Tonny Calderwood's 1941 Diary

ALTON "Tonny" CALDERWOOD'S DIARY January 1 to December 31, 1941

transcribed by Elizabeth MacLean

This book presented to me at Christmas 1940 by Sal and Prudy. Many thanks. Alton S. Calderwood

Happy New Year to All. 5 hrs. by hand replacing culvert at Bartlett's Harbor with Ben and Franze M. Got home in time to haul 72 traps from the Bull Rock Beach to the shop for Uncle Will. Also hauled the buoys and a load of wood down for him.
Beautiful Day. Started cutting wood to clear pasture on Indian Point this A.M. Nina, Lottie, and Sal walked down from uptown this A.M. and had dinner and spent P.M. with us. Harry made a trip down with Nellie this P.M. I froze ice cream for the girls this P.M. and it sure was good. Lloyd W. and Eda Leadbetter called a little while this P.M. Franze, Ann, Mrs. Curtis and Dale came down this evening and we played Chinese Checkers. The batteries came for our radio this morning from Sears.
Snowy and Rainy. Nan and Patsy went out to Indian Point with me before dinner to get my tools. George Beverage was here to dinner with us. He was down looking for his sheep. Harvey and Gussie here peddling scallops tonight. Forry was down this evening to bring his gun back and visit with us a while. He leaves for New Jersey tomorrow to take his exam to be called into the Selective Service.
Started to snow this morning and snowed harder all day. Rounded up Geo. Beverage's sheep this morning here and at the Cabot place and drove them over to Frank Waterman's. Did chores up early this P.M. and struck out for Owen's and Mary's. They're living down to Boss Grant's now. It was terrible driving and we couldn't get up Morrow's long hill. Left the Ford at the gravel pit and walked in lugging the baby. It stormed so hard that none of the others showed up. We had to spend the night with the Grants. Played carom and had a good time.
Storm had cleared, but still blowing hard and drifting. Snow plow got off the road across from the Morrow red house last night, and they got it out this morning. As soon as Owen got his chores done we (he and I) started for the road on skis. Succeeded in churning the Ford out to the main highway and got up as far as V.L.B.'s mother's. Had to leave the car and walk and ski down home here and back to start the fires anew, and do the chores. We were about pooched when we got back to Morrow's just after dark. I enjoyed a grand hot bath in the Grants' bath tub while Owen was doing chores. We were both pretty well tired out from walking through snow.

Jan. 6, Monday	Nice and clear but still blowing. Started out again as soon as breakfast and was able to drive right down home here as the plow had just been down. Got the fire s going again, and started back to get the family. Stopped down town on our way to Grant's. Owen brought Nan & Patsy to the top of the long hill in his car and then walked to the gravel pit to reach the Ford. Had an easy time getting home as we followed the snow plow down again. Got my barn chores done about 4:30. I think maybe we'll stay home the next snowstorm if we possibly can.
Jan. 7, Tuesday	Lovely day. Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Had Parker solder the gasoline line, and then went looking for a sleigh to rig up for Babes but didn't find one to be given me. Up to Herb's after dinner. He, Lloyd and I up to Fred Carver's so Lloyd could take some pictures of the snow plow in action with Laurence Grant's truck on behind. Came home and watered up and then went up after the family. I have to take the cows over to the pasture spring now.
Jan. 8, Wednesday	Lovely day. Up to the "Old Church" stables this morning to get the ping [?] runners off of the old horse drawn hearse. They have been laying out doors for years. Rigged up one set with shafts so I could yoke Babes into it, to haul my pig scalding water etc out to the butchering place tomorrow.
Jan. 9, Thursday	Nice day - partly cloudy. Used Babes in her new sled outfit I rigged up yesterday to haul the scalding barrels, tackles, bristling table etc out to the butchering place. Started a fire in the fireplace and melted two barrels of snow water. The new outfit works good as soon as I get the shafts fastened in permanently. Sal, Rosanne, Mother and Lottie came down this P.M. while Prudy went clamming.
Jan. 10, Friday	Nice day - partly overcast. Ray B. came down to kill my pigs. Got here about 9:00. Stan Quinn came along to help. At 1:30 - one-thirty, we were through and cleaned up and had taken out time to eat dinner. Stan stayed down the rest of the P.M. and helped me get the pigs into the shanty so they wouldn't freeze. Used Babes in the sled to haul them from the yard to the butchering place and from the butchering place to the shanty.
Jan. 11, Saturday	Paid Ronald G freight on the seven bags of grain I got some time ago \$1.05. Quartered and weighed up my pigs this A.M. Delivered them in the truck this P.M. Nan and Patsy went with me. After dark when I got home. Pigs weighed 185 - 192 - 200 - 201.
Jan. 12, Sunday	Cold. Didn't get up very early. Did chores this A.M. Spent P.M. reading. Nan, Patsy & I went for a walk over as far as the Burke place just after dark. We took Patsy in the cape racer.
Jan. 13, Monday	Darned cold and windy. About 0° this morning. Harvey came down to start cutting wood. Brought Gussie along with him. We cut about a cord and a half, but boy, it wad disagreeable where we were.
Jan. 14, Tuesday	10° below by Uncle Will's thermometer this morning. 4° below by ours. Harvey didn't come down as all his water pipes were frozen up. Didn't do much outdoors other than chores except to take down the tackles and ropes at the butchering place and get them ready to haul in. Bob, Nora, Owen, Mary, Lloyd, and Elizabeth were down this evening to play Pinochle. They brought the refreshments as it was Nora's party.

