

The Diary of Carrie Ingalls

1930-1939

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The 1920s have just ended for the Ingalls, making way for the 1930's. Although we are wont to make these big divisions by some kind of meaningful numbers, the reality is that the two days dividing the two decades are no more different than any other two consecutive days. And although I have divided my summaries by decades, or by diary breaks, another way to divide Carrie's life would be by the events that change lives. Sometimes those events can be felt as they happen; other times, it takes time to look back upon to realize the importance of the event.

The last big event happened in 1922 when Trum and Carrie moved off the farm and into the hamlet of Norton Hill, right on Main Street. This allows them to gradually move from the farming life, while Trum gravitates to the mill work, and Carrie can be a mother, wife, and grandmother, with emphasis on the grandmother part.

Of course, one might argue that the death of daughter Dorothy Ingalls Gay in 1926 during childbirth is a momentous event, especially affecting Carrie.

However, I will stick with the calendar divisions, and I will let you create the other divisions.

Before I go any further, I need to repeat that the content of this diary is based on the personal writings of one person. Carrie Spalding Ingalls' perspective obviously flavors my account. Furthermore, it should be noted that because Carrie Ingalls states something or Don Teator emphasizes some of what Carrie Ingalls states, the TRUTH may or may not correspond with the diary. I suppose some philosophical dialogue could be had about the meaning of truth but I will not tread in that direction. Please understand that this summarizer understands there are different perspectives and I have chosen to be faithful to Carrie's, as shown in this diary, with no offense to other perspectives that may be just as valid.

A reading of the diary shows not only a string of sometimes unconnected events that make up one's life but also the repeated details that paint the big brush strokes of one's life. It is these big brush strokes that should be noted first. It is these brush strokes that hold true from year to year, month to month, and usually week to week. No matter what the mass of details is noted later, the big picture of Carrie's world is painted big by these trends.

And if the big brush strokes change, they will be duly noted.

The details of the mill is one of the dominating features starting the early 1930s. Much of what was said about the mill in the 1920s bears repeating just to make sure we recognize the importance of the mill.

Trum's world, as seen by diary, is dominated by the mill, not the farm. It is obvious at this point that a family can make a good living at something else other than farming or being a storekeeper in a village. Whether Truman Ingalls realizes it or not, all the details that make for a growing business are upon him, and he embraces the specialization that is now required for the milling business.

One of the first steps in the lumber business is supply. Every few months, it seems that Trum is looking over a wood lot. It seems there are few viable wood lots close by, other than the big woods area (Big Woods Road), probably because the area around has already been cleared for agriculture. Much of the time, we see Trum scouring the countryside, more often than not in the Medusa, Livingstonville, Preston Hollow, East Durham and Potter Hollow areas.

What the business details of the procurement of these wood lots are is not clear. It could be that Trum buys them but if so, there is no mention of what happens to them later. It is more likely that he buys the wood off the lot, much as is the custom locally today. A third possibility is the leasing of land but that idea never is mentioned in the diary. No matter which

way it happens, Trum often has Harrison Gardner drawing up a contract, with a rare problem or two mentioned.

Once the wood lot is secured, Trum needs to find a way to get to the wood. Even though trucks are available, the ground is so rough that horses are the only way to get wood out, even at the end of this decade. Thus, trees are sawed by hand, trimmed, sawed by hand into lengths, and dragged by horse to a piling place, preferably by the portable mill. Carrie will note the steepness of some of these sites, and the traveler who knows the area where Albany, Schoharie and Greene Counties meet knows the difficulty these men must have encountered.

Although Carrie does not emphasize the making of the mill, this process was a daunting one. Based on the diary, the men would have moved the mill from another site, itself a big task. All the metal would have to be taken apart in pieces to fit on the horse drawn wagons (and by truck by mid-decade), and transported on less than smooth roads and over the rough wood lots to its site. And then the men would reassemble all the machinery.

Water was a key ingredient, and siting a mill by a stream was an advantage for its supply. One entry notes that 200 pails of water were needed for the steam engine that drove the sawing apparatus. Of course, some of these hill tops had no water and often Trum was building a dam. Dry weather conditions made for especially difficult times. If water could be found, they might try to pump it but this technology did not have its beginning until the early 1920s. The downside to being next to the stream is flooding, and more than once Trum has his bridge to a wood lot or out to the road ruined. He'll try a few tricks to minimize this, like cabling all the bridge timber together and securing it away from the stream.

Some mechanism was needed for keeping the boards straight into the saw. Sawdust would accumulate and need to be taken away. In fact, during dry and hot weather, the fear of the sawdust catching fire kept Trum overnight at the

mill to watch for fire.

And then there was the mechanics of the mill. Carrie will note a gauge going bad, a plug blowing, cold temperatures threatening to freeze the water, flues blocking, and a host of other things that could go wrong.

Labor was another major consideration. No one man could do this by himself, and Trum often had two or three men, sometimes as many as six to eight, working on a site. Carrie often notes when he has trouble getting someone to work. Over the course of 1915-1929, I would estimate that fifty different men worked for Truman Ingalls.

Moving the timber and lumber posed its own dangers. Carrie notes Trum strengthening or repairing a bridge. Uneven terrain could mean a spill and hours of wasted effort. Spring time was notorious for roads so bad that no transporting was possible.

The horsepower needed to move goods meant the caring for horses, strong horses. The horses were needed, as mentioned before, in the woods during the 1920's. The actual moving of the lumber from mill site to customer, once done only by horse, was quickly assumed by truck. And when road became paved, Trum could greatly increase the amount of lumber he could sell.

Of course, there had to be a market for lumber. At first, Trum sold most of his lumber to the river ports, according to the diary. As the 1920's progress, Carrie makes much more note of business that is done within twenty miles of home. And the long trips, that once meant going to the river, could just as easily mean any of the other directions, once the truck and improvement of roads came along. In fact, East Windham is a common destination. No matter the economy, the need to build and repair practically guaranteed the Ingalls a living, as long as they stayed healthy, avoided injuries, found enough men to work, etc.

A side part of this business is bill collecting. It seems that as many as a dozen rides a year were made in a big circle - Greenville to

Coxsackie to Athens to Catskill to Leeds to East Durham and back. Some days were good days but just as likely no money was to be collected. Money was never mailed, at least not mentioned in the diary. The face-to-face dealing was a matter of day-to-day life.

And so, although this sounds like a neat cycle of business, all of these parts could intermix. Trum, I think, was always looking for new wood lots for a good price. He always needed customers. And he was always involved in most of the steps in the process, so much so that Carrie will occasionally worry about Trum's health. And as 1930 approaches, Trum is 64 years old, an age that most men today consider to be in the retirement age.

A second major brush stroke is the importance of family. And much of what was said about the 1920s bears repeating here also.

With Carrie being the writer, family life will be amply represented. The social web of the Ingalls family is a strong one, with visits at the house or at her children's houses. A limitless variety of company fills the year. Sometimes, one of the children come by, sometimes it is all, sometimes it is a few, sometimes it is one grandchild, sometimes it is a few. Sometimes, Trum and Carrie go to Warren's, sometimes to Stanley's, sometimes to Carrie's, sometimes to Clarence's. Sometimes, one of the children have all the others over. Sometimes..., well, you get the idea. Hardly a day goes by without some contact by at least one other family member, and a reader of this summary should keep that foremost in mind, even though much of it is left out here because a writer could write a whole account about who visits whom.

Another part of this brush stroke is where the family is located in 1930. Ruth and Merritt are less than a mile away on the Ingalls homestead on Old Plank Road. Stanley and Eleanor live several hundred yards away on Main Street, Norton Hill. Clarence and Alliene, and Carrie and Ed live across the street from each other in the middle of South Westerlo. Warren and Eleanor operate the boarding house on

Ingalside Road. Ransom and Ethel live in Albany and thus are less accessible. Leona and Bill are just married and are staying close by home except when they go to NYC. Dorothy's story is an unforgettable one told in the last summary, and her son William is being raised by his grandparents Gay in Franklin, near Oneonta, NY. Thus, the trips and goings-on these families make are of interest to Carrie.

If the diary were to be stripped of comments about Carrie's children, I would dare guess that eighty per cent of the diary would disappear. This is true for the rest of the diary; in many later entries, ninety per cent are comprised of such comments, other than a note of the weather.

The other part of the family, that of Carrie's siblings, are often noted but not nearly so much as her own children.

A third major brush stroke is the combination of Trum and Carrie's age and the location of their residence. Truman is 65, and Carrie is 66 as 1930 starts. Their physical prime has long gone by, they've sold the farm to son-in-law Merritt Elliott, and both must lead less demanding lives. Having said that, one recognizes that the mill work is not for the weak and thus Trum leads a hard life. Still, Trum will often come home tired and as the years pass in the early 1930s, Trum becomes worn out. As long as Trum can find hired men, he can operate his mill.

Carrie appears to be in good health. The demands of raising a big family are long past. She can help out her children but leave whenever she wants. And when she is not working with them, she is actively worrying about them.

Their location on Main Street in Norton Hill allows them to be close to the action that a main street allows. The stores are close by, the church is across the street (church attendance noticeably improves), the primary school is across the street, and grandma's house is a favorite place to stop. Farming activities are close by when Carrie and Trum wish them to be close by, or when their presence is needed.

A smaller brush stroke, but a noticeable one just the same, is Carrie and Trum's enjoyment of traveling. Some is on business, and some will be for family. However, from the mid-1920s to the early 1940s, it is an uncommon day for Carrie to not have left the house for some reason. Most of these rides are to a nearby town but many rides are what I call a mid-range ride, in the 20-50 mile range. The rides happen so often that it is easy to ignore them for to delineate each one would be to have to create a list that would be almost as long as who is interacting with whom.

It will do the reader well to keep these brush strokes in mind. And with them, the reader should remember that the other details work in, not replace these big brush strokes.

1930

Carrie starts the 1930 by wishing a "Happy New Year to all." Lincoln Jennings is starting up a Book Circle and Carrie takes a book. The diary for the year was given by Leona and William.

Trum has been working at the mill for the first four days of January but finishes by draining the boiler. Ruf appears to be the main helper, just as he has helped Henry Niles butcher his pork, two pigs that weighed over a half a ton on January 6.

On the 5th, "We went to Oak Hill in the eve. to the Reopening of the Church. Hon. William E. Thorpe Judge of the County of Greene spoke very eloquently on Memories." Carrie writes to Leona, the weather is unusually warm for early January, "Trum went on the mill job. Delivered two loads of lumber to East Durham. Road so soft could'nt get out with the third load."

Ruth is "complaining" about her face because of pulled teeth, the wash goes to Smiths, Carrie visits Hattie Winans, and "Ruf. took load to East Durham to Coventry. & brot down pine to take to Surprise he was here to dinner. & took some pine to Oak Hill to Masonic Hall for Ed. Goff."

Trum. goes over to the Hall to a basketball game, and on the 19th, "Trum. went over to Burt Bells a few minutes & signed out

our right to the N.Y Telephone Co." Carrie, Ed, and Alliene go to Catskill to a Glee Club concert, Clarence is cutting ice, and Trum and Carrie are collecting debts in East Durham.

William is four years old and Carrie sends him a card, and Trum and Carrie have oyster stew. The entry for the 28th reads, "Mild. & very pleasant. Late breakfast & around home in fore-noon. Went to Catskill in the afternoon. We bought a carpet sweeper & just a few things had a lovely ride. We went to East Greenville to Hights to a firemans ball for the benefit of the So. Westerlo Fire equipment. Kenneth sold the most tickets he gets \$5.00 for a prize. Wind blew hard late. Adrian in to dinner Ruth & Merritt called on way from Elliotts Mrs Elliott Jr quite sick."

At month's end, Trum and Carrie are in Albany visiting Ransom, and traveling about the city.

February brings notice that the bear has seen his shadow. Also on the 2nd, Carrie is in Albany to see Ransom. Later in the week, she notes they have trouble with the car but eventually go to Catskill to collect a mill bill, and they eat at the N.Y. Restaurant, their favorite restaurant in Catskill. Carrie also finds a \$10 gold piece in her coat pocket, a piece she had misplaced during the previous year. She and her family get a good laugh.

Trum and Carrie go to Ed and sister Min's for a ham, an act they do regularly over the years. Junior Endeavor for the grandchildren is mentioned. The 12th means no school, but there is a basketball game at the hall between Norton Hill and "Urlton".

Stanley and Clarence trade their Chevrolet truck for a Mack, an Eastern Star social attracts 60, and Greenville beats Hunter at basketball by two points at mid-month.

The temperature dips to minus four degrees on the 16th, a ton of coal is delivered, and Trum and Carrie trade at the Hook & Ellis store. Stanley goes to Delhi and Oneonta, looking at school buses. Stanley goes to NYC to move goods and gets back in the same day,

Greenville beats Cobleskill in basketball, and Elgirtha is playing cards. When washing the clothes are mentioned, they are usually going to Ida Smith. Trum and Carrie get their glasses fixed.

On February 27, "Ther. 20° above. Very bright morning 6 in. of very light snow. Clifford took load of pine lumber to the American Valve works at Coxsackie. I went to a Cooking demonstration in the Hall by the Occident flour Co. We drove over to Warrens stayed to supper & part of the eve. We called at Stanleys." The next day, "Very pleasant & mild. Around home in the fore-noon. Started for Catskill about 2 oclock. Went to Opticians (Jones.) & got the lens in Trums' glasses. Drove up to the dutchmans (Schuster). Took a little ride down the Saugerties road. had supper at the Saulpaugh went to the B.B. game at the Y.M.C.A. Greenville G.H.S. vs Catskill. Greenville got trimmed to bad they worked hard. We had a very pleasant after-noon & eve."

March of 1930 starts with Stanley having a dinner party for 30, Ruf. takes lumber for the Lambs Corners Church, And Scott & Phil & Gerald are in looking for Gerald's books.

March 5 brings **sad news of the passing of Carrie's brother**. "We went to Medusa this after noon. Jerome had passed away before we got there. He was 74 yrs. old. Only been sick a week." On the 8th, "Rained all last night & all day to-day. Very high water. We went to Medusa with Warren & Margaret to Brother Jeromes funeral. Large turnout. Mrs. Marian Yeomans preached his sermon. She was the minister in Medusa 25 years ago. Mr. Deon* assisted. The roads were very bad came back by Chesterville So. Westerlo & Greenville. He is buried in Locust Cemetery. Trum. took Margaret home. Warren went to Coxsackie to meet some people. Ruth stayed to supper with us. We took her home. She went to the funeral with us."

In between those dates, Carrie and all of her girls have a dinner. The 12th is Warren and Margaret's 20th wedding anniversary, and it is also an anniversary of the Blizzard of '88. Carrie

notes a new hired man at the mill, Ira Finch, while they attend a local drama, one in which Warren, Margaret, and Gerald are acting. Mid-month shows Carrie going to a bake sale, Clarence's household has the chicken pox, Trum is skidding logs, and the supper at the church hall by the men is a success.

On the 17th, Trum takes lumber to Oak Hill for the Masons, no wood cutting on the 21st because of the high wind, and Stanley and Clifford go to Spring City, PA to move some goods, starting out at 3:30 in the morning and getting back by 11 pm.

Crime makes an appearance on the 22nd. "We hear there was a robbery in town Thurs. night. Thieves broke in the store here got around \$10.00 & cigars etc. Also in Harrys Garage & at Greenville in Delavernes' garage & Hallenbecks store."

Leona makes a visit, while Warren is prepping for the basketball banquet.

On the 30th, "Fairly pleasant. Pop Leona & I went to Scotts to dinner. After dinner Scott took us all for a long ride. Went to Hudson & around to a farm where John & Edna Craw are at work. Mrs. Craw is sick & Elgirtha wanted to call on her. Came back by Albany A beautiful drive from Hudson to Albany. We stopped in Albany & had supper. Got home at 9-30." We should get used to them traveling, an activity that Carrie enjoys.

The men have another supper, this time at the Methodist Church in Greenville. On the 3rd, "Leona & her Sister in law Mrs. McDowell started for N.Y. About 9 oclock she phoned she was there at 5 min. of three. Had good luck all way down. Trum. went to the mill. Bettie Elliott stayed with me while her folks went to Albany."

High water has people watching the Woodstock Dam, something we do even today. Leona and Bill Kingsley are back up from New York City, and Bill treats all to an ice cream near mid-month. On the 11th, "We drove over to William & Leonas' in the morning. & up to the mill to tell Ruf. to bring the Truck down. He came down after dinner & took the furniture over

to them so the 9th & last is keeping house now. We were over in the after-noon. Greenville is their new home.”

Warren and Margaret go to Rochester to see her sister Jennie, and Trum is collecting on bills. On the 16th, “After dinner we went to the Basic Dam also to Alcove. We came across a man & woman with a big car stuck in the mud. at the Basic Dam. Trum. took him to a neighbors they got a team & pulled him out.”

Carrie goes with Leona and Elgirtha to Catskill to the greenhouse to see the flowers, Trum is looking for a new mill engine and flues, and Merritt is paying \$25, probably on the mortgage or mortgage interest from the farm. Trum finally finds a new boiler and takes several days to set it up. A noticeable snow squall hits on April 24th, later than any of us like to see snow.

In late April, Grandma is baby-sitting so Merritt and Ruth can go to a drama, and Carrie goes with Margaret to Green Island to find a hired girl for Margaret.

On the 29th, “We went to Greenville to vote on the Central School proposition. It was carried by a big majority to have the Central School.” Thus, a quiet note reminds us of one of the important dates for the new building.

On May 5, “Sam McCulloch & wife here all the eve. They have sold the old farm. Paid Int. till July 1st 1930. & \$65 on the principal. \$130.00.” The old farm was the upper place on the road to Medusa, now at the end of Steadman Lane.

Leona is using the sewing machine, the wash goes to Ida Smith’s, and the temperature is in the mid-80s. The May 7 entry is as typical as any. “Ther. 88° Very hot. Trum. on the mill drawing logs a hard hot job. Elgirtha & Leone called. Leone stayed & helped me finish cleaning the pantry. Ruth called Uncle Ed. & aunt Min. called. Irene & Claribel in to lunch. Elgirtha came along this P.M. Leone & I went with her out to Durham. ate ice cream at Oak Hill nice ride. After supper pop & I went up to Ed. Goffs he paid Trum. for lumber. Another ride. Sent Mrs. Dillon \$47.00 for rent for 3 months Paid till

June 1st.”

Carrie is out with the family raking Dorothy’s cemetery lot on the 9th. The next day, they go to visit the Gays but forget to tell Stanley’s family, causing some worry. The trip home on May 11 was “Another beautiful day. We started for home About 10-45 drove over through Merideth Square tho’ we might get thro’ where Dorothy used to teach. But missed it on account of bad roads we came out on the Delhi road. We stopped in Hobart for dinner. Stopped at Point Lookout Grand view to-day. Came by Cairo & Greenville called at Wm. & Leones’ & at Scotts’ no one home went to So. Westerlo ate supper at Eds’. Came home found a Remembrance from all the children in flowers & boxes of candy. for Mothers day. Dont know how to express my gratitude. for such good children.”

In mid-May, Trum is helping plane lumber for one of Warren’s new buildings, and needs to fix his boiler. The Windham baseball team beats Greenville badly, and Carrie goes to Freehold and sees Mrs. Beers. Stanley and Clarence are mentioned often together, and many times with their father also.

Another typical day is May 21. “Very pleasant fore-noon shower in the P.M. I got up at 4 oclock to get breakfast for Trum. so he could go to West Albany with Cliff & Clarence to take Slaters saw mill up there. Leona came over I went home with her to dinner. Pop ate dinner at Clarences. We went to Chesterville to look at saw mill power. Came back to Greenville to B.B. game G.H.S. vs. Catskill. Greenville won. score 6-7 Came home ate supper & went to Elliotts & to East Durham to look at another Engine & boiler. I guess no good for us. Quite a full day for us.”

In later May, Trum is working on the barn siding for Warren, and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Ingalls are in preparing for the Reunion. Carrie mentions the pinksters while Truman is looking for a motor for the mill. May Day exercises are going on at school, 75 guests are at Warrens, the family goes to the cemetery for Memorial Day,

and Bill Gay has sent money for flowers.

On June 2, "Trum. went to Greenville after supper with Stanley. Looking after moving the Safes junked from the new Insurance Building which is now completed. Trum & his sons moved these same safes from Cocksackie to Greenville some years ago." Elsewhere, Trum has a motor for the truck, the girls are at pictures, Carrie goes to the Children's Day Concert at church, and Trum is taking pine lumber to American Valve in Cocksackie. Elgirtha and Carrie go to the Electric cooking demonstration, a sure sign of technology creeping into Greenville homes.

On the 12th, "Eleanor called we went over there & **listened to the big fight. Sharkey & Schmeling.** the latter won on a foul. I'm not so enthusiastic over a fight but must keep pace or be a back number."

In mid-June, a concrete walk is poured in front of the church, Trum is cutting logs for Warren's dam, the Dillons (their landlord) are up with a jolly party, and they forgot to put the license plates on the truck, prompting Carrie to muse about going to jail for such an offense, a good humored musing, I assume.

In later June, Stanley goes to New Jersey on school business, Trum hoes the garden, the Freehold bridge is worked on, a car runs into a pole with no serious injuries. On the 27th, Carrie makes a cake for the reunion. The following day, "Some wind but very pleasant & bright. We went to the Ingalls Reunion at Westerlo. Ruth & Bettie went with us. About a hundred there. We went to William & Leonas' to supper & to Scotts awhile in the eve. Leona came home with us."

The following day, Carrie's idea of a perfect day is "A beautiful day. Called a little while at Stanleys in the morning. Came home ate a lunch of peas & bread & butter. Went to Scotts Patent called at Mrs. Hulberts went on to a Mr. Chichester's who owes Trum. a saw bill of \$19.95 dubious look of ever getting it. We came back called at Bevins They look fairly prosperous but no money. Went on to Broom Center & to Gilboa water not very high in the

dam. to Grand Gorge & Pratsville where we had a good supper of chicken etc. & home. the end of a perfect day."

At the beginning of July, there was a fire that destroyed Steve Joy's hen house, a fire that Carrie could watch from her window, with the accompanying excitement of about 50 cars going by. A few days later there was a robbery in the neighborhood.

In mid-July, "A little cloudy in the morning. But a very pleasant day. We started about 11 oclock went to Warners Lake. Stanley, Harrison Gardner & families are up there in a cottage camping. We were there to dinner. Had a very pleasant day. We came home by So. Westerlo ate supper at Clarences." A few days later, a beggar woman comes by, Carrie & Trum go to John I's for sodas, and William (Kingsley) plays in the orchestra.

