

# Worthington

## [ MEMORY ]

### Albaugh Diary [1926-1944]

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## 1926

### Monday Mar 15 [1926]

More Snow & Cold

Max 33

Min 20

Cloudy

The ground was white with snow this morning & it did not all melt off today, & tonight it snowed more.

This month is more "winterish" than Feb. & is much colder than the average. The ice on the lake holds as solid as the middle of winter.

I worked at the bench on Mrs Sulzers pin & got it done.

I took Maude to Worthington & went after her later. I hired a man to haul out the manure & do some other work. He comes tomorrow. In the afternoon, DO Yonce, Harry Paul, & Walter Gump were here, & I have a date with them to sell a diamond tomorrow, for his ring. I hope I can make the deal. - I need the money!

### Tuesday Mar 16 [1926]

Max 35

Min 20

Cloudy

More big Snow

Real Estate men talked about Park's Place

There was a little snow on the ground this morning & it started to snow in the afternoon & kept it up strong all afternoon & evening & it is about 3 in deep.

I went down town in the morning & went to Scullers & got a diamond 1/2 ct & sold it to Sheriff Walter Gump for his 32o [degree] ring. \$185.00 In the afternoon I

helped Geo Hilton & we hauled boulders for the rock steps north of the lake. He hauled all the manure from the barn in the forenoon, down into the garden. It was a fine day's work & cost \$7.60 & I am very well pleased with it. Several men were here to talk about Park's farm from a Real Estate standpoint.

## **Thursday May 6 [1926]**

Max 75

Min 45

Clear

A beautiful day & more like a June day than May. It was bright & warm & fine although a little dry. In the morning Maude Dorothy & I drove up to Delaware. We also visited several second hand store but did not find any old bottles, etc.

In the afternoon I drove to Columbus I delivered a watch to Mrs Wilhelm on Champion Ave & did quite a few errands. Stopped at Dora's & got a gallon of maple syrup, got some "Cerastium" at the Ohio State gardens, a step ladder & brought home Dora's old clock to fix. I got home at 5-30. The garden is getting fine & we walk about it every evening this nice weather. Phlox Subelata is in its prime now.

## **Friday May 7 [1926]**

Max 85

Min 60

Clear

A very warm day & just like midsummer but it is getting very dry again. The appraisers put "Glengarden" on the tax duplicate today for \$9330.00 which I consider is very fair, so I did not "kick." I went with Mr Davis over to his place to look it over & we got stuck in the mud & had quite a time getting out. After noon we put up the screens & awnings, & it was a hot job. I put up the swing in the picnic grounds & it is fine. McCarty came & brought Mr. Pekras to look at locations for Spanish house but nothing definite. In the evening Dora & Martha from Quincy came out on the car & gave us a nice visit, It was dark & we had a hard time to see the garden.

**01-09-26**

I worked at the bench all forenoon & after dinner Dorothy & I went over to the pasture & coasted on the hill. We had a fine time and the coasting was good.

**01-25-26**

I went to "Sid Howards" & made a trade with him for a new Radio. I traded 2 watches & a scarf pin "even up" for it. I will try to put up the aerial tomorrow.

**02-04-26**

We stay up later at night since the Radio came. We get quite a number of different stations & are learning lots about it.

**02-08-26**

Mrs. Cull came & made us a visit. We talked houses & went over the subject pretty well. She is still in the notion. I took her home with the Reo. We are still Radio mad & stay up until midnight. I would have called it foolishness a month ago.

**03-09-26**

This was a fine Radio night & everything was clear & good from WLW Cincinnati.

**03-15-26**

In the afternoon, D.O. Yonce, Harry Paul & Walter Gump were here & I have a date with them to sell a diamond tomorrow for his ring. I hope I can make the deal - I need the money!

**03-16-26**

I went down town in the morning & went to Scullers & got a diamond ½ ct. & sold it to Sheriff Walter Gump for his 32 degree ring \$185.00. In the afternoon I helped Geo. Hilton & we hauled boulders for the rock steps north of the lake. Several men came here to talk about Parks farm from a Real Estate standpoint.