Jan. 15, Wednesday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Had a heck of a time starting the Ford. Came back home and did my chores and washed the dishes from last night's party before dinner. Helped Harvey and Gussie in the woods a little while this P.M. Had supper at Father's when I went up after Nan and Patsy. Rec'd from Ben Ames - 5 hrs. work on Bartlett's Harbor bridge last Jan 1. \$2.50. Paid telephone bill \$4.65?
Jan. 16, Thursday	Shirley came down to spend the day with Nan while Harvey was cutting wood. It was nice in the woods today. Harvey hauled a calf up to A.W.B.'s for me at noon time. It was the one I got of Art in November. Nan & Patsy went up with me when I went to talk the calf to the shed tonight and get my remaining three bags of grain. Used Babes to haul the 5 bags up to the barn from the house here as I couldn't get up through in the car. Hauled the 5 bags one load.
Jan. 17, Friday	Rainy. Worked in the shanty a little while this A.M. took my one sheep that run with Frank W.'s sheep all summer up to A.W.B.'s this P.M. to have her dressed out. Gave A.W. the pelt for the job. Brought the carcass right home with me and hung it in the shanty.
Jan. 18, Saturday	Foggy - almost raining. Worked in the shanty this A.M. putting me in a work bench and got it completed. Yoked up the White Faces - Jack and Jill for the first time this P.M. Had dandy luck with them. Drove them over to the pasture spring to water and then walked them over to Fostie Duncan's bungalow and back. Watered up the cows and then went up town in Uncle Will's Ford as he wanted it exercised. Bought Patsy her second \$25.00 post office bond. Down to Owen & Mary's this evening to play Pinochle. Lloyd, Elizabeth, Bob and Nora were there. Took Patsy with us, and she slept nearly all the evening.
Jan. 19, Sunday	Overcast - southwest wind spitting snow. Up to Father's and Mother's to dinner - dandelion greens - and they were good. Came home about 2:30 so the baby could have her nap.
Jan. 20, Monday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Just zero this morning. Came home and Harvey, Gussie and I cut back of Carver's barn next to where I cut last winter as the wind ripped across the pasture so. Harvey brought Nan and Patsy home and he and Shirley had supper and spent the evening with us. Cubed Steak & mashed potatoes. We played 10 games of cribbage - Shirley & I against Harvey and Nan and they won six.
Jan. 21, Tuesday	Harvey wasn't feeling good so didn't come down. I set about lining an opening across the pasture that we might be able to see across Stone's Cove from the house. Cut a path as far as the central ridge this A.M. and shifted across the swamp this P.M. cutting alders.
Jan. 22, Wednesday	Continued cutting alders and getting back to where I could start on the spruce growth. I'm afraid the opening will be so far to the westward that we won't see any of the road.
Jan. 23, Thursday	Nice day. Nan and Patsy out to the woods this A.M. and again this P.M. Am working to get an opening across the pasture from the house.

