

Sun. -April 13, 1919

Did not get up until about 12, went out hunting with Arnold in the afternoon, got some sparrows and frogs, made a sling shot, pretty near got a bird the first shot, Tony Peterson got 6 gophers out by Smiths, I got 13 already 13 is my lucky no. going out there Mon. night.

This was a fine day, the sun was out, and all the snow is gone.
Hurrah? Zip! Boom-

Mon. -April 14

Spring's come

Seen some honkers going over, and I sure was thrilled. When I see honkers ("Canadian Wild Geese") I go crazy, cause I just want to [go] with them

When I got to school. I heard some more, and just had to leave the room, but they were gone.-

Oh ! Sad tale —

going hunting tonite with A. Byork-kid, after gophers out by Smiths, God bless the gopher's—

Tues. 15,

Hunting season on muskrats closes today, and I haven't seen any since last autumn, Hope I get one tonite in the traps, we set up the tent tonite after school, and put our beds and fixed it all up before six bells.

Sold papers tonite, saving to get a 45.00 bicycle, I got \$ 17 more to get, I sold one of my B.B. gun to A Boyork kid for 2.50 a little toward the bicycle, fine day, and didn't go down to the traps, got to take them in soon. I made 18.95 this year from furs, I got 15 muskrats and 3 weasels, ma's still in the hospital, and is getting better.

Wed. 16,

It got quite cold last nite, and so did I, but I don't care, heard rooster's crowing all night, or at least part of it, wonder what I will get in Algebra test, only 5 weeks of Real school left, then— swish-swash, plunge, the swimin' hole —

nothing doing tonite so I went hunting gophers, saw one and had a swell time trying to get him, but I finally stopped as it was near six, the train didn't come in till 9:20 and papers sold like hot cakes.

Thur, 17,

It sure was cold getting up this morning and I stayed in bed until I heard some geese going over, that sure did livin' me up. My Lone Scout came yesterday and I am reading it all my spare time got 1 in Algebra test, I am going to see if I can quit. We did not have B.S.A. meeting Wed. on account of the train being late.

Boy Scout meeting to nite, and there was only 5 there, not much doing except to watch Ross'es fish, he stayed late this time, regular time is 9:00 this time it was 10:00 first time in the history of the B.S.A.

Friday 18,

Payed Curtis today for paper's, it was 7.73 cents. School got out early to-day, lots of kids skiped, and so was I glad I didn't, going hunting and traping gophers tonight up to the cemetary didn't get any thing tho, nice day.

Sat. 19-1919

When I got up I went up to the grave yard to see my traps, did not get anything, but Pete got 3 yesterdays.

My team was going to play ball this afternoon but I went hunting I did not take my rifle this time, but took my frog-spear and speared frogs down by the dam, Vance sold his boat for 50c, I guess the old "maple" has got water-logged and sunk, for I don't see her any more, when I got up by Skow's camp I seen a gopher and we drowned him out, and when he came out I stuck him with the frog spear-

He was a live an we were going to take his scalp (tail) when he slipped off, and beat it in a hole, which ran up hill, some English, so we lost that one, just then Vance came along with a big rifle, he said he shot lots of turtles, and gopher's, but the gophers went down there holes we went home with him, he showed me where one was that went down his hole, and I got him with the frog-spear. (3c) for the tails now, I am coming out here tomorrow.

Sun-20.

A. Byork kid was over while I was still in bed and waited for me, we went up to see our traps, but nothing doing, on[e] was set off but there wasn't anything in it.

We took our traps home, and A. Boyok kid said he was coming out with me this afternoon.

He didn't though I went with Curtis and I got 2 stripes and 1 corron which make me about 15 now, was fishing Sat, and caught a few fish, but traded them for a gopher tail.

My gun is no good it don't repeated, and am going to take it back tomorrow - mabe - yes.

Mon-21,

Took my gun back

Had a fight with Curtis today, not much damage done, nothing doing in school, some of the kids that skiped came to school, and M.D. taught music.

I guess I sing Alto, nice day today.

Tue 22

Papers didn't come till 9:20.

Had a fight with H.B., in which I just threw him down on the sidewalk, I spose ma will give me Cain now I allways did have a grudge against him and was just going to hit him when some big fellows stoped me B. is the biggest baby in town, and when I get a chance, — whoop —ouch— poor B., the villian meaning H.B. lies dead upon the ground.