On the 20th, Carrie is on another nice ride. "A beautiful clear day. Got up rather late. Stanleys folks called up invited us to go for a ride with them up the Clove road. William & Leone came in to ask us to go with them so they went along with us. We stopped at a place on the Clove road found Mr & Mrs. Ed. Smith of the old Smith House in Catskill. on thro' Haines Falls Tannersville Old Mountain House Hunter Hensonville. East Windham. William Leona Pop & I stopped at Cairo had a very nice supper at the new Hotel & home Clarence & family Warren & Margaret called in the eve."

On the 22nd, "Trum. went to Merritts to make a partition for a hall thro' Grandmas kitchen so they can use it for a sleeping room."

Near the end of the month, Trum and Carrie go on a three day trip.

July 24, 1930

Very pleasant. We start out at 8-30 for a little trip drove to Pratsville for dinner. Went on to Delhi & up to Mr. Gays found they have sold their place & moved down toward Franklin. We went there & they had gone to Bills we called at the nearest neighbors' they told us. We sure were very disappointed. We went back to Delhi ate

supper of chicken (rather tough) at Delaware
Lunch stayed all night at a rooming house. Went
to Band Concert in the eve. End of a pleasant
day.

July 25, 1930

Pleasant & hot. Started from Delhi about
8-30 down to Walton, Rock Rift stopped & had a
nice drink of Spring water with an old Lady.
Deposit Hancock, East Branch here we had dinner
very good. Livingston Manor & Liberty,
Monticello came on up the Hill & turned in to a
Tourists home Mrs. Crawford. We were glad to
rest.

July 26, 1930

Very pleasant morning. Had a good
night's rest. Started from our Tourists Home
about 9 o'clock. got down the road about 5 miles
found I had left my coat so we turned around &
went back & got it. went thro' Worts borough &
to Ellenville, to Stone Ridge to Ashokan here we
had a lunch went on to a Garage & had starter
fixed on the Ford. To Phoenicia. Lanesville,
beautiful Cenery but horrible road for 2 miles to
Hunter, Hensonville & so home at supper at
Scotts. Had a lovely trip all around met nice
people & was well used everywhere.

Finishing off the month is the birth of "A
nice baby boy arrives at Stanleys at Noon".
Walter Henry Ingalls had made his appearance in
the world.

August starts hot, with 96 degrees on the
3rd. Trum drives a nail in his hand, and Peter and
Gertrude Stevens drive to California in their own
car.

August 6 is another trip. "Very pleasant
but very warm. We started out good season went
to Thompsons Lake to Indian Ladder back to
Warners Lake to Berne where we stopped for
dinner a good chicken dinner. To West Berne
etc. to Central Bridge, How Caverns Cobelskill,
Richmondville Summit, Jefferson, Stamford ate
Waffles & maple syrup near Grand Gorge. to
Prattsville Windham stopped at Point Lookout a

little while. The Tower was lighted every thing
looked very pretty. Got home around 9-30 Grand
time all around."

At mid-month, there's a baseball game at
Ingalside, Carrie goes to the Cairo Fair three
times, they pay the rent of \$17, and they are
waiting for a visit from the Gays, who for some
reason do not show up until a week later. While
Mrs. Gay and grandson William were there, the
weather was rainy but the visits to all the family
still carried on. On departure day, it was a "Very
pleasant day. Mr. Gays people & we called at
Stanleys this morning. They went home. Sorry to
bid the little fellow good bye. Scott Elgirtha &
Philip came to lunch. We went with them to
Gilboa & Grand Gorge Scott wanted to see the
new Central School buildings. Very interesting to
us all drove on to Roxbury & to the Cemetery
where the old Gould family are buried. Came
back to Point Lookout had supper there & drove
home in the eve."

The last day of August, a Sunday, starts
"Very pleasant. Got up rather late. Went to
Prattsville had a nice dinner came back & called
at Cozy Nook a pretty little Road Stand ate a
lemon soda. Called a few minutes at High Point.
Not a good day to look off. Came home had
lunch Went up to Warrens awhile in the evening.
They have had over 100 people over the week
end. Last day of the summer Months. We walked
up to the top Pratts Rocks, some rough walk &
not very much to see."

September starts with the canning of
pears and elderberries. The end of Labor Day
means the "city people going home." On the 9th,
the family celebrates "A beautiful day. Trum.
went to mill to help unload the plainer home at
noon. Ruf brot' down a small load of slabs here
to dinner. Elgirtha & Leona called getting things
to-gether for a Surprise party for Gerald. He is
going to Potsdam to Clarkson College. They all
came except Ransom & family. We sure had a
wonderful nice time. It was a genuine surprise to
Gerald. We all gave him a Sweater. Played cards
had lunch cake coffee & ice cream."

Mid-September sees the family going to

the Altamont Fair. On the 9th is the primary vote, and Harold Every is the candidate for Sheriff. The 18th was a mix of sad and glad. "Very pleasant some cooler. Trum. on road job until noon. Went to Dr. C. P. McCabes funeral at Greenville in P.M. brot' from his late home in Albany. Warren invited us to go to supper with them at Silver Lake. met the people comming back so went to the Rocks at Warrens & had a corn roast. We went up to the Lumber Yard & got some lumber for Mr Brown Another nice ride & pleasant day." Dr. McCabe had been Greenville's doctor for decades and was surely missed.

On the 21st, **"Nearly all the people in the village gone to Bear Mountain Bridge to-day."** No explanation to the significance is given. On the 23rd, the **"Telephone man called to-day we are on the New York Telephone line now"**, marking another piece of "progress" in their everyday life. Carrie notes the Alcove Dam is finished and new roads in the area are done.

Truman is not feeling well for several days at month's end.

The first of October, notes Carrie, is the first anniversary of Leona and William. She makes pepper pickles, and notes that St. Louis won the World Series game on the 5th. She's at Merritt's, where seven thresher men are helping. She subscribes to the American Magazine, and the weather is warm for mid- October – 80 degrees three days in a row. On the 15th, the front spring in the Coupe breaks, and they have clams, from Smith's, for supper.

The 17th is the start of a memorable trip.

Oct 17, 1930

Cloudy & foggy. Warren Margaret Gertie Pop & I started for Potsdam. Went by Preston Hollow Middleburg etc. ate dinner in Newport N.Y. stayed in Guvenieur all night raining hard in the eve & thro' the night. Very nice place to stay. at the St. Lawrence Inn.

Oct 18, 1930

Cloudy & rains a little start out for

Potsdam about 8-30. Reached here at 10-30 found Gerald & Irwin well & happy. Snowed quite a while but clears to night & colder. We are staying at the Arlington Hotel every thing very nice. We hear Violet Tryon & William Gedney were married to-day.

Oct 19, 1930 Sunday

Rain & snow now & then a ray of sunshine. Gerald came down to the Hotel to dinner with us. We rode around town a little saw the College where Gerald & Irwin goes. Very unpleasant so did'nt go far. Mr & Mrs. Loomis Gerald Irwin & Roy came down to the Hotel to supper with us. to pictures in the evening. Had a very pleasant day in spite of the weather.

Oct 20, 1930

Clears off bright & pleasant. So we went down to Mr. Loomis' & bade the boys good bye. Came on down to Gouvenier. Found snow & more snow 27 in. of snow in Gouvenir such terrible roads. We met 292 cars. had to shovel to meet them in three different installments. It took us from 2 oclock until 6 to come to Antwerp about 13 miles. Where we are for the night we were glad enough to get here. An old fashioned Hotel. but good enough for us.

Oct 21, 1930

Bright & shiny in the morning, but snow & rain squalls most of the way to Johnstown. We started about 8 oclock from Antwerp, found snow more or less for 50 miles but nothing to hinder travel got to Dolgeville for dinner came on to Johnstown & Schenectday Altamont & home. We stopped at Warrens a few minutes & William brot us home Glad to get home but have had a grand trip. Traveled around 200 miles to day. Picked my asters to night they wer'nt frozen.

They get home just in time to dress six chickens for the clam bake. On the 23rd, "Very pleasant. Trum. went to mill in the morning home early. Leona took me to So. Westerlo to try

& help Carrie out with the clam bake or steam. It was a grand success it was steamed in boilers 650 clams this year 6 chickens & 7 lb fish The families all there except Stanley he was sick but his family came. Cora & Clarice Palmer there beside the family.”

On the last days of October, Carrie is raking the grape leaves, Rufus walks away from the mill job and all are surprised, and Merritt’s children are pranking for Halloween.

Early November has Trum paying the telephone bill of \$3.75, and Trum turns 66 on the 2nd. Roosevelt is “elected Governor by an awful majority” even though Greene County stays Republican. The coal stove is put up, a sure sign of cold weather to come, and Ren and George Layman are helping Trum.

Carrie notes that Armistice Day is quiet in Norton Hill. November 14 is Carrie’s birthday. “Cloudy morning. Trum. went to mill worked all day at sawing etc. Elgirtha & Leona called brot’ a birthday cake for my birthday & a pretty handkerchief & some sweet smelling soap. Stanley called brot his apples & put them in our cellar. Clarabel has German Measles so they think. Buddie will stay with us a few days. Pop & I went to Pictures at East Durham with Stanley. Mr. Yeomans died this morning.”

At mid-month, Randall is at a basketball game in Gilboa, Lillian Scutt is soliciting for Red Cross, Elgirtha brings venison and they attend a Farm Bureau meeting.

At month’s end, **Pop (a word Carrie uses often for Truman)** is not feeling well, and they are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary.

December starts with Ed and Min calling, the kids go to Junior Christian Endeavor, and Trum’s “Ruma” is hurting his hip. Carrie makes mince pies for the church donation (church free will supper), the car needs a tow to start, and Ruf comes back to the mill, with no explanation of what happened to make him leave.

Just before Christmas, Trum and Carrie have bought Christmas trees and then travel to their children and whoever wants a Christmas

tree gets one. Trum is feeling miserable.

Christmas season means the wrapping of gifts, an entertainment at school, prepping the turkey, and trimming the tree on Christmas eve. On Christmas Day, “A wonderful bright pleasant day. All the children & Grandchildren came except Ed. Carrie & Kieth & William. Thirty there. Had a bountiful tree of gifts for every one big & little. Some of them stayed quite late in the evening.” And they spend the next day cleaning up.

Late in the month, Scott is at a principals’ meeting at Syracuse, while Trum and Carrie go to Catskill to the NY Restaurant and see a picture at Community Theater. Carrie’s last words for the year indicate she “Had a very comfortable year.”

As one can see, Carrie’s year has been a busy one, despite this author’s selecting only a small amount (although hoping indicative) of the details. To go on in much more detail will be to write a small book for each year.

So, if the reader will take the big brush strokes, and fill in with the small strokes, you will have a pretty good idea of Carrie’s life .

1931

Keep in mind all the big brush strokes apply.

January starts with mention of Gerald home on vacation, and concern for the dryness of weather. Five inches of snow fall on the 6th, and Stanley, as Highway Supervisor, is out with the scrapers. Carrie has oysters from John’s, and is helping Stanley get the names of voters in several school districts.

On the 11th, ” Trum. drove over to Stanleys this A.M. & ran over one of Arch. Matthews dogs. The little yellow & white one. Sorry but guess no trouble over it. Dont think the dog was very valuable.”

On the 15th, on a more memorable note, for the school, “Ther. 6° above zero. After lunch we went to Greenville to vote on the Site for the new Central School building which has been agitated for some time. It was carried by a big

majority to be built on the Ford Rundell Site. He is to move his buildings off. We are all glad it is settled. It has been a long controversy caused hard feelings among some hope every thing blows over now. We stayed to Scotts for the evening & supper."

The rest of the month mentions the Ladies Aid Society, buying a bottle of lemon and vanilla, Bill with the Boy Scouts, subscribing to the Ladies Home Journal, and eight inches of snow.

In February, **the bear again sees his shadow**, the temperature falls below zero, Gerald has passed all his exams, the Elliott children are vaccinated, Trum and Carrie take a trip to Albany to see Marie Dressler in a movie, they have hot oyster stew, and Warren is a jurymen in Catskill.

It's cold enough to have to thaw out the water hole at Merritt's, eight more inches of snow falls, and Leona goes to NY. Carrie reverses entries on two dates in mid-February. Clarence is moving a hay press to Niles, Tannersville beats GHS in basketball, and Trum gets a flat tire on the car.

On the 24th, "William & Leona called in the late evening. Talking over a business proposition. Asking a little counsel of Pop but dont get much."

On the 27th, "We went to Morris with Stanley he had to get a part for the Lynn Tractor. Morris is a Town about 14 miles beyond Oneonta. We drove over to Mr. Gays Mrs. Gay & William were gone to Oneonta. So we went on with Stanley Went to Stanleys to supper. William & Leona were in the eve. We found lots of snow between Grand Gorge & Stamford."

March mentions taking the laundry to Smiths, pressing 45 bales, sewing, Phil being a live wire, a basketball banquet at Warrens, Trum going to Oak Hill for a haircut, 6 inches of snow, playing 500 at cards, and three boarders at Stanley's.

A little more serious is Claribel, who is sick enough to warrant Dr. Bott making a call, and pronouncing pneumonia. She will not be

back to school for nearly a month, and a nurse, Miss Wilsey, cares for Claribel for part of the time. Meanwhile, a murder case is being heard in Catskill.

April 1 was a busy day. "Cloudy commenced to rain before noon kept it up until night. Trum. went to Oak Hill to get a little lumber for Dave Bell. Walter Pierce drove Stanleys Truck out for him. Clarence came in this A.M. He takes some pine lumber to the American Valve works for Trum. from Alfred Hunts. Stanley & Cliff have gone to New Jersey. Leona came over to wash we took her back to Scotts Elgirtha complaining a little Ed. & Min. called. Trum. & I cleaned the stove pipe this P.M."

Also in April, Merritt pays \$100, Trum and Carrie buy 24 pounds of ham from brother-in-law Ed, Trum is letting the water out of the mill, and they get rid of their rubbish on the big woods road (something people would do until the early 1970s).

Another trip to Oneonta invites us to Carrie's words.

April 17, 1931

Cloudy morning & a few sprinkles of rain. Sun shone out a little toward night. We started for Mr. Gays at 9-30 had dinner in Delhi went on up to Mr Gays had a very pleasant ride William greeted us very cordial. We all went to Franklin in the eve. to the New Central School building. They had an Orchestra from Oneonta played very good. This was the opening of the new Central School.

April 18, 1931

Partly cloudy. Mr. Gay & Trum. & William went Franklin in A.M. Mrs. Gay & I visited. After supper we all went to Unadilla for a ride. Had ice cream in Franklin when we came back. William is improving very fast.

April 19, 1931 Sunday

A beautiful day & quite warm. We started for home. 10-15. came by Delhi Hobart Stamford

etc. through South Gilboa to Gilboa water is running over the dam. Had lunch there & came home through Potter Hollow Oak Hill & home called at Stanleys. Warren & Margaret called Uncle Ed & Aunt Min a few minutes in eve. We have had a very nice time but are glad to get home.

The 30th is a birthday for both Warren and Ed Ingalls, and they have developed the tradition of celebrating it together with a dinner with the two families. And, Trum and Carrie have moved their bedroom to the north side of the house, probably to avoid the summer sun and heat.

May is setting out the pansies, checking out the Basic and Alcove sites, letting the coal fire go out, and Warren working on a new venture, golf.

May 10 is Mother's Day. "Been a great day for us. Cloudy morning. Very heavy thunder showers struck a pine tree down in Merritts pasture lot. Another Mothers day has come & gone. Cards flowers & 3 boxes of candy from all the children. Bill Leona & Philip here to dinner. Ransom & family here later. Warren Stanley Clarence Alliene & Phyllis called Merritt & family called in eve. Leona & I went to Church. little Walter Henry was Baptized." Mother's Day is always a profusion of visits and gifts.

Mid-May mentions hail damage at South Bethlehem, a new annex at Warren's, Peter Elliott's horse being sick with lockjaw, the senior class trip to Ausable Chasm with 19 students and chaperones Scott and Elgirtha, the Gilboa dam running over, and Merritt's new electric washer.

The May Day queen was Clarice Palmer, Carrie's telephone number changes to 22-F-1-2, and Bill and his orchestra are playing at Warren's.

The 24th is another trip. "Cloudy & a very little fine rain & cold. We had late breakfast. Stanley came in & invited us to go for a ride. Went thro' Potter Hollow way. To Grand Gorge, Margaretville Phonocia & a lot of places saw where the water came thro' the Tunnel from

Pratsville from the Gilboa reservoir. Went on to Ashokan sun shone out a little while we were there. Home by Saugerties. Very pleasant day Walter was good as gold."

On the 28th is a bad accident. "Ren. Layman got burned very bad last night with gasoline. They were working on the road Stanley took him to the Hospital at Albany." Otherwise, Carrie and Trum plant the garden, put flowers on Dorothy's grave, and visit the upper place. Carrie notes, "Things does'nt look as good as when we were there."

June brings note of George Vanderbilt's new barn and fine alfalfa, oats and potatoes. Ruth is recovering from the grippe, Warren's baseball banquet is a great success with over 180 attendees, and **the Boy Scouts have a weenie roast on Flat Rock.** Trum is hoeing the garden and counting trees. A black bear is spotted in Medusa, and the graduating class hears the Presbyterian sermon.

Time for the reunion has come. "The 6th Annual Ingalls Reunion was held here in the Norton Hill Hall. Mr. & Mrs. H.I. Gardner Host & Hostes. Had a very nice time. 105 at the dinner. Several of our children did'nt come. some away & some to busy."

The bugs have been a pest. Trum "hoed the garden after supper. **Our cucumbers are nearly eaten up with bugs.** We put soot from the chimney on hope it will help save them."

On July 3rd, **"We went over to Stanleys in the eve. & listened to the Fight.** Schmelling the German won. He is still Champion of the World. Stribling was the oponent. I am not up on this kind of sport but this might help out on an argument." It seems Carrie can go with the flow, and if the men are listening to the fight, she will too. If she actually enjoys it, she never lets on; later in the diary she will express her distaste for the "sport".

The 4th is celebrated with some fireworks, and Warren has a good crowd of 105 at the resort. Trum is making a bridge at Greenville Center, and Carrie is cutting blue daisies and complaining of a little lumbago. "

When pop came home he had to get supper. How I hate to give up & be waited on.”

On the 12th, the Ingalls go to see the Gays again. Back home on July 14, “Hot. Trum. went to Greenville finished the bridge. Not quite as good a job as he thot’ it ought to be. I went to a L.A. Tea at Uncle Eds’. & Aunt Minnies’ with Eleanor. So. Westerlo girls & Ethel were there. We drove out for a ride after supper around the old road thro’ the Frank Gifford place down by the old Homestead Lambs Corners & Maple Ave. Clarence & Alliene called in eve.” And on the 15th, “Very hot. Trum. around home. I made a cake for Leona for Bills birth-day. Recd. a letter from N.Y. City. Wootens with \$40.00 Int. on mortgage. Alliene & Margaret Matthews called also Antoinette. The great Diamond trial is finished & he is free. He is a very smart Gangster. Thunder shower this eve.”

In mid-month, Clarice has a bad case of poison ivy, **Merritt is making a bathroom and toilet where Grandma’s (Adaline) pantry was,** Trum and Carrie go to Catskill, Carrie hopes Warren doesn’t build too much more on to his resort, Everett Matthews has an accident with the meat cart, the landing in Warren’s swimming pool is built, and Scott has a new car.

On the 23rd, “Very pleasant. Ed. Carrie & Keith came over 9-30 **went to Chatham to the Circuit Horse racing Best racing we ever saw.** Three classes one class was 3 yr. old colts. We walked over to Stanleys after supper they was’nt home came back found Bill & Leone at Johns’. Leona pop & I drove down to Merritts came back drove over to Johns had cream. Quite a smart shower this eve.”

On the 26, “Very pleasant but hot. Drove down to Catskill this A.M. saw Shuster. Old man rather discouraged & so are we. Home to dinner. Pop went to Warrens I went to Church. Irene called we took her home. They have a couple more boarders. We went around in the Jefferson Rural Cemetery it is a very nicely kept Cemetery. We have some friends buried there. Thompson Losee & Obadiah King.”

Finishing off July was a trip to Pucker

Street, hot weather, and reasons to go to John I’s – cream, music, and a crowd.

August 1 was a good time to reminisce. “Very pleasant & cool. Trum. around home in fore noon. We went up to Smiths Corners & over to a Mr. Cooks & around thro’ a lot of places that used to be very familiar to Trum. when he & the boys were drawing fruit now the old orchards are about worthless. Came thro’ where Dan Peck used to live where Pop visited when a small boy. Came in to Uncle Eds. by the back way & called we called to Merritts after supper. They have 18 people.”

In early August, Raffo, in Freehold, is raising a barn, the temperature is in the 90’s, and Bill is working at the Prevost place.

In the mid-month, Ransom and his family are vacationing for two weeks near Point Lookout, and Trum and Carrie will visit a couple of times. And, they don’t make it to the Cairo fair this year.

On the 21st, “Trum. went to mill finished cutting the posts. came home at Noon we ate a lunch dinner. & went to Mt. Pisgah did’nt go to the top was rather disappointed not to go up. Saw the people who live there in the Valley very simple life I should think. Came home by Windham & Silver Lake East Windham & Point Lookout. Ate supper with Ransom & family. They go back to Albany tomorrow.”

August 23 meant **a late summer trip.** “Very pleasant. We started about 11 oclock & went to Crystal Lake. took our lunch. Hormel chicken etc. Went by Rensselaerville & up Pond Hill & hill after hill until we got there ate our lunch saw very few people there came home by Fords Corners & So Westerlo Called at Eds’. Clarence & Alliene gone to Ossining to see Marians’ baby. We rode out to Elliotts with Merritt & family in eve. Mrs. Elliott is sick. We have had a very pleasant day.”

On the 28th, “We drove out to Potter Hollow after supper. The State Road man Mr. Stitt paid \$123.00 for lumber. We stopped awhile at the Makely Pavillion. Mr. Greene Supt’ of Public works was expected there did’nt come so

we listened to the music & saw them dance a little while ate some clam chowder & came home.”

Rounding out August is **Scott going to Penn Yan looking at buses**, the men going to Albany to see baseball under the lights, Keith has scarlatina, and Trum is selling locust posts for a state road job.

September starts with one of the memorable scenes of Greenville history. Ford Rundell’s house is being moved across the street to make room for the school.

Shuster, a main client of Trum’s in Leeds, is selling his property. Trum and Carrie take a trip to West Kill to see Mrs. Clawson, the woman who took care of Trum’s sister Nellie until Nellie’s death. A Percy Fields has a bad gasoline explosion accident.

Steve Joy has the misfortune again of a fire. “Lightning struck a tree, followed a wire fence down to a straw stack near his barn & burned it fire alarm rang a lot & men got there so the barn didn’t burn.”