Jan. 24, Friday	Worked in the woods endeavoring to get an opening cut across the pasture that we may see across Stone's Cove from the house. Took Nan and Patsy up town as soon as dinner that Nan might do some shopping. Took Pat down to Mother's for the evening while we went to a Box-social and phonograph dance at the Grange Hall. There were about a dozen boxes and they sold real cheap. The highest went for 95 cents. We had a pretty good time. Bill, Olive and Lillian came home with us.
Jan. 25, Saturday	Snowed about six or seven inches during the night. Didn't get up very early this morning. Yoked the calves up this P.M. for their second lesson. Dragged some fence rails out of the woods with them. We're hitting the hay early tonight.
Jan. 26, Sunday	16° above this morning. Did chores, cleaned up and went to S.S. and church. 78 at S.S. Dr. Pendleton spoke at church - the northern Baptist Secretary. Sal took care of Pat while we were at church, and we enjoyed dinner at Burgesses. Took the ash down to Mother's and then came home.
Jan. 27, Monday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Stayed at Father's all day. Harvey and Shirley down this evening. We played ten games. Shirley and I won four.
Jan. 28, Tuesday	Worked in woods. Quite cold. Made ice cream late this P.M. as we entertained the Pinochle crowd this evening. Had a nice time. Lloyd, Fostie, Bob, Nora, Owen and Mary.
Jan. 29, Wednesday	Worked in woods. Nice day.
Jan. 30, Thursday	Nan and Patsy visited at Sal's for the day. I spent most of the day at Frank B. Had dinner there with he and Ella.
Jan. 31, Friday	Worked in woods continuing opening across pasture. Cleaned up early to go to the President's birthday ball at K. of P. Hall. Bill and Olive rode up with us. Pat stayed with Mother. We had a nice time. Music was by the high school radio. There was a large crowd present and I believe about \$58.00 was taken in.
Feb. 1, Saturday	Nice day. Worked in woods continuing opening across pasture this A.M. and part of P.M. Yoked the calves up for their third work out and they did okay. Hauled out some fence rails with them. The Pinochle crowd came down this evening. Lloyd W. acted as host.
Feb. 2, Sunday	Did chores this A.M. and cleaned up. Went out to the woods long enough to cut material to make a rick-rack skoot for the calves when we go up to wash. Went uptown with the washing this evening. Nan went to church with Mother and Sal, and Pat and I stopped with Father.
Feb. 3, Monday	Snow squalls this A.M. so we didn't go up to wash. Made a small garbage pail for Nan this A.M. by putting a bail in a five qt. Texaco oil can. Fastened my vise down solid to my bench in the shanty. Went out by the butchering place in the pasture this P.M. and cut 2 skids and two cross pieces to put under the little barn up to Father's. I plan to bring it down the first chance. Used the calves to drag the skids out to the road and they did it mighty well. Dragged one of the cross pieces over to Bill Gregory's and back.

