we prepared to leave again - on our way home now by way of the Black Hills in S. Dakota. We left this morning - took #18 - and then thru Mitchell. Very dry around here - and all the way thru S. Dak. We crossed the Missouri River at Chamberlain. West of the river it appeared to be even dryer. Drove thru Presho - hardly a straw left standing here - it has been so dry and hot and the grasshoppers have taken what was there. Then thru the Badlands - great, grand, wild scenery - almost unbelievable sights to see in these hills and ravines that have been formed by erosion over a very long time. Very hot weather. A few scattered ranches to be seen but there were great distances between them. We drove thru a 200' tunnel - had taken 6 months of work. After coming out of the Bad Lands we could see the Black Hills in the distance - i det fjerne. They looked closer than they actually were and we had to drive quite a few miles over nice, flat land where there were more farms and ranches, and things looked somewhat better here. We came to Rapid City a little before dark. Rapid City is called "The Entrance to the Black Hills". It is a city of about 10,000 with several industries in operation there - but we did not stop there. We drove on to Sturgis - a town about 18-20 miles NW of Rapid City. There was a fine highway thru the green valleys between the mountains that are overgrown with forest. We got a cabin here but it was so cold here during the night that we really froze (for the first time all summer!)
- 21 - FRI - We got up early today because it was so cold - too cold to sleep. We cooked our coffee in the cabin, packed up and left Sturgis and drove to Deadwood. This is really wild country. The highway goes right thru the narrow valley between 2 steep mountains. The mountain walls go straight for the most and they are completely overgrown with trees. Deadwood has one main street running thru the valley and the residences are built up on the sides of the mountains so they appear to be one above the other. We also saw a church there - probably one of ours. Rev. Jordahl was out there for some years. (1913-1917. Edward Jordahl had also attended Lutheran Normal School 1902-1904, and was Dad's student assistant from the Seminary during the summer of 1912). We drove up to the top of the mountain on zig-zagging roads and came to the old cemetery where there are many monuments and graves of Pioneers and Historical figures. (Mount Moriah Cemetery - where the graves of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, Preacher Smith, Seth Bullock, Potato Creek Johnny, and many other colorful characters are buried). We then left the Black Hills and drove on highway #85 N and a little E. There are some very lonely stretches along the way N with a few scattered ranches here and there but miles apart. We saw some antelope along the way. There is some work being done now on the new highway - the old road is very rough. We drove across the state line into N. Dak. shortly before noon.

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- 21 - FRI - (cont.) - The first town we came to in N. Dak. was Bowman - where Mandius was minister back in the old days. We ate dinner there - I talked with a few older people who remembered Mandius. A man by the name of Peters said he remembered him well and that Mandius had been his pastor. They were quite interested in hearing news about him. The crops around here looked only fair and it was very dry here too. There are interesting formations of buttes around here too. We drove on from here to McKenzie Co. - the Bad Lands - and crossed the Little Missouri R. We remembered being here before. Then by Watford City - Arnegard, etc. Full harvest in progress here and quite good in some places. They raise a lot of potatoes here. Across the Missouri R to Williston. We stopped there briefly and then drove on to Hanks. We were there for supper - everything just fine. The little girls were especially happy to see us and had much to talk about.
- 22 - SAT - We stayed in Hanks until about 4:00 p.m. and then we started for home. Valla stayed and the 2 little girls came along home with us. We drove by Fortuna, Ambrose, and Crosby. The crops looked quite good here. We came home shortly before dark. We found things in fairly good shape - nogenlunde bra. The fields did not look too bad and there is much hay, but our garden was completely eaten up by grasshoppers - even the flowers and pie plant (rhubarb) but the potatoes seemed to be OK.
- 23 - SUN - We stayed at home today - resting up after the trip. Mamma was not feeling very well after the trip. Adolph drove in to town this p.m.
- 24 - MON - We went in to town this forenoon - a very warm day. Archie Serdahl went along with us. Ida became sick while we were in town so we came right home - were home by noon and she went right to bed. She had a bad headache and felt like she was overheated - like a sunstroke. She was sick on TUES - 25 - also - with chills and fever. Adolph drove to Hanks TUES evening to get Thelma and Valla.
- 26 - WED - I had conf. class in Bethlehem at 9:30. Mamma seemed worse again this p.m. with chills and fever.
- 27 - THURS - Today she was better again. Thelma and Adolph went to Columbus and Noonan and talked with Dr. Smith. He did not think it was anything really serious but that she should rest.
- 28 - FRI - Conf. class again. Adolph took Thelma home again. Then Mamma had more chills and fever on SAT and SUN but I had conf. class in Thorson at 2:00.
- 30 - SUN - Valla and Julien along to S. St. Olaf at 10:30 for Norwegian services and Bethlehem at 1:30. Adolph and Marie along to Bethlehem. Mamma was worse again today. Should have been to Thorson for services at 4:00 but decided to cancel. Julien and I drove out there - there were a great many people gathered there for the school program after 1 month of parochial school with Miss Marian Borstad. Pastor Linn from Wildrose was also there so I asked him if he would speak and then Julien and I drove on to Hanks. Thelma was ready to come along again. We drove N by Ambrose and were home by 10:00. Mamma was feeling a little better when we came home.

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31 - MON - I had conf. class in Bethlehem at 9:30. Marie and Valla had been planning to go to an L.D.R. meeting this p.m. at Youngs and I was going to go to Thorson for conf. class but then Mamma became so much worse again, we all decided not to go any place. I sent Adolph out to Thorson to tell the class to meet up again on FRI. Today has been the worst day for Ida with chills and fever but she is now taking quinine and was able to sweat. We called Dr. Smith and this evening he and Dr. Greengard came. He now thinks she may have malaria, caused by being bitten by a mosquito when we were in the south. They examined her and took a blood sample and will come back again tomorrow.

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- 1 - TUES - They came again tonight - took blood tests that they will send to the Laboratory in Williston. Mamma felt better today - her fever was down. She is taking quinine.
- 2 - WED - She feels a great deal better today. Dr. Smith called to find out.
- 3 - THURS - Thelma went home this evening. 4 - FRI - Mamma is still feeling fine - getting her appetite back again. She is resting better and also sleeping better at night too. I had conf. classes in Bethlehem and Thorson - in the churches at both places.
- 5 - SAT - Mamma is still feeling fine. Dr. Smith called up yesterday to say that the tests showed that it was malaria that she had - but now it seems to be over. Very dry and warm now. Ole Watterud has been working here now - putting up hay on shares for half. Everyone is busy with harvesting now - about half thru. Yes, everyone is busy, including the grasshoppers, as they are very busy too. There are quite a few of them in all the fields here but when the grain is cut it tends to stop the grasshoppers a little. I have only 12 A of barley and 8 A of wheat. It will have to be cut soon but Louie Watterud is still busy at home. Julien is working at Carlsons - he came home last night. Laurits and Eva were here too. THURS evening Rachel and Paul Rude and Eva Stompro came out; Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Olson were over one evening - also Rosholt who brought along some flowers (almost sure they were Sweet Peas as he raised some beautiful ones); Andrew Watterud was here on MON; Laurits and Eva were here another evening also. That time Ida was so stiff in her back and hips but after bathing her with warm water it was better. Mamma was so sick at one time that she had doubts that she would recover and we were all worried about that for awhile. But last night Arlien said, "I know Mamma will be well again." "Why so?" I asked her. "Oh, I asked God to make Mamma well again, and sure, God can make her well." Oh, that we could all have the faith of a child - en saadan sterk Barnetro. I had almost expected that my Pension from Washington would be cut but have not heard anything yet. Hope it will continue as before as it will be put to good use - especially the way it looks now. - - Now that we are safely home again from our vacation trip and Mamma is getting well again after being so sick we are indeed thankful to God for all His Mercy and Protection.
- 6 - SUN - English service in S. St. Olaf at 10:30 - Edgar Jacobson, Adolph, Marie and the 2 little

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- 6 - SUN - (cont.) - girls along. To Thorson at 2:00. Julien, Valla and the little girls along. Ida is feeling fine now.
- 7 - MON - I am having confirmation classes every day - or every other day - and sometimes 2 classes each day. MON - Bethlehem at 9:30; TUES - Thorson at 2:00; Bethlehem at 2:00. Edgar J. is working at O.Olson now in harvest - Adolph at L.Watterud a little. Very warm each day. Most of the harvesting is finished now. Ole Watterud has put up most of the hay here - Magne Kleppen is going to have what is left. Magne and family were over here for awhile WED evening. Marie and Adolph to town - quick trip.
- 10 - THURS - I am home today - Adolph is at Watteruds - Julien is working at Carlsons until school starts. Wonder how it will be possible to send Adolph to school this fall. Louie Watterud will be finishing the harvesting here today. He started on the barley yesterday noon - have only 12 A of barley and 8 A of wheat. Louie had finished harvesting at his place yesterday except for his flax. It is doubtful that we will get more than $\frac{1}{2}$ crop around here this year. We received letters yesterday from St.Paul, Canton and Hanks - all written and mailed Aug. 7. Everything fine with all of them.
- 11 - FRI - Conf. classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 and Thorson at 2:00.
- 12 - SAT - Studying today. Adolph drove to Alamo to do something about the car battery. The one we had now just fell apart - gik istykker - and we got another one in exchange without cost. That makes the 3rd battery in our new car. He drove by Columbus - Crosby - Fortuna - and to Hanks for a little while. Then to Alamo. By O.Olson on the way home and brought Edgar along home. Then they went to get Julien. Later the 3 boys went in to Columbus.
- 13 - SUN - English services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Quite a few there today. No other place today. The boys went over to Brothens and Nodsle Lake in the p.m. but first I took Ida out for a ride. This was the first time she had been out for some time now and it was good for her. Brothens and Rosholt were here in the evening.
- 14 - MON - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 9:30. To Columbus in the p.m. and over to Brothens in the evening with Adolph. Adolph is going to be along with them in threshing - they start tomorrow.
- 15 - TUES - Home in the a.m. Class in Thorson at 2:00. In the evening we drove over to Watteruds and A.M.Olson for a little while. Edgar is trying to get work in threshing. He will be working with them but they are not ready to begin just yet. 16 - WED - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 17 - THURS - Home - studying. Also took Edgar over to Anton Olson as they are getting ready to start threshing this p.m. Also drove by the mines and Columbus.
- 18 - FRI - Classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 and Thorson at 2:00. Marie and Valla also went along S to take a look at the schoolhouse (where they are going to be teaching this fall).
- 19 - SAT - Home. Studying.
- 20 - SUN - Norwegian services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Adolph, Valla, Mamma and the little girls

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- 20 - SUN - (cont.) - along. Home for dinner. Norwegian services in Thorson at 2:00. Marie, Julien, Mamma and the 2 little girls along. No L.L. today. Everyone is very busy with threshing and they are tired. Home. Took Julien over to Carlsons in the evening. Some of the young folks from Columbus came for Adolph and he was gone all evening.
- 21 - MON - First I took Adolph over to the Brothen threshing rig at Carl Johnson. Then home to do the milking. Conf. class in Bethlehem at 2:00. By the mines. 22 - TUES - Thorson class at 2:00.
- 23 - WED - Bethlehem class at 2:00. Enough rain to stop threshing. Adolph came home TUES - had hurt his arm and got Archie Serdahl to take his place on the threshing rig. Went to town with Watteruds in the p.m. and then later for a Farewell Party for Nelson (Smith-Hughes teacher). Rain during the night. Magne Kleppen has put up some hay here now.
- 24 - THURS - Home - studying. No threshing today - too wet. Mama is not feeling so well now - and for a few days - a little too much on Sunday, maybe. In the evening we drove over to Andersons and Sandbergs for a little while. Today - THURS - there was funeral for the son of Gunder Gunderson, in Pleasant Prairie church. Carl, 20, had drowned SUN evening S of Larson while swimming in a coal pit. He evidently got cramps.
- 25 - FRI - Class in Thorson at 2:00. 26 - SAT - To the mines. All 3 boys have been home here now for a few days. SAT evening the 3 boys and Marie and Valla went to Columbus for awhile.
- 27 - SUN - Norwegian service in Bethlehem at 11:00. Many there. Good L.L. program afterwards. Then we all went over to Thingvolds for coffee and lunch. A nice day - quite a few there. Adolph and Edgar went home after awhile and the little girls went along with Serdahls from church for a birthday party. When we came home from Thingvolds, Edgar was here alone as some of Adolph's friends from Columbus had come to get him. We went down to Albert Serdahls for a while this evening.
- 28 - MON - Class in Bethlehem at 9:30. Adolph was along with Anton Olson's rig today - hauling grain.
- 29 - TUES - Class in Thorson at 2:00. We met for the last time in the schoolhouse - next time in church. Anton Olson's rig came to Watteruds shortly before noon today. Did not quite finish.
- 30 - WED - They finished at Watteruds quite soon this forenoon and then they came here. They finished here before noon. We got 138 bu of barley and about 65 bu. of wheat. Adolph is thru now but Edgar is still along with them. They are E at Walthers now. Class in Bethlehem at 3:00 today. Last evening Ida and I went over to Albert Hysjuliens for a little while.
- 31 - THURS - Home. Strong wind today.

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- 1 - FRI - Conf. class in Thorson at 2:00 in the church. Last time before Confirmation on SUN.
- 2 - SAT - Strong wind again today - like yesterday. No threshing yesterday but there was a little today. Busy - studying.
- 3 - SUN - A nice day. Confirmation services in Thorson at 11:00 - English. Ida and I and the 4

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- 3 - SUN - (cont.) - girls went. The church was full - almost more than full. There were 11 in the class: Elmer and Melvin Olson (Ole); Magne Berg (Martin); Reuben Harbig (William); Floyd Fredrickson (Nick); Orvald Enget (Martin); Raymond Hagen (Anton); Willard Benson (Geo); Carsten and Petrina Furness (Carl); Fern Johnson (Henry). Everything went fine. Offering - \$24.61. There was baptism for Shirley Mae, B. Apr. 19 to Charles and Sophie (Furness) Meligan. L.A. after services - they served a very nice dinner. There are 4 families that indicate they want to become members of the congregation. They will be received next time. M/M John Anderson from Minnesota were here visiting today. There were some of our members from other congregations here too - B. Arneson, M/M Albert Hysjulien from S. St. Olaf and M/M Melvin Pederson from Bethlehem. In the evening took Julien up to Carlsons.
- 4 - MON - Class in Bethlehem at 9:30. In the p.m. we all drove out to Hanks - all except Adolph. We drove by Grottes on the way out. We got to Hanks by 5:00. Lawrence and Thelma have now moved to another house - a little smaller but nicer. In the evening we went out to see Strom and Mrs. O. Ronning (sister). She has aged considerably since last time we saw her. Strom has a very nice farm and house here. He had just come home from threshing. Thelma went along with us out there.
- 5 - TUES - This forenoon we drove out to a Nelson about 6 miles NW of Hanks - he has a great deal of garden stuff. We bought some watermelon and muskmelon at 3¢ a #. We left for home in the afternoon - drove by Grottes and bought some tomatoes for \$1.20 and got some other vegetables too.
- 6 - WED - Class in Bethlehem at 9:30. Adolph along and then he went by the mines and to Columbus - and then to Larson. He talked to John Norby about taking a cattle car down to St. Paul and he will be able to do that on FRI - from Kinkaid. In the p.m. we had company - M/M John Anderson, M/M P. Rysgaard, and Bertha Furness - they were here for supper. Julien came home this p.m. - finished with threshing at Carlsons. Julien has earned \$47.00. Adolph to town again.
- 7 - THURS - Home - studying. Cloudy today. Mamma and Julien went to Larson today to buy some fruit - from a carload there. Also by Columbus. So now it is canning time. Andrew Watterud came over in the afternoon to get one of the boys to haul some coffee water for them. Louie is still threshing with the Olson rig so Julien went. (Mom said there was a good well located between our 2 places that both families used - especially for coffee). Adolph was invited in to Columbus. He will be leaving early tomorrow morning for college. We have been hearing some thunder thruout the day but have had no rain. Had letters from Mandius and Lira today - the first we have heard from him since we were there. He says he is fine.
- 8 - FRI - Up early today - took Adolph to Kinkaid by 6:30 a.m. Ida and I took him in - he will take a cattle car down to St. Paul for J. Norby. He expects to be in St. Paul by SAT evening and then he will take the bus to Decorah on MON. I gave him \$10.00 and he had some of his own that he had earned - about \$17.00 or so, Somewhat cloudy today. About 11:00 M/M A. Brodahl and M/M T.O. Hysjulien came over. Brodahl went along with me when I went to Bethlehem for

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- 8 = FRI - (cont.) - conf. class - the last time now before Confirmation on SIN. Our company was here for supper too. Ida and I went over to Brothens for a little while this evening.
- 9 - SAT - Home - studying. Cloudy - some thunder but not much rain. Had stopped out at Martin Sathre yesterday a.m. for a check - borrowed \$50.00 from the L.L.
- 10 - SUN - Confirmation service in Bethlehem at 11:00 - English. The church was full. There was also baptism for Dennis Lee, B. July 8, son of Adolph and Francis Serdahl. (Here on a vacation visit from Des Moines). Members of the class: Howard Serdahl (Ole); Tom Pederson (Melvin); Harold Gunderson (Martin); Peter Lundstad (Ole); Ella Thingvold (Elvin); Helga Hoff (Even). Valla has been sick since WED - in bed most of the time. Edgar and Ada were also home today and Edgar had dinner ready for us when we came home after services. Then west to S.St.Olaf for English services at 3:00. Not so many there. Home. Rain once in awhile. Took Julien in to Columbus as H.S. is starting. He will be staying at Rosholt this year. We also drove over to Noonan to see Dr. Smith for Valla. He thought she might have pleurisy and suggested a mustard plaster. We also got some cod liver oil pills for her in Columbus. There had been a big crowd in Columbus yesterday and also today - a Rodeo. Some said that it had been a "Bum affair". Julien stayed in Columbus tonight.
- 11 - MON - Edgar and I went to Columbus today - had to send out some money. \$100.00 to Carl Hanson, Luther College; \$44.47 in Confirmation offerings from Thorson and Bethlehem to Shurson; \$14.40 for auto repair in St. Paul; \$4.60 to Bloomington, Ill. Insurance Co. - total \$19.00; \$11.00 to Jerry Donovan, Burke Co. Treasurer for personal property taxes; and a parcel to Thelma - \$10.00. Louie Watterud came over today with papers for the wheat allotment plan.
- 12 - TUES - Ida and I went to Noonan this p.m. for a meeting of all the Crosby Circuit pastors. Stopped in Columbus first - sent \$17.12 to Augsburg Publishing House for Bibles. All the ministers were there except Hoversten who had gone to Moorhead with the children (to Concordia). The meeting centered on working out the Theme of the Sermons and announcing them in advance for the following Sundays. Home by dark. Martin Arthur is still in the hospital in Portal - had a very bad accident in Canada where he was badly burned by a gasoline explosion. He has been in the hospital now for 3 weeks. Nice weather today and yesterday.
- 13 - WED - Went to Hanks today - took Edgar along. He took along the rat poison that he and Adolph had sent for earlier but now that Adolph has gone back to college Edgar thought he would go to Hanks to see what he could do there. We stayed in Hanks only a few hours. We stopped in at the Haukedahl Store in Wildrose - then by Grottes - bought a bushel of tomatoes again at 3¢ a lb and 22# of cucumbers at 2¢ a lb. We had bought vegetables there before also. It was late before we came home.
- 14 - THURS - Very windy from SE. In the p.m. Ida and I drove over to Kleppens first - then over to Helseths but Mrs. Helseth was not at home. Then to E. Hoff for a little while.
- 15 - FRI - Looks like rain today. This p.m. drove over to Andrew Peterson and ordered some meat.

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- 15 - FRI - (cont.) - Ida along. We drove in to Columbus - brought some butter and buttermilk to Lawrits and Eva. Went down town to do some shopping - then up to Rosholt - had coffee with him. It started raining while we were there. When Julien came we put on the chains. Valla borrowed \$6.50 from Julien so she could send for an order. We drove by Andrew Peterson - got 52# of beef at 5¢ a lb. We had a real good rain shower. The little girls were home from school when we came home - had had a ride with Watteruds.
- 16 - SAT - It rained last night too. Cool today with a NW wind. Home - studying.
- 17 - SUN - A nice day. Communion service in Thorson at 11:00 - Norwegian and English. We all went from here. The church was more than full - 47 communicants. 4 families became members - Martin Enget, Anton Hagen, William Harbig and Nick Fredrickson. Fredricksons had been members at an earlier time. Baptism for Agnes Marian, B. Aug. 19, Parents - Martin and Kirsti Berg. Songs by the choir and the girls. Following the service there was the big surprise - a celebration that had been planned for the 3 families celebrating their Silver Weddings this year - Martin Sathres, Carl Overlies, and Nick Fredricksons. Valla sang a song and I spoke a little in both Norwegian and English. There were a great many people there today - many from Battleview and McGregor too. Then down to the basement. They had arranged tables very nicely for the 3 honored couples and families and us and the others were served cafeteria style. There was a purse which came to \$47.00, which was divided 3 ways, besides the silver coffee service that was presented to each family. We were there until 5:00, I believe. Then home. We took Julien in to Columbus in the evening.
- 18 - MON - Clear but windy. This p.m. we went in to Lignite - the 2 little ones are at school. The rest of us, Ida, Marie and Valla, went by Columbus first - up to Rosholt briefly where we waited for Waages and Ranums. Mrs. G.P. Homnes also came. Rosholt had heard yesterday that Martin Arthun was worse. He is still at the hospital in Portal after being burned so badly. He had pleurisy first and now double pneumonia. We had decided to get together a gift - \$2 from each of us ministers and \$1 each from Marie and Valla. I gave Valla \$1. (I was not on the payroll yet!). When every one had arrived in Columbus, we drove to Lignite. Very dry and warm. When we came to Lignite we were happy to hear that Martin was better. The crisis had been yesterday. We were there for the afternoon - each one had brought along something for lunch. As we were leaving, there was a terrible dirt storm from NW. Had talked with the ministers about coming out to Thorson on Oct. 22 for their 25th Anniversary.
- 19 - TUES - Home. Washday. A great deal of wind today.
- 20 - WED - We drove S to the Thorson schoolhouse. The girls wanted to do some washing and cleaning in the teacherage. Ida and I drove over to Rysgaards - discussed WMF with her. She is in favor. Then over to Furness - also discussed WMF with her. We also got the keys for the schoolhouse - were there until 3:00.
- 21 - THURS - A nice day. Hunting season opened today.

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- 22 - FRI - There was a special election today. (From Robinson: "History of North Dakota" - 'Langer persuaded the legislature to pass a 2% Sales Tax; it was, however, referred to and disapproved by the voters on Sept. 22, 1933, by a large majority.) First I went to Columbus to get Julien as there was no school today - (had been declared a State Holiday) - then Ida and I went over to vote. We had prairie chicken for dinner - Julien brought 2 along from Rosholt and then he also shot one. This p.m. Ida, Marie, Valla and Julien went to Crosby. I stayed home with the little girls - however - they were over at Magne Kleppens for awhile. They went along over there when we went to vote and stayed to play until this afternoon. They came home from Crosby shortly before 9:00. They had also seen Lawrence and Thelma there.
- 23 - SAT - Today Julien, Marie and Valla went S to the Thorson school (Pleasant View) to fix up some more things in the teacherage. I was at home studying. The Columbus congregation had a sale in Columbus today. It was dark by the time they came home from Thorson.
- 24 - SUN - Quite cold. Communion service in Bethlehem at 11:00 - both Norwegian and English. All from here along. Home for dinner and then all along to S.St.Olaf for Norwegian services at 3:00 except Julien. Not so many there. Cold and cloudy - some raindrops in the evening. Ida and I and Arlien took Julien in to Columbus this evening - after dark. The reason it got to be late was because we had a wedding here after we came home from S.St.Olaf - Jacob Skarphol and Clara Harbig - and we visited for awhile afterwards. Some rain this evening. Rosholt is getting ready to leave for Chicago tomorrow morning. He told me that Old Mr. Ouran is quite sick and in the Noonan Hospital. I said I would go and see him.
- 25 - MON - About noon today I went to Rolies - Larson - before driving to Noonan to see Mr. Ouran. They had been in Noonan earlier today to see him but he is unconscious - has been since they brought him there. He just lays there moaning. It seemed to me, tho, that he listened to me when I spoke to him.
- 26 - TUES - Today I received the message that he had died early this morning. Funeral will be tomorrow afternoon. Studied this a.m. and p.m. Also dug up some of the potatoes.
- 27 - WED - Marie and Valla went along with me to the funeral for Ouran. We went to Noonan first - had a flat tire just as we came to Noonan - had to get it fixed while we went to the Undertaking Parlor. There were quite a few there from Larson. I had Devotion there - Norwegian - then to Larson. There were quite a few in church. We sang a Norwegian hymn - then I read Scripture in Norwegian. There was a song by a group of 7 - English Scripture - and Valla sang "Fly Som en Fugl". I spoke a little in both Norwegian and English - then an English song by the choir. Following final viewing we went to the cemetery. We went to Columbus from here - I ordered 2 new tires - \$18.00. Marie withdrew the rest of her money from the P.O. - \$50.00. She paid Julien the \$7.00 she owed him and \$10.00 to me. Ole Olson was here with 2 loads of coal today.
- 28 - THURS - A nice day. Today I took some wheat in to Columbus to trade for flour. Brought in

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- 28 - THURS - (cont.) - 18½ bu. and got 500# of flour.
29 - FRI - Home for the most. Went to town to get Julien. Stopped at A. Olson O got Milo's gun - gevaer. 30 - SAT - He is out hunting for awhile. We had L.D.R. here.

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- 1 - SUN - All of us out to Thorson at 11:00 - English. Home for dinner. This p.m. Ida and I went over to C. Brothen, N. Kleppen, and M. Hoie. Talked about having L.A. here. This evening we took the girls out to Thorson (Pleasant View). Tomorrow they will begin teaching there.
2 - MON - To Columbus with Julien - early. 3 - TUES - Home. 4 - WED - To Town and then over to M. Nelson and O. Ronholdt. In the evening all along to drive S to see the girls.
5 - THURS - Home for the most - studying. About the same on FRI and SAT. Drive to school every day. Julien went hunting for awhile on SAT. Mr. Jacobson, Sr. and Edgar have been around in the neighborhood with rat poison. They stayed here WED night - they were here waiting for us when we came back from Thorson. Ole Olson has hauled 12-13 T of coal - A. Haga hauled 4 loads one day coming to 6 T - and E. Hoff hauled a load of 3500#.
6 - FRI - Julien went out to Thorson to get the girls - got to be a little late for them. They had much to talk about now after the first week of school. Everything going fine.
8 - SUN - Valla along to S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - English service with communion - offering to Missions - also Mission Boxes. Quite a few there. In the p.m. the Bethlehem congregation met at our place at 2:00 for Norwegian services and L.A. Nice weather - many there - some came from W also and Petersons from Macroom. In the evening I first took Julien in to town and then later took the girls out to their school. Rather late for them.
9 - MON - Washed clothes. Became rather cloudy.
10 - TUES - Circuit W.M.F. Ida and Arlien along. Nice weather. We stopped by the school first for a little while and Arlien remained there with the girls. Then over to church - quite a few came - almost full church by 11:00. The choir sang several songs during the meeting. More people came in the p.m. It was a very good meeting. All the Circuit ministers came except Aarthun - Martin is still sick. There were quite a few there from Crosby, Noonan and Ambrose. Went over to school at noon to get Marie and Vall and Arlien - no school this p.m. We were home shortly before dark.
11 - WED - Cold today. Went to Columbus to get the radiator fixed up so it will not freeze - 1½ gal. for \$4.40 - and 7 gallons of gas. Went up to Rosholt at noon - saw Julien - had lunch with them. Bought a draft to send to Shurson - Treas. for \$44.79, the Mission offering in S. St. Olaf of \$23.32 and the Mission Boxes of \$10.02, and the Mission Boxes in Thorson - \$11.45. In the p.m. Ida and I went over to Mrs. F. Bureau first - then over to Frank Witty for baptisms; the 3 children of Malcolm and Mabel Nickey: Florence Tillie, B. Jan. 26, 1926; Claire Frank, B. Apr. 4, 1927; and Eugene Walter, B. Nov. 20, 1932. Then by our school (Grand View #3) to

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- 11 - WED - (cont.) - get the children and M.W. (Marie Watterud was the teacher). Cold this evening.
- 12 - THURS - Nice day but somewhat windy. 13 - FRI - About the same today. This p.m. about a dozen men gathered at Bethlehem church to set up a fence and do some work in the cellar under the church. I went to Columbus this p.m. - stopped in at Rosholt. The Short Creek L.A. was meeting there. Took Julien and the Serdahl children home. Then Julien went S to get the girls - it got to be a little late before they came home. (We were our own janitors).
- 14 - SAT - Bethlehem L.A. Sale at C. Brothen. The sale went quite well considering they did not have as many things to sell this time. Came to about \$30.00 anyway.
- 15 - SUN - To Ambrose today for L.L. Convention. A.M. Olson and Alvin Brothen came over this morning to ride along. Valla stayed at home with the little girls and the rest of us went. There had been a Banquet there SAT evening but none from here attended that. We came to Ambrose by 10:30 - Prof. Brown preached this morning - big crowd there. We had dinner at church at noon. Then in the p.m. there was the Choral Union Concert - very good. We drove by Columbus on the way home and left Julien there. Then out to Thorson with the girls later in the evening.
- 16 - MON - Home for the most. 17 - TUES - The Crosby Circuit pastors and wives - prester og fruier - met at our place for a Conference. After dinner the women drove out to Pleasant View School to visit the girls and their school. Mrs. Ranum drove. (We had had 2 weeks of school!) Then back here for supper.
- 18 - WED - To Columbus - making inquiry about getting a Federal Loan of \$600.00. Sent \$5.00 to Adolph. Became cloudy and then this afternoon it started snowing. Snow on THURS - 19 - too.
- 20 - FRI - Cold. We had a visit this evening of Lawrits and Eva and the children and M/M Norval Lesteberg from Benson, Minn. No - that was THURS evening. They were coming out again today - FRI - and were on the way but turned around as they were afraid of the weather and the roads. They did get out to Ronholdts FRI evening.
- 21 - SAT - This forenoon we had a visit from them again - and M/M Christ Ronholdt. They were here for dinner and then left for Towner where they plan to be tonight. This afternoon, a little later, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lee (Ethel Dible) came here to have their little girl baptized - Patricia Marian, B. Mar. 29. Ida and I and Valla and Julien were sponsors. They were here for supper. It was a good thing that Julien had dressed a turkey yesterday. Rosholt had brought him out yesterday forenoon - we had called to say that I was not feeling well - had a very bad toothache and my cheek was swollen - so I have been in the house now most of the time. Julien went S to get the girls on FRI - had to put chains on - snow and mud. Today - SAT - he drove down to the Mines Store to do a little shopping. Cold today. We had hoped to have nice weather for SUN - the 22nd - for the 25th Anniversary in Thorson. The ministers of Crosby Circuit have all promised to come but now the weather could make that impossible. Received letters today from Mrs. Isakson in St. Paul, and Thelma in Hanks. Everything fine. The meeting in Thorson tomorrow is also supposed to be the Fall meeting for the

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- 21 - SAT - (cont.) - Circuit. Rev. Waage will preach in Norwegian for the morning service and the others will speak in English in the p.m.
- 22 - SUN - Somewhat cold today but other than that the weather was nice. We went out to Thorson, with the exception of Julien and the little girls. The little girls had become sick last night with upset stomachs. We got to church about 10:30. Waages were already there. It took a little longer for the people to get there today but we started by about 11:30. Waage preached the Norwegian sermon using as text Matthew 28:18-20. Then downstairs for dinner. Rosholt came at noon. Waages had to leave for Zion at 3:00. Afternoon session started at 2:00. Rosholt opened with Devotion, in English. I then read the History of the Congregation. There were several songs by the Glee Club. Mrs. Rysgaard read the History of the L.A. and Nora Sathre read the History of the L.L. Clara Furness sang a solo - Rosholt spoke on Home Missions. By this time Ranum and Hoversten had come too - Ranum spoke on Foreign Missions and Hoversten on Charity. Ranum also sang a solo. The Offering came to \$22.16 plus a Mission Box with \$1.50. The meeting closed with a hymn and Benediction. Coffee and lunch was then served again. Then by the schoolhouse with the girls and so home. Quite cold now.
- 23 - MON - Snow and drifting from SE but we were up early and had to drive in to town with Julien. The snow was so fluffy and loose that it did not bother us much. Did a little shopping and the clutch on the car fixed. Home by 9:30. Bought a M.O. at the P.O. for the offering yesterday plus \$3.66. Ada was home from school today but I drove over to get Marie W. after school. Some drifts here and there.
- 24 - TUES - Took Marie W. and Ada to school. Then walked over to Andrew Watterud to get a team to haul home a little haystack - 4 loads - and a little straw to cover the cistern.
- 25 - WED - Milder today - thawing a little. Got stuck in a drift after driving to school. Later drove to Columbus without chains. Mild this afternoon. Heard that there was rain in Montana today - and we too had a few drops. Received a letter from Washington on MON telling me that my pension has been cut to \$15.00 a month as of Nov. 1. Mailed a letter to Washington today - answering a questionnaire in regard to what my income was, etc. On MON of this week we borrowed 57# of beef from Watteruds. 26 - THURS - Home. Some more snow.
- 27 - FRI - Home - studying some. Cold. More snow. Julien could not come home this week-end - he had to stay there for Play practice. Drove S this p.m. to get Marie and Valla. Had not put chains on and got stuck before I came to Ole Olsons - almost slipped off the grade into the ditch. Had to walk over to Olsons to get some help - the boys came with a team then and got the car out. 28 - SAT - Marie and I went to Columbus - still quite muddy.
- 29 - SUN - Norwegian services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - 20th Sun after Trinity. Not so many there. 5 Mission Boxes - \$4.80 and \$1 extra from Hattelids. L.A. at Anton Watteruds following. We could not go over there as we went to Bethlehem at 2:00. Heard that there were quite a few at Watteruds. We all went to Bethlehem - had a hard time getting thru E of M. Gundersons.

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- 29 - SUN - (cont.) - Mission Boxes amounting to \$11.94. Home. Then a little later out to Thorson with the girls.
- 30 - MON - To Columbus. Rosholt went along with me to Crosby - I went to see the dentist, Dr. Bergem. He pulled one and filled one - \$1.00. Then over to Ranums - we were there for dinner and were there for a little while early p.m.
- 31 - TUES - Cold and foggy today. We were over to Magne Kleppens for a little while today.

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- 1 - WED - Cold weather. Drive both to and from school.
- 2 - THURS - The thermometer showed 10 above zero but it must have been colder. Have put (tar) paper around the house and am busy doing some banking. Went E with some things for Julien (to mail or send in with A.Olson?) and then drove over to church to get the L.A. dishes to bring along to O.Olsons tomorrow. T.O.Hysjulien came over today with 54# of pork - \$5.00 - and 24# of beans - \$1.00 (Salary).
- 3 - FRI - Snowing today. Arlien went along to school today - teacher had treats for the children today. It snowed off and on all day. I drove out to O.Olsons this evening to get Marie and Valla. Ada and Arlien came home with Watteruds after school. There is a play at the H.S. in Columbus tonight and Julien is in it. If the weather and roads had been better we would all have gone in to see it.
- 4 - SAT - Went in to Columbus today to get Julien. The play had gone very well.
- 5 - SUN - Julien and the girls went along to Thorson church for services at 11:00 - English. Not so many there today. We drove without chains and just barely made it without getting stuck. We drove by the schoolhouse after church and left the girls there. Then in the p.m. we drove in to Columbus with Julien.
- 6 - MON - Bethlehem L.A. met at Mrs. Ole Olson. It keeps on snowing a little but there were many there. They had their annual meeting and election. Pres. - Mrs. C. Brothen; V.Pres. Mrs. A.M.Olson; Secr.-Treas. - Miss Alice Olson. Alice came along home with us as we are going to Ambrose tomorrow - to Hoverstens. Went over to school to get Marie W. and Ada after we came home.
- 7 - TUES - First I took Marie and Ada to school - then home to get ready to go to Ambrose. Anton Olson came over and went along with us to Ambrose. Alice is home here with Arlien. Weather is quite good but still a little cold. By Columbus. Had C.Anderson adjust the carburetor - uses too much gas. Can only get about 10-11 miles to the gallon. Julien also went along - stopped in Crosby to see the dentist - had 2 fillings. Rosholt rode with Ranums from Crosby and Arthun rode with us. Erling and Julien, both, had some work done at the dentist - Dr. Bergem - and then when they were thru they drove over to Ambrose in Rosholt's car. Waages were already at Hoverstens when we came. Hoversten was not feeling well. Rev. and Mrs. Vinje, from Canada,

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- 7 - TUES - (cont.) - were also there. First of all I presented a brief outline of upcoming sermons. We had a good lutefisk dinner at noon. Aarthun spoke on "Healing" after dinner. In the meantime A.Olson had been visiting with a Ness family. We left for home again about 4:30 going by Columbus with Julien - and then home.
- 8 - WED - Cloudy and windy - some drifting from NW. Washday here. Have the turkeys penned up and tomorrow will start dressing some.
- 9 - THURS - We dressed 16 turkeys - quite a few pin feathers so it became hard work.
- 10 - FRI - Became quite mild - real thawing weather - hard on the snow. Over to M.Nelson and Olaf Ronholdt - then later to Ole Olson to get Marie and Valla as they were there.
- 11 - SAT - Took the turkeys to Columbus to ship to Dauber Bros. Ida and Julien along. Julien had come home last night - rode with Dihles to the Berg conner (A.G.) and then came walking cross country home. Mild weather again today.
- 12 - SUN - A very strong wind all night and today - froze hard and now the roads are very rough. It was almost like a cyclone during the night - it is terrible to see all the Russian thistle caught along the fences and up in the trees. It was extremely hard on the haystacks - and, yes, even the fenceposts were pulled out of the ground or broken off with the weight of all the thistles caught on the fence. It had also rained some before it froze. Valla was feeling sick when they came home FRI evening and went right to bed. She felt better on SAT and today. Julien and Marie went along to S.St.Olaf at 11:00 but it was so cold and stormy - snowing - that hardly anyone came - a few from O.Hatlelid and H.Nortvedts. Had a brief Devotion but we did not stay for services. Got \$10.00 in salary - Nortvedt. Then home for a turkey dinner. All except Julien along to Bethlehem for English services. Out to Thorson with Marie and Valla and Ada. Ada is going to spend the week out there with the girls. Then home and to Columbus with Julien. The roads are very rough all over now - terrible driving conditions.
- 13 - MON - Milder today and cloudy. Sent a letter and \$5.00 to Adolph today.
- 14 - TUES - Magne Kleppen helped me haul 3 loads of hay today. Nice weather. Today Ada is celebrating her birthday - the 9th - out in Thorson schoolhouse. 15 - WED - Cloudy - not so cold.
- 16 - THURS - Nice weather. Same on FRI. Went out to Thorson to get the 3 girls FRI p.m.. Ada had really enjoyed being out S with the girls and would really like to attend school there all the time. (There were a lot more children to play with).
- 18 - SAT - Beautiful weather - deiligt veir. Rosholt brought Julien out last night. We had beef soup for supper which was a real treat - tasted very good - smagte godt - and then later in the evening we had Rommegrot. Rosholt was here until quite late.
- 19 - SUN - Nice weather. All along to Thorson except Julien - good idea to have one at home. Quite a few in Thorson. Then by the schoolhouse with Marie and Valla - had dinner there with the girls. Drove by Bensons and E and to C.Brothen - we stopped in there for a little while. When we came home Julien had just left for Columbus with some who came out to get him.

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- 20 - MON - Stormy again last night and today - from NW - with some snow later in the day. Went to Columbus in the p.m. - brought along some things for Julien. Also mailed \$60.00 to C.Hanson at Luther College. Must not forget to mention that last SAT - the 18th - we were all over to S.O.Bergs for L.A. Sale. There were quite a few there but they did not have so very many things to sell this time. Coffee and lunch served. The L.A. gave me most of what they had - for my salary. I got \$88.89 but I had put out \$2.00 for them before so it really came to \$86.89. Ada was not feeling well today so we kept her home from school.
- 21 - TUES - Mild and foggy weather. Marie W. and Ada are planning to stay in the schoolhouse now so they did not come home tonight. 22 - WED - Home today.
- 23 - THURS - Foggy. Lutefisk dinner served at Nels Kleppens. We went over at noon - quite a few came. Marie W. and Ada came home tonight. Rosholt came along home with us from the Lutefisk dinner at Kleppens.
- 24 - FRI - Did not go to town to get Julien tonight - he went to Powers Lake with the B.B. team.
- 25 - SAT - Went to Columbus this morning to get Julien.
- 26 - SUN - Norwegian Thanksgiving services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Quite a few there. Marie and Valla did not come home this weekend - Mamma played for services. We drove in to Columbus in the p.m. with Julien and Archie Serdahl.
- 27 - MON - Annual meeting for S.St.Olaf congregation at 1:30. Meeting opened with Devotion - text 1 Cor. 15:50 - followed by my report of the year's work. Secr. J.Holte was not there today but had sent the book along with L.Holte. S.O.Berg elected as Secr. Treas. report heard for the year 1932 and also 1933. Had received \$200.00 previously and now \$31.00. O.L.Hatlelid elected as Treas. Trustee - E.Dihle (3), L.Holte (2) to replace M.Nelson. Budke has 1 year left. School committee - O.L.Hatlelid (3). Janitor - same as before - each one taking his to warm up the church. My application for aid from Home Mission signed - application asking for \$300.00. Some discussion on Kortgaard. What to do about the basement also came up for discussion. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Present: Albert Hysjulien, O.Ronholdt, L.Holte, A.A.Anderson, S.O.Berg, William Budke, H.Brodahl, O.L.Hatlelid. (In the margin of his book he has some numbers totaled indicating receipts for the year: Dec. 17 - 7.90, Dec. 18 - 10.00 and 2.00 - Total \$19.90. Previously - \$231.00. Total - \$250.90 for 1933).
- 28 - TUES - Home in forenoon. At noon we went in to Columbus to Rosholt. All the Crosby Circuit ministers and families were invited. This was for the most part a social meeting. Some snow.
- 29 - WED - To Thonson school in the p.m. to get the girls. Ada had a ride home with Watteruds. Julien went with the B.B. team to play in Tioga tonight - came home about 2:30 a.m.
- 30 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day - English service in S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Nice weather and many there. We had invited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hysjulien over for dinner. They were here for supper too.