In mid-month, the temperature hits 96 on the 11th, the family goes to the Altamont fair, the peas planted on July 31 are being harvested, a tennis court is being built by Pop and Clarence for Aveola, and Carrie has a ‘creek’ in her back.

Politics enters the picture because on the 28th, “Stanley has the nomination for Town Superintendent again & Clarence has it in the Town of Westerlo.” Rounding out the month is Merritt and Ruth going to the Cobleskill Fair, Leona going to Warner’s Lake, Carrie rowing a boat with the kids (“going against my principles”), preparing for the clambake, getting Spy apples from Gibson, and getting an early Christmas gift from the ‘kids’ – a radio.

In October, Carrie reports who wins each World Series game, now that they have a working radio. (St. Louis wins 4 game to 2 games over Philadelphia.)

The 8th was clambake day. “Pleasant & very warm in the morning & cooler at night. Trum. at So. Westerlo all day. Our family Clam Bake was at Climax Grange Hall Scott &

Elgirtha were Host & Hostess. We all met at their house & drove to Climax ate our bountiful meal every thing good. all came back to Scotts played cards & visited home 11:30 Had a very pleasant time. Ransom & family wer’nt there sorry. Mr & Mrs Ellis Cora Palmer Gertie Harrison & Lucy there.”

In mid-month, they take a trip to Bear Swamp, Merritt pays \$90 more, Carrie borrows Stanley’s electric vacuum cleaner, the tennis court is finished, Trum and Carrie go to the South Westerlo donation, the coal fire is started, and Bill camps with the Boy Scouts at Warren’s farm.

In later October, Stanley is working on a new road in Greenville Center, Carrie is feeling ‘bum’, Trum has to prop the barn door, and the Lambs Corners donation is at Charles Rugg’s. For Halloween, “A lot of the little witches came in. We went to the Hall to a Halloween Social.”

Politics dominate early November. John Lowe, who is campaigning against Stanley, stops in with candy and cigars. The following day, the 3rd, “A very good day for Election. Some sun shine. We went to Greenville & voted & to Scotts to dinner. Went to So. Westerlo to hear the news to supper with Ed. & Carrie at the L.A. Clarence was elected Town Superintendent by 47 majority. Stanley won out in Town Greenville by 320 Van Houten is Supervisor again. Charlie Rugg lost out in Westerlo. We had a good time running around among the children at home at 11 oclock. Took Hattie Winans a little lumber. Harrison was elected District Attorney again some 300 majority.”

Otherwise, Carrie goes with her daughters to Albany, Ella King and Otto visit, Carrie plays cards, the Ingalside reunion at NYC is held, and the new bridge at Cooksburg is being built.

A sad note is reached on the 9th. “Carrie called up told us Helen Squier had died in Florida. Her health had failed her lately but had been a wonderful Nurse. She took care of Ransom when he had a very bad sickness. I was’nt keeping Diary at that time.” Helen Squier

was the dependable nurse the family used.

The weather of the 8th-10th is like summer and is appreciated. The Gays come to visit mid-month. The most dense fog Carrie remembers happens on the 17th.

More GCS history is recorded on the 18th. "They commence work on the new Central School ground to-day. Lord only knows where the money is coming from to pay for all this." Always the financially prudent one is Carrie.

A frequent mention in the diary is L.A.S., or the Ladies Aid Society. This appears to have been an important social event also.

The 22nd sees nearly 70 degrees. Thanksgiving is spent with Stanley's family, even though later the men go to work on the roads.

Claribel is having problems with her throat again. "Elgirtha called a while this afternoon. Stanley & Eleanor took Claribel to Albany this morning had her tonsils & adenoids removed Stanley came home to-night says every thing seems to be all right. Eleanor stays up with her. at the Childs Hospital."

The entries of the last day of November and first day of December are switched. In early December, Ed brings sausage, pork, and liver, and Trum has car trouble.

In mid-December, Alliene's grandfather Plank dies, and **Jack Diamond has been killed.**

Christmas is approaching, and on the 23rd, Trum gets 8 chickens weighing 40 pounds. He, Carrie and Leona dress them. Christmas Day is "Pleasant & clear but growing colder. High wind at night. All came except Alliene Janice & Phyllis for dinner. & they came for supper 35 in number. 36 with William of course we know he could'nt be with us hope he will come when he is a little older We sure had a grand time. No signs of hard times. lots of presents for all. We sure are thankful for such a good Loyal family." The following day, "High wind & quite cold. Another Christmas over. We are sweeping up the leavings Pop is doing the sweeping getting the tables around etc. The girls did the dishes last night so

we are thankful to be feeling so well after such a big day. Ren Layman called we gave him some shoes & overcoats that Rans brot' out."

On the last day of the year, Carrie writes, "16° above. Very clear & bright sun shine. Stanley called. Around home not doing much. Another year gone. Some uneasiness in the Country about unemployment. Hope every thing rights itself. Many men of many minds. People living very fast & not saving much." Little is said about the time we historically know as the Great Depression. This is one of the few times she does so; it seems the details of life have kept them busy. The truth, for Carrie, is that her family is doing well, contrary to the national trend. They may not be wealthy but as long as everyone works hard, everyone seems to be reasonably comfortable.

1932

Just as I was commenting that Carrie does not mention the Depression often, she starts the new year with, "**Commencing another year. The world seems some unsettled.** People rushing to fast. Hope we have no uprising nor trouble. & I guess we wont. We better not worry about it." Perhaps she doesn't have the economic times in mind, but I suspect she does.

January 4th is a trip to Albany. "Pleasant & mild not so much snow toward Albany. Warren took us to Albany. Leona & Cora Palmer went too. Trum. bot' two suits of clothes for \$19.90 a sale where you buy a suit & another one for \$1.00. We had dinner at the Kenmore & went to the new R.K.O. Palace saw a little Vaudeville show. Wonderful building. We went to Warrens to supper."

And yes, the comments about the Depression are a bit more pointed. On the 8th, Carrie notes, "Fairly pleasant. ground froze a little. Bought a bu. of potatoes of a Windham man 75¢ some cheaper than they have been. Pity the farmers. We called at Bills they are working in their house some now. Mrs. Yale called selling perfumery. Depression. We went on to Scotts to supper."

Other early January details include 9 inches of snow on the second, a poor apple supply, going to a Dairyman's League meeting, and 60-70 degrees on the 14th.

Trum undertakes a new venture, a distasteful one to some of us, but one that needs doing. **Trum helps Humph Tryon collect taxes**, and the next couple months mention this frequently. One day he's at Gayhead, another at Surprise, another at Norton Hill, and all the other parts of the Town of Greenville.

Other January notes are getting milk from a different person, Ransom paying \$4 for a pair of knitted sox and Carrie feels guilty about taking the money, and a Boy Scout show led by Bill and the fathers of the Scouts.

On the 28th, Ethel sends Carrie her diary for the year, and Carrie, who apparently has been writing on a tablet, then copies four weeks worth of diary entries.

Early February has five inches of snow on the 4th, a trip to Catskill with the kids, fresh fish, the Hudson River is still open because of the surprising warmth, and the need for cold weather so people can start getting their ice in. In the tax collecting department, Trum is sending out delinquent tax statements to the non payers.

Later in the month, "Very cloudy but not cold. Trum. took me up to Herbert Lambs to the L.A.S. **Havent been in the old Homestead since Lon. moved away.** Nine years ago. House about the same only different. Harold Cleveland & a Couple called in the eve. They are living at Scotts Patent. Made quite a visit Harold wanted to buy the mill." **It seems as if someone is trying to buy Trum's way of living. Will he sell?**

Other February events include a dinner party at Clarence's that include all of Carrie's daughters and daughters-in-law, a Washington's birthday service, and a truss for Pop.

March of 1932 is abuzz with the Lindbergh kidnapping case. On the 3rd, Carrie indicates the news of the kidnapping. Meanwhile, Leona is buying flooring for her house from Phelps in Cairo.

The next big family news is that Scott is buying a house on South Street from the estate of John Sanford. Trum will spend several days helping Scott with some leveling and renovation.

Carrie thinks the 7th of March is the worst winter day yet, and school is closed on the 8th due to blowing snow and drifting. That means Stanley is out on the roads with his crew.

Trum and Humph are done with the tax books on the 10th. Also on the 10th, "We went with Stanleys folks to a Drama at Greenville. Local Talent Four of our family were in it. Warren & Margaret Bill & Leona. It was a good laughable play & well rendered. & We enjoyed it. The play was Polishing pape."

Trum is sick during the early-mid part of the month and Stanley is helping with the house chores. On the 13th, Gerald is mentioned but attention is focused on his company, Annella Dinnel.

March 14th epitomizes the worst of winter. "20° above zero. High wind part of the day & snow squalls. Pop had an awful uncomfortable night. Coughed nearly all night. Slept a little bit after 3 oclock. Stanley in a little while Little Walter is sick "so sorry" Leona called brot' us some cough medicine from So. Westerlo Alliene sick in bed. Clarence and Kenneth called. Humph Tryon called. A couple of Radio men came in to take our Radio out to fix it. They did'nt take it."

A teacher, Miss Beylegaard, stops in, and Trum seems to be better and is helping Scott with the South Street house. One thousand feet of lumber have been stolen from Trum's mill. Otherwise, in late March, Trum looks over the new school building, an enormous structure, Carrie comments. Ruth is making butter, and Carrie is now buying milk from George Palmer at eight cents per quart.

The 27th brings "Pleasant morning but clouds up later. We were home until about 4 oclock. Clarence & Alliene came along asked us to go for a little ride Went to Preston Hollow & back by Cooksburg - Durham road. Which is

under construction & pretty rough. Ransom & Ethel came for supper & the eve. Leona came for the eve too." I suspect the road is our Route 145.

The following day is a reminder that winter is still roaring. "**A Blizzard** Well -- We got up this morning to a surprising situation. Around 10 in of snow & wind blowing from the north east. Hard to tell how deep it is. They tell us there is 18 in. Stanley has been out with all the equipment they have. All came in around 8 oclock cant do any more good to-night wind blowing it in as fast as they can plow it out. Stage didnt go this morning."

On the 29th, they're still dealing with the aftermath of the storm. "Sun shines very nice all day. Thaws some. Every body shoveling snow. Stanley & men out scraping roads. Leone came over & got Pop he helped out a while again today. The Mail came down from Medusa with the Mail man on horse back. Went to Coxsackie by car from here & back to Medusa on horse back."

April starts with the paying of the rent for four months, at \$16 dollars per month, a dollar less than we have seen previously. Trum is helping Bill at Bill and Leona's house. We will later find out that another Ingalls family member will be in the boarding house business soon.

On the 9th, it was "Cloudy & a little rain all day. Trum. at Bills I stayed home all day. Did a little house work. We went to a little play by the school children in the Hall. Miss Beylegaards School here & Hattie Spalding in Wright St. a Washingtons Birthday play all did very well. Claribel was a little darky waitress she sure did her part fine."

Other April events are a cloudy and rainy several days in a row in early-mid month, Carrie grumbling about a catch in her side, the first peepers on the 20th, taking a club book with Lela Layman, the Elmer Snyder sale, and an end-of-the-month trip to the Gays.

Mother's Day on May 6 brings lots of attention and carnations. The Lindbergh story is headline news but now the news is even more shocking – the baby is found dead, according to the May 13 entry. A false report about the

kidnappers is mentioned on the 16th but not explained.

The other May events are a fire in Albany, and the placement of hydrangeas on Dorothy's grave.

However, the real story of May is a new house for Trum and Carrie. Mentioned at the beginning of this account was the notion that certain events are the dividers of one's life. One of those times happens in May, 1932. On May 20, "Very bright & pleasant. I went with pop this morning to Bills. **The West Greenville School House was sold this morning & we bought it for \$255.00** We are going to fix it up for a house for us. Omar Tallman was the only bidder against Trum. I went with Elgirtha to the May Day exercises. Thelmas Boomhower was Queen. Randall & Kenneth came stayed all night." The following day, "A beautiful day. Getting pretty dry. Trum. & the boys went to Bills. Came home to dinner. boys went home after dinner had a nice visit with them. We went to Bert Griffins after supper bargained for a little piece of land South of our new possessions for a garden."

Many of the days to follow, for the next several months, are about their renovation of the West Greenville school house, with work starting at the end of May. Life will change in many small ways until one looks back later and realizes that this event did change the direction of life, and will continue to do so until the next big event. Although this move is not big in distance, it does re-center their focus. Their proximity to Ingalside will mean much more contact with Warren and the lifestyle of the boarding house, one that Carrie especially adapts to. In addition, this move almost seems like the beginning of retirement, especially for Trum. One will notice that the mill is not mentioned as much lately. Thus, this big brush stroke begins to fade.

In early June, Pop steps on a nail and it nags him for several days. However, work must be done, and all of June is spent working on the house. The first thing worked on is the building of a cistern, spreading stone, and the grading of the ground. Vern Smith will help them find the

well.

On the 17th, "Weather rather unsettled rained a little in the morning. Trum. went up & got Ruf. They worked all day down at the house Cut & burned trees & brush & the old Toilets. We drove over to see Stanley after supper & to Greenville to see Herk Rivenburg to get him to help tomorrow. Ellen is 13 yrs old to-day."

Other June events are Mrs. McAvoy at Ida Millers (Mrs. McAvoy was one of the family nurses), more Montgomery Ward orders, and the Commencement Exercises that see 18 graduate.

June 19th was Father's Day, and "Pleasant. We were around home until 4 oclock. Drove over to the house to look around a little. Called on Hattie Winans had quite a visit. Scott & family & Leona called in the late eve. Brod pop a box of candy. It is Dads day. A stranger came asking for coffee. We gave him breakfast. he sure ate good."

July starts with the Ingalls Reunion at Cornwallville, with Trum and Carrie going with Stanley's folks. On the way back, they stop at Phinney's (Freehold) for strawberry shortcake. The boarding house owners are busy. Carrie notes, on the 3rd, that Warren has 106, Ruth and Merritt have 17, and now Leona and Bill have 20. A dynasty is taking shape.

The 8th is an interesting finishing of some business. "Pleasant most of the day a little shower in P.M. Trum. & Ernest at the house. Came home to an early dinner. We went to Oak Hill to J. Huycks Atty. Met Mr. & Mrs. Wooten & party there. They paid us the money for the Mortgage we held on the old upper place \$800.00 all in \$100 Bills. This is the last of the old farm. Glad to get it." And thus ends Carrie's connection to the upper place.

Other early July events include getting the radio back from John I's after five months, finishing the cellar wall, seeing a rainbow, and getting frustrated with Shuster, the Leeds client who was going to do some work for Carrie's house.

In mid-July, it is a "Rather up hill business no Carpenter & trying to get it ready to

move in Aug 1st." Trum was working alone that day. But other days are more productive, such as three days later. "Very pleasant & comfortable Clifford Matthews took us to Albany to Montgomery Wards' & did a lot of shopping for our new house. Ordered a bath room outfit sink wall board doors windows light fixtures etc. We got home around 2 oclock. Trum. stayed down to the house & worked the rest of the day. Ernest worked all day."

Shuster does get some work done, and Baumann is doing the wiring and plumbing. Near the end of the month, "Cooler. Trum. at the house working alone all day. Saw a big fire last night around 1 oclock. Barn on the Omar Tallman place burned. Declerque are the people who own it now. Randall & Kenneth called. Bill is having a well drilled I guess it is done now & they have satisfactory water."

August 1 comes around and enough work is unfinished so that Trum and Carrie cannot move into the house. There's a parachute jump at Ingalside and Leona goes for her first airplane ride. The Gays visit on the 6th, and Trum is making the stairs that Shuster was to have made. The Casino at East Durham burns.

Working on the house continues but is frustrating at times. On the 13th, "Very pleasant & bright. I went with Trum to the house this morning to be there when Bauman came to see about putting the light fixtures on. He didnt come early. We got off at a bad start. **It is hard for old folks to keep up with the times & prices.**"

The next day, a Sunday, is a day off. "A beautiful day. Around home mostly in fore-noon. In the after-noon we went to East Durham & down to Locust Shade to Durham & Cooksburg Preston Hollow Livingstonville Franklinton Middleburg Schoharie the Berns & home a beautiful ride. The first end of the ride was a lot of new Concrete road just finished."

A bad hail storm hits near Roy Ellis', and the house is close to moving in. On the 17th, Carrie queries whether that night will be the last one in the Norton Hill house **but the 19th is the first in the West Greenville house.** The next

step is to cut a sink pattern, and the reader realizes that there's still some unfinished work.

Family spirit is at work on the 26th.

"Very hot. Umph & Ollie both here. Ingleside had a big parade went to Catskill With two floats one was a Beach scene with Bathing beauties the other with an Orchestra & 17 other cars decorated with orange & green paper. They certainly looked very pretty. We went along unexpectedly. Had a wonderful time. Ingalside got the prize for original Beach float & for the greatest number. Merritt & family were over."

More house work is done as the month ends. Siding is put on, and the porch is being planed. They go to the new store in Greenville but which one it is is not mentioned. A 95% eclipse of the sun takes place on the 31st as does Trum's trip to Potter Hollow to get work done by the blacksmith. The weather of late August, 1932 was hot.

For Labor Day, Carrie rents out a room for a boarder from Bill's, Trum and Carrie drive out to the old mill yard, and Warren has 157 people. The porch is finished, more doors are hung, and the electric lights work.

On the 11th, Trum and Carrie "Went to see the new Central School building. It sure is a huge affair. Hope it can be paid for some time. But I guess we dont need to worry about it."

Baumann's is installing the bathroom, and Carrie usually finds someplace to go to during the day. An unsettling accident occurs on the 17th. "Merritt & Ruth had an accident on Jefferson Hill Catskill this after-noon. A car hit the back wheel etc. No one hurt but very much upset. Some dammage but think they will get some money to fix up with."

Other September events included fixed the pipe holes in the chimney and walls, getting an oil stove, Stanley getting a new Chevy truck, the men oil the dusty road, a trip to Mud Hollow Pond, painting the bathroom, getting an aerial wire for the radio, and the Yankees winning the first two games of the World Series.

The World Series continues into October with the Yankees sweeping the first four games

and the championship. On the first, Trum and Carrie visit the Bevans, people they knew from the logging days, and have "grand chicken supper & nice visit in eve."

The 5th is the annual clambake. "Rainy but not much water fell. We went to Cocksackie this fore-noon. got eave trough from the R.R. Station. Came home & put the eave troughs & elbows & conductor all up in good shape so we are all ready for rain. We went with Warren & Margaret to Stanleys to the Clam Bake. All there except Gerald & Little William. Leslie Goff & family there. Had a very nice time every thing grand to eat Miller from Medway put it on. Had 800 clams."

Other early month details are high water that knock off the bridge at the Niles property, working on the cellar door, low gear of the truck giving out, and pancakes and sausage for supper.

"Pleasant. Trum. took the Ford over to Husted's had the break & gears fixed up. Finished the cellar doors etc. We went up to the mill in the after-noon. worked around the bridge a little while. Called awhile a Bills in the eve. Listened to Hoovers speech on Radio. He is a great man." This is the entry for the 15th. Being Republican counts for quite a bit in the Ingalls household.

Later October events include subscribing to the American Agriculturist, getting a dollar's worth of life insurance, Walter was a handful, a trip to the Gays, laying out the swimming pool at Warren's, hunters are busy shooting, and making a jack o'lantern but missing the Halloween children.

The first day of November, the day after Halloween, it "Rained hard until around 3 oclock. Cistern running over again. Trum. working in the rain fixing rigging on the Truck. Went down & got some things off the old Truck on the Wood place. Stanley called this morning. Merritt & Ruth came & ate dinner with us. They were on their way to Catskill. The halloweeners tipped Bills toilets over & carried his Kings Inn sign & mail box off."

Trum is working hard on his birthday, the 2nd. Merritt and Ruth come up and pay \$900,

and Carrie notes they seem to be doing very well. On the 6th, Trum goes down to light Leona's coal fire but then get a message they won't be home until the next day.

Election is bad political news for Carrie. "Cloudy & lousy & a homely election day. We went over & voted for Hoover pretty poor show for him. Went to Scotts to dinner. Elgirtha had a regular party & a good dinner. Warren & Margaret Stanley & Eleanor & Walter Merritt & Ruth & Bill & Leona pop & I. We came home toward night. Had an oyster stew. & Listened to the Election returns until 10 o'clock. Roosevelt elected for President & everything democratic so far." Of course, being with family is great consolation.

Other November events are Bill going to the city because there's no work in the area, Carrie's birthday is the 14th (born in 1863, she thinks), Leona goes to the Glee Club, there's a birthday party for Annella at Warren's, the family is prepping for the O.E.S. meeting, Thanksgiving is at Stanley's, 50 more gallons of oil is delivered, and Leona goes to NYC to be with Bill.

December starts with a play at the new school, the interior of the house is being partitioned, Ruf spends four days digging a ditch to the well, and Bill and Leona are back up to the house. In mid-month, it is minus fourteen degrees, the "New Greenville Central Rural School" is dedicated, decorations are set out on Dorothy's grave, and W. Baumann is wiring the upstairs.

Christmas is coming. Trum and Carrie get 6 chickens from Mrs. Husted for \$6.60. Christmas day is a rough weather day. "Cloudy & lousy cleared later. The wind blew very high in the night. Blew one of the big Spruce trees down in Bills yard broke a little corner off the porch. Took our little Christmas tree across the road We had it all trimmed & lights on it we got it back & fixed it all up without much trouble. Bill & Leone eating & sleeping here. Elgirtha came over & we set the tables to-night." Christmas is a Sunday so the main meal is set for

the following day.

"Very pleasant but warm & muddy. The family all came except William I. Gay. Annella Dinell & Tom. Kline were there Gerald's girl & Ednas Boy friend. 37 in number. Some of the grand children were up in our house to play The dinner supper & tree was down at Bill & Leona's house we sure had some grand time."

Besides working on the garage, the highlight seems to be on the 30th. "Everything covered in white frost this morning muddy oh dear! Pop & Bill working at the Garage. Leona & I went to Catskill got the Car Licenses' Ruth went with us she came home with us to dinner. Leone took her home to-night. We all went to Greenville to a Basket Ball game in the New Central School Building. High School girls & boys against the Alumni. Boys won Girls lost in alumni"

Thus, 1932 ends, with not much changed and yet the move to West Greenville will dictate a few changes. The Depression is obviously in the news but it would be hard to tell by the Ingalls family.

1933

The new year starts with **Bill and Leona going back to NYC**, and Trum and Carrie are given a pig from Warren and Ransom. The pig is cut up the next day, and Warren comes the following day to take the pig for the brine.