He was throwing a gunny sack which the kids had filled with mud and water, (altho I don't touch or go near B.) I threw at Carrol B., they were out courting M.K. so I guess didn't like it. They threw it back and so did and I hit B. in the back of the neck, he came runing by and threw it, I ducked it, and B. grabbed the sack again to throw. I duck it again and tackled him on my knees, as he was coming fast he rolled me over, and I came out on top. He hit his head on the front step of Rue's and just then the big kids came, I asked him if he had enough and I guess he was pretty near bawling, so I just rubbed my hand over his face (I had had that dirty sack in my hands, so they were all muddy).

Had a fight with Cooky too, just a scramble for a broom to mop the kids faces.

Dance tonite, the band came over and played, it cost \$1.10, then played at U graduation, too.

Wed 23.

Rain last nite, cold as winter in the tent, when I came to school B. didn't even look at me- This noon when I got home, I just settled down to read my Lone Scout when Curtis came a whoopin in there with a Hun helmet (the Kaisers!), he said pa got it for selling V Bonds. Pa sold \$95.00 hundred dollars worth and won the helmit.

A tank was in town today, and all the kids were over to the tracks to see it.

We were jumping all over it, and moving in guns when Ford chased us off. That's the first, tank I ever was on, altho I have seen them before, (no thanks to Ford) at the fair grounds, I was in a airplane too, (no thanks to Ford for that either) (God bless him) (?) getting winter again, cold as blazes outside, rather wish I slept in the house now, got to get an oral essay for English 1. Oh my gosh —

I don't belive there will be a L.S.A. [Lone Scouts of America] meet tonite, my gun is still up to Byork and Standals [hardware store].

Thurs 24,

Scout meeting tonite. 6 there when there is suppose to be 60.

My gun is still up to Byork and Standals, I wonder when they will have it fixed. I want it Sat. It was not so cold out yesterday as the day before. Ole is starting a resturant and I went in there, I seen two wires hanging out and touch them together, oh you spark. Ole was going to kick me out. I hope it burned out a fuse plug. Curtis is not selling his share of potatoes and had said I could, we get half of the money. Dad went to the city [Minneapolis] today, he said he would get me a wireless key.

Fri. 25

Tarzan of the Apes is to nite, it is 35c, I am going if it costs a \$1.00, In the Red Book magzine at Shirleys, the author of Tarzan has quite a few short stories of Tarzan, every month.

I missed two of them, the only one I saw was the "Golden Locket by E. R. B. [Edgar Rice Burroughs]

Arnold is going to get the other copys from M. S. I am going to read them to, The new ones are "Tarzan the Untamed" I am crazy over Tarzan books, going to sell potatoes tonite with Johnnie Walsh, he got 5c on every bu., we sell potatoes at 75c and they are great big ones. Had a Phy. test today, nice day but rather cold —

Sat. 26- 1919

I don't write my diarys on Sat. and sun., but only on school days, It is so hard to remember that I don't know what to write, after this they will be very short.

P.S. Did not go hunting; as my gun was up to B&S. Tarz.an of the apes tonite, I did not go! but read the books A.B. got.

Sun. 27

Had to go hunting today, did not get anything.

Had a swell potato fight up town tonite.

Cowdon had thrown lots of rotten potatos out, and we got a whole pail full, there was a whole bunch of little kids out town and we stayed until ten chasing them, it sure was fun to hear a rotten potato go home, and they usually left quite a mark, especially rotten ones.

There was Squeak, Stub, Russell, and I. Stub tore my pants and I had to wear my new suit. I don't like a new suit, because I can not play hard, unless I put my coveralls on, I got a pair a high boots yesterday.

Mon.28,

Cold as blazes out in the tent, nothing doing in school to day.

When I carne home I had to work, sprouting potatoes, so did Curtis, had another potatoe fight and the whole bunch, pretty near got put in the coop. Squeak broke a window —

Tue. 29,

Pa said we had to give our rifels to him, as Moran said that someone told him, we killed a dog.

I asked ma if I could quit Algebra, and she said no, she will get a jar when my report comes in — ouch.