**10-19-26**

I worked at the bench part of the forenoon except when the Pierce Arrow man took us riding. Then the Packard men came & gave us a trip in their machine & we liked

it better & we made them an offer of \$2,150.00 & they accepted it. They will deliver it tomorrow.

## **10-22-26**

Maude sold our Reo to Lulu for \$10.00. It is in bad shape but it ought to be a good bargain at that price.

## **11-28-26**

I took Mr. Sackett & drove to N.Col. in the morning & went over to see Mr. Giese about their "Rectifier" for use in charging Mrs. Culls Electric car.

## **11-21-26**

We stayed at home all the afternoon & evening & not a single person called to see us which is very unusual. We think our friends know we have a nice new auto & will not stay at home anymore, so its no use for them to call.

## **11-27-26**

Big fire in Worthington last night. The Telephone exchange is a total loss. Also the A&P grocery & Henry's Store & the Barber Shop. We met Schafer at his factory & went over our accounts but did not arrive at an understanding yet.

## **12-20-26**

I worked very late tonight on Mr. Jacobs repeating watch. I got in bad on it & had to fix a piece that I broke. It is 12 o'clock & I am out of sorts about it.

# **1927**

## **01-02-27**

BIG DAY! The First Presbyterian Church was dedicated. Dr. Palmer delivered the main address. We took Mr. Sackett along with us. The church was filled and everything went fine. I unveiled the tablet (donated by Daddy) assisted by Mr. Smith and everybody seemed pleased with it.

## **01-06-27**

In the afternoon I got Mr. Lewis to take Dorothy's harp up to the church and she played solo at the Installation tonight. She did us all proud & they want her to play again.

## **05-18-27**

I do not like to work at the bench lately & it is regular punishment for me to do it. Working out of doors suits me best. Mr. and Mrs. Schafer were here tonight. We went over the plans again & have everything pretty much settled.

## **06-12-27**

Colonial Hills had its opening today but not many people attended the event.

## **07-16-27**

The cabin is finished & I wheeled down several loads of antiques. We carried the big corner cupboard down just before noon so we have fixed it up so it looks very nice.

## **07-26-27**

I helped Maude & Dorothy fix up the Cabin. We took the Victrola & records down & also a lot of other stuff for "atmosphere". The stone masons are ready to "top out" the chimney & finish it. The carpenters are putting on the sheeting & setting up the rafters & making a gig show.

# **1928**

## **01-09-28**

The Photographer from the Col. Dispatch & several others came this afternoon & took two pictures of the Cabin, one inside and one outside. I hope to get a nice "write up" from them. I showed them all the sights & also our old bottles, etc.

## **01-19-28**

I started to "lay out" a platinum ring for Mary Russell. I have the design "figured out".

## **01-21-28**

I worked steadily at the bench on Mary Russell's ring & am making progress, but on account of the intricate design it will take lots of time & patience, but if it comes out good I will be well satisfied.

## **02-01-28**

I made a silver plate for Mr. Webb & engraved it.

## **02-04-28**

In the morning Maude & I went over to Russell's & deliver Mary's Platinum ring. It was too small so she came back with us & I made it size larger while she waited. I think they like it for I tried extra hard to do them a fine job. Mark gave me a check for \$350.00 in payment.

## **02-08-28**

Tonight I started to write a story for a magazine. I will send it in & see what they say about it. I have had an aspiration in this line for a long time. Well- we shall see.

02-11-28

Mr. Webb came & I sold him a Gruen watch for \$65.00. I rewrote my article on making oil jars tonight & it suits me better.

## **09-13-28**

I had the largest number of watches to repair for a year & it came to \$44.00 which was very acceptable at this time of financial stringency.

## **10-07-28**

There were about a dozen or more autos in but not a prospect among the whole bunch. It is getting to be a "bugbear" & causing me to worry quite a bit & the pressure is getting worse all the time. I wonder how much longer we can stand these conditions. It is not worth what it costs us in worry.

## **12-24-28**

We will have a fine Christmas although we have not much money to spend this year. But Maude and Dorothy made it go a LONG WAY. We are very thankful for

everything we have & hope it will never be worse. Real Estate is the cause of much of our troubles this year.