On January 5, Carrie waxes a bit more philosophical than usual. "A little cooler altho' very nice weather. Trum. working on the Garage Warren & Margaret called. The radio tells us Calvin Coolidge is dead. Very sudden found dead by his wife. **He was a wonderful man The Nation needs such as he. There seems to be unrest in the Universe.**"

Trum is working on the garage, the next project for their new home. Other January events include a chicken dinner at Uncle Ed's (her brother), Merritt and Ruth are at Cocksackie at the dentists, Warren hosts 40 people at a card party, and Alliene is sick, with Mrs. Yeomans the nurse.

Trum begins tax collecting season with Humph Tryon again. The alumni are playing a basketball game at the new school, and Edna is mentioned with Tom Klein a few times.

February brings the cutting of ice in South Westerlo, the electric man disconnects Bill's phone, a trip to Albany to see A.B.C. win a basketball game, a game of pinochle, a stove pipe fire but no damage, ten inches of snow and temperatures near zero on the 12th. Leona goes to Glee Club, Eleanor has quinsy, Bill is helping Pop work upstairs, and the car gets stuck in a snow bank near Westerlo.

On the 16th, Carrie notes a piece from the news. **"A miserable Italian shot to kill President Elect Roosevelt in Miami Fa.** a number were wounded none fatal yet."

In March, Leona is applying muresco on the walls, one of the upstairs rooms is finished, and Pop is commencing a full bag of tobacco. In the news, **"We hear all Banks are closed in the United States except one.** We listened to the Inaugural Address etc. Now it is Roosevelt & Garner. Pres. & Vice."

Eleanor has boils in the ear, Leona goes to choral club, and Carrie is visiting Ransom, complaining that the Albany pen she is writing with is not as good as the West Greenville pen. While in Albany on the 12th, "Very bright & pleasant. & not so cold. Ransom took us for a very nice ride up to the Aviation Field nearly to Schenectady & down in to Albany Just met Louise Billings & husband. Listened on Radio in eve. to the Banking situation by Pres. Roosevelt Not much wiser than before."

Alliene has serious health concerns, Margaret has a canker sore throat, Bill and Leona go to Haight's for a St. Patrick's dance, and Leona attends Eastern Stars. On the 20th, "Lillie Tryons house at Norton Hill burned this A.M. Clifford Matthews & family lived there saved Cliffords house hold goods."

Clarence goes to a Knight (of Pythias?) party, Carrie teaches Claribel to knit. On the 28th, "Pop went with Clarence Ed & Clifford Matthews to Nazareth Pa. to see about a job for

their Truck."

April begins with news that "A big Diridgible Plane went to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean this A.M. 72 lives lost."

Winter is drawing to a close, a winter in which there has been widespread illness. Alliene is still suffering, and Clarence is planning to make a sun room. This seems to suggest that she might be suffering from TB.

Fourteen inches of snow fall on the 12th, a very late snowfall. Bill and Leona prepare to move back into their house on the corner, the sun parlor for Alliene is finished, Alliene's daughters Janice and Phyllis are over to Carrie's often, and popcorn is a frequent evening snack.

Phil rides over from Greenville on his bicycle, Annella graduates from Cobleskill, Leona has a recital, Trum helps Bill with a tennis court, and Trum sells his old engine and boiler. **One of the very noticeable trends is a decrease in mention of the mill.** Trum was getting tired, working such hard days. Could the mill business be in decline? or is Trum's age catching up with him? or is Carrie distracted by other things? or is working on the new house enough to keep one man busy?

May 2 was "Pleasant & quite warm. Trum. sowed the grass seed on the lawn & rolled it down. We went to Potter Hollow took some tools out to Mr. Bates to sharpen for Warren. I called on Mrs. Bates. great visitor. Central School meeting to-night to elect a member in place of Stanley He was reelected unanimous."

Otherwise, Trum is drawing stones off the lawn, Carrie is setting out pansy plants, a screen door is put on, Ethel is sick enough to have a nurse, and Ed and Min visit the new house for the first time.

Mother's Day is always big. On Saturday, May 13, "A little shower early this morning. & some warmer. Trum. at Warrens. Ransoms. Thelma, Janice & Phyllis called. Brot' Mothers day roses. Had cards from Carrie & Elgirtha. Leona gave us a box of our favorite candy. Many thanks for it all." On the real Mother's Day, "Pleasant. Around home until after supper.

Clarence Janice & Phyllis called. Pop went to Warrens a little while to the ball game we went to Scotts just at night. Stanley & family called brot beautiful box of candy Gerald & Annella called brot a lovely box of pansys from Warren. Clarence brot flower seeds & a lovely card. With suggestions for a flower bed from Alliene very thoughtful."

Other events in May include a fuse that blows and causes trouble, "Election to-day to vote for the Repeal of the 18th Amendment", Warren is working on the pool, and on the 31st, "They took Ruth to the hospital this morning. We hear around 10 oclock she has a 11 lb boy. They tell us she seems to be all right. We sure are thankful it is over."

In early June, much of the old lower place has burned, the well gives out during the dry spell and the cistern is the water supply, the temperature is in the mid-90s, **and the concrete dam and pool is poured at Warren's.**

Increasingly, we find Trum at Warren's, doing fairly major projects but many of them are not mill work. Unless we see a return, it appears that the mill is more than Trum chooses to work at.

The pool at Warren's gets a boardwalk, Ruth's baby's name is finally revealed on the 20th as Robert, Trum and Carrie go to Camp Pinnacle, and Carrie notes it would have been Dorothy's wedding anniversary on the 23rd.

Warren is letting water out of the pool to fix the leaks, Carrie's second grandchild to graduate, Edna, does so with a class of 25 on the 28th. It is 100 degrees on the 29th, the same day that "Roy Lawyers barn was struck by lightning & burned team of horses & a bull burned. We had nice little shower here but not very heavy. The very next day "Roy Lawyers house was struck by lightning not very much dammage but rather a strange coincident."

Starting July, "Trum. gone to the Jesse swimming pool to work for Stanley. **Seems to be the main business to make places for city people to swim in.**" On the 6th, "Most people go by fast time but we dont. So he is home about 4 oclock our time." Even then, there were people

who did not want to go by daylight saving time! Alliene seems to be gaining, having gained a pound, and Trum fixes the Ford.

A three day trip to the Gays goes as follows.

July 15, 1933

Pleasant. We started for Mr. Gays about 8 oclock. Had dinner in Delhi. Found them home William seemed very glad to see us. We went to Oneonta with them in the after-noon. Called at her sisters Mrs. Marx. Had a nice visit thro the eve.

July 16, 1933 Sunday

Rained here this fore-noon & a shower at night. Bill Gay & his wife Mary came. We were very glad to see them & they stay all night had a nice visit with them. Went up to their farm in the after-noon. The old place looked the same as usual.

July 17, 1933

Very pleasant. We started for home around 9 oclock. Had a beautiful ride home. Stopped along to see what we wanted to. Saw a beautiful field of harvested wheat. Saw them pressing the straw. We ate dinner in Cobelskill. Home around 4 oclock had a grand time. no rain here.

The Ingalls certainly enjoy traveling and this is the most frequent longer trip they take during the 1930s.

In other July events, Ruth has 18 boarders, Edna and her siblings have the chicken pox, Trum gets green trim paint for the house, and Trum and Carrie take a trip to Broome Center and Gilboa. One day, the rain is so light that Carrie declares that nine sprinkles of rain fell. A parachute drop from Warrens gets lots of attention, a big plane from Chicago has landed at Ingalside, Stanley's family is spending time at Warner's Lake, and the last half of July was hot.

August starts hot also, at 96 degrees. A parachute jumper lands on the new school.

August 4 was "Very much cooler. Cloudy morning, clears very nice later. We went to Leeds this morning to see Shuster found he had gone to Poughkeepsie to the insane Asylum. Rained thro' the night so our cistern is full again. We went up in woods above the house got some very sweet blackberries."

A specialist sees Alliene but not much hope is given. Trum has been painting most of early August and has a sore back, and Leona has 25 boarders. On the 14th, "A couple who was boarding at Warrens had a terrible accident at Cooksburg. A young couple the wife & mother were killed also the father."

Another parachute drop is noted, Carrie picks blackberries, Marie Dressler stars in another moving picture, the bridge to the mill is gone, and they have vegetables from Clarence's garden. On the 31st, "Kenneth came in the morning stays all night. He went with us to the mountain near So. Durham to see a gorge that the heavy rain washed out. We walked about a mile up a bad steep road saw what there was to be seen. Guess we are in our 2nd childhood. Stood the walk splendid."

September is dominated by Alliene's failing health. Carrie notes she is doing poorly on the 8th. Her death is best left to the diary's words.

Sep 10, 1933 Sunday

Very pleasant. We ate dinner at Leonas. Alliene passed away about 11 oclock. Warren took us up to So. Westerlo. Blanch came home with us to help care for the children we ate supper with Leona. Ransom & family called in the eve.

Sep 11, 1933

Ther. 46° Very pleasant but cold & windy. Been home all day. Blanch & I taking care of the little half Orphans. Leona went to Catskill with Ruth & Merritt. Miss Payne ate dinner with us. Leona gone to So. Westerlo to-night.

Sep 12, 1933

A beautiful day. Alliene was buried from their home in So. Westerlo in the Jefferson Cemetery. A dear family left to fight their own troubles with out her. A very large funeral & a host of friends. We went with Scott & Elgirtha. Blanch & the little girls back home & we miss them.

Other early September events are Scott going to the Altamont Fair, Bill is building a garage, and Edna is noted with Tom Klein. The 16th shows a bit of Carrie's humor. "I am a little behind in my diary. Dont just know what the weather was to-day nor what has transpired. I suppose the kids would say Mother is so prudent she wont let the few lines go by without putting a few lines in this little space."

Later September includes a trip in Warren's new car to the Cobleskill Fair, popcorn snack, a call on Theresa Lewis who Carrie notes seems very thrifty, Trum is digging around the garage as well as digging potatoes at Warren's, and going to the Cairo Field Day horse racing.

October opens with a trip. "Rather lousy & a few sprinkles of rain now & then. Clarence. & family & Blanch except Kenneth came & took us for a long ride in the Mts. to Roxbury ate our lunch near there went on to Margaretville etc to Phoenicia home thro' the Notch to Hunter etc. All ate lunch at our house when we got home. Had a wonderful nice time. Except the cloud which is hard to lift." Alliene's death must have hung heavy on this trip. One should remember that very little mention is given to the shorter trips to nearby towns that happen almost every day.

Early October has Warren and Gerald going to New York for the World Series which will be won by the NY Giants over Washington, a shower for Annella with 12 present, **a visit with Ella King who Carrie describes as a busy and sociable woman**, a subscription to the Knickerbocker Press for \$3, and the beautiful foliage.

October 16-18 is another long trip.

Oct 16, 1933

A beautiful day. We started from home with Warren & Margaret at 8 o'clock. Went to Albany Troy & to Manchester Vt. Where we ate a good dinner. Went to Plymouth & to the Coolidge Home & to the Cemetery where he was buried. Very plain Slab for a Monument. Went on thro' very winding roads. To Hartford or White River Junction for supper & the night & to Coolidge Hotel.

Oct 17, 1933

Cloudy. left Hartford Vt. at 8-30 a beautiful long drive to Portsmouth N.H. where we ate dinner sun shone this P.M. Went from there to Rye Beach a long drive on the Shore of the Ocean. To Lowell Mass. for the night rained hard as we drove into the City. American Hotel where we stayed. To Restaurant for supper. A very noisy City.

Oct 18, 1933

Very pleasant except a little mist toward night. We left Lowell Mass. 8-30 drove nearly across the State before dinner ate on a beautiful Mt. Overlooking North Adams on what they call the hairpin curv. Wonderful scenery all the way. Came on to Albany & home about 5 o'clock glad to be home again. Had a wonderful time. About 550 miles.

A week and a half later is the much anticipated wedding. "Cloudy morning but clears beautiful. **Gerald & Annella Dinell were married in the Episcopal Church at Greenville.** All came back at the house for a Reception. Had a very large wedding around 70. Every thing went off very satisfactory. Mr. Gays folks came just before we got home. Aunt Bertie here to greet them. Ed & Carrie called Rans & Ethel & Merritts folks."

Other events of the month are the picking of apples, the first killing frost, picking marigolds, Bill and Leona go to NYC, and Gerald and Annella send a card from Niagara

Falls.

November mentions putting up storm windows, Indian summer, **a horning for Gerald and Annella by 40 people**, and Gerald and Annella living in Leona's house on the corner of Ingalside Road. On the 3rd, "Called on Cousin Eugene Good condition considering his age. Takes good care of himself like all the old Spaldings."

The election was especially disappointing for Carrie. "We went to Election to Scotts to dinner & Clarences to supper. Clarence lost by 21 all Democrats in Town of Westerlo. & some of them meaner than dirt. Stanley won out in Town Greenville 200 majority. All Republican except Supervisor."

Carrie celebrates her 70th birthday on November 14, and on the 22nd, neighbor and relative Antoinette is 80. On the 24th, "We went to Stanleys to a surprise birthday party for Antoinette & Mrs. Galatian. About 35 there. It was our 48th Anniversary so we figured in the festivities. They divided their flowers with us three beautiful Chrysanthemums."

Late in the month, work on the South Westerlo bridge is creating a lot of noise when Carrie goes to visit Clarence and daughter Carrie, both of whom live next to the bridge. Thanksgiving is late, the fifth Thursday. "60° Pleasant & very warm for the time of year. We went to Warrens for a Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey & every thing that goes with it. Clarence & his children were there all stayed to supper & eve. Scott Elgirtha & Philip called after we got home."

December starts with her brother George's house in Lambs Corners burning and losing everything. Ed Ingalls goes to Binghamton for construction work, and Blanche is helping Clarence's family and will become a mainstay in the family care.

The weather on December 12 was terrible. "Ther 10 above. We presume lower in places. Some night **terrific** wind all night couldnt sleep until after midnight. **Wind blew the bath room window open & the pipes were frozen.**

We thawed them out so every thing is working all right now. Claribel came to stay all night. Keeping all our fires burning fast."

Christmas preparation is shaping up. The tree is trimmed and decorated on the 18th, much earlier than the usual Christmas Eve event. Bill and Leona return from NYC. On the 24th, "Pleasant. All up late. All back & forth to Gerald's setting tables etc. Bill & Leona went to So. Westerlo. They brot us a little Christmas present a pocket book for me & a neck tie for pop. Thanks." On Christmas day, "Another Christmas over. All the family here except William. 36 Had a grand time. Every one had a lot of presents. All seemed to enjoy them-selves. Very hard for Clarence. but trys to make the best of it. Bill & Leona went back to N.Y. after supper."

To finish off the year, eight inches of snow fall on the 27th, and the pipes freeze at Bill's, where Gerald and Annella are wintering. Finally, "The last day of another year. We have no fault to find. Who ever reads this little years history will know the joys & sorrows of the past year. Clarence came in the evening so glad to have him come. It whiles away a few lonely hrs. for him."

1934

January starts with a **note of concern for Leona**. "Had a letter from Leona saying Bill has gone to the West Indias. Gone with an Orchestra on a Steamer expects to be gone 18 days. We know she is lonesome but she is a gamey little body. Will keep busy & look out for her self." Such is the business of the orchestra but it does not make it easy for a mother who looks after her kids.

Stanley had a "grand" dinner for New Year's Day. The hill by the house is icy, and will be the topic of many a diary entry for as long as Carrie lives in the house. Ice is being cut, and Leona bought a diary for Carrie on the 8th. On the 9th, "Warren called brot' me some home-made butter. They have had to keep their milk

home awhile. **So. Westerlo Creamery gone to the dogs I guess.**" The milk producing farms had to keep up with the times.

One should note that the move to West Greenville means much more contact with Warren and Margaret, and the life of a boarding house. Warren seems to be the consummate resort owner and if his parents are close by, he manages to include them in many of the activities, even having them rent out a few of their rooms.

Mid-month is a supper at Gerald and Annella's, mention of an X-ray for Elgirtha, a card from Bill Kingsley from the Islands, and the voicing of sympathy for Clarence and his life without Alliene.

On the 25th, Carrie "went to Catskill with Warren & Margaret. Came back by Gertie Layman Dourtys. Looks like up hill business for her. May be they will make a go of it. Their cows clipped steel milk stools & a white washed cow stable. all equipped for modern milk vendors." Gertie's marriage the year before was one that had been bandied about.

Finishing off January is Bill's arrival in NYC, and a cold end of the month, with a high of zero on the 29th.

Early February continues cold, one of the coldest winters in a long while. The thermometer reached minus 20 on the 9th, and remained cold for the rest of the month. It is announced that Edna expects to be married, Warren's electric pump froze and burst, and a second motor also burns out. Carrie notes a big circle around the sun, and gets books from the library.

The entry of the 20th captures the feeling of cold. "Ther Zero again About 6 in. of snow. This morning looks just like an 1888 blizzard. Snowing & blowing a high gale from the North West. We have plenty of fuel & plenty to eat. So we are very comfortable & contented. Roads are drifted quite bad in some places. Stopped snowing before sun down. sun shone out a little. & wind not so high. Gerald & Annella called in a little while to-night. Stanley out with the snow plow."

Breaking up the cold happens when “We went with Warren & Marg. to an entertainment at Greenville. Mostly home talent. It was very funny. All did their parts well. The play was Henrys Wedding.”

On the 24th, “We went with Warren & Margaret to Mrs. Ollie Tryons funeral at the Norton Hill Church. Bearers were all Ingalls. Raymond Wendall Ed. Warren Stanley & Clarence Perfectly all right but seemed rather a peculiar instance.”

Sad news comes on 26th when, “Had a letter from Mrs. Gay saying Charlie died last Tues. the 20th So surprised altho we knew he had a heart trouble he died very sudden. So sorry for them all. Gerald & Annella called this afternoon. Stanley & Clarence went to Morris to-day to get parts for the Lynn.”

March starts with Robert Elliott’s sickness, the water is quite high, Carrie is concerned with Trum spitting up blood, and they “traid” at Greenville.

On March 12th, “Stanley called made a nice little visit but short. Ate a piece of lemon pie with us to be sociable & because he said it was good.” Carrie is making mittens for Muriel, Trum and Carrie go to a Will Rodgers movie in Catskill, and they pay their telephone and electric bills.

Mid-March brings “Every thing about the same as usual. Doing the little things of every day life three meals a day.” Five days later, Carrie might have wished things were so ordinary. “Adrian came to-night expecting to stay all night. His folks called up to have him come home. Muriel has the scarletina so he went home. They are quarantined for 30 days also have to keep their milk home 30 days.” The milk situation must have been a big financial blow to Merritt.

Late March brings mention of a nurse from Albany for Muriel, Bill and Leona are home, the bathroom is painted, and there is a sale at Humph Tryon’s.

April starts mostly typically – the usual visiting. Carrie had 15 callers on Sunday the 8th,

and a railing is put on the stairs.

On the 11th, she “Had a letter from Leona. **They missed by about an hour a terrible land & rock slide on the Bear Mt.** road on their way home from here to N.Y. Three people killed & some hurt. Well all we can say is thank God & keep off it.”

They have fresh shad for dinner, there’s a grass fire at Jim Smith’s (on the corner below), and the 19th will prove to be an ‘interesting’ day. “Pleasant. fore-noon rained in the after-noon Stanley & his men working on the corner below Bills with the shovel widening & grading the corner. Stanley here to dinner. I started a fire in the cook stove & set the chimney on fire & started a little fire in the house. Stanley & his men put it our with our help. Some scare & comotion. Warren went to a nerve specialist in Albany. they find a sound man. We called there this eve.” Because they have house insurance, they get \$15 for the loss, and they clean up the damage a couple days later in the month.

Trum, Carrie and Leona travel to the Gays on the 21st, and come back the next day, a trip that always seems to be much anticipated and enjoyed and this was no different. Other late April events include working on the Shepard’s pool in South Westerlo for several days.

May starts with Trum working with Clarence on the pool. Bill goes back and forth to NYC, Carrie is ironing curtains, and a weird atmosphere is noticed and it is suggested that the dust storms from the west may be the cause.

Mother’s Day is here again and with it all the children and grandchildren. On Saturday, “Pleasant but cold. Pop gone to So. Westerlo. Leona went to Catskill with Scott & Elgirtha to a B.B. game Greenville won. Warren & Margaret called Brought a pretty little pink geranium for Mothers Day. Scott & Elgirtha brot’ a very pretty box of candy & a bunch of asparagus. Leona brot’. a grand bunch of tulips. Had a handsome handkerchief & a lovely card from Carrie. cards from Ransom Thelma & Elgirtha. Clarence called took Phyllis home.” On Mother’s Day itself, “Pleasant. Leona gone down to her house

to keep house William came to-day. Another Mothers day come & gone. A wonderful thoughtful family. Flowers & boxes of candy from all. Ransom & Ethel here to dinner. brot plant & cut flowers. Stanley & Eleanor called brot flowers & candy. The old Arched Bridge on Maple Ave. has gone bad. Pop & Stanley went up to look it over some thing has to be done about it very soon. Clarence Kenneth & the little girls called."

The following day is a moment of whimsy. **"Not much of note to write about. I'm sort of a Robison Cruso. Monarch of all I survey."** On the 16th, Carrie and Leona are planting beans, later, nasturtiums around the telephone pole. On the 20th, Carrie and Trum "Had a nice ride the world looks so beautiful now. We think we might like to live always."

Other May events include taking the laundry to Mrs. Nelson in South Westerlo, sitting on the porch and watching the lightning, Warren fixing leaks in the pool, Leona looking for an electric refrigerator, Bill and Leona picking pinksters down by the Shaw house in the Big Woods, new furniture comes, and Ed and Min and Frank are looking for bees.

By June, the reader is acutely aware that the mill work has ceased being much of a mention. Trum is acting like more of a contractor or contractor's helper.

Trum and Carrie sell the piano.

"Clarence & men came to-night & took the piano which we had sold to Blanche. Times change. And so it is. Read on in these blank lines. 'Memories'." The piano had served many a family gathering on the homestead and on Main Street. Selling such a touchstone must have been difficult.

Grandson Walter is in and he has the ability to make Grandma laugh. Still in early June, Carrie gets a dish of field strawberries, goes with Trum and Scott and family to Point Lookout for lunch and ice cream, a caller comes looking for Trum to ask about the value of a wood lot, and the work continues on the Maple Avenue bridge. Stanley is agitated about "a

crook in the guardrails" on the South Westerlo bridge.

The 28th was an exciting day. "Pleasant but hot. Trum. at Warrens most of the day. They are cleaning out the pool. The got the fire engine after a while to pump it out. Bill Leona & party went to Silver Lake on a picnic. Warren & his party went too. Comming home one of his partys car blew a tire tipped over & Several are seriously hurt dont know yet how bad. Gone to the Catskill Hospital. We have a roomer." Finishing June, Trum and Carrie get 25 gallons of kerosene for \$2.25. And the Ingalls reunion on the 30 is held at the Norton Hill hall with about 100 attending.