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- 1 - FRI - The same nice weather. Thanksgiving services in Thorson at 11:30 - English. We had much good music at the service today - 2 songs by the choir and 2 songs by the school children. They sang very well. We had the Annual meeting of the congregation following services (and lunch). The L.A. also had their annual meeting and the L.L. had a business meeting. I gave my report over the year's work. Heard reports from secr. and treas. Received in salary \$82.00 now and \$56.00 previously - total of \$138.00. George Benson and family welcomed as members. Election: Secr. - C.Furness; Treas. - M.Sathre; Trustee - J.P.Gjerde (1) to fill P.Hanson's term, and Martin Berg (3); School Committee - C.Overlie (3); Janitor - as before. There was still \$8.48 left to complete the budget quota so the L.A. and L.L. each contributed half. The \$50.00 I borrowed from the L.L. Sept. 8 will continue at 5% for 1 more year. It was a nice day and there were many there. The L.A. served dinner. We came home about 4:00. Julien took the car in to town after we came home - they are playing B.B. in Bowbells tonight. He came home about 1:00 a.m.
- 2 - SAT - The nice weather continues - very mild. We were up early today to wash clothes - finished by 9:30. Annual meeting in Bethlehem at 1:00 - after which we planned to drive out to Hanks. Meeting opened with Devotion - Luke 4:16 - followed by my report. Reports from secr. and treas. heard. The treas. report for 1932 was accepted but the 1933 report was incomplete. Had received previously \$119.50 and now \$8.00 - a total of \$127.50 - with more expected to come in - also some meat from L.Adamson, Ed Hallum and Melvin Pederson. Election: Secr - A.Olson; Treas - M.Pederson; Trustee - Ole Olson (3); School Committee - E.Thingvold; Janitor - as before - members taking turns. L.Gunderson has promised for Dec. 17 - then A.Olson, C.Brother, M.Hoie with N.Kleppen and Ole Serdahl. Meeting adjourned. Home by 3:00. Then we got ready to go to Hanks - all except Julien. We drove by Columbus - brief stop - then W. It became dark before we reached Fortuna and drove S but it was nice driving. We came to Hanks by about 6:30. Thelma had a very nice supper ready for us - lutefisk, lefse, spareribs, etc. We stayed up until midnight visiting.
- 3 - SUN - We slept a little later today. Nice weather again. We had turkey dinner today. Lawrence and I went out hunting rabbits but did not get any. We left Hanks at 3:40 - drove E by Alamo. We drove by Pleasant View school and left Marie and Valla there and we were home about dark.
- 4 - MON - Colder. Julien took Ada to school first and then the rest of us went to Columbus. We were up at Rosholt for a little while too. When we came home we saw that Nels Kleppen had been here with a butchered sheep from L.Adamson. Then this p.m. Ed Hallum came with a front quarter of beef.
- 5 - TUES - A little snow last night. Home today. There was to be a wedding here today at 2:00 for Einar Benson and Mabel Westernness and they came at the appointed time. He gave me \$5.00. Ida served coffee and cake for them before they left from here for Noonan. Mamma is baking fruit cake today in many different sizes and shapes of cans and pans. Yesterday I mailed

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- 5 - TUES - (cont.) - \$23.00 to Augsburg Publishing House for subscriptions to the church papers.
- 6 - WED - Sent an additional \$8.00 from Thorson and \$2.15 to Decorah Posten from me - sent from Larson. On SAT I had sent a draft to Shurson for \$8.49 which was the rest of the budget quota from Thorson that the L.A. and L.L. came up with - half from each. Today was a nice, mild day. This afternoon we went over to Albert Hysjulien and S.O. Berg - to talk and plan for the Silver Wedding for O.L. Hatlelids. Then by the schoolhouse to get Marie W. and Ada. They were ready to walk home tonight and would have done so if we had not come by for them. They had run out of some supplies - bread, etc. Turned colder.
- 7 - THURS - Could not get the car started this morning so they had to walk to school so they were a little late.
- 8 - FRI - Had Louie Watterud come over today with a team to pull the car around a little so it would start. Went to town this p.m. - took the car over to C. Anderson and he put in new spark plugs and added some more Prestone. Julien came along home - not so cold now. Ada was at home when we came - Watteruds had driven by this way. Old Man Watterud (Andrew) was a little better today but Milla and Mabel and their husbands came from Minnesota.
- 9 - SAT - Had a little trouble getting the car started today but finally got it going. Foggy. Marie and Valla were not home this weekend. Yesterday I sent drafts from Columbus - \$70.00 to Carl Hanson, Decorah, and \$12.00 to Adolph. An order to Montgomery Ward for Adolph for \$3.85 - an order to Warren, Pa. for shirts - 5 for \$6.17. Car expenses of about \$5.00 - meat grinder \$4.50 - and some other things - \$1.00.
- 10 - SUN - Cold today - it had snowed last night and was 20 below zero today. This is the coldest we have had it this winter - has only been down to zero once or twice so far. To Bethlehem at 11:00 for Norwegian services. We drove with car - not many there. Mamma played the organ. Home for dinner. To Columbus later in the day with Julien.
- 11 - MON - Not so cold today. Arlien and I both have colds but we are using B & M. Ada did not want to walk alone to school this morning so she stayed home until noon and then I took her over to school. She is going to stay over there with Marie W. now for a few days.
- 12 - TUES - It snowed all day and it is 6 - 8 below zero. The horses came home and wanted to get in the barn now. They have been outside most of the time until now. Have been home today - have written out 3 applications to Home Missions (for each of the 3 congregations) - and have also done some other writing. The house was cold today - hard to heat with that strong wind from SE. Have gotten 30 new subscriptions to the church papers and mailed same to Augsburg Publishing House (for "Lutheran Herald" and "Lutheraneren"). It is half price for now - \$1.
- 13 - WED - More snow - kept on all day - so now we are thru driving with car for awhile.
- 14 - THURS - Cold today too and a little more snow. Zero and below zero every day now.
- 15 - FRI - Same kind of weather. Ada came home with Serdahls. Julien did not come home this time

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- 15 - FRI - (cont.) - and I could not go out to get the girls either. We had a letter from the girls saying they wanted to come home - that they had to come home this weekend.
- 16 - SAT - The weather was a little better today - wind from SW. At noon today Marie and Valla and Olaf Olson came driving with sled. They were here for most of the afternoon and then went back to Olsons again where they were going to stay until SUN. I had Olaf help me get my car started and we drove it a little - but then we got stuck in the snow just east of here. (The great urgency to get home this time had something to do with getting some music for our Christmas program we were preparing).
- 17 - SUN - Down to zero today. Up early - got ready to drive over to Albert Hysjulien with sled. From there I rode with them to church. Just a few there - Hysjuliens - the 2 Hattelids - Sorlies and Dihles. After services we went over to Oscar Hattelids where a surprise Silver Wedding celebration had been arranged. Not very many there - but some from Sandbergs, S.O. Bergs, Gilbertsons, Budkes, Mrs. George Witty and Edwin Haraseth. Not quite so cold this p.m. Home again with Hysjuliens and then home from there shortly before dark. Received a little more salary - \$7.00 - this from Mrs. Witty.
- 18 - MON - Colder again. Took Ada over to school at noon. 19 - TUES - Colder - with a strong wind.
- 20 - WED - Ronholdt came over today with a dressed pig - weighed 175# - which we counted at 5¢ a # - \$8.75. He wanted \$2.00 in cash and the rest was to apply on Juella's confirmation, he said. So we counted it \$1.00 for "Lutheraneren", \$2.00 for salary, and \$3.75 for Juella's confirmation. He had paid \$10.00 preciously this year. We were busy grinding up meat last night.
- 21 - THURS - Milder this morning - about 40 degrees but the wind was cold and the temperature dropped down to 8 degrees. Am planning to drive in to Columbus tomorrow with car to do some shopping - and to get Julien. Received 2 packages in the mail today - one from Hanks with something for everyone, and a big box of candy (Fanny Farmer) from St. Paul. We have sent two turkeys to St. Paul.
- 22 - FRI - Quite cold. Could not get the car started. Walked up to Louie Watterud and he came with a team to pull the car so we got it started. Louie Serdahl had said that he wanted to go with me to town but then he came with his own car as he thought it might be too crowded with everyone and everything in one car. My chains are old and not very good - had some difficulty in getting past Carlsons but managed, and from there it went just fine. Got to town about 11:00. There was school only in the forenoon. Had some shopping to do - also stopped in at the barber shop. Finally finished with everything about 2:00 and then Julien and I drove home. I had also bought a Christmas Tree and some gifts and candy, nuts, etc. After we came home we drove to S (school or Serdahls?) to get Ada.
- 23 - SAT - It is very cold. Marie and Valla are still out S in Thorson - they had school all FRI and as the children are going to sing for Christmas services tomorrow and we have to drive with sled out there now - it seemed best that they stay out there until they are finished

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- 23 - SAT - (cont.) - with everything. They went over to Hansons on SAT and came to church with them on SUN.
- 24 - SUN - Yes - this is Christmas - or more rightly, Christmas Eve - Juleaften - and it is 30 below zero. It is "Hutetu" to be out riding with sled and horses. I left rather early - drove by Wrolsons - Serdahls - SW to the highline and S to Olsons. Then I rode along with them from there in the big sled. The whole family went so there was a full load. Services were announced for 11:30. There were quite a few there in spite of the cold weather but I am sure there would have been more if it had not been so cold. Conducted services in Norwegian - did not find it necessary to use English as all there could understand Norwegian. The choir sang several songs during the service. Christmas offering - \$15.60. Then after the services we had the Christmas Tree and program by the school children. Their Christmas Cantata was wonderful - dem sang storartet. Then the L.L. served lunch after which we started for home and now Marie and Valla came along home. Some of the Olson boys rode along with M. Bergs. This was a cold trip again. As soon as we got to Olsons we got ready with my rig to go home - the girls had quite a bit of stuff along with them. Drove N. by P. Eibogt and then N by Albert Serdahl. There is quite a bit of snow in some places. Then home to a delicious supper - some excellent fried fish. After supper we had our Christmas Tree Eve at home. Arlien sang, "Jeg er Saa Glad Hver Julekveld" and then she and Ada sang some songs together - as did we all. And then there were gifts - many gifts - but Adolph is in Decorah and Thelma is in Hanks.
- 25 - MON - Glædelig Jul - but it is cold - like yesterday. Marie went along with me to S. St. Olaf. We drove by Albert Hysjulien and rode with him from there. Due to the cold there were only few in church - English services. Offering - \$11.45. No Christmas Tree and program here. Then home. Nice to be able to stay at home for the rest of the day.
- 26 - TUES - To Bethlehem at 11:30 - both Norwegian and English. Almost just as cold as yesterday. Only Marie along today. Not very many here either. Offering - \$9.50. Now I am finished again with Christmas services and I believe this is the coldest Christmas weather we have ever had. Today we had mail again and we received many Christmas cards today. We have sent quite a few too - but a little late this year.
- 27 - WED - Continued cold for the rest of the week. The mailman comes by every day but he drives _____ in his Snowmobile.
- 30 - SAT - A little better today. Julien, Marie and I went in to Columbus in car. We got stuck near Carlsons and had to get a team to pull us out and then it went fine from there. Had to get pulled out again on the way home. Sent \$15.00 to Adolph - some of that for his new glasses. Paid Sommersness for the meat grinder - it had been marked \$5.50 but he gave it to me for \$4.00. New chains at the service station cost \$4.25 and battery and gas \$2.04.
- 31 - SUN - Home today - we had our own services at home this forenoon and spent the day quietly at home. Julien went over to Louie Watterud for awhile. Andrew Watterud is not feeling so well

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31 - SUN - (cont.) - and spends most of the time in bed now. It had snowed some last night and some today too but it is not as cold as it has been - only 10 below today. It is now almost 10:00 - the others are all in the front room listening to the radio - and I am sitting here in the kitchen writing at the table. And now the Old Year "1933" is almost gone - and when we reflect on the past year, we have, in spite of the Depression and Hard Times received much of what is good - and we have had enough for living. We have had a multitude of God's Blessings bestowed on us - both Spiritual and material. May we become more thankful to God for all His Goodness.

To Him we give thanks for everything - in Jesus Name.

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GLAEDELIG JUL I JESU NAVN - Happy New Year in Jesus Name

1 - MON - May this New Year bring us joy and blessings - and may we also become more deserving as we try to do God's Will.

The New Year came in with a cold SE wind. Had announced English services for Bethlehem at C. Brothen at 1:30 with L.L. program following. We asked Louie Watterud to drive over in his rig which is quite a bit bigger than mine. Quite a bit of snow. Marie, Valla and Julien went along. There were only a few that came out today - had a short Norwegian service then followed by some singing and readings for the L.L. program. Mrs. Brothen served lunch and coffee and we came home as it started getting dark. Bought 3# of butter from Mrs. Brothen.

2 - TUES - Cold and stormy. The mailman did come but not until after 5:00 p.m.

3 - WED - Quite a nice day. We used a team from Louie Watterud and hauled in 2 loads of straw and 1 of hay. Julien and Louie went over to A. Olson in the evening.

4 - THURS - Nice and still - zero weather. About the same on FRI and SAT. Nothing of great importance to mention - intet navnevaerdig som foregaar. Some studying. Julien is busy off and on with some hunting - and some visiting here and there.

7 - SUN - A nice day. Norwegian services and L.A. at M. Sandbergs. Marie and Valla along. We drove over to Albert Hysjulien and then rode with them. There were quite a few there but there were also some that were missing. Some had to take their young folks in to town as H.S. begins again tomorrow. I had taken Julien over to A. Olson the first thing this morning before going to Sandbergs as he is riding in to town with them in car.

8 - MON - Another nice day. Went up to see Andrew Watterud again for a little while. He is about the same.

9 - TUES - Today there is a meeting in the Town Hall in Leaf Mountain Twp. for the farmers to come and sign up contracts for Wheat Allotments. The farmers in Harmonius Twp also went.

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- 10 - WED - Real mild thawing weather now - between 30 and 40 degrees. On TUES Melvin Pederson came over with 47# of veal - kalvekjod - and Ole Serdahl had been here a little earlier with about 48# of pork. THURS p.m. Ida and I went up to Watteruds for a little visit and also brought back some meat we had borrowed earlier. We took along some of what Pederson had brought and some more. This week I have been busy writing - have sent out quite a few letters as well as preparing my Parochial Report. Have sent letters to Lena, Mandius, C. Hanson in Decorah, Adolph, Isaksons in St. Paul, O'Melia and a few others. On WED I received a call from Alfred Peterson in Columbus that Palma had died at the Portal Hospital after surgery for appendicitis. They want to have her funeral in Bethlehem. He called again on THURS to say it would be on SAT at 2:00. in the church. We are having some very nice weather these days - yesterday and today about 30 degrees above zero.
- 12 - FRI - A little colder today. I am studying some. Marie and Valla are very busy now packing up and getting their things together as they will be going S to their school again now on SUN. They will have to be prepared to stay out there for some time now.
- 13 - SAT - Another nice day. Yesterday I rode horseback S almost to Ole Olson to see how the roads are and find that for the most part they are OK. We rode over to Bethlehem church with Albert Serdahls in their big sled - all of us went. The funeral procession - begravelses folget - came about 1:30 (from Macroom). There were quite a few that came from E in Macroom. They drove with cars and had to go by Lignite first - then to Columbus and S on the highway to church. I spoke in Norwegian and Aarthur, who came with them, spoke in English. Valla sang "O Hvor Salig det skal Blive" - the same song she had sung 11 years ago when she was only 8, for Josie Peterson's funeral. She also sang "Fly som en Fugl". We 3, Marie, Valla and I sang "Her maa jeg banke bede". Bernard Aarthur sang a song in English. The congregation sang at the opening of the service, "Jeg ved mig en sovner i Jesu Navn". Julien did not come home this weekend. It turned a little windy.
- 14 - SUN - Up early and then we got ready to go S to Thorson. We had a full load in the sled today. We drove only as far as Olsons and then rode with them the rest of the way - out to the schoolhouse and church. English services. Quite a few there but neither the L.A. nor the L.L. served today. They had done some work in the schoolhouse during vacation - painted the floors and varnished desks and chairs.
- 15 - MON - A nice day but a little colder. 16 - TUES - About the same as yesterday - cold SE wind. A little better towards evening. 17 - WED - A very nice day today. Today is Benjamin Franklin's birthday - he was born in 1706.
- 18 - THURS - Nice day - just a little colder. Letter today from Carl Hanson, Luther College, and statement. Also letters from Ingvald and Tina, and Lena. Studied some.
- 19 - FRI - Nice weather but it is not exactly thawing weather either. Sent \$3.00 today from

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- 19 - FRI - (cont) - Bethlehem L.A. for Memorial - Mindekrans - for Palma Peterson - \$1.50 to Home Missions and \$1.50 to Foreign Missions.
- 20 - SAT - Quite nice. Jaulien came home - had walked here from the A.Olson corner. Rosholt had taken him that far. We hauled in some hay this afternoon.
- 21 - SUN - Cloudy - wind from SW but it is not really cold. Today we are having services at Ed Hallum's at 1:30 (Bethlehem). Ida and the 2 little girls also went along today. Julien went on skis down to the Swedish church and from there had a ride to town with Rosholt. There was a fair-sized crowd at Hallums. Coffee and lunch served afterwards.
- 22 - MON - Very nice. 23 - TUES - A little colder. 24 - WED - A very cold day with a strong NW wind. We should have been over to Nels Kleppens today for a wedding but it was too cold to drive with that wind. Will have to see what the weather and roads are like tomorrow.
- 25 - THURS - A little better today. I drove east this afternoon - to Kleppens and also stopped at Brothens to get a battery. Found out when I came to Kleppens that they had driven in to Columbus yesterday p.m. with car and were married by Rosholt. I was at Kleppens for a while before driving home again. (Question: Did they have telephones in Leaf Mountain Twp. in '34? It was possible to call Bucknebergs from Columbus - going thru Larson central).
- 26 - FRI - Today was nice and mild. Mrs. Albert Hysjulien here in the p.m. Have to get some more hay hauled in to yhe shed.
- 27 - SAT - Colder and towards evening still colder and stormy.
- 28 - SUN - Had announced services for 11:30 in S.St.Olaf but it was so cold and stormy I decided not to go. Had called several of the families and they agreed that it would be a good idea to cancel today because of the weather. So - we are at home today. Cold all day.
- 29 - MON - Cold but a little improvement over yesterday. Our school started today. I took Ada over there at noon. Ada had been down at Serdahls SAT and stayed until SUN. Warmer tonight.
- 30 - TUES - A nice day. It was up to 30 degrees by noon today and SUN it was 28 below zero.
- 31 - WED - A little colder again. Went with Albert Serdahl to Columbus today in sled. It was a month yesterday since I had been in town and then I drove with car. It was quite cold driving home from town.

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- 1 - THURS - Weather is somewhat better today. I drove over to Anton Olson to see if I can ride in to town with him tomorrow. Have to go in to sign papers for a \$600.00 Federal loan.
- 2 - FRI - A very nice day. Rode in to town with Olson this p.m. in truck - he hauled in a load of hay. Julien could not come along home as there was a B.B. game tonight and would come later. He came home early SAT morning - had walked the entire distance. Quite windy on SAT but we hauled in some hay anyway.

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- 4 - SUN - Up early to get all the chores done before starting out for Thorson. Weather was good today. Drove by Albert Serdahl - then S to P. Eibogt's place - and to O. Olson. Rode with them from there to church. Had some things along for the girls. They rode along from school to church. The L.A. served today - there was also choir practice. Then home. Julien had walked over to Olsons at 3:00 to ride along in to town.
- 5 - MON - Took Ada to school this morning - nice weather. This afternoon drove down to Albert Serdahls with Ida and Arlien so they could visit.
- 6 - TUES - Weather quite nice. Marie W. and Ada came home this evening.
- 7 - WED - Ada did not feel so well this morning so she stayed at home. I drove over to school with Marie W.
- 8 - THURS - Nice weather. Over to Watteruds a little while. Andrew is about the same. Louie helped me this afternoon and we hauled 1 load of straw and 4-5 small loads of hay even tho it was windy.
- 9 - FRI - Better but cloudy. Marie and Valla came home this evening - had a ride on the school bus to Olsons and then Elmer brought them home. Julien could not come home this evening - the B.B. team went to Flaxton. The Serdahl boys drove in to town today to get Archie - drove with car and it seemed to go OK.
- 10 - SAT - A nice, still day. Julien came home today just as we were sitting eating dinner. This afternoon we worked with the car and got it started - then drove E a little ways.
- 11 - SUN - Another nice day. Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 11:30. Mama and Valla along. Quite a few there today. We drove with sled. Julien took Marie and Valla out to O. Olsons about 3:30. Julien stayed home until MON a.m. and then had a ride to town with the Serdahl boys who drove in with car.
- 12 - MON - Ada was home from school today but TUES I took her over in the morning. She took her sled along then and some Valentines. She got more in the mail today that Julien had sent out to her so we sent them along to school with Serdahls.
- 14 - WED - So - today I am 59 years old. It seems that I am getting a little old now as the years go by - but I don't really think so much about being old - so it isn't so bad. Saa idag er jeg 59 aar - jeg liksom bliver lidt gammel nu after aarene - men taenker ikke stort paa at jeg er gammel og saa gaar det ikke saa vaerst. Ada did not come home last night - nor tonight. She and Marie W. stayed at school. We have had some nice mild days now - the snow is melting and the sloughs are filling with water. This is very early for that but I'm sure we will have more snow. Ida, Arlien and I celebrated my birthday very quietly - i stilhed. Mrs. Priebe and the 2 little ones came over in the afternoon and Priebe came over in the evening. Arlien composed a verse for my birthday. She whispered it to Mama and she wrote it down. Here it is: "Papa is so nice and sweet, We never hear him scold. He is nicer than our Mother, Because he is our Father". She was not quite satisfied with it however, and would have

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- 14 - WED - (cont) - have the last 2 lines changed to read like this: "He is just as nice as Mother, Because he is our Father". That was better she thought. Yes, I am very thankful to God for all good things that I have received in these 59 years. How many years there are to be for me after this one and what else is in store for me - God will decide - and that way, it always works out for the best for us.
- 15 - THURS - and also FRI - Nice weather - very mild. Snow is melting and there is water in the sloughs. Julien came home FRI evening late - had walked from Anton Watteruds.
- 17 - SAT - We drove in to Columbus with car.
- 18 - SUN - Drove to S. St. Olaf in car - all of us. Took Julien in to town in the p.m. and visited a little while at Laurits and Eva. Then home.
- 19 - MON - Colder. Walked along with Ada to school - could not get the car started.
- 20 - TUES - A little snow today. Had a letter from Thelma - she has been sick.
- 21 - WED - and on thru the week. We have had a few days of rather cold weather and now on FRI it is 25 degrees below zero but there is no wind. Ida sent to Sears Roebuck today for about \$10.00. For the past few days now I have been busy writing up a story about our trip last summer and have just mailed it today to "Visergutten". It came to 24 pages. Julien came home this evening with Serdahls.
- 24 - SAT - Drove in to Columbus with car - a quick trip.
- 25 - SUN - Continues to be cold. Julien and I drove out to Thorson for services at 11:30 - English with L.L. following. Marie and Valla came with the Furness family - they had been there to visit over the weekend. Not so many in church today.
- 26 - MON - Today Marie is 26 years old and she celebrates it by teaching. Took Julien in to town this morning. It was cold early today but warmed up this p.m.
- 27 - TUES - Mild again - there is water standing every place. A cow came fresh today.
- 28 - WED - Continued mild.

MARCH

- 1 - THURS - Mild weather all week. 2 - FRI - Julien came home with Serdahls after school today. This evening we planned to go out to Thorson school to see the Operetta that the girls were putting on tonight. We left about 6:30 - the roads were muddy E to A. Olson but the highway was fine. Then - when we came as far as Herlands - the lights burned out - a short circuit some place. We did not dare drive any farther and had to turn around and come home before it became darker. This was a big disappointment for all of us but especially so for Ada and Arlien who had been looking forward to it for so long. The clutch is also on the bum. Louie Serdahl went out there after we came home - came out there shortly before 10. There were many people there and the program was good but they came too late to see much of it. We talked with him on SAT.

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- 3 - SAT - Julien took the car in to Columbus today - he is going to Kenmare for B.B. tournament and Clarence Anderson is going to work on the car.
- 4 - SUN - Julien came home with the car this morning - the repairs had cost \$7.70. We went to Bethlehem at 11:30 for English services. Ida and the little girls went along - Julien home.
- 5 - MON - Took Julien to Columbus this morning - also Archie Serdahl and Evelyn Olson. Cold today with a sharp wind from NW - and a dirt storm. Took Ada to school after $\frac{1}{2}$ came home.
- 6 - TUES - Cold - and all the following days this week - cold.
- 9 - FRI - Tried to start the car but it would not start. Albert and Milo Serdahl came over about 1:00 with team and they pulled the car around for awhile until it started. Then Albert went along to Columbus and Julien and Archie came along home. Today there was funeral in Columbus for Old "Dad" Post. 10 - SAT - Mild, thawing weather today.
- 11 - SUN - Mild again - thawing. Ida and Ada along west to S.St.Olaf at 11:00. We stopped by Albert Hysjulien and gave them a ride to church. Norwegian services with communion. Not so many there today. Handed out small Testaments to the children - did the same last SUN in Bethlehem. We had a hard time getting home after services without chains. This afternoon Julien, Ida and Ada went down to Albert Serdahls - Arlien and I stayed at home. Arlien has had a bad cold now for a few days. We had been invited to come to Larson this afternoon to take part in the Surprise Farewell party for W/M Frank Lorence who will be leaving Larson very soon. Had to give up on that as the roads are not good. Tomorrow at noon, all the ministers from the Crosby Circuit are invited to meet in Crosby at Ranums but doubt very much that we can go. Have a broken leaf in the spring of my car. Julien came home very soon from Serdahls to get ready as he was going to ride in to Columbus with them today. They are driving in with 8 horses and will be hauling out a barn that Clifford bought from Mrs. C.Larsen. Ada and the Serdahl girls came along too and Ida stayed there a little longer. After awhile I went down to get her - all 4 little girls went along. Ada was going to stay over night with them then and go to school with them tomorrow morning.
- 12 - MON - Ida, Arlien and I went in to town this forenoon. We did not go to Crosby however but sent some things along with Rosholt (for the dinner). We were over at Laurits and Eva for dinner - Julien too. We drove home by A.M.Olson.
- 13 - TUES - Over to school with dinner for Ada and Marie W.
- 14 - WED - Strong wind but it wasn't really cold. Serdahls came by here today with the barn.
- 15 - THURS - Colder. 16 - FRI - Some snow today - cold too. This afternoon when I was going to start the car it would not start with self-starter and the crank was nowhere to be found. Got a crank from Louie Serdahl but it would not work for this car. Had to call Julien to tell him I could not come in to get him. Julien came home in the evening with Art Haugerud - had borrowed a crank in town. Then after we got the car started we went in to town to get some things - and Juliens clothes etc.

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- 17 - SAT - Still cold enough to freeze but a little better.
- 18 - SUN - Today we all went out to Thorson - services at 11:00. Clara Hanson and the Serdahl girls also went along. Quite muddy in some places. The choir sang several numbers. We went by the school house after services - had lunch with the girls - Hansons too. Then home by way of O. Olsons. Muddy roads. We hit a rock S of Serdahls but luckily there was no noticeable damage. We will be driving in to town tomorrow morning.
- 19 - MON - Mild and Muddy. Drove in to Columbus this morning with Julien. Ada went along to have her hair fixed. Took her over to school in the p.m. Mild all week - nothing of particular importance happening.
- 22 - THUR - Baptism for Lorraine Margaret, B. Feb 12 - Parents, Milo and Mabel Gullickson (Thorson).
- 25 - SUN - Palm Sunday - quite cold. To Bethlehem at 11:00 for Norwegian services with communion. On FRI I had first gone in to Columbus to get Julien and then we drove right out to Thorson to get the girls. We drove S on the highway but came home by O. Olsons - road was rough. Today we drove S to Sathres after services (Bethlehem) for dinner. The choir met there in the p.m. to practice. Julien did not go along S but walked home from church. We stayed out at Sathres for awhile.
- 26 - MON - To Columbus with Julien and then to school with Ada. This evening Thelma and Edgar Jacobson came. We had been expecting Thelma to come tomorrow morning by train to Battleview but Edgar drove today. He had broken an axle near Thorson schoolhouse so they walked over to school and had supper with the girls. Then they got Christ Wick to bring them home.
- 27 - TUES - I took Edgar out there TUES morning and the Wick boys took his car in to Battleview so he could get it fixed to drive home again. It is cold every day now.
- 29 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Over to Nels Kleppens for L.A. Had Devotion there. Then over to Herlands. Mrs. Herland has just come home from the Hospital in Portal where she has been recuperating from a broken hip. Then from there out to Thorson to get the girls. We stopped by Kleppens again. Rosholt was there then and came along home with us for supper. Julien came home with Serdahls.
- 30 - FRI - Good Friday. Cold this morning. To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 for English service with communion. Not very many there. Home. Then S to Thorson for English service at 3:00. Became quite mild later in the day.
- 31 - SAT - Paaskeaften - Easter Eve. Nice and mild. We washed clothes. Julien and Valla went in to town. I have studying to do. There was some good news coming out of Washington, D.C. the last few days. The House and the Senate have voted over the President's veto of the Veteran's Bill. Julien and Valla were home by noon. Our radio was not ready then so Julien drove in again later in the evening to Tilman Vigen and got it along home. He set it up but could get nothing out of it.

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APRIL

- 1 - SUN - Easter Sunday. Foggy with a NE wind. Norwegian Easter services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Julien, Marie, Valla and Thelma along. We sang 2 songs - it was a very nice Easter service. Home for dinner. All along to Bethlehem at 3:00 - Norwegian services there also. Valla, Thelma and Julien sang 2 songs here. Quite a few in church. Offerings - \$21.15 in S.St.O. and \$13.88 in Bethlehem. Then south. Ida and I stopped off at Herlands - she went to communion. In the meantime, Julien took the girls out to their school - Thelma and the little girls went along out there too. Then home. In the evening we took Julien in to Columbus - Thelma along.
- 2 - MON - Over to Watteruds for a little while. 3 - TUES - Took Thelma to Battlevie this evening to return to Hanks by train - train was due at 9:25 p.m.
- 4 - WED - and for the next few days - home for the most. On FRI went in to town to get Julien and then he went out to get the girls. SAT they went in to Columbus. THURS evening, Ida and Ada and I went in to town to see the Norwegian film, "En Glad Gut". It was very good. On TUES Mr. and Mrs. Sathre and Nora were here. Sathre tuned our piano.
- 8 - SUN - All along out to Thorson for Easter services at 11:00 - also L.A. Many there - much singing. Glasoe from Noonan was also there. He will possibly be building the altar and pulpit for the church. By the schoolhouse with Marie and Valla.
- 9 - MON - First we took Ada to school - then the rest of us went to Columbus. I left the car at the garage with C.Anderson to work on it - the front axle is bent. Then we rode with Rosholt to Lignite for Pastoral Conference. All the circuit ministers were there as well as Rev. Odland from Canada who came with Hoversten. Later back to Columbus with Rosholt and my car was now ready. I burned off some thistle this evening. Louie Watterud had been raking today. (Thistle?) Oh, yes, on SAT we used Louie W's team and Julien and I hauled away the banking from the house and some rubbish from down in the trees and the chicken coop. There was also a wedding here SAT evening. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Overlie came here with Claus Walseth and Gudrun who were then married. De 2 stakler har nok intet at saette bo med. They don't have much with which to set up housekeeping. (Julien and I were just ready to go to town but delayed long enough to be witnesses at this wedding).
- 10 - TUES - A frightful dirt storm from NW - forrygende jordstorm - Russian thistle sailing around in all directions - Russian tidsel flyver rundt alle vegne. Had to drive over to school to get Ada and Marie W. 11 - WED - Not much better.
- 12 - THURS - Nice today - still and clear. It froze last night but warmed up during the day. Mama and I went in to town around noon today - bought a rug at Sommerness for \$7.80 for the kitchen floor. Also bought some boards - \$2.25 - and a few other things for L.A. which we will be having at our place on SUN - S.St.Olaf. The Cocordia Choir came thru Columbus today ate dinner there and went on to Crosby where they will present a concert tonight. Have now gotten a bad cold. The girls sent \$23.00 to Adolph early in March and then I sent \$10.00

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- 12 - THURS - (c) - and they sent \$15.00 - total \$25.00 .
- 13 - FRI - A nice day. In the p.m. drove over to O.L.Hatlelid about insurance for the car. Then by school to get the little girls and Marie W. Later out S to get Marie and Valla. Julien came home with Anton Watterud. This evening we had another terrible dirtstorm - forrygende Jordstorm - from NW. It kept on all night and really looked bad for awhile. We got in the car and drove west to the slough and just sat there to watch it for awhile. Really bad. Later that evening we put the new rug down in the kitchen. Paid Louie W \$10.00 for wheat. Bought 4 lb. of formaldehyde for 80c.
- 14 - SAT - Julien got to use the car today to go to Crosby for Music contest.. Sent along money with him to buy a M.O. for car insurance - \$13.10 - and \$3.00 for some other things. Got a bill today for \$12.50 from Adolph's eye doctor. Sent \$8.00 to Augsburg Publishing House yesterday. Julien came home from Crosby about midnight.
- 15 - SUN - Cold - with a little snow. English services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - not too many there. Marie, Julien and the 2 little girls along. S.St.Olaf met at our place at 2:00 - English - the same as in Bethlehem - followed by L.A. Quite a few came even tho the weather was not so nice. In the evening took Julien in to town first and then later took the girls south.
- 16 - MON - Windy and cold. 17 - TUES - Nicer today. Over to C.Brother with a battery - then to Columbus. Nice and still in the p.m. Out burning Russian thistle down in the trees. Louie Watterud has sown the wheat here now. Bought 2 new tires and inner tubes at Duricks SUN evening for \$21.50. Paid \$10.00 on them TUES, 17th.
- 18 - WED - Wind from NW and then a little snow today. Then it turned into a dirt storm again. We have dirt storms almost every day now. We drove over to Priebe's this evening. We had gotten a telephone call from Powers Lake saying they could come and get Mrs. Priebe tomorrow. Mrs. Anton Watterud and Vera Simonson were there.
- 19 - THURS - Windy - almost as bad as yesterday. It has been very dry all spring and the water is fast disappearing in the sloughs now.
- 20 - FRI - Nice this morning and continuing thru the day. To town this p.m. to get Julien - then by Brothers to get the battery - and S to get the girls.
- 21 - SAT - Started with a confirmation class in Bethlehem at 10:00. Terrible dirtstorm again today from NW. The air was completely filled with dirt and dust. Ada and Arlien along to church. This p.m. Julien took Marie and Valla over to Brusvens for L.D.R. but it did not come to much as there were so few there. They went in to Columbus from there.
- 22 - SUN - Quite nice this morning. To Thorison at 11:00 - English services and L.L. following. All along from here except Julien who was at home. There was a worse dirt storm today than yesterday. The dirt is actually laying in drifts along the roads and fences now. On the way home we stopped in to see Mrs. Herland. She seems to be getting better.
- 23 - MON - Cloudy. Took the little ones to school. Julien did not go to town until noon today -

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- 23 - MON - (cont) - he was trying to fix the radio but could not get it to work - must need some repairs. M. Glasoe was in Thorson - at the church - and has decided that he will build the altar and altar ring, pulpit and baptismal font. Labor will be \$85.00 and the material the same - total \$170.00. The L.A. has \$140.00 for it and the L.L. will give the remaining \$30.00. This was yesterday. The dirtstorm SUN p.m. was so bad - the air became so dark and thick that I had to turn the lights on to drive in the middle of the day. Strong wind from NW. The whole house was full of dirt and dust. Terrible job to clean up - took several days to get the job done this time. We hear that it is the same in other states also. Took Julien in to Columbus at noon MON - weather was better today than yesterday. I have planted a little of the garden - and burned off some weeds - but so often it blows and drifts to the extent that it is impossible to do anything outside - or even to be outside.
- 24 - TUES - Quite nice today. The hills seem to be getting a little green now but the water in the sloughs is almost all dried up - det grønnes lidt paa bakken men vandet gaar fort i laken. Not much to note this week. Adolph wrote to say that he needed some money and the girls sent him \$18.00.
- 27 - FRI - Went to town this p.m. Julien could not come home as he is working at Durick's Service Station. Arlien brought a cake along to school today to celebrate her 6th birthday even tho it is not actually until tomorrow on the 28th. Out to get the girls this evening.
- 28 - SAT - Conf. classes both east and west today. Started with a class in S. St. Olaf at 10:00 - 14 in that class. Bethlehem at 2:00 - 2nd time with that class.
- 29 - SUN - Norwegian service in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Dirt drifting today too. Many in church. Mama and Valla along. To Bethlehem at 2:30 - all along. Not as many here. We stopped in to see Mrs. Herland - she was sitting up today. Then S to Thorson with the girls. Arlien is going to spend the week out there (to celebrate her birthday - like Ada did). Home. We are getting very weary of all this dust, wind and dirt.
- 30 - MON - A little better today. Cool in the morning but it warmed up during the day. Ida and I went in to town this forenoon - brought along food and ate dinner with Julien. Rosholt had gone to Minot. Then we drove S to see the girls and Arlien. Then home.

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- 1 - TUES - Weather about the same as yesterday. Burned off weeds and thistle in the N slough.
- 2 - WED - Burned some more weeds today. Studied some. Received a message today about the death of H. Nordstog in Crosby and was asked to come in for the funeral tomorrow.
- 3 - THURS - Ida and I left this morning for Crosby - drove by Columbus first and then to Ranum's for dinner. To Nordstogs house at 1:30. There were many at the house and I had Devotional service there - Norwegian. The church was more than full - Rosholt also spoke in Norwegian

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- 3 - THURS - (cont) - and Ranum spoke in English. After we had been out to the cemetery we went back to Nordstogs again where lunch was served. There were a great many there. Then back to Columbus. Stormy again but there was a little rain too.
- 4 - FRI - Nice today. Went out to get the girls and Arlien who has spent the week with them. To the Mines store in the evening.
- 5 - SAT - Bethlehem conf. class at 10:00 and S. St. Olaf at 2:00. Windy again. Took Marie and Valla out S this evening as they are going along with some of them to Minot tomorrow for L.L. Convention. Julien and others from school went to Bowbells today for Music Festival and Declamation contest. He came home after midnight with Art Dihle.
- 6 - SUN - Nice weather. English service in Bethlehem at 11:00. In p.m. to Albert Hysjulien for services at 2:00 and L.A. In evening to O. Serdahl - later to A. Haga.
- 7 - MON - To Columbus with Julien - Ida and the little girls along.
- 8 - TUES - Studying for WMF meeting in Glenwood on the 10th. Warm today - 90 degrees in the shade. Dry again - strong wind like yesterday - from NE.
- 10 - THURS - To Glenwood congregation for meeting - starting at 10:00. Mrs. Albert Serdahl went along with us. We drove directly W from here thru the hills. It was very nice this morning but it became windy during the day. We have had much wind all week. We came to the church before 10:00 - the church was full - but not so many from our congregations had come. In the p.m. both Rosholt and Hoversten talked and I spoke on "Christian Education". The p.m. session was not over until close to 6:00. Then home. A little later in the evening we went in to Columbus to see the Junior Play - Julien was in it and it was very good. Julien came along home after the play. 11 - SAT - Out to get the girls.
- 12 - SAT - Cold and windy. Conf. classes in S. St. Olaf at 10:00 and Bethlehem at 2:00. I had a ride to Bethlehem with Serdahls so Julien, Ida and Valla could go to Crosby at Noon.
- 13 - SUN - A nice day. Mother's Day Program in Thorson. It was the school children that put on the program in church today and it was very good. I spoke some in both Norwegian and English. The L.L. served lunch afterwards. There was baptism today for Marvin Gerald, B. Mar. 23 - to Leonard and Ruth Serdahl.
- 14 - MON - Took Julien in to town this morning in time for school. The little girls also went along with us as we went to Noonan from there for Pastoral Conference at noon. They all came and we had a very good meeting. Home in the evening - Julien also came along home.
- 15 - TUES - Julien drove in to Columbus alone today - is going to have C. Anderson work on the car - grind the valves and a few other things. The girls walked to school today - a nice day. Julien came home about 11:00 this evening.
- 16 - WED - Julien was at home today - we planted potatoes. We drove in to town in the evening. There were many people in town already and they kept on coming. There was to be a show and then Thonstein Skanning is there with his gang to play for the Norwegians for the 17th of

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- 16 - WED - (cont) - May dance. We did not stay in town very long. There were some rain showers some places today - we received a few drops but not to amount to anything.
- 17 - THURS - Nice, warm day. But our fields look dead. They are beaten down and dried out - ned pisket og udtonnet - of whatever had sprouted first. If we get some rain soon it might still help. Must get some studying done for Pentecost.
- 18 - FRI - Went to town at noon to get Julien. There was no school in the p.m. as there was Play Day in Flaxton. Julien went S to get the girls later in the evening.
- 19 - SAT - Conf. classes - Bethlehem at 10:00 and S.St.Olaf at 2:00. There was a rain shower while we were in church.
- 20 - SUN - Pentecost. We had a little rain last night - a good shower for Pentecost Eve - godt Pinseregn. It also rained this morning and everything looks so green and fresh - alt er saa gront og forfriskende. It had rained enough so I put the chains on to drive W to S.St.Olaf at 11:00 but it stopped raining during the forenoon. The birds were singing so beautifully this morning - fuglene sang saa vakkert idag. The rain came down so gently and still. All except Julien along west. All to Bethlehem at 2:30. Many there. Baptism for Lillian, Born Mar. 15, to Andrew and Louise Haga. The children sang 2 songs and Valla sang at both places - "Apostlerne sad i Jerusalem" - very nice - meget vakkert. In Bethlehem - Alfred Petersons and Ole Bergets and Ole Olson families came. Offerings - Bethlehem \$14.90 and S.St.Olaf \$9.45. Drove over to Hertlands from church but she has now been taken to Powers Lake. Home. There was a rain shower while we were in Bethlehem. A good, beautiful day. South to Thorson with the girls and then later to Columbus with Julien.
- 21 - MON - Worked for the most with planting garden today and TUES and WED. No more rain these days and now it is just as dry again. Looks now like the wheat fields are gone - dried up or frozen.
- 24 - THURS - Clear and cold. Ida, Arlien and I went down to the mines store to do some shopping. Then to Columbus and Julien came along home. Rosholt also came out and was here thruout the evening. We had fresh strawberries for supper - the first time this spring - 19¢ a box. Julien went out to see the girls for a little while - also up to Watteruds for a little while. The H.S. is having a picnic tomorrow.
- 25 - FRI - Last day of school here at home so they are having a picnic. Julien got to take our car today as the whole H.S. was going to Canada for a picnic. Oscar Hatlelid came over this a.m. to take a survey of the floor plan and construction - tog et grundrids af gulvet - as we may have some work done in the basement this summer. Julien came home this evening after their picnic.
- 26 - SAT - Conf. classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Marie read with the class in Bethlehem at 2:00. I was at home, busy with fixing up a place to plant the tomato plants the girls had gotten

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- 26 - SAT - (cont) - from Crotes FRI a.m. They came home late FRI evening and then we planted the tomatoes SAT evening. It is so terribly warm and dry.
- 27 - SUN - Pentecost services in Thorson at 11:00 - offering \$12.20. Marie and Valla along. When we drove past the school on the way to church we could see that there was something wrong - (the door was open for one thing). There had been a fire there SAT evening about 8:00. People had seen the smoke and had gotten there in time to put it out before it got out of control but there was some damage anyway. Terribly warm. Home after church and then to Lignite for Aarthur's Silver Wedding. We all went from here - quite a few came. I spoke - also Rev. Rosholt and Sauer. Waage preached there this a.m. Ranum and Hoversten could not come. Valla sang a Norwegian song there. I met so many old acquaintances in Lignite - also visited with Svenskeruds and Iversons who had come from Minot. Marie and Valla waited until MON a.m. to go out to school. Also planned then to get Mrs. Walseth then as she is going to stay here during the time we are gone.
- 28 - MON - First out to Thorson with Marie and Valla. Julien in to Columbus at 9:30 to take an exam. We had thought about going out to Hanks today but gave up on that - too busy - so many things to do right now. Julien called Thelma from Columbus and I sent a letter and my gown to Williston for some repairs. Warm again today. Worked some in the garden - fixed up a place for the little chicks, etc. In the evening we had to carry water on the tomato plants.
- 29 - TUES - A cool wind today. Julien went in to take his last exam today at 9:00. Ada and I went along too - had to do a little shopping. This evening we are going out to see the girls and bring Arlien along to stay with them while we are gone. Then tomorrow early we are leaving for Minnesota and Iowa - God Willing - and may He go with us on our trip and bring us safely there and back. We drove out to Thorson in the p.m. with Arlien. She thought it was just OK and was very happy to be able to go to school out there and be there for the picnic on FRI. But then Marie, Valla and Arlien came along home again TUES evening as there is no school on WED - Memorial Day. Ole Olsons have said they will come and get the girls WED evening and then they will stay there until THURS a.m. when they will take them to school.
- 30 - WED - Memorial Day. We were up early at 4:00 and were ready to leave at 4:30. We drove by Columbus to get Laurits as he was going along with us. He was ready. Nice day - but it was going to be a warm day - we could tell. From Minot we drove S to Bismarck - were there between 11:00 and 12:00. Ada wanted very much to see the Museum in the Historical Building near the Capitol but it was closed all day because it was a Holiday. We left at 12:00 - very warm day - by Dawson, Steele, Tappen, Crystal Lake. Several times during the day there were some terrible sand and dirt storms. We had to stop several times to add cold water to the radiator. The temperature was up to 105 degrees today. Everything was dried up between Bismarck and Jamestown but then it looked a little better again near Valley City. We stopped there to rest for awhile in a Tourist Park - had some lunch - and then drove on to Fargo. We took

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- 30 - WED - (cont) - #52 to Carlyle to A. Brodahl. There was some rain near Fargo and the fields around there are not too bad. We came to Brodahls about 9:00 p.m. and received a very warm welcome. They have a nice, big house. The crops around there did not look very good - have had stormy, windy weather and it has been very warm.
- 31 - THURS - We left there about 7:00 a.m. - drove by Fergus Falls on #52 - Elbow Lake - Evansville - Alexandria - Sauk Center - St. Joseph - St. Cloud - Anoka. There we changed over to #10 and drove to St. Paul, about 28-29 miles to where Grandma lives. 106 degrees today. Everything fine there. We were glad to have a chance to rest up here.

