

Tuesday. April 27/48

Clear in morning with odd clouds. Rising barometer. Cloudy and cold in afternoon with snow squalls. Did washing for Grace. Got new account ledger and spent most of the P.M. transferring accounts. Finished them up last night.

Wednesday April 28/48

Clear day. Steady barometer. Frost in morning. Went to bank and arranged for summer's credit. Bob transferred \$350.00 to my account. We went to Decker in the afternoon and purchased Bob's Ford Tractor, plow, pulley and transport box. He left Decker about 3:15 P.M. for Binscarth. I came home and tore down transmission box taking gear and shaft to Moore to turn down to $5\frac{7}{8}$ ". After supper Grace and Heather and Leslie came with me for a drive to first mile corner Mon 28. Slightly falling barometer tonight.

Thursday - April 28/48

Cloudy and cold in morning. N.E. wind. Cleared up afternoon. Steady barometer falling slightly during P.M. Arranged at bank for final settlement for Ford Tractor. Took car over to Morris to get fender welded. Grace washed baby's clothes and blankets. In the afternoon I cleaned out the henhouse washed the windows etc on brooder house as well. Cleaned up yard around hen house and finished putting gear reduction box together. Put coal in stoker. Grace away at meeting. Co-op Consumers Annual meeting tonight. Phoned Bert. Very wet up at the farm still. Cleaning grain up there.

Friday April 29/48.

Got some material ready and odds and ends loaded into the car and went up to the farm. Got there about 1 A.M. Bob and I took things down to our farm and then tried to get the roller cleaner going in Bob's granary on the Griffiths place. Found we had to make up a larger pulley. So I came home after supper. Bert & Jimmy etc

were cleaning again oats through
fanner. All well but land very wet and
heavy, no prospect of seeding just now.
Barometer dropping slightly and steady
east wind all day. We are planning
to go to Brandon tomorrow to get glasses
for Grace and Jessie. It was sort of
cloudy all day although warm.

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Saturday May 1st.

Got ready and went to Brandon this morning. Flat tire before we left. Went by Rapid City on Geo Spearman's advice. Road rough in places but passable. Highway at R. C. good also hard top. Had lunch at Rapid City. Got milk and some buns. Saw John Shanks and Mr. Short and Kerry Loldon who has purchased Louth's bakery. Went on to Brandon and had dinner at the ~~Proctor~~ Edward. Grace & Jessie had their eyes examined & got glasses. (\$4.00) Came home at about 5:30 Had lunch at R. C. again and arrived home about 7:30 P.M. Grace had misfortune to fall in Brandon & spoiled the knees of a perfectly good pair of nylons. Rainy looking. Barometer steady on wet weather. Rained at Hamiota at noon today but not at Brandon. Very nice day this sunny & warm in afternoon.

Sunday. May 2nd.

Rained during church time. We listened to Rev. Mr. Smith from Cartwright. Preached for a call. Very good turn out. Some folks that hadn't been for years (or sent their money either) were

there. Fairly good turn out. The stewards
& committee of selection met for awhile after
the service and decided on a salary of \$2200.
Connie and Dery came about 3.45 P.M.
Steadily raining. They are talking of getting
married on August 2nd. They stayed to
supper and left about 8 P.M. for Sologirth.
Roads very wet and muddy again.
Barometer steady on rain. no wind
much.

Monday. May 3^d 48

Raining this morning. Dull & grey all over.
Washed babies things and the dark things.
Went down town and paid the bills. Jennie H.
asked me about her lots and how about
selling them. Put the pipes line in shape
from the sink outside. Saw Bonnie C. about
feeding bees. Phoned Bert C. at noon. Raining
up there. Fisher Sheardown phone. She is up to
see Allie. Has a week. May go up see them
tomorrow. Colder tonight. Barometer still
standing for rain although clear in the west.

A Minister preaches for a call.

Some well meaning citizens suggested my name on a committee to ask various Ministers of United Church faith to come and preach for a call. On Saturday night we heard our first applicant. The committee en masse, minus women members, visited the victim at the home of the local school principal. The prospective parson and his good lady met us and the discussion ranged all round the clock touching on all and everything except religion. As several of the committee are golf enthusiasts the conversation veered along that line but did not seem to receive much stimulant from 'the Club.' That avenue of possibilities being exhausted several of the committee made their adieu and left. Two of the members then went to bat on the subject of salary and possibilities of his reverence being able to take charge. These little matters being attended to the members bended their way homeward.

On Sunday morning despite threatening skies almost a full church turned out. It was interesting to note the attendance of those who have consistently failed to appear

at "kirk" during the past three years. They did not like the former incumbent and would neither support the church or the missionary work. One wonders how we can expect a United Nations Assembly to function when we who are the component parts of such a gathering fail to govern our own conduct in our own religious field, a field that is the mainspring of all man's treatment of his fellow man. I think we should at least be loyal to our church no matter what our opinion may be of the pastor who fills the pulpit. However people being what they are, the times being what we have, and the future what we make it, it is perhaps too visionary to hope for brotherly love in a community such as this.

The little minister did very well. A philosophical sermon perhaps but fitting to the occasion. Courteously put and pungent and remarks about what we really owe the church. Reminded me somewhat of ^{Rev.} J. D. Barnett. Afterwards we met the various members on the Board of Stewards and discussed probableness and the salary we could plan on offering.