July finds the men putting oil on the road to keep the dust down, Warren has fireworks for the 4th, it's 94 degrees on the 6th, Bill's tennis court for his and Leona's boarding house is done, and Trum goes to the old mill yard and is mowing grass with a scythe.

In mid-July, Trum and Carrie visit the Gays again on a one day trip, Claribel goes to the hospital for an operation on her nose, and Stanley is driving fast, prompting Carrie to suggest that Stanley does not need an airplane.

Late July events include Warren draining his pool and then refilling it two days later, Merritt and Ruth have 28 boarders, Bill and Leona and guests go to Crystal Lake, the cistern is almost full, the car battery is changed, and Ina Greene visits and Carrie notes she is an 'interesting' neighbor. Edna visits, this time with her friend, Rev. Adams.

August starts with the watching of grandchildren, going to music at Warren's, and Warren seeming more like himself. There's been an undercurrent of concern for Warren this half year. **A man from the Sayer place asks to buy the saw mill, a note that grabs the reader's attention immediately.** Also, Carrie is quilting for the Ladies Aid Society, Eugene Spalding visits with his son and grandson, Merritt pays \$100, two girls are rooming upstairs, and Trum and Carrie go to Freehold for sweet corn.

Carrie switches two dates in the diary,

Clarence leaves the girls at Carrie's for the day while Ken has an operation for a hernia, Carrie and Trum go to the Cairo Fair with Helen Dinnel. In late August, Trum is digging the water drain, Robert has whooping cough, Trum decides not to sell the mill to Mr. Cline, Warren and Gerald go to the Saratoga races, and succotash is the supper one night.

September means going to Beecher's, Warren has 150 boarders on Labor Day, Leona goes to the Cossackie pictures, and Ken is home from the hospital. Trum is laying chimney at the house and Carrie notes it's hard work, and Clarice sticks a fork tine in her ankle while her parents are away. Carrie plays doctor by putting salt pork on the injury.

Awful news opens October. On the 3rd, "No one had any sleep or rest all night. Kings Inn burned to the ground & almost every thing in it last night started around midnight. We think it must have been defective wiring. Clarence & Gerald stayed all night. Seems to be one thing after another for Leona. Clarence & Carrie called in the eve." Whatever changes that would make for Leona and Bill Kingsley would remain to be seen.

Other early October news includes the first killing frost on the 2nd, John I is in to take the radio to be fixed, the Ingalls are listening to the World Series, a bridal shower is held for Edna, Leona goes to the dentist for a filling, and the family goes to see another Will Rogers movie.

In mid-month, the annual clambake is on. "Went to the Clam bake at Warrens. A great success every thing so good. Mr. Miller from Medway steamed it. The family all there except Ransom & family & Irene & Robert. & William I Gay. Cora Palmer & her family were there. John I. came in with our Radio again. Seems to be working all right again. \$4.00." Also, the chimney being built is now through the roof so the kitchen stove can be used, and Trum is stacking wood slabs.

Carrie says it's "No use trying to think we are young" upon Leona's birthday on the

24th. Trum has been feeling miserable with a bad cough. Leona is staying at Carrie's after the fire of her house, and Warren and Margaret call from Rochester where they are visiting.

The 31st was a joyous day with another of the grandchildren being married. **"We all went later to the large & pretty wedding of Edna the oldest daughter of Stanley & Eleanor to Rev. Norman Adams of Ohio & Greenville.** Very large wedding. Every thing passed off very nice."

November 2 is the date for butchering their pig, which is done by Everett Matthews. It is also Pop's 70th birthday. The next day, "We went to Merritts & to Norton Hill got our pig. Pop & Leona cutting it up. I fixed the lard & sausage. Pig weighted #144... Merritt came in took some sausage home with him."

A black bear is reported shot in Round Top, and weighs 520 pounds. Meanwhile, Trum is preparing the brine for the hams. The Ingalside Reunion is held in NYC, and Edna and Norman send a card from Virginia.

Election time brings little comfort to Carrie. On the 6th, "Leona went to help Elgirtha. We went with Warren & Margaret to Election & to Scotts to dinner. Stanley & Eleanor Walter Warren Marg. Gerald & Annella all there to dinner. Went to a supper at the Methodist Church. at night." The next day we get some results. "Pleasant. A Democratic Land Slide. Governor & so on down. Guess it does'nt make much difference. They are all combined 'To lie & cheat one another' The Country so much in debt & getting deeper Well - it isnt best to worry." A Republican victory may have changed her outlook.

"Ed. brot' some bear meat in. cooked by big John. Maybe it was good, but we did'nt any of us like it very well." So much for the Round Top bear. Next, the women get together to plan the Christmas menu, and Leona cleans the pantry. Carrie and Trum then go to the Gays on the 17th and 18th, enjoying themselves. Mrs. Gay has achieved her driver's license.

Late November also takes Leona and

Carrie to Greenville to hear a lecture by radio announcer Jim Healy. The Greenville minister Rev. Glenn makes a call, Edna and Norman are keeping house in the Manse in Greenville, Cairo beats Greenville in basketball, the family is Christmas shopping in Albany, and Mr. Stern asked to buy the mill.

Thanksgiving is late again this year. "Very cloudy muggy & misty. We went to Stanleys to a grand Thanksgiving dinner. Very nice of them to ask us. We enjoyed the day very much. Norman & Edna were there. Gerald called this morning a few minutes. Pop is'nt feeling a bit good trouble in his back. Sorry."

In early December, Leona is helping Clarence so Blanche can have a vacation. Carrie and Trum see a lot more of Janice and Phyllis since their mother's death. Trum is having back problems with rheumatism.

December 5 and 6 are representative of their lives. On the 5th, "Cloudy. We went for a nice ride to Newry by an old road now made good, on through by the Stone School house to Dormansville, Westerlo, So. Westerlo. Called at Clarences. I went with Warrens' folks & Clarence & Leona to Norton Hill to a Minstrel Show. very good. They all came in for a little chat after the show. Pop stayed home alone." And the next day, "Mostly cloudy & a few snow squalls. We went with Warren to Potter Hollow to the creamery to see some milk business. Went on above to Mr. Engles's & engaged two big turkeys for Christmas. Kenneth came to-night stays all night. Wilbur Bauman came in fixed a light in the clothes room up stairs & in Leonas room."

Leona is spending a good portion of her time at Warren's, the hill by the house is icy and difficult to negotiate, Trum goes to Freehold to the barber, Trum and Carrie go to a school entertainment at South Westerlo and to a GCS operetta by the grades.

Christmas preparation goes on. A high wind had tipped over their tree on the 20th. On Christmas Eve day, "A very nice winter day. Leona went to Warrens to help Margaret. Pop &

I went above Potter Hollow to get the turkeys they weighed 49 lbs. Everett Matthews dressed them for us. We had a nice ride it is part of the fun to get ready for the big holliday. When you have a host to go on with the work & we look on. Leona went to the Presbyterian Church with Scotts folks to a midnight service." On Christmas Day, "Snow enough falling to make a white Christmas not very cold & rather slipery going. All went to Warrens for our Christmas. All there except Ransom & family they were sick & couldnt come very sorry. Thelma & her friend came out & brot their presents etc. & went right back. We had a grand time a lot of presents for all. Every body seemed to enjoy the day."

Finishing off the year is Philip skating in South Westerlo and Warren comes in with the Sunday paper, a tradition by now.

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The new year starts with 7 inches of snow. Also, a surprise going away party is given to those going to Florida, for on the 8th, "40" above. Very foggy & warm. Warren Margaret Leona & Naomi Baker start for Florida this A.M. It seems like a lot gone. They went off in better spirits than I was afraid they would. We went to So Westerlo ate dinner at Carries. They were cutting ice yet. Terrible foggy coming home. Raining quite hard thro' the eve."

This fog and rain would persist for several days. Otherwise, **Carrie is listening to the radio, something that is a frequent occurrence**, the laundry goes to Mrs. Nelson, Carrie writes to Mrs. Gay. Carrie gets a letter from Leona from Petersburg, VA, and would get another card from Florida on the 16th, stating the Floridians got there the 13th.

One of the big brush strokes in Trum and Carries life is the constant traveling and visiting, especially among family members. With Warren, Margaret and Leona gone, the others more than pick up the slack. Gerald stops in frequently, and Scott and Elgirtha bring in cookies, and the others check in constantly.

In the later month, NYC has 17 inches of

snow, Gerald is pressing hay at Warren's and sells the hay for \$14 per ton, Carrie gets letters from Florida, and the month ends with a -6 degree reading. "Much lower in other places A peddler called selling books to show us how to get the World righted up. Stanley Walter & Junior Yeomans called, he left them here while he went to Greenville. Ther. zero° to night. So. Westerlo boys are cutting ice to-day."

In February, the bear sees his shadow again (it seems he/she/it always sees its shadow), they go to Merritts to dinner, Art Howe gets stuck on their icy hill, they pay their taxes, and the meter man comes. By omission, it's noticeable that Trum is not collecting taxes this year with Humph Tryon.

February 13-14 is a combination of family news and national news. On the 13th, "26° above. Cloudy morning. the oil man came left 30 gal. **Norma & Edna called. They are going to Germany soon.** Well- I guess such is life, glad they dont have to ask us if they can go. Stanley made us a nice call. Elgirtha came over & took us to their house to dinner. Nice visit & a good dinner. Pop commenced to use a new pound of tobacco." The next day, "Cloudy & a few sprinkles of rain & hail rather slippery again. We hear by the Radio & News papers that Hauptman has been sentenced to the Electric Chair for the murder kidnaping of the Lindburg baby. Which has been in Court a long time. It will be carried to higher Court. Gerald in this P.M. he is having trouble again with water. Clarence Kenneth Janice & Phyllis called a little while." Both events will be mentioned again later.

Also in mid-month, Gerald and Annella stay overnight because they can't make it up that icy hill, Carrie has a nice visit with Ella King from King Hill, Ray Hunt has moved the saw mill to his place, Ken has the German measles, and Leona is thinking of buying Edna's car, one that will not be getting much use with Norman and Edna soon leaving for Germany.

The deal is made, and the trip is noted. On the 26th, "Pleasant but quite cold. Norman & Edna in a few minutes. They brot the car over put

in our Garage. Norman came for us later & took us to Stanleys to supper. This is their last night home for some time. They Sail for Germany tomorrow at 5 oclock. Stanley & Eleanor Gerald & Annella go to New York to see them off. The following day, "Cold. Gerald & Annella gone with Stanleys folks to see Norman & Edna off for Germany for a year. Seems like a long time. Hope they dont get home sick. They go on the Steamer Rex. a large fast going Italian Ship. Expect to land at Naples Italy first. They have had a wonderful lot of friends to send them off & bid them Bon Voiage."

Other February events include six more inches of snow, and news of an accident. On the 28th, "We hear Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham & Cora Palmer. have had a bad accident on way home from the South all in a Hospital in Petersburg Va. no particulars yet." It would turn out that the injuries were not serious.

In March, Leona's dog King got cut and Carrie has to tend to him, Trum and Carrie cover the Royal easy chair, and finally, on the 7th, the Florida vacationers return, and Carrie notes that Warren looks good.

Greenville plays Middleburg in basketball and loses both games, the games for the benefit of Lewie Layman. Libbie Losee is in critical care and R'Celia is taking care of her, Warren and Margaret celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, Leona takes her car to be fixed at Maurice Husted's (whose name is spelled a few different ways in the diary) and Phil stays over night and has come from the senior dance.

The 23rd-25th is a trip to Gays and some local news.

March 23, 1935

Pleasant morning. We started for Mrs. Gays 9-30 with Warrens car. Had a little wind & rain on way out. Got there about noon. Found them all right except William has the whooping cough. But is around all right to visit. We drove down to Franklin Unadilla & Bainbridge just for a ride Mrs. Gay & William with us. About 45

miles round trip had a nice ride. Thunder Shower in the eve.

March 24, 1935 Sunday

Very clear & pleasant. We all went up on the old farm where they used to live & down to Franklin to get ice cream for dinner. We started back home at 4 o'clock got home about 6-30 Warren & Margaret Gerald & Annella came in the eve. Rather late but had a nice visit with them. Philip kept King for us while we were gone. Ransom & Ethel called in the eve.

March 25, 1935

Very bright pleasant day & not very warm. All up late. Pop rode over to see Ray Hunt about the saw mill with Warren. We all went with Warren Marg. & Annella to Athens to see the ruins of the fire. Athens Laundry & several other buildings were burned we called in at Clinton Weeks their house badly damaged. Came up to Cossackie had ice cream at Sbario's an old Italian place where pop & the boys used to stop. Called at Mill. Lockwoods at Climax & saw their baby.

The rest of March notes that Gerald is living in Cora Palmer's house, the peculiar atmosphere is back again, and again they think it might be the western sand storms, Trum and Carrie go to Catskill to moving pictures, and to Cossackie to see the great building that is the home for wayward boys from Blackwells Island.

April starts with some more minor news about the mill. Trum goes to Ray Hunt to work at the mill, although I believe the mill is still Trum's. Robert is going to an eye specialist, Carrie goes to the hospital to see Robert and Ruth who is agitated by the doctor's slowness in seeing her son, Scott has the German measles, and Walter, that "wonderful kid, keeps us laughing" is over to visit Grandma.

Snow squalls hit on the 16th, as the family goes to see a Will Rodgers movie, "Life Begins at 40." There's a sale at the Ellis house (the father's) and Carrie notes that Roy Ellis will move in with his son Scott. She also notes that

the Roy's house looks desolate, and that there are very few old heads left in the community.

Annella goes to Detroit to visit "her people". Scott and Elgirtha have gone to NYC with the senior class during Easter vacation. A cryptic entry on the 22nd awaits us. "Kingsleys are starting to build a house down on the corner. 'Silence is golden' some times. no comments." As Carrie almost always does, she does not use her diary to badmouth people, even if justified. And so, the reader is left scratching one's head wondering why Leona's in-laws in are building next door. And we never do find out in the diary.

Other April entries include the laying of conglomeration in one of the rooms, Clarence is working at Shepards, Pop goes with Warren and buys five pigs from Walter Burkett for five dollars each, Gerald is looking for his dog Teddie, and the "Burmans" of East Greenville are building a new pool at their boarding house.

May is a quieter month. Of course that means that usual beehive of activity goes on but is not punctuated with any more unusual news that would speed up or interrupt their lives. Some events of the month include Leona painting and papering, Leona and others going to Choral Club, Clarence takes Trum and Carrie to Bennington for a ride, sweet peas are growing in the door yard, Warren is building a garage, Mother's Day is the usual big event, Trum goes to the blacksmith in Potter Hollow, they go to a Shirley Temple picture, the kitchen stove scared them with a popping sound one morning, Trum and Warren go to a basketball game with Cairo that Greenville won, and Carrie gets dogwood by Howard Shaw's down in the big woods.

June is quiet most of the month. Leona is spending a lot of her time at Warren's boarding house, Warren is building a handball court, Pop has a lame back, Leona is working at Harrison Gardner's law office for a few days while Katherine is in NY, and Merritt is making swings for his boarding house.

On the 18th, Trum and Carrie "Went to Potter Hollow back by Durham up thro' the old Stannard place thro' by Lampman School House

which is being used for a lumber campers house to work in. & around by the old Home Stead..." (It should be noted that Harriet Rasmussen's transcription of the Taylor diary mentions that R.E Taylor teaches school in the 1860s at the Lampman school house, located near the corner of McCafferty Rd and CR 403.)

Otherwise, Ellen is out for a ride for the first time in two months, shopping is done at John I's, Commencement exercises are held for the 42 graduates, Ruth Slater marries Len Palmer, and Ellen's X-ray shows improvement.

However, the quiet of this month is shattered by what some call Greenville's crime of the century. It is a crime that was much publicized throughout this region and drew attention in some national magazines. I'll leave Carrie's words to do the job.

June 27, 1935

Pleasant & warm. The community is shocked by the terrible news of the M.E. Ministers daughter 9 yrs. old missing since last night. (Helen Glenn) Greenville. No clue of her yet to-night. We took Leona over to Scotts to go to the Alumni Banquet. We went on for a little ride. A heavy shower this after noon.

June 28, 1935

Pleasant & hot. Pop took a little ride around this fore-noon. & took me up to Uncle Eds. & to Roy Lawyers to guilt for the L.A.S. They found the lost girl dead below the Red Mills in an old bush lot not far from the road around 2 oclock. There was 100 or more men out to look for her. No clue for certain of the guilty one. Leona & I drove over to Scotts late. & over to Merritts later to help Irene out on a little business about their boarders.

June 29, 1935

Very pleasant. & warm. A little shower in P.M. We went to the Ingalls Reunion at Westerlo around 80 there not quite as many as usual. Very pleasant time. We stopped at Clarences to supper. Ellen heard from her X Ray they find her

improved but still want her to be very careful. Clarence came down he & Leona went to Leonard Palmers & Ruth Slaters wedding at the Episcopal Church. Henry Misigus & wife called here this eve.

June 30, 1935 Sunday

Very bright & pleasant & hot. Leona at Warrens. We were around home until after-noon. Went to Lambs Corners to Childrens day concert. Drove over to Merritts at night. We hear they have found the guilty one who killed the little girl. Alfred Volkman 19 a young man of the village who confessed the crime. To terrible to relate. His family were from the City formerly.

July 1, 1935

A beautiful day. Leone at Warrens. We went to Cornwallville this after-noon to the burial of Helen Glenn who was buried in this Cemetery. A very large funeral was held at Greenville. We called on Mrs. Vina Latta a little while. Drove up to Gideon Palmers after the service. Made a nice call. Came home by Sunside had a beautiful ride. The view was grand.

The community is obviously shocked and outraged. It is a story that those who lived through it can still relate as a vivid tale.

Other early July events include fireworks at Warren's for the 4th, Muriel has the measles and then the rest of the Elliott children get it, floods in western NY, Stanley and Clarence's families are vacationing at Warner's Lake, Ed Ingalls damages his truck in an accident that was not as bad as it looked at first, a total eclipse of the moon on the 16th, and Clarence's family vacations again at Lake Onderonk for two weeks. Carrie will visit at Lake Onderdonk and thinks it's a lonesome place. Also, Carrie and Trum fumigate their measle-ridden house after the Elliott kids leave; the kids have stayed there because the parents are in mid-boarding house season. Also, Carrie shops at John I's, their usual place to shop, and three planes have landed at

Warren's.

The next trip to the Gays overlaps the two months.

July 31, 1935

Some cloudy in the fore-noon clears later very nice. We started at 10 o'clock for Mrs. Gays. Went by East Windham. stopped in Delhi for dinner very good at the place where we have been before. Found a terrible lot of damage done on the road from Delhi to Gays on the road by the floods which they had July 7th. Found Mrs. Gay & William just home from Wills. We drove down to Franklin had sodas & got groceries.

Aug 1, 1935

Some cloudy & threatening showers. didn't have any. cleared beautiful. So we all went for a ride in the after-noon Pop drove Mrs. Gays car. Went down near Unadilla & several other places to see the damage done by the flood 58 bridges gone out in the Town of Franklin. Mrs. Gays house had water all over the floors & the cellar full. a foot & two of clear mud in the cellar. We came back & stopped in Franklin had supper, had a very pleasant day.

Aug 2, 1935

A beautiful morning. Pop & William went to Franklin to the barbers. We start for home about 11 o'clock. Came by Oneonta, Cobelskill where we ate dinner & rested awhile & home by the Bernes & So. Westerlo had supper at Eds'. Called at Warrens & brot' Leona home. Home Sweet home glad to get here. But have had a very pleasant time.

"& so it is" is one of Carrie's phrases when we have to accept whatever life throws our way, and it's repeated in the August 3 entry on the mention of the death of Ray Ingall's wife. A few days later, Carrie buys steak at Norton Hill, and Clarence comes home from the Lake. Also, they traveled some roads that Trum remembered as a boy, they have ice cream at

Margraf's Log Cabin (Leeds, I believe), and Trum goes to Goshen with Clarence and Don Mabee to see a horse race.

In mid-month, they go to see the new Rip Van Winkle bridge, and go to the Cairo fair where they "Had a very pleasant time. Interesting racing. One horse went all the track once & ¾ times around with no drover. By some accident the sulky tipped & threw the driver out 'Bruce Whitbeck' he was 'nt hurt. Had an exciting running race decision questionable & the Judge was hooted to beat everything."

A hint of misunderstanding creeps in with this next entry. "We went to East Windham to see Ransom he is staying there thro' his vacation. His health not good don't understand him. or his ways." No clue is given why or what about and even though this difference of opinion is patched, it will repeat later on.

There's an accident on the corner, and Carrie and Trum go to a weenie roast at Ingalside. On the 27th, "Pleasant. Home most of the day. Went to Lambs Corners to a Dedication of the old School house into an Olin Chapel Annex. Had some exercises and presentation of the Deed etc. & refreshments. Leona went with us. Henry Ingalls spoke quite eloquent. Had a very pleasant time. 'Memories'. of our childhood."

The September 4 entry reveals that "Pop Leona & I went to Albany to Ransoms to dinner at night. Went around 2 o'clock had a nice little visit. **Rifts pretty well covered.**" Otherwise, in early September, Labor Day weekend is busy, Warren takes 75 guests to Indian Ladder, Dr. Perkins comes to see Ellen who is gaining but can't go to school yet, Warren pays Carrie \$20 for rent of room and she protests it's too much.

Also, "Stanley says **Norman & Edna are coming home expect to be here early in October. We are glad they are coming. There is great unrest in that country.**" Cliff Matthews is living at Mrs. Dillon's where Trum and Carrie lived on Main Street, Leona visits with Naomi Baker, and Carrie comments on the beautiful scenery.

Later in the month, Carrie and Trum go with Warren and his boarders to Point Lookout and Silver Lake, they take knives for Wendall Ingalls to grind, the silo at Warrens' is filled, they go to Dormansville to a Grangers Clambake and to John Is for ice cream. In addition, Trum is watching Ingalside while the rest go to the Cobleskill Fair, and Merritt and Ruth go to York, PA.

The last two days of the month bring good news and politics. On the 29th, "Stanley Eleanor and Annella start 3 oclock this A.M. to get Norman & Edna just sailed in to Port from Germany. They have been gone 7 months. We with Warrens folks called on them at Stanleys this eve. They are a very pleased pair to get back home & we are all glad to have them back in the United States. Pop & I went for a ride around the Town & called on Ella King. Clarence called." The next day is "A beautiful day. Leona at Warrens I'm canning a few plumbs. The Republicans had their caucus Sat. night. Stanley on the ticket again for Town Superintendent. We went to So. Westerlo took the laundry up. Called Carrie & Clarences. Drove up to Uncle Es. got some eggs. Went for Leona after supper John Saulsbury was at Warrens for the night. Look the same as he did 10 yrs. ago. Says he is 78 yrs. old."