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- 1 - FRI - Cooler - very nice. We rested here today and SAT. Some rain on both days.
- 3 - SUN - We left this morning at 5:00 for Decorah, driving out S past Ft. Snelling. Laurits and Ada stayed in St. Paul with Grandma. We were in Fountain a little before 8:00 and in Decorah at about 9:00. We talked with Adolph very briefly but he had some things that he had to do and then before long it was time to go to Pneus Gym for the Baccalaureate Service at 11:00. Prof. O. Brandt preached the sermon. Full house - and we sat quite close to the front. The Band played the Processional as the 52 graduates came in 2 x 2 wearing caps and gowns. The whole service was very beautiful and impressive. At noon we went with Adolph and had dinner at the Boarding Hall - quite a good meal for 25¢ each. Then this p.m. there was the Grand Concert by the Band at 3:00 - Adolph played in that. Sperati called on several of them to direct. We had supper down town at Sandes Restaurant. We were with Adolph a little while longer and then we drove out to Fountain to Mrs. E. Spelhaug. There was a get-together or reception in Decorah this evening but we missed that.
- 4 - MON - This morning Mrs. Spelhaug (Mom's cousin, Mina) went along with us - driving around to various places around Fountain - first over to the church where we saw the graves - and then we went to visit with some of Ida's relatives - 2 - 3 places. Some rain in the p.m. Then back to Fountain again before driving to Decorah. There was a grand concert again in the evening with both the Choir and the Band - very beautiful. Julien stayed with Adolph overnight and Ida and I got a room at a private place for \$1.50.
- 5 - TUES - This forenoon we were around on the Campus for awhile and then we did some driving around - drove E of town. Had dinner in the Park. Warm day. At 3:00 there was a ball game so we were there for awhile. At 8:00 tonight there was Graduation - a very beautiful and impressive evening service. We met some former acquaintances - stayed in town again for the same price again.
- 6 - WED - While we were waiting for Adolph to get finished with his packing we went over to Decorah Posten and had a look around. Adolph was ready about 11:00 and then we drove out

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- 6 - WED - (cont) - to Mabel, Minn. to Ericksons, for dinner. After dinner we drove on again - stopped in Harmony so Adolph could see some members of the School Board. We also had to get a tire fixed. Then on to St. Paul. Had another flat tire but got to St. Paul before dark.
- 7 - THURS - Julien went with me today over to Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis for the Annual Church Meeting. Ida and Caroline went to the UMF meeting held at LBI.
- 8 - FRI - I went back to the meeting this forenoon. Then in the p.m. we drove down to Wisconsin. Thaline went with us and Caroline and Adolph stayed and will come on SAT with Conrad. We went down to Arnt. It has been very dry here also but now that they have had some rain it seems to be improving some.
- 9 - SAT - To Colfax for a little while. Laurits was already at Arnt - he had taken the train to Colfax TUES evening. Ingemanns came over in the evening. Agnes and Ed had come SAT morning. Adolph and Julien slept at Ingemanns.
- 10 - SUN - The Isaksons went in to Colfax to have a family picture taken. Julien and I went to church where Sumstad preached. Back to Arnt for a very wonderful dinner and then at 3:00 we all went down to Ingemanns - had coffee there - and then at 4:00 we drove by the church to see the graves. 3 cars went - us, Arnt and Swensons. Then back to St. Paul before dark.
- 11 - MON - Julien and I went over to the meeting again for awhile.
- 12 - TUES - Up early and on our way again. By Anoka again - then on #52 to Fergus Falls - #3 to Breckenridge and on to Colfax, N.D. to Lars Spelhaug. We were there about noon. Adolph went to both Walcott and Colfax to see about a job but there were no vacancies. There was quite a bit of singing and music here this evening. They have a nice big house - and they have a big family too. They have it so arranged that their kitchen and eating arrangements are in the basement.
- 13 - WED - Out early again - about 30 miles to Lisbon - then on #10 by Nome - Valley City - Jamestown - to Bismarck. The best crops we saw any place were around Nome. Crops are very poor around Bismarck. We ate dinner in Tappen and then stopped for awhile in Bismarck so we could go to the Museum - Ada was so eager to see it. Then N - had a little trouble near Wilton - the battery fell down - faldt ned - and had to get a new case for it. That took over 1 hour. Then we were on our way again. We stopped briefly at Speedway Station (a few miles W of Minot). In Columbus shortly after 7:00 - did not stop there very long however - it looked very stormy with the possibility of bad weather. There was a bad dirt storm on the way home from town. Everything was well at home except that many of the little turkeys were dead. They (Marie, Valla, Arlien and Mrs. Walseth) were surprised to see us tonight - had not expected us yet. We were tired after the trip but especially Ida. (A little P.S. about turkeys! This was the time that Marie and I learned thru experience that turkeys are NOT very bright. We would even go as far as to say that they were just plain STUPID! We had a rain shower and Marie and I ran around outside - W of the barn - in the sagebrush - everywhere - trying to gather together

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- 13 - WED - (cont) - the poor little soaked turkeys - the ones we could actually find and get hold of. They just stood there, getting wetter and wetter, never once thinking about hunting up anything to shelter themselves. The ones we could get ahold on we brought into the house to dry and treat for possible rheumatism or pneumonia. Some responded just fine and some did not. As dry as it was most of the time - this was one occasion when Marie and I became completely soaked during the great drouth).
- 14 - THURS - Busy studying and writing out both Norwegian and English sermons for SUN. Adolph took Mrs. Walseth home. In the p.m. about 4:00 Adolph, Mama, Valla and Arlien went to town. We expected them home in the evening but it became later and they did not come. Then when it was 11:30 Julien and I walked up to Watteruds and got Louie to take us N a ways - we were really worried. But we had not gone far when we met them. This was the night they had Band practice and they had gotten Adolph to direct the band and it got later than they had thought before they were finished.
- 15 - FRI - Cold. Studying some. Julien started digging a well in the pasture. Marie and I went to town this p.m. Marie deposited \$100.00 in the P.O. I sent a letter to the Veterans Administration - had to have a paper signed by Kindler who is a Notary Public. Cashed my government check for \$39.00. Suppose it will be \$27.00 from now on. Hoed some in the potatoes - it looks a little like rain. Cool weather.
- 16 - SAT - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Bethlehem at 2:00. Marie had planned to read with them, as she did last week, but wasn't feeling well today. Mama became sick on FRI with fever and chills - seems like it is the same as she had last summer. She was better today. (She had started taking quinine again and that controlled it).
- 17 - SUN - English service in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - our quartet sang 2 numbers. L.A. following at A.A.Anderson. Ida was sick again when we came home from church - Arlien was at home with her. In the p.m. Ada stayed at home with her while the rest of us went to Bethlehem at 3:00 for Norwegian services. Our quartet sang again. Not so many in Bethlehem but quite a few in S.St.Olaf. Mama was about the same. This evening Rosholt came out for awhile. Mr and Mrs Albert Hysjulien also came over for awhile to discuss plans for the Golden Wedding for Mr and Mrs Martinus Dahl on June 26.
- 18 - MON - Mama is better today but she is still in bed. Went in to Columbus - mailed a letter to St.Paul with \$10.00 I had had to borrow when we were there - also a letter to Thelma - and a letter to a coffee company. The boys are digging a well in the pasture. Studied in p.m.
- 19 - TUES - Our Wedding Day. Ida is in bed but is feeling fine now and has a good appetite. I was busy studying for the Circuit Meeting to be held in Pleasant Prairie June 21 and 22. Cloudy and cool and we had a few rain drops during the night.
- 20 - WED - A nice day. Oscar Hattelid came over to find out if we had decided to go ahead with the basement - and we have decided to start digging tomorrow. We can get a team from Louie

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- 20 - WED - (cont) - Watterud and Oscar H. is going to bring a scraper. He and the boys here are going to get started with it. I drove over to Hoffs to find out about gravel and they will give us some. Then by Brothens and they promised to haul some over. Jim Uglum stopped by today - he is a candidate for Sheriff. The boys got Louie's team and started hauling some rocks today. A salesman stopped by today too.
- 21 - THURS - Hattelid came over this morning and they got started. I went to Pleasant Prairie - Ida did not go along - she is still feeling somewhat weak. Not so very many there today, the first day of the meeting. These are busy times. All the pastors were there but Hoversten left at noon when he received a message that his sister in Iowa had died. Carl Brothen hauled 2 loads of gravel today.
- 22 - FRI - To Pleasant Prairie again - many there today. But there was a bad dirtstorm today - very miserable - ubehagelig. I spoke this p.m. on "The Christian Home". I gave the Salvasons a ride to and from church. Yesterday morning I had ordered 80 sacks of cement from Helgeson - also some lumber. They will also let us use their cement mixer. Went over to A.M. Olson this evening and he said he would haul out 2 loads tomorrow - on SAT - of the cement, lumber and mixer. Clarence Brothen hauled over a third load of gravel today - also came over on SAT. Harold Sandberg and Kenneth Berg were also here on SAT and one of the Sorlie boys was here on FRI. Classes on SAT in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S.St.Olaf at 2:00.
- 24 - SUN - Cloudy. To Thorson at 11:00. Had announced English services but as all who were there could understand Norwegian I spoke in Norwegian. There were some absent today - they were attending the Gudbrandsdal Lag in Minot. A few rain drops. Valla and the little girls were along. Rysgaard gave them a little puppy. We were then home for the rest of the day. Ida was not feeling so well today. It looked like rain this evening but none came.
- 25 - MON - O.L. Hattelid came over today and Thelma H. also came along today. Harold Sandberg came with a team today. Ida and I went to Columbus this a.m. I withdrew \$50.00 from the loan and sent in the first payment - Federal Land loan - \$30.00 on the principal and \$9.33 interest.
- 26 - TUES - Started with a class in Thorson - we met in the schoolhouse at 10:00. This p.m. we all went to the Swedish church (Bethany) for Dahl's Golden Wedding celebration - many there. Rosholt spoke in English and I spoke in Norwegian. There was quite a bit of singing - the Bethany choir - our quartet - and Arlien sang a solo. They received a gift of \$55.00. There was no work at home today.
- 27 - WED - Back to work again. Oscar Hattelid here and Roy Sorlie was here with a team. Morris Hovland also came today.
- 28 - THURS - Conf. classes in Bethlehem and S.St.Olaf. Oscar Hattelid and Orlando Budke came - also Roy Sorlie with a team, Morris Hovland with a team, and Elmer Olson and Odmar Berg too.
- 29 - FRI - Morris Hovland with a team - Louie and Milo Serdahl with a team - Willie Anderson, Leonard Holte, Elmer Olson and Odmar Berg. Oscar Hattelid came about 4:00 - had been to

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- 29 - FRI - (cont) - Bowbells. Nels Kleppen came with a load of gravel. Ole Olson had hauled 3 loads of gravel in his truck on TUES.
- 30 - SAT - Oscar Hatlelid here - Morris Hovland with team - Oscar Anderson, Leonard Holte, Roy Ronholdt, Clifford Serdahl with a team for $\frac{1}{2}$ day - Elmer Olson, Odmar Berg. Louie Serdahl hauled 2 barrels of water - the Westernness boys hauled 3 truckloads of gravel - Martin Hoie and Nels Birkeland each 1 wagon load of gravel. Have had a few problems - have broken 2 single trees for Hovland's rig and a double tree for Louie Watterud and later a tug for Martin Enget.

JULY

- 1 - SUN - English services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Quite a few there. Then over to C. Brothen for L.A. Many there. Several songs by the children. The boys were home in the p.m. and the rest of us went to Oscar Hatlelids for a short Norwegian service and L.A. Many there. Some singing by all the young girls there. Adolph was expecting someone from Columbus to come and get him for band practice.
- 2 - MON - Mandt Knutson here with a team - Oscar and Allen Hatlelid here today. This p.m. Martin Enget came over with a team and a water tank that we can use for awhile. Clifford Serdahl was also here for awhile today.
- 3 - TUES - Conf. class in Thonson at 10:00. One of Martin Enget's boys here - and Elmer Olson with team. Took Adolph and Julien in to town this evening - they will be going to Crosby tomorrow for the 4th of July. Adolph is directing the Columbus Band now and doing a very good job of it. Julien is going to stay with Jim Durick tonight and Adolph went up to Rosholt. Looks like rain here - there was some in other directions from us. Went by Andrew Peterson and got a big chunk of ice for 25¢ - then home. We did get a few drops of rain but not enough to amount to anything.
- 4 - WED - Waages and Rosholt came out here at noon for dinner. We had a weiner roast and ate our picnic dinner outside. It was quite a nice day and everyone had a good time - firecrackers etc - and ice cream - we made 2 freezers of ice cream and then later in the evening after it became dark we had fireworks.
- 5 - THURS - Oscar Hatlelid here and Martin Enget came with a team. Adolph and Julien at Band practice tonight and stayed over at Rosholt. M. Sommerness here today to take some measurements for the new furnace in the basement. We ordered a pipeless furnace which will come to about \$135.00 we think.
- 6 - FRI - Rosholt came out with Adolph and Julien. Bethlehem class at 10:00 and S. St. Olaf at 2:00. Oscar Hatlelid here - and Elmer Olson and one of Martin Enget's boys. Morris Helseth came with a load of gravel on THURS and E. Hoff brought one on FRI. When I came home from

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- 6 - FRI - (cont) - Bethlehem at 12:00 noon, Dan had fallen down in a (dry) well. We could not get him out so he had to be shot and buried right there. He was now very old and full of days - maet af dage - and not much for the road anymore, being 23-24 years - but it was too bad anyway.
- 7 - SAT - Today I am sick - had to spend most of the day in bed. I sweat a great deal during the night - am weak and dizzy - must be some kind of flu, I guess. Think it was FRI that Nels Birkeland came here with a 2nd load of gravel and E. Hoff came with a 2nd one today. Adolph got to take the car in to town for Band practice. Shortly after he had left we received a call from McGregor thru Mrs. L. Holte (who had the switch), that Furness was very sick and they wanted me to come out there. I was sick myself and had no car - but Elmer Olson was still here with the truck so Ida and I rode along with him out to Olsons and then Ole took us out to Furness in their car. Furness was not there - they had taken him to the hospital in Noonan. The telephone message had gotten mixed up. So they took us home. We had a little rain later on when Adolph came home. Oscar Hatlelid and Elmer Olson were here today.
- 8 - SUN - English services announced for Thorson today but I did not feel well enough to go out there - on any place, really - so Adolph went out there for me and read an English Mission sermon for the 5th Sun. after Trinity from O.P. (a sermon book but don't know which one). They all went from here except Julien who stayed home with me. There was L.L. program following the services and the girls were on the program. Many there. Offering \$17.00 and I received \$64.00 in salary. Adolph did real well today. After they came home Julien, Ida and I drove to Noonan to see Furness. He seemed to be improving but he has pneumonia. I talked with him - prayed with him and he felt more assured that with God's help he will be spared now for the sake of his family for still some more time. Mrs. Furness and Sina were there so we took them home. She had \$2.00 for Mission and \$7.00 in salary so it came to \$19.00 in offering and \$71.00 in salary in Thorson. Well done for Thorson now when things look so bad - it is so dry and there will be no crop - and people must sell most of their cattle. We also had frost one night so the potato plants froze, as well as much of the garden. Even the Russian Thistle froze some places! Julien went along to Noonan to see Chester Amundson. Mrs. Clarence Watterud was also in the hospital. We came home from Furness' shortly before dark.
- 9 - MON - Ida and I went in to town - had to do some shopping. It takes a lot of groceries these days. Paid Helgeson \$55.22 and got 150 bricks at \$3.80 per 100 - and a 50# sack of lime - kalk - for 80¢. Changed oil on the car. We were in Columbus twice today. We saw Mrs. Furness and Hanson in Columbus - they came from Noona and Furness was better. Oscar Hatlelid here today - and Odmar Berg. O. Olson came to get the team and water tank. Julien walked down to Serdahls and got a team for the p.m. M.M. Sandberg came over at noon today to see how things were progressing. He stayed and put in the concrete base for the chimney.

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- 10 - TUES - To Thorson for conf. class at 10:00. This p.m. we drove to Hanks - all except the boys who stayed at home to dig out some more dirt from the basement. Warm day. We drove by Noonan and stopped in to see Furness. He is better. Then by Crosby - stopped there with the radio (for some repairs). Then on to Hanks on #5 and #85. It seemed to be a little greener out this way. There was a strong wind and then we had a little rain in the evening.
- 11 - WED - Not quite so warm today. We left Hanks about 3:30 p.m. They were busy in Hanks putting out a fire in a coal mine. We brought the radio home from Crosby but Julien could not get it to work.
- 12 - THURS - Conf. classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Bethlehem at 2:00. Rather windy and stormy this p.m. when I was in Bethlehem. M.M.Sandberg was here today doing some cement work on the chimney in the basement. Quite warm today again. Had a flat tire by S.St.Olaf church today and had Olaf Anderson help me fix it. Some of the Bethlehem class were absent today as they had gone to Flaxton for the county Fair. Adolph went to Band practice this evening.
- 13 - FRI - Adolph went to Ambrose today to see about school - he also went to Hanks. Albert Hys-julien was here today with the scraper.
- 14 - SAT - Took Adolph in to town this morning - he is going to direct the Band in Noonan today for Old Settler's Day. Not so warm today. O.L.Hattelid is busy these days with the Wheat Allotment Plan - going around to each place to find out how much each one has put in this year. Not as warm today but I am not feeling very well today. Julien was out looking for coyotes today. After supper we all drove to Noonan - big crowd - svaert folksomt. Adolph directed the Columbus Band and did it very well too - everyone thought so. There were many different kinds of activities and performances going on today in Noonan. We went up to see Waages for a little while. Also talked to Mrs. Pete Hanson and Mrs. Carl Overlie. Furness is quite well by now. Had to take Ada and Arlien over to get a ride on the Merry-Go-Round too. Home by about 11:00 - Adolph came home with us.
- 15 - SUN - English service in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - Mission sermon - offering \$12.68. Norwegian service in Bethlehem at 2:30 - Mission sermon - offering \$9.53. Many members missing today. Adolph was at home today - has a sore foot.
- 16 - MON - Last night we had a good rain - even some hail. We got some water in the basement. Laurits and Eva were here yesterday p.m. They wanted the boys to come in to town to help out with some singing in a program the Methodists are sponsoring. Don't know if anything will come of it. Today they had to carry out water from the basement and also hauled out some more dirt. We had the use of a team from A.M.Olson for awhile. Went to town this p.m. to send the Mission offering to headquarters. S.St.Olaf - \$12.68; Bethlehem - \$9.53; Thorson - 50¢; total - \$22.71. Later - 92¢ from Mrs. M.Helseth. Got my radio storage battery along out. Bought 100# of sugar for \$5.85; 500# of flour. Dakota Maid is \$4.00 per

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- 16 - MON - (cont) - 100# and Columbus flour is \$3.70 per 100#. I bought 1 sack of Columbus flour and 4 of Dakota Maid from the State Mill.
- 17 - TUES - Conf. class in Thorson at 10:00 - very warm today. Julien used a team from A.M. Olson and hauled 2 loads of gravel. Adolph is not feeling at all well - Mama and Valla have also been a little sick - seems to be about the same as I have had - maybe some kind of flu.
- 18 - WED - Oscar Hattelid was here. 19 - THURS - He also came today but also felt a little sick. Had classes in Bethlehem at 10:00 and S. St. Olaf at 2:00. Extremely warm these days.
- 20 - FRI - Strong wind from SE. Oscar Hattelid was not here today but the boys put in the cement floor in the basement. The boys were in town last night for Band practice.
- 21 - SAT - We went to Columbus this evening but there was no Band - too many gone.
- 22 - SUN - Norwegian service in Thorson at 11:00. The girls went along. There was no L.A. or L.L. there today but this p.m. there was L.A. at Mrs. George Witty - many there. This evening we went to Bethlehem for choir practice - 14 came.
- 28 - SAT - This week Julien has been working at Harry Stock, helping with some haying. Adolph has continued with some work on the basement floor. I have also helped there a little but I have had classes too - Thorson on TUES at 10:00 and on THURS both east and west. Very warm these days and I am not feeling too well off and on.
- 29 - SUN - Norwegian services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 2:00. Phillipians 3. Some additional offering. L.L. meeting. The choir sang 2 numbers in Bethlehem. All from here along today.
- 30 - MON - Rosholt came out for supper - he is leaving tomorrow for Minn. on vacation and Adolph is going to ride along with him. This p.m. we had driven out to Furness' - Valla and Mrs. Furness were going to celebrate their birthdays together - but Mrs. Furness had not come home from Nonnan while we were there. Furness is fine now. Julien is working with haying at Harry Stock.
- 31 - TUES - Julien came home today. I am not feeling at all well but I had class in Thorson.

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- 1 - WED - Today I had to go to bed. Also on THURS - 2. Marie read with the classes.
- 3 - FRI - We went to Nonnan to see Dr. Smith - had our eyes checked. My glasses will cost \$9.00 and Ida's will cost \$12.00. Had a temperature of $102\frac{1}{2}$ when we came home so went right to bed. 4 - SAT - I felt somewhat better today.
- 5 - SUN - I had promised Rosholt that I would conduct services for him today at 10:00 in Norwegian but I spent the day in bed. Should also have been to Thorson at 2:00 but then my temperature was $105\frac{1}{2}$. Mama called Dr. Smith but he could not say what it might be. Bethlehem L.L. went to Wildwood Park this p.m. for a picnic and Ice Cream Social - sold ice cream, coffee

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- 5 - SUN - (cont) - and lunch. There were many people there. There was a little rain today.
- 6 - MON - Felt a little better today - Dr. Smith came out today and took a blood test - and it is Malaria. I perspire so much but am now taking quinine. Fever again on TUES.
- 8 - WED - I think it was WED evening late - about 1:00 a.m. that Thelma and Lawrence came. They had been to St. Paul and Chicago and now had a new car. They stayed over night and left the next day. Marie had conf. classes on THURS and I stayed in bed the rest of the week.
- 11 - SAT - This evening they came from Hanks again and stayed until SUN evening. I was up for a little while on SUN.
- 13 - MON - Up for a little bit again and I feel better. No class in Thonson this week.
- 16 - THURS - Marie had class in S. St. Olaf. We have had company here every so often.
- 17 - FRI - Feel quite well now but do not have my strength back yet. Home on SAT.
- 19 - SUN - Did not have any services announced for today. This p.m. Ida and I drove west to A. Gilbertson. He will be coming over on WED to do a little carpenter work.
- 20 - MON - Started with some studying again. 21 - TUES - Class in Thonson.
- 22 - WED - Julien took Marie over to S. St. Olaf to read with the class. Gilbertson came over and got started with the carpenter work. On MON had baptism for Julia May, B. July 1, to parents Harry and Caroline Stock.
- 23 - THURS - I went to Bethlehem for conf. class today. Cold today - also FRI.
- 24 - FRI - This evening O. L. Hatlelid came over - he informed us that cattle from Harmonius Twp. will be shipped from Larson tomorrow evening.
- 25 - SAT - Julien helped John Oby when he came by with his cattle and then took our 3 along also. Weather was a little nicer today. Later Julien and Marie went in to town - had to get more lumber. Carl Rosholt came here on FRI and stayed until SAT. There was some talk about Marie and Valla possibly going along with him down to St. Paul but nothing came of that.
- 26 - SUN - A nice day. Ida and the little girls along to Thonson for English services at 11:00. Many there. This p.m. we went to Wildwood Park where Bethany L.L. was having an Ice Cream Social. They also had a program and Marie played for them - quite a few there. In the evening Rosholt, Laurits and Eva came out.
- 27 - MON - Went over to get Gilbertson this morning. In the p.m. over to Sandberg to get him to come over and do some plastering. Also went in to Columbus.
- 28 - TUES - Cooler today. I had conf. class in Thonson at 2:00. Marie also went along - over to Rysgaards for a shower for Mabel.
- 29 - WED - We were planning to go to Hanks today but first went over to M. Dahl to get some meat. I got 28 pounds. This is Government meat which is being distributed in this area. Then all of us except Julien went to Hanks. A nice day. We drove S - stopped briefly in Wildrose and were in Hanks by noon. Ida and Arlien stayed in Hanks and the rest of us came home. Katherine Isakson was with us too. Home by 6:30. I then took Gilbertson home. He has

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- 29 - WED - (cont) - been working here now for portions of 6 days and charged 25¢ an hour. It came to \$14.25 which I borrowed from Marie.
- 30 - THURS - Conf. classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 31 - FRI - Rain today. Home.

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- 1 - SAT - Went to Columbus - took Katherine along home. Then went to Noonan - had to see Dr. Smith about my glasses. Saw M. Glasoe for a little while - at the hospital. Then home. Brought some flour home from town. A little rain this p.m. We were a little surprised this evening when they came from Hanks about 9:30.
- 2 - SUN - Lawrence, Thelma and Valla left this morning - they were going to a church festival N of Hanks. English services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - Marie and Julien along. At 2:30 to S.St.Olaf - all along except Julien. We stopped in at Albert Hysjulien's for awhile afterwards.
- 3 - MON - Julien went in to Columbus this forenoon to register for school. I had class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00.
- 4 - TUES - Ida and I went in to Columbus for Pastoral Conference at Rosholt. All there except Hoversten. Aaberg from Wildrose was there and he read a paper on "Angels" which was very interesting and informative - laererigt. We had waffles and bacon at noon and then coffee in the p.m. again. Marie and the little girls were at home.
- 5 - WED - Nice day. In p.m. to Thonson for conf. class. We have been expecting Adolph for some days now and he came this evening with Carl Rosholt. They came from Williston and Wildrose now. Rosholt stayed over until dinner the next day.
- 6 - THURS - Ole Olson came about noon today with his truck and took the cement mixer back to town. Class in Bethlehem. This evening Adolph drove in to town for Band practice but there was none, as he had thought there would be.
- 7 - FRI - Conf. class in S.St. Olaf at 10:00. Today there is a big celebration in Columbus and Adolph is there directing the Band - he had a ride in with Dilleruds. I went in this p.m. to get Julien. There were not as many people in town as they had expected. Heard that Furness had had an accident E of Columbus but he was not hurt and there was no great damage to the car except a broken wheel - ingen syndentlig skadet, kun et brykket hjul. Adolph stayed in town tonight as the Band plays again tomorrow - SAT.
- 8 - SAT - Home - doing some studying. In the evening Julien and I went in to town to get Adolph. There were a great many people in town today and the Band played this evening too. Heard that Ole Bonness had been killed in an automobile accident FRI evening not far from town.
- 9 - SUN - All except Julien along to Thonson at 11:00 for Norwegian service with communion. After services we were asked to go over to Wolds as Grandma Wold is sick and wished to go

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- 9 - SUN - (cont) - to communion. There were 5 there then who went to communion at the same time. They also invited us to stay for dinner. Stopped by the school briefly on our way home. We were home by 4:00. Nice weather now. Tomorrow Adolph is going to Hanks to get Valla. This evening our teacher came - Dorothy Benson. She will be staying here - at least for awhile.
- 10 - MON - To our school with the teacher and the 2 little girls. Then they went to Columbus and Hanks - Marie and the 2 boys. Julien has had 1 week of school now but he went along with Adolph to Hanks today. Marie went along only as far as Crosby and stopped off there. Adolph stayed in Hanks for a few days and Marie, Valla and Julien came home somewhat late.
- 11 - TUES - First we drove over to school and then to Columbus with Julien. Have paid the whole bill at the lumber yard now. To Thorson for class at 2:00.
- 12 - WED - Today is Ida's 51st birthday. This afternoon a group of ladies from S in Thorson came to help her celebrate her birthday - they brought along presents (and cake). J. Holte came today with the 2nd load of coal. Carl Rosholt also came by for awhile - he was on his way to Corinth, Hanks and Williston.
- 13 - THURS - Adolph came home today - by way of Crosby and Columbus.
- 14 - FRI - Took the girls S to Thorson school as they wanted to do some fixing up before school starts now on MON - 17. I then went over to Wolds for awhile - the old ones are better. Then by Sathnes - next back to school and then home. Ida and Adolph went in to town in the evening to get Julien.
- 15 - SAT - We have had some cold weather - today it was down to 26 degrees. Conf. classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Bethlehem at 2:00. J. Holte has now hauled 3 loads of coal - a total of 5 T. All of the children met up over west but only about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the east class. Quite cold. This evening the boys and Marie went in to town. Marie withdrew \$50.00 from the P.O. She let Adolph have \$45.00 to buy a Ford coupe from one of the Salvasons for \$50.00. Adolph paid him \$30.00 cash. He had to have a car as he is planning to start selling Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance.
- 16 - SUN - 16th Sunday after Trinity. Norwegian services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 with communion. Many missing here today. More in Bethlehem at 2:30. Then after this it was time to take Marie and Valla out to their school as school begins there tomorrow. Julien and Mamma took them out there.
- 17 - MON - Adolph took the teacher (Dorothy Benson) and the little girls to school in his car. I took Julien in to Columbus. A nice day. This p.m. I did some work in the basement and also some outside. Dug up some potatoes. 18 - TUES - A windy day. Home on WED and THURS.
- 20 - THURS - Got some coal in (the bin in the basement).
- 21 - FRI - A nice day - Ida and I to Columbus to get Julien. Then out to get the girls.
- 22 - SAT - The boys were busy most of the day fixing up a garage for Adolph's car in the old coal

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- 22 - SAT - (cont) - shed. Julien was also busy putting in a partition for the bathroom. Arlien went home with Miss Benson last night to spend the weekend at Bensons. Rain and snow today. Did not go out to Thorson for conf. class.
- 23 - SUN - Rain and a little snow - roads are quite muddy. To Thorson at 11:00. Marie, Valla and Adolph along. Mission Box offering - \$7.84. Left the girls at school - then home. In the p.m. to Pleasant Prairie at 3:00 - for Rosholt. Ida and Julien along - left him in town.
- 24 - MON - Today Adolph started teaching in the Budke school. Wet and muddy for driving.
- 25 - TUES - Snow during the night and today. Harry Stock came to get a calf that I had traded to him for hay. 26 - WED - Cold and wet. About the same on THURS.
- 28 - FRI - A little better today. Adolph has been driving back and forth to his school every day this week. He likes it just fine. This evening he drove out to Olsons to get Marie and Valla.
- 29 - SAT - A little cold. Class in S. St. Olaf at 10:00 - only half of the class present. We have it nice and warm in the little room (back of the pulpit) as we have a little heater in there. To Bethlehem in the p.m. - only half of the class present there also.
- 30 - SUN - Mission service in Bethlehem at 11:00 - quite a few there. English service in S. St. Olaf at 2:30 - many there also. Later took Marie and Valla out to their school. Adolph was over at Brothers. We had baptism here this evening for Clarence and Minnie Witty's little girl - Adelle Lavonne, B. Sept 4. Dorothy Benson came later in the evening.

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- 1 - MON - To Columbus this morning with Julien. Studied this p.m. to prepare for the Circuit Meeting in Lignite this week - 3 and 4. Received a letter today from Bombells notifying me that the check for the 3 heifers I had sold was there. 2 - TUES - Home - studying.
- 3 - WED - Ida and I were out quite early today - by Columbus and then to Bombells to get my cattle check which amounted to \$48.00. Then back to Lignite by 11:00 for Circuit meeting. All the ministers were there. Aarthur introduced the discussion based on 2 Peter 3. During the p.m. we heard from Rosholt, Waage and Ranum. Home in the evening.
- 4 - THURS - A little rain. Out early again to Lignite. Became a nice day as compared with the rather stormy weather we had yesterday. Today I spoke in the forenoon and Hoversten in the p.m. We rode to Lignite with Ranums from Columbus - also back to Columbus - and left my car in the garage with Clarence Anderson to do some work on it. The starter has locked several times lately. Got my checks cashed and paid up several bills in Columbus. Home a little late. Dorothy Benson and Adolph had made supper. Julien along home tonight - THURS.
- 5 - FRI - We used Louie Watterud's team and hauled away some of the stones and gravel from near the house that were left over. Adolph out to get the girls this evening.
- 6 - SAT - Butchered a calf.

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- 7 - SUN - Today I preached in Columbus at 11:00 - Norwegian - for Rosholt - Ida along. A nice day. We had the Bethlehem L.L. meet at our place this p.m. I drove alone out to Thorson at 2:30 for Norwegian services and L.A. By the time I returned home they had finished the L.L. program and were just ready to serve lunch. Rosholt came out this evening for awhile. Julien rode back to town with him. Adolph took Marie and Valla out to their school later - about 10:00 p.m. 8 - MON - Home today.
- 9 - TUES - Rally Day in Noonan at 10:30. Ida and Arlein along. We wanted to have Dr. Smith check on Arlien's adenoids and the possibility of them being enlarged. We did not see him until between 12 and 1 but he then told us that he did not think we had any need to be concerned about it. The meeting was very good - Rev Ulvilden was there to speak to us about the Penny-A-Meal program in Nov. Nice weather thru the rest of the week.
- 10 - WED - Andrew Haga came with a truck load of coal today. 11 - THURS - Studied some for the Pastoral Conference which will be here TUES - the 16th.
- 12 - FRI - Studied some today also. Nice weather today - has been all week. Tomorrow there is L.L. Convention in Columbus. Went to get Julien and the girls.
- 13 - SAT - Another nice day. Marie, Adolph and Julien along with me to Columbus for L.L. Convention. Quite a few there. The meeting opened with a Hymn Sing (led by Ranum). C.B. Ylvisaker spoke both in the forenoon and afternoon / Peter. Everything very good.
- 14 - SUN - Today all of us went in to Columbus. It was a cold day but there were more here today than yesterday. Ylvisaker preached this forenoon. Dinner was served at noon for 15¢. The afternoon program included quite a few things - Marie gave the Devotion - there was a Men's Choir from Crosby - other singing and music - Rev. Borlaug, Carpio, spoke about Luther's translation of the Bible. After this session 5 families from the congregation served a dinner for the pastors and their families. Adolph and I then went home and the others stayed for the evening session. Mrs. John Holte had died SAT evening about 9:00 of a stroke. John came over this morning to tell me about it and the funeral will be on WED.
- 15 - MON - A nice sunshiny day. Took Julien in to Columbus. By A.M. Olson for 6 turkeys. Alice came along home to help Mamma.
- 16 - TUES - Cold and cloudy. Pastoral Conference here at our place. They all came here by 11:00. They were here for both dinner and supper. Ranum presented Sermon Themes - udkast - and I spoke a little on Millennialism - 1000 aarige rige. Adolph went out to get the girls after school - they are taking a day off tomorrow to attend the funeral. All the teachers in this district have the day off as all the schools are closed.
- 17 - WED - Quite cold. To J. Holte's house at 1:00. An unusually large number of people there. I had Devotion at the house - John 11. Then over to church at 2:00. I don't believe that more than about half of the people were able to get in the church. We sang # 591 in the Lutheran Hymnary, v 1-4. I read the 23rd Psalm in Norwegian; Rosholt read from Rev. 7 - Eng.

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- 17 - WED - (cont) - I spoke in Norwegian - Hebrews 13:14; Rosholt in English from John 5 - verses 23-24 I believe. There was a song by a quartet from CHS; a duet by Adolph and Valla; reading of Obituary - oblaesning af levnet's lob; the viewing took a very long time as there were so many there. This is a very sad and difficult time for the family and it is especially hard for the children. Went to Columbus afterwards - took Julien in and had to have some work done on the self-starter.
- 18 - THURS - Cold and cloudy today. Home. Washed clothes this a.m. Very hoarse - hard to talk.
- 19 - FRI - So hoarse - difficult to talk - kan knapt tale. Went S to get the girls. Julien did not come home tonight - School party - Freshman Initiation.
- 20 - SAT - Went in to town today - Julien was in Bowbells (Smith-Hughes meeting). He did not come home today. I did not have any conf. classes today - have to try to get over this cold.
- 21 - SUN - I could not conduct services today. Adolph, Marie and Valla went west to S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - Adolph read a Norwegian sermon from Riddervold's Postille for 21st Sun after Trinity. In the p.m. to Bethlehem at 2:30 for English service. Ida and I, Marie and Valla went. Marie read an English sermon from "Old Paths" for 21st Sun. After that I spoke briefly on the Penny-A-Meal plan. After this service we drove over to Sandbergs for L.A. - many there. They took in \$17.00. I spoke there also. The L.A. gave me \$5 to send in as a Memorial - Mindekrans - for Mrs. J. Holte.
- 22 - MON - A nice day. To Columbus in the p.m. - Mamma along. We had to bring in some supplies for Julien. Home on TUES - 23.
- 24 - WED - Mrs. Wrolson is now visiting at Arnesons and came along home with me when I had been to school to get them. It is colder now - cold enough so that I go over to get them after school. This forenoon I went to Larson - bought 3 boxes of apples - 2 Spitzenberg (?) and 1 Delicious. Spitz - - \$1.35 a box and Delicious \$1.45. The Farmer's Union had a carload there.
- 25 - THURS - Cloudy. Mrs. Wrolson is here - took her and Ida up to visit at Watteruds for awhile in the p.m.
- 26 - FRI - Mrs. Wrolson went along to Arnesons this morning when I took them to school. To town in p.m. to get Julien. Then he went out S to get the girls. Ada went along home with Dorothy Benson after school tonight. Baptism for Myron Earl, B. July 19 - Parents, Stuart and Mary Breese. Ida and I were sponsors.
- 27 - SAT - A nice day. We went to Hanks today at about noon - Ida and I, Julien and Arlien. We went to Williston in the evening - back to Hanks by 11:30.
- 28 - SUN - Left Hanks about 11:30 - in time to get to Thonson church shortly before 2:00 and had English services there at 2:00. Waages came later and he spoke to them following services about the Penny-A-Meal boxes. I then distributed boxes to those who were there. Marie and Valla came - but a little late. Adolph had taken them out but broke a spring near Gus Grotes.

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- 28 - SUN - (cont) - They then had a ride with Nels Hansons. We gave them a ride to school from church. Waages came along home with us for supper. Marie and Valla were invited over to Grotes for supper and over to Nels and Mae on the 31st. In the evening we took Julien in to town. On the way home we drove by A. Olson to get Alice to come along home to help Mamma on MON. Dorothy Benson is now going to stay at Annasons (closer to school).
- 30 - TUES - To Town - bought some lumber. 31 - WED - Went over to get O.L. Hatlelid - he is going to fix up the windows in the basement - he stayed here until THURS.

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- 1 - THURS - Drove around E in Bethlehem - distributing Mission Boxes. This evening over to Serdahls and Oby. We got 55# of pork from Melvin Pederson - also a piece from A. Haga when we were there one evening.
- 2 - FRI - Got some from Sathre on FRI. Adolph went out to get the girls this evening - they brought along the new radio they had bought from Olaf Essen for \$39.00 - sounds very good. Adolph then drove in to town later to get Julien. Have been busy studying. Have also been busy working on windows.
- 3 - SAT - We got the storm windows put on the windows upstairs. This p.m. Julien took Mamma, Marie and Valla over to Westernesses - there was a shower for Mabel. Julien then went in to Columbus and they came home later in the evening. One of the car windows is cracked.
- 4 - SUN - A nice day. Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - all along except Adolph and he has a bad cold. There were many in church. Baptism for Sylvia Carolyn, B. Aug. 20 - Parents, Nels and Lucille Birkeland. To S. St. Olaf for English services at Budkes at 2:00 - followed by L.A. Quite a few there. When we came home Rosholt was here. After supper Julien went along in to town with him. There was L.L. there tonight at 8:00 and Julien is President. Business meeting tonight besides a program. Adolph took the girls out to their school. This was a nice, good day. 5 - MON - Home.
- 6 - TUES - Election Day - a very nice day. The big question today is whether Mrs. Lydia Langer or Thomas Moodie will be elected Governour. Ida and I went over to vote about 2:00. We also stopped in at Albert Hysjuliens. 7 - WED - Home. 8 - THURS - To town briefly. Nice every day.
- 9 - FRI - Adolph went out to get the girls after school. Then we all went in to Columbus in the evening to see the H.S. Operetta ("Miss Cherry Blossom") and Julien has a leading part. Very good. Julien came along home afterwards.
- 10 - SAT - Ida, Marie and I went over to Albert Hysjuliens for a little while. There was a good program on radio this evening for Armistice Day. Also some on SUN.
- 11 - SUN - Norwegian services in Thorson at 11:00 - Mamma, Marie, Valla and Adolph along. In the p.m. Ida and I and the little girls went over to Herlands and Hoies. Adolph took Julien in to town this evening. 12 - MON - Home. We are still having nice weather.

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- 13 - TUES - Nice day. To Ambrose for Pastoral Conference. Ida and I left this morning - first to Columbus and Rosholt rode along with us. We stopped in Noonan and Waage also rode along with us. Then we stopped in Crosby - had a turkey along for Ranums. Then to Ambrose - to Hoverstens - lutefisk dinner. Meeting in the p.m. Arthurs were not there today.
- 14 - WED - Ada's birthday - she is 10 years old today. She brought a cake along to school for the celebration and teacher also brought one. Ida and I drove S to Thorson in the p.m. to Wolds. Nils is 83 years old today and Mamma had a cake along and I brought him a book.
- 15 - THURS - Home. Adolph to Columbus in the evening (Bard).
- 16 - FRI - Exceptionally beautiful weather. I am busy with much studying.
- 17 - SAT - Class in Thorson at 2:00. Marie and Valla along home. Some to town in the evening.
- 18 - SUN - Cold today - foggy. Norwegian services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00. L.A. in the p.m. at S.O.Berg. Julien, Marie and Valla along to church. O.L.Hattelid had \$25.00 for me (salary) from the L.A. now making it \$75.00 from them so far. Also \$10.00 from E.Dihle and \$10.00 from A.Haraseth - total \$45.00 from S.St.Olaf today. Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 2:00. Not so many there. Mamma, Marie and Valla along here. After services we went over to S.O. Bergs for L.A. In the evening Ida and I took Julien in to Columbus and we stayed for the L.L. program. Julien and 4 other boys and Rosholt served the lunch tonight. Ranum from Crosby spoke on "Joseph". Julien came along home with us this evening and then he took the girls out to their school. He came home by midnight.
- 19 - MON - Julien was at home today. We dressed 18 turkeys - we shipped a box of 16 turkeys to Monarch Co., Chicago, and sent one to Grandma in St.Paul and 1 to Dr. Smith, Noonan.
- 20 - TUES - To Columbus this morning with the box of turkeys to ship. Then to Noonan as Julien had to have some dental work done - 2 fillings - cost \$2.00. Back to Columbus by noon. Home.
- 21 - WED - Still quite cold. Today we went to Flaxton to see Vera - Mrs. Hingst. Mrs. Andrew Watterud (her mother) went along with us. Poor Vera, she is nothing but skin and bone now, just a skeleton to see now. We also stopped in at Schultz to see Mrs. Haugen who is there. She has recently had a very serious operation but is feeling fine now. She is 73 years old now - was very happy to see us. She was so pleased because I had written her a letter when she was in Minot (hospital) and thanked me so very gratefully for it. Home by dark.
- 22 - THURS - Continues cold - hard to get the cars started these days. Arlien was at home today. Over to Magne Kleppen today - we traded turkey gobblers. Cold and foggy.
- 23 - FRI - Weather a little better today - cleared up for awhile - klart en stund. Adolph drove with my car to school today. Later I drove S to get the girls. Julien came home from town with Ole Serdahl. Adolph went to town this evening for Bard practice.
- 24 - SAT - Foggy and cold. Classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Bethlehem at 2:00. 8 present at each place. Julien took Marie and Valla in to Columbus at 2:00 for L.D.R. at Rosholt.

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- 24 - SAT - (cont) - Adolph came in his car over to Bethlehem to get us after class. Julien and the girls were in Columbus until quite late - got a new heater put in the car - it cost \$9.00 and the girls paid \$5.00.
- 25 - SUN - Foggy weather. English services in Thorson at 11:00. J.P.Gjerde and son came along home with us for dinner and then we went over to Albert Sorlies for Silver Wedding. There were a great many people who came there today. Marie, Valla and Thelma H. sang 2 songs. I spoke a little as did S.O.Berg and O.L.Hatlelid. It was a very nice celebration. Then home. Julien was at home today. Adolph took the girls S to their school and then Julien to town.
- 26 - MON - Foggy all day. Annual meeting in S.St.Olaf at 1:30. I stopped by to take Albert Hysjulien and O.Ronholdt along to church. It there - quite a good meeting..
Opened the meeting with Devotion - Matthew 25:31-46 (English) and then gave my report. Secr. report read by S.O.Berg; Treas. report by O.L.Hatlelid: \$75.00 has been received from L.A. and \$85.00 in cash from the congregation and labor and coal allowed at \$52.00 - total \$212.00 in salary this year. Election: Secr. and Treas. re-elected; Trustee - M.M.Sandberg (3); School Committee - L.Holte (3); janitor work as before. The application to Home Mission for help was discussed and signed. They decided to apply for \$400.00 now instead of \$300.00 as before. The secretary was advised to write a letter to accompany the application setting forth the critical financial condition here. The meetin adjourned - praying The Lord's Prayer in English. It present: A.Sorlie, E.Dihle, S.O.Berg, M.M.Sandberg, A.A.Anderson, Albert Hysjulien, O.Ronholdt, H.Nordtvedt, A.Haraseth, O.L.Hatlelid, Wm.Budke. Received \$32.00 in cash today and recently \$55.00.
- 27 - TUES - Adolph took the little girls to school this a.m. and then when he came to the Knutson corner on the way to his school he ran out of gas. He had to walk home then and get my car and even at that he got to his school on time. Then after school I went along west so he got his car home.
- 28 - WED - I went to Columbus this forenoon - a great deal of fog down on the flats but not so much here. Had gotten the returns yesterday from Monarch Co for the 16 turkeys I shipped - \$26.35. In the p.m. went out to Thorson to get the girls. Adolph went to Columbus in the evening for Band practice and to get Julien - also to get Clifford Berg who came from Mohall. (Luther College friend). They came home about midnight.
- 29 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. A nice day. English service in Bethlehem at 11:00. Offering and Penny-A-Meal Boxes - came to \$48.00. J.Oby's came later. Then home to a delicious turkey dinner. Julien, Marie and Valla along - Valla sang an English song. The boys went out for some rabbit hunting in the p.m. - also evening.
- 30 - FRI - Nice in the morning but then it became foggy. Out to Thorson - Mamma, Valla, Adolph and Cliff Berg along - Marie and Julien have colds. I spoke a little in both Norwegian and Eng-

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30 - FRI - (cont) - lish and we sang in both Norwegian and English. Valla played - Mrs. Rysgaard was not there today. Quite a few visitors there today. The men served dinner today. I had to drive home - had forgotten something (for the annual meeting which followed). The Grote family became members today. They served coffee again after the conclusion of the meeting and then we went home. Still foggy. Then Adolph took Cliff B. in to Columbus as he had to get back to Mohall. He had left his car in Columbus. Mamma and Arlien went along in to town. Penny-A-Meal Boxes in Thorson - \$28.25. Yesterday in Bethlehem almost \$50.00. Later 65¢ from M. Enget and \$1.00 from Breese - total \$29.90 in Thorson and \$50.54 in Bethlehem. The Scandia Annual Meeting was held following dinner. I gave my report and then we heard the Secr. and Treas. reports. Had received \$71.00 previously and now \$80.00 of which \$5.00 was counted for the pork from Sathre and \$75.00 was in cash. There was also \$9.00 from Furness for coal which was not included in the \$80.00. Election: Secr - Carl Furness; Treas - M. Sathre; Trustee - Christ Wold (3); (J.P. Gjerde's term expires) and M. Berg has (2) and Overlie has (1); School Committee - C. Wold (3). Janitor - P. Rysgaard with the understanding that the others help with cleaning the church - paa den betingelse at de andre hjaelper til med at holde kirken ren. The L.A. did not have their annual meeting today. The application to Home Mission for assistance was signed and the secretary will also write a letter to President Stoeve. New members: Mr and Mrs Gust Grote, Lester, and Mrs Nels Hanson (Mae).

