



**These are the adventures of a small town girl in the big city, tales of college exams, accomplishments and heartache. Enjoy these snippets of days past (1933) as Doris's story unfolds, uncensored, in her own words.**



## **MEMOIRS OF A TEACHER**



- January 1<sup>st</sup> “The New Year” – no hangover? Spaghetti supper at Blanche’s – another day of noise and confusion. Back at McGill’s and ready for school.
- January 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes resumed – Test from Winslow “C” – No enthusiasm !!! Went sliding with Inez - loads of fun.
- January 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of hard work. Little reminders all day of coming apprenticeship. Pleasant thoughts of exams. Only 18 more days.

- January 4<sup>th</sup> Well, come home feeling punk again! A hot whiskey before bed and did it get hot!
- January 5<sup>th</sup> Feel a little better now, but no pep. Shopping in the afternoon and to bed. Not much sleep!!!
- January 6<sup>th</sup> Feeling still rotten. Church and oh! what a feeling. Dopey + Dizzy all day. Party tonight. Shall I go?
- January 7<sup>th</sup> Well, the party was a big success? Nerts! Am I tired and for no good reason. Sick with a cold again.
- January 8<sup>th</sup> In bed all day! Oh am I sick. Will I ever feel decently? Wise remark from Smith but why let that bother you.
- January 9<sup>th</sup> On my feet again but not in best spirits. No letter from home. Letter from Laura this week.
- January 10<sup>th</sup> Letter from Mother. Feel lots better. Mr. McGill home again. No word from Ernest yet. Will he call?
- January 11<sup>th</sup> Finished my calendar for Smith [B+]. Home early. Washed my hair in spite of cold. What has the weekend in store?
- January 12<sup>th</sup> Worked in the morning. Nothing exciting.
- January 13<sup>th</sup> Inez and I studied all afternoon. No rest. Study all night. I stayed for supper.
- January 14<sup>th</sup> Beginning of exam week.
- January 17<sup>th</sup> Exams. First flunk – “History.”
- January 18<sup>th</sup> Please help. Starting with beautiful headache.

- January 19<sup>th</sup> Exams – study for them.
- January 20<sup>th</sup> More study
- January 21<sup>st</sup> More exams.
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> Still more exams.
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Elks Ball. What a time! In bed at 4 AM. Well orchids in the snow is something new. Home with Jane.
- January 24<sup>th</sup> - What a head! What a storm. How to get home. Well bus back to Worcester. No school.
- January 25<sup>th</sup> - No school till Mon. Junior Prom. Lousy time. Met Walter. Hopes of seeing him again.
- January 26<sup>th</sup> - Y.M.C.A. – Swimming and dancing. Perfect time. Home early. Imagine it!
- January 27<sup>th</sup> - Not much excitement. Haven't heard from DeWitt?
- January 28<sup>th</sup> - Exam in music. Not bad at all.
- January 29<sup>th</sup> - Beginning of apprenticeship. Teacher looks lousy never can tell by looks. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades at Abbott St.
- January 31<sup>st</sup> - Haven't heard from DeWitt?
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Haven't heard from DeWitt? Worried!
- February 10<sup>th</sup> - Haven't heard from DeWitt? More worried!
- February 14<sup>th</sup> - Loads of Valentines from the kids. Perfect darlings every one of them.

February 17<sup>th</sup> - Silence of DeWitt killing!!!!!!!

February 25<sup>th</sup> - Accident Case comes up. Court for a week.

February 26<sup>th</sup> – Still haven't heard from beloved.

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Leaving Abbott Street. Flowers and gifts. Perfect children and marvelous teacher.

March 5<sup>th</sup> - Second apprenticeship. Perfectly awful teacher.

March 6<sup>th</sup> - Awarded \$750 in court.

March 9<sup>th</sup> - Has he turned me down? He can't love me to do this. Will he write?

March 18<sup>th</sup> - He has forgotten. Shall I write and say goodbye forever? No, I'll forget him.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Two months and I haven't heard a word. What's the use?

March 29<sup>th</sup> - Kids dance recital.

April 4<sup>th</sup> - Saw "Roberta" – Marvelous letter from DeWitt. He still loves me! I'm crazy about him.

April 5<sup>th</sup> - Leaving Union Hill. Happy to leave and hope never to see the place again.

April 8<sup>th</sup> - Back at college. What a dump! Starting the old grind again. Boy, give me June.

April 11<sup>th</sup> - DeWitt has measles???

April 12<sup>th</sup> - Competition Capers. An actor at last. Boy was that fun. Bolero Inn after the dance.