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Olive, Lizzie and Louie Price [a.k.a. "the girls", sisters, aunties, they live "up home"] & Mary Ella Somers

JANUARY 1935 Paul Ruth, Tues nancy spent 1 this Evening with us New Year's Da New Year's Day Wed This was a glear cold day 2 2 I was up home Thurs awhile this after and west from there to o vere Fri Krout for dinner awhile tonight 5



Lewis E Somers [a.k.a. L.E. and Lew]

#### January

1 – Paul, Ruth & Nancy spent this evening with us.

2 - This was a clear cold day.

3 - I was up me awhile this afternoon and went from there to Pville.

4 - We has Sour Krout for dinner.

5 - Paul was here a while tonight.

6 - L.E. went to church. Thermometer stood at 11 this AM.

7 - We rec'd a letter from Edmond a few days ago. All are well.

8 – This is a nice warm day, seems like summer.

9 - Fog all day.

10 – Fog all day. Ed and Marie went up to Phila to see Aunt Lottie. –

11 – She is in the Episcopal Hospital with a broken leg and pelvis bone broken and some ribs are broken. –

12 - She was struck by an auto. Paul was here this eve.

13 - L.E. went to church.

14 – Maggie Headley funeral was this morning.

15 - Louie went over to the hospital yesterday.

16 – Emily Somers was here awhile this morning.

17 - My cold does not improve very fast.

18 – L.E. went up to Pville this afternoon to have his hair cut.

19 - We had a little snow tonight.

20 - L.E. wrote a letter to Edmond. Rain today.

21 - Rain all day.

22 - Rain all day.

23 - Rain and sleet all day.

24 - 5 inches of snow this AM. The worst storm since 1888 lots of trees broken -

25 - down and tore to pieces.

26 - Thermometer 12 above zero 9 AM. 60 trolley poles down between Atlantic City and Pville.

27 – A Trolley car went down tonight the first since Wednesday night.

28 – Albert Fry's house was burned down Friday night.

29 - Monday 28 temperature 4 below zero.

30 – Tuesday we received a letter from Edmond.

31 - Henry Garrison called this afternoon.

#### February

1 - Thermometer down to zero this AM.

2 - Ther 18 this AM.

3 - Mr Dreval called this afternoon after church.

4 - Marie is sick in bed with grip.

5 - I spent this day with Mrs Johnny Ireland. We had an old time party.

6 - We had a little more snow last night.

7 - Thermometer 18 this AM.

8 - L.E. was up home a little while today.

9 – L.E. did not go to market today.

10 - L.E. did not go to church.

11 – I did a little wash.

12 – This was a nice day, lots of snow left from the Jan 23 snow storm.

13 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

14 – I was up home awhile this AM. I saw Marnie Ober on the way home.

15 - I paid yesterday the first half of my tax bill amount \$7.84.

16 – L.E. took a basket of groceries up to Annie this AM.

17 - Rain part of the day.

18 - This was a fine day.

19 - Lee and Julia spent this evening with us.

20 - Did darning this day.

21 – Ed, Marie and Kathryn went up to Phila this morning.

22 – Ed took Waggs up to Northfield and had him put to death.

23 - Sold eggs today amt 2.49.

24 – Paul, Ruth and Nancy were here this afternoon.

25 - This was a fine day.

26 - Darning stockings.

27 - An inch of snow on the ground this AM.

28 - Thermometer 12 this AM.

### March

1 - This was a nice day.	17 - This was a nice day.
2 - It is like spring this day.	18 - Mrs Piercey and sister came home this AM.
3 – Emily Somers was over here to see me this AM.	19 – Paul, Ruth and Aunt Maud went to Phila.
4 – Paul, Ruth and Nancy were here yesterday.	20 - {Blank}
5 - I did a little wash this day.	21 - {Blank}
6 - I did sweeping up stairs this AM.	22 - {Blank}
7 - Mr Wilson buys our eggs.	23 - {Blank}
8 - Eggs sold today amount 2.40 30c a doz.	24 - Somers & Annie spent this eve with us.
9 - I was at the Doctors this AM.	25 - {Blank}
10 - L.E. went to church this afternoon. 11 - Rain today.	26 – I attended the economic meeting at Salem Church. 175 people were there for dinner. Price 25c
12 - Howard Smith has a new machine.	27 - {Blank}
13 - Eggs sold today 8 doz amt 2.16, 27c a doz	28 - {Blank}
a doz. 14 - I received a letter from Mrs Piercey saying they will be home on the 18 <sup>th</sup> .	29 - {Blank}
	30 - {Blank}
15 - I did a little sewing today.	31 - L.E. was at church this afternoon.
16 - We bought a ton of coal today, one $\frac{1}{2}$ nut 6.00, buck 4.00 amt 10.00.	