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- 1 - SAT - Cold and foggy. Valla and I to Columbus this a.m. The weather cleared up in the p.m. Annual Meeting in Bethlehem at 2:00. Meeting opened with Devotion - Psalm 103. I gave my report followed by the Secr. report. Harry Stock was present and he with his family became members. Treas. report for '33 accepted but '34 incomplete. Have received a total of \$132.50 which includes coal, meat and labor. Election: Secr - A.M. Olson; Treas - Melvin Pederson; Trustee - Elvin Thingvold (3); School Committee - Ole Serdahl (3). My application to Home Mission for financial help was signed etc. There was considerable discussion about the janitor work - decided that the ones living closest to the church should assume the responsibility for having the church warmed during the winter - 1 time for each - and the others to take turns at dusting and cleaning during the spring and summer months but for an over-all cleaning and washing, everyone should help. Present: O. Olson, Harry Stock, O. Serdahl, A.M. Olson, C. Brothen, M. Pederson, N. Kleppen.
- 2 - SUN - English Thanksgiving service in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - same as Bethlehem (Thanksgiving Day) - Deut. 11:11 - Cold. Not all there. Penny-A-Meal boxes came to \$26.09. Later 7 boxes came in amounting to \$7.12 - total \$33.21. Marie had gotten a very bad cold - was sick on SAT but felt better today - SUN - and wanted to go out S to the schoolhouse SUN p.m.

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- 2 - SUN - (cont) - I went over to get Alice Olson who will go out there with them this week. Adolph took them S and then later took Julien in to Columbus.
- 3 - MON - I dressed 5 turkeys, 1 duck, and 10 chickens. We drove out S to the school house later and Marie was better and had been in school.
- 4 - TUES - Ida and I to Columbus in the forenoon. Cold. We shipped 4 turkeys and 10 chickens to Monarch Co. Up to Rosholt for awhile. Adolph brought the little girls home from school.
- 5 - WED - We washed clothes. The cistern is almost empty now - brought in some hoar frost - rim frost - to melt. 6 - THURS - Foggy weather - also the next few days.
- 7 - FRI - Tonight we all went out to Thonson school to see the Operetta. It was very good and there were a great many people there. The girls did not come home until SAT - too many things to do. Adolph and Julien went to Noonan SAT a.m. to the dentist - Adolph had a tooth pulled. Julien drove out S to the school in the p.m. to get the girls and Alice Olson, who has been out there with them this past week. Some went to town this evening.
- 9 - SUN - Still foggy. We all went to Thonson - Norwegian services at 11:30. The church was full. The choir sang. After the services there was a Golden Wedding celebration for Mr and Mrs Nils Wold. There was music - our quartet sang, "Gud's Fred over Huset", the choir sang, Adolph and Valla sang a duet in English, I spoke, and our quartet sang, "Millom Bakkar og Berg". Then down to the basement for a great dinner. After this there was more singing and then on behalf of all the people gathered there I presented them with a gift. We left the girls at school and then went home. Adolph took Julien in to Columbus. Louie Watterud came over this evening to tell us that Vera had died today in Flaxton. Funeral will be on TUES in the Bethany church at 2:30 after the service in Flaxton at 12:30. Rosholt and I will be officiating in Bethany and the Danish minister will have the service in Flaxton. This will make a change of plans for TUES as we were planning to have Pastoral Conference in Crosby on that day but now it will be rescheduled.
- 10 - MON - Adolph could not get his Ford started this morning. Then he was going to use the Chevy but it locked. Then we worked hard with trying to get the Ford started and finally got it going. It was 9:00 before he left here so he was late today - the little girls too. I was at home today - doing some studying. Rosholt came out this p.m. with Julien - Julien was sick - had a sore throat. We got the Chevy started. Adolph and the little girls came walking home after school. He had trouble with the gears and had to leave it - stalled - between Gunlocks and the schoolhouse.
- 11 - TUES - I took them to school today - then went on to Columbus. Sent Insurance Policy (?) to Federal Bank, St. Paul. Cashed the \$4.95 check for the chimney. Sent \$2.00 to Washington - Spanish-American War Veterans Assoc. Then home. At 2:00 Ida and I went to the Swedish church (Bethany). The church was more than full. They came from Flaxton at 2:45. Andrew Watterud - Gamle Watterud - could not come. He spends most of the time in bed now. After

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- 11 - TUES - (cont) - we came home from the funeral I went over to the schools to get Adolph and the little girls. It was a nice day. This evening, Marie and Valla came home for a little while - Grotes brought them.
- 12 - WED - A nice day again. Adolph has to use the Chevy now - and thru the rest of the week.
- 14 - FRI - This was Adolph's last day of school before Christmas. He came home at 2:00 and then got ready to leave for St. Paul and Decorah, where he will spend Christmas with the Zach Erickson family. I took him in to Columbus and he will take the bus to Minot, and from Minot to St. Paul he will take the train. He will get to St. Paul on SAT and Decorah on SUN - the 16th. Julien came along home and then went S to get the girls.
- 15 - SAT - Julien, Marie and Valla went in to Columbus to do some shopping.
- 16 - SUN - Valla and I went west to S. St. Olaf for Norwegian services at 11:00 - not very many there. To Bethlehem at 2:00 - more there. Mamma and Julien also went along east - Marie stayed at home as she has a cold. Julien took them out to their school later.
- 17 - MON - Up early. Julien took the little girls over to Magne Kleppens and they will walk from there to school with the Kleppen children. Then Ida and I and Julien went to Columbus. We got some shopping done for Christmas. We also bought a Christmas Tree. I took a steer over to Albert Serdahl and he will butcher it for me on TUES.
- 18 - TUES - Colder today - also a little snow coming down. I took the little girls to school and also went to get them. Also went over to Albert Serdahl to get the meat - had the whole car full. It must have dressed out to about 6-700#. Last night Ole Olson came here with 42# of pork which is figured at 10¢ a #. Now we have a good supply.
- 19 - WED - Home - studying. Take the girls to and from school. Same on THURS - The clutch on the car seems to be very worn.
- 21 - FRI - Today we just barely made it to school, but on the way home, N of Arnesons, the car stopped. Jeg blev staaende. The car would not go any farther - the clutch is worn out. I walked over to Magne first to see if I could get some help. We drove back to my car with his old Ford but he could not budge it. I rode back with him then and went over to Louie Watterud. He was going to try to drive the car home and that worked - but just barely. I telephoned to Julien to see if he could get someone to drive out here to tow the car in to town. At noon Julien and Jim Durick came out with a truck. First they took Mamma over to school for the program as this is the last day of school before Christmas. It was a good program - all the parents had been invited. Then the boys took my car to town and Clarence Anderson will work on it. Julien had to be in town tonight for the Christmas program at school. He is going to be the Santa Claus. He came home around midnight. Bensons brought Ida and the little girls home after the program. Olaf Olson brought Marie and Valla home about 6:00 and was here for supper.

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- 22 - SAT - Cold and it was snowing. Julien, Mamma, Valla and the little girls went to Columbus - some last minute shopping. Became quite thick in the air today.
- 23 - SUN - Cold wind from NW today and 15 below zero. All of us are home today - no services announced. We heard many over the radio however - 2 from Minot. And all the wonderful Christmas music we are hearing over the radio! It seems that all the radio stations are playing our Lutheran Christmas songs. Very beautiful. Julien went over to Louie Watterud for awhile and also down to Albert Serdahls. It turned colder this evening and kept snowing with a cold wind from NW.
- 24 - MON - This is the coldest day we have had so far - with 25 degrees below zero. Busy here today with many things - also washing. Hope it will not be so cold during the next few days during Christmas. We have mailed out many Christmas cards and have also received many. We received a large box of candy from Thelma and Lawrence. \$5.00 from Mrs. Alfred Peterson. This evening we had our Christmas Tree at home - many gifts. The girls had many things - cigars - a warrant for \$22.50 etc. It was a great celebration for the little girls - all the gifts - some from Rosholt too. But outside it was not so nice. Stormy - snowy - very cold.
- 25 - TUES - Glædelig Jul - Merry Christmas - but outside it is terrible. It is over 30 below and a strong NW wind with drifting. Decided that it would be best to stay at home today instead of trying to go to Bethlehem. However, we have it nice and comfortable - hyggelig - at home where we can keep it warm. It was nice to be able to listen to all the beautiful Christmas programs on the radio. I have never before heard so many beautiful Christmas songs - and on all the stations. We have been hearing a great many of the old Norwegian Christmas songs.
- 26 - WED - The same kind of weather - cold and stormy. Did not go to S. St. Olaf today either.
- 27 - THURS - The weather was somewhat improved today - not as stormy but still cold. We decided to get ready and go S to Thorson as announced. We got the car started and put the chains on. Julien, Marie and Valla went along with me. There were some drifts here and there but they did not bother us too much. We got out there for services at 12:00 - both Norwegian and English. Not as big a gathering as usual but many of the children. Most of the school children were there and they sang their Christmas Cantata which was very beautiful - meget vakker. There was also a Christmas Tree and the children sang in Norwegian, "Her Kommer Dine Arme Smaa" especially for Grandma and Grandpa Wold. The choir sang 2 songs and the Festival Liturgy which was very beautiful. The L.L. served lunch.
- 28 - FRI - Weather was better today. Julien and Louie Watterud went to town - Milla was also along and will be leaving today. Julien was home by noon. Rosholt came out for dinner too, and Mr. and Mrs. Erik Dihle and Arthur. Julien and Arthur went along in to town with Rosholt this evening.
- 29 - SAT - Nice weather today. Albert Serdahl was here for awhile today.

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- 30 - SUN - Christmas services in S.St.Olaf today. We drove with car. There were places where there was a considerable amount of snow but we got thru without chains. Not so many there but more than I had really expected anyway. Valla sang - meget pent - very nice. Offering - \$13.60. Julien, Marie and Valla along to S.St.Olaf. Julien had come home last night from Columbus - had a ride with Dihles to the Sorlie corner and then he had walked home from there. There were none from Burauis, Witty, Watterud, Nordtvedt, Brodahl, T.O.Hysjulien, Budke, Haraseth, Dick Hattelid, L.Holte, M.Nelson, Arneson. The rest were there. Then home to a very nice dinner.
- 31 - MON - Quite cold - went down to 18 below zero. We are at home - I am studying. The radio goes all day long and all evening until midnight. We heard New York celebrate the New Year at midnight - which is 11:00 here. Then we heard the celebration from Chicago at midnight, which is also 12:00 here. And so the old year is finished. We have received much good, also this year, from God. May the New Year be for a Blessing to us.

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- 1 - TUES - May God give us a good New Year. Today is a nice day - temperature way above zero. This p.m. it was up to 28 degrees but it was cloudy. Today we all drove over to Bethlehem for services at 11:00 - a combined Christmas and New Year's service. We put chains on the car and it went just fine. There were quite a few there - most of them came in cars but there were also 2 sleds. New Year's sermon in Norwegian and Christmas sermon in English. Valla was planning to sing but could not - sore throat. We were at home in the p.m. Julien did go out for a little hunting in the p.m.
- 2 - WED - To Columbus - Julien, Marie and Ada along. Marie had some shopping to do. Julien is going out to Duricks with Jim for a few days for some hunting and trapping. The Durick farm is right up next to the Canadian border. Marie also wanted to go to Noonan to see Dr. Smith about glasses so Julien took her over there. He also stopped in Larson to get some feed - 2 bu. corn - 2 sacks of bran - and a 100# sack of ground oats for \$1.45. The bran was \$1.65 and corn was \$1.14 per bu - total \$7.00 - and then Andrew Carlson sent along an extra sack of ground oats. They came back to Columbus by 1:30 - Julien stayed then and the rest of us went home. There was a little snow. I bought some drafts to mail out - Federal Bank in St. Paul - \$44.20; Insurance for the house for 3 years to Merrill, Wisc., \$23.00; Augsburg Publishing House - \$12.72; and for Marie \$45.00 to Lutheran Brotherhood. I loaned her \$35.00 and later for books - \$10.00. 3 - THURS - Home.

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- 4 - FRI - Home also today. Over to Watteruds for a little while on THURS. Louie came over for a little while in the p.m. to check over the car - seems to be something wrong with it. It was not working exactly right when we came home and I drove it in the garage. Could not get it out again. It seems that it had something to do with the brakes - frozen. Later we got the car out and drove it around a little and it was OK again.
- 5 - SAT - Julien came home this evening - had a ride out to A.M.Olson. Have been waiting to hear from Adolph - or that he will just come.
- 6 - SUN - Home today. Cancelled services west.
- 7 - MON - Adolph's school was scheduled to start today but he has not come yet. Julien's school also begins today so we drove in to Columbus about 10:30. Marie and Valla went along to do some shopping before going S to their school. I also did some shopping. Mailed \$9.32 to Lutheran Brotherhood for Adolph. We went up to Laurits and Eva for awhile. Laurits is out of a job now (P.O.). Eva was not feeling well. Adolph did not come on the bus so we waited for the train which came at 2:30 and he came then. Bought 2 new tires at Durick Bros. for \$20.00 - paid down \$5.00. Bought new inner tubes too which cost \$2.00 each and the tires were \$8.00 each - total \$20.00. Heavy duty Firestone - 6 ply. Julien stayed in town now. Adolph was quite tired this evening but there was also much to talk about. There was a great deal of snow in Decorah. He had left Decorah SUN a.m. at 3:00 a.m. and had gotten to St. Paul at 8:30 a.m. but that was too late for the train so he had gone over to Grandma and stayed there until evening and then took the train to Flaxton and Columbus.
- 8 - TUES - Up quite early - took Adolph over to his school. Did not put the chains on - drove the mail route by J. Holte and then N. Got stuck near Gilbertsons - several times - but finally got thru to school even tho we were a little late. I put the chains on there and drove back the same way. Adolph is going to walk over to Budkes tonight and stay there this week. Marie and Valla walked over to Ole Sendaals to visit for a little while this p.m. I got some thistle and straw hauled in to the barn. Carried in some snow to fill the barrel in the basement so we have a barrel of water down there now. Also busy with various other jobs - og forskjelligt ardet. Mama was busy sewing. Filled out some Information Cards to mail in for the L.A.'s - to Mrs. E.H. Gilbertson, Finley, N.D., Mrs. Homnes, Crosby, and Jane O. Thorpe, Minneapolis. Marie also sent an order for Library books - \$10.00.
- 9 - WED - Weather remains cold - same on THURS. Also a little snow.
- 11 - FRI - About the same today when Ida and I went in to town. It was snowing. Julien along home. We brought along some meat for Laurits and Eva. He is out of work now and that is not so good. Adolph walked home from school tonight.
- 12 - SAT - Today we got a team and big sled from Louie Watterud - well, we used May as one of the team - and Adolph took the girls out S to the Thonson school house this p.m. Julien went in to Columbus this p.m. with Ole Sendaal.

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- 13 - SUN - 30 below zero today. I should have been in Thorson today but had sent a message with the girls to telephone to the people out there that I would not be there. It was not as cold on SAT when they went out so they did not freeze during the trip. The school house was nice and warm as there were several there washing and cleaning. Adolph got Milo Serdahl to take him over to his school this p.m. Adolph is planning to stay at school now - took with him a bed - trunk - kitchen utensils - kjokken redskaber - food - coffee and a coffee pot. It was cold today with a sharp NW wind and some drifting.
- 14 - MON - A little better but still 20 below. About the same on TUES but it started to warm up a little. I sent cards to the people in Bethlehem cancelling services for SUN - 20th. It is cold every day - 20 below and a cold wind from NW.
- 16 - WED - Harris stopped in today when he came by with the mail - had a cup of coffee with us and got warmed up. We heard that Adolph had not had school this week but was sick - over at Budkes. We called Budkes then and found that Adolph was feeling better but had a cold and flu. It had been too cold on SUN and too cold in the schoolhouse. The floor of the school house is especially cold. He had started school on MON but had to quit before the day was over. Adolph wanted to come home on THURS - still very cold - 20 below. In the p.m. Orlando Budke brought him home. We put his horses in the barn and Orlando stayed over night.
- 18 - FRI - Had to get up early this morning to chase away a bunch of horses that were out in the yard. Cold - just like yesterday - no, it is even worse, with a biting wind from NW. Orlando stayed over again tonight until SAT. We had to carry water in for the cows and horses in the barn. It was just as cold on SAT but the wind was not so strong.
- 20 - SUN - Another fierce day - en bister dag - 30 below with wind - so I am very satisfied to be here at home and I am sure that other people are also pleased to be at home today.
- 21 - MON - Adolph had a ride over to his school today with the mailman. He will at least get in $\frac{1}{2}$ day of school and maybe more depending on how long it takes to get there. He will be staying at Budkes this week.
- 22 - TUES - Another terrible day - en fael dag - cold and stormy and 38 below. No mailman today.
- 23 - WED - Not as stormy but there were reports of 42 below - even 48 and 50 below some places. Our thermometer registered 42 below but we did not have the wind today. The mailman came by today. Received a letter from Rev. Marcus Lewis informing me that I will be receiving \$360.00 from the Mission this year.
- 24 - THURS - What a change. Hvilken forandring. 14 degrees above zero. It feels like a very mild day after what we have had. Serdahls went in to town with team and sled so we were able to send along some food and supplies to Julien. He had called home to say that he was running out of everything. We are having school at home for the little girls now.
- 25 - FRI - A little colder today. Julien came home shortly after noon - had a ride with Rosholt as far as Mrs. Arthur Benson's place and then walked from there. A little foggy and it was

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- 25 - FRI - (cont) - also snowing a little. Adolph came home this evening on skis.
- 26 - SAT - A nice day - washed clothes today. Marie and Valla have been out S for 2 weeks now and it will no doubt be some more weeks before they can come home.
- 27 - SUN - Quite a nice day. I had not announced any services for today but will for next SUN. Julien had made arrangements to get a ride in to town with Rosholt from the Swedish church this p.m. Louie Sendaahl used the school bus and took Julien and Archie down there after dinner. Julien took along enough food to last him for a couple of weeks - saa han greier sig nok i 2 uger. Adolph went on skis W to Budkes shortly after Julien left.
- 28 - MON - Nice and mild but a little foggy. The little girls are out playing today - out in the pasture where there is a great deal of snow - but now it is too soft for sliding. All thru this week we have nice, mild weather - from 10 and up to 30 above zero. The snow is beginning to melt. The cows like to get out again after this long cold spell. I am studying off and on. Went up to Watteruds one day - he is about the same.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - FRI - Julien came home this evening with Ole Sendaahl. Ole hitches a team of horses in front of his Ford and drives over to A.Olson. From there he can drive to Columbus with his car as the highway is open. Then when he comes back to Olson he hitches his team to the car and drives home again. Adolph came home later in the evening.
- 3 - SUN - Norwegian services in S.St.Olaf at 2:00. S.O.Berg was the janitor today and had the church warmed up. I walked over to Albert Hysjulien and then rode with them from there. Not very many in church today. Mr and Mrs Hysjulien gave me a ride home after services and were here for supper. Then Adolph had a ride west with them - will stay at Budkes again. Got my check from Home Mission today from O.L.Hattlelid. It will be \$30.00 per month this year. Also received \$5.00 from H.Brodahl.
- 4 - MON - Mild and a little cloudy. Julien had a ride in to Columbus yesterday with Ole Sendaahl. Ada was over there visiting for awhile.
- 5 - TUES - Nice weather. Nice during the next days also. Nothing of great importance going on this week - intet saerdeles some foregaar denne uge. Julien came home on FRI evening with Carlsons and then walked home from there. Adolph also came walking from west FRI evening.
- 9 - SAT - We drove in to town with car - drove E from our place - had to make many detours - maa kjore noksaa kroket. Adolph, Julien and Louie Sendaahl went along. Julien stayed in town. I paid some bills - Taxes - the first half of Real Estate and Personal Property tax - total of \$21.37; bought some feed; did some shopping; paid bills at Johnson Service Station - \$2.94; Ronning - \$3.66; Duricks - \$5.00, have now \$10.00 left on the 2 tires; Helgeson \$1.75. We drove home the same way we drove in.

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- 10 - SUN - A little colder. Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 2:00. I had a ride with Albert Serdahl in sled. Quite a few in church. We discussed the insurance on the church. Adolph asked Louie Serdahl to take him west this p.m. Albert and the little girls visited here while Louie was gone.
- 11 - MON - Weather is quite nice. We got a calf today.
- 12 - TUES - Lincoln's Birthday. Quite a few good programs to listen to on the radio - especially during the evening. A little colder.
- 13 - WED - Milder today and the sun is shining brightly - solen skinner saa klart idag. We washed clothes yesterday.
- 14 - THURS - Well, today I am 60 years old. The weather is nice. We got a call from Julien - he is sick and would like to come home. I told him I would drive in with car to get him. I got stuck between here and Watteruds. Had to get Louie Watterud to help me get out and then he went along to town with me - he drove. Julien drove home - we came home by way of Olsons. Yesterday we found out that Marie and Valla were sick too - flu - and that there was no school. We called Mrs. Louie Holte who then called them and we found out that it was not so serious now - they were much better. This evening Mr and Mrs Albert Serdahl and the little girls came over for supper. It started snowing this evening and there was also some wind with it. Quite a bit of snow came down.
- 15 - FRI - Adolph came home this evening. 16 - SAT - A nice day and a beautiful evening with a full moon. The boys were asked to come to a birthday party at Yahns but did not go.
- 17 - SUN - Norwegian services in Thonson at 1:30. There is quite a bit of snow but we drove with car - E to the highway and then S on #40. Adolph drove. Ada along. We had a little trouble E by Trulins but we got thru. The highway was nice out to Essens and then we drove on the mail route. It was hard to get thru in some places but managed by driving some detours and we got to the school house by 11:30. We had lunch with the girls. They were OK now and went along with us to church. There were quite a few there even tho there are quite a few that are still sick. Bergs, Engets and Olsons also came with cars. We drove home the same after stopping at the school for a little while. Had no trouble on the way home. Adolph walked west this evening.
- 18 - MON - Julien is OK now so we drove in to Columbus today - Louie Serdahl along. We were stuck for awhile S of Watteruds and again S of Carlsons. We got to town by about 11:00 - had some lunch with Rosholt and Julien. Drove home by way of Olsons. Thawing weather today.
- 19 - TUES - Colder - with a wind from NW. Yesterday I cashed a check for Marie for \$25.00 (half a month's salary) and paid a bill for them at Bjones for \$8.29 - and a M.O. for Adolph's books \$12.00 - \$6.00 from this check. (When we went back to school after Christmas we had done some grocery shopping and had a box 2 x 2 feet sq. and 3 - 4 ft. high full of groceries costing about \$8.00!)

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- 20 - WED - Colder - with a wind from NW. Same on THEIRS. Studying a sermon for SUN - S.St.Olaf.
- 22 - FRI - Washington's Birthday - 203 years since his birth. Don't suppose we will get any mail today. We heard today that Clarence Witty is sick - in Noonan. We are expecting Adolph home tonight but no one else.
- 23 - SAT - A little colder and some drifting. Adolph came home this morning - had been at Gilbertsons over night. Louie Watterud was over here FRI evening - he and Anton Olson had been in town FRI and they will be getting Federal Loans of \$1800.00. As Andrew Watterud is in bed most of the time - and will have to sign the papers - that will have to be done at home. Louie asked me to come over there and witness his signature and I did that today. I am going to use one of their teams to go to S.St.Olaf tomorrow.
- 24 - SUN - Weather is quite good today. Adolph walked up to Watteruds to get the team of horses and we drove over to S.St.Olaf for services at 11:30. We drove by A.Hysjuliens and took him along. Harold Sandberg had warmed up the church today - but other than him, only Diple and Orlando Budke came. We did not stay for services - Adolph went home with Orlando and I drove home by Haysjuliens again. Had dinner with them. After I came home I took the team back to Watteruds - gave him \$1 for the use of them.
- 25 - MON - Home - writing some letters. Received a letter from a C.E.Mason in Overland, Missouri. He is also a Spanish-American War Veteran. The Sendaahl boys went to Columbus this p.m. with car. They hitched a team of horses to the car and drove up to Carlsons - and from there they were able to drive with car. We sent along some supplies with them for Julien. They also brought a battery out for us.
- 26 - TUES - This is Marie's birthday - I sent her a letter. A very nice day. Also sent letters to Ingvald, Thelma, Lina, Mandius, O'Melia and Mason - and Mamma sent a letter to Sears and Roebuck in regard to a quilt and the price of it. Cloudy and foggy.
- 27 - WED - We hear that there have been blizzards farther S in several states - all the way from Colorado to New York, and even some snow in Virginia. Here we are having good weather.
- 28 - THURS - Weather really quite good. Zero weather in the morning but improved during the day.

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- 1 - FRI - About the same as yesterday but we had some thawing in the p.m. Adolph came home this evening. Julien came home with Albert Sendaahl. They pulled the car with horses up to Carlsons again and could then drive with car to Columbus.
- 2 - SAT - Cloudy - but mild. We started talking about that Marie and Valla should come home and Adolph figured that if they were going to come home in March it would have to be now as we are supposed to be getting some more snow. So the boys drove E with the car - had some trouble about 1 mile E - lots of snow - but they got thru to Olsons corner without more trouble.

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- 2 - SAT - (cont) - First they drove in to Columbus - got new paints and some gas. Then S to get the girls. No problem driving S on the highway. They were home then in time for supper. The girls had been over at Grotes.
- 3 - SUN - Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 2:00 - a nice, mild day. Adolph, Marie and Valla along. We were stuck many times before we even got to A. Olson so we did not get to church before 3:00 - or a little later. Not very many there. We decided that they better drive south to Thorson while I had services in Bethlehem. One of the Brothen boys rode along with Adolph. I had to wait for awhile after services so I walked S to Brothens. We also had to get some gas there. We had no trouble on the way home - we drove home by a different route. Both of the boys were here over night.
- 4 - MON - We were up early and Adolph walked over to his school. Julien planned to walk in to town later in the day - we sent a box of food for him with the mail man. Then this p.m. before he got started we had a snow storm. It snowed and stormed all p.m. - thru the night and on TUES so he had to stay at home. Quite a bit of snow came down. I wrote out my Parochial Report on TUES.
- 6 - WED - 10 below zero - a little foggy - but the sun is trying to shine thru. Julien went in to Columbus today. He had a ride with Louie Sendaahl as far as Carlsons and then walked from there but got a ride with someone after he got over to the highway.
- 7 - THURS - Zero weather - same on FRI. Adolph came home FRI evening.
- 9 - SAT - Foggy - but still. Yesterday we had another snowstorm again from SE. Today we got some hay and thistle hauled in. Sylva Sendaahl came over to get some medicine - B & M - for Ole who was sick yesterday - but he seemed to be better today. However, Adolph went over there today to help him haul in some thistle.
- 10 - SUN - Terrible snow storm today from NW - especially bad in the p.m. Adolph stayed at home until MON. Had announced services in Thorson today - but that was unthinkable.
- 11 - MON - Weather considerably improved. This p.m. I walked N along the telephone line to find out where it was broken. Found the place near Carlsons and fixed it.
- 12 - TUES - Nice and still today. 13 - WED - Foggy - nice mild day - the snow is melting.
- 14 - THURS - Sunny and mild. I went along with Louie Watterud to the Mine store - we drove with sled as far as Toso - then borrowed a rig there to drive the rest of the way. There is no snow N of here now and there is water standing all around and running in streams. I brought along 9 doz. eggs and $5\frac{1}{4}$ pounds of butter. Butter is 28¢ and eggs are 20¢. 2 weeks ago we had sent along with Louie Watterud $5\frac{1}{2}$ # of butter and then it was 35¢ - and 7 doz. eggs which were then 22¢ a dozen.
- 15 - FRI - Cold and windy - froze up again. Both Adolph and Julien came home tonight.
- 16 - SAT - Better today - milder. Julien was out hunting rabbits for awhile.

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- 17 - SUN - Nice day but I had not announced any services for today. The roads are now in such a condition that it is impossible to get thru with any kind of rig. Much of the ground is now completely bare and then in some places there are still huge snow drifts. Adolph walked west this p.m. and Julien walked in to town. Elmer Olson came over here at noon on SAT with 46# of pork - figured at 11¢ a pound.
- 18 - MON - Mild - and the snow is melting. I shoveled away a great deal of snow from in front of the car shed.
- 19 - TUES - Quite mild. Went along with Albert Serdahl over to Sorlie school house for the Twp. election. Many showed up for it. Studied this p.m. Snow is really melting today.
- 20 - WED - Cloudy - but not cold. We sent some supplies in to Julien today with Albert Serdahl. He was out early - came by here at 6:00 a.m. 21 - THURS - Home. Colder today.
- 22 - FRI - Both the boys came home tonight. Adolph and I went to the Mines store first and then in to Columbus. Adolph had to get some repairs for his car.
- 23 - SAT - Today both the boys and Louie Watterud worked on Adolph's car and they got it going. I studied some.
- 24 - SUN - A nice mild day. All of us except Adolph left at 9:00 - drove E to the highway and then S to the Thorson school house to the girls. We had a little coffee and lunch there and then took them along to church for English services at 11:00. The choir sang. We drove out without chains. The girls stayed at church after services as the choir was going to do some practicing and they would have a ride back to school with Grotes. We had to leave - stopped by school again and had a little lunch there before driving to Bethlehem for services at 2:30. We drove by Seims and Sathres - had to put the chains on at Seims. Many in Bethlehem. Baptism for Evelyn June, B. Feb. 4 - parents, Einar and Mabel Benson. The snow really went fast today.
- 25 - MON - Adolph drove his Ford to school today. I took Julien in to town. Julien and I went over to see Miller about a possible car deal. Also went up to see Rosholt for a little while.
- 26 - TUES - E. Dihle took Albert Sorlie to the hospital in Portal today. He had become sick on SUN. Dr. Parker performed surgery for a ruptured appendix and he seemed to be improving. Plan to go and see him on FRI. Colder now - a little snow coming down occasionally. The little girls are at home this week as Ada has recently had measles and is not strong enough to go back yet.
- 28 - THURS - Erik Dihle called to let me know that Sorlie was worse.
- 29 - FRI - This forenoon I drove to Portal - Marvin Sorlie rode along with me - I met him west of Ole Watteruds. It is cold today too. We went to Columbus first - got some gas and some Prestone and then we drove to Portal. Sorlie seemed to be a little more alert today but he did not have any hope of recovering now and being able to return home again. Mrs. Sorlie was there and the 2 oldest boys were also there - they had just come home from Montana to

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- 29 - FRI - (cont) - see their father. I was able to talk with Sorlie - pray with him - and he received Holy Communion. He also prayed himself and has a strong Faith in his Savior. I also visited with Ole Grondahl - he was also a patient in the hospital and was very pleased to see me. By Columbus - and Julien came along home.
- 30 - SAT - This morning Mrs. Sorlie called home to say that Albert was much worse and asked the rest of the family to come. Sorlie died at 12:30 noon.
- 31 - SUN - English services in S. St. Olof at 11:00. Many there. They heard then about Sorlie's death. Funeral will be on WED - Apr. 3 - at 1:00 p.m. from the house and then to church. Adolph along to church. Thelma Hatlelid played. SAT p.m. Ida and I had driven over to see Mrs. Sorlie. This is a very sad and difficult time for her but she accepts it with Christian Faith.

APRIL

- 1 - MON - Today the little girls are going back to school again. Adolph used the Chevie and drove by their school first.
- 2 - TUES - There didn't get to be any school today - a leak in the radiator and Adolph had to take the car in to town to get it fixed.
- 3 - WED - Today is the funeral for Albert Sorlie. A little snow coming down today too. There is no school in this district today - all schools closed. Ida has been having some rheumatism now so did not go along to the funeral but Adolph went with me. Many at Sorlies - 3 of his relatives from Minnesota had come - also Mrs Wrolson and Holte from west of here. Had Devotion and spoke briefly at the house - then we went to church. There were a great many people gathered at church - I spoke there in both Norwegian and English. Thelma Hatlelid played the organ. Julien also came out from town with Thorvald Dihle and then he came along home with us. Adolph took him back to town this evening. \$10.00 to Mission in Memorials.
- 4 - THURS - Cold. Adolph and the little girls to school. Mamma felt better today so we washed clothes.
- 5 - FRI - Adolph and the girls to school - he drove with the Chevy. After school Adolph and I drove S to get the girls - drove S by Ole Serdahl and Ole Olson - a little muddy. Rosholt and Julien came out here for supper. Julien has to go back to town tomorrow.
- 6 - SAT - Both the boys and Valla went in to Columbus today - Music and Declamation Contest in town today with 6 - 7 schools participating. Columbus came out with the most points. Adolph talked with Miller about the car deal and I will talk to him again on MON. Arlien is sick - looks like it could be chicken pox. This evening Mamma, Julien, Marie, Valla and Ada went over to the Ongstad school to see a play. Adolph and I were home with Arlien who was a little fussy and seemed to have a little fever.

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- 7 - SUN - Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 11:00. Not as many there today - several families had gone to Velva for a funeral. Valla sang a solo and our quartet sang a song. Home for dinner. Then out to Thorson - service with communion. Julien, Marie, Valla and Ada along. We drove S on the highway - nice and dry that way. Quite a few there - 19 communicants - Alters gjester. The choir sang. By the school house with the girls - then home by way of Olsons. Arlien is better but is still in bed. Tomorrow I will take Julien to Columbus and will also talk with Miller. Then I will go to Lignite for Pastoral Conference.
- 8 - MON - Julien and I went in to Columbus - we talked with Miller and I ordered a new car - a Town Sedan priced at \$767.90 with \$314.00 allowed on my old car. Rosholt rode along with me to Lignite. We had a flat tire on the way over. All the ministers were there. Rosholt and I left shortly after 5:00. Today I sent \$10.00 in Memorial for Albert Sorlie to Rev. Shurson. Also \$2.50 to Minot Daily News - \$1.35 to Literary Digest. Bought 2 sacks of bran and also did a little shopping. Mamma stayed at home today with Arlien who has not recovered from whatever she had - it looked like chicken pox. Anyway, she is much better now. There was a terrible wind today with another dust storm.
- 9 - TUES - Cloudy - a little rain later in the day. Adolph takes Ada to school and gets her again after school on the way home. Some snow during the night.
- 10 - WED - A little wet today - some snow coming down. We washed clothes today. This p.m. Mamma did a little painting in the upstairs hall. A little muddy for driving.
- 11 - THURS - Milder weather - thawing - and that makes it muddy for driving. Rosholt came out this afternoon to tell me that the little daughter of Lewis Frye (Dora Danielson) had died. She had been scalded by boiling water. Funeral will be in Bethlehem tomorrow at 2:00. Adolph went to town this evening for Band practice.
- 12 - FRI - A nice day. Funeral in Bethlehem at 2:00 for Vivian Gay Frye, 3½ years old. Mamma and Arlien along. Alice Sommerness played. Rosholt had the Opening Devotion and I spoke in English. Adolph went out S to get the girls. They came home with a fish story from Hanks. (?) Julien stayed in Columbus tonight.
- 13 - SAT - Adolph, Mamma, Marie and Valla went in to Columbus - then Julien went along with them to Crosby as he had to see the dentist - Julien had a tooth pulled. Marie stayed in Columbus while they went to Crosby. They came home in the evening. Quite windy.
- 14 - SUN - Palm Sunday. Thick - snowing - drifting - windy - cold - wind from NW. Had announced Norwegian services with communion in S. St. Olaf. All from here went - but we did not get any farther than Ronholdts and the car stopped. The radiator was frozen. Did not get gas, etc. Took awhile to get it taken care of so it was too late for church. I called Mike Nelson to go over to church and tell those who were there that we would not be able to get there. There were not very many there. Then when we finally got the car started again we went home.

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- 14 - SUN - (cont) - Adolph took Julien in to town and then later took the girls out to school.
- 15 - MON - Weather a little better today. Adolph used the Chevie and also took the girls to school. Strong wind during the entire night - from SE. A little better on TUES.
- 17 - WED - Studying every day. Quite nice today. Last night Grotes took Marie and Valla to Battleview where they took the train to Hanks. They will come back Good Friday morning and come to church in Thorson where we will have services at 11:00.
- 18 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Communion service in Bethlehem at 11:00 - both Norwegian and English. Nice day. Ida went along - the others are in school. Then by the mines.
- 19 - FRI - Good Friday. Adolph along to Thorson - English services at 11:00. Marie and Valla came to Battleview this morning and came along to church with Lester Grote. Home. In the p.m. p.m. Mamma, Adolph, Marie and Valla went over to Hatlelids.
- 20 - SAT - Home. Studying. Adolph went in to Columbus. This p.m. Hatlelids and Mrs. Albert Hysjulien came over - discussed plans for the Silver Wedding for Budkes.
- 21 - SUN - Easter Sunday. The day started out quite nice but then it began to blow from SE and it was very stormy all day. To S. St. Olaf for English service at 11:00. Many there. Adolph and the little girls were at home and the rest of us went. Adolph has a cold. Thelma and Carmen Hatlelid and Valla sang. Home for dinner. To Bethlehem at 2:30. The same ones from here went along - many there also. Used both Norwegian and English. Julien took the girls south.
- 22 - MON - It blew all night and continued today. To Columbus today with Julien - Mamma went along. Today all who drive automobiles must apply for Driver's Licenses - so I must do that. It cost 35¢. Talked with Harry Stock - he asked me if I would drive out to Powers Lake to see Tom Hersom, who is sick, and I said I would. Will also stop by at Herlands. In the p.m. Ida and I drove out to Powers Lake to Trulins (hospital). Tom is sick - in bed now. He was happy to see me - glad that I would come out to see him now and he seems to be satisfied with whatever will happen to him now - should he continue living or should he die. On the way home we stopped in at Herlands - she went to communion. A little rain tonight.
- 23 - TUES - Looks like a nice day. Some have already started with field work now. Calder on WED
- 25 - THURS - Nice day again. Adolph took the little girls along to school.
- 26 - FRI - This p.m. Ida and I drove out to Harry Stock for a little while - then S to Walseths - over to Claus Walseth who lives on the Norin place. Baptism for Claus' and Gudrun's baby boy, Oliver Bersvend, B. Nov. 14, 1934. Ida and I and Mrs. Walseth were sponsors. Over to school to get Marie and Valla.
- 27 - SAT - To Columbus this forenoon. Julien is in Minot today for District Music and Declamation contest. Marie is sick - has the measles.
- 28 - SUN - Sunday after Easter. Easter service in Thorson at 11:00. Valla, Adolph and Ada along. Many there. Service in Norwegian and then I spoke in English at L.L. following. Choir sang.

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- 28 - SUN - (cont) - There was also a choir there from McGregor. We could not stay for all of the L.L. Home - and then over to Budkes for Silver Wedding celebration. Many there. Home a little late. Marie was home alone while we went to Budkes. Adolph drove in to town this evening with some supplies for Julien.
- 29 - MON - Marie and Valla are at home today - Marie is better and is up. Washday. Went over to Carl Brothen to find out about seed wheat but he does not have any. Then out to Harry Stock and I was able to order 21 bu. I will have 14 bu. and Adolph 7. He is going to have 7 acres. Then took Mamma and Valla over to our school - to visit. Home - and I did some spading in the garden. Nice day. Shortly before 4:00 Rosholt and Waages came out - Julien was also along. Julien went over to school to get them - and they were all here for supper. This was Arlene's birthday.
- 30 - TUES - Terrible dirt storm from SE. Adolph took the girls S to their school this evening.

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- 1 - WED - Same strong wind blew all night. Then it started raining this morning - and later it changed to snow and continued snowing all day and it is now white. Arlien is home today. Ada went over to Gunlocks last night and Adolph will go by school to get her tonight. Louie Watterud was busy MON p.m. - harrowed - harvet - thistle, and then raked. Continued TUES a.m. Then it all blew away with the strong wind from NW. Now it is too wet to do anything. I have been busy writing up some material - history - for the S.St.Olaf L.A. and the Larson L.A. and have sent it to Loretta and Mrs. J.Rolie. Should do the same for Bethlehem.
- 2 - THURS - We have had snow and rain since yesterday so it has soaked in quite well by now. Adolph rode horseback on May today - could not get the car started. Ada walked home.
- 3 - FRI - The weather has cleared up but it is not drying very fast. Tonight the Seniors are putting on their Play in Columbus and we plan to go in for it if the roads aren't too bad. I went out to get the girls - left here about 3:00. The roads from O.Olson and S were tough. Then - before we left school it started raining again and kept on for about an hour. We drove by M.Sathre over to the highway. We stopped at Essens to put the chains on - the girls had coffee. It rained very hard and it was difficult to drive home. We noticed that there had not been as much rain by Brothens, Olsons and home. So - we all drove to Columbus to see the Senior Play. It was very good - and there was a very big crowd. We stopped over at Rosholt following the play for a little while. Julien did not come along home with us as he is going to Bowbells tomorrow for School Contests.
- 4 - SAT - Started with a conf. class in Bethlehem today at 2:00 - 11 there. Adolph drove out to Harry Stock this evening to get the 21 bu of wheat - used Louie Watterud's team. Will sow wheat on MON. The wheat cost \$1.25 a bu - paid him \$15.00 now. Julien came home.

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- 5 - SUN - Norwegian services in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Louie Holte's had had a big job getting the church cleaned up today (after the recent dust storms). Quite a few in church - 21 communicants. Home for dinner. Then to Crosby for Men's Rally and Concert. Rev. J. Stub, pastor in Central Lutheran, Minneapolis, was speaker. There was a great deal of singing - 3 Men's Choirs. Big crowd. Terrible dust storm when we came by Noonan. We left Crosby about 5:30. Julien and the little girls were at home. Adolph took Marie and Valla out S. There had been some rain and hail.
- 6 - MON - A nice day. Adolph and the little girls to school. Ida and I and Julien to Columbus. In the p.m. I spaded and planted a little in the garden. In the evening Adolph raked and cleaned up down in the trees. The little girls also helped with hauling away thrash and then when they burned it. Phyllis Gunlock came along home after school. I bought a rain coat at Strom today for \$4.00. We also bought some groceries and flour there - \$12.46. Also bought an overall and shirt at Golden Rule to mail to Mandius. Rosholt has gotten a new car now. Louie Watterud sowed wheat here today but did not quite finish. Planned to finish TUES.
- 7 - TUES - Louie started in again today. Cloudy this morning and then it started to rain. I went over to Olsons and Brothens to talk about the W.M.F. meeting in Noonan tomorrow. It continued raining thruout the day so they had to quit with their outdoor work. Mamma busy ironing - we washed clothes yesterday after we came home from town.
- 8 - WED - Today we should have driven to Noonan for the W.M.F. meeting but with all this rain it was so muddy we had to give up on that. 9 - THURS - Cold - cloudy - rainy.
- 10 - FRI - A little better today - but cold this a.m. This was the last day of school here at home. They went down to Wildwood Park this p.m. for a picnic. I went to Columbus this p.m. to get Julien and then we stopped by Wildwood Park on the way home to get Ada and Arlien and the Magne Kleppen children. Marie and Valla went along with Engets (bus) tonight and then walked over to Oscar Yahns. Julien went over to Yahns later to get the girls. A little rain.
- 11 - SAT - Rain and snow. No conf. class.
- 12 - SUN - To Bethlehem for Norwegian service at 11:00. Tough roads and not very many there. Ole Serdahl was busy burying his bull E of here - it had been sick and died. This p.m. we went to Thorson for English services at 3:00 - Adolph, Marie and Valla along. We drove by Olsons and Bergs and then W from there and S to church. Quite a few there. The children sang for Mother's Day. We drove home by way of Erik Anderson and Knutson. No rain today but cold. We had driven by the school house with the girls first before going home. Carl Trulin came here today to tell me that Tom Hershorn had died and the funeral will be in Bethlehem church on WED at 2:00.
- 13 - MON - To Columbus with Julien. 14 - TUES - Home - studying.
- 15 - WED - Funeral at 2:00 in Bethlehem for Tom Hershorn, 63. Quite a few there. Spoke in English. Ida played the organ today.