## **1929**

### **03-31-29**

We had a lot of visitors at the new house & the cabin & garden but no prospects. We are a little discouraged by the lack of somebody to take a REAL interest in the place. A majority of the people do not have the slightest intention of buying a house & are a source of annoyance.

### **09-24-29**

Nobody to look at the house today & it is getting on my nerves very seriously & I must do SOMETHING AT ONCE. Real Estate surely is dead & buried so deep it can't be resurrected.

### **10-10-29**

Maude & I drove to Delaware with watches. My bill this week was the largest for a year. It amounted to \$39.25.

## **1930**

### **12-25-30**

We had a fine Christmas despite the hard times, etc. We did not spend as much money as usual but it didn't seem to make any difference.

## **1931**

### **03-09-31**

The "depression" is still on with the jewelry business & it looks like our real estate deal had gone "gefluey". We have not heard or seen them for several weeks. Something may turn up as it has been a "long road without turning" sure enough.

### **5-22-31**

The garden is fine & attracts a lot of attention & I am all enthused about it & want to go in for a lot of improvements and new plants. There seems to be no limit to the variety that can be sold.

**06-20-31**

The jewelry business is very "punk" as there is almost nothing coming in except for a few tinker jobs. We had supper at the cabin as usual.

**06-26-31**

I had 4 watches to repair. Work seems to be "picking up" a little & I am THANKFUL for that.

**10-10-31**

Mr. Ball came for his ring & paid the balance of \$31.50. (diamond 1.08 ct., \$325.00)

**11-27-31**

These are very discouraging times & it would be grand if things would make a break for the better.

**12-02-31**

The garden season is over now for the this year but it helped out very much. It totaled for the year \$1,047.40.

**12-05-31**

Times are "tough" this year & a lot of people have no money to spend for Christmas. We are in this class also.

**12-21-31**

Walter Yehley was here with more work so I worked part of the time on his watches then finished up the night with 22 rings for Auld's . It is now 5:30 AM so I will call it a day & turn in. Dicke was here this evening & he & Dorothy took a drive & brought back some ice cream and chocolate dope. It tasted good & helped sustain me through the night.

**12-25-31**

We had a very nice Christmas & did not have anything extravagant either but we are just as happy.

## **1932**

### **01-25-32**

Everything is quiet down town & prices on jewelry is being slashed to pieces. Money is very scarce & times are hard. Lots of men loafing and walking the streets. I am lucky to have plenty to do at the bench as others are complaining very bitterly.

### **03-09-32**

I drove down town in the afternoon & paid part of the taxes on Deshler Ave. house (\$137.08). Things are very DESPERATE in finance now & must take a change for the better "or".

### **05-25-32**

Not many people here today & I took in only \$2.30. Other flower growers are not doing much better so I can not complain too much. Everybody talks of the depression and it is here "all right".

### **10-28-32**

I had a long conference with the Bank but could not get anywhere, so the inevitable must happen & I am much depressed about it, etc. etc.

### **10-31-32**

I felt very much depressed all day but that is not the right way to feel, but it seems that things will just not work out right.

## **1933**

### **01-11-33**

Everybody talks about the "depression" & lack of work & money & it is surely a reality everywhere.

**03-02-33**

Nobody here so I was not disturbed much. No business at all & no cash. It is worse than ever before. Nobody has any money to spend on jewelry these days. I hope the flower business will start soon.

**03-03-33**

The check came in from the Ins. Co. but nobody would cash it so we finally sent it back to be exchanged for something that could be turned into money. Banks are not cashing checks now.

**03-05-33**

Bankers & money are the main topics of conversation.

**03-06-33**

The banks were all closed & business was almost at a stand still. Nobody has money & can't get it from the bank. Checks are not accepted generally & finances are "topsy turvey".

**03-09-33**

I scurried around the basement & garage & shop getting things in shape to have a good impression on the Appraisers who came to look over the place. They appraised it at \$21,000.00 which is very fair I think. It is very "tough" but it can't be helped. I worked the rest of the day on the cabin & got all the logs on the walls laid up. That is the hardest work about it, & I have done it all myself. So far I have only paid out \$7.00 & five of that was for a team & Jett to move the logs etc. Money is impossible.