#### April

1 – I attended Mr & Mrs Wolfbrant's 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

2 - {Blank}

3 - {Blank}

4 - {Blank}

5 - Mrs Piercey and sister came home this afternoon.

6 – Kathryn has a new dog, a Scotty 8 weeks old.

7 - Paul was here today.

8 - Rain and sleet, a cold N.E. storm.

9 - N.E. storm again today.

10 - Rain

11 - I was up home today.

12 - A check from Edmond amt \$25.00.

13 – I rained every day this week. A check from Fitzhugh amt \$100 on loan.

14 - L.E. had a ride up to Estherville after church.

15 - Rain today.

16 - Thermometer 30 this AM. A little snow this afternoon.

17 - L.E. had a hair cut yesterday.

18 – L.E. & I were at Atl City. We bought wall paper for bathroom.

19 - Herbert & Pearl were here tonight.

20 – Smedley Piercey and his grand mother and Carrie were here this afternoon.

21 – Mary brought us fine Easter eggs this morning.

22 – L.E. finished laying the front porch floor today.

23 – Smedley went back to Hartford this AM.

24 - Cloudy and a little rain.

25 – I went up to see Almira Block this AM.

26 - Lee and Julia spent this eve with us.

27 – I was at the Doctors this AM. Ed has a new car.

28 – Ed & Marie took me for a ride. We went to Ocean City, Tuckahoe & Mays Landing.

29 - Rain

30 - Rain and wind today.

#### May

1 - Lizzie came down here Monday night.

2 - Our Ruddy cat was killed this AM by an automobile.

3 – He was a fine cat and a good one for rats and mice.

4 - L.E. did the marketing.

5 – Mr Duval and mother called here after church.

6 – Oscar Scull put a new electric light in the kitchen for us.

7 – I am cleaning the big room up stairs this week.

8 - House cleaning.

9 - House cleaning.

10 - Ed took us down to Somers Point movie tonight.

11 - L.E. went to Pleasantville this AM.

12 - L.E. was at church.

13 - Mary and Lewis came to Ed's today.Millie cat was killed today by an auto.

14 - L.E. papered the bathroom.

15 – Lewis is cute. He comes to see us every day.

16 - Tired out didn't do much today.

17 – Did a little sewing. My 79<sup>th</sup> birthday.

18 – Marie, Mary and I attended the D.A.R. luncheon.

19 - Paul, Ruth and Nancy were here this afternoon.

20 - I was at the Doctors this AM.

21 - We set a hen today.

22 - It rained tonight.

23 - Ed took us up to Hazelton today.

24 - We only stayed one night. We called on Mrs Fitton on the way home.

25 - We had a nice time at Hazelton but it was too short.

26 - We attended Fannies funeral this afternoon.

27 - Addie Steelman spent this eve with us.

28 – Mrs Wolfbrandt, Lillian Scull and Mrs Vansant called.

29 - Annie cleaned the kitchen today.

30 - I am no good today.

31 - I can't do much work today.

#### June

We sold 6 dozen eggs today. Price
32c per doz.

2 - The wash was done today.

3 - Mr Hagerthy is very sick with foramina.

4 - Our strawberries are getting ripe.

5 – We had 10 little chickens hatched today.

6 - We had a very heavy thunder shower last night.

7 - Annie cleaned the sitting room yesterday.

8 - Mr Hagerthy died on Tuesday.

9 - L.E. went to church.

10 - It rained today.

11 – We bought 12 little Wyandotte chickens today.

12 - I darned socks this afternoon.

13 - We sold \$5 dollars worth of strawberries.

14 - Mr Price papered the kitchen today.

15 - L.E. did the marketing.

- 16 L.E. was at church this afternoon.
- 17 I was at the Doctors this AM.
- 18 We have had 3 very hot days.
- 19 It rained last night and today.
- 20 I swept our bedroom this AM.
- 21 Albert Gilbent's funeral was today.

22 - L.E. at Pville this AM.

23 - Ed took Marie and I out for a ride this afternoon.