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- 16 - THURS - Planted some garden. Adolph to town in evening for Band practice.
- 17 - FRI - Adolph went to get Julien. Also out to get the girls this evening.
- 18 - SAT - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 10:00 and Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 19 - SUN - English services at Albert Hysjulien at 2:00 - L.A. following. Quite a few there. In the evening we went in to Columbus for Baccalaureate services. Marie was coughing so much she decided to stay at home but the rest of us went in. Stopped in at Rosholt afterwards. Then home. The boys took Marie and Valla out to their school after that.
- Must not forget to write down about what happened yesterday. We have now been waiting for quite awhile to get a new Chevy thru Miller in Columbus, but there have not been any available. The demand has been so heavy the factories cannot supply all the orders. When I came home from the class in S.St.Olaf at noon, Mr. Evans from Crosby was here. He wanted to sell us a new Ford Coach - or Standard for \$663.00 - or a 4-door Sedan for \$729.00. We decided to drive in to Crosby in the evening to see about it. We made a deal - he will allow us \$320.00 on our old car - and we paid \$80.00 cash - a total then of \$400.00. The girls gave \$75.00 in checks (warrants?) of this. They will also give \$200.00 in cash soon - straks - and then there is \$200.00 left to be paid in 10 monthly installments of \$20.00 each, beginning June 15. The last \$200.00 includes Sales Tax - License - Insurance and \$19.00 in interest - a total of \$200.00. It runs very nice - very quietly - pent og stille. Both the boys and Marie went along to Crosby. We drove with our new car to Albert Hysjulien - all of us - and there was good room for all of us. Then out to Thorson school with the girls after Baccalaureate. It was midnight. Adolph has sold his Ford to Louie Sendaal for \$30.00 so now we have only the new Ford for all of us.
- 20 - MON - Julien took Adolph to his school and then went to town for an exam at 9:00.
- 21 - TUES - The same today. This is Julien's last exam.
- 22 - WED - Julien and I planted potatoes and corn. Louie Watterud plowed the S field. I have hired Louie to plow the S field and sow flax on it for \$25.00. Have bought 4 bu. flax from Orvald Watterud for \$2.00 a bu. Don't know exactly when I'll get it all paid.
- Tonight Julien graduates from Columbus H.S. and we are all going in for that. Adolph drove S to get the girls and then we all drove in to Columbus. There were 23 graduates and it was a very festive occasion. A big crowd there. Prof. Swain, President of Mayville State Teachers College was the speaker - gave a very good talk. We were all invited over to Rosholt for coffee afterwards. Home by midnight and then the boys took the girls S to their school after that. It was a very nice day.
- 23 - THURS - Quite nice today but a wind from SE. Planted some more garden today. Julien took Adolph to his school and then went to Columbus. The Seniors are going to Noonan today to have their pictures taken. When the boys came home tonight they had a radio in our new car - a surprise from Marie. Must say that I think this is an unnecessary luxury. It cost \$32.00

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- 23 - THURS - (cont) - but it was a \$50.00 radio. They got it thru Duricks.
- 24 - FRI - Julien's school day today. Marie and Valla are thru on the 29th and Adolph the 31st. Coffee salesman Holte stopped by here today - I bought 10# for \$2.55. Thelma and Lawrence could not come for Julien's graduation. Both Julien and I seem to be coming down with a cold. There was some rain last night.
- 25 - SAT - Rain. Class in S. St. Olaf at 10:00 - 7 there. Rain - muddy. Adolph had school today so Julien went along and took him over to his school and came back at noon to get me. Home for dinner. The rain stopped about noon. To Bethlehem for class at 2:00 - 7 there also. The girls had come home last night - Adolph had gone out to get them. This evening went to the Mines to get some gas and to do a little shopping. Louie Watterud finished plowing up for flax today.
- 26 - SUN - Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 11:00. I have a cold - so does Julien. Marie and Adolph went along to Bethlehem. Ed Hallum had warmed up the church today. Last time it was Nels Birkeland and previous to that Louie and Martin Gunderson, Martin Hoie and Melvin Pederson. This p.m. to Thorson for Norwegian service at 3:00 with L.A. following. Ida and Valla also along out to Thorson. The choir sang, "Ud, Ud i Gud's Fri Natur". They also sang for quite awhile after services.
- 27 - MON - Up early and we all got ready to go - first to take Adolph over to his school and then we went to Crosby. It rained a little. Have to have the new Ford checked over and greased. Have driven over 600 miles already. We had had the oil changed in Columbus before this. Also had a clock along to have repaired and took a suit to the Dry Cleaner. Went to the dentist - had 2 teeth filled. Paid \$100.00 more on the Ford - \$400.00 before - and another \$100.00 soon. That will make \$275.00 from the girls, and then the rest of it - \$200.00 - in installments of \$20.00 per month for 10 months. By Columbus - did a little shopping. Heard there that Mrs. Ole Vangen had died in Noonan on SUN of double pneumonia. Funeral on WED. Ada had been with Adolph to his school today. This evening the boys went out S to the girl's school to set up the stage for Graduation WED night. Louie Watterud sowed the flax today - 14 acres. Had bought 4 bu. from Orvald Watterud for \$2.25 a bu.
- 28 - TUES - Rain today. Adolph drove to school. I wrote letters - to Ingvald, Lina and Mandius.
- 29 - WED - Adolph drove to school again. Tonight we are all going out to Thorson for 8th grade Graduation. They are having exams today - and the County Supt. is there. She and another one from Bowbells and Marie came home here for supper and they then left again before we did. We all went out there - very nice weather - the school was filled to overflowing. They had a very nice program and the singing was exceptionally good. Miss Schultz spoke (Co. Supt) Rev. Rosholt also came out. He had had funeral today for Mrs Vangen and had been to Short Creek after that. He came along home after the program for lunch. Marie and Valla stayed out there and will pack up tomorrow as they are finished now.

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- 30 - THURS - Adolph went to Columbus today as the Band is to play in both Columbus and Noonan. Julien took him in. Ida and I went over to Bethlehem Cemetery this p.m. - there were others there too. Then we drove over to Herlands. Julien drove out S to get the girls this evening and then later he went in to town to get Adolph.
- 31 - FRI - Adolph's last day of school. A little rain. I read with the class in S. St. Olaf at 9:30. Then at noon Adolph was there to get me - he had his whole school of 5 (or 3?) along - and then home. Adolph took his pupils down to the mines and Wildwood Park - and then home. Later to Columbus to fill with gas, change oil, etc.

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- 1 - SAT - It rained last night and today. We were up early - at 4:00 a.m. - to get ready to leave for St. Paul. (Mom and Dad, Marie, Adolph and Arlien). We were ready to leave at 5:00 - did not put the chains on so it was a little difficult to get over to the highway but we made it. It kept on raining until we were past Minot - then the clouds seemed to break and we had some sunshine - saa river det i skyerne og faar lidt solskin. We drove by Harvey, Fessenden, Jamestown, Valley City, Fargo. We were there at 4:00. Fergus Falls at 5:00. We ate supper there and then drove on to Alexandria where we got a Tourist Cabin - 2 beds - for \$2.00. Rather cold.
- 2 - SUN - Nice day. We were in St. Paul by 10:00 a.m. Adolph drove on to Decorah, Iowa for Graduation at Luther College. Grandma and Caroline are quite well. Conrad took us out for a ride this p.m. - to Como Park - a great many people there - a very beautiful place. Then on to Phelan Park. Home for supper.
- 3 - MON - Home during the day but in the evening we all went to Como Park again. Arlien especially enjoyed the monkeys and also all the other things. She thinks it is just great.
- 4 - TUES - Today Conrad took the day off from work and we drove to Wisconsin to see Arnt's and Ingeman's - we also went in to Colfax. Marie stayed at home with Caroline who was not feeling so well. Everything was fine in Wisconsin and it looks very beautiful now. It also looks very good in Minnesota this year - as well as in North Dakota. Back to St. Paul in evening.
- 5 - WED - Home today. I am trying to get some studying done but that doesn't work so well - jeg prøver at studere lidt men gaar ei rart.
- 6 - THURS - Today we are planning to start for home again. Marie is going to stay with Grandma and Caroline for awhile and Doris Erickson is coming along home with us. Adolph and Doris came from Decorah at 12:30 and we were ready to leave at 2:00 p.m. We drove the same route home - by Alexandria and Fergus Falls. We came to Fargo a little after 8:00. We got rooms at a private home - 2 beds for \$2.00. In Barnesville we had met 2 Struxness'.
- 7 - FRI - Out quite early and it was a little cold. Drove by Valley City, Steele, and Bismarck. We had some dinner in Bismarck and then we went up to the Historical Building and the Capitol.

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- 7 - FRI - (cont) - We had a little lunch in Minot and were home by 7:00. Everything was fine at home and everything looked nice. I was a little tired after the trip. We had some singing this evening - Doris sings very well - and also plays the piano.
- 8 - SAT - A nice day - studied some. Cloudy later and it looks like rain. Some of them are going to town this p.m. I have 3 services tomorrow - Pentecost. Must mention that while we were gone, Julien and Valla had painted the kitchen very nicely and also some in the basement.
- 9 - SUN - Pentecost Sunday. Norwegian service in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - Valla, Julien and Arlien along. Home. English service in Bethlehem at 1:30. Home briefly - Julien home. Then to Thonson for English service at 4:00. Then home. Julien went with Jim Durick out to their farm for a few days.
- 10 - MON - Conf. classes in S.St.Olaf at 9:30 and Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 11 - TUES - Started with a class in Thonson at 10:00. The young folks went to town tonight to see a show. Julien came home with them.
- 12 - WED - Today I am home alone - studying. All the others went to Hanks. They came home about 9:00 p.m. - brought along a little cultivator and some seed corn. I had some visitors today - Kortgaard and Hollingsworths.
- 13 - THURS - Rain last night and today but I drove over to S.St.Olaf at 9:30 - Julien went along with me. Then to Bethlehem for class at 2:00. Ida and Julien went to town while I had class. This evening we went over to Thingvolds to get 2 small pigs - figured at \$5.00 to apply on salary - at gaa paa prestelon. Adolph to Columbus tonight for Band practice. Valla and Doris along. Very nice now and everything is growing very well - alt vokser godt.
- 14 - FRI - A beautiful sunshiny day - per solskins dag. Now I must study.
- 15 - SAT - Home today - studying. Yesterday - FRI - both the boys were up at Watteruds helping Louie with some carpentering on his barn. Adolph has also been there before. We have rain showers every once in awhile - it rains easily this summer. Everything looks beautiful - it looks promising now for field and pasture - alt er nu pent og trivelig, ser lovende ud paa ager og eng. However, we have not had enough rain to fill the sloughs but we do have water in one slough in the pasture. We have a very nice garden with a little bit of everything planted in it. We have 50 or more little chicks and there are several hens on nests. We also have a pretty flower garden - more than ever before. The grasshoppers have not shown up yet. Have also both wheat and flax in the fields this summer.
- 16 - SUN - A nice day. This was a busy day. Norwegian service in Bethlehem at 10:30. Then to Thonson for Norwegian service at 1:30. All along except Julien. Then to Louie Holte at 3:30 for English service and L.A. Many there.
- 17 - MON - Conf. classes in S.St.Olaf at 9:30 and Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 18 - TUES - Class in Thonson at 2:00 - then to Columbus.

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- 19 - WED - Busy studying for the Stavanger Lag in Williston. The others went to Larson for the funeral of Pete Nord. In the evening Adolph, Julien, Valla and Doris went to Columbus - Band practice. This was our 28th Wedding Anniversary but we were so busy we hardly had time to remember it. Hysjulien came over this evening.
- 20 - THURS - Home. The boys helped Louie Watterud again with some carpenter work. Good rain.
- 21 - FRI - Today we went to Williston for Stavanger Lag - all went except Julien. We drove by Crosby and Hanks. We stopped there briefly and then Thelma went along with us. In Williston we met Ingvald and his family and Lina who had come with Loblands, and a Sandeland boy. They were the only Bohmer there - but there were a great many people. A nice day. We met in the Auditorium - we saw a Norwegian film in the evening. Back to Hanks in the evening.
- 22 - SAT - Back to Williston again. I spoke this p.m. To Hanks in the evening. The little girls had stayed in Hanks with Thelma today.
- 23 - SUN - Today there were services - Klungtvedt and Akre in Norwegian and Nesheim in English. This p.m. everything was in English. Visited Leonard Sendaahl in the hospital - he was a little better. The little girls, Lawrence and Thelma, and Stones went on a picnic. Lina left about 3:00 with Loblands; Ingvald left a little later. We left Williston about 9:00 for Hanks where we stayed until MON. We had met some Stavangers from Montana - en raring - one, a rather odd character.
- 24 - MON - We left Hanks today - drove by Crosby and got our clock. Then by Noonan - Valla wanted to see Dr. Smith. By Larson. There we heard that Ragna Witty had died SAT of stroke and the funeral will be tomorrow at 1:00. By Columbus - then by Watteruds. Both Louie Watterud and Ole Sendaahl are sick with pneumonia. They took Ole to Noonan today but Louie is still at home. They had had the doctor from Flaxton come out to see him. We went up to see him tonight.
- 25 - TUES - Had to get some studying done this morning for the funeral this p.m. Rosholt will also be there. He came out about 11:00. We met in the Witty house at 1:00. Ida, Arlien and I rode with Rosholt - and Doris and Valla drove to church in our car. Rosholt and I sang a hymn at the house and then I read from Revelation for Devotion. The church was completely filled but I believe they were all able to get in. I spoke on the text from John 16:16 - Rosholt also spoke. Doris sang a solo and Doris and Valla sang a duet. After the service we were invited to Hatlelids for lunch and coffee. Many there. Rosholt came along home with us after that. We stopped over at Watteruds for a little while. We telephoned to the doctor for them and then went in to town to get some medicine for them this evening. The boys and girls went in to town for Band practice. Rosholt here until about 11:30.
- 26 - WED - Cloudy - a little rainy. Adolph had read with the class in Bethlehem yesterday a.m.
- 27 - THURS - A nice day. Classes in S.St.Olaf at 9:30 and Thonson at 2:00.
- 28 - FRI - Warm day. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Went to town for Watteruds - Lina went along and sent a telegram to Axel asking him to come home. Louie is about the same. Were also

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- 28 - FRI - (cont) - in town THURS evening - Lina along then too. The boys were over at church on THURS to do some painting. Got some fencing done here today.
- 29 - SAT - We went to Crosby today - paid \$100.00 on the car. Also took in some of the Lag which was meeting there - Adolph and Doris and Valla and I. The Auditorium was full - good program in the evening - a Norwegian play - Skuespil - and folk dancing. Søndhordlands Laget especially good. Thelma, Lawrence and Ada came in the evening to Crosby - then all of us home.
- 30 - SUN - Had not announced any services for today - had planned on going to Crosby for the rest of the Gudbrandsdal Lag but it rained. Lawrence and Thelma left again in the p.m.

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- 1 - MON - Conf. class in S.St.Olaf. 2 - TUES - Classes in Bethlehem and Thorson.
- 3 - WED - Home - studying some for the Circuit Meeting in Zion.
- 4 - THURS - Adolph and Julien and Doris went to Columbus for the big 4th of July Celebration. The Band played - Adolph directs it and Julien plays in it. Rosholt and Waages came out here for dinner - we had a good time and it was a very nice day. Mrs. Waage brought things along for dinner too and we had things here. Later we had lunch and then for supper we roasted weiners - lots of fun. After dark we had some fireworks and later we drove N of Carlsons where we had some more fireworks and could also watch other fireworks. (From this point it was possible to see the flats and even in to Canada). Rosholt brought us home from there and Waages went back to Noonan. It wasn't long before they came home from Columbus. There had been a big crowd there but it had been quite warm. This forenoon Arlien did not think much of the "4th of July". It was too quiet as she was home alone. Ada had gone in to Columbus with them but came out again with Rosholt and Waages when they came at noon. After that everything was fine and she had a good time.
- 5 - FRI - Class in S.St.Olaf at 2:00. 6 - SAT - Classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 - Thorson at 2:00.
- 7 - SUN - Circuit Meeting in Zion congregation. All except Adolph, Valla and Doris went. We should have gone in the forenoon but it was so wet and muddy after the rain last night we waited until the afternoon session. Bergeson had preached this a.m. and spoke again this p.m. Many people. Following his talk we had discussion on the theme chosen for the meeting "Baptism and Confirmation". Arthun and Ranum were not there today.
- 8 - MON - We all went today except Julien. Communion service first and then we continued with the theme discussion. Rain again last night. For over a week now we have had a little rain every day or night. Everything is growing luxuriantly - prodig - yes, even the weeds - selv ugrasset. Not as many at the meeting today.
- 9 - TUES - Conf. classes in S.St.Olaf at 9:30 and Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 10 - WED - Today is Old Settler's Day in Noonan. The boys have to be there with the Band. I took

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- 10 - WED - (cont) - them and Doris in to Noonan this morning - then I came home again. I had class in Thorson at 1:00. This evening after I had finished milking we all drove in to Noonan and we heard the Band play. Then we all went home. Rained again after we came home.
- 11 - THURS - Not so warm today. Class in S. St. Olaf. Several of the church windows are broken - knust eller brekhet. We have had a little hail and some wind but do not know exactly how they were broken. There have been tornadoes with destruction not too far from here.
- 12 - FRI - Class in Bethlehem at 9:30. Adolph along and then went to Columbus. Class in Thorson at 2:00. No rain yesterday nor during the night - other than that we have had rain every day now for 9 - 10 days. Louie Watterud is better now and is able to be up. Axel W. is still there. Old - Gamle - Watterud is about the same. Ole Serdahl is still in Noonan. Mrs. Martin Enget is also sick now. This evening we decided in rather a hurry that we would go to Flaxton for the County Fair. Ida and I and Adolph and Doris went - we got ready and left here about 6:00 p.m. The weather was nice and there were many people there tonight. The Bowbells Band played tonight. There were some good acts and some very fine exhibits to see.
- 13 - SAT - Nice day. Today all except Mamma and me went to Flaxton. The Columbus Band played there today and in the evening. Ada and Arlien were very excited about going to the Fair. They came home around midnight.
- 14 - SUN - Norwegian service in Bethlehem at 10:30 - all along. To Thorson at 1:30 - Norwegian. Adolph and Doris along there. Mamma and Valla stayed at home as we are having S. St. Olaf L.A. and service here at 3:30. Quite a few came - also some from Bethlehem. They took in about \$12.00. Rosholt came home in the evening - was here until quite late. We got a call today from Dr. Payne in Crosby, that Mrs. Martin Enget is very sick and would like to have us get a message to Enget that he should come to Crosby. Adolph drove over there from Bethlehem to let him know. Received \$40.00 in salary in Thorson.
- 15 - MON - Special election - referendum on Sales Tax - and a few local things - one involving the issuing of a license to Kortgaard to hold dances - and a bond issue for road repair. Ida and I and Adolph voted in the a.m. - then down to the Mines store. To S. St. Olaf at 2:00 for class. Very warm - difficult to conduct a class in church. Lunar eclipse tonight.
- 16 - TUES - Classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 and Thorson at 2:00. Cloudy today. Received \$15.00 in salary in Bethlehem - Kleppen. Cloudy but warm. Mrs. Martin Enget is now in Ambrose and is very sick. Stopped in at Breese - Old Mrs. Breese is very sick - unconscious at times.
- 17 - WED - Adolph and Julien over to Bethlehem church today - painting. Ida and I to Columbus.
- 18 - THURS - Class in S. St. Olaf at 9:30. Lessons poorly prepared - especially the boys. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Here it went very well. We also sang a great deal. Tonight Rosholt and Bergeson came out for supper. Louie Watterud and Alvera Simonson were married today in Columbus.

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- 19 - FRI - Rain during the night. Class in Thorson at 9:30. Stopped in at Breese - she is now in the hospital in Wildrose - very ill. Mrs. Martin Enget is in Ambrose. Last night Adolph had to give O.L. Hatlelid and Russell a ride home - quite late. They had had car trouble about a mile east of here. Adolph stayed over night at Hatlelids but came home early enough this morning so I could get out to Thorson by 9:30. Home in the p.m. writing letters. Wrote to Gullixson and a few others - Marine Ins. Co, St. Paul - and Ingvald.
- 20 - SAT - Quite a bit of rain last night but it did not extend very far N of Carlsons. To town in the p.m. Brought Bergeson along home with me and Rosholt came a little later for supper. They both went back to Columbus after supper. Julien went in to town with me - he and Jim Durick and Art Dihle are going to drive west to Montana tomorrow - in an old Ford.
- 21 - SUN - I drove to Columbus quite early this morning to get Rev. Bergeson. He is going to speak in all 3 of my churches today. To S. St. Olaf at 10:30 - he spoke in English. Very good speaker - big crowd there. Mamma was at home this forenoon. To Bethlehem at 1:30 - he spoke in both English and Norwegian. Then home. Valla and the little girls were at home. Then all of us went to Thorson at 4:00. Quite a few there. He spoke in English and then again a little for L.L. The choir sang. L.L. served lunch. The children sang in Bethlehem. Took up a collection in all 3 places - total \$22.86. I took Bergeson in to Columbus this evening - he is staying at Rosholt.
- 22 - MON - Conf. class in S. St. Olaf at 9:30 - had some letters along to E. Dihle and L. Holte. This p.m. the ladies went over to Anton Watteruds for a shower for Lillian Holte. The little girls were at home with me. Great deal of rain to the east of us.
- 23 - TUES - Rainy this forenoon. Conf. class in Bethlehem at 9:30 and Thorson at 2:00. School meeting west at Hatlelids today. 24 - WED - Home for the most - Columbus in p.m.
- 25 - THURS - Class in S. St. Olaf at 9:30. We have decided to have Confirmation August 11. This afternoon the children went to Columbus to see the Circus. Albert Hysjulien has been here mowing hay. Warm today. Julien is in Montana now.
- 26 - FRI - Classes in Bethlehem at 9:30 and Thorson at 2:00. Warm this p.m. I called from the Thorson school house to Battleview and they called Hanks to let them know that we will come out there SUN p.m. They are planning to move to Montana soon. It started raining about 5:00 and continued thruout the evening. Valla had planned and prepared a nice Birthday party and supper and had invited some friends from west but with all that rain no one could come. So - we had a good supper by ourselves and plenty of ice cream. Adolph had gone down to the mines for ice when I was in Bethlehem. Hysjulien has been here raking hay but now he has to harvest his barley and wait with the haying. It seems now that rust has destroyed our wheat - and it looked so nice. (Birthdays were plentiful in July - Doris on the 18th - Adolph on the 25th - and Valla on the 31st). 27 - SAT - Home - studying.

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- 28 - SUN - Norwegian service in S.St.Olaf at 10:30. From there we all went to Hanks. It was a warm day. We got to Hanks about 2:30. The road west from Alamo was very rough. Lawrence and Thelma are soon ready to move out to Montana. They will be leaving TUES evening for Rudyard, Mont. - about 40 miles west of Havre. It became cloudy and about 6:00 it started raining and blowing. We left about 8:00 and drove N on 85. Much rain - hard driving to Stady but from there the road was graveled. Much rain near Crosby and east. Drove by way of A.M. Olson and from there and home the last 2 miles of the trip were really terrible - took a long time.
- 29 - MON - Conf. class in S.St.Olaf at 9:30. There had not been so much rain west of us. At 2:00 to Bethlehem for class. Mamma along to visit Mrs. Brothen.
- 30 - TUES - Class in Thorson at 9:30. Adolph is up at Carlsons today haying. Hysjulien here to finish the hay that is ready. This evening some of Adolph's friends from Bombells came out.
- 31 - WED - Class in S.St.Olaf at 9:30. We had a letter from Julien today. He has gotten a job on a farm near Opheim, Mont. for \$1.50 a day.

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- 1 - THURS - Class in Bethlehem. Started raining. Adolph was at home today. To town in p.m.
- 2 - FRI - Classes in S.St.Olaf at 9:30 and Thorson at 2:00. Rosholt came out at noon for dinner. Then he took Adolph and Doris to Flaxton as they were going to take the train to St. Paul at 3:00 p.m. Ida and I went to Columbus this evening - saw Rosholt. Ticket to St. Paul - \$9.75.
- 3 - SAT - Home - studying. Very busy these days now - 1 or 2 classes each day and the milking etc.
- 4 - SUN - I had Norwegian services for Rosholt in Columbus at 10:00. Valla went along to play. Not too many there. Then to Bethlehem for service at 1:30 - all of us. To Thorson at 3:30. Home by 6:00. Looks like rain. There was L.A. at T.O. Hysjulien in S.St.Olaf today but we did not there - it got to be too late by the time I was finished with all the services. There was baptism in Thorson for Lawrence Oakley, B. June 13 - son of M/M William Roloff.
- 5 - MON - To Columbus in a.m. Class in S.St.Olaf in p.m.
- 6 - TUES - Conf. classes in Thorson at 9:30 and Bethlehem at 2:00. 7 - WED - Class in S.St.Olaf.
- 8 - THURS - Bethlehem. 9 - FRI - Thorson. 10 - SAT - S.St.Olaf at 9:30 - last time before Confirmation which is tomorrow. Became a very warm day.
- 11 - SUN - Cool and cloudy. Then before we were to leave for church we had a heavy rain shower. Confirmation services were announced for 10:30 in S.St.Olaf. For awhile it looked like we would not even be able to go but then the rain let up somewhat so I put the chains on and we all went. It continued raining but we got there by 10:30 and were able to start services at 11:00. All the families that had confirmands were there and also some from Ronholdts and Watteruds but other than that - the people stayed at home today. The service went well - there were 12 in the class. Offering - \$15.15. Members of the class: Kenneth Hatlelid (Oscar);

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- 11 - SUN - (cont) - Lloyd Hovland (Ole); Lloyd Sorlie (Albert); Phillip Lundstad (Ole); Henry Knutson (Ole); Wayne Gunlock (Sam); Murrel Gunlock (Sam); Ada Witty (George); Melba Holte (John); Doris Holte (Louie); Margaret Nordtvedt (Hans); Ruth Witty (Frank).
This evening we went up to Andrew Watterud for a little while - he is about the same.
- 12 - MON - Class in Bethlehem in p.m. 13 - TUES - Thorson at 9:30. 14 - WED - Bethlehem - 2.00. Warm.
- 15 - THURS - A little cooler today. Today Marie is coming from St. Paul. We went in to Columbus in the p.m. - she came on the train about 3:00. Then home before they came from school. The little girls were really excited then. (Cannot be real sure when our school started but it was some time in August so they could have a long winter vacation during the worst part of the winter. Eleonore Farstad, Battlevie, was our teacher).
- 16 - FRI - To Columbus in p.m. Laurits and family came out for supper.
- 17 - SAT - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 9:30 - last time before Confirmation which is tomorrow.
- 18 - SUN - A rainy day. Confirmation service in Bethlehem at 10:30 - we all went from here. The church was full. Very nice service. Offering \$18.80. 10 members in the class: Magne Brothen (Carl); Walter Serdahl (Ole); Einar Lindholm (Eli); Alzada and Mavis Serdahl (Albert); Florine Hollingsworth (Frank); Sylva Serdahl (Ole); Alice Hoff (Even); Evelyn Thingvold (Elvin). Stopped raining around noon. Home for some dinner. Then out to Thorson for English services at 3:00. We were invited over to Overlies for supper - there were also some ladies from McGregor there. Marie and Valla are reluctant to accept the contracts again for \$50.00 a month. The School Board will be meeting tomorrow night to see what they can do.
- 19 - MON - Today we all went to Crosby - well - all except the little girls who are in school now. Marie and Valla wanted to check and see if there were any vacancies around Crosby. I took the Ford to the Ford Shop for oil - adjusting brakes etc. We went up to Rarums - were there for dinner. They and Rosholt are just back from a trip to Yellowstone Park. Hoverstens also came. We were there until late p.m. - about 5:00. Then home - got the milking done in a hurry - then in to Columbus again so Ada and Arlien could see a show - starring a little girl named Shirley Temple. It was very good. When we came out of the theater it was raining - it had been raining for quite awhile. We drove home on the highway to A.M. Olson - that went just fine as long as we were on the highway but when we turned west we slid right off the muddy road into the ditch - and there we were - stuck! I walked up to Olson and got him to come and help us get out. After we got out of the ditch we drove up past his house and then NW. Then we hit a rock - kjorte paa en sten. Could not tell if we damaged the car any - we could not see any. Olson went along with us as far as Trulins and then we drove on from there without any more trouble.
- 20 - TUES - A clear day. Class in Thorson at 9:30. Home in the p.m.
- 21 - WED - Sent a letter to the A.C. in Fargo and wrote to Julien. We had a letter from Adolph

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- 21 - WED - (cont) - yesterday saying he had gotten a teaching job in Hendricks, Minn. school for \$90.00 a month. 22 - THURS - Home. 23 - FRI - Class in Thorson.
- 24 - SAT - Class in S. St. Olaf in a.m. - communion tomorrow. Home in the p.m.
- 25 - SUN - Nice weather today. English communion service in S. St. Olaf at 10:30. Many there. 37 communicants. Baptism for Gloria May, B. Jan. 25 - Parents, Walter and Lillian Witty. All from here along. To Bethlehem at 2:00 - Communion service - both Norwegian and English - 27 communicants here. We went to Brusvers for L.A. after Bethlehem. Then home. This was the 10th Sun. after Trinity.
- 26 - MON - To Columbus in a.m. To Thorson for class at 2:00.
- 27 - TUES - Today I was out shocking flax. Had gotten Ole Serdahl to harvest it last FRI and SAT. Rosholt came out and he also helped me - he was here all day. They are threshing around here today - at Albert Serdahl - Kruetsons - Carlsons - and at other places too I believe. Had a letter from the A.C. today in regard to Julien attending college. He can possibly get some government aid if he goes there. Also received letters from Adolph and Julien. Will go to Williston to meet Julien on TUES. Adolph will start school in Hendricks, Minn. on Sept. 2. Doris will be teaching in Iowa.
- 28 - WED - Cold last night. Class in Thorson at 2:00. 29 - THURS - Home - studying.
- 30 - FRI - Quick trip to Columbus. 31 - SAT - Class in Thorson - last time before Confirmation - we met in the church.

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- 1 - SUN - A nice day. We all went out to Thorson for Confirmation service at 10:30. Big crowd. 10 confirmands. Everything in English today - very good class. Offering - \$22.52. The L.A. served dinner - then the choir sang for awhile. They had also sung during the service. Then in the p.m. we had service with communion - both Norwegian and English - 63 communicants. Then they served coffee again. Home in time to do the milking. Members of the class: Palmer Hanson (Pete); Herman Furness (Carl); Arnold Berg (Martin); Kalmar Overlie (Carl); Norman Overlie (Carl); Melvin Harbig (William); Clara Furness (Carl); Alice Olson (Ole); Berrice Benson (George); Lila Anderson (Erik). Have received something from everyone of the confirmands except one so far.
- 2 - MON - Had thought a little about going out to Montana to get Julien - and then go on west to Ruyard, Mont. to see Thelma and Lawrence - but Julien wrote to say that he would take the train from Nashua on MON and that we could meet him in Williston on TUES - and that seems to be the best way now. The weather has turned much cooler now. To Columbus briefly.
- 3 - TUES - We went to Williston - Marie and Valla along. Cold NW wind and some rain showers. We drove by McGregor, Tioga, Ray and west - we were in Williston about 10:00. Julien was waiting for us at the depot. We did not spend very much time in Williston - then home the same way.

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- 3 - TUES - (cont) - We were home by 1:30. Julien had \$39.00 from what he had earned. We talked and planned about how we could send him to the A.C. in Fargo this year. Rosholt came out this evening and wants us to go along to Fish Lake in Canada tomorrow. We decided that some of us might be able to do that - about noon tomorrow.
- 4 - WED - A nice day - warm and sunny. It took awhile for us to get everything together - bedding, food, etc - and to get it in to town and transferred into Rosholt's car. Mamma and Valla are going along. Julien took us in to town. He and Marie will be at home with the little girls and the teacher. We drove by Northgate, Carlyle, Lake Carlyle and came to Fish Lake about 5:00. It was interesting to see it again after 4 years when we were here before. We rented a 3-room cottage until SAT for \$5.00. Fishing License - \$3.00 for 2 of us for 2 days - and boat \$1.50. Rosholt and I went out fishing for a little while this evening - got only 4.
- 5 - THURS - This forenoon we did not get a thing - they just were not biting. This afternoon Ida and Valla also went along. The lake was so beautiful and still. We tried some still fishing over by the Island and Valla got the most. We also tried some trolling - Rosholt got a big pike. Had 3 big pickerels on the line but they all got away. This evening we got a few pike near the S shore of the lake. We came back to our cabin a little late - very tired - but we had had a lot of fun out of it - meget traet men havde megen moro af det. It is very quiet around here now - not many people staying here but it is a very pretty place.
- 6 - FRI - Rosholt and I went out this forenoon - he got a big pickerel. This p.m. we all went out again - rowed around but did not get much. A wind came up when we were on the S end of the lake so we rowed back to shore as quickly as we could. Then in the evening we tried again - E of the landing - and there we got a few small pike.
- 7 - SAT - We were going to leave for home today but Rosholt wanted to try his luck again - just once more this forenoon, before leaving. We went to the W end of the lake where we had not been before on this trip. We got the boatman to take us over there with his motor boat - it was over 2 miles - and he towed our rowboat behind. It was a very nice day - but we got nothing. We rowed around and kept trying. Then when we were about ready to give up - I got a big pickerel. Then back to the cabin by 1:30. We settled up and then left for home. We had gotten about 24-25 fish - of which 3 were big ones. We were well satisfied and we had had a very enjoyable vacation trip. Rosholt brought us home in the evening.
- 8 - SUN - Home today - had not announced any services for today.
- 9 - MON - A nice day - got the flax threshed this p.m. by Albert Sendahl. 90 bu. gross but there is a great deal of dockage - only about 65 bu. net. Ole Olson hauled it in the same day in his truck - \$1.26 per bu. - came to \$81.90. Most of this will go to Julien when he leaves for Fargo on Sept. 12. 10 - TUES - Julien and Valla to Crosby - some dental work.
- 11 - WED - Julien and I fixed up the telephone line - cold and cloudy. Julien has also been doing

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- 11 - WED - (cont) - some more painting on the house.
- 12 - THURS - Today is Ida's 52nd birthday. We took Julien in to Columbus about 11:00 and he left on the train at 12:20 for Fargo. The ticket cost \$5.47 - he has to change trains in Valley City. So now I am alone with the chores again for awhile. I gave him \$50.00. Sent the 4th payment on the car - \$20.00; and to Augsburg Publishing House for Bibles \$11.23. Cloudy.
- 13 - FRI - Cloudy this forenoon but sunshine later in the day. Good threshing weather but most are finished by now. Much of the wheat was not even threshed. Here there was only straw - and some fields up here in the Hills were not even harvested. Had a letter from Thelma - everything fine out there. Studying both FRI and SAT - 2 Norwegian services on SUN.
- 15 - SUN - A nice day. Norwegian services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 and Bethlehem at 3:00. The home.
- 16 - MON - Nice in the forenoon but windy later in the day. Took Marie and Valla out S to their school house - they are going to do some painting and clearing in the teacherage. Went out later in the evening to get them. Also stopped over to see Mrs. Walseth. Some wind and rain showers during the day. Also went to the mines and Andrew Peterson.
- 17 - TUES - Took the radio in to Columbus - got 2 new tubes for it. Also did some painting.
- 18 - WED - More painting. Hysjulien and Hovland were haying here today - also THURS and finished in the evening. To town on WED - sent \$30.00 to Julien and he will need more soon.
- 19 - THURS - J. Holte came over here to talk to Hysjulien about roads. He gave me \$3.00 in salary and promised to haul some coal.
- 20 - FRI - A nice day. Have not so much to do today except prepare for the L.L. here on SUN.
- 21 - SAT - An unusually beautiful day - very mild. Hysjulien hauled over some benches from the S.St.Olaf church - 19 in all.
- 22 - SUN - There was a rather cold wind this forenoon. Marie and Valla had planned to meet with the children out in Thorson school house to practice with them so they could sing this p.m. at the L.L. Rally here - but - Ak og ve - alas, I could not get the car started. No life in it at all. Valla ran in a hurry - for i en hast - up to Louie Watterud and got him to take them out to Ole Olsons and from there they had a ride with them out to the school house. Louie Watterud stopped by here on the way back, to check over the car - but we could not do a thing with it. It was dead. Could be that the heater has something to do with it. Olaf Olson brought the girls home around noon. Rosholt came out then and we had dinner. Next, the Brothen family came. The boys set up the stand where they were going to sell ice cream, pop, etc. It turned out to be a nice warm day by afternoon and many people came. It was very nice down in our park - with benches set up - and they had brought the piano down there too. The flowers were still so nice - it was a beautiful place to meet. Aarhuns, Waages and Ranums also came. The ministers gave short talks - there was group singing by all - solos - choirs - quartets - and the massed choir - det store kor - all very good. Most people had brought their

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- 22 - SUN - (cont) - lunches along - and coffee was served free to all. There was also opportunity to buy some things at the stand. It was a beautiful and successful day - en smuk vellykket dag.
- 23 - MON - Louie Watterud and I hauled wheat shocks today. Durick came out here with some kerosene and a battery for the car but that battery did not fit my car. I called Rosholt and asked if he would bring the one out that they would be ordering from Minot for me - on TUES.
- 24 - TUES - Another nice day. Rosholt came out with the battery - and this one fit so I got it set in the car and got the car started.
- 25 - WED - Colder. Washed clothes this a.m. To Columbus in the p.m. Marie and Valla had to buy some groceries and provisions to take along S to their teacherage.
- 26 - THURS - I took the girls out S today - they have a lot of things to do out there. Nice day after a cold night. Had both a letter and card from Julien today. Mamma and the girls had sent a box of candy and other things to each of the boys. Ole Vangen is having a sale today.
- 27 - FRI - Nice during the day and cold during the night. Have dug up some of the potatoes.
- 28 - SAT - Olaf Olson came with a truck load of coal and then the girls got him to take a trunk and some boxes along S to school and then they also had a ride with him out there so they could do some more fixing before school starts on MON.
- 29 - SUN - A nice day. Ida and I and the little girls went S to the school house. Marie and Valla were ready to go along with us to the Thorson church for Norwegian services. Quite a few there. There was a Rodeo in Columbus today - yesterday too. There had been a big crowd there but some said it was a "bum show". A son of E. Stompro was killed in an automobile accident - he was badly injured tonight and died on TUES in Minot. A. Odlegaards car was also stolen. We left Marie and Valla at the schoolhouse after church - had dinner there with them. Then we went by N. Kleppen - left Levina and Ada and Arlien there - there were many at Kleppens. We went over to Herlands - then to Hoies - and then back to Kleppens where we were asked to stay for supper. To Watteruds in the evening - he is about the same.
- 30 - MON - A nice day - dug up more potatoes. Louie Watterud is sowing rye here. The girls started teaching in their school today.

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- 1 - TUES - Dug more potatoes. Over to Brusvens to get some carrots - by Andrew Petersons - the mines - to Columbus. Olaf Olson here with 5400# of coal from the Truax Mine - the first load was from Bonsness mine - 5300#.
- 2 - WED - This p.m. Olaf brought a 3rd load from Truax mine - 5400#. Had a letter from Julien - he has not gotten any special work but has plenty to do. He is also playing in the Military Band. This evening we went out to get Marie and Valla - then all of us went to Columbus to the church. Rev. Fylling showed slides and spoke about the work being done in our State Institutions. The girls stayed at home tonight.

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- 3 - THURS - Out early today and took the girls S to school again. Frost last night. Yesterday was the beginning of a battle - sammenstot - between Italy and Ethiopia. Today we have heard that there were some bombardments. Home the rest of the day.
- 4 - FRI - Dug some potatoes. Also to Columbus - sent \$20.00 to Julien. Drove by Burau and Sorlie - some brief visits. The little girls were here alone when we came home - teacher had left for Battleviue. Did not go out to get Marie and Valla tonight.
- 5 - SAT - Studied in a.m. Out to get the girls at noon.
- 6 - SUN - English services in S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Before I left for church, Olaf and Korman Anderson came over to tell me that their mother had died yesterday in Noonan - she had only been sick for a few days. Funeral will be tomorrow at 3:00. Quite a few in church today - Marie along from here. Mission Box offering - \$20.29. Home for dinner. Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 3:00. Quite a few there too. Mission Boxes - \$17.88. There was L.A. at Mrs. Burau but we did not have time to go there too. From Bethlehem we drove S to Thonson with the girls. We had all been invited to come over to Rysgaards so went there first. We were there until about 8:00. There were others there too - from Davidsons - Spangeruds - Stavems. Then by the school house and home.
- 7 - MON - Studied for the funeral this a.m. Left about 2:30 for S.St.Olaf. The little girls stayed at Kleppens - no school today on this week. (Eleanore Farstad's brother was married in Buxton on Tues. and Fri. there was Teacher's Institute). Funeral for Mrs Andrew N. Anderson, 70, at 3:00. Mrs. Burau and Mrs. Sorlie came home with us from church and were here for supper. We took them home later in the evening. Mrs. Burau will be leaving for Minn. soon to see her elderly parents.
- 8 - TUES - Home. Dug up the rest of the potatoes - and a few other jobs to get done. To town this p.m. Terrible dust storm. Turned cold - froze during the night.
- 9 - WED - Cold today too. Have caught a cold. To Theo. Westernness in p.m. Today we heard some Leif Erickson programs on the radio - programs from places in the east - and even some from Norway. This evening we heard some programs from Minot.
- 10 - THURS - My cold is no better - maybe worse. Went out to get the girls this p.m.
- 11 - FRI - Up early - took Marie and Valla in to Larson for Teacher's Institute. I went to Columbus - got some Prestone on the radiator - 2½ gallons @ \$2.70 per gal. but did not pay for it today. Also got the car heater fixed. Went up to Rosholt for a little while - he is going to bring Marie and Valla home this evening. Sent in the Mission Box offering from S.St.Olaf and Bethlehem - \$39.17 total; \$21.12 from S.St.Olaf and \$18.05 from Bethlehem. Sent \$2.70 to Minot Daily News and \$1.00 to Visergutten. Did a little shopping - handler lidt. Rosholt and the girls came about 5:00 and we had a good chicken supper. Then quite suddenly we decided to drive out to Powers Lake to see the Norwegian film, "Liv". We all drove in Rosholt's

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- 11 - FRI - (cont) - car and we got there at 7:30 in time for the first show. It cost 35¢ for adults and 10¢ for children and this was Marie's treat - \$1.99 (including 4¢ tax). Nice moonlight evening for driving. Rosholt stopped in at home for coffee and lunch and left at about midnight.
- 12 - SAT - This is Columbus Day. Home - studying. Nice day. My cold is better.
- 13 - SUN - A little colder today. To Thorson for English service at 2:00. All from here along.
- 14 - MON - Home for the most this week. Over to Westernness one day. Studying for meeting.
- 18 - FRI - Ida and I went to Plummer today for Circuit Meeting - SW of Crosby. A nice day. We drove west from Carlsons. All the pastors were there. Discussion centered on "Stewardship" and all of us took some part in that.
- 19 - SAT - Out to get the girls about noon. Valla has a very bad cold. They were supposed to be in McGregor tonight for a program - Valla had been asked to sing - but she couldn't now.
- 20 - SUN - English services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - Marie along. Norwegian services in S. St. Olaf at 2:00 - Thelma Hattelid played. Out to Thorson school in the evening.
- 21 - MON - Quick trip to town. 22 - ~~TUES~~ Pastoral Conference in Crosby - all there. Nice day.
- 23 - WED - Home. 24 - ~~THURS~~ Bethlehem L.A. here today. Quite a few came - they had their annual meeting. Marie and Valla came here after school with Bergs and Olsons and then I took them south later in the evening. On TUES I had sent \$13.00 to Julien.
- 25 - FRI - Nice day. At home. In the evening I went out to get the girls after school. Valla has a very bad cold - went right to bed when she came home - stayed there on SAT too.
- 26 - SAT - Marie and I went to Columbus this p.m.
- 27 - SUN - A nice day. To Thorson at 2:00 for Norwegian service. Marie and the 2 little girls along but they stopped off at school. We had gone by Ole Olsons first to see if Inga could come along out to school for Valla as she is sick in bed at home. Inga came out to school this p.m. There was no organist in church today as Mrs. Rysgaard was gone - over at Furness as there were some there from Alamo. Home - but first stopped by school again.
- 28 - MON - Now our nice weather seems to have come to an end. Cold and foggy today. Valla is in bed. 29 - ~~TUES~~ Same kind of weather but colder. Very wet fog that settles and freezes to ice on everything. I think the telephone lines must be broken in some places. Had to go to town today to get some medicine for Valla.
- 30 - WED - Cold and a little snow - the ground is now white. Miss Farstad could not get her car started today. We worked with it but could not get it to start - so then I took them over in my car. It continued snowing. Had to get the cows in today - it is cold out and everything is covered with ice. Had to get some hay in. Studied some. Went to school to get them in p.m. Valla is up now but has a bad cough yet.
- 31 - THURS - Still just as cold. S. St. Olaf L.A. at Ole Hovlands - Ida along. We took Hysjulien

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31 - THURS - (cont) - along. We drove on the new road which is very nice. Not very many there today. From Sorlies Mrs and Marvin - O. Ronholdt and Hazel - Mr and Mrs Rolla Marston - Louie Holtes - and that was all.

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- 1 - FRI - Cold. Went out to get Marie. Valla still has a bad cold.
- 2 - SAT - We think it is best for Valla to be in bed for awhile and doctor her cold and cough. I also have a cold. Marie and I went to town - had to borrow \$50.00 from Marie to send to Julien.
- 3 - SUN - English service in S. St. Olaf at 11:00 - just a few there. To Bethlehem for Norwegian service at 2:00 - more there. Then we all went from church over to Nels Kleppens for a Surprise and Farewell party for Hoies who are soon moving to Williston. Quite a few there. I spoke a little - lunch was served - and Nels Kleppen had taken up a collection to be given as a gift to them. Valla and the little girls were at home - Mamma and Marie were along with me. We were about the first to leave from Kleppens. Then took Marie S to school. Stopped by Olsons to get Inga to go along again. They had company so I left Marie there and they will take Marie and Inga S later.
- 4 - MON - Quite cold now. Valla is better today.
- 5 - TUES - 14 below zero today and there is a little snow coming down. Took the teacher and the little girls over to school. Stopped at Magne Kleppen and we decided that it would be a good idea if we had school at our place now and close up the school house during the cold weather. When I went to get them after school today they packed up the books and all the things they needed for school and brought them along home. Albert Serdahl, who is Pres. of the School Board was also there. Valla is feeling so much better now that she feels she wants to get started with school again - so I took her S this evening.
- 6 - WED - Today the "upstairs school" is in session and it is working out just fine. It was a milder day today - got up to 35 degrees. THURS was also quite nice but a little colder and some snow. FRI it snowed all day. There was L.A. at Nels Kleppens today. We were undecided about whether or not we should go - but then decided to go. The little girls also went along. Teacher left for Battleview shortly after dinner today. We drove without chains. Not very many at Kleppens. We found that it was harder to drive home - especially from the Olson corner - without chains. The snow was deep in many places. I did not go out to get Marie and Valla today. I have a cold now.
- 9 - SAT - Still snowing and it is cold. It is best to be in the house now. Winter came in a hurry and in earnest - vinteren kom hastig og alvorlig. It has been down to 18 below zero and for several days now it has been below zero.