**03-27-33**

I made a bargain with a man to saw all the old trash up into firewood that is up on the hill. I am to give him an Elgin watch for the job. He may start on it tomorrow.

**05-06-33**

I went down town this forenoon & attended the sale at the Court House. The house, 60 Kenyon Brook Drive was bid in by the bank which held the mortgage for

\$14,000.00 which is \$1,000.00 more than the mortgage. Busy day, moved most of the downstairs things to the cabin. It begins to look like home.

## **05-09-33**

I consulted the Bank & found that we can stay in the house for 10 days which will give us good time to get the Cabin ready.

## **12-02-33**

I took my flute to Walter Lynas for him to sell. He thought he might have a customer for it. Then I met Dorothy & we went to see "Marx Bros." in "Duck Soup". It was very funny & we enjoyed it.

## **12-27-33**

WOW! 12 degrees below zero this morning. We did not suffer from the cold & were much more comfortable than I expected was possible in the cabin. Our sleeping rooms were very comfortable. We ate our lunch & supper in front of the big fireplace & we enjoyed ourselves immensely. I put on a few chunks of wood & we were happy as could be. We just enjoyed living & counting our blessings.

# **1934**

## **01-18-34**

I paid on a note at the bank, then got Fred Archer & we went downtown. We visited the Ohio National Bank, Court House & the Buckeye B & L concerning loan deficiencies. We met with fair success.

## **01-09-34**

In the forenoon I drove downtown with Frank Archer & we went to the bank & had a "confab" with them. Then we went to the Home Loan Corp. & had a conference there. We have things started & may get someplace.

## **04-25-34**

Fred & I worked at the bench all forenoon. After dinner we worked on the Studio & got all the brick walls done. Fred got 100 more tile over at the pottery. It begins to look like a building now.

**09-18-34**

Fred & I worked at the bench & are very busy. We have about 40 clocks of all kinds on hand & over 60 watches. Enough for a good store.

**1935****01-13-35**

I worked some at the bench on "Nasal Filters" & made a new sample that is the best yet.

**01-16-35**

Dr. Weaver brought a punch press up to me to make the "nasal filters" so I guess they mean business.

**02-14-35**

Dr. Weaver & Mr. May were here this afternoon & went over the "Nasal Filter" proposition again & we are nearer than ever to the starting point. They are in a hurry now.

**03-02-35**

Not much trade today, but this was a good week for work, as it reached about \$54.00 in cash taken in & I think that is fine for a Log Cabin shop.

**05-15-35**

Bob May came today. He left an order for 150 Nasal Inhalers to be made as quick as possible. I started the die & have most of it "sawed out".

**07-06-35**

I sold a Filter this morning to C.O. Haines for \$10.00. It is my first sale. It looks like a good business. Magly's have all gone to Lakeside.

**07-11-35**

I got 55 ounces of silver today so we will probably start about a hundred more "Nasal Filters" in a day or so. We had a nice article in the "Worthington News" today.

**07-21-35**

Bob May came this afternoon & gave me a check for \$100.00 on account for the Nasal Filters. He says to go ahead "under full steam" & make them as fast as possible.

**07-29-35**

I made several new styles of filters & am learning more & more about the human nose & its requirements also its peculiarities. We will have to change the whole shape, I think. It is not right yet.

**07-31-35**

I made 2 special filters in the afternoon & took an order for another. Special orders are the thing now that will make it a success.

**08-28-35**

Several came today to have filters adjusted. We sold 2 today. They are doing the "stuff" we hoped they would. They surely stop the Hay Fever!

**12-11-35**

Dr. Weaver was here for an hour at noon. He is very much "wrapped up" in the Nasal filters & it looks very promising.

**12-30-35**

We are very busy again. My fingers are very sore from so much jewelry work.

**1936****02-27-36**

Dorothy & I made designs tonight to give to Carrolls in hopes that he will get a customer for a big lavalier. It is very hard to create a snappy design that will work out.

**04-05-36**

I tinkered at the drawing of the big clock & made a few sketches. It is a big job to design the movement & get things right.

## **06-25-36**

The Worthington Bank was held up at noon today & they got away with \$3,000.00. No clue yet. Much excitement.