24 - This was a nice day.

25 – L.E. and I were at the picnic held at Mays Landing.

26 – We had pear for dinner they were grown in our garden.

27 – Addie Steelman spent this evening with me.

28 - {Blank}

29 - {Blank}

30 - L.E. was not at church.

#### July

1 - Sales Tax due today.

2 - I did a little wash today.

3 - Mary Bechtel spent today with us.

4 - We did not go any where today.

5 - We commenced taking ice today.

6 - Hot today.

7 - Every day so far this -

8 – work has been a sizzler, –

9 - Ther up in minutes.

10 - (Blank}

11 – Mary had her tonsils taken out today Ice 54c.

12 - Mary is getting along all right.

13 - Ice bill \$1.80 this week.

14 - Still hot.

15 - Hot -

16 - every day.

17 - I was at the Dr's this AM. I went to Atlantic City from there.

18 - My left leg is lame today.

19 - My lameness is worse this AM.

20 - Ice bill \$1.28.

21 - Louie was here this afternoon, stayed for supper.

22 - I can hardly walk.

23 - I slept down stairs tonight.

24 – The thermometer was 97 in the shade today.

25 - We have had severe hot weather for two weeks.

26 - I am a little better today. Edmond, Mary and Lewis came home tonight.

27 - Ice \$1.44.

28 – Mr Mahoney was in to see me this afternoon.

29 – Mary Bechtel spent this day here. Mr & Mrs Durgan brought her down from Vineland.

30 – Edmond and Mary went crabbing, they caught a dozen.

31 – My rheumatism is a little better today.

#### August

1 – Ed, Edmond and Paul took their wives fishing down on Delaware Bay today –

2 – They caught 197 fish. The ladies were sea sick.

3 – We have had very hot weather all the week. Ice \$1.60.

4 - Edmond and family went home this afternoon.

5 - It is a little cooler today.

6 - We had lima beans and corn for dinner. The first this year.

7 - Dot Keyport is visiting Kathryn.

8 – Ed took Marie, Mary and Jimmy up to camp this AM.

9 - Mary Bechtel and Carrie Smith were here today. Ice \$1.25.

10 - Ed got home from camp tonight.

11 – Somers Burroughs and Annie spent this eve with us.

12 – I was at the Doctors today. My leg does not improve very much.

13 - Thermometer 93 in the shade.

14 – Ida Lewis spent yesterday afternoon here.

15 – Will Rogers and Wiley Post were killed tonight. Their airplane came down near Pint Barrow in Alaska. –

16 - We heard the news over the radio. At 11 AM.

17 - Mary Bechtel called this afternoon.

18 - Mr Duval was here this afternoon.

19 - Hot

20 – My lameness don't improve very fast.

21 - Ina was here this afternoon.

22 - Ed went up to camp yesterday.

23 – Paul and Ruth came home from their vacation tonight.

24 – Ed, Marie and Mary came home from camp today. Ice \$1.46.

25 – Ruth and Frank Cadwalder called this afternoon.

26 - Louie was here for supper last night.

27 - Cool weather.

28 - Nice day.

29 - I was up home awhile today.

30 - Temperature 53 today.

31 - A check for Ice 1.09.

#### September

1 - Temperature 52 this AM.

2 - Very quiet here this labor day Temperature 57.

3 - This a cloudy and rainy day.

4 - Steamer Dixie ashore off Florida coast, caused by a hurricane.

5 - It cleared off today.

6 - {blank}

7 - Ice \$1.07 this week. Total for season \$13.14.

8 – L.E. had a long ride with Howard after church.

9 - Not fit to do the wash today.

10 – Addie Steelman spent this evening with us.

11 - Ida Lewis was here awhile this afternoon.

12 - This was a nice day.

13 – Mrs Piercey, Carrie and Alice Engle spent this evening with us.

14 - Lee and Julia were here tonight.

15 – Sixty persons attended Bethel Church this afternoon. 16 - This was a fine day.

17 – Mrs Piercey went to N York this AM.

18 - Thermometer 45 this AM.

19 – Kathryn took her aunties and myself over to Ocean City today.

20 - Carrie Smith spent this day with us.

21 - {Blank}

22 - {Blank}

23 - {Blank}

24 – Mary Bechtel called today and brought me 2 lbs of Lofts candy.

25 – Mrs Piercey and Carrie went to Phila this AM.