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- 10 - SUN - Should have been in Thorson today but gave up on that - too much snow for car driving and besides that I have a cold and a cough. I do feel better, however.
- 11 - MON - Stormy today - but they did come from Battleview with the teacher. We also sent along some things with Farstads for the girls so they got it the same day.
- 12 - TUES - Still storming - even worse than yesterday. Elmer Olson came here this evening with the message that Carl Furness was very sick - in the hospital in Powers Lake - and they were very anxious that I should come out to see him. It was too late to try to get out there tonight in this weather and roads as they are. Elmer stayed here over night and will go with me tomorrow.
- 13 - WED - We started out this morning - there was a great deal of snow near Carlsons and we had to get help to get thru. Then E to the highway and S. It continued snowing. We stopped in at Herlands briefly. Then when we got to Battleview we met Rysgaard and Gilbert Hanson - with truck. They were on their way to Powers Lake to get Furness. He had died last night - double pneumonia. We then drove over to Furness' to talk with her. She is very sad and depressed - meget nedtrykt. The funeral will be on SAT at 1:00. On the way home I stopped in at Herlands again and she went to communion. The snow had stopped by now but I got stuck W of Anton Olson - had to get him to help me get out. Then I drove my car over to his place and left it there. Olson took us home from there with sled and horses that evening but before we got home the tongue of the sled broke so we had to leave the sled standing and we walked the rest of the way home.
- 14 - THURS - Olson came by with horses today and I went back to his place with him. We then drove in to town with my car - got the light fixed - had broken a headlight. Will also have to get a new clutch but there was not enough time today. Drove home on the highway by Olson and then right west. It was a little better today but got stuck by the Trulin hill. Just at that time Olaf Olson came by with team and sled and helped me out. He had just come from home as he had brought Marie and Valla home. There was no school the last 2 days because of the death of Carl Furness.
- 15 - FRI - Stormy again. Studied some. In the evening I went up to Louie Watterud to see about getting a team to drive S to Olsons tomorrow.
- 16 - SAT - A nice day. Louie Watterud came about 9:30 with the team and Marie, Valla and I left. We drove out to Ole Olsons and then had a ride with them in car. There was so much snow in some places that we had to stop and shovel first but we got thru. We got out to the Furness house before 1:00. There were many people there - more than could get in the house. I had Devotion and a short Meditation. We sang "Gaa Nu hen og grav min grav" (Hymn book). Then there was a Norwegian song by the choir from McGregor, "Snart Min Aften Klokke Slaar". Then we went over to church. There were many there already so by the time all of us came

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- 16 - SAT - (cont) - from the house - there was not nearly enough room for all to get in the church and find a place to sit. I spoke in both Norwegian and English. The McGregor choir sang several numbers - one of which was, "Naar of Hvon" - one of Furness's favorites - en af hans yndede sange. His death is very sad for his family - as well as for the whole community. Olsons drove back by way of Wicks and the school house - but Marie and Valla went along to Olsons too (for the rest of the weekend). I got the horses hitched up and drove on home. The mailman had been by today - Hannis had not come by yesterday but he used his Snowmobile today. Furness was only 48½ years old.
- 17 - SUN - A nice day. Had announced services for S. St. Olaf today - in church - but then later changed it to meet at Nortvedts at 1:00 to celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary which is Nov. 18. I cannot get thru with car - and I do not have horses to drive with now so I will have to stay at home - unless someone from W should happen to come by and get me - and I doubt that. I really would just as soon stay at home. I have had a cough and a cold now for several weeks - but was considerably better yesterday and today. There is so much sickness around - colds - pleurisy - pneumonia. Mathias Brusven died of double pneumonia - the same as Furness. There are many others who are seriously ill also. This evening Mrs. Watterud came over - Louie drove. I had walked over there earlier in the day to find out from her a little more about scarlet fever. We are afraid that Arlien may have it. She is very sick - has been all day - but it must be measles - the hardest kind.
- 18 - MON - My cold is better - but Arlien is not. This evening was the worst for her.
- 19 - TUES - She seems to be a little better today so maybe the worst is over. Every day for the rest of the week she seemed to improve little by little. I have been staying in the house as much as possible these days too and my cough and cold are much better now. Miss Farstad went home today FRI - they came with car to get her. Arlien had been at school a little today and also a little yesterday (upstairs). Marie and Valla will have to stay out at their school one more week. Got a steer butchered on WED - took it over to Albert Serdahl. Also had a small pig butchered earlier. Now have one, a little bigger, left. Today - FRI - was a nice day. 23 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 24 - SUN - Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 2:00 - Thanksgiving Sermon. I haven't used my car for awhile now - but Farstads and Serdahls are driving with car. I had a ride over to church with Albert Serdahl - he drove with car. Not very good roads but we got thru. Mamma and the little girls were at home. Quite a few in church. A foggy day.
- 25 - MON - Weather quite nice today. Annual congregation meeting in S. St. Olaf church at 1:30. I had a ride with Hannis (mail man) over to Albert Hysjulien and he drove with team and sled over to church - Ronholdt also rode along. Neither of them had been at Nortvedts on the 17th either - had not been very many there - impossible to get thru with cars.

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- 25 - MON - (cont) - Meeting opened with Devotion - Philippians 3:12 - - followed by my report. Secr. report heard and accepted; Treas. report heard but not much to report. Home Mission Aid of \$350.00 has been received - and from the congregation, \$35.00 from the L.A. and \$15.00 previously from Congregation and now \$23.00, and a little more counted in coal and feed - making a total of \$108.00 from the congregation but the L.A. has promised more and the congregation is also promising to try to collect some more. Election: - Secr - S.O.Berg; Treas - O.L.Hatlelid; Trustee - L.Holte (3). Janitors - as before. No new man on School Committee. They decided to start using the plate system for collections at each service now. I will write to M.Glasoe about making some wooden plates. Harold Sandberg and Ryden Berg to take collections, with Milo Dihle and Russell Hatlelid, Orland Budke and Edwin Haraseth as alternates. Application to Home Mission for help again was discussed. They decided to ask for the same amount as last year - \$400.00. They had then sent \$360.00. The secr. will write a letter to accompany the application, explaining our circumstances. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer - Herren's Bon. Present were: Albert Hysjulien, O.Ronholdt, S.O.Berg, M.M. Sandberg, O.L.Hatlelid, L.Holte, O.Hovland.
- 26 - TUES - Home. 27 - WED - Quite nice weather but the snow remains. Marie and Valla came home this evening with Farstads when they came to get Eleanore. We had asked them to drive past the school house before coming here.
- 28 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. A nice day. Services in S.St.Olaf. I went up to Louie Watterud to get a team. Ida went along with me to church and Marie, Valla and the little girls were at home. It was a nice day - not at all cold. We went by Albert Hysjuliens and Mrs. and Phillip went along with us. S.O.Berg had warmed up the church. Not so very many out today. Thelma Hatlelid played. I got \$35.00 from the L.A. today and \$5.00 from Mrs. Albert Sorlie. Then on SAT - 30th - \$5.00 from A.Haraseth. Home from church for a nice dinner. We did not have turkey today. We had beef steak. Julien is in Fargo and Adolph is in Decorah.
- 29 - FRI - To Thorson for Norwegian and English service at 1:00 with Annual meeting following. Marie went along to play. Used Louie Watterud's team and we drove as far as Martin Bergs and then rode with them to church. Ole Olson was in McGregor and M.Berg was working on the road. Meeting followed the service: I gave my report on the work of the past year. Nels Hanson was elected to fill the position of secretary left vacant due to the recent death of Carl Furness. The Treas. reported that \$90.00 had come in now and \$40.00 previously. Election: Treas - M.Sathre; Trustee - C.Overlie (3); School Committee - Martin Berg (3); Janitor - as before. The application for aid from Home Mission discussed and signed. Believe that was all. The L.A. served dinner. I paid \$2.50 interest to the L.L.
- 30 - SAT - The Annual Meeting for Bethlehem which was to have been today was postponed for 1 week as this was the day they were all to be in Columbus to get their wheat checks. Valla and I had a ride with Louie Watterud over to Anton Olson and then went along to town with him.

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30 - SAT - (cont) - There were a great many people in town today. Valla had a ride home with Albert Serdahl in car - he drove by A.Olson. Marie and Valla were invited over to Yahn's this afternoon for a shower for the newlyweds - Clifford S. and Irene Yahn. There were not so very many there. Albert took the girls over there and then they had a ride home with Louie Watterud and Mrs (Alvera Simonson).

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- 1 - SUN - A nice day but had not announced any services for today. I used Louie's team this p.m. to take Marie and Valla out to O.Olsons and then Olaf took them S to school.
- 2 - MON - A nice day. Got the hay shed filled up again. Today Magne Kleppen and Arneson are out fixing up the broken telephone line between us and Carlsons. This job is being done now by people who are on relief.
- 3 - TUES - Sent some M.O.s yesterday and some today. A foggy day. We are continuing with school classes upstairs. 4 - ~~WED~~ - A nice day. Went up to Watteruds in the p.m. He is about the same. Nice the next few days too. Doing some studying these days.
- 7 - SAT - Another nice day but the snow still lays there - not warm enough to thaw. Annual Meeting in Bethlehem at 2:00. I walked over. There is a good track, however, as cars and trucks have been driving thru. Forstads came yesterday to get Eleanore and our school will be closed for awhile now. Marie and Valla did not come home this weekend. There were only 8 that came to the meeting. This meeting had been postponed from last SAT. We will be having English service in Bethlehem tomorrow and plan to ride with Louie Watterud then.
- Meeting opened with Devotion - read from Luke 12:35 - - in Norwegian. Then read my report of the work done during the past year - this in English. Reports from Secr and Treas. Treas report for 1934 accepted and also for 1935. Had received \$108.00 previously and now \$26.30 has come in. Received in cash \$11.30 - they had to reserve \$15.00 for church insurance. They are planning to change insurance companies - will drop the Flaxton Co. and insure in another one. They will see O.L.Hatlelid about that. They are still expecting to get in \$20.00 more which will apply to my salary and with credit given to Harry Stock for \$10.00 it was counted today as \$21.30 and \$108.00 previously. Election: Secr - A.M.Olson; Treas - Melvin Pederson; Trustee - L.Adamson; School Committee - Ed Hallum (3); Janitor - as before. The application to Home Mission for aid was signed. Some discussion on repairs for the furnace. Present: O.A.Olson, Harry Stock, M.Pederson, N.Kleppen, C.Brothen, A.M.Olson, Ed Hallum, Elvin Thingvold.
- 8 - SUN - This was a nice day. Mr and Mrs Louie Watterud came over here before 1:00 and sat here for a little while to listen to the radio - then we all went along with them over to Bethlehem church - Ida and the 2 little girls also along. Quite a few in church. Service in English. Mr and Mrs Harry Stock came today too - also the newlyweds - Mr and Mrs Clifford Serdahl.

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- 8 - SUN - (cont) - Watteruds stopped in for awhile when we came back from church.
- 9 - MON - Turned colder - down to 16 below. 10 - TUES - Cold again this morning but it was better later on in the day. Louie Watterud and Magne Kleppen came over in the p.m. and butchered my other pig. Received a letter from Mandius today - he has been sick for awhile.
- 11 - WED - Looks like a nice day. Plan to go to town with Ole Serdahl. He came by at 9:00 with team and sled. There were a few raindrops and sleighing was good. Bought some things for Christmas - including a Christmas Tree. Brought along some beef and pork to Laurits. Had dinner with them. Sent \$20.00 for car payment - \$10.00 to Ole Vangen for oats - \$3.00 to Veterans Association in Washington, D.C.
- 12 - THURS - Nice - but foggy. About the same on FRI. Have recently sent \$15.00 to Julien for traveling money - reise penge. He is thru on the 14th and will be in Columbus on the 16th.
- 14 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 15 - SUN - Norwegian service in S. St. Olaf at 11:30 - nice weather and quite a few there. We used Louie Watterud's team and Mamma and the 2 little girls went along - but Arlien stopped off at Kleppens. After services the adults had choir practice - Thelma Hattelid and Linda Berg are arranging this. We stopped in at Magne's on the way home and were invited to stay for dinner. We were there for awhile this p.m.
- 16 - MON - Used Louie's team again and at about 11:00 I drove over to Anton Olson and then rode with him in to Columbus. We are expecting Julien today. Also have a little more shopping to do. Julien had come to Columbus yesterday. And then home. I bought 2 sacks of wheat from A. Olson for chicken feed.
- 20 - FRI - This week went fast. Julien is happy to be home again but is planning to go back again to Fargo about New Year's time. Studying off and on - af og til. The weather is good - not at all cold. Julien used Watterud's team and drove S today to get the girls. Marie has a very bad cold now and had to go right to bed. The girls have prepared a great Christmas program for Christmas Day out in Thorson.
- 22 - SUN - Home today - no services announced. We have sent many packages for Christmas and about 100 cards and letters and have also received a great many already.
- 23 - MON - This p.m. there was rehearsal for the Christmas program in S. St. Olaf church. Julien got a team from Ole Serdahl and drove over with Valla and the 2 little girls. Marie is feeling better but decided to stay at home. Today we received a package in the mail from O'Melia - a box of shelled pecans (a box the size of a shoe box). We also received a nice box of candy and nuts from Thelma.
- 24 - TUES - Christmas Eve. The weather changed and today we have a ferocious snowstorm - rykende - from NW and it was cold. Not good to be outside today. We are all at home - and in the house - decorating the Christmas Tree and getting ready for our Christmas festivities - pynter op til

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- 24 - TUES - (cont) - Julefest. We are going to have our Christmas Tree this evening. There are many gifts here and we have a very nice little Christmas Tree. After a good Christmas Eve supper we all went into the front room. First we sang Christmas songs - Arlien sang her song "Away in a Manger". She sings it so nicely - saa pent - and will be singing it for the program in the S.St.Olaf church. Then the reading of the Christmas Story. And then there were gifts for everyone. Ada and Arlien received a great many of course. We stayed up quite late - the weather is so bad we cannot possibly think about going out to Thorson tomorrow now.
- 25 - WED - Christmas Day. Glædelig Jul! The storm seems to be over but it is cold and there has been a great deal of drifting. I tried to call out to Thorson - by way of L.Holtes - but could not get them. Then about 11:00 Mrs. L.Holte called here - for Overlie - wondering if it was going to be possible for me to come. I got a message back to them that we would have services out there on SUN - 29 - instead. We have it very nice and cozy here at home today - listening to so many wonderful Christmas programs on the radio.
- 26 - THURS - 2nd Christmas Day. The weather is better today. Today we all went to S.St.Olaf at 11:30 - English service with Christmas Tree and program following the service. Thelma Hatteid and Linda Berg have taken the responsibility for preparing the program - with their school children. They presented a very nice pageant - "The First Christmas". Ada takes the part of the Angel that appears to the Shepherds - Engelen som kommer til Hyrderne. The choir sang - Valla sang - everything went so well. And Arlien sang. Everything went so nicely and there were many people there today in spite of the rather cold weather. We used Watterud's team - came home about 4:00. It had not even gotten cold in the house. There were gifts by the tree - and apples and sacks of candy and nuts. Offering - \$24.68.
- 27 - FRI - 3rd Christmas Day. To Bethlehem at 11:30 for Norwegian and English service. No Christmas Tree here - not very many people either - ei mange folk heller. Offering - \$9.00.
- 28 - SAT - Today we are at home - no services. Marie had stayed over at A.Olson yesterday after services and went along in to Columbus and stayed there until today. Then she came out with Rosholt as far as Olsons - and then Olson brought Marie and Rosholt over here for dinner. Mr and Mrs Olson and Alice, and Mr and Mrs Albert Hysjulien also came over for dinner. We had a very nice dinner and a nice afternoon. Rosholt stayed overnight here so he could go along with us to Thorson tomorrow to hear the girl's Christmas program.
- 29 - SUN - We used Louie Watterud's team again and left here about 8:30. Julien and the little girls are going to stay at home today but they did ride along with us over to A.Olsons and then they drove back home again. They will drive over to Olsons again later on to get us. We decided to drive in 2 cars from Olsons - both Rosholt's and Olson's - as there were too many for 1 car and Olson and Alice wanted to go along also. We had to put chains on when we came out to P.Olson - and even at that it was hard to drive that $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west. Then there was a stretch of good road to M.Sathre - but that was as far as we could drive with car.

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29 - SUN - (cont) - Some of us rode with Sathres and some in Fredrickson's bus. Services started at 12:00. We sang the hymns in both Norwegian and English - whichever they preferred to sing - and it went very well - vi synger samme salmen Norsk og Engelsk og det gaar godt. Excellent congregation singing. The Choir sang 2 Christmas songs and Valla sang one. I spoke in Norwegian and Rosholt briefly in English. Offering - \$15.25 and \$2.00 in salary from Benson. Then we had Christmas Tree and program - the Cantata by the children. It was really remarkable how those children could sing - det var rent storartet som barna sang. It was so beautiful and everything was so well organized. There were 24 children. They also sang some in Norwegian for Grandma Wold. The L.L. served lunch and then we had to leave again - back to M. Sathres first - and then home. It was almost dark by the time we came to A. Olsons. Julien and the little girls were there. He went in to Columbus then with Rosholt and I drove home, and then took the team back to Watteruds. So now all the Christmas services are over - for another year.

30 - MON - Julien came home about noon today. He will be going to town tomorrow and then New Year's Day will take the train to Fargo again.

31 - TUES - And so we come to the end of this year. Julien went up to Watteruds to get their team and then we drove over to A. Olson thus p.m. and we went in to Columbus with him. I had a little shopping to do. Julien is going out to Vigens this evening and then tomorrow he and Tillman will take the train to Fargo in the a.m. We were up quite late tonight - but did go to bed about 11:00. Marie had slept for awhile - taken a nap - and got up then and saw the New Year in. Yes - when we look back over this old year - we can see that God has been good to us and has given us more than we have deserved. We have been healthy - I have received more of my salary and other things - coal, meat, etc - than I could have figured on. Thanks be to God for all. May we enter into this New Year as better people - cleansed from our sins in Jesus Blood - and begin this New Year with Jesus and in Jesus Name - and in all we do, and say, and think - may it be to the Glory of God. So Thanks for All in Jesus Name.

Ja, naar vi ser tilbage paa det gamle aar - saa maa vi sige Gud har vaeret god mod os og har givet os mer end vi har fortjent. Vi har vaeret friske - og faaet ind mer i lon og andet end vi havde gjort beregning paa. Gud ske tak for alt. Maa vi gaa ind i Nyaaret som bedre mennesker - rensed fra vore synder i Jesus Blod - og begynde Nyaaret med Jesus og i Jesu Navn - og i alt hvad vi gjoer og taler og taenker maa det vaere hvad som Ham behager. Saa Tak for alt i Jesu Navn.

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- 1 - WED - Glædeligt Nytt Aar i Jesu Navn. Today we are home as I have no services announced. It was quite a nice day.
- 2 - THURS - Foggy - not very cold. Today we go to Bethlehem for the funeral of Elvin and Elsie Thingvold's little baby girl that had died Dec. 27 - 8 days after birth. Louie and Vera Watterud came by here at 1:00 and we rode along with them - Ida, Marie and I. Not very many in church. I spoke in Norwegian. Louie and Vera stopped in at our place for awhile afterwards - then Magne Kleppen and family came also - they were here until about 11:00.
- 3 - FRI - Cold today - with a NW wind. It had started blowing last night and continued today. It is best to spend time in the house as much as possible. We washed clothes.
- 4 - SAT - Studying. Services tomorrow in S. St. Olaf. Marie and Valla are busy today - getting their things together and getting packed up to go S again - this will be on MON.
- 5 - SUN - Zero weather - and it is thick and stormy - new snow coming too. Did not go to S. St. Olaf today - do not believe that anyone would try to get out today. It turned colder and this p.m. the wind was from NW. This p.m. I did go over to Watteruds to find out if he could take Marie and Valla out S tomorrow.
- 6 - MON - Louie came about 10:30 - then we got all their things loaded into the big sled and they left about 11:30. It was quite cold - about 20 below zero - but there was no wind. He came by here again about 4:00. The trip had gone just fine in spite of all the snow. It was colder again this evening.
- 7 - TUES - The girls begin with school again today. Wind from S and there is some drifting but it is not quite so cold. We had a letter from Thelma on SAT - there is no winter out there (Rudyard, Mont.). They are in a very good farming area and have been invited to many places - ude paa gjestebud. We had a letter from Julien yesterday - MON - school has started again and he had to buy 3 new books which came to \$10.00.
- 8 - WED - Quite nice today - nicer than yesterday. Got the hay shed filled with hay - cleaned out the S well a little also - and other outdoor chores.
- 9 - THURS - Nice today too. Louie went to the mines today - he also did some errands for us. We sent along 4½ dozen eggs - 30¢ a doz. now. 10 - FRI - Quite cold.
- 11 - SAT - Today we have a real snowstorm from SE.
- 12 - SUN - Had announced services in Bethlehem at 1:30. There are some enormous drifts around now. I had gotten Louie's team and started driving - but did not go very far. I turned around and came home as the drifts were too big to get thru. Wrote letters in the p.m.
- 13 - MON - Quite cold today. 14 - TUES - The same today - very cold. Have decided that I am not going to announce any services now until we have a change in the weather. Last SAT I sent \$15.00 to Julien for glasses and \$9.26 to C. Rosholt, Williston, for Insurance premium in Lutheran Brotherhood for Julien. Cold weather all week.
- 19 - SUN - 31 degrees below zero. Impossible to spend much time outside today.

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- 20 - MON - About 20 below. 21 - TUES - Terrific - voldsom - snowstorm fro SE - very cold. About 25 below but it feels colder than SUN. 22 - WED - 15 to 20 below. About the same on THURS.
- 24 - FRI - Up to 10 below. 25 - SAT - 22 below with a wind from NW. It has been cold steadily since a week before Christmas and it seems like it will continue all thru January. Have been writing a great many letters and have also received many - among them letters from Warrens in Hot Springs, Ark., and Lina who is now in California with Marie.
- 26 - SUN - Cold weather continues. Reading in the papers we see that it has been 40 below in several places in Minnesota and 30 below in Decorah. We find that it is best to stay in the house as much as possible - this is no weather to be out in if we do not have to go any place. I did go up to Watteruds one day - Andrew is about as usual. Julien also writes from Fargo that it has been 40 degrees below zero there. But out in Ruyard, Mont. the weather is mild, according to what Thelma writes.
- 31 - FRI - 20 below zero. There is a great deal of scarlet fever in Columbus now and we hear that they have closed schools.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - SAT - Cold as usual - holdt som vanlig.
- 2 - SUN - Cold and clear. Continued cold all week. Same kind of weather as in January.
- 9 - SUN - About 30 below. I have not had any services announced now for some weeks as it would be unreasonable to take risks of getting stuck and freezing in this kind of weather. Stormy again today and the snow drifts keep getting bigger.
- 10 - MON - A little better today - not so stormy. I went along with Louie Watterud this p.m. to the mines - we had to do a little shopping. There was a great deal of snow to drive thru. I had sent \$20.00 for the car payment the 1st of Feb - \$15.00 to Julien - and now again \$5 and a box of food. Have heard from Mrs. Warren, in Hot Springs. She goes over to look after Mandius every so often. He had been sick again and also had some sores on his hands. I da sent her a letter and a little gift. 11 - TUES - About 30 below.
- 12 - WED - 35 below zero here but I do not believe our thermometer shows cold enough. It was 46 below in Larson and 52 below at Ole Watteruds. However - it was very still so it did not feel that cold. Could almost believe that it was no worse than 15 or 20 below. This p.m. it did get up to 18 below but then it turned colder again in the evening. Had to thaw up the cistern pump one day with a torch. There is not really very much water left in the cistern now so we are melting snow for water too. 13 - THURS - Same kind of weather continues.
- 14 - FRI - My 61st birthday and 50 below this morning - but it was still. Marie and Valla and Olsons had planned to be here for supper - but we ate a very good dinner alone. Ada and Arlien were very disappointed when they did not come it could not be helped in this cold weather.

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- 15 - SAT - The same cold weather again - but at 11:30 here comes Elmer Olson - and Inga and Marie and Valla - in open sleigh. It was 45 below. So now we had company and the little girls were happy. Later in the p.m. Olaf Olson and the 3 little Olson girls came driving in the (school) bus. They all left again later in the evening. Marie and Valla will stay at Olsons tonight - until SUN. They had come to Olsons FRI evening on the school bus.
- 16 - SUN - Just as cold today - and it became windy with drifting from the NW. As it continued storming all day - it became worse towards evening and continued thruout the night.
- 17 - MON - The storm continued all day - snowstorm from NW and it was 20 below.
- 18 - TUES - This forenoon the storm seemed to be about over but it is the worst we have had. We have had no letup from cold weather since the week before Christmas - it has been cold continually. There has not been a winter like this since 1888 - is what they are saying - and we won't have another one like it for another 47 years. Well - it won't bother most of us then. (This last sentence was written in English - as were the following sentences for this day). There is terrible suffering in many places - they are out of coal - food - snowbound, etc. People have frozen to death - have heard of 20 in several states. Airplanes have been used to drop food to areas where it has been impossible to get thru because of all the snow. There was, of course, no mail on MON - nor did the trains get thru. We did get mail on TUES that had come on the SAT evening train.
- 19 - WED - Quite a nice day but it is still 18 below. Folks have to get out now and make some trips to the coal mine whenever they can.
- 20 - THURS - and thru the rest of the week - 10 to 16 below but we call this good weather. It is now possible for people to get out and drive to the mines for coal - stores for food - hay and straw - without the danger of freezing too much. We had a letter from Marie and Valla and they had not had any school from the 17th and on thru the rest of the week. Most of the schools in the state are closed this week - shortage of coal and the dangers that go with the cold, stormy weather. Even tho the weather was much improved the last half of the week - their school was closed all week.
- 23 - SUN - The weather was quite nice today - but we were home.
- 24 - MON - There was more snow today. Farther E and in Minnesota they are having a real blizzard. Went up to Watteruds this p.m. - he is sick now.
- 25 - TUES - Went up there again today and he seemed to be feeling a little better. Nice weather thruout the rest of the week. Went up to Watteruds again on FRI - he is as usual.
- 29 - SAT - A nice day. Mild.

MARCH

- 1 - SUN - Nice weather today too. Had announced services for Bethlehem at 2:00 and rode over with Albert Sendahl. There is much snow but we got thru all night. Quite a few in church.

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- 1 - SUN - (cont) - Farstads came with truck as far as Bethlehem. They had gotten thru but there were some big snow drifts in some of the cuts between Battleview and Bethlehem that made it difficult for driving. They had just barely gotten thru without getting stuck. Eleanore rode home with us from church and we will begin with our school tomorrow. We also stopped in at Anton Olson to get a piece of beef that Herland had brought over for us - 108#.
- 2 - MON - Mild today. Snow is beginning to melt and we can see water standing in some places. This was a nice day to start school again. Louie Serdahl came by to get them in the bus.
- 3 - TUES - Started out mild - then we had some rain. It turned to snow and then it was cold.
- 4 - WED - Real stormy off and on - snow showers - snezhur - but it isn't as cold today as yesterday and last night. Nice and clear now and then too. A little wind from SW. Sent a M.O. today - the last \$20.00 payment on my car - \$10.00 to Julien - \$5.00 to Ole Vangen for oats. Today there was a story in the Minot Daily News about the death of Rasmus B. Anderson, over 90 years old, in Madison, Wisc. Nestos had a nice writeup in the paper, naturally - rimeligvis - and there was a picture of him. He had died of pneumonia.
- 5 - THURS - Weather is quite nice. 6 - FRI - Nice today too. Went with Louie Watterud over to Anton Olson and then we went along with him in to town - in car. This was the first time to get to Columbus in the New Year. (Had been to the Mines several times). Mrs. Watterud was here while we were gone. 7 - SAT - Stormy - wind from NW.
- 8 - SUN - A nice day. To S. St. Olaf for services at 2:00. Quite a few there. Mamma along. We stopped in at Albert Hysjuliers for a little while. Eleanore and the little girls stopped off at Magne Kleppens. Nice thawing weather.
- 9 - MON - Nice - continues to thaw. We had a letter from Mandius on SAT - he is feeling better now. Letter from Julien today. 10 - TUES - A nice day. Sent \$10.00 to Julien today.
- 11 - WED - Colder - no thawing today. 12 - THURS - Still quite cold but otherwise nice. The wells do not have much water in them yet and we are melting snow - in the house - for the cows. We are reading in the papers about flooding - oversvom - "the Missouri R. has gone wild and broken out". Looks like there could be war in Europe between Germany and France. The rest of the week was quite nice - snow melting.
- 15 - SUN - A nice day. Services in Thorson today. Went up to Watteruds this morning to get his team - a little cold and foggy - but still. Drove by Arnesons and S on the coal road to O. Olson. Rode with them to church. Marie and Valla had been at Overlies this weekend and came to church with them. There were many in church - 2 baptisms: Carl Paul, B. Jan 24 - son of Christ and Kari Wold; Marvin Leif, B. Nov. 30, 1935 - son of Martin and Magnhild Enget. There was also some special music at the service. The girls rode along with us to the school house after services. Eleanore Farstad had also come from Battleview and had a ride with us to Olsons - and then home. Home by dark.

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- 16 - MON - Mild. Mild thruout the rest of the week. Hard on the snow.
- 20 - FRI - Colder. Went with Louie Watterud to the Mines. We drove with sleigh to Carlsons and then trailer (?) from there. There is no snow left from Carlsons and N. I brought along some butter and eggs - came to \$3.45.
- 22 - SUN - English service in Bethlehem at 2:00. I had a ride over with Serdahls in trailer. Eleanore Farstad came to church from Battleview and rode home with us. Marie and Valla came home FRI evening - Elmer and Inga Olson and Carsten Sathre had brought them here after school. It had been 5 weeks since they had been home - and then only for part of a day. Louie Serdahl took the girls out to Breese today - they were invited out there for dinner at 1:00. They had a ride in the bus. Later on they will have a ride out to school with Hagens. Foggy - some snow this evening.
- 23 - MON - Snow today and also during the night. Snow continued on TUES. Louie S came by with bus TUES a.m. but they decided not to go to school - looked too stormy. Wind from NW - at times it is impossible to see any distance at all - more snow coming down too which is blowing into drifts. Yesterday I sent a check to Julien for \$27.50. Had borrowed a check for \$27.50 from Valla. (This would indicate that Marie and I had gotten a "raise" of \$5.00 per month - or \$55.00. We were paid half and half - a check that could be cashed now and a warrant for the rest of it that could be cashed at a later date). Doubt that there will be any mail today - the weather is just too bad. He did not come.
- 25 - WED - The mailman came today even tho it was still quite stormy. No mail on THURS but he did come again on FRI. It has continued snowing and drifting all week. He has had to have help quite often to even get thru with his Caterpillar rig. Not too smart of him to try to drive with anything now except horses.
- 28 - SAT - Terrible weather again - wind from NW and much drifting. No mail today.
- 29 - SUN - Stormy - snowing and drifting - did not go west for services in S.St.Olaf, which were to be English today. FRI a.m. Harry Stock came here to call Dr. Smith to come out as his wife was sick. Smith could not come from Noonan as the highway is blocked. Then Stock went down to the Mines and phoned to Flaxton - Pontal - Powers Lake - but no doctor could come. He came back again FRI p.m. to tell me that a baby girl had been born but lived only 45 mins. Quite premature. Mrs. was as well as could be expected.
- 30 - MON - A fierce day - much worse than SUN. It was hard for them to drive to school as there is so much loose snow. Harry Stock had wanted his baby buried today in Bethlehem - he had said he would come by here for me - but he did not come. Heard that he had started out but could not get thru the drifts - his horses got stuck and just could not get thru the drifts so he had to turn back.
- 31 - TUES - Colder but no drifting. Harry Stock came by today and I went with him over to Bethle-

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31 - TUES - (cont) - hem. We stopped by Anton Olson and he went along with us over to the Cemetery. Went by Anton Olson again and got 2 sacks of feed. Then Stock took me home. Louie Watterud went down to the Mines today - he took some eggs along for us - $11\frac{1}{2}$ doz. By the time he got there 10 eggs were broken so he ended up with 10 dozen and 8 eggs. They are 18¢ a dozen now. Last time they were 28¢ - time before that they were 30¢ and before that 40¢. Louie told us that Mrs. Harry Trulin had died last SAT in Columbus of stroke. Her funeral will be Apr. 2. We had no mail on SAT, MON or TUES. I sent our letters to be mailed with Harry Stock as he was going to Ole Olson tomorrow and then they would get them mailed on the S route. Stocks had named their little baby girl Paddy Lou. She lived only 45 mins.

APRIL

- 1 - WED - Nothing to note today on THURS.
- 3 - FRI - We got mail today - Orton Gunderson drove. Hannis has been sick. It was tough for Orton to get around - he had to get help every so often. We had letters from Julien, Thelma, Marie and Valla. Louie Serdahl is driving to school - using his bus. Eleanore pays him \$10 a month and I give him \$6 so he gets \$16.00. Driving is hard now - lots of snow. We are having zero weather - down to zero and below every night and by noon it is a little above. The highways are blocked so Eleanore could not go home this weekend. She was invited over to Yahns FRI evening and stayed there until SUN a.m.
- 5 - SUN - Services in Thorson today. Louie Serdahl took me out to Ole Olson - Eleanore went along to visit Clifford and Irene. I rode along with Olsons to church - all of them went. English services with communion in both Norwegian and English. L.L. after services. The choir did not sing today as Sathre was not there - he is sick. But there was some singing anyway. Marie and Valla rode along with us both to church and back again to school after services. Louie Serdahl was at Olsons waiting for us when we came back. It was quite late by the time we came home. The weather is nice - but there isn't much thawing. However, there are plenty of gophers out running around in the snow.
- 6 - MON - A real snow storm again - all day. Louie S. came and Eleanore and Ada went along in the bus. They stayed at school only until Noon and then came home again. No mail today. The storm died down towards evening.
- 7 - TUES - Wind again today from SE but not as strong as yesterday and some days last week. Some thawing during this week and the roads are beginning to get slushy - slusket fore.
- 9 - THURS - Holy Thursday. Services announced for 11:00 in Bethlehem. I walked over. Only Mrs Helseth and Nels Kleppen there - a little later Bensons and Olsons came. There was no heat in church so we could not stay. There was some misunderstanding about the time set for services and I guess some thought it was to be at 2:00.

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- 10 - FRI - Good Friday. I walked over to Albert Hysjulien and had a ride with them from there to S. St. Olaf for English services at 11:00. The roads are just terrible for driving. Marie and Valla came home last night. Elmer Olson brought them - they also brought their radio along so now we have music.
- 11 - SAT - Home today. Have not announced any services for tomorrow - EASTER Sunday - because of the terrible road conditions - so we will stay at home.
- 12 - SUN - Easter Sunday. Home today. At about 4:00 p.m. Elmer Olson came driving in wagon to get the girls. Eleanore came here after dark. They had gotten as far as Anton Olson with car and then Olson brought her the rest of the way with team and his little sled - had gotten stuck with his horses - laid down.
- 13 - MON - Archie Serdahl is taking them to school now since Louie has gone to Montana. Archie is using a little trailer. The snow went fast yesterday, SAT and FRI - and will also melt today. Last week on WED - the 8th, I sent away my check from Washington, D.C. which was \$35.00. Of this \$30.00 went to Julien - \$3.00 to Ole Vangen - \$1.60 to Montgomery Ward, etc.
- 17 - FRI - Eleanore went home today - they came to get her in car. Marie and Valla did not come home this weekend as the roads are too bad across from here out south. On THURS, the 16th, I went to Columbus with Albert Serdahl in his trailer - believe we could have driven with car.
- 19 - SUN - I got a team from Albert Serdahl and used Clifford's buggy to go west to S. St. Olaf for services in the a.m. Archie brought the rig up here and I also used it in the p.m. to go to Bethlehem. Not so many in church - most of the young people were at a Play Practice. Eleanore came back alone with her car today.
- 20 - MON - Eleanore is driving to and from school now - Archie is driving along with her for a few days - just in case she should get stuck. The snow is disappearing fast. I drove in to town with car today to have the clutch fixed. Rosholt brought me home and stayed for supper - then I went back to Columbus with him to get the car. The little girls went along for the ride too. The roads are quite good now.
- 21 - TUES - Made a couple of visits today. First up to see Andrew Watterud - he seems to be losing ground now - is quite sick. Then over to see Mrs. M. Dahl - Ida along. Mrs. A. Watterud also went along. Yes, Mrs. Dahl is very sick - she does not expect that she will get well again but she is ready to die. She went to communion. Then back again to Andrew Watterud - he also went to communion - gik til alters. It was cold last night. The clutch and work on the car cost \$11.00. Changing oil, greasing and gas cost \$3.60. Yesterday I sent a pail of herring to Mandius by parcel post. Wrote a letter to him - also to Julien. There is something that is not quite right with the starter - on the battery - also something that is not quite right when I shift gears.
- 22 - WED - Went to town today and had S. Nelson check it over and he made a few adjustments and now it works fine. Drove by Herlands on the way home. Ida along. Home on THURS.

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- 24 - FRI - We had some snow again today but it did not amount to much. Went out to get the girls.
- 25 - SAT - To Columbus in a.m. - Valla along.
- 26 - SUN - Louie Watterud came over this forenoon to tell me that his father had just died. I called Anton Watterud to let him know and ask him to go along with Louie to town. I went over to Watteruds for a little while then. Then we went out to Thorson for services at 1:30 - Norwegian and English. There were many there. Baptism for Irene Rosella, B. March 20 - parents, Martin and Kirsti Berg. Offering - \$17.60. L.A. served coffee and lunch - and then there was some singing. The L.L. had a short business meeting. There was a little rain. The L.L. decided to send their last collection to the National L.L. Then home.
- 27 - MON - A little colder today. 28 - TUES - Colder. A little snow - and then some rain.
- 29 - WED - A nice day. Funeral for Andrew Watterud, 75. Ida and I went over to Watteruds at 1:00. We took the flowers along from the house over to the Bethany church. There were many at the church - funeral at 2:00. I spoke in Norwegian - Philippians 1:23. Rosholt spoke in English. Afterwards we were invited over to Watteruds for supper.
- 30 - THURS - A nice day. I went up to Carlsons to get 10 bu. wheat - for seed - at \$1.00 per bu. Louie Watterud started sowing today. On TUES we sent Julien's laundry bag back - and \$5.00.

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- 1 - FRI - May begins beautifully. Eleanore went home last night to Battleview and then drove back again to school this morning. The roads are nice and dry for driving now. Went out south to get Marie and Valla.
- 2 - SAT - Today we all went in to Columbus - the little girls stayed at Laurits' and then the rest of us went to Crosby as the girls had to do some shopping. Home about 7:00.
- 3 - SUN - Nice day. To S. St. Olaf at 11:00 for English service with communion. Marie along. Also took Henry Knutson along. 24 communicants. To Bethlehem at 3:00 for English service with communion - also spoke a little in Norwegian. In the evening out S with the girls.
- 4 - MON - Foggy. 5 - TUES - Rainy. 6 - WED - A little rain today too. Ida and I went to Columbus - took Watteruds along. Mrs. Watterud was going to check on Old Age Pension. 7 - THURS - Rain.
- 8 - FRI - Cloudy this a.m. but it cleared up. This evening we went S to the school house to see the Operetta the girls were putting on there. Rosholt came out for dinner and went along with us to see it. The school was full - a great many people came. Everything went remarkably well - it was very good. Home quite late. Marie and Valla did not come along home as there were still too many things to do at school after the program. This p.m. I had burned off some of the old growth on one field. 9 - SAT - Nice day - good weather.
- 10 - SUN - A nice day. We left about 10:30 - drove S to the girls. We had our dinner along and ate with the girls in the teacherage. We then drove over to the church for services at 2:00. Communion - both Norwegian and English - 33 communicants. Good singing and also some singing

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- 10 - SUN - (cont) - after services. Stopped by school again for awhile before going home.
- 11 - MON - Cloudy. According to the weather prophet in Crosby we should have rain now - starting May 10. May go in to town today. Yes, Ida and I went in to Columbus.
- 12 - TUES - WMF meeting in Lignite. It was cloudy this morning but it cleared up. Ida and I left about 10:30 - we waited until Mrs. Furness and Mrs. Overlie came from Thorson. We drove by Columbus first and got to Lignite shortly after 11:00. The meeting was held in the new Hall - there were many there. Dinner was served at noon by the L.A. Speakers were: Mrs. Helsen, Dr. Skinsness, and Missionary Burgess. We left there about 6:00. There was an evening session but we did not stay for that. Besides Mrs. Furness and Mrs. Overlie from Thorson, there were from S.St.Olaf - Mrs. L.Holte and Mr. and Mrs. O.L.Hatlelid, and from Bethlehem - Mr and Mrs. Ed Hallum and Mr. and Mrs. N.Kleppen.
- 13 - WED - Worked for awhile in the garden - also studied. 14 - THURS - Some of the same.
- 15 - FRI - A warm day. Went S to get the girls after school. To the Mines in the evening.
- 16 - SAT - Terrible dirt storm from NW. Colder weather too.
- 17 - SUN - Cold and cloudy - and a little rain. To Bethlehem at 11:00 for Norwegian service. To S.St.Olaf at 3:00. Not very many there - guess they went to Columbus to hear Gov. Welford who is speaking there today. S in the evening with Marie and Valla. 18 - MON - Home.
- 19 - TUES - Pastoral Conference at 11:00 in Columbus at Rosholt. All the pastors were there. Next time, June 16, they will be meeting at our place. 20 - WED - Worked out in the garden.
- 21 - THURS - Worked in the garden - a little cloudy now and then. We were invited over to Kleppens for supper. It was a demonstration on cooking with some special cooking utensils - several other families were there too.
- 22 - FRI - Home in a.m. Ida and I went out to get the girls in the p.m. - we heard the children singing. 23 - SAT - Valla and Ada along to town - then went in later to get them. (Permanent?)
- 24 - SUN - This was our big Concert Day from Thorson in Bethlehem at 11:00 and S.St.Olaf at 3:00. It was a beautiful day and all of Thorson came - big and little - store og smaa - and from many places around. There were more than the church could accommodate in Bethlehem - mer end kirken kunde rumme. The singing was just remarkable by both the children and the adults. Then home to our place for lunch. To S.St.Olaf at 3:00 - just as many people there. Rosholt came to Bethlehem and spoke there - Waages came to S.St.Olaf and he spoke there. In the evening out S with the girls. (Just a few words about our little singers from P.V.S. - Pleasant View School. This group of children - grades 1 thru 8 - were great singers - they came from singing families and they loved to perform. We sang both sacred and secular music - presented Christmas Cantatas, Operettas, and music for special occasions like Mother's Day and Thanksgiving Day. This was our last big program in that school - after 3 years of teaching).
- 25 - MON - To Columbus - quick trip. 26 - TUES - Garden - planting. It is dry and warm.

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- 27 - WED - Garden work - continued dry and warm. Baptism here for Richard Allan, B. Sept. 28, 1935
Parents - Anton and Olga Thompson. 28 - THURS - More garden work.
- 29 - FRI - Rosholt came out this p.m. - was here for supper - and then went along out to Thorson school where there was Graduation tonight. Rosholt gave a little talk. There were a great many people there and it was a nice, festive occasion with a very good program arranged. Marie and Valla stayed there tonight as they have a great deal of packing to do. They will get Olsons to take most of their things home in a truck tomorrow.
- 30 - SAT - Went out to get the girls this evening. Shortly after we came home, Julien came also. He had had a ride from Fargo with 2 boys from Crosby. They left for Crosby after supper.
- 31 - SUN - Pentecost. A warm day. To Bethlehem at 11:00 for Norwegian and English service. Many there. Out to Thorson at 3:00. After that over to Sandbergs for L.A. - all of us.

JUNE

- 1 - MON - Home - all of us. Looked like rain but nothing came of it.
- 2 - TUES - A cool day. This p.m. over to Hallums - Kleppens - M. Pedersons - Olsons - about a supper. (This was to invite people over to our place for a Demonstration Dinner put on by 2 men who were showing Miracle Maid aluminum advocating "waterless cooking". They provided the food and cooked it for the hosts and all their invited guests, depending on sales to make their efforts pay off. The folks bought several pieces and 50 years later they are still in use - large frying pan, roaster, coffee pot, and triple kettles).
- 3 - WED - Started with a class over in Bethlehem church at 10:00 - 14 there. There were some of the men there today cleaning up around the church.
- 4 - THURS - Warm and dry. This evening out to Thorson school house as there was a Surprise party for Marie and Valla tonight. Julien and Marie were in Columbus this p.m. (This was our last year of teaching in Pleasant View School. My 3-year certificate had expired and to continue teaching I had to return to college).
- 5 - FRI - Another warm day. Julien and Mamma to town - had to get the clutch repaired. We are planning to go to Minot tomorrow.
- 6 - SAT - There was a little rain last night. Today we all went to Minot. Marie and Valla wanted to check out some things at the college - and also wanted to do some shopping. We also went to Roosevelt Park for awhile - to the great delight of Ada and Arlien. Then home.
- 7 - SUN - English service in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Offering - Mission Boxes - \$21.20. Not very much but then not all the boxes are in yet. Today there was Prayer for Rain in almost all churches in North Dakota. Then this evening, as an answer to our Prayer, we had a heavy rain shower - dygtig regn. It also rained a little during the night.
- 8 - MON - Ida and Julien to Crosby today - Ida to see Dr. Payne. She has been having some pain behind her ear and in her shoulder. A little cold and cloudy and a few drops of rain.