## **1937**

### **01-11-37**

Bob May was here in the afternoon but we were not over enthusiastic about the filter business. I told him I was through with it. Dr. Weaver is in Florida at present.

### **01-16-37**

I gave Fred a "raise" so now he gets \$15.00 a week.

### **01-23-37**

Flood conditions in Southern Ohio are the worst in history. Worse than 1913 but not much loss of life.

### **01-24-37**

Flood conditions on the Ohio River are terrible. Thousands are homeless & Many deaths have occurred. At Cincinnati the Ohio River is up to 80 ft. Louisville, Paducah, Portsmouth & other cities are almost all under water. Our flood stream is down & we can relax again.

### **02-10-37**

I got several pieces of "stainless steel" for my big clock. I must be very persistent or I will lose interest for it is a lot of work to create something which requires so much experimenting. Dorothy has had her typewriter repaired & she is busy typing poetry, stories, etc.

### **06-17-37**

We got Carroll's jewelry repair work out & they came in the afternoon with a lot more. We expected a check but it was not forth-coming. I am a bit concerned as their bill is now about \$250.00, can't understand why they don't "come across".

## **1938**

### **07-11-38**

I took the last lot of watch work to Kull's & got a check for \$78.75 for 3 weeks work. I worked a little on my big clock today.

### **11-01-38**

In the afternoon I painted the dial on the clock tower of the shop & we installed the year clock & got it a going. We must put a glass to protect the hands. Madeline Magly came home & will go to California with her folks.

### **11-02-38**

In the morning Fred & I fixed the steeple clock which had stopped in the night. The hands "bound" in the hole in the dial. We hope it is OK now.

### **11-03-38**

Fred wired up the steeple clock & it shows up fine. It is quite a novelty.

### **12-30-38**

I have settled with the following & I am very thankful & happy about it. Potter \$90.00 for the shop. Plumbers \$125.000 for the well, Refrigerator Gas Co. \$230.00. So I do not have many debts to worry me. THANKS.

## **1939**

### **01-15-39**

I did not even work in the shop & even dressed up in my best suit & tried to act like other people.

### **04-08-39**

Not many people here today & not much business. Things are very slow these days but everybody has the same experiences of being "hard pushed".

## **04-16-39**

We had a wonderful "write up" in the Dispatch today. It showed 2 pictures. One of the big watch & the other of my "clock".

## **08-14-39**

I made a new model filter of silver for Bob May & I am not satisfied with it and am disgusted with the whole Nasal Filter business!

## **12-10-39**

This was a very hectic day for me. Three or four people called for clocks that were not done & one man made a lot of fuss & I got mad.

## **12-31-39**

We had a fine "Write up" in the Citizen today & it was a big boost for the Shop! We watched the old year out.

# **1940**

## **02-01-40**

We are busy in the shop now but I must work on my clock all I can or I will never get it done.

## **02-08-40**

We had a "burglar scare" about 4 o'clock this morning. We heard someone in the front part of the house. We all got up but did not go to investigate, but Maude called the police. We did not see them "when or if" they came, which they claimed. I had an unusual number of diamonds etc. on hand. Mrs. Mudgley's \$3,000.00. Frank Wilson \$300.00, Mrs. Palmers 4 ct. stone \$1,000.00, Mrs. Arnets \$250.00 & several other valuable things like 3 dia. & plat. Watches etc. It was a false alarm-Probably.

## **03-05-40**

I also "hit the numbers" for \$150.00 & was almost "bowled over". I gave Fred \$5.00. I got my number from a dream last night.

## **08-23-40**

We had a man come with a trailer & we loaded the big watch & big clock up & took them to the State Fair. We set them up & everything seems to be OK. Maude, Dorothy & I plan to go down in the morning for awhile to look things over & take our advertising cards etc. The Watch & Clock look very fine & I am much pleased.

## **08-25-40**

I went to the Fair at 4:30 & relieved Fred so he could go home. I stayed until closing time. The clock shows off beautifully. The big watch attracts the most attention. I am very proud and happy about it I can hardly believe it myself.

## **12-19-40**

Ray got Margaret Webb's diamond ring & paid \$100.00 for it.