Most of early October's news is about the World Series, which Detroit wins four games to two. Trum, Carrie and Leona go for a ride to Tarrytown and Clarksville, stopping at the cemetery where Carrie's grandparents were buried. On the 13th, they ride over the new Rip Van Winkle bridge and on up the east side of the river.

On the 17th, they ride to the Gays, eating dinner in Prattsville, going by Delhi, and arriving there at 3:30. They head home the next day in the morning, bringing Mrs. Gay and William with them. The next day, they show off the new bridge to Gays and go for a long Hudson River Valley drive. Finally, on the 20th, Trum, Carrie and Leona take the Gays back home, having dinner in Grand Gorge, and coming back through

Cobleskill. It was a pleasant visit, as usual.

Later October finds Carrie canning pears, going to Catskill for moving pictures, selling the old coal stove, and the two candidates for Greenville Supervisor, Rob VanHouten and Clinton Story, campaigning for votes.

On the 26th, **Pop and Carrie ride out toward Preston Hollow and Livingstonville. "Called at a camp between these places.**

Around 200 boys there. Dont know what they are going to do. Doesnt look as tho there was any thing to do to get a living. Suppose the Government is taking care of them."

The next day, a Sunday, Carrie, Leona and Margaret go to church in Norton Hill where Norman Adams preaches a "very good sermon." Later that day, there was a bad accident on the Prevost corner where a man fell off a truck and was killed. "Stranger to us but he was some bodys folks."

Finishing off the month is Mrs. Myer, a teacher, knitting with four needles, Ray Hunt wants to hire the mill, a chicken supper at Greenville that had more people than food, and Leona helps with a Halloween party for the GCS junior class.

November starts with Carrie hoping Leona doesn't overdo herself. They go to Greenville to pay the telephone bill. Elections see Stanley elected, as is Rob VanHouten.

On the 6th, Carrie gets a call from Henry Francis who reports that the dog King is getting in somebody's sheep, something Carrie doesn't believe. On the 7th, Antoinette Gardner died, Carrie noting that Antoinette had fallen down the stairs and was living alone. The Ingalls reunion attracts Warren and Margaret, and Gerald and Annella.

In mid-month, Trum and Carrie see Hattie Winans who lives alone and in conditions that Carrie "Thinks I would be sick if I had to live as she does." They stop at Charlie Simpson's to inquire if he knew whose dogs had been in his sheep, all of them killed. **On the 15th, a cryptic notes says that Leona's business "is all right in three months it will be final. a load lifted."**

Warren and Margaret are involved in a school entertainment.

November 23 is a big day! “A little bit of fine snow this morning. The great day is here. We have done nothing all day but get ready for the party. **Our 50th Anniversary was celebrated** at Warrens this eve. 53 guests there. Our own family & some of the people who was at our wedding. Geo & Francis, Ed & Minnie Henry Lorenze & wife Alida Bryant. Aunt Bertie Elmer Hunt & wife. A wonderful party a grand time. A very pretty little entertainment. Children & grand children sang. Presents. & a beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums.” The next day, Scott took a picture of Trum and Carrie with the bouquet. The 24th was their real anniversary date. “Fifty years to-day since we were married. It snowed all day then.”

In late month, Leona is on Red Cross work, Clarence is collecting taxes for the Central School, and Trum sells the old Ford Coupe for \$15. Thanksgiving is with Stanley's family, and has been for several years.

On the 29th, King got into Harrison Palmer's sheep and was shot and killed. “He was a grand dog. We like him & we miss him.”

The last month of the year starts with the picking of marigolds. Mrs. Francis is washing the windows, and Carrie is bemoaning that she cooked the oysters “to salt”, and she's sorry. They go to see Will Roger's latest movie, and to a Lambs Corners donation. They buy 35 gallons of oil for eight cents a gallon, and hear that Ella King is in the hospital with a broken leg. A peddler stops in to try to sell neckties, Stanley's dog Ching is shot but not killed, a barn burns in Greenville Center, and Stanley and Buddy bring some firewood. Trum and Carrie visit Hattie Winans several times during the month.

Christmas is coming and Ken gets Carrie a tree from across the street. The 25th has the whole family going to Warrens except Claribel and William. “We had a grand time & big turkey dinner. A wonderful tree full of presents. in spite of the depression. And the greatest thing of all Harmony prevails in the whole family. Thankful

indeed are we.”

On the 26th, Ruth goes to NY to visit some of her boarders, and later, Pop is feeling miserable and Carrie is trying to doctor him. On the 31st, they go to the IGA store, and it's New Year's Eve. “What is in store for us the coming year? Just as well if we don't know. Let us look on the bright side. Good Night Nineteen thirty five.”

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The new year starts with Gerald's pet calf Nellie breaking a leg. Ray Story is taking orders for meat, Leona goes to church, and Carrie and Leona are canning baby beef. Trum and Carrie visit Ella King in Hospital (four weeks so far), Warren goes to a Chamber of Commerce meeting and comes back riled up over talk of fire equipment, and ice is cut from Shepard's pond. Carrie is sitting up with Ken, who has capular bronchitis, according to Dr. Bott. The hill is icy still, five inches of snow falls, and Leona goes to a bridge party at Marian Stevens'. Bridge is taking off as the activity to do, it seems. Twenty-one inches of snow fall, and Norman and Edna move to Richfield Springs.

The 23rd seems like a classic bad winter weather day. “Zero. Terrible cold & a fierce wind all day. Warren went to an Insurance meeting at Greenville. Roads are drifted so it is hard work to get any where. Gerald & Bony showers called in got us some groceries from Greenville. They drove over again to help Warren get home with his car. Evans Griffin left his car on the corner. Merritt & Ruth called this A.M. got the sewing machine. Stanley is sick hope no cause to worry.” Four days later, “Some snow must have blown in over the bath room & thawed & is running down on the floor.”

Warren and Gerald stop in frequently to check on the West Greenville school house, and Leona is up to Warren's to ski and ride downhill.

In February, Carrie is finishing “sox” for Walter, they have ice cream at Ed's, Spy apples are bought at Carey's of Cocksackie for \$1.50 per bushel, Trum and Carrie have a chicken dinner at

Merritts, Warren goes to Lodge while Margaret goes to play cards at Cunningham's, and Carrie is quilting with Leona. The first pleasant day comes mid-month, and the ice on the roof thaws so water runs on the bathroom wall. Carries indicates this is the most snow she has seen between Norton Hill and Lambs Corners in years. Leona is making a sponge cake for Eastern Stars, and Pop is left home alone. Pop frequently is left home alone. Later in the month, the weather is cold, the pipes in the bathroom freeze, the cold storage plant in Coxsackie where they get their apples from burns, and on the 27th, **"Warren went to a Chamber of commerce meeting at Greenville. They are trying to organize a Fire Company.** Rather a hard proposition. One pulls one way & another the other. 'Such is life.'" Finally, Trum and Carrie go to Athens to see Clinton Weeks and to see Ella King while the Greenville basketball team is beating the Athens team.

On March 2, "zero Cold but sun shines. S.E. wind. Leona went to Miss Chattersons to the Bridge club. this after noon. Merritt & Ruth over for the evening. Warren in for the eve. He took Leona & Margaret to E. Stars. I'm piecing a quilt for Leona. Double Irish chain. an old fashioned pattern around 60 yrs ago as I can remember. This will be red & white."

Carrie is shopping for a new dress, and Leona goes to Richfield Springs to visit the Adams. On the 9th, "Pop & I drove down to the Walker place to see where the house burned. Stopped in the Surprise store got a few groceries. Rather an unasuming little store." Merritt is tearing up the inside of the house to make more rooms, and Trum and Carrie go see a picture about the Dionne quintuplets.

Major flooding is occurring March 12-14. "Water has been very high on Leeds flats water & ice cakes all over. the Wood Stock dam was quite a spectacle muddy water & ice rushing over. Water & ice over the lower part of Catskill. On the 13th, "Pop Leone & I went to Coxsackie Athens & Catskill. Saw some of the high water. The river hasnt' broken up yet. In Coxsackie it

was up in the Street at the landing so we couldnt drove down near the ferry. One man was around in a row boat. Water was run down in Catskill & not so high over Woodstock dam." On the 14th, "We went to Coxsackie Athens & Catskill. The ice was broken up in the river at Coxsackie. & jammed up on the dock we think 12 ft high. We drove on to Athens river all frozen over there yet & we went to Rip Vanwinkle Bridge no ice broken there yet. To Catskill & home. called at Scotts a minute. We all went to Lambs Corners to an oyster supper."

Leona takes her turn hosting a bridge party for the eight ladies playing bridge, Leona goes to Norton Hill to a St. Patrick social, and Carrie is piecing her quilt.

The 18th-20th describes more flooding. On the 18th, "What we used to call a freshet. Rained about all night hard. & loury & raining some to-day. Our cellar was full of water this morning. Went down around 3 oclock no harm done there but quite an experience. We went with Gerald & Marg. to see the Woodstock dam an awful body of water going over. Went on to Leeds flats all under water. Water all around some of the house. Merritt & Ruth & Mrs. Elliott called. Warren called also Stanley. We went to So. Westerlo ate at Clarences. Came home went to Oak Hill Preston Hollow & to C.C. Camps. Pop & I went with Warren to the old mill dam at red mills to Freehold & around home. Terrible dammage all around. The next day, it "Rained a little while this morning... Terrible news about the floods in 6 States. Loss of lives & property." On the 20th, "Pop & I drove down to the old Red Mill part of the dam has gone out."

Trum, Carrie and Leona go to visit the Gays on the 22nd and 23rd, Leona and Elgirtha sing at the Greenville Lodge, Roy Phinney is selling vacuum cleaners, and Sheridan Palmer is selling insurance.

The first half of April is dominated by Ed Ingall's accident, at first appearing to be a simple accident. On the 1st, **"Ed. got hurt quite bad cranking his Truck.** No bones broken but his knees badly bruised. I stayed up with Carrie. The

next day, "Carrie called Ed. very much worse. Seems to be in a coma doesn't speak a word. Had Dr. from Albany in consultation with Bott. Dr. Ordway from Albany. Decided to take him to the Hospital. They came with an Ambulance went about 4 o'clock Carrie & Leona went with Ed's car. they go to Ethel's to stay to night. Warren Stanley & Scott went up to-night. Warren came in at midnight. The Drs. doesn't know yet what to say only he is critically ill. Elgirtha & Philip Merritt & Ruth here in eve." On the 3rd, "Warren & Margaret went to Albany. They seem to be a little encouraged about Ed. Has swallowed a little water. & spoke a word or so. Warren & Marg. called on way home from Albany. Elgirtha came over we went with her to South Westerloo called at Clarence's. On the 4th, "We hear a little better report from Ed. Seems to know Carrie. Scott & Elgirtha went to Albany. Reports favorable yet. On the 5th, "We went to Albany with Warren & Margaret to see Carrie & Leona. Didn't expect to see Ed. The Dr. tell them he is coming along, he talks a very little but isn't right yet in his head or body. We were there to dinner in the Hospital Clarence came to dinner also. Ransom Ethel & Thelma called there. We went up to see Stella Mabie. Home for the evening & glad to be here. Had a nice ride etc. But Anxiety."

It never is explained how a knee bruise created such a life-threatening situation but Ed will pull through, coming home on the 17th.

Leona gets roses at Hansen's Greenhouse for Easter, Leona is at Easter service with Warren's folks at Greenville, Scott and Elgirtha go to NYC with the senior class, and Carrie visits Ella King at King Hill, finally home from the hospital.

News of the Glenn murder case is continued. On the 20th, "Pop Leona & I went to Catskill this after-noon. Court very busy with a murder trial. Volkman a Greenville & city boy who murdered the Glenn girl last July." Clarice has her tonsils out, Ed is in a wheel chair, Leona and Carrie get to church early because they have not changed their clocks with the rest of the

world, and Lucy Gardner hosts a card party.

May rolls around, and the lights are off for a couple hours because of a thunderstorm, Carrie goes with Stanley's folks to Richfield Springs, Leona gets car insurance, and the usual scene happens for Mother's Day.

Pop mowed the lawn even though it's hard for him, Ed has the cast taken off his leg, Warren brought in herring that Herk caught, Leona is out with Irwin, and the best apple blossoms are at Ella King's. On the 13th, Leona comes home missing a pair of \$4 shoes and finds them two days later in Albany where she had been shopping. The murder case is revisited; "The Volkman trial is finished been in court over 6 weeks. The verdict Guilty of murder in the first degree."

In later May, "Clarence Ellen & Blanch went to Plattsburg took Irene back to her School. Came home in the night around 400 miles", both Leona and Warren go to a Catskill dentist to have a tooth pulled, a temporary bridge in Freehold is handling traffic, Clarence is working on a handball court at Burdette Griffin's boarding house, Clarence and Stanley are working on a lawn tennis court above Shepard's, and Carrie puts a bouquet on Alliene's grave.

In June, on the 2nd, "We brot the mirror home that Roy has finished. An old mirror Grandma Ingalls got from an old Uncle of hers. So it is quite an antique. Leona had it done over & bot' the glass to put in so it is hers."

In early June, Leona and Carrie have three fillings done, pay \$6, and Carrie thinks it is an awful price. Carrie and the girls go for ice cream at the Cocksackie landing. On the 4th, "Went to Cocksackie in the after-noon to the dentists again. Leone found she had a tooth or part of one under the bridge work she had done 6 yrs ago at Dr. Mullers. Dr. Gardner took it out & hope now to have no more trouble with it."

On the 7th, "Leona gone back to Warrens. had a week off. We miss her. Pop & I went to Johns' for the paper & around to Freehold thro. by the old lower farm, once a prosperous property & now bids fair to be a poor

forest. Such is life.”

In mid-month, Merritt is blasting the water hole and building a tennis court, Thelma and Ellen get to ride in the rumble seat, Trum and Carrie go to White Sulphur Springs near Berne, Ed is walking with a cane, and Stanley is handing out diplomas at Commencement exercises, one of the students being Randall.

In late month, Carrie is busy with roomers, the Alumni Banquet is held, and the woodchucks are eating the peas.

The 27th-29th is another trip to the Gays. They start about “10 oclock for Franklin. Ate dinner in Delhi had a nice dinner. Got to Mrs. Gay about 1 oclock. Had a nice visit. Spent the evening home. William is growing fast. We went out thro’ Potter Hollow & Gilboa just 75 miles to Mrs. Gays.” The next day, a Sunday, “Mrs. Gay William Pop & I went to Church at Franklin. Stayed to Sunday School & rode down below Franklin to see a bridge under construction. Went up to the farm in the P.M. came back spent the eve. visiting. William & I rode in the rumble seat of the car. We got quite a thrill wind blew high. But we kept comfortable.” On the 29th, “We started for home around 10 ate dinner in Cobelskill. Stopped a little while in the Old Fort in Scoharie & home rested a little while & went to Warrens to supper. Leona & I went over to Uncle Georges’ to get some History. The way we came from Mrs. Gays was 89 miles. quite a difference.”

On July 1, “Very pleasant. Went to Cornwallville to the Ingalls Reunion. Held in the Hall Leslie Goff was President Addison Smith Floyd Parks & others seemed to be doing the work. Not quite as large a croud as usual 74 I believe. We took Linda. Every thing seemed to go off very pleasant. More of our family there than usual.”

In early July, Ed and Scott’s families go to Camp Pinnacle and Indian Ladder in the Helderbergs. Carrie has four roomers, and she goes to see the fireworks at Ingalside, which has 129 guests. Merritt’s house has 32 boarders, and Trum, Carrie and Leona “went to Catskill to

Hospital again she to call on a boarder who got hurt at Warrens fell from a horse at Greenville.”

The temperature is brutally hot, near 100 degrees on the 9th and 10th, with Carrie noting she was sitting in the shade of the tree in the yard. On the 11th, tragedy strikes a friend. “Went down to Ella Kings to call. her youngest grandson Ernest Weeks was drowned in the Hudson River last night while swimming. Leaves a wife & one child. Ella wasn’t home.”

In mid-month, a South Durham boarding house burned, and Clarence’s family returns to Lake Onderdonk. On the 21st, on their way home from a ride, “a miserable old out fit of a car & man & woman Bill Oathout. by name passed us & hit our bumper no harm to our car but made us upset & mad.” Nothing more is said about this incident. Otherwise, Carrie deposits Leona’s money in the bank, and Warren is threshing oats.

A family crisis hits on the 27th.

“Stanley was phoned to - to come to Albany right away. Ransom had been hurt in an automobile accident fractured hip & cut on his head. Stanley came out here to tell us the particulars not much any one knows yet. the accident happened near Cobelskill laid in his car some time before any one found him. He was alone And so it is. Pop & I went up to see him. Clarence took us up. He was very sleepy. God pity him when he wakes up. Carrie & Ed. stay up with Ethel.” The next day, Carrie has heard nothing more; two more days later, Carrie “Went to the Hospital saw Ransom awhile. Seems to look & feel a little better, but no chance of being much difference for a long time.” This accident would lead to a long period of uncertainty for the whole family, until its unhappy ending the following year.

Carrie continues to have roomers all summer long, mostly from Ingalside but sometimes from the Elliotts. This is one more connection Trum and Carrie have with their children and a world that both of them could not have dreamed of a few decades earlier.

On August 3, “Very hot & dry. We took the laundry to Mrs. Nelsons’. Came home I ate lunch. We went for a long ride. To Preston

Hollow Livingstonville on up the mountain. Pop called on an acquaintance he knew Thornton the name. A great country on top of a hill & more hills to Broom Center. To Camp Ferris quite a place. To Gilboa the Reservoir is very low, about dry. To Pratsville Windham Cairo & home had supper went for Leona & to South Westerlo. A great day."

Also, Ransom is "not so comfortable in body nor mind I guess." On the 8th, "Pleasant & good & hot. Trum. went to John Smiths got 60 lb. butter for Warren. We have 4 roomers coming to-night. We all went to So. Westerlo in eve. Janice is 9 yrs old to-day. Warrens folks have 121 people for week end have over a 100 for the two past weeks. Ruth & Merritt have a house full & rooming out. A great season."

Other early August events are getting butter for 41¢ per pound, trips to Rensselaerville and Medusa, more visits to Ransom, Clarence and Irene stopping in showing Carrie the diamond and Carrie wishing them luck, Warren's garden is grand, John I is busy because people like Trum and Carrie stop in often, and they go to a Greenville picture starring Shirley Temple.

In later August, Leona and Carrie go to the picture San Francisco in Cairo, Trum and Carrie visit Scott's family at Lake Myosotis, Walter fell off Carrie's roof and scared everybody but was ok except for a slightly cut lip, Stanley dropped a paintbrush down the chimney, Stanley oils the road, and Carrie notes the beautiful light from the moon.

On September 1, "We drove down in the old place where John Rundell & Kate Ann Smith used to live. It is sure a wilderness now. At one time quite liveable. Mr Grandfather & Grandmother lived there." On the 7th, "I ate lunch with Ed & Carrie. They invited us to go to Westkill with them. We went down a bad dirt road toward Shandaken which is to be improved Ed. was looking it over. Pop & I called in to see Mrs. Clawson. We came back by Pratsville had sandwiches & ice cream. Had a very nice ride & a pleasant time."

Other early September events are getting

clams from Catskill, Ransom is still in the hospital, Ingalside has 200 people for dinner, and Merritt, along with Adrian and Phil, go to see a ball game in NY.

On the 15th, "We went for a ride to the Alcove reservoir & around to the basic dam. They have a high road across the Basic flat above the water. hope no one ever goes off it." On the 18th, Carrie's dry sense of humor is apparent. "Went with Warren Margaret & Stella to Dormansville to a Grange Clam bake. Had a nice time but the victuals wer'nt done. It takes the joy out of a bake when you cant pull the chicken apart. Sorry for them as well as our selves."

Later September is still full of references of Ingalside. Other events include the old Burroughs place burying, going to the Cobleskill fair, Pop gong to the mill where Slater is sawing, and the men – Warren, Gerald, Stanley, Randall – go to NY to see the Giants win a game in the subway series that is won by the Yankees. On the 26th, "Old Teddy dog they (Warren's family) have had so long got hit with a car so they had to put him away. they miss him."

October 5 is the annual family clambake. "A beautiful day. We were on the road a lot to-day. Went to Jennings after sweet corn for our bake to Stanleys & Merritts etc. All went to Merritts for the clam bake the whole family there except Norman & Edna. & Ransom. Every thing was done & just right. All seemed very happy a wonderful family & one more reunion for us. William Gay Jr. couldnt be with us hope he can come some time."

Two days later, Trum and Carrie "Went on down in New Baltimore where Trum. used to go with hay & straw. fifty yrs ago or more." Also, Margaret is learning to drive a car, and Ingalside has 150 for Columbus Weekend. On the 12th, "We listened to a Speech by Landon Nominee for President. vs. Rosevelt. A grand speech Political boiling pot."

In mid-month, Trum and Carrie drove to Freehold to see the new bridge, six months in the making. She has some less than cheery comments about the construction. "Had an

invalid in a booth for fore-man. Some Administration hope Roosevelt gets out before the old U.S.A. goes under.”

They visit Ransom on the 18th, making 12 weeks in the hospital. Ken is hunting rabbits, Ruth and Leona bring the Gays to West Greenville, which of course means making all the rounds to all the families. It does sound like William enjoys these trips.

Near month's end, Trum went to Husted's to winterize the car, putting alcohol in. On the 30th, Leona and Carrie “went to the Hospital to see Ransom. He is no better is nerveous, disgusted. & all out of sorts with the Doctors. A hard case in every sense of the word.”

Halloween proves more enjoyable. “Pop & I went to Stanleys in the eve. to cut up. A lot of masked prankers came in. Warren Marg. Gerald Annella Irene & Adrian all came in there looked like Hobgoblins etc several others came in.”

November 2 was a busy, enjoyable day. “Mostly cloudy. Home until after lunch. Warren & Marg. called asked us to go for a ride. Went to Cairo Palenville up the Clove road. called a few minutes at the top where Ed & Millie Smith are. Old friends we used to be with in Catskill while pop was Supervisor. Came home Warren & Marg came to supper & the eve. Scott & family Elmer & Anna Hunt all here for the eve.”

November 3 is election and Carrie's outlook on politics. She and Trum “Came back to Scotts to supper & the eve. Heard Election returns on the Radio. **Almost everything for Roosevelt. a Terrible land slide for the Democrats. He has had four years of bossing & extravagant spending & still will hold the reins another 4 yrs. Hope he dont Bankrupt the Nation.** Best not to worry.”

Other early November events include the Ingalside Reunion in NYC, deer hunting, Leona covering furniture seats, and a card party. Carrie turns 73 on the 14th and she muses she's getting old.