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- 8 - MON - (cont) - Alene Breese is here - writing exams. Adolph came to Columbus about noon today. Ida and Julien came by Larson from Crosby and heard there that Adolph had come to Columbus so went there to get him - and then home. A little rain. Julien and I went in to town again this p.m. I sent in \$80.00 in Mission Box money. LeRoy came along out with them. We are planning to drive out to Rudyard, Mont. tomorrow - Julien and LeRoy are going to stay home and take care of things. Baptism in the evening for Clarence and Minnie Witty's little girl, Darlene Andis, B. April 20.
- 9 - TUES - Off to Montana - Adolph drove. Marie, Valla and Ada along - Mamma, Anlien, Julien and LeRoy at home. We got to Havre about 5:30. It is dry in Montana - even if we did drive in a few rain showers along the way. To Rudyard about 7:00.
- 10 - WED - We did some driving around today to see the country - Lawrence and Thelma too. We drove out to the Bear Paw Mts. - went way to the top and we could see a great distance.
- 11 - THURS - Spent some time in Rudyard - and then to Havre. Marie and Valla went up to the college to get some information. Had a little trouble on the way back in the evening - one of the lights went out and the radiator heated.
- 12 - FRI - Started for home again. Marie is going to stay and start going to Summer School MON -15. We had some trouble with the generator - had to get some repairs - \$4.25. Home by 10:00 p.m.
- 13 - SAT - Spent the day at home.
- 14 - SUN - English service in Bethlehem at 11:00 and Thorson at 2:00. Ida went in to Columbus this morning for Katherine's Confirmation. Laurits is in Montana - working at Fort Peck. After we came home from Thorson we went to Ed Hallums for L.A. Ida was there - had come out with Kleppens from Columbus. Julien had a ride in to Columbus with Iver Hallum - he is going to work at Duricks for awhile.
- 15 - MON - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Later dressed a turkey for Pastoral Conference tomorrow.
- 16 - TUES - They were all here by 11:00 and we had a good turkey dinner at noon. This was also a Recognition Party for Ramms as they will be leaving soon for Minnesota (Osakis). Later, in the p.m. there was a Surprise Party for Rosholt in Columbus, honoring his 25th Anniversary of Ordination. Used some strategy to get him in to Columbus - fik ham med list til Columbus - and then the rest of us followed. Many people there. (They had arranged with Dad that Rosholt would receive an emergency call to return to Columbus as soon as possible - which he then did. As soon as he was out of sight the rest of them got in their cars and followed at a safe distance. In the meantime, the Columbus church was filling up with friends).
- 17 - WED - Sent some letters today - to Rudyard - and Ingvald - and Lina. This one with C. Rosholt.
- 18 - THURS - Home. Home for the most for the next few days.
- 21 - SUN - All of us went to Lignite for the L.L. Convention - it started at 10:00 - services with Rev. Langemo, Arnegard, speaking. He is a very good speaker - but there were not very many

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- 21 - SUN - (cont) - there. It was a little rainy. We and Waages ate our dinner together up in the church. (The L.A. sold lunch to those who had not brought their own along). The Business Meeting was held in the church at 2:00 - election of officers. Then at 3:00 we met again in the Hall (as in the a.m.) and Langemo spoke again. We went home after that but there was an evening session too. * 22 - MON - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00.
- 24 - WED - Primary Election Day. Terribly warm. Ida and I went to vote in the p.m.
- 25 - THURS - Ida, Ada and I went to Circuit meeting SW from Ambrose about 14 miles. We drove to Noonan - left our car there and rode with Waages. Not many there this forenoon. The meeting started with a Communion service - I preached. Then dinner. Afternoon meeting started at 2:00. The discussion was based on Psalm 32 - Rosholt and I spoke. They served some lunch again. To Noonan and then home. We got into a heavy rain shower S of Larson - slipped in the ditch and had to get help to get out.
- 26 - FRI - We did not go to the meeting today. Went to Columbus in p.m. Received a letter from Hot Springs - Mandius is sick again. Very warm today. A little better on SAT.
- 28 - SUN - Norwegian service in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. All along from here - except Julien who is not at home - he is working at Duricks. We went right from church to Crosby for Ranum's Farewell service - all of his congregations met in the H.S. Auditorium. Dinner was served for all in the church basement. Waages and Hoverstens were also there. Then by Blooming Prairie school house - ice cream social. Then home.
- 29 - MON - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. 30 - TUES - Home.
- *(Dad's Record Book shows that on June 21 he baptized Magne and Bertha Kleppen's baby boy, Kenneth Gene. It must have been in the evening after they came home from Lignite).

JULY

- 1 - WED - Very warm - nothing of great importance to note for the rest of the week.
- 4 - SAT - The 4th of July. Another warm day. We drove to Noonan and then Waages went along to Estevan for a picnic. We were down by the river all day. Julien and Jim went to Regina - they came home SUN evening.
- 5 - SUN - Norwegian service in Bethlehem at 11:00. All from here along. Got \$15.00 in salary. Very warm. Mamma and Valla along to Thorson for service at 3:00. Got \$42.00 in salary here. Norwegian service also in Thorson. We stopped in at Grotes on the way home. Mrs. Grote is not well. Ole Olsons came over in the evening.
- 6 - MON - Just as warm today. Adolph went to Minnesota today. Julien took me over to Bethlehem church for class in the p.m. - then to Flaxton with Adolph to take the train - left Valla in Columbus while they drove to Flaxton - then back again by Columbus and out to Bethlehem to get me.

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- 7 - TUES - Just as warm. It looked a little like we might get rain but none came. Stuart Breese and Eveline were here in the evening.
- 8 - WED - Cloudy and cooler during the night and then there were some rain showers early this morning. In the p.m. we went over to Rolla and Loretta Marston for baptism of their baby boy, Larry Wayne, B. June 9. Julien went over to O.L. Hatlelid while we were there. There was a good rain shower this p.m. while we were there. There were quite a few people invited and we were all there for supper.
- 9 - THURS - All to Columbus today except me and Ada - in the a.m. We received a letter today from Marie - they had been to Glacier Park. Another warm day. Eva and her children came out with them. They are going to stay out here while we go to Glendive now on the 10 - 12 of July for Stavangerlag - and then to Havre - and maybe even farther - og laenger maaske.
- 10 - FRI - Rosholt came here at 5:00 a.m. - had breakfast with us. He is also going to go to Glendive. We got started driving early - weather was good. We drove S by Tioga - then to Williston - and S thru McKenzie Co for some distance - took the wrong road - kjorte galt - and then over to Fairview, Mont. Around here there is a great deal of irrigation and the crops look good. The crops were poor in McKenzie Co - burntup - avsvedet - and they did not look so good as we drove farther west in Montana. We came to Glendive around noon - rented a 2-room cabin and Rosholt got a 1-room cabin. We went over to Hotel Jordan - met Ingvald and Tina and Aarestad - and a few Stavangers. It became a warm day. The Band played. Then over to the H.S. - a large beautiful building. Our meeting started at 2:30. I led with Devotion - there was singing - Welcome speech and Response. Not so many there this p.m. Aarestad spoke. Rosholt spoke this evening - there were more here then - special music.
- 11 - SAT - Today the meeting opened with Devotion by Aarestad - after which I spoke. Arlien sang and Valla gave a humorous reading. Nonberg (?) spoke - there was more singing. In the p.m. there was a talk by a representative from Gov. Holt - and a Sen. from Circle - and Tollefson. And Valla again. After yesterday she was asked for each session - 3 times. There were solos and other musical numbers. In the evening to church for the banquet.
- 12 - SUN - I preached for services today in the church at 11:00. Then after services we left - drove by Circle - Wolf Point - 104 miles - and then west to Havre and Rudyard. We got there about 1:30 a.m.
- 13 - MON - Spent a nice quiet day, resting up after the meeting and trip.
- 14 - TUES - Out to the Bear Paw Mountains and Fort Assinibaine. 15 - WED - In Rudyard.
- 16 - THURS - To Havre - Marie came along back to Rudyard.
- 17 - FRI - Today we started out for Glacier Park. Drove west by Shelby - Cutbank - Browning - into the Park and west to Belton and then 7 miles outside the Park - about 25 miles from Kalispell. Very beautiful in the Park.

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- 18 - SAT - Back the same way for the first part of our driving - then to Swift Current Lake where we stayed over night. Cabins here cost \$2.50 a night - last night it was \$1.50. We met some bears - modte nogen bjorne. Much snow up in the mountains sne i fjelderne.
- 19 - SUN - We left the Park this p.m. - by Browning - Conrad - and to Rudyard.
- 20 - MON - Julien took Marie in to Havne early this morning in time for classes.
- 22 - WED - Today we left for home - started quite early. Stopped in Havne first to see Marie. Valla is going to stay in Rudyard for awhile. We brought Bubs along home (Lawrence's Boston Bull Terrier that was getting old and would fare better in the country). Had to get a new generator in Chinook - \$7.85. Drove by Williston - to Keene and over to Ingvald over night.
- 23 - THURS - A very warm day - spent the day quietly at Ingvald - iro. 24 - FRI - To Sarish - later over to Gurvald. 25 - SAT - Home today. Julien took Eva in to Columbus.
- 26 - SUN - Home today - no services announced. Rosholt came out this evening.
- 27 - MON - Over to O.L. Hatlelid and Albert Hysjulien. Not quite as warm today. To town on TUES.
- 29 - WED - Conf. class in Bethlehem at 9:30 - all there except Hoffs. Julien is working with digging out space for an ice-house. Became too warm during the day to do this so he worked in the evening. Continued warm the next days too.

AUGUST

- 1 - SAT - In to town to get some lumber - cost \$17.00. We used Duricks truck to haul it out. Then in again with the truck so it got to be a little late.
- 2 - SUN - English service in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Quite a few there. All along from here. Ida and I out to Thonson at 3:00. Julien and the little girls and Bubs are at home.
- 3 - MON - Started with a new class west in S. St. Olaf at 10:00 - only 2 girls came today.
- 4 - TUES - Class in Bethlehem at 10:00. There had been a little rain during the night and also a little today. Louie Watterud had started mowing hay here yesterday but today it was too wet. We went in to Columbus - Julien stayed with Jim Durick as they are planning to go on a trip - skal ud paa langreise. But first they have to go to Minot to get a car to drive in. They plan to go to Minot tomorrow morning on a freight train.
- 5 - WED - Louie came again today to do some mowing. Sent to Lutheran Brotherhood \$9.26 for insurance premium for Julien. Had bought M.O. yesterday in Columbus - \$11.40 to Evans and Buck in Crosby. Had also paid at the lumber yard \$7.00 with \$10.00 remaining. Paid up at Duricks for kerosene and other things \$10.98. Gave Julien \$12.00.
- 6 - THURS - Helped Louie put up some hay. A warm day.
- 7 - FRI - This morning went down to the mines - took some eggs along and did a little shopping. This p.m. helped with the haying. 8 - SAT - Home - studying.
- 9 - SUN - Another warm day. Norwegian services in Bethlehem at 11:00 - quite a few there. There

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- 9 - SUN - (cont) - was an offering for the organists - Marie and Valla - \$6.15. We had brought our lunch along and then we went right from church (after lunch) to Grandview church where I conducted services for Rosholt as he is away now. English service at 2:00. Then to A. Haga for L.A. - many there. They took in \$18.00. Received \$25.00 in salary.
- 10 - MON - A little cooler this morning. Class in S. St. Olaf at 10:00. By noon it was already up to 100 degrees. Went to Columbus in the p.m. - sold cream for \$2.65. A few days ago we sold eggs at the mines for \$1.28 - @ 17¢ a doz. I sent \$2.00 to Mrs. Warren in Hot Springs to buy something for Mandius; \$5.75 to Fargo State College Station for Julien; and the \$6.15 to Marie and Valla that had come in yesterday in Bethlehem in offering for organists. Louie Watterud finished the haying here today - came to about 9 loads for each of us.
- 11 - TUES - Cooler. Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Ida went along and visited at Brothers. The rest of us went over after class. Also over to Herlands.
- 12 - WED - Home for the most - over to Sandbergs in the evening. 13 - THURS - Home today.
- 14 - FRI - Home. Waages came out from Noonan - the 2 little girls stayed here.
- 15 - SAT - We went down to the mines today.
- 16 - SUN - Norwegian services in Thonson at 11:00 and S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Then this evening we went to Noonan for a little while - brought the Waage girls home. Stopped in at Glasoe too.
- 17 - MON - Our school started today - Eleanore Farstad is our teacher. I drive to school.
- 18 - TUES - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Home for the most on WED and THURS.
- 21 - FRI - We went to Williston to get Marie who came on the train. Ida and the little girls went along too. 22 - SAT - Class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00.
- 23 - SUN - Cool today. English service in Bethlehem at 11:00. In the p.m. to L.A. at S. O. Berg. Many at Bergs.
- 24 - MON - First thing, over to school. In p.m. to town - Marie along. Sent premium for Arlien's insurance - \$1.77 to Lutheran Brotherhood. Marie and I went to Kinraid to check on the cost of shipping her trunk by express. Rosholt came out this p.m. too and after supper we drove to Williston as Marie was taking the train to Havre. Rosholt drove. We came home about 1:00 a.m. so Rosholt stayed here over night. A little rain. Home for the most the rest of the week. Classes in S. St. Olaf on FRI at 2:00 and Bethlehem on SAT at 2:00.
- 30 - SUN - English service in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Thonson at 3:00 - L.A. following.
- 31 - MON - To Noonan for Pastoral Conference - Stoeve there.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - TUES - Class in S. St. Olaf at 2:00. Home for the most this week. Did go to Columbus one day. Sent \$37.00 to Valla on FRI - paid Mrs. F. Johnson \$5.35 for telephone bill - bought for \$5.50 at Sommerness and also some at IGA. Have paid Louie Watterud \$7.00 for disking

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- 1 - TUES - (cont) - rye. Classes in S.St.Olaf on FRI and Bethlehem on SAT. Rain FRI eve and SAT.
- 6 - SUN - Norwegian service in Bethlehem at 11:00 - Math. 11:16-24. They have decided to use collection plates from now on. They have also decided on this in Thorson but have not as yet started with it. Then in the p.m. to H.Brodahl for L.A. Quite a few there. We had some rain last night - also FRI night.
- 7 - MON - Shipped Marie's trunk from Kinkaid to Turner, Montana - \$3.62. (Marie was going to teach in Turner this school year). To Columbus - Larson - then Columbus again. The surveyors were around yesterday - looking over the road situation. Sold a calf to a Jew - en Jode - who was around buying cattle - got \$10.00. Ada was not feeling well when she came home from school. (It was Labor Day but they had school which had started Aug. 17 - 3 weeks ago).
- 8 - TUES - Ada is home today but Arlien went to school. There was no mail yesterday as it was Labor Day and now it is 11:30 and he hasn't come yet. He came later in the day WED. Home for the most this week. 2 classes on SAT.
- 13 - SUN - Norwegian service in S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Collection \$4.20. Home for dinner and then to Thorson for Norwegian service at 2:30 - collection \$12.00. Afterwards there was a Farewell Party for Rysgaards (who were leaving for Washington state). Many people - program - songs by the Choir - Devotion - girl's quartette - several talks - song by Barden - talk by Davidson - another song by the Choir - Rysgaard responded briefly. After this program we all went down to the basement where a delicious lunch had been prepared. Then the weather changed - there was wind and thunder and there was rain to the east but no rain by the Thorson church nor at home. On the way home we stopped in at Melvin Pedersons - L.A. there. It got to be a little late by the time we came to the L.A. 14 - MON - Home.
- 15 - TUES - To Columbus. There was a WMF program planning meeting which Ida attended.
- 16 - WED - Over to Herlands - she went to communion. 17 - THURS - Rysgaards came to visit.
- 18 - FRI - Home. 19 - SAT - 2 classes. We have had a Quilting party here for 3 days now. (Bethlehem L.A. made a quilt to be raffled off in Oct.)
- 20 - SUN - A nice day. To Bethlehem for Norwegian services at 11:00. The collection today - first time - came to \$5.30. Baptism for Jeannette Cay, B. July 8, Parents - Melvin and Bonghild Gunderson. Home for dinner - we had a goose that Watteruds had given us. To the mines. Baptism for Paul and Ethel Lee's twins: Arliss Doreen and Arlene Dorothy - B. Aug. 20.
- 21 - MON - A nice warm day. Dug up the rest of the potatoes - got about 7 bu. Julien came home.
- 24 - THURS - To Columbus and Noonan. Ida got new glasses - \$6.00.
- 25 - FRI - Received a Night Letter Telegram from Hot Springs, Ark. Mandius is very sick - svaert syg. Drove in to town to send a reply - also sent letters to Lina and Ingvald.
- 26 - SAT - Over to S.St.Olaf church for class in the a.m. but it was too cold there to have class - for holdt at laese - so I sent them home. Julien went to town to get Prestone on the car.

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- 26 - SAT - (cont) - Class in Bethlehem at 2:00. Then to Columbus again. Sent to Minot for 45 lbs. of sweet clover seed. A cold day.
- 27 - SUN - Norwegian service in Thorson at 11:00 - communion. All along from here. At 3:00 to Budkes for English service and L.A. Home by dark.
- 28 - MON - To Lignite for Pastoral Conference. Julien at home - little girls in school.
- 29 - TUES - To Crosby. Ada and I to the dentist. A nice day.
- 30 - WED - To Columbus. Sent a letter to the German minister - Tyske presten - in Hot Springs concerning the funeral for Mandius. Also told him what should be sold later. Nice weather these days. Julien is busy working with the windows - chimney - and his car.

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- 1 - THURS - Nothing of importance to note - intet navnvaerdig foregaar. Weather nice and dry.
- 4 - SUN - Both Norwegian and English service with communion in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. To Bethlehem at 3:00. To Lignite in the evening to take part in the S.S. Meeting held there.
- 5 - MON - Nice weather continues this week. To Crosby on MON - Ada and I to the dentist. Cool off and on during the week but nice - holdt iblandt men bra veir.
- 10 - SAT - Bethlehem L.A. had an Apron and Pie Sale at Nels Kleppen. Many there. (This was the occasion for raffling off the quilt that had been worked on for "3 days" in Sept.) Many came.
- 11 - SUN - Norwegian service in Thorson at 2:00. Ingvald and Tina came here FRI. They left here SAT noon to go to Lignite to visit Tina's sister (teaching there). Julien went along with them and he and Ingvald came back here in the evening. SUN evening we all went in to Columbus - S.S. Teacher's meeting. 12 - MON - Cold wind from east.
- 13 - TUES - Pastoral Conference in Columbus - had waffle dinner. Ingvald and Tina along.
- 14 - WED - Rosholt left for Decorah today and Ida and Tina had a ride with him - also 2 others. Tina will go along as far as Fergus Falls and Ida will go to St. Paul. They will be gone a week and then have a ride back with Rosholt again. Ingvald went home today - WED. The 2 little girls are in school every day. Nice weather.
- 15 - THURS - I was alone today - the girls are at school and Julien is over to help Harry Stock.
- 16 - FRI - Home. All of us home today - no school. Teacher's Institute in Larson. Home SAT.
- 18 - SUN - A nice day. To Columbus at 11:00. Mission service with offering to Missions. Dona Culbranson spoke and I conducted the Altar service. English service in S. St. Olaf at 3:00. Not so many there - beautiful day - deilig dag. 19 - MON - Colder and cloudy.
- 20 - TUES - Cold but it cleared up. 21 - WED - Cold. Got our first snow today - first a little from SW and then it turned around to the NW. Julien is Chief Cook and doing a good job of it.
- 22 - THURS - A little snow. We expect Mamma tonight - had a swell supper fixed up for 7:00 p.m. roast chicken, mashed potatoes, pie, etc. Mamma and Rosholt did not get here until 8:30.

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- 22 - THURS - (cont) - They had started from Osakis this morning - had driven by Fergus Falls - were in Valley City by 11:00 a.m. - Bismarck by about 3:00 - Minot by 6:00. Tina got off in Minot and will take the bus home tomorrow. A considerable amount of snow in Minnesota.
- 23 - FRI - Home - quite cold. 24 - SAT - To Columbus. Bought 4 bu. of corn for the turkeys at \$1.30 a bu. Got a new battery for the car - \$6.70 - owe for 2 fills of gas, 4 and 7 gallons. This p.m. we went over to J. Holtes for the Surprise Silver Wedding celebration for Louie Holtes. Many people there. There was a little rain.
- 25 - SUN - A little snow. Norwegian service in Bethlehem at 11:00. English service in Thorson at 3:00. Went alone to Thorson - Ida has a cold. 26 - MON - To Larson and Columbus. Cold.
- 27 - TUES - To Fargo. Yesterday p.m. I had been in Larson to make arrangements for the transportation to Fargo. This morning then, to Larson to take the train to Fargo. Cold day. I have a cold and don't feel very well - føler ei saa godt. Had to wait for awhile in Minot - left there at 5:10 p.m. and got to Fargo at 11:10 p.m. and got a room at Hotel Metropole.
- 28 - WED - Took a bus out to Veteran's Hospital - an immense building. Had 4 doctors examine me (or 4 examinations). Had dinner there. Everything is very nice here. I was finished here at 4:30 p.m. and took the bus back to town. Saw an eye specialist - then back to the same hotel. Left for home THURS a.m. by train. Nice weather today. Called home from Larson when I got there at 5:30 p.m. and Julien came in to get me. Ida had been over to Nels Kleppens today for L.A. and Annual meeting. Weather very nice now.
- 30 - FRI - Nice day. Ida and I went in to Columbus - saw Laurits and Eva.
- 31 - SAT - Cloudy and colder now. Looks like we will be getting some snow now.

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- 1 - SUN - Home today - had not announced any services for today (not sure how long he would be in Fargo). Last evening we were all over to Louie Holtes for the wedding of Leonard and Dagny Lindblom. We had a flat tire - cold - and some snow. Julien is not feeling well today.
- 2 - MON - Some snow yesterday. Julien is sick - had to go to bed.
- 3 - TUES - Election Day. Went over to vote - went alone. Julien is not feeling any better today.
- 4 - WED - He does not feel any better today. We heard that Harry Hammock had been killed in an automobile accident MON evening near Kenmare. Funeral on THURS in Bethany - Rosholt. I went alone from here.
- 6 - FRI - We called Dr. Smith today. Julien's crisis (pneumonia) either today or tomorrow. He is perspiring a great deal now. Got some medicine from Smith on SAT.
- 8 - SUN - Today Julien's temperature is normal but he is very weak. I am feeling sick myself today but went to S. St. Olaf this forenoon - alone - read a sermon - laeser en praeken. Not so many there either. From A. Hysjulien. L. Holte, Dihle, Sorlie and Sandberg. I feel weak - felt

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- 8 - SUN - (cont) - it when I was driving home. After some dinner I started out for Bethlehem but drove only halfway there. Had to get Ole Sordahl to help me get the car home. No service in Bethlehem.
- 9 - MON - Don't feel real well today but I took the girls over to school.
- 10 - TUES - Felt better today - and the weather is nice. Thawing today and yesterday. Julien is better today. I am staying at home as much as possible these days.
- 11 - WED - Weather is nice - and continues thruout the rest of the week - nice every day. Julien is up every day now but is still very weak.
- 12 - THURS - Jim Durick came out to see Julien. I went over to Brothens this p.m. to see if some from there could come over on SAT to help dress some turkeys.
- 14 - SAT - 3 of the Brothen boys came over and we dressed 25 turkeys and 8 chickens. Nice weather.
- 15 - SUN - Norwegian service in Thorson at 11:00 - Ida and Ada went along with me. I preached on Math. 18:23 - - Gospel for the 22nd Sun after Trinity - a sermon I had used in 1932. Home after service and home for the rest of the day.
- 16 - MON - Louie Watterud took me in to town today - had 2 boxes of turkeys along.
- 17 - TUES - Funeral today for Ed Sathern, 57, in the S.St.Olaf church at 2:00. He had died in Noonan on SAT a.m. I went alone from here - nice day - many there. Waage came also and he spoke. I read Scripture and had a Devotional. Herland was here with some beef when I came home.
- 18 - WED - Ida, Arlien and Julien to town - Ada at school - I was home alone. Arlien had to see the dentist. Beautiful weather on THURS. Strong wind from NW on FRI.
- 21 - SAT - Nice - but colder. Wedding here at 5:30 this p.m. for Norman Eggen and Signe Berg. After the ceremony we were all invited over to Martin Bergs for supper - many there. We were there until about 11:00 but all the others stayed much longer than we did.
- 22 - SUN - Cloudy - started snowing. We all went to Bethlehem for service at 11:00 - quite a few there in spite of the snow - ei saa faa skjont sneen. Offering to Mission \$18.60 - \$6.00 in one envelope. My memory is not so good - min hukommelse er ei saa rar. English in Bethlehem. It did not snow any more this p.m. but it was a little cold. Got \$20.00 in salary today - this total from Benson, Thingvold and Westernness.
- 23 - MON - Annual meetin in S.St.Olaf church at 1:30. I drove by Albert Hysjulien and Ronholdt and they both came along with me. There were 11 there. A nice day. Present were: M. Sandberg, S.O. Berg, E. Dihle, A.A. Anderson, Wm. Budke, O.L. Hatlelid, J. Holte, L. Holte, R. Hatlelid and Ronholdt and Hysjulien. Meeting opened with Devotion Luke 12:22-32 - followed by my report on the year's work. Secr. report by Berg. There was some discussion about insurance on the church as there is none now - and that will be attended to. A motion was made to insure the church for \$2000 and ask the L.A. if it would be possible for them to pay the premium amounting to \$10.00. Treas. report - \$197.00 has come in - O.L.H. has to have \$4.30

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- 23 - MON - (cont) - for various things - \$2.00 for collection plates etc. Election: Secr - S.O. Berg; Treas - O.L.Hattelid; Trustee - E.Dihle (3); no school committee; janitor work to be done as before; Ushers - Allen Hattelid will replace Edwin Haraseth. I had forgotten to bring along the application blanks for Home Mission aid. Will bring them along and take care of that Thanksgiving Day. There will also be an offering to Missions on that day. There was some discussion about Kortgaard. The meeting adjourned - Lord's Prayer. Herren's Bon.
- 24 - TUES - A little snow. Julien and I to Columbus and then to Crosby - I went to see the dentist. Julien got a new rifle there - \$8.50. There was funeral in Columbus today for Nels Lundstad. Then home. It quit snowing..
- 25 - WED - Home. Julien went in to Columbus - mailed some letters - to Rudyard etc. Julien and Jim went hunting with Jim - they got 10 this evening - 25 once before.
- 26 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day. English service in S.St.Olaf at 11:00. Offering to Missions - \$12.50. A mild day. Then home for dinner. \$1 of the offering was from O.L.Hattelid, sent with someone else as they had gone to Lignite.
- 27 - FRI - A nice day. All except Julien along to Thorson for English services in Thorson - same as in S.St.Olaf. Many there - the church was full. Offering to Missions - \$14.50. As announced - som bekjendt gjort - there was a fine dinner served in the basement following services. Following this there was the Annual meeting of the congregation. The L.A. also had their Annual meeting. I received \$64.00 in salary now. The L.A. had \$70.00 in their treasury - i kassen. Some numbers by the combined choirs of Thorson and Battleview - Hammers, the teachers, were also along. (Henry Hammer and Alice Tweten, who were married in Aug. were teach in P.V.S. this year). They will also sing SUN after Christmas, Dec. 27.
- At the Annual Meeting after services and dinner - I read my report - summary of the year's work in the congregation, in English. Heard reports from Secr. Nels Hanson and Treas. Martin Sathre. Received \$64.00 in salary now - \$79.15 previously in collections. They decided to continue using the collection plates. Election: Secr - Nels Hanson (1); Treas - M.Sathre (1); Trustee - M.Berg (3); School Committee - C.Overlie (3); Janitor - C.Overlie. Coal will be hauled by Furness' and Sathre. Application for Mission Aid taken care of - Mission ansogning behandlet. And that was all. The L.A. had their annual meeting also - have a little over \$70.00 in the treasury. Election: - Mrs. Lester Grote as Pres; V.Pres - Mrs. Nels Hanson; Secr-Treas - Mrs. C.Wold. The L.L. will serve at Christmas time. I paid \$25.00 to the L.L. of what I owe, having borrowed \$50.00 from them so now there remains \$25.00. Paid this to Julius Fredrickson.
- 28 - SAT - Nice and mild today. Annual meeting in Bethlehem today at 1:30. Ole Olson came by here and then rode along with me over to church - only 5 others there but the meeting went well. I told them that I was thinking about resigning - jeg talte om at jeg snart vil resignere.

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- 28 - SAT - (cont) - Meeting in Bethlehem opened with Devotion - I read Psalm 145. Followed this with my report of year's work - read it in English. There were only 6 there - Anton Olson, Ole Olson, C. Brothner, M. Pederson, N. Klepppen and L. Adamson. Received \$18.00 in cash today and yesterday \$6.00 from Harry Stock. Reports heard from Secr. and Treas. Election: Secr - A.M. Olson; Treas - M. Pederson; Trustee - O. Olson (3); School Committee - O. Serdahl (3); Janitor work as before and there is sufficient coal there. They decided to discontinue taking collections at each service as several are opposed to it - flere imod det. Application for Mission Aid taken care of - decided it would be necessary to ask for help again. Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer.
- FRI morning before we left for Thorson I got some good news from Washington, D.C. - fik jeg gode nyheder fra Washington, D.C. - that my pension would be increased as of Oct. 1. We had company SAT p.m. and evening - M/M Ole Olson and 2 of the little girls and Melvin - M/M Erik Dihle - and Mrs Thorvald Dihle and her 2 children.
- 29 - SUN - Home today. Raw - foggy weather. A. Olson here for a little while. Julien out this p.m. hunting rabbits. 30 - MON - Home.

DECEMBER

- 1 - TUES - There is not much to write about this week. Julien and I were in town several times - I paid some bills. Rather cold these days.
- 6 - SUN - 35 degrees below zero. Could not get the car started. No services then today in Bethlehem and S. St. Olaf. I was able to phone to them over west.
- 7 - MON - 20 below. Better on TUES and WED however. Went over to O.L.H. on MON - then over to S.O. Berg. Mrs. Sandberg had had a stroke SUN evening when they were over at Bergs - they had called Dr. Smith and he had come out. She could not be moved yet so she was still at Bergs. Also went over to A. Olson around noon. Ida and I went over to Bergs again for a little while in the p.m.
- 8 - TUES - To Columbus - snowing a little and it is cold. We heard by telephone that Mrs. Sandberg is about the same.
- 9 - WED - Zero weather. Home. Julien is trapping now. The rest of the week home for the most - studying some. Weather quite nice.
- 13 - SUN - To Thorson for Norwegian service at 2:00 - all along. To Ole Olsons afterwards.
- 14 - MON - Home. 15 - TUES - After school was out they all went to town except me.
- 16 - WED - Julien and I started out for Powers Lake today - wanted to see the Dahls there - but we had to turn back - vi maatte vende om - as we had some car trouble S of C. Brothens. A foggy day too. Mrs. Oby came over - John wanted us to take him to Powers Lake to see the doctor but we could not take him there today - will have to see about that tomorrow. Later on - about 2:00 or so - Julien drove to Crosby to have the car checked. Came home in the

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- 16 - WED - (cont) - evening. Then he took John Oby to see the Doctor - but he isn't sick - er dog ikke syg. Julien came home with 2 geese and also got some gas.
- 17 - THURS - Today we went to Powers Lake to see Mrs. Martinus Dahl - she is at the Hotel in P.L. (taking treatments) and she is not doing so well. Home on FRI and SAT.
- 20 - SUN - No services announced for today. This p.m. I drove over to Sandbergs to see how things are. Mrs. Sandberg is at home now and is feeling better. Olaf and all the girls, except Edna, came home now.
- 21 - MON - Julien and I were out early this morning to drive to Williston to meet the girls - Marie and Valla - who were coming home from Montana for Christmas. (Marie teaching in Turner and Valla attending Northern Montana College in Havre). We were there a little after 7:00 - it was still dark. The train came shortly after 8:00. Then home. These are busy, exciting days - getting ready for Christmas - at lave til til Jul. They also had to go in to town one day. Many gifts and cards.
- 24 - THURS - Christmas Eve. We had our Christmas Tree tonight - sang many songs - very nice. And then gifts - there were many gifts from the girls and Adolph - also from Rosholt, Ingvald and others - and there were also gifts from us. We have also received many cards.
- 25 - FRI - Christmas Day - weather is nice. To Bethlehem at 11:00 for Norwegian services. All along from here. Quite a few there. Marie played. Marie and Valla sang a Norwegian Christmas song and also an English one. And Arlien sang.
- 26 - SAT - Second Christmas Day. English service in S. St. Olaf at 11:00. Marie and Valla along. There were many there today.
- 27 - SUN - Third Christmas Day. All of us to Thorson for English services at 12:00. Nice weather and there were many there. There was Christmas Tree and program and the L.L. served lunch. Then home. Ida received - again - \$10.00 from Old Mrs. Wold - it has amounted to about \$65 by now. (Grandma Wold was so cute - she would come and shake hands with Mom - with a folded up bill hidden in her hand that miraculously changed places during the Greeting). Mamma and Marie and Julien went in to Columbus in the evening for the Christmas Tree program at church.
- 28 - MON - Much colder and some snow but nevertheless our company came - Laurits and Eva and children, and Rosholt. They came shortly after 12:00 noon and were here until midnight. It was beautiful then - nice and still - moonlight - and about 4-5 inches of snow.
- 29 - TUES - Nice but a little cloudy. Yesterday I sent \$22.71 to Augsburg Publ. House - all paid up there now. Sent \$2.00 for church papers and \$2.00 for National Tribune. Have paid up all in Columbus. Before Christmas I also sent \$27.00 to the Federal Land Bank, St. Paul, as interest. \$5.00 to Shurson for Missions - \$10.00 to Dr. Smith, etc.
- 30 - WED - Home. Also THURS - the last day of the year. Cold. Up late but we went to bed before midnight. Praise and Thanks be to God for all His Love and Mercy in 1936.

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JANUARY

- 1 - FRI - Glædelig Nyaar - Happy New Year! May God Bless us during this coming year. It is cold - 20 below zero. Today we are invited in to Columbus for dinner at Laurits and Eva. Arlien is already there - she went in with Julien on TUES and stayed there with them. Rosholt was also invited over for dinner and we had a nice turkey dinner. We left for home about dark.
- 2 - SAT - Today Marie and Valla have to leave again. Julien and I took them to Williston. We left about 11:00 a.m. It was cold. We drove on Highway #40 and then west to McGregor and Tioga. There was a little snow west to McGregor. We were in Williston by 1:00 p.m. Julien and I left again about 2:00 and were home by about 5:00. There was a little drifting.
- 3 - SUN - Milder. Bethlehem at 11:00 - Eng. So few we did not stay long. Had a brief Devotional and then we went home. Some snow in the p.m. Strong wind from SW and some drifting. Turned quite mild - way up to 32 degrees above zero by evening. Arlien is not feeling well.
- 4 - MON - Cold again - 15 to 20 below. Sent out quite a few letters today - and some M.O.s - \$4.17 to the Aluminum Co. and \$2.00 to National Tribune. Cold all day - down to 30 below by evening. Arlien was in bed all day - her temperature up to 104 degrees.
- 5 - TUES - 30 below this morning but it became milder during the day. Julien went in to Columbus to get 2 steel barrels. Water is getting scarce - det blir smaatt med vand. Arlien is about the same but she is now beginning to show some rash or breaking out on her skin. Don't know for sure what it is. Sent \$2.00 to Vet's organization for dues and \$1 to Normanden. Julien had to leave the car at A.Olson's something wrong with it. Cold and stormy every day this week - and Arlien is sick in bed.
- 9 - SAT - Sent the balance of the telephone bill to Mrs. F. Johnson - \$4.20. All paid up now.
- 10 - SUN - Had canceled services in S.St.Olaf so we were home. Arlien is still in bed.
- 11 - MON - Julien to Columbus today - had to get the car in to see about some repairs for it. Sent along my Annual Report to Bergsaker.
- 12 - TUES - He had gotten Jim Durick to come out with truck to pull the car in to town. Julien came home this evening with A.Olson. Nelson is going to work on the car. Nothing of big importance happening this week - intet videre som foregaar denne uge. We are at home and Arlien can be up some of the time now.
- 17 - SUN - Stormy and drifting. 18 - MON - Nicer today. Julien to town. Turned colder on TUES.
- 20 - WED - 35 below. 21 - THURS - 25 below. Julien brought the car home. Then we both went in to town - No - that was FRI, the 22nd. There is a great deal of snow on the way to town - but we did get thru without getting stuck.
- 23 - SAT - Nice day. Albert Sendahl came over to butcher a pig.
- 24 - SUN - Very cold - strong wind from NW - drifting. So - we are all home today.
- 25 - MON - Cold - all week long. We are staying at home these days. Nothing noteworthy to write down - except that it is very cold.

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FEBRUARY

- 1 - MON - Cold all week again - temperature down to 30 below. This continued all week thru
7 - SUN - but on 9 - TUES - the weather was a little better. 11 - THURS - Julien and I went to Columbus in car. We drove east and then by Bonsness and Stampede.
12 - FRI - 25 above. Julien is out hunting for coyotes. 13 - SAT - Home - writing some letters.
14 - SUN - And so today I am 62 years old. We celebrate the day quietly at home. Wrote more.
15 - MON - Cold and stormy again - no mail today.
16 - TUES - Mail came today. Cold and stormy off and on all week.
21 - SUN - Cold and drifting. 22 - MON - Washington's Birthday - no mail but he came on TUES - cold and drifting from NW. 24 - WED - Foggy - weather a little better - up to zero.
25 - THURS - To Columbus - drove by Stampede. A. Olson along. Hunting coyotes along the way.
26 - FRI - and SAT - Home. The weather is much improved now.
28 - SUN - To Bethlehem for service at 2:00 - Norwegian. We all went - drove in car. Nice weather. Quite a few in church. Received \$15.00 in salary and \$1.00 from Hoff - Christmas offering.

MARCH

- 1 - MON - A nice day - Julien hunting - got 10 rabbits.
2 - TUES - Hauled 2 loads of hay in a.m. Then in the p.m. Julien went out hunting coyotes.
3 - WED - Nice weather all week. Julien and I went to Columbus today and he will come home on FRI. (Visiting Jim) They came out about noon on FRI - 5 - another nice day. He stayed until about 9:00. They had to drive a little off the regular route E of here.
7 - SUN - Julien and I drove out to Thorson - in car. Drove by Sathre. Colder.
8 - MON - 10 degrees above zero - clear and nice. Much of the snow is gone now. Our school was supposed to begin today but we haven't heard if we have a teacher. Miss Farstad quit.
9 - TUES - Albert Serdahl and Julien to Columbus. Albert wanted to call Bowbells to talk to the County Supt. about getting a teacher. This p.m. Miss Schultz came out here with Helga Berget. School will start tomorrow.
10 - WED - So - school starts today - Julien took them over. It goes all right to drive with car. The rest of the week rather cold with snow flurries. Wrote more letters.
(This is maybe a good place to comment on Dad's letter writing. During this year I was attending college at Northern Montana College in Havre. There were 6 of us girls doing light-housekeeping at Mrs. Mary Mitchell. I can remember many times that I received letters from Dad and that several of the girls were very impressed and even envious that my Dad wrote letters to me. Like one of them said, "I don't think my Dad has written a letter in 20 years!" Yes, Dad kept in touch with all of us when we were away from home.)
13 - SAT - Mamma and Julien to town today. We are having school today. Cloudy.

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- 14 - SUN - S. St. Olaf at 2:00 - Norwegian service. Berg had warmed up the church today. Quite a few there. Collection came to \$4.20. Can't remember anything else for today. This week colder and some more snow but we drive to school every day. Drive by Albert Serdahl. Nothing more to note - not that I can remember anyway.
- 21 - SUN - Palm Sunday. English service in Bethlehem at 11:00. A. Olson had been there to warm up. C. Brothen will do that for Easter. Melvin Pederson had done it Feb. 28. Not many there - only 4 communicants. Cold all week from SUN and on.
- 25 - THURS - Eng. communion service in S. St. Olaf - 9 communicants. Ida has been playing the organ now each time. Over to Sandbergs for dinner - Mamma, Julien and I. Mrs. Sandberg went to communion. We were there for supper too. The little girls were in school today and stopped at Magne Kleppens until we came by for them.
- 26 - FRI - Good Friday. To Thorson for English services - 12 to communion here. The collection came to \$5.03. TUES evening Gilbert Hanson and C. Wold came here to tell me that Sivert Wold had died in the Kermare Hospital TUES a.m. at 4:30 but the funeral will not be until MON after Easter. The little girls stayed at home alone today and it went just fine - det gik bra. Have had letters from all the girls and Adolph.
- 27 - SAT - Home - studying. It is still somewhat cold these days.
- 28 - SUN - Easter Sunday. A nice day. All along to S. St. Olaf at 11:00 and then all along to Bethlehem at 3:00. Quite a few in Bethlehem.
- 29 - MON - Funeral in Thorson for Sivert Wold. The little girls were in school. There were many at the house at 1:00. I spoke on John 11:20 - - "Jesus in Bethany". In church I used as my text, in Norwegian, 1 Thes. 4:13-18, and in English, Acts 21:14 - . The choir sang a Norw. song in church and the choir from McGregor sang 2 English songs. There were Memorials from friends and relatives amounting to \$21.50. We were invited to the house after the service for lunch and coffee. Home about 7:00. Julien went over to Magne K. to get the little girls. Then we had a wedding here after we came home. Adolph John Brodahl and Alma Harbig were waiting here for us when we came home from Thorson.
- 30 - TUES - To Columbus. Sent \$21.50 to Shurson - Memorials; \$10.00 to A.C. in Fargo; a little over \$10.00 to Montgomery-Ward. Home for dinner. Wrote letters this afternoon to Valla, Thelma, Marie, Adolph and Ingvald.
- 31 - WED - Sent out the rest of the Mission Boxes. TUES evening the St. Olaf College Choir sang in Minox and there were some from Columbus who went down to hear them.

APRIL

- 1 - THURS - Julien and I to Columbus. There was a meeting in the Sons of Norway Hall in regard to the Conservation Plan.

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- 2 - FRI - Cloudy. 3 - SAT - Some snow but Julien and the little girls went to Columbus.
- 4 - SUN - A little snow last night but not very cold. Norw. service in Thorson at 2:00 and communion. All from here along.
- 5 - MON - All to Columbus and then to Crosby for Pastoral Conference at Sorgens. They were all there. All we did was to make plans for up-coming meetings. Julien took us in to Columbus and then we rode along with Rosholt to Crosby and back to Columbus again. Julien had come back to town for us by the time we came back to Columbus later.
- 6 - TUES - Only Ada to school today - Arlien was not feeling so well. We are doing some painting at home today and WED too. It is beginning to warm up and the roads are getting muddy. Arlien is home these days. I am studying whenever possible.
- 8 - THURS - Julien went in to Columbus about noon today - in his own Ford. Magne Kleppen went along with him. Almost up to 50 degrees today. Ida had to go to bed today - flu and she has a bad cold. She was able to be up on SUN, the 11th but still has a cold.
- 11 - SUN - I also have a cold but had services in Bethlehem at 11:00 but I cancelled services in the p.m. at S.St.Olaf. Went over to Herlands from church - she has broken a bone a bone again - her arm this time.
- 12 - MON - Today I spent most of the day in bed. 13 - TUES - Julien, too, has the flu. He is in bed most of the time but did take the girls to school this morning. Foggy and cloudy. I am up most of the day but I feel bum. 14 - WED - A little better today and THURS.
- 13 - TUES - This p.m. Martin Hoie came over to tell me that his mother had died in the Williston Hospital Apr. 12 and would like to have the funeral on THURS in Bethlehem at 2:00. It is cloudy and warm. Julien is not feeling well but is up anyway.
- 15 - THURS - I was able to conduct the funeral better than I had expected for not feeling well. Jeg forrettet begravelsen bedre end ventet. Quite a few came from Williston. There was a little rain when we came home from church. Julien had a flat tire - it is really worn out and he will have to get 2 new ones soon. There was \$11.00 in Memorials for Mrs. Hoie and Hoie gave me \$3.
- 16 - FRI - Over to Herlands - communion. 17 - SAT - To Noonan - communion for Mr. and Mrs. Otto Evenson (she had had a mild stroke).
- 18 - SUN - S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - Eng. The girls were at home. Thorson at 2:00 - Eng. all along. \$4.97. S.St.Olaf - \$3.85. Invited over to C.Overlie for coffee. As might be expected, we had Rømmegrøt and Sandbakels as well as all the other good things she could get on the table. Grandma Wold was there and was very happy to sing for us some of her favorite hymns. I did not feel very well - maybe the flu. Baptism in Thorson for Ernest and Minnie Cudvanger 's baby - Elton Myron, B. Jan. 15.

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APRIL

At this point all the available pages in his Diary had been used. The remaining notes he made were written on loose sheets of paper - written in pencil sometimes and then again with pen and ink. We don't know if he had planned to purchase another book to write in but we feel sure that had it not been for his illness, which happened at this very time, he would have.

The notes for April 19 thru 25 were written by Mom.

- 19 - MON - We washed clothes. Papa carried 6 pails of water for the wash and then felt very tired. He went to bed in the afternoon. He tried to get up about 8:30 in the evening but fell over when he tried. Julien and I had to lift him into bed. He spent a very restless night.
- 20 - TUES - This morning about 8:00 we called Dr. Smith and he came out at once. He thought it was flu and pneumonia.
- 21 - WED - Spent another restless night. Dr. Smith came out again about 2:30 p.m. Dad's temperature was ranging between 101 and 103 - and he was sleeping or dozing most of the time. He was not hungry - did not want anything to eat - but drank a lot of water and milk.
- 22 - THURS - His condition was worse. Dr. Smith came out about 3:00 p.m. and said we should get a nurse. Julien went in to town and called Lawrence and Thelma and Thelma said she would be in Williston next morning at about 8:00.
- 23 - FRI - Julien went to Williston to get Thelma who came on the train. Papa was now very sick - did not speak at all and did not seem to recognize Thelma when she came. When Dr. Smith came out again it was decided that we should call Marie, Valla and Adolph too. There was a turn for the better about 8:00 p.m. FRI evening. Rev. Rosholt was out here then and while he was having Devotion Dad seemed to be able to follow along with this.
- 24 - SAT - The girls came to Williston this morning and Julien went to get them. Dad was able then to talk to them a little. Adolph came SUN at about 2:00 a.m.

From here on the notes are written by Dad sometime in May. Sometimes he wrote in English and sometimes in Norwegian. Some of his first notes written after his illness were done in pencil and his writing was not as steady and strong as previously, so, difficult to read.

MAY

The first 8 or 10 days of my sickness seem to be more like a dream - I do not remember much of it. I do remember that Thelma came - and then the others also - but seemed to forget immediately what was going on - can't remember much of anything that was said. I seem to have been at the sickest when Adolph was here - can't remember much of anything from that time. But - little by little I started to feel better but I was very weak.