# **1941**

## **03-14-41**

We have been having very very dull business for several weeks & it is hard to pay expenses. Too much war talk & taxes of various kinds make it hard on all kinds of business. We all work hard to do not seem to "get anywhere".

## **03-16-41**

Fred & Merlin came about 7:30 & we loaded one of the big clocks (all wrapped up) on top of the "chevy" & Fred & I went down to the Neil House with it to the Watchmakers Convention. We set it up in a fine place & it attracted much favorable attention. I was much pleased with the experience & very proud of it. We brought it home in a "howling blizzard" but it was OK.

## **03-29-41**

I got out a lot of work today. We have a lot of work in the shop but people don't come after it. It looks as if another depression is coming.

**04-02-41**

Business is still "bum" & full of aggravations. It was a good day in the antique shop. They sold a china clock & some jewelry. I could not get along without their antique shop.

**06-26-41**

I made a letter T for Margaret Webb & set it with 4 pearls. It is a chapter letter for Ray (her man).

**02-01-41**

The Dispatch had a wonderful & beautiful picture of the big Watch today. I am very proud of it.

**1942****02-03-42**

I counted the parts & pieces of the "Big Watch" at the request of the "Associated Press" & there are 354 pieces in all. I was surprised. In the evening Rolfe's came & we talked over all the events & settled the big "problems of mankind".

**05-14-42**

I fixed up several old second hand wrist watches & put them in new cases & will sell them as "re-built" watches. New watches are not being made in as large quantities on account of War conditions. It affects all articles & almost everything.

**09-12-42**

Maude & Dorothy went to the grocery store but lots of things are scarce. No meat, no sugar, etc.

**10-15-42**

Maude & Dorothy went to the market. They have a hard time getting supplies - coffee & sugar are almost impossible & most meats are off the market.

**10-27-42**

Not many people here today. Rationing of tires & gas will cut down on business quite a bit but we have too much anyway.

## **10-29-42**

Ray Blackmore left today to enter the Navy. He went to New York. Not many here today. Shortage of gasoline & tires are going to be noticed from now on.

## **11-18-42**

Dorothy & I went to the Homedale School & got our "Gas Ration" sticker & signed up.

## **11-26-42**

We did not have a turkey this year but everyday fare, which is always good.

## **12-01-42**

This was the first day of "gas Rationing" & it made a big difference in the number of people coming here. The baker & the milkman were about all except several in the afternoon & evening. We had an "Air Raid" alarm today & we rang our dinner bell long & loud as the "Air Warden" requested us to do.

# **1943**

## **02-08-43**

Shoes were "Rationed" today.

## **05-26-43**

I received the copy of "Who's Who" with my name & "history" in it. I am very proud of it & it makes all of us happy. I consider it quite an honor.

## **06-16-43**

I am thinking some about quitting the clock repair business & letting Paul & Louis go. The extra taxes & book-keeping would be reduced quite a lot & the department is more trouble than it is worth. It takes too much of my time when I am so busy.

## **11-09-43**

Dorothy took a blood test. I am making a wedding ring for her. "Clasped Hands" on a plain band.

## **12-07-43**

In the afternoon Maurice & his foreman came for the big clock! Paul & I packed it up & we fixed it on the rear of Maurices Ford & they left for Quincy. Maude & I followed them to Linworth & saw that it was OK so we came back. Maurice gave me \$400.00 cash & check for \$200.00=\$600.00.

## **1944**

### **06-22-44**

Charles & Dorothy came in the afternoon. We are planning to remodel the cabin soon & we will try to manage it so that Charles & Dorothy can live with us. We will use old material.

### **06-23-44**

Dorothy and Charles moved and their household goods are packed in every place & will have to stay that way until their new quarters are done but I am very thankful that the big struggle is over. They are both very tired. (Maude)

### **08-07-44**

A busy day! Charles did his best for the Republicans but Dewey & Bricker were defeated & Roosevelt is in again. Charles made 3 trips with the automobile to the polls to take Mr. and Mrs. Webb. Mr. Sackett, Mrs. Roth, Ann, Denna, Dorothy, Ned Maude & himself. We did our best but it wasn't enough. (Maude)

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