26 - I was over to see E.J. this afternoon and she took me to a party.

27 - A check from B&L amt 50.00.

28 - L.E. was at Pville this AM.

29 - L.E. went to church.

30 – I was at the Drs this AM. Addie Steelman spent this eve with us.

#### October

1 – Harry Steelman and family were here today.

2 - My knee does not improve very fast.

3 - We were at an oyster supper tonight, the Baptist church.

4 - Thermometer 39 this AM.

5 - A heavy frost this AM.

6 - Nice weather -

7 - these -

8 - 3 days.

9 - Paul was here tonight.

10 – L.E. went to Atlantic City today and bought shoes and rubbers.

11 – I am not very well, leg pains don't get much better.

12 - {Blank}

13 – We had chicken potpie for dinner this day.

14 - Marie did the wash today.

15 - The sisters spent this eve here.

16 - We had more frost this AM.

17 - Lillie Scull and Mrs Rose called today.

18 – I picked a large bouquet of dahlias today.

19 – Annie cleaned the parlor for me yesterday.

20 - Fitzhughs were here yesterday.

21 – We bought 3 baskets of sweet potatoes of Somers Burroughs 35c per basket.

22 – Mrs Piercey and Carrie spent this eve with us.

23 - Raining tonight.

24 – Ed and family went up to Phila today.

25 - My dahlias are blooming. Nice, no frost to hurt them yet.

26 - Ed took us for a ride last Sunday went up to Great Bay.

27 - I was at the Doctors yesterday.

28 - Cloudy part of the day.

29 – Rain tonight. We had green lima beans for dinner.

30 - Cloudy and rain again tonight.

31 – L.E. dug his potatoes yesterday, he had 18 baskets.

### November

1 - Annie was here today.	17 - L.E. was at church today.
2 - Ed & Marie came home from Hazelton tonight. They were gone 3 days.	18 - Rain
	19 - {Blank}
3 - It has rained every day since last night.	20 - {Blank}
4 - Not a good day to wash.	21 – Marie took me over to Atlantic City today.
5 - Rain	
6 - Rain	22 – I bought two small rugs in Atlantic City.
7 - I was up home today. Kathryn took me up in the machine.	23 -I was at the Doctors this AM.
8 - Carrie Price was here today.	24 - We have two inches of snow this AM.
9 - This was a fine day. My dahlias are still blooming.	25 - This was a nice day.
-	26 - Cloudy and cold.
10 – It rained this afternoon and tonight.	27 - L.E. is puttying windows for Lizzie
11 - Lizzie was here this afternoon.	this day.
12 - Rain	28 – Thanksgiving – We were at Ed's for dinner, the turkey weighed $11\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
13 - A little sun shine.	amner, me furkey weighed 112 103.
14 - Walt Yates attended to Buddy	29 - Annie was here today.
today.	30 – L.E. dug my dahlia bulbs up
15 - Buddy is getting along all right.	yesterday.
16 - L.E. was at Pville this AM.	

#### December

1 - My dear friend Susie Ireland passed away Thursday eve.

2 - I went up there to see her tonight.

3 - Thermometer down to 25 this AM.

4 - Ther 25 today.

5 - We are having cold weather, 27 this AM.

6 – Rec'd check from B&L amt 50.00, Rec'd check for Int amt 10.88.

7 - Sent money order to Mc Calls magazine for 3 subscriptions Amt 5.25.

8 – Rain today

9 - Cloudy

10 – Mrs Piercey and Mrs Rockstol went away for the rest of the winter.

11 - L.E. went up home to fix a rail on the cellar steps.

12 - Cloudy and looks like rain.

13 - Annie was here today.

14 – Lee & Julia spent this evening here it was 12 o'clock.

15 - Rain this afternoon.

16 - Cloudy all day.

17 - Rain and snow flurries.

18 – Marie took me up to Pville to do Christmas shopping.

19 - Sun shone a little while.

20 – We sent a chicken to Edmond yesterday.

21 - Thermometer 17 this AM.

22 - Temperature 10 this AM. Snowing tonight.

23 - Snow 5 inches deep this AM.

24 - {Blank}

25 – We were at Ed's for Christmas dinner

26 - 6 more inches of snow this AM.

27 - {Blank}

28 - Cold today temperature 10.

29 - L.E. did not go to church so much snow.

30 - 15 inches of snow on the ground.

31 - Cloudy and cold looks like snow. Thus ends 1935.