Ransom is seeing a doctor that Standard Oil has arranged. Clarence put on the storm

windows, and Carrie goes with Warren and Margaret to a Greenville play. Trum and Carrie sell some old silver and get \$160, Leona borrowed Warren's vacuum cleaner, X-rays on Ransom show no healing, Muriel did well at a speaking contest at Lambs Corners, and Trum & Carrie had dinner with the Worths.

The 26th is Thanksgiving, a bit quieter than past ones. “A beautiful sunny day. We had our Thanksgiving dinner home just pop Leone & I we had a grand dinner. & very thankful every thing is as well with us as it is. Pop & I drove over & called on Scotts folks. Elgirtha feeling a lot better. Anna Hunt came there for a visit. Clarence & Irene was here when we got home. asked us to go home with them to dinner we had a late dinner home. & Merritt & Ruth came for the eve. nice visit. The end of a perfect day.”

On the 30th, “Leona went to So. Westerlo helped Carrie a little while came home she & Ruth went to Catskill got our present for Ed & Carries 25th Anniversary. A Candelabra. We all went there in the eve. to celebrate. Just the family & Harrison Gardner & Lucy. had a grand time a nice lunch etc. Children all gave them a very nice floor lamp. & a beautiful bouquet of white Chrysanthemums.”

In December, news about Ransom's recovery goes up and down. Carrie and Trum listen to Amos and Andy on the Radio, and on the 5th, a piece of history dies. “Henry OKeefes funeral at Cunninghams funeral Parlor. He died in New York. Had been gone from here a long time. At one time drove a bus around here for several yrs.”

In mid-month, Carrie comments on a boxing match, something she detests but because the men are listening, she keeps up with. Ransom is in a wheelchair, Leona and Carrie go to the Senior Play at GCS, and Stanley's finger is mending from a cut at a donation.

The alumni are playing basketball, and Carrie and Trum's rubbish is taken to the big woods dumping area.

Late month is preparing for Christmas. On the 24th, “Leone went to Warrens this

morning to help set table ect. for tomorrow & to Greenville for sundries. we went to Scotts to supper & stayed a while in the evening a grand supper & they had their Christmas tree for their family. Had a very nice time. We hung up our stockings. went to bed late to wait for Santa Claus." On Christmas Day, "40° Very mild & warm does'nt seem like Christmas weather. Found some things in our stockings nice pair of over shoes for me etc. Went to Warrens for our Annual Xmas tree. Had a grand time all there except Ransom & William Norman & Edna had to go home early. Clarence brot Irene down late. Walter Henry & Robert are the only ones we can say think Santa is real. The end of another wonderful Christmas for us. Some of the young folks went out awhile later."

The 27th brings joy to Carrie. "Cloudy mostly & very warm for the time of year.

Clarence & Irene Worth were married to-day at the South Westerlo Parsonage by Rev. Mr. Webb. Pop Leona & I went to Mr. Worths to a Wedding dinner. Clarences' family Blanche & Mrs. Beers Mr. & Mrs Orlo Stewart were there beside their own family. All seemed very happy. Kenneth & the young folks trimmed the car & went to So. Westerlo with them. The brothers & sisters were there to bid them Bon Voyage. They go to Washington"

To end the year, Scott goes to Syracuse, and Carrie bids adieu to 1936.

1937

The New Year starts with a dinner at Stanley's, and Carrie finishes mittens for Muriel. Stanley has gone to PA for coal, and Leona is out with the young "croud". **A large skimmelon is held for Clarence and Irene**, and Clarences has cigars, cake and candy ready for the revelers. GCS loses by two to Catskill, Leona has her hair waved, the bridge club meets again, and Stanley goes to Richfield Springs where his daughter Edna lives.

In mid-month, Merritt and Ruth bring a dressed chicken, the unseasonably warm weather has forced tulip bulbs, and the basketball season

is in full swing.

On the 22nd, "**Electric off again from 3 to 8. We get along all right but bad for farmers** & people who depend entirely on electricity to cook with. Farmers can use the old lanterns." Damaging flooding has damaged the west, part of it being where Will Gardner lives in Louisville, Ky.

Adult school is organized at GCS, Ransom seems a bit better, and "Warren & Marg. in for the eve. All listened to the fight. Bob Pastor & Joe Lewis (black) Lewis won on points. 'Barbarous sport'. I call it."

February 3 brings the advent of real winter weather, Carrie goes with Warren and Margaret to a turkey supper at south Westerlo, and "Leona went with Gerald to Richfield Springs to Norman & Ednas. to bring Annella & Clarice home."

Raymond Ingalls' mother dies, and three days later is her funeral. This is Aunt Emma, Edgar's wife, Edgar being Trum's brother. Emma is mentioned frequently is the first segment of the diary when the two families live across from each other on Old Plank Road.

In mid-month, Greenville beats Coeymans in basketball, Carrie's sister Minnie turns 70, and Carries makes a present to Margaret Griffin's baby. On the 17th, local business history is made. "Stanley is going in an other business with Mr. James Freeman lumber & building material. Quite an undertaking but they are hustlers." The beginnings of GNH has happened.

On the 21st, "The lights were off at Warrens for about 2 hours. The men came & fixed it up. We saw lights & sparks fall from the pole below the house looked like fire works." On the next day, "Rained about all night from the South almost a freshet. We drove out to Hamburg this A.M. the Dycking along the creek partly fell in possibly 30 ft gone in. We went to Leeds by Cocksackie & Catskill. The temporary bridge at Leeds quite badly dammaged the middle pier partly washed out so they are not driving it."

Late February finds Leona filling in as a substitute bridge player, Leona is at a surprise party at the Mabees, and Ransom has been home from the hospital for two weeks.

The reader should note that much of the diary is about local travels and the goings-on of the children and grandchildren. Trum seems worn out; he will stay home while the peppier Carrie carries on. Even she, though, feels the weight of her years. This state of affairs has been true for a couple years, has gradually strengthened but its shape sometimes seems more clearly defined than at other times. Trum's diminished role becomes even more diminished throughout the 1930s. This, however, should not tempt the reader to suggest that any respect for him has diminished. Trum is still an advisor for his children and for other community members. It's just that decades of hard work have worn him.

The other large trend is the importance of Leona to her parents' welfare. A young to mid-aged adult who can keep up with the hustle and bustle of family and community, Leona makes her parents' lives much easier. In fact, one may argue they come to depend on her and when she is gone, others work to fill her shoes. This aspect of Leona's life continues throughout the 1930s also.

In March, Leona and Carrie are quilting, Leona is at bridge club at Leta Arnold's, a round robin basket ball series of games goes on at Catskill, another bridge lecture is held, a demonstration of tractors and farm machinery is held at Greenville, a minstrel show is held at Greenville for the benefit of the PTA, and a spelling contest is held at Lamb Corners and Carrie gives one of the prizes.

Margaret is at Eastern Stars, and the biggest snow storm of the winter hits on the 16th. On the 18th, "Warren & Marg. here for the eve. Telling of their new transaction. They have bought Mr. Byers place & Gerald & Annella are to move there June 1st Seems like a grand thing for them all. Hope it turns out all right." On the 19th, "There has been a terrible disaster in

Texas of a large School building blown up by what they think was caused by gas seeping thro' pipes guess they do'nt know for sure. Around 450 scholars & teachers killed. Hard for those left to ever forget."

In later March, Ed and Clarence have lost a saw in the pond but get it back, MacIntosh apples cost \$1.95 per bushel at the Coxsackie cold storage, Ransom is still about the same, and Walter is wearing knickers. On the 29th, Ken has some excitement. "Leona hears of an awful accident near Cobelskill that Kenneth helped out with saved a mans life. Car ran in to something cut his hand off. Ken took him to the Dr."

Early April is another family addition. On the 4th, "We hear the good news **Merritt & Ruth have a new baby boy**. Borne this morning at the Catskill Hospital. They phone for Leone to come down so Merritt could come home... The end of a hectic day." The following day, "Pop & I went to Catskill with Warren to see Ruth she looks fine. The baby is grand. He is named Ronald Ingalls Elliott. He is the first baby born in the new part of the Hospital so he gets a solid silver spoon & fork."

In mid-month, the girls at Ingalside are looking at uniforms, Trum and Carrie listening to the radio, and they are moving their bed downstairs. The Gays are visiting, and William is treated to an Albany trip. On the 22nd, "Leona getting ready for her card club. The girls all came. Clarice. Annella, Ruth, Marjory, Ethel, Leta. & Jen. Mabee. Seemed to have a very pleasant time."

Later April sees Warren adding on to his dining room, a call to Clarence Jennings and his six children, and a trip to Catskill to see the picture, Maytime.

Early May starts with the usual routine. Carrie goes with Ed and Min to a Ladies Aid Society meeting at Lambs Corners and sees many old school mates. Carrie got pansies at Horace Rundell's, Uncle George looks miserable, and Carrie buys pie plant (rhubarb). Leona starts working at Warren's and will be there until fall time, leaving "Pop and I" alone,

except of course with all the comings and goings of family.

Warren makes rooms out of the old ice house, and Leona is having troubles with her feet. Addie (Hattie Winan's daughter) is gaining, Mrs. Galatian broke her leg, Clarence is making the concrete floor for the tennis courts at Burdett Griffin's, and Carrie puts white lilacs on Dorothy's grave. At month's end, Carrie is taking roomers again and she will be doing this off and on for the summer.

June starts hot, great for growing corn, Carrie notes. Gerald and Annella move into the Byer place, Leona goes to a ball game in Albany, and Carrie goes to Children's Day at Norton Hill and South Westerlo. "Stanley brot our ice box & put it in the wood house & put it in the wood house put up storm windows etc. Good boy." Gerald goes with Margaret to Rochester to Beth Henry's wedding, and Herk mows the lawn. Carrie notes she "gets ice for the first", Leona and her bridge club go to Valatie, the rose bush is in blossom, oil is up to nine cents, and they have strawberry shortcake.

On the 19th, Trum and Carrie "Drove down to the Red Mills where Mr. Bressler is selling out" and Ransom called. The 20th is Father's day, Carrie notes another boxing match, Trum goes to Freehold to the barber, and Commencement Exercises are held with Irene Elliott being the fifth grandchild to graduate.

The 26th is time for the Ingalls Reunion. "Very pleasant the sun shone down on our little group of Ingalls Reunionites held at Henry Ingalls' the old Homestead of Jacob Ingalls. Not as large a croud as usual 50. but had a very pleasant time. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Gibson & family were there who were not Ingalls. but were welcomed. Linn. & Stella went with us. Leona & I drove over to Merritts & to Johns I's. after she came from work. We have 3 girls in one room to-night."

Starting July was "Annellas Mother little baby brother & two sisters are up there for a visit. Drove from Detroit." The baby Tommie will be mentioned frequently in the

diary whenever he visits. The busy weekend sees 35-40 at the Elliotts and 155 at Ingalside. Carrie and Trum go to fireworks at Ed's backyard in South Westerlo, Leona puts \$100 in the bank, the weather is hot from the 7th-9th, and Carrie cans 6 pints of cherries from 5 quarts.

In mid-month, Trum is taking care of an ailing Carrie, "Leona went up in the air plane to-night & lost her pocket book out of the plane with \$6.00 in it. Well - thankful she didnt' fall out herself.", and Bill Gay and son William pay a surprise visit, with William staying for a few days. One of the things he does this time is to take a plane ride.

Later in the month, they go with William to the Cocksackie beach, Carrie is listening to "beautiful" music on the radio, Ransom is ill with Pleurisy, Trum goes to Durham for butter for Ingalside, and Leona goes to a steak roast.

August starts with attendance at the Lambs Corners church, Leona takes the car to Ed who has a flat tire near Callanan's corners, and Leona goes to see Gerald's piano.

Stanley thinks he has indigestion on the 11th, but on the 12th his appendix is taken out. Carrie hears disturbing reports on his health on the 15th, no better news on the 16th, and that he has pneumonia on the 17th. Stanley is causing a great deal of anxiety for Carrie, but will be gaining by the 26th. All of this is going on while Stanley's new business is trying to get off the ground.

Meanwhile, Clarence's family is at Lake Onderdonk. The 28th was a tough day for Carrie. "Ethel called from Albany this morning. Ransom wanted us to come up. So Carrie Pop & I went up. He is just about the same as last Sun. Miserable enough in mind & body. We ate supper at Eds'. Clarence called a few minutes I guess if we had'nt been going to Albany he would have taken us to Stamford. There was to be an old fashioned Stage Coach & four horse team there to day. driven from Delhi to Stamford."

On the 31st, after Carrie comments that Stanley's recovery is slow, "Leona took the party

of waitresses' out for a 'spre'e' Drove Warrens big Lassell seven passenger car."

Starting September is Leona with a sore back, and the 185 guests at Ingalside must bear the 94 degrees during Labor Day. On the 5th, **more scary news reached Carrie. Ruth and Merritt "were going to the Albany Hospital** to see Betty. Some shock to us. It seems she fell off a wagon & was run over by the wheel Fri. & they took her to the Hospital that day. We didn't know it until to-day. We went with them to see her. Some anxiety."

Other early September events include Leona going to Dr. VanHosen at Cossackie, cleaning the oil stove, and Betty returns home.

On the 14th, Carrie "Had a phone call from Ethel Ransom very bad. is very delirious expect to take him to the Hospital tomorrow."

Later in the month, Mr. Soura the aviator makes a call, Warren pays Carrie \$80 for the roomers she's kept, Warren is filling silo, Leona goes to Amsterdam with Elgirtha and Carrie to see a doctor (Carrie says it was a nice ride), and Pop and Carrie and Leona go to the Cobleskill Fair on the 24th. Carrie notes one day this month that she was home all day, an unusual circumstance she notes.

Pop is feeling miserable, Ransom might have to go to the hospital, and Ed and Frank Rivenburg are peddling honey. On the 28th, Carrie "Called at Stanleys They had heard the Nominees for Election Rep. Clinton Story for Supervisor Leon Walker for Town Superintendent. Stanley out of politics for the present & I'm glad of it."

October starts with Clarence and Irene going to the Thousand Islands, and the **X-rays shows Ransom's lung to be bad on the second. However, the reader is not prepared for the next day, better told in Carrie's words.**

Oct 3, 1937 Sunday

Very pleasant. Pop Leona & I went to Albany to see Ransom. He passed out about an hour after we got there. Hope he knew me but don't feel sure he did. His good nurse for the day

Miss Hayner went home. A faithful woman to her duty. & Mrs. Cynthia Smith had been there 11 weeks as the night nurse both been wonderful to him. We came to supper to Ed. & Carrie. And home in eve. Warren & Marg. Merritt & Ruth Stanley & Eleanor called.

Oct 4, 1937

Very pleasant. Thelma & Ethel came out Leona went with them & Warren to the Undertakers made their arrangements for the funeral tomorrow. We all went over to the Parlor this eve. with Stanley Warren & Marg. Clarence & Irene Merritt & Ruth were there. Several Standard Oil people called there.

Oct 5, 1937

Cloudy morning but cleared nice in P.M. We went with Scott & Elgirtha to the funeral of our second son Ransom. Been a restless fellow since he was grown up high tension nerves been very sick many times & is at rest. We shall miss him. Ethel & Thelma called also Ed. & Minnie Merritt Ruth & Adrian Scott & Elgirtha. Warren & Margaret. We went home with Scott & Elgirtha to supper. & awhile in the eve. Many thanks Rev Cook spoke very nicely at the funeral. He is from the Trinity M.E. Church Albany.

Life continues with the World Series games, and Carrie notes the fall clouds floating around. The 13th is the annual clambake. "All getting ready for the clam bake. at Warrens a big crowd all the families there except Edna & William Gay Jr. All their summer help wives & husbands & nine boarders Some crowd 65. They are great Hosts. **Ethel came down to look at the house on the corner."**

This last note results in Ethel bargaining for the Kingsley place on the corner. When she moves in, Carrie and Trum have another wonderful neighbor who will help them out. Ethel, too, may feel some consolation in being back home and around family. It must be a big change for Thelma, the daughter, who moves

from the city to West Greenville!

Later in the month, Uncle George falls and hurts his arm, Henry Lorenz & wife Luella celebrate their 50th anniversary, Clarence and Wendall Ingalls are making a coal bin for Ethel's new house, the school tax is \$6.19 with Chauncey Spalding the collector, and Leon Walker is campaigning with cigars and candy.

Halloween is celebrated a day early because the 31st is a Sunday. "In the eve. we went to Stanleys with a bunch of Hob goblins. Warren was president of the gang. They all went to South Westerlo & to various places. Some of them brot' up rather late. We went to So. Westerlo called at Clarences."

In November, Clarence continues improvements on Ethel's house, and Floyd Parks gets Trum and Carrie out of a ditch. Elections go mostly Republican except Rob Van Houten who wins again as Supervisor. Van Houten's "political affiliation" has drawn a few negative comments from Carrie in the past.

Ethel starts moving her stuff down to the house, and she gets a new stove. On the 7th, "Pop & I went to Cheese Hill, called on Bill Rivenburg & wife. They are living in the house we lived in about 21 or 22 yrs. ago while we were on a timber job. It sure is a desolate looking place. We sure would'nt like to live there." One should go back and review the nineteen-teens for Carrie's experience on Cheese Hill.

In mid-month, Margaret is miserable with a tooth out, and Carrie visits Ella King and deems her a smart woman for 80. The 11th is "Armistice day & very pleasant but quite cold. Let us hope we never have another war." Meanwhile, Merritt and Ruth are considering buying the nearby Townsend farm and soon do so. "Pop went to John Is to the store. & to Greenville got a shave at Mirandas. & gas at Kenneths." Kenneth runs the gas station, I believe, at the site of the former Mary's.

Trum and Carrie visit the Gays on the 13th and 14th, noting a overflowing Gilboa Dam. Otherwise, Carrie goes to a musical at GCS, Warren hosts a Knights party, Ida Green is riding

a bycycle, and Leona and Thelma go to Greenville with Warren for a PTA barn dance.

The 25th is another nice Thanksgiving at Stanley's. "We went to a grand Thanksgiving day dinner. Norman & Edna were there. Warren Margaret Gerald & Annella called on way home from Church. Leona went over to Church this morning."

December starts with a pancake social at Norton Hill, the Elliotts buying that farm of 50 acres for \$1600, Christmas shopping, Leona goes to Richfield Springs, Robert Elliott has an appendectomy, Annella's mother and brother Tommy visit, Carrie and Trum stay home one day because the garage door didn't open, and Greenville wins both basketball games from Berne.

Christmas preparations are for real when the stockings are hung on the 24th. Christmas Day is a Saturday. "Pleasant & mild. Another wonderful Christmas day. The family all together at Warrens except William I. Gay. 40 in number. Roy Ellis Mrs. Abrams & Carl - the only ones outside the family. **A tree with a host of gifts on it. No sign of depression.** A wonderful family so good to us & so congenial through out the family. For which we are very thankful. The day ended with a good Choir of Christmas carols by the family."

The year ends with "Cloudy & sour. Leone went to help Annella get ready for a big New Year party. & went to Gilboa with her to see her Mother Ruth & Robert came Ruth did some stitching on the machine. Pop & I went to Scotts & got sausage etc. Commenced to snow a fine little flurry & snowing yet at bed time. Leona & Allan went to the big party at Gerald's. Went to dinner party at Cunninghams first."

1938

Seven inches of snow start the new year, and Warren's party is a success. Tommy who has been visiting goes home on the 6th. GCS loses to Albany and Climax, and Trum and Carrie go to Ethel's for dinner. Bridge continues to be a popular activity this year.

A Mr. Kelley is looking to buy the saw mill but Trum decides not to sell. Carrie subscribes to the Greenville Local from George Bauman, and Matier and Herk cut down the old cherry tree.

Sunday the 16th is an unusual day because all three of them are home. The next day, Leona has an important Eastern Star meeting. Mid-month has turned cold, and Pop goes to a Cocksackie chiropractor.

On the 23rd, "Leona has kept the diary in another book & I'm copying now after about 6 weeks of convalescing" and Carrie is taking calomel. **Carrie's reference to her convalescing is taken more seriously when it becomes obvious that Leona is writing in her mother's diary from the 25th until February 4th.** The content doesn't change much although the style is different enough to be immediately noticeable. During this time, Leona is going out with Allen, Ethel makes a clam pie, lots of sickness is around, and Ethel and Thelma get sick from coal gas.

In early February, Warren and Gerald are in to fill the oil stove, something they do regularly for Carrie and Trum, and probably is a sign of Trum's weakness. On the 11th, "Leona gone with Warren to B.B. game at Greenville. Hunter Tannersville play our boys to-night. Greenville Varsity won by one point. Some screaming & yelling. I didn't hear it but know how it sounded. A big Hotel at Rensselaerville burned this after-noon great loss."

In mid-month, Trum again goes to Mr. Bishop the chiropractor, a fire strikes the Barlow place near Carter Bridge, Clarence loses a truck canvas, Warren and Margaret go to Albany to pick up Jen Henry and Cora from Rochester, 5 inches of snow falls and makes the world beautiful, and Carrie gets out for her first ride in five weeks on the 24th.

March is basketball against Cairo, a sale at the Butler place, Gerald hurts his knee playing town team basketball, Annella and Edna come from Peekskill where they are visiting Ruth Greci, a trip to Shady Glen, Ethel's mother

walks up for a visit, the temperature is 80 degrees on the 22nd, Gerald and Leona are burning the yard brush, Merritt and Ruth are cleaning the Townsend place, Clarice and Annella go to Richfield Springs, and the temperature warms enough on the 31st to make it tough to keep the fires low.

April starts with Claribel and Irene helping Carrie keep house. On the 2nd, "We hear of some robberies in the town. Some local fellows. Boys we don't know. they have been caught & will have to be punished. Hope they keep them & jail until they are sorry. 'To bad'"

In mid-month, Carrie gets a ham from Rundell's of Greenville, Leona and Carrie finish their quilt, Warren is building a new porch on the amusement hall, Leona goes with Warren's folks to Ray Hunt's social, and Carrie is sleeping downstairs the first time since she's been sick.

On the 18th, "We hear Della Rundell is dead. I think she was living in Cocksackie she leaves one son Edwin. He is the only living one of the Stevens family living." Otherwise, later-April means getting Easter lilies from Leona and Warren, getting milk from Warren instead of that poor milk from Hannay, Ina Green has rich soil, a shad supper on the 22nd, "Erwin Yeomans & Allen came in for instructions about making punch for their big Masons party to-morrow night", and Leona is going out again with Allen.

On the 23rd, Leona was "Getting ready. for a big banquet at Greenville. The home coming of the Right Worshipful Master Scott M. Ellis. Everything went off very nice & a success & a very large crowd." Clarence is working on a new pool for Marvin parks at the Aveoli place, Warren has a new gas motor lawn mower, and Warren's 50th birthday is on the 30th.

