

Diary of Dorothy Sheffer [Steele], 1924

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Buddy [Harry Steele] came up at 7:00 o'clock. We sat around and talked until almost 8:00 o'clock then talked a little about going to Eaton to the Show, which was "The Girl Who Came Back", but finally decided to stay at home. We looked at Kodak pictures. I also showed him my two baby pictures which I am going to keep for ourselves. It was a very cold, blustery night. Buddy left at 12:30.

January 6

Buddy came up at 6:15. Mary Cooper came down in the afternoon to go with us to New Hope to the Township Sunday School Convention. In evening about 5:15, she told me that Ruby Wyncoop's father was dead. He had died Friday afternoon (Jan. 4) at 2:00 o'clock. So then we three went down there and stayed until almost 7:30 after which seeing him, we left and went over to the convention. The funeral was Monday pm at 2:00 at the Boston church. We arrived at the convention at 7:45. Heard very interesting program. After it was over, Ruth O'Hara also came home with us. Took Mary home and arrived home ourselves around 9:00 o'clock. Spent rest of the evening in talking and teasing each other. He told me about some "vast" experiences he had while we had quit [broke up] in June last summer. But both decided never to let such experiences happen again. He left at almost 1:00 o'clock.

January 9

Buddy came up at 7:15 then after talking for a while, we went down to Eaton to the show entitled Kathryn McDonald "In the Scarlet Lily". It was good. We arrived there at 8:00 and when we went in the usher took us 2/3 way up and we sat down beside Bobby Newton and Charlotte Horrigan. We left about 10:00. Got some candy bars then came home. Arrived there about 10:30. We planned and talked about our future home which is to be so cozy. Buddy left about 12:30.

January 13

Buddy came a few minutes after six. We scraped and teased around until 7:25 then Gib and Dot M. came up and we four went down to church. They were having revival services for the next two weeks. Reverend Kendall preaches. After church, we came home. Asked Dot and Smith to come in but they wouldn't. We sat and talked until "12:55" then Bud went. We didn't realize it was so terribly late. Oh well, we were satisfied (almost).

January 15

This is another memorial evening for us. It has just been exactly three years this evening since we first met at Eaton. I only wish we could have been together this evening to celebrate it. Oh well, I'll bet we have been thinking of each other more this evening than any other evening. One particular remark we both will remember and often think of is whenever I answered him that

evening, I always answered by saying “Yes sir” or “No sir”. Seems funny now but guess it was proper at the time. That was a quiet evening all the way there. The evenings aren’t that way now by any means. Getting better all the time.

January 17

Buddy came up at 7:20. Mrs. Campbell and Ramona were here when he arrived so had to be introduced. They went home before very long and then we went down to Eaton to see “The Silent Partner”. Was fine. One of Bud’s old friends came and sat down beside him. Had “quite” a conversation privately! B. C. was who it was. B said he was going to be married the 23rd of January, 1924. He is marrying one of H.S. [Harry Steele] old friend’s sister – H.W. Wish them good luck! We arrived home around 10:30. But he did not leave me at that time as it was nearer 12:30.

January 20

“Sampson” [Harry Steele] came up a few minutes after six. The [electric] current having been off all day, I lit a coal light lamp and we sat by that until almost 7:00. Then the current came on. Bud was bound and determined he was going to the Murrays but I wouldn’t go so he took me to church. There were 5 young couples there: Cliff and Martha Flora, Paul and Madeline Fleish, Roy and some girl I didn’t know, and Mary H and Jasper. We [Harry Steele and Dorothy Sheffer] arrived home at 9:30. But got peeved at me because I would not let him see the “Eaton Democrat”. Didn’t last long though. Just talked the same conversation over and over about next month. Don’t know how it will turn out. I’ll win of course! Although I am sorry this time to win. But just don’t see how I can leave for a while yet. Buddy left at 12:45. “Bad” as ever!

January 25

Bud came up at 7:40. We had planned to go over to Mabel and Bob’s this evening but on account of inclement weather, we did not go. We saw around and talked all evening. Bud left about 12:30.

January 27

“Sampson” arrived shortly after 6:00. We talked and ate popcorn until 7:10 then went to church revival meeting, this being the last night. They did not get any joiners although Mr. Kendall tried very hard to get several. Arrived home a little after nine. Spent rest of evening as usual. Bud left at 12:45. So far, during the revival, they got 16 joiners at church.

January 31

Sampson arrived at usual time and we got ready and went over to Mabel and Bobs and spent the evening. Arrived there around 8:30 and they were in bed. Not seeing any light, we went on up to Mr. Pence’s but they said the “kids” had left at 7:00 and expect they were in bed but they told us to be sure and go back, wake them up, and stay a while. But we said “no, we wouldn’t!” I had Mabel’s flowers (roses) and just thought I would leave them there. Then Mabel could get them the next day. But they told us to go back and get them up. Therefore, we did! They got up, dressed, and let us in. We played Rook and ate apples until 11:00. Came home. Stopped at one of

the Eaton restaurants and got a couple of sandwiches. Arrived home at 12:00. Bud left at exactly 12:25.

February 3

Bud arrived at 5:50. I wasn't quite ready. But came down in 5 or 10 minutes after he had arrived. We packed our present for them (an aluminum perculator coffee pot) and then left. The old folks have all moved to Richmond and their address is 518 South 8th Street. The kids look so cute in their new home. Got all new furniture but two stoves and her piano. They surely received a lot of pretty wedding presents. We had a very nice time, always do, when you go there. We left at 10:30. But we kids were very bad for Bud didn't leave until almost 1:30. Getting bad I say! Why?

February 7

Sampson came a little after 7 o'clock. We went down to Eaton. Intended going to show but found out we had previously seen it. The movie was Thomas Meighan "In Woman Proof". Therefore Bud went to garage and purchased 2 light bulbs. Went to restaurant and got some sandwiches and then came home. Left about usual time.

February 10

Bud came up about 6:00 and we went to Richmond to Murrays. But on account of being Rotary Week at the theaters, they charged \$2.10 and nothing but vaudeville stuff. We sure were sick of that trip to show. After show, we got something to eat then came home arriving at almost 11:00 bells. Same good old times over and over.

February 15

My Buddy came up around 7:00, then we went down to Eaton to the show. It was Buster Keaton's "Three Ages". Real good although I have seen other shows I liked better. Left show nearly 10:00, ate some sandwiches, then came home. Same old "marvelous" times.

February 17

Bud came up at 6:00 o'clock. It being such a terribly slick and icy night, we stayed home all evening. Played piano and talked and "quarreled" a while. Nothing much else to do. Daddy came in and talked a while then went over to school building, fixed the fire, came back, talked some more, then retired. Bud left at not quite 12:30.

February 24

As we had received word of Aunt Laura Ming's death, which occurred February 21 about 9:00 pm, Dad and I went down on Saturday morning and then stayed all day at Uncle John's. Then we went to Aunt Ett's and stayed all night until Monday afternoon. After the funeral, I came home with Daddy. Bud came to Aunt Ett's to see me. I waited until 7:00 for him to come so I went to church with Uncle Andrew. I came home a few minutes after 8:30 and Bud was there waiting for me. Had come and left then came back. We spent the rest of the evening with them then they retired and Bud stayed till exactly 11:30. Had fine time.