Nice day, one of my butterfly hatched out, had to work after school, like fun, I made a mistake then so forgive me, Allah.

Wend 30

Lone Scout came today, rained, was going to sell spuds.

No meeting tonite I went to the "Spoilers" [movie] at the show house, it cost 15c, I bought "The Beast of Tarzan!" It cost 65c.

Thurs, May 1

Prysbeterian Aid tonite, nothing doing in school, Boy Scout meeting tonite, also the "Fight for Millions." I don't go to those shows.

Fri May 2

Dirty day out, riaingin all the time.

Nothing doing, because it is raining.

Sat May 3

Still raining.

Sun May 4

Still raining, and it snowed, wonder if there is going to be a flood.

Mon. May 5

It stopped and there is still a chance to live in peace, got a package Sta, from a Bro Scout.

Tue. May 6

Sold my gun and also 2 bu. of potatoes, that mean 75c for my spending money, rained today. nothing doing in school.

Wend .May 7 1919

Rained last nite, some one put and angle worm on E.M. desk and she let a shriek out, I know who it was too.

Thur, May8,

Squeak called me this morning, at 7, and I did not get up until 8:30. Phy test today, rained I wonder if it is ever going to quite raining.

Fri. May 9. 1919.

Big doings in school today, they were giving out the initial for basket-ball, Bud, Skaw, Earl. and — were the one who got the 3E's.

There is going to be a special meeting tonite, to discuss secret matters, It hailed yesterday but I hope it don't today.

The sun is out, and I might have to plant potatoes Sat. Pat is sick, and if he don't get well I don't have too.

I can run my wireless now, and I will ask granpa if he will help me put it up sat.

I sent for a 6.50 wireless outfit, that comes all apart reads to put together, hope I get it putty soon as it is the whole receiving apparatus, Headband and all.

Sold papers tonite and had L.S.A. meeting.

We had pie, and ice cream, I furnished most of it.

Sat.

I went out hunting in the afternoon but did not get any thing.

I had to help ma this morning, but I did not in the afternoon because our hired girl came back.

All the birds are here now, as I seen several thrushes, wren and cardinals and owles.

Sun.

Went hiking today instead of going to Sunday School, went out to the scout shack and we shot a chipmunk out there, and when we were making our dinner, Mrs Wells and Mr Roof [local school teachers] came down.

We went then, so I spose they had a good time. I caught a great big Red Horse down there, and Curt caught a larger one.

We were pulling in small over about 5 or 6 in long, when as I watch Curt bait his hook, I pull out my line, and insted of the usual small fish was a large one. About five min. later Curt got a larger one.

We sure were in good spirits then, and tried to catch some more but could not.

This was a rotten day as it rained all afternoon in a drizzle.

Mon -

It is all wet out side today, and there is nothing exciting doing.

Sold some potatoes to P.P. Dock for the Enderlin Farmers Store I said I could sell them eight bu. but Dad said to sell only five until he came home so we had enough to eat. 5 bu. - 3.75 and 1/2 of it belongs to me, I take the potatoes up tonite.

I did not sell 7 of my paper and am going to decrease to 6 at nite.

Tue -

Something funny happened in school today. I fixed my bike, and she is already to paint.

Did some L.S. work tonite, also sold potatoes, and made 1.50. My bank account is only 7.61 one, but it sure is more than I thought it was.

Johnnie gave me 8 large guns coupon which = 40

Wed.

Painted my bike, and we had L.S. meeting and they had 40c worth of Ice cream and I did not get any because I came to late. I was painting my bicycle.

Thur.

Nice Day, but rained a little, had lots of fun. no scout meeting.

My wireless has not come, I wonder if they are still

I am a genius and yet I get 70 in my report card. went to show and after it I bought a quart of ice cream and ate all myself.

Fri 16, 1919

Did not do much today, git up at 8:00 had another Phy test today, great speech in school today "Buck" made one so did "Bud" and Vera Petrich, nothing doing tonite.

Sat –

Planted potatoes and went swimming, fine day, but the water was cold, bought a tire for my bicycle today.

Sun –

Rode around a while and then went hunting, I got a hawk with a rifel, and Arnold Byork got a blackbud, My wireless came yesterday and I have been working on it all today.

Mon.-

Nice day, had a recess today, school is pretty near over.