In May, on the 2nd, "Grace Kennedy came in about 9 o'clock she had fallen off her Bicycle & hurt her some. I helped her with a few things. She is staying at Pearsons. Has been at Warrens **She is an unfortunate crazy little body.**" Also, Pop is watching Clarence work the steam shovel, Carrie gets maple butter from

daughter Carrie, Leona goes with Elgirtha and Phil to Albany for Phil's music lesson, and Leona and Carrie go to Ken's to get a tire fixed.

The usual busy Mother's Day comes on the 8th. On the 13th, **"The Norton Hill School building was sold to the highest bidder to-day. Omar Tallman bot' it for \$935. Lots of changes in our short lives.** Ther. 44° at bed time." On the 15th, "Allan Leona Erwin & his wife went for a long trip to Lake George etc. Took their lunches & home at mid night."

Later May sees the Senior Bridge Club haveing their banquet at Margraf's, a trip to O'Hara's Corners, a trip to the Gays and bringing William back, Ken has 130 gallons of gas stolen, butter is 27 cents, and Carrie is taking in roomers by month's end.

On the 27th, "Pop went to the store. He & I went to the Cemetery at Greenville in the afternoon set a few flowers on Ransoms' grave. It does'nt seem as tho' we would'nt never see him again. But 'so it is.'"

One of the hazards of having roomers happens on the 30th. Carrie "Came home found the roomers gone. & the water running over on the floor in the bat room. The spring water is gone. I went down to Ethels & got some drinking water."

A historic personal moment happens for Trum and Carrie on June 6. "We hear the great news we have a Great grand child. Stanleys daughter Edna Adams has a daughter born in the Cooperstown Hospital. Annella brought the news from West Greenville to South Westerlo. Not on horse-back but with a modern Automobile."

Other early June events include a man checking the fire extinguisher, Bridge Club, Lee and Clarice Cunningham go to Cooperstown to see Edna, the rose bush is doing well, Leona and Allen go out, Ingalside hosts a GCS sports banquet with over 300 attending, and Warren is filling the pool from the creek.

On the 22nd, "We went to Uncle Eds. got a few strawberries. & visited a little while. they were hiving bees. Some process. Getting quite dry & dusty on our road. Leona out to-night for a

change. We listened to the big fight. Schmelling & Joe Lewis (Black). Lewis won. in the first round Guess a lot of dissapointed people. A million dollar croud and not much to see."

Later in the month, Carrie goes to the Lambs Corners children's day concert, the sermon for the graduating class is at the Presbyterian Church, and Adrian has his appendix taken out, and will miss his graduation. On the 29th, "A beautiful clear morning. We went to So. Westerlo, got ticket of Ellen for the Graduation exercises. I went with Margaret, Leona & Annella. It was a very nice Programme every one did very nicely. An awful croud. Graduates wore caps & gowns. Ellen & Adrian have their Diplomas now. A great dissapointment to Adrian & all the rest of us. But all is well that ends well."

The Ingalls reunion is the 30th. "Very pleasant. Neither to hot nor to cool. We get ready & go alone to the 14th annual reunion of the Jacob Ingalls family there. Altho' quite a croud. About 75. Had a nice visit, came home by Warrens and had a hot dog supper on their ball diamond. Clarence & his help have made new bleachers look very nice. Leona & I went to Catskill Hospital to visit Adrian. in the eve. Looks as tho' he was getting along good."

July starts typically. Both family boarding houses are busy, Ingalside has the usual nice fireworks. Keith is at camp in Kinderhook. Lightning strikes the tree by the Ingalside pool, Ingalside has a weenie roast on the ball field, and Carrie has some kind of intestinal upset on the 17th. This sickness is more serious than it first appears because Leona writes in the diary in her mother's place from the 18th – 23rd, with Dr. Bott stopping in for a house call or two.

On the 19th, **"There was quite a bad accident on the Stanton-Brown corner.** A woman relative of Chas. Mesow hit John I's car and her car turned over, she was thrown through the wind-shield. The took her to the Catskill Hospital."

Scott's family is vacationing at Lake Myosotis, and on the 27th, Carrie goes to Ed and

Carrie's to recuperate more. She admits to being up at midnight to take some nerves pills to get her to sleep, and Pop is at Warren's for breakfast. Carrie returns home on the 30th and has Clarice to help her out.

In early August, Trum and Carrie get a visitor. "Mr. Herbert Layman a man who used to live around here & taught school at Lambs Corners about 60 yrs ago called this morning." Otherwise in early August, **Carrie is skeptical that Warren's new machine can cut and thresh and bag oats**, Eugene Spalding is 85 years old and in "good repair", the hottest spell in several summers hit, Leona and the kitchen staff go out "for a lark" to pictures in Cairo, Blanche is helping out, and Clarence is doing the tennis courts for the school.

On the 6th, "Peter Stevens called with an old album of pictures to see if we could tell us who some of the people were we knew most of them." Leona is riding a bicycle, and Edna is home with the baby. On the 16th, "Norman Edna Stanley & Eleanor called with their baby. Our first Great Grand Child. It sure is a grand baby, & looks perfect."

Leona was sick enough on the 17th to have Dr. Ralph Stevens come in and give her a "hypo". Two days later, "Tells us Carrie Reynolds Livingston is dead. a distant cousin & a childhood Chum of mine."

In later August, Blanche is still helping out, Merritt has a good crop of buckwheat and corn, and "Stanley Eleanor Norman Edna & Baby Ann. came over took picture of the groups of the four generations." On the 26th, "Warren & Margaret came down took Pop Leone & I to the Pottery & around to Indian Ladder Warners Lake & home a very nice ride. Saw the animals in the park. Elks."

In September, the work on the school tennis courts are nearing completion, and Blanche returns to Clarence's, having worked at Carrie's for a month. On the 5th, Carrie notes that "Leona comes home to-night to look after us. How we dread to be dependent on her. Hope we can make it up to her in some way." The

following day, "Went to Point Lookout in the after-noon. A grand view Pop stayed in the car. Leona & I looked thro' the big spy glass & ate ice cream. An other nice after-noon for us. Thanks to Leona. Life is worth living I guess."

Meanwhile, Warren is filling the silo, Leona is canning four pints of elderberries and six pints of pears, and Harrison Gardner calls about some question about boundaries.

In mid-late month, Carrie and Trum have clam pie with Ed and Min, Leona goes to Crystal Lake with Annella, Muriel is helping out, and a storm hits on the 21st. "A very rainy day. A high gale from the west & a pouring rain. Water in the cellar up to the second step & over. Stanley & Clarence came in Stanley waded in with rubber boots & closed the switch on the pump. A large tree blew down across the road just above the house Warren & Marg. called. Lights are off all around. We have a lamp & three candles. Gerald & Bony Showers were in waiting until 12 oclock for the Electric men to come. Our lights came on at 12. None to Warrens yet."

Also, Ruth goes to the hospital, Carrie sees Northern Lights, and Carrie hears and is upset that Edna may have scarlet fever.

In October, **Warren has a new cow stable and ten pigs**, and Carrie and Leona stopped into Tarrytown. "Stopped at the old Onnesquatau Cemetery. Leone interested in her Great Great Grand mothers grave. Jane Etherington born in England in 1773." Many of you recognize this spot being on the way to Albany from Greenville.

Ruth is finally home from the hospital, apparently with an operation behind her but the diary does not state that she does. Irene and George Williams Jr. stop in for a visit, and the 7th is busy enough for Carrie to note that it is "A beautiful day over head rather hectic on earth."

Pop goes to Kinderhook to see some horse racing with Peter Stevens and Harry Adriance, and Jack Mulford is visiting from Richfield Springs. On the 15th, "We were stopped by a State Trooper asked us for our License etc. Dont know what for, seemed like a

joke.”

Later October sees a comment about Carrie’s rose bushes, the Gays arrive for a visit, Warren treats Gerald, Annella, Helen, Leona and Carrie to a church supper at Greenville, Gerald and Annella go to Albany to celebrate their fifth anniversary, and Carrie notes Halloween with a poem and a drawing: “Patsy came in with a Halloween face on very good.

(drawing of witch on bird)

Whither O! Whither old woman so high to
sweep the cob webs from the sky
Hobgoblins for Halloween
No one came to scare us.”

The last rose of summer falls on November 1st. Warren brings port wine as a bottle of tonic, bridge club is at Mrs. Emily ‘Rhemes’ (Carrie manages to spell this name a half-dozen ways), there’s an eclipse of the moon, Wendall Ingalls has appendicitis, and **Carrie celebrates her 75 birthday.**

The 8th is elections. “Went to Election to vote for Governor Dewey against Lehman. dont hear the result yet at 10-30.” As usual, the family gathers at Scott’s to hear results and socialize. The following day, we learn that “Governor Leman Dem elected again for 4th term. His majority not as big as years before. Dewey gave him a good run.”

Armistice Day is celebrated more convincingly this year. “A beautiful mild day. We went with Warren & Marg. to Greenville to an American Legion Parade. Several companies there. Catskill & Coxsackie, East Durham Fire Company. Westerlo Fire Co. with their engines. The Central School, Boy Scouts, etc. Very nice & we enjoyed it very much.”

On the 15th, **“I have finished a pair of little pink mittens for our Great Grandchild. Little Annella Goff Adams. of Richfield Springs.”** On the 18th, Leona goes to Greenville to a Collins entertainment. On the 19th, “Kenneth called telling us about Harold Cornells accident. He & Margaret Dinell had a bad smash up car demolished. Harold had broken collar bone & some bruises. Margaret head hurt quite

bad. Lucky they wer’nt killed.”

One foot of snow falls on the 25th, and Warren and Lewie Layman shovel the walks for Trum and Carrie. Finally in November, they get some sausage and loin from Uncle Ed’s.

The first half of December is quiet (beyond all the visiting). Carrie is sleeping upstairs, Greenville loses to Delmar in basketball by two points, Carrie breaks her glasses, the house has plumbing trouble that Warren and Stanley can’t fix right way, the basketball team plays Broadalbin, and Carrie goes to Durham to see where the new central school is being be built.

Irene goes in for an appendectomy, and Phil is in the senior play. On the 17th, “Warren tells us Rob. Harvey is dead Blind been comming to Warrens for years.”

Christmas is nearing. On the 23rd, “Leone & Thelma & Annella went to Ingalside & set tables for tomorrow. Leone & I peeled the potatoes this eve.” Christmas is celebrated on the 24th because the 25th is a Sunday. “Cloudy. Another wonderful Christmas at Warrens. All there except Stanley Irene & William. Stanley not recovered from his sickness yet. Irene came home from the Hospital to-day. & William so far away. Very thankful things are as well as they are. Norman & Edna with their new baby Ann. The first Great grand child in the family. A tree full of presents. No signs of depression. All seemed to be very happy. Pop & I getting a little less, but no fault to find. Leone went to Church with Gerald & Nell & Edna at 10-30 eve.” On Christmas Day, “Leona went to Warrens to help pick up after the big day. Leona & I went to Lambs Corners to their Christmas tree & entertainment. Home & had dinner. Phil. came for us so went over to hear some music. They played & sang Scott the violin Elgirtha the piano Phil. the Sax. Leona sang. Had refreshments & a very pleasant eve. Pop stayed home alone. Sorry. Clarence & Irene started for Florida this A.M.”

This year’s diary ends with a list Carrie has made that gives dates and how many boarders she has taken in.

1939

January is a relatively quiet month. Merritt is butchering a heavy hog, Phyllis has whooping cough, the hill is so icy that Leona has to drive to the top and then walk down to the house, Clarice has appendicitis, the bridge club continues, and Ethel's presence on the corner is noted frequently, sometimes with Mrs. Abrams walking up.

In mid-month, **Carrie and Trum subscribe to the Times-Union for \$3**, "Pop & I" are housekeeping mid-winter at Warren's while they (Leona, Warren) go to Florida, Leland Cunningham breaks ankle bones while skating, the electric and telephone bills are paid, Don Shorr from Richfield Springs pays a visit or two, another boxing match is noted, and there's a stork shower for Clarice Cunningham. Late January is colder and windier than usual.

February starts with the bear not seeing its shadow, the first time in years that has happened. Lewie Layman helps Trum and Carrie do the chores and housekeeping at Ingalside, Warren sends a box of fruit from Florida, Lewie is playing dominoes with Bony Showers, and Ken's business is dull.

In later February, Carrie notes that Gusta Green, a second cousin of hers, dies. Also, Helen cooked Spanish rice for supper, and preparations are made for the return of the Floridians. The water to Carrie's house is turned on, and a pipe or two breaks, but Carrie is back home on the 27th.

In March, Leona goes to the dentist in Greenville, Carrie and Trum listen to the radio, Ellen announces she's about to be engaged, Keith has the mumps, Leona makes molasses candy, the men go to a machinery demonstration in Greenville, and Edna and daughter Annella are home for a visit.

Pop and Carrie go with Warren to the Bronk Farm on business and to the mushroom plant. Vern Smith of Red Mill saw mill fame dies, dinner is held with Gerald, Annella, Edna and the new baby, Ina Green brings one of her

rag dolls, and Claribel did a good job in an oratory contest on the Constitution.

April's diary notes 45 robins in a flock, Leona and Thelma pick up William, and Scott and Elgirtha chaperone the senior trip to NYC. On the 14th, Carrie notes, **"Osman Phinney was buried from Freehold to-day. He was killed in a very tragic accident. The root & base of a tree fell on him. killed instantly."** On the 16th, Carrie goes with "Warren to New Salem saw where Earl VanAukens house burned & the new house they have started to build for him. all given him by the good people of the Capital District."

Other April events include seeing the Northern Lights, Leona goes to Eastern Stars, Leona and Eleanor take Edna and Annella back to Richfield Springs, the peepers draw notice, Ellen Francis is helping with the cleaning of the house, Pop still gets his haircuts in Freehold, Carrie finds the WPA work disgusting, Leona is working a few days in Albany for Harrison Gardner, and it's time to set the clocks ahead.

May has over 100 cases of measles at school, Nestle Inn is nearly done, Alex is now mowing the lawn and will do so for the summer, Charles Rugg's chicken house is afire and the Westerlo fire company puts it out, Edna's daughter is christened by father Norman, Clarence is building a pool at Burdett Griffin's, Mother's Day is the usual family affair, a shad dinner is held, and Ina Green (the neighbor up the road) gets new false teeth.

June brings troubling world news. "Another Submarine gone to the bottom of the Irish sea off the Coast of England. Nearly 100 men lost. Only about ten days ago another Sub. went down at Southampton off the coast of Massachutes 33 men lost. It seems as tho' men were getting to smart."

The 6th is a busy day for Carrie but as it becomes more typical, Pop stays home. Otherwise, Leona is making out a Montgomery Ward order, and Leona's car needs fixing and as usual goes to Husted's, and the three assessors come by for no better apparent reason to Carrie

than to visit.

Sports, in case you haven't noticed, is a strong theme in most of the Ingalls' lives. On the 12th, "Leone at Warrens. **He Gerald Stanley & Mr. McCulloch went to Cooperstown to a Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Base ball.**"

Father's Day comes, and Phil graduates from GCS in a class of forty.

July starts with the Ingalls Reunion. "Once again for the 15th year we have met with the Ingalls reunion. Met at Westerlo on the Hall Entertained by Mr. Atkins & Linda Gordon. Our Carrie was President. Elected John Smith for the next year. About 100 there a very pleasant time. Stanley took us. Thanks."

Otherwise, Norman and Edna are home with the baby, the road is oiled to keep the dust down, lots of bicycle riders pass by the corner, Sadie and Alice Smith's store and post office in Cornwallville burned, Carrie is binding a quilt, the temperature is 38 degrees on the 18th, and Bertha from Ingalside is in the hospital.

On the 22nd, "**We hear Claribel was in an accident. Hurt some but not serious. Colision The other party hurt but we think not very serious. Autos both smashed.**" On the 26th, "Scott & Elgirtha came over to tell us **Philip is married to Ann Whiting. They were married at Richfield Springs by Norman Adams. We are all surprised but it is all right & hope they will always be happy.**"

August starts quietly, other than the usual visiting and the usual beehive at Ingalside. Leona goes to the dressmaker in Norton Hill for an alteration. A skimmelon was held for Phil and his new wife on the 14th. On the 16th, "**Pop voted for the Fire Co. to Issue Bonds to buy fire equipment for the town of Greenville. Some seemed to think one way & some another. So we went to vote the yes.**" We find out the next day that the proposition passed overwhelmingly.

In later August, Carrie and Trum get a new tube in the radio, Harrison Gardner is back from his California trip, the Altamont Fair is

held, a bridal shower for Phil's wife is held, Keith goes to the Hospital to have his tonsils out, and the family goes to the fair again. "Had a very good performance & some Dare Devil stunts by a man they called Lucky Teetor. Jumped over cars & run two cars head on to-gether & no one hurt."

World events turn serious in September. On the 3rd, "The whole World is in an uproar. Our radios are telling us War is Declared in Germany. Great Britain & France against Germany. & a great many Countries involved. We hope to keep out of it." On the 4th, "More war news but cant understand what it all means." On the 13th, "They are still fighting in Germany. Modern Warfare is wicked. I cant understand it. Just greed for money & lands. Hope we can keep out of it." Future events will prove how much these events will influence Carrie's life in a few short years.

On the 11th, at Warren's, "John Salsbury came there to-night. Miserable old wanderer no one wants him." John seems to be a long term boarder who has no place else to go. What arrangements have been made with Warren is never mentioned. On the 18th, Leona, "**Pop & I went to Gilboa dam to see the low water very low now can see the streets of the old village.** We enjoyed the ride. It sure was one of my favorite rides came home by Pratsville & East Windham stopped there a little while. the view was wonderful. Thanks Leona for bothering with us."

Otherwise, Carrie notes another boxing match, she gets a half bushel of peaches, Ray Waldron's house in Gayhead burns, the family clam bake is held in South Westerlo, the first of the family is going to the World's Fair, and Warren goes to the Cobleskill Fair with boarders.

In October, Carrie notes the continuing news of war in Europe. On the 3rd, "They had the Republican & Democrat Caucus last night. Stanley has the nomination for Supervisor. Sorry for him. But hope he wins out. Rob VanHouten Dem. his opponent. **Hard for an Honest man to get any where in politics.**" Somehow I suspect

VanHouten would be more appreciated if he were Republican.

The World Series is noted as usual, as is a foliage ride and more people going to the World's Fair. **M.P. Stevens celebrates his golden anniversary**, Warren and Gerald attend the World's Fair, Janice and Leona go to pick up the Gays, Leona makes another trip to Richfield Springs, Trum and Carrie get apples from Warren, and Warren takes Trum and Carrie to Point Lookout. On the 30th, "Ed. Long candidate for Assesor on the Dem ticket called. Guess his candy & cigars will cost him more than his office if he gets it."

November starts with Pop's 75th birthday and a big fuss is made over him. Campaigning is noted on the 3rd, and the results are in on the 7th. "We went to Election at Greenville with Warren & to Scotts for supper. **Stanley was defeated by 6 for Supervisor by Rob. VanHouten. & so it is. I will not write just as I feel It might not sound well.** Every thing will move along just the same. We had a grand time at Scotts 17 for supper & the eve. Billie Graf showed our moving pictures. Altogether had another grand time with the families. Clarence & family Carrie were there Merritt & Ruth, Harrison & Lucy. Ethel & our selves Norman & Edna."

An unusual accident happened on the 10th. "**We hear of a terrible disaster at Grapeville** & vicinity an ugly boar hog bit a man died later." In mid-month, Irene takes Trum and Carrie to Cairo to see some of the Greenville men race their horses. On the 13th, "Another tragic accident five men drowned boat tipped over. Most of them Catskill men. They were out to hunt ducks."

Carrie turns 76, and goes to Warren's who is showing moving pictures of the family. I wonder if any of these movies exist. Thanksgiving will be as festive as usual, but Carrie notes a change of dates. "Leona went to Merritts to get a chicken for our Thanksgiving dinner to-morrow. Our President Franklin D. Roosevelt thot' best to change the date thinks he knows best about everything." Thanksgiving

seems a bit more subdued this year. "Leona & I went to Church at Greenville in the morning. Came home rested awhile. Then Leona went up & got Ina Greene to come down for dinner with us. Leona had a grand chicken dinner all enjoyed it very much. Scott Elgirtha Philip & Ann came in the eve." Some venison from Ethel graces the table at month's end.

The last month of the decade of the 1930s starts with a family celebration. "Warren came this P.M. took us to Stanleys & Merritts. & to Catskill where we ordered flowers for **Uncle Ed. & Aunt Minnies Golden Wedding Anniversary.**" On the 5th, "Pop Leona & I went to Uncle Eds. to their Golden Wedding anniversary. A very large croud of neighbors relatives & friends. Informal, people in & out. Leona helped out a lot & stayed up to-night. Warren came up & got us Pop got pretty tired & thot best to come home early. Think there was around 50 there quite a lot came in the evening after we came home. Leona got home at 10-45. Warren & I went up with our basket of flowers in morning. Warren & Marg. called at Frank Gedneys 50 two in one day for them."

The family has a "stork shower" for Annella. On the 9th, there was a "Terrible accident on the corner down by Ethels. Sylvester Story hit a tree smashed his car. He was unconscious took to the Hospital. That is all we know now."

The big news in December is usually Christmas, and this year is added to by a welcome family addition. On Christmas Eve, "Leona went up to Warrens to help set the tables. Thelma & Ellen helped. She stuffed our turkey & sent it up ready for the oven. I have been around a little to-day. Warren Marg. & Karl called on way to Clarksville with a Christmas basket for John Salsbury. Leona gone to-night with Warrens folks to Norton Hill to a Xmas concert. Leona put our pretty little Christmas tree that Ethel got for us up & lights on. It is as pretty as a picture & Thanks." Christmas day is especially joyful this year. "Some snow squalls but quite a nice day. The greatest news of all. **Gerald &**

Annella have a baby girl born this day around noon. Had a wonderful day again at Warren & Margarets Home. All the families there except Adrian sick, Annella in the Catskill Hospital & William Gay. Presents for every one & a bountiful dinner. No signs of depression. All seem very happy. Warren came for us at 1 oclock we stayed the day & eve. & stood it very good. So thankful to have another grand Christmas & such a Loyal family.”

Four days later, we learn the name of the baby is Edna Margaret. Carrie does not mention it but “cousins-in-law” Edna Ingalls Adams and Annella Dinnel Ingalls have named their first children for each other. It will make keeping track of the Ednas and Annellas interesting later on but this tribute to each other must have been immensely enjoyed by these two women.

On the last day of the decade, in the last words of the year’s diary, Carrie wishes “good night 1939. **War still raging in the old Country. We wonder what is next. Don’t worry.**”