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MAY

- Adolph had to leave on WED - April 28 - Julien took him in to Flaxton. Marie left from Stanley FRI evening - April 30 - and Valla left from Stanley SUN evening, May 2. I cannot remember too well what went on during these days - and all who were here - and the first days I would rather forget anyway.
- 6 - THURS - Some folks from Thorson were here - Julius Fredrickson making arrangements for his wedding. There were also some others from Thorson that came to visit - Grandma Wold, Mrs. Overlie, Mrs. Furness and Mrs. Hanson.
- 9 - SUN - Julius Fredrickson and Bertha Furness came at about 4:00 to be married. I was quite weak so I remained seated in a chair most of the time. Later in the evening Hovlands came over for baptism of Betty Lavonne, B. Oct. 14, 1936 - Parents, Ray and Alice (Hovland) Edwards. Ole Olsons - Sandbergs - Hysjulien's had also been over today. After all this I was quite tired. Then on MON I did not feel so well again. Too much yesterday. There were some more from Thorson visiting during the week too. But now as each day goes by I am feeling better and stronger - I am up a little each day too and get dressed. Thelma decided to leave SAT - May 8. Julien took her out to Ray SAT a.m. Julien also read with the confirmation class in Bethlehem on SAT at 2:00. (Here Dad switches from pencil to pen and ink). Thelma is in Ray on SAT - then to Williston in the evening to get on the train to Havre. She came there SUN morning at 8:00, the 9th - met Marie and Valla there and Lawrence came from Rudyard to get them. Then they all went out to Rudyard. Marie had been in Havre for 2 days.
- 10 - MON - I feel weaker today - too much yesterday but TUES -11- I felt better and each day is better and I feel I am growing stronger each day. We hear often from the girls in Montana and from Adolph in Minnesota. There is not too much to write about this week but with God's Gracious Help I am getting better.
- 16 - SUN - Today is Pentecost Sunday but we cannot get out to any of our churches today. We are at home and have our services here.
- 17 - MON - This week after Pentecost we had a visit from Ingvald and Tina. They came MON p.m. and stayed until WED p.m. when they went to Lignite for a few days. There has been some strong wind now for about 3 days - also had some snow and hail and a little rain but it was not too widespread - but there was rain farther S. I have been up quite a bit this week - have even been outside for a walk.
- 23 - SUN - And now today -SUN- it looks like we may get some rain. We had services in our churches today - Rosholt was in Bethlehem at 2:00 and Thorson at 4:00 and Waage was at S.St.Olaf at 2:00. Arlien was at home with me when they went to Bethlehem - then when they went to Thorson Ada was at home with me. I wrote a letter to Adolph. The Waage children came over here from S.St.Olaf (walking?). Waage went to Zion from S.St.Olaf

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- 23 - SUN - (cont) - and then came over here later - were here until about 10:30. Rosholt had to go back to Columbus (after Thorson) to preach the Baccalaureate sermon tonight. Offerings - Bethlehem - \$10.30; Thorson - \$13.02; S.St.Olaf - \$11.07.
- 24 - MON - Cold wind. Last week of school here, They rode along with Bergs to school today. Julien hauled a load of scrap iron to town today.
- 25 - TUES - Final exams today - Ada the only one. It went just fine.
- 26 - WED - School again - same on THURS. 28 - FRI - Last day of school and picnic day - but Ada was sick and had to stay at home.
- 30 - SUN - L.A. at L.Holte - we all went. It was a cold day but there were many there. Have started taking some treatments from Dr. Payne in Crosby. Have had 2 already and will have 4 next week - 8 treatments up to June 9. Have paid \$20.00 for 12 treatments. Paid \$21.00 on the car - to June 1st. Sent for a suit - \$25.50. Julien drives whenever I have to go any place.

JUNE

- 6 - SUN - Out for a ride - went over to Tonger Hysjulien - he has been sick. It is cold each day - and dry - but there has been rain in eastern N.Dak. and farther east. Marie's school was out on the 4th and then she went to Havre to spend a week with Valla. Valla's school is out the 11th. We plan to go to Minnesota next week for Adolph's wedding. On FRI -4- Ida and I went along with Rosholt to Sauers. Sauer is going to have services in Bethlehem and Thorson on SUN, June 13. Have taken 10 treatments at Dr. Payne in Crosby - up until June 11 and it seems to help some.
- 12 - SAT - Julien left here early this morning to go to Williston to get Marie and Valla who had left on the train from Havre last night. He spent the whole day in Williston but there was no train - so he came home at 9:00 p.m. There had been a big wash-out on the railroad track in Montana (near Bainville) - a great deal of rain out there.
- 13 - SUN - The train did not come to Williston until SUN a.m. about 4:00. The girls called about 5:00 to let us know that they were there. Julien and I left here about 7:30 a.m. Had a flat tire S of McGregor. Got to Williston shortly after 10:00. Started back almost right away. Home by way of Thorson - Sauer was having services there at 11:00 - Mission Box offering. Home. Ida and I went along to services in Bethlehem - Sauer had Norwegian services there - Mission Box offering there also. Then home - Sauers came along home for supper and were here for awhile in the evening. Rosholt also came out this evening. Cloudy this evening.
- 14 - MON - Took our cattle over to Simonsons who will take care of them while we are gone. We leave tomorrow - Minnesota. Louie Watterud will look after the place while we are gone.

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JULY

- 13 - TUES - It is now time that I write up some things about our trip to Minnesota. We left here TUES morning - June 15 - S to Powers Lake and then E - past Sauers and Carpio. Nice driving. It looked very nice as we drove east - thru Minot - then Bismarck - somewhat dry around Bismarck but otherwise the crops looked good. To Fargo by evening and we stayed in a Tourist Camp there. All of us were along on this trip. Then WED - June 16 - we started out again - by Detroit Lakes - very pretty there. Then by St. Cloud. The crops around here are wonderful - beautiful to see. Got to St. Paul late afternoon. Everything here looked very nice but it was quite warm. It was very pleasant - hyggelig - to visit them again. I felt fine after the trip but I still have this stiffness in my right side so I cannot walk very far without the use of my cane. THURS - June 17 - we were in St. Paul - resting and visiting.
- 18 - FRI - Today we left for Decorah, Iowa. Everything looked so nice and fresh after the rain. Came to Z. Erickson's about 6:30 p.m. Adolph was really pleased to see that we had come - we had not definitely promised that we would be able to make it. We were at Erickson's for supper then - and after that we all went to Mabel, Minn. to the church for rehearsal. No - that isn't right - but that was the plan, I believe.
- 19 - SAT - There were more guests who came to Erickson's now. Then about 5:00, after dinner, everyone went to Mabel for rehearsal first and Wedding at 7:30. Much decoration and festivity - music and processional. Rev. Ivar Havneros spoke and I performed the Wedding Ceremony. The church was full even tho only about 80 invitations had been sent out. After the Wedding Ceremony in the church we all went down to the basement of the church for refreshments. Here there were many gifts for the newlyweds. I believe we were there until after midnight. There was a great deal of rain during the evening while we were there but finally we were able to leave again for Decorah and back to Erickson's and Adolph and Doris, the newlyweds, went to a Hotel in Decorah.
- 20 - SUN - We were rather late getting up this morning - many guests here today. The wedding couple came about 11:00. Then after we had all had some lunch we started out for St. P. again. There had been a great rain and storm here SAT night while we were in Mabel - actually a real cyclone near Decorah. Many trees had been broken down and some barns had been destroyed. Z. Erickson lost a barn on one of his farms. We stopped there SUN p.m. to look at the damage as we were on our way again. Ericksons and Adolph and Doris were also there but then we really had to get on our way to St. Paul. Got there about dark. Grandma, Caroline and Conrad were there waiting for us.
- 21 - MON - and TUES - in St. Paul - resting - getting some clothes washed, etc.
- 23 - WED - We went to Wisconsin - Grandma went with us but Caroline and Valla stayed in St. P. We drove by the church first - saw the graves - then home to Arnt. Crops look good around here. Arnt and Julien went in to Colfax for a little while this evening.

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- 24 - THURS - We were invited to Ingeman's for dinner. He has built a nice barn now. Then in the p.m. we had to leave again for St. Paul. Adolph and Doris came to St. Paul today on the train - they are going to spend a week up near Detroit Lakes. Julien and the girls took them up there this evening - they found the place - a nice big cottage - many rooms. Julien and the girls came back the next day then.
- 26 - SAT - We packed up again and left St. Paul. Valla wanted to stop in at a town - Bertha - to see about a teaching job. Then we drove on to Detroit Lakes - found Adolph and Doris. It was 16 miles out of Detroit Lakes to Lake Pelican and we stayed there until SUN - a very nice place. We had a very nice time there.
- 27 - SUN - We left there and drove to Devils Lake - got a cottage there with several rooms.
- 28 - MON - Had decided to see Dr. Sauer so today I checked in with him to see if he could find out what was troubling me. As we found out that I would have to stay here for a few days the rest of them drove home then. I had not seen Sauer since Seminary Days (Herman Sauer, ordained in 1906, brother of Carl Sauer, ordained in 1904). He had changed a great deal - had put on a lot of weight. Well - I found out that I had had a light stroke on the 19th of April and it would take some time to get over it - months maybe - even tho it was a light stroke. That is why I tumbled over when it happened - without much pain. Dr. Payne had said something like that to Julien but we were not sure. I decided then to stay with Dr. Sauer for some treatments - for 8-10 days. There are certain things I should not eat and certain exercises I should be doing. I stayed at his hospital then - \$1.75 per day and \$5.00 for X-rays. The treatments did not last long - just a few minutes - then some massaging and rubbing and diet. I seemed to get better slowly and decided to go home and let Mother Nature do the rest in the time it takes. It may take a year - it may just be a few months.

JULY

- 4 - SUN - A very quiet day - also MON, the 5th. This 4th of July was, I suppose, the quietest 4th I have ever spent. Very much alone then.
- 7 - WED - So today I took the train to Minot and Mamma, Julien and Arlien met me there. I was very happy and Thankful to God. I am better altho it goes slowly. I cannot walk much unless I have a cane to help me. The crops from Minot and west are gone - has been too dry and warm - but east of there the crops are just fine. Well, everything was fine and dandy at home. The Celebration in Columbus had been just great. Marie is reading with the classes.
- 9 - FRI - Today I went along in to Columbus.
- 11 - SUN - We went to Larson for services this forenoon (Rosholt had services).
- 12 - MON - Julien is doing some fencing. Also on TUES. There was some rain yesterday and things look fine now.

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- 15 - THURS - (Written with ink again. He had written with pencil from the time he started "catching up" on the trip to Minnesota and stop-over in Devils Lake).
I am home this week. It seems that I am slowly getting better. The road grader and crew have worked on the road from Knutson's corner and east the last 2 or 3 weeks and are soon ready in Harmonius Twp. and will then go east. Julien has been fencing on WED and THURS. Valla got a letter from Montana asking her to make a personal application for school there. Julien and Marie took her to Williston FRI evening and she took the train then getting to Havre - and Rudyard on SAT. On MON she will go farther west. (Can't remember for sure what town this was - Oilmont? Sunburst? - some place N of Shelby. I was able to see the Supt. in Havre anyway but as I remember it now he needed someone who would coach basket ball or something I wouldn't tackle, besides teaching 1-2-3 grades! Hazy in my memory now but I wasn't interested).
- 18 - SUN - I had services west in S.St.Olaf today - Norw. at 11:00. Quite a few there and the weather was very nice. Collection \$6.96. This afternoon Julien went in to Columbus - he and Jim Durick are going to Canada on a fishing trip - paa fiske tur. (From June 24 to July 18 Dad's notes have been written in English and now they are Norwegian again). LeRoy came out here yesterday and will be here for a few days. Laurits and Eva and girls are out in Montana (working on Ft. Peck dam). Marie is reading with the classes both east and west twice a week - Marie laeser med barna ost og vest 2 ganger i ugen.
- 22 - THURS - Julien and Jim Durick came home this morning. There had been a great deal of rain along the way. They had gotten over 60 fish. LeRoy has been doing the chores here - milking the cows, etc. I am still quite stiff but feel I am improving slowly but surely - jeg er nok saa stiv enda men bedres, om end smaat og sent. I am going to relieve Marie of reading with the classes and LeRoy will do the driving - skal nu til at aflose Marie med at laese med barna og LeRoy skal kjore mig.
- 25 - SUN - Norwegian "Reading" service in Bethlehem at 11:00 and Thorison at 2:00 - Norsk Laese-Gudstjeneste. We all went. It went quite well - det gaar ikke vaerst. I am planning now to read with the children 2 or 3 times a week - both classes. Nice weather. Am going to Crosby for a treatment and then one more - to get the 12. I don't really have any pain but I am stiff and have no strength, more or less, on the right side - Jeg har ikke meget ondt men er stiv og magteslos mer og mindre paa hoire side. (However, his writing had improved remarkably from the notes written in May. Right-handed.)

AUGUST

- 1 - SUN - S.St.Olaf congregation at our place in the p.m. at 2:00 for services. L.A. served lunch following "Laesegudstjeneste" in English. Busy during the week with classes - also a trip to Crosby and Noonan.

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- 8 - SUN - English "Reading Service" in Bethlehem at 11:00 and Thorson at 3:00. Busy the rest of the week with confirmation classes. LeRoy does much of the driving. Very warm weather some of these days.
- 13 - FRI - The last meeting with the west class before Confirmation. It is difficult to meet with 2 classes on the same day now when it is so warm.
- 15 - SUN - Confirmation service in S.St.Olaf church at 11:00 for the 2 girls - Joyce Holte and Viola Budke. They were both very good - de var begge to flinke. Mission offering \$16.07.
- 16 - MON - Up early. Julien, Mamma and Ada went to Williston to meet Valla. I had class in Bethlehem this forenoon - Tommy Pederson drove both to and from church. Received \$5.00 from each of the 2 girls in S.St.Olaf yesterday. Met with the Bethlehem class 3 times this week.
- 22 - SUN - Confirmation service in Bethlehem at 11:00. A very nice day - not quite so warm today - nice day and a full church. Offering a little over \$29.00. The class of 11 received beautiful book-certificates today (instead of the large diploma-type certificates). Ada was especially good - Oh, yes - they were all good. May God hold them steadfast in their vows - Maa Gud staa dem bi i at holde sin pakt. We had a quartette sing - very nice. 3 from here and Sathre. Sathre had come over to practice once during the week. They sang 2 songs for the service. Everything was in English today - alt var Engelsk. We had company for dinner - Laurits and Eva and family - 3 from Sathres - Rosholt. They all stayed until evening. Warm all week following. (Members of the class: Ada Lenore Buckneberg; Malvina Loretta Pederson (Melvin); Ida Louise Haga (Andrew); Clarence Norman Westernness (Theobald); Edmund Brothen (Carl); Wallen Noble Helseth (Martin); Arthur Haga (Andrew); Leslie Edwin Simonson and Floyd Arthur Simonson (Ben); Walter and Victor Hoff (Even) twins.)
- 23 - MON - Funeral for baby of Harry and Caroline Stock at 2:00 in Bethlehem. Ada LaBelle, was born Aug. 20 and lived 1 hour. Extremely warm weather. Few in church - only from our place, Carl Brothers and Simonsons. Went by the mines on the way home. Home for the most the rest of the week.
- 27 - FRI - Andrew Haga and family were here this p.m. Very dry and warm all week.
- 28 - SAT - Read with the class in Bethlehem at 2:00 - the others to town. Marie and Arlien stayed in town for awhile - hair dresser. Julien and Valla went in to get them in the evening. It got to be quite late as they had been up at Laurits and Eva until about midnight - home around 1:00. Then we slept.
- 29 - SUN - Communion service in S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - many there - 24 communicants. Collection \$4.80. Valla sang here. Home for dinner. To Bethlehem for Communion service at 3:00. Many here also. Used both Norwegian and English here. After services here we drove

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29 - SUN - (cont.) - down to the Swedish church - they were having L.A. there. Rosholt came along home with us - stayed until 12:00.

Have recently sent to Shurson \$4.44 for 4 Mission Boxes from S. St. Olaf - from Nordtvedt, Arneson, Knutson and Mrs. C.H. Anderson. Confirmation offering in Bethlehem was \$29.60. Have ordered a Bible for Westernness's and 2 for Hoff's. Simonson has paid for 2 Concordias but they have not come yet. He paid me \$1.00. Have ordered 1 Bible and 8 Concordias that have not come yet. SAT morning - the 28th - I received a letter from Minnesota concerning Adolph and Doris' wedding license. There was some mixup about it - det var noget kluss med den - as Havneros had not sent it in until just very recently. So we had to do some writing about that. Rosholt helped me with this MON - 30th - in the evening. Ida and I and the little girls went to Columbus MON forenoon and went along with Rosholt to Noonan for Pastoral Conference there. Julien and Valborg went on to Bowbells from Columbus then about school matters. They came back to Columbus about 5. O.L. Hattelid had also gone along with them. Rosholt brought us home from Noonan - we drove by S. St. Olaf church as I had forgotten my cane there on SUN. It was MON evening then that Rosholt helped me with writing a letter to Preston, Minnesota.

31 - TUES - Home - taking it easy - tar det rolig. Valla had taught 1 week of school - last week - in our home school - but has now accepted a better position in Montana. So - now Marie and Valla are very busy getting packed up and ready to leave for Montana on THURS. There won't be any school in our school this winter as there are only 3 pupils there (Ada, Arliene and Phyllis Gunlock) and no teacher available. So - starting next week Julien will be taking them up to Sorlie school. He will be paid \$25.00 a month for doing this. Right now he is busy with haying - is using a team from O. Hovland. Very warm again today. I guess I have forgotten to write down in the right place about the funeral for Harry Stock's baby on MON - Aug. 23rd at 2:00 and about the birth and baptism for Ben Simonson's twin boys.

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1 - WED - There was a very good rain last night. Marie and Valborg are busy today - they will be leaving tonight for Williston to take the train to Montana. Rosholt had talked about taking them to Williston but he had to be in Minot today - the other pastors also. Julien and the girls left here about 8:00 p.m. Mamma and I stayed at home - we knew it would be late and besides that the car was so full there would not have been room for anyone else. Julien stayed with the girls in Williston until about 1:00 a.m. - then he almost had an accident w of Ray when he came near to driving into a bunch of cows on the road. He was tired so he stopped the car then and slept for awhile until daylight -

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- 1 - WED - (cont.) - sov til dags lys. He came home about 7:00 a.m. We had been worried.
- 2 - THURS - At noon today Julien took Arlien out to Ole Olsons for a visit. Ada has been in Noonan at Waage's since MON.
- 3 - FRI - Julien went out to Olsons about noon to get Arlien. Waages came in the evening with Ada. The 4 girls then gave a big program for us (Ruth Ann, Margaret, Ada and Arlien).
- 4 - SAT - This forenoon I am at home but Julien took the car to town to be checked over for the 3rd and last time. Mamma and the little girls went along - they are going to take music lessons now. Julien got a truck in Columbus and is going to haul in a load of scrap iron this afternoon.
- 5 - SUN - Cold and cloudy. To Thorson at 11:00 - English and Norwegian Communion service. 17 communicants - none in English but I spoke some English anyway. There was L.A. too - quite a few there today. Home. Over to Mrs. Bureau for L.A. It became quite warm again in the p.m. The little girls stayed at home. Rosholt came out in the evening - was here until about 11:30. Julien drove in to Columbus in the evening - a quick trip - en snar-tur. Rosholt helped me with some writing - to Preston, Minnesota.
- 6 - MON - Now we will have school again. Julien is going to be bus driver over to Sorlie school for Ada and Arlien and the Gunlock girl. We have already had one week of school in our school. Today MON I am home and am doing some writing. It is Labor Day so we do not get any mail. Julien is hauling hay - will soon be finished. Not much to note - Julien drives to school every day.

(About that week of school - Aug. 23-27. I had not been able to find a teaching job any place and for some reason there was no long (or short) waiting line for a \$45.00 a month job in this school district. I had taken the job - 3 cute, smart little girls - who could ask for anything better. Then on THURS of that week I received a wire from the Supt. of Schools in Rudyard, Mont., Mr. Roy Hough, asking if I would accept the Primary position at \$90.00 a month. That was exactly twice as much as I would be getting in Grand View #3 - and 9 months instead of 8. I wasn't the least bit excited about it - I had seen enough of Rudyard to know that I wasn't impressed and we were having a real good time over in #3. But after having a serious talk with Dad about it, I realized I HAD to take it - just to get my foot in the door of Montana as long as I had a brand new certificate that I had worked for to qualify me to teach there. So, reluctantly, I wired my acceptance to Mr. Hough. We had school on Friday - can't remember if we had a picnic for our "last day of school" or not. I think we were all a little sad because we had had a great week of school. I was to remember it too, many times, after I got started on my new job. What I fell heir to was a nightmare. Grades 1 - 2 - 3 and with very few exceptions they were reading on a first grade level (if at all) - all 30 of

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- 6 - MON - (cont) - them! Then after about a week, or maybe two, of that I was asked when I was going to schedule my music classes in the other grade rooms. That was news to me but eventually, to make this horrible situation better (?) - they decided to make some minor changes. They created a 3rd-4th grade room with my 3rd graders and the 4th from the jammed in 4 - 5 - 6 grade room. It was an improvement of sorts but I still ended up with all the grade music on top of my classroom teaching plus one more room as they did not hire a teacher that could teach her own or anyone else's music. I did teach there for 2 years and then taught in Havre.)
- 9 - THURS - We went in to Columbus. Rosholt was out here a few times this week. On SAT we went to L.A.
- 12 - SUN - Today is Ida's 54th birthday. We all went to S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - home the rest of the day. A nice day.
- 13 - MON - Julien went in to Columbus - a little fixing on the car. Then to Larson. There was a shipment from Hot Springs, Ark. - Mandius' Seaman's chest and some of his belongings. Rosholt came out this evening. Not too much to write about this week. Julien drives to school twice a day - morning and evening.
- 19 - SUN - Norwegian service in Bethlehem at 11:00. Home the rest of the day. A nice day. It was colder during the week but I am feeling better.
- 24 - FRI - We were invited to Noonan this evening - to Waages for supper. Also over to see M.Glasoes - to the hospital - talked with Dr. Smith too. Also saw Fred Bureau. It was late when we came home.
- 25 - SAT - The others went to Columbus in the afternoon but I stayed home - music lessons. Julien had a heater installed in the car - it cost \$14.95.
- 26 - SUN - A nice day - en pen dag. To Thorson at 2:00 - both Norwegian and English. Had with me a box of books. Julien went over to Kleppens this evening - about sheep.
- 27 - MON - Foggy weather - not very cold. Sent letters today to O'Melia, Valla, etc.
- 28 - TUES - Nice weather again - as usual - som vanlig.

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- 1 - FRI - The Waage girls came out here this evening with Rosholt. He and Waages had been in Ambrose today and the girls came along with him.
- 2 - SAT - Julien and the 4 little girls went in to Columbus in the afternoon.
- 3 - SUN - To S.St.Olaf at 11:00 - English. The 4 girls were at home. In the p.m. we all went to the Swedish church - services and L.A. Julien took the Waage girls to Columbus.
- 4 - MON - Snow and rain - hard to drive to school. Letter from Marie today.
- 5 - TUES - Snowed all night. Julien did not even try to drive to school this morning - roads

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- 5 - TUES - (cont.) - too tough. Later in the day, however, he drove in to town. We were out of some things that we needed - vi er ude af forskjelligt vi maa ha. Took along a check from Shurson - still have the other one - sent \$21.00 for the car. He really should not have gone in, as it turned out, as the air was thick and it kept snowing. He had a collision with a car from the mines - damaged the radiator and some more but he, himself, was not injured - Thank God for that - men kom ei selv til skade - Gud ske tak. He had to leave the car in Columbus at Ness and got A.G. Berg's car to drive home. He drove in again about 4:30 to see what could be done about insurance, etc. The weather started clearing towards evening. Well, I suppose this was just one of our unlucky days - Ja, det var vel en af vore ulykkes dage. Julien went in again the next day - WED - as we expected an insurance adjuster from Minot to appraise the damage - for at taksere skaden - when he has had a look at it. Did not hear anything all week. Did not take the little girls in to town on SAT for music lessons.
- 10 - SUN - Cold and foggy. Had a ride to Bethlehem today with Ole Serdahl. Julien and the little girls were at home. Rosholt had been out here for a little while on SAT evening as we wondered if we could have the Pastoral Conference here on MON. (Decided not). He came out again on MON and he and Julien went hunting but did not get anything.
- 12 - TUES - Julien had not been feeling too well for a few days but is better now. Rosholt came out to get us for Pastoral Conference at his place. Julien is busy fencing. Ole Olson hauled a load of coal here on MON - also on WED.
- 14 - THURS - Today there is funeral for Fred Bureau in Bowbells. We are having Bethlehem L.A. here today with their annual meeting also. Not very many came but we did have a meeting. The L.A. has promised me \$75.00 (salary).
- 16 - SAT - Julien took the little girls to Columbus for their music lessons.
- 17 - SUN - To Thorson at 11:00. The choir sang. There was a collection but now when I am writing this (later) I do not exactly remember how much it came to.
- 18 - MON - Weather is a little steadier now. Julien is busy fencing. He had gotten a ram - en saubuk - in Columbus. It had gotten away from him but he found it again at Skarphols. There was no school on FRI as there was a Teacher's Meeting in Larson (Institute or Conference). The girls to Columbus on SAT - 23 - for music lessons.
- 24 - SUN - Very nice weather. Did not even require any heat in S. St. Olaf church today. Received \$5.00 in collection and \$5 each from 2 Hatlelids.
- 25 - MON - Nice weather today and also TUES. Received about 11 bu. potatoes from Hatlelids. Mon evening Hysjuliens came over. Julien busy with fencing. Also went to get the potatoes.. Letters from the children - Marie, Adolph and Doris, etc.
- 31 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - Norwegian.

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- 3 - WED - Home. 4 - ~~THURS~~ - L.A. Sale at Sandbergs.
- 6 - SAT - L.A. Sale at Thingvolds. Many there. Julien was out looking for a sheep that had gotten away but he did not find it - fandt den ei.
- 7 - SUN - To Thorson for services at 11:00 - English. Many there - collection \$5.25. The L.L. served and there was much singing. 8 - MON - Nice weather.
- 9 - TUES - To Columbus - sent in Veteran's papers - had gotten them 3-4 days ago. Stompro made them out together with a copy of my Discharge papers - copy from '34. Sent from Columbus on the 9th they should be in Fargo on the 10th. We also went to Crosby - I saw the dentist. We were home about 3:00. Nice on WED too.
- 11 - THURS - Armistice Day. Julien is working on the road west of here - also on FRI.
- 13 - SAT - It turned colder yesterday and it snowed last night. This weather affects me - I am very stiff - meget stiv - and slow. Julien took the girls in to town this forenoon for music lessons. Mamma and I were at home. Letter from Thelma today. Ada and I were at home this afternoon and the others went out to Thorson to the L.A. Sale.
- 14 - SUN - L.A. at Budkes. Quite cold and a little snow but there were quite a few there. I did not speak - just read some - jeg talte ikke, bare laeste noget. Cold and wintery for the whole week -14 to 21 - even down to 4 below zero. Have been writing quite a few cards and letters.
- 20 - SAT - Went along to Larson and Columbus - had to make arrangements for Veteran's transportation to Fargo on MON -22. Got that taken care of so Ida and I can leave by train.
- 21 - SUN - Bethlehem at 11:00 - English. Very likely my last service before Christmas. Hope to have services then if I am home - which I hope I will be. Foggy weather - looks like it could snow but none came. We had a short business meeting after services in Bethlehem. I could not give all of my report as it was not complete but will give more later. Election - same secretary and treasurer and E.Thingvold as Trustee. Other reports not complete either but tres. reported \$33.00 now in cash - \$77.00 previously and \$75.00 from the L.A. I told them I was going to Fargo tomorrow but hope to be home for Christmas. I have resigned. This evening we will go to Columbus - stay there over night - maybe at Rosholt - and then take the train tomorrow morning. Hope there will be some changes for the better when I write again here. And with God's help it will be for the better. Ja, med Gud's hjaelp vil det nok blive en hel del bedre.

The next notes were written later - possibly some time in December - and his writing was much improved.

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- 21 - SUN - We all drove in to Columbus in the evening - were at Laurits and Eva for awhile in the evening - then we went up to Rosholt to stay overnight. Julien and the little girls home. The poor little girls - they were very sad when they left as both Mamma and I will be going to Fargo - De stakkels smaa reiste nok hjem tung om hjertet - Ma vil vaere med til Fargo.
- 22 - MON - We were out early today - Rosholt took us out to Kincaid to get the train. We said Goodby to Rosholt and we were on our way. Got to Minot about 10:00 - changed cars (train?) there. All went well on the trip. We got to Fargo about 3:00. We checked in at the Hotel Metropol for the night.
- 23 - TUES - At 8:30 we went out to the Veteran's Hospital - there were others going out there also. During the forenoon there were examinations by several doctors. We had dinner there. Then I had to change clothes for the hospital garb. I believe our clothes are checked away in a room in the basement when we are here. Mamma was there with me until about 4:30 in the afternoon. Then she had to take the bus back to town. There were several others that went then also. I was given a room on 3rd floor - a room for 4. There had just been another minister there in this room before me - from Northern Minnesota. There was another Spanish-American War Veteran here, from Crosby, and a German and a Norwegian. These 3 left after about a week and then I was moved down to 2nd floor and there were 3 of us in this room too. We have breakfast at 7:00 a.m. - dinner (middag) at 11:45 - and supper at 4:45. Then in the evening before we go to sleep we have a glass of milk. Lights are out at 10:00 p.m. In the evening there is always a variety of entertainment in the big room - om aftenen er der forskjelligt underheld i det store rum - singing and other music from town. There is a large radio with an earphone or listening apparatus - lytte aparat - by each bed. It takes awhile to become accustomed to everything here - det tager en tid for jeg blir vant til alt. - There is a great deal of noise and commotion here in the evening - megen stoi om aftenen - and every so often there is someone coming around with candy, apples and other things we can buy if we like. We don't have much to do here.
- 26 - FRI - Started taking some electric treatments for my arm and leg today.
- 28 - SUN - Today there is some preaching - reading - and various things in the evening. It was TUES - Nov. 23, I entered the hospital - Mamma went home TUES evening. She came home WED evening and they were there to meet her to the great joy of the little ones. At home everything was going well. Rosholt came out MON p.m. and attended the Annual meeting in S. St. Olaf at 2:00 (the day I left for Fargo). Everything went well there. The L.A. had paid \$160.00 and the congregation \$47.00. FRI after Thanksgiving there was a meeting in Thorson - both Waage and Rosholt were there and also some from home. At

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- 28 - SUN - (cont) - both these meetings it was decided to ask for aid from Home Mission for next year - but not Bethlehem. My trip to Fargo with the treatments seems to help. Mamma has had a busy time writing - I receive a letter almost every day.
- 25 - THURS - Thanksgiving Day - We had an abundance of good things to eat - an overflood of all good things at spise. Yes - every day we get good food.

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This letter was written to Mom Dec. 9:

Thursday noon, Dec. 9, 1937

Dear Ida and Children,

Well, I do not have much to do so may as well write a letter. I got your letter today - also letters from Ada and Arlien - and heard you had a real snowstorm out there. It was storming some here also on Monday but it was not so bad. But here it does not matter how the weather is outside because it is always nice and comfortable here.

That little book you mentioned - about making car payments - must be at home in the writing desk somewhere. I am sure they will send another one if it has become lost. But I guess that can wait until I get home. I have not asked the doctor yet when I can go - but it is not necessary until shortly before I leave.

I will ask them about it on Monday, the 13th, and tell them that I would like to leave the hospital on Wednesday. Then I will have to stay overnight in Fargo and leave Thursday morning for Kinkaid - so you better be there that evening to meet me. If I should not come on that train - don't get excited. It would only be because the doctor would not let me go yet - but I don't think that will be the case. Anyway, if I write Monday after I have seen the doctor - the letter should come to you Wednesday - and for sure by Thursday, so you would know all about it. I guess you will get this on Saturday, so if you go to Columbus Saturday p.m. you can send me a card. According to my figuring whatever comes to me Wednesday morning I will get before I leave.

There is quite a bit to go thru to be checked out. First, we have to see the doctor in our ward to get his permit to leave. Then, downstairs to get our clothes - and back again to the room to get dressed. Then, about 1:00 p.m. to a meeting with all the doctors. Then to different offices again and a clerk fixes out our transportation to return home. At 4:30 we will leave for town and for the hotel.

Until then - Goodby

Do not send any more envelopes - I will not need them.

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- 13 - MON - I asked the doctors about going home on WED and permission was granted - jeg sporgte om at reise Onsdag og det blev indvilget. I saw doctors on both TUES and WED - and got my clothes again so I could leave the hospital at 4:30 p.m. There were 4 of us going in to Fargo. Checked in at the hotel.
- 16 - THURS - Got up at 4:45 a.m. - had a little breakfast - almost missed the train. Had to buy a ticket on the train from Fargo to Grand Forks - but got a refund on that later. Came to Minot at 2:30 p.m. - left there at 3:00 for Kinkaid. Got there at 6:30. They were there to meet me. Then home. Home, Sweet Home. There was a little snow here but it was not enough to be of any consequence. Weather was nice and mild. It was wonderful to get back to my own home again - det var godt at komme til eget hjem. It took all of FRI and SAT to get reacquainted with everything again - at gjore mig betjendt med alt igjen.
- 19 - SUN - We were at home today - had our own services here by ourselves.
- 20 - MON - Nice and mild. 21 - TUES - A little colder and a little windy. Have been doing some studying and am planning to have services at Christmas time in all the places. We are having school and it will be over on THURS, the 23rd. Marie and Valla will also be coming to Stanley on THURS. Today is the shortest day of the year and tomorrow, the 22.
- 24 - FRI - And now it is Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve. It was cold today - 18 below zero but nice and clear. There has been a great deal of driving for Julien now before Christmas. WED was our last day of school. But they were there all day THURS too but that was only play and fun. This p.m. Julien and Valla went in to town - I guess Julien has been in to town every day this week for something. Yesterday THURS -23- after Julien had taken the children to school he drove to Stanley to get Marie and Valla. It went just fine. They came there on the train about 10:00 a.m. Nice weather - a little cold and a little snow. They came home about 1:30 p.m. from Stanley and had brought with them many things for Christmas. There had been some snow in Montana when they left there. Thelma would have liked to come home too but could not very well do that. Marie and Valla have to leave again New Year's Day. After this Julien drove over to school to get the little girls - and all their presents. As for myself - I have not bought any gifts this year - but it looks like there are enough here for everyone - and then some - more than 50, I am sure. We will have our Christmas Tree here tonight. Yes - there is a lot to do to get ready for Christmas and everyone is busy. I hope we will have good weather during the next days so we can get out to all our churches for Christmas services. We had our Christmas Tree tonight - a pretty little tree decorated very nicely - and so many presents. We sang many of our Christmas songs - read the Christmas Gospel - and then it time to distribute all the gifts. Yes - it was Merry Christmas - there was something for

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- 24 - FRI - (cont.) - everyone - I can't list all the things.
- 25 - SAT - Glædelig Jul - but outside it is very cold. 16 below and windy and drifting. We could not go to S.St.Olaf as we had planned - so we were all at home today.
- 26 - SUN - The weather was a little better today but it was still quite cold. We drove in car to Bethlehem. Mamma and the little girls were at home. Only about half of the congregation came out today. It was cold and there was drifting. Offering \$11.15. Valla and Marie sang.
- 27 - MON - Nice weather today. We 4 went to Thorson - Julien, Marie and Valla with me. Many there. I spoke in both Norwegian and English. There was special music too. Offering \$13.39 and a \$5.00 bill for Mamma from Grandma Wold. L.A. following. We drove on the highway - it went just fine.
- 28 - TUES - Today we have company for dinner - Waages, Rosholt, Lawrits and Eva and family. We had a very fine sociable day - en hyggelig dag - with much music - singing - good food and lots of visiting. Then about 9:00 this evening when Waages were going to leave he could not get his car started. He had to leave his car here and Julien took them in to town. Julien and Jim Durick came out then to get the car. It got to be quite late for Julien tonight.
- 30 - THURS - The young folks went to Crosby - were also in Columbus one evening.

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- 1 - SAT - New Year's Day. Today Marie and Valla had to leave for Montana again - they took the train to Minot first and then out to Montana.
- 2 - SUN - We had the S.St.Olaf congregation meet at our place today - Norwegian Christmas service - offering \$8.68. We also had L.A. It was a nice day and quite a few came.
- 3 - MON - Home - also on TUES. Yes, Thanks be to God for all the good things we have received during the past year - Tak vaere Gud for alt i dette aar. I am feeling better. Glad Nytt Aar. Maa Gud hjaelpe os til et godt og Glædelig Ny Aar i Jesu Navn. May God help us and give us another good year - in Jesus Name. Have been working on my report now for several days and have now completed it - THURS - 6th.
- 7 - FRI - Julien took the girls in to Columbus this afternoon for music lessons.
- 8 - SAT - A big "rabbit hunt" was planned for today. The weather was nice and there were about 30 from east and west who came together for this hunt. They went from N of Kleppens and over towards A.G.Bergs. They got about 24.

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- 20 - THURS - Have not written down anything since the rabbit hunt and now it is Jan. 20 - har ikke tegnet ned noget siden rabbit hunt og nu er det Jan. 20. The weather has not been cold but we have gotten a little snow - we now have a total of 10". It has also been foggy much of the time - especially WED - 19 - so I suppose we will have a lot of rain in June. But today - the 20th - it looks like it is beginning to clear up. The sun is shining. It has not really been very cold since New Year's - but I am staying quietly at home these days - can't stand the cold - taaler ikke nogen kulde. I am still quite stiff in my limbs - stiv i lemmer - have had some cramps in my right foot and knee occasionally but they do not last long. We are not having any school now but it will start up again Feb. 7. Then Julien will have to drive with horses and sled.
- 21 - FRI - A nice day and good weather.
- 22 - SAT - Julien took the little girls to Columbus for music lessons.
- 23 - SUN - Foggy. A big "rabbit hunt" again - east of here. Julien and a few others from around here went. There were about 36 in all - most of them from east and some from Columbus. They only got 12 rabbits today.
- 24 - MON - Nice weather.
- 25 - TUES - The weather was thick today - windy and snow blowing around. Looks like we could get quite a bit. We hear that it is snowing hard farther east - a real snowstorm.
- 26 - WED - About the same today and we hear more about the big snowstorm they are having farther east. We did not get a great deal here nor did they in Montana. It cleared up here and we had sunshine on WED - Jan. 26.

New items from the Columbus Reporter:

March 17, 1938

We are sorry to report that Rev. A. Buckneberg is again confined to bed, having suffered a light stroke of paralysis last Saturday, March 12. His daughter, Mrs. L. Jacobson (nee Thelma) of Rudyard, Montana, is at home assisting in caring for him. Marie, teaching in Kremlin, Montana, and Valborg, teaching in Rudyard, Montana, were home over the week-end to visit their father. Rev. Buckneberg was making excellent progress until about February 1st, when he received a setback, climaxed by the stroke last Saturday. His many friends hope for his early recovery.

Church Notices: As Rev. Buckneberg is still quite ill at his home and not able to conduct services, I have promised to conduct a few services in his place and will preach at Bethlehem on Sunday, March 20, at 3:30 - Norw. Services in other congregations of Buckneberg's parish will be announced later. - Rev. J.W. Rosholt

March 31, 1938

Church Notices: Services in Scandia for Rev. Buckneberg, April 3, at 4:00 - Norw.
Rev. J.W. Rosholt

April 7, 1938

We are sorry to report that Rev. A. Buckneberg is still confined to bed and that his condition is not very favorable, as a result of a second stroke suffered in February. Rev. Buckneberg's many friends over the county are hoping for his early recovery.

Larson News: Rev. A. Buckneberg is seriously ill at his home. Dr. Smith is attending. His many friends in Larson and vicinity are wishing for his recovery.

April 14, 1938

Church Notices: Rev. Buckneberg's Parish. Easter services will be held in the 3 congregations of Rev. Buckneberg's Parish on April 24. (Easter - April 17). Rev. K.O. Waage of Noonan will conduct services in S. St. Olaf at 3:00 in English, and the undersigned will conduct services at Bethlehem at 11:00 and Scandia at 3:00, in Norw. and Eng. A cordial welcome to all.

Rev. J.W. Rosholt

April 21, 1938

We are pleased to report that Rev. A. Buckneberg, who has been seriously ill for the past six weeks is somewhat improved at this time.

REV. A. BUCKNEBERG, Pioneer Minister, Passes away.
Hundreds of friends from Northwest North Dakota attended last rites held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church last Monday afternoon, May 9.

The Rev. A. Buckneberg, pioneer pastor residing south of Larson, and serving a number of churches in that vicinity, passed away at his home last week, Wednesday, May 4th at 8:25 p.m. after an illness of over a year. Rev. A. Buckneberg suffered a stroke about a year ago, but rallied and was able to be up and around, though not strong and in good health. Since that time he suffered several light strokes and on March 12 was taken seriously ill and confined to bed, and never recovered. He passed away quietly and at Peace with His Maker last week, Wednesday, May 4th, with his devoted wife and loving family at his bedside.

Rev. Adolf Buckneberg was born on February 14, 1875 at Bokn, near Stavanger, Norway, of parents Jacob and Malene Buckneberg. At the age of 18 years, he came to the United States with his parents, his destination being Inwood, Iowa.

In 1897 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a corporal in the 2nd Cavalry. His period of enlistment was during the Spanish-American War. He was stationed in Cuba for some over a year and was honorably discharged from the service in 1900.

In the fall of 1900 he entered the Lutheran Normal School of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. from which he was graduated. After this he taught Parochial school at Fosston, Minn. for a year. In the fall of 1902 he entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at St. Paul and in 1905 was ordained at Flaxton, N. Dak. by Rev. N. A. Larson, Minot, now of Ames, Iowa. Rev. Buckneberg continued to serve in the vicinity of Flaxton in the pioneer days, his call being Flaxton and westward. As time went on his district was divided and Lignite became his headquarters. He then took up a homestead in order to establish a home for himself and better serve his congregations. At one time he served 11 congregations. As these congregations grew larger they were divided again, and he has served S. St. Olaf, Scandia and Bethlehem since that time.

In 1907 Rev. Adolf Buckneberg was united in marriage to Ida Marie Isakson of Colfax, Wisconsin. To this union were born 5 daughters and 2 sons, Marie, Thelma, Adolph, Valborg, Julien, Ada and Arlene. Besides his children he is survived by his wife and one sister, Mrs. Elene Nelson, Canton, S. Dak., and one brother, Rev. Ingvald Buckneberg, of Keene, N. Dak. His parents and one sister and five brothers have preceded him in death.

Rev. Adolf Buckneberg was truly a Christian man and pioneer, the friend of everyone and untiring in his efforts to serve his God, humanity, the community and his country. During the early days of his ministry he suffered many hardships and privations, but always went about his work administering to others and teaching the Word of God cheerfully and uncomplainingly. He was pastor to hundreds upon hundreds of early pioneers in Burke County, who sincerely mourn his death, but who are better men and better women because of his work among them. During Rev. Buckneberg's ministry he performed 955 baptisms, confirmed 486 young people in the Lutheran Faith, performed 89 marriages and officiated at 168 burial services.

One of the largest crowds ever to attend a funeral in this community were present at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, south of Columbus, one of Rev. Buckneberg's home churches, built by him in 1913, on Monday afternoon, May 9th at 2:00. Six Lutheran pastors, namely, Rev. J. Aarthun, Lignite, Rev. C. I. Sauer, Kenmare, Rev. G. W. Mathre, Plaza, Rev. K. O. Waage, Noonan, Rev. O. J. Akre, Ambrose, and Rev. J. W. Rosholt, Columbus, served as pall-bearers. Rev. J. W. Rosholt, pastor of the First Lutheran Church, Columbus, was in charge of the funeral service and was assisted by Rev. Aarthun, Rev. Sauer and Rev. Waage. Rev. J. Aarthun conducted Devotions held at the Buckneberg home at 1:30 p.m.

Interment was made in the church cemetery, on a sunny knoll just south of the church building proper.

Music at the funeral service was furnished by the Scandia Choir under the direction of Martin Sathre, Battleview, and a solo by Mrs. Elmer Brenno, Columbus.

Out of town relatives and close friends present at the service were: Rev. and Mrs. I. Buckneberg, Keene, N.Dak., Conrad and Caroline Isakson, brother and sister of Mrs. Buckneberg, from St. Paul, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Adolph I. Buckneberg, Hendricks, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jacobson, Ruyard, Montana, Rev. and Mrs. C. I. Sauer, Kenmare, Rev. and Mrs. Mathre, Plaza, N. Dak. Friends of Rev. A. Buckneberg from towns and communities all over western North Dakota were present to pay their last respects to a man they loved and honored.

\$120.00 was donated to Missions and Charities in Memory of Rev. A. Buckneberg, by organizations and friends, and there were a large number of floral contributions.

The community deeply mourns the passing of Rev. Adolf Buckneberg, a beloved pastor, patriot and good American citizen, and they join in extending heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing wife and children in the loss of a splendid husband and father.

Rest be his memory.

IN MEMORY of REV. ADOLF BUCKNEBERG, who passed away Wed., May 4, 1938, from the parishioners of First Lutheran Church of Columbus and friends in Columbus City, to be given to Missions and Charities in his honor.

The following is a list of donors: Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Berg, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Krogh, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Grina, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Helgeson, Sella Dihle, Alice Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. O. Bjore, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Helgeson, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Kihle, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Strom, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Swenson, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Ness, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hunstead, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Durick, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Durick, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Forthun, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kvernum, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson, Margaret Lagried, Mr. and Mrs. Mads Dahl, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hoel, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Graves. -Contributed.

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We gratefully acknowledge the kind expressions of sympathy extended to us during the illness and death of Rev. Adolf Buckneberg, our dear husband, father and brother. We wish to thank all the visiting pastors, and especially, Rev. J. W. Rosholt, Rev. J. Aarthun, Rev. K. O. Waage, and Mrs. E. Brenno and the Scandia Choir for the beautiful music, the American Legion, and all who gave Mission and floral offerings.

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