Feb. 4, Tuesday	Took Nan and Patsy up to iron as Mother did our washing yesterday. Worked all day in Father's work shop making a rick-rack scoot out of green spruce trees I took up this morning. Peeled the back off and made a nice looking job. Made it for the calves.
Feb. 5, Wednesday	Worked in woods continuing opening across pasture. Cut most six feet. Had pretty nice cutting.
Feb. 6, Thursday	Lovely Day. Worked in woods, continuing opening across pasture. Nellie B. was down to spend day with Nan. They had a nice time. Came out to the woods a few minutes this P.M. We had to go uptown tonight to get our bushel basket of fruit which came from Bert Grant, Sarasota, Fla. They arrived in good condition. Got me a hair cut while I was uptown.
Feb. 7, Friday	S.E. wind overcast, starting to rain about 4:30 P.M. and rained & blew something scandalous until after midnight when the wind pulled into the S.W. and blew as hard from that direction. Went to Jessie Brown's wood chopping — there were 15 of us there. We cut about eight cords more or less. Had a very nice dinner. Those present were Geo. B., Hiram B., Chester B., Carver and Gillis, Franze, Bricks and Ken M., Arthur E., Emery W. Sr., Dalon B., Ern W., V.L. Beverage, Malcolm C.
Feb. 8, Saturday	Didn't get up very early as I had such a spell of indigestion during the first part of the night. Only did chores this A.M. Took Nan and Patsy up town this P.M. My driver's license came today.
Feb. 9, Sunday	Nice day — strong westly wind — nice sunshine. Didn't get up very early as I was up so many times during the night with Pat. She had one of her nights when she couldn't sleep and didn't want to rest of us to. We went out in the pasture sliding on the swamp ice this P.M. Did chores early and took the wash up. Pat and I stayed with Mother while Nan went to church.
Feb. 10, Monday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Came back and Harvey and I cut wood back of Carver's this A.M. This P.M. we cut and trimmed the limbs off of the big blown down spruce on spring ridge. Hauled the limbs out for Harvey with the calves. Had supper at Mother's. Used the calves on the new scoot for the first time.
Feb. 11, Tuesday	In the woods a little while. Spent most of day getting ready for the wood chopping tomorrow. Pat and I over to the Schoolhouse spring this P.M. to get drinking water for tomorrow. Lovely day. Used the calves on the scoot this P.M. to haul up beach gravel from below Uncle Will's house to use on the ice across the pasture swamp where the cows walk, and also in front of the tie-up door.
Feb. 12, Wednesday	Pretty fair weather. The wood chopping for Father was quite much of a success. There were 23 of us present part of the day. Took Patsy up to stay with Sal. Mother and Lottie came down and helped Nan with the dinner. Olive G. came over too. We had scallop stew and baked beans and they were good. I think we got about 9 cords of wood. Those present were Jim P., Foster M., Clifford P., Alton B., Harold J., Franze M., G. Carl Beverage, Forest B., Jim Brown, Harvey C., Harry B., Lewis B., Foss Quinn, Stan Quinn, Neal B., Lester Sherer, Ern W., Dalon B., Chester B., Hiram B., and Owen Grant. Divided the bunch up into 3 groups. Some cut on the end of spring ridge, some on the bunch by frog pond gate, and some by the southward of Indian Point pasture road.

Feb. 13, Thursday	Spent all day burning brush. Succeeded in getting the Indian Point mess all burned up and part of the frog pond gate brush. Nan helped me some. Boy is my throat getting sore tonight. Took a bath and am hitting the hay early.
Feb. 14, Friday	Pretty much used up. Could hardly speak or swallow this morning. Went up to see the doctor before dinner. He said I had a small abscess in the top of my throat and it broke while I was there. Came home and spent the P.M. in bed until time to do chores. We were supposed to go up to Nora Waterman's supper and a Pinochle party but I didn't feel equal to it. Hitting the hay early. Replenished the wood in the woodshed after doing P.M. chores.
Feb. 15, Saturday	Feel some better. Wrote to H.O. Grant this A.M. thanking him for his kindness in sending the bushel of fruit. Took Nan and Patsy uptown this P.M. Got a New yoke up to Mrs. Pease's old barn for the calves but it didn't have any bows in it.
Feb. 16, Sunday	Nice day but quite cool. 16° above this morning. We went to S.S. and church. 82 at S.S. Had dinner at Mother's.
Feb. 17, Monday	Nice but cold. Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Worked in Father's shop all day making a set of bows to fit the Mrs. Pease yoke.
Feb. 18, Tuesday	Harvey came down and we finished burning the wood chopping brush at the frog pond gate junk and on spring ridge.
Feb. 19, Wednesday	Dalon B. had his Chopping Bee today but I didn't go as the smoke from yesterday didn't make me feel any too good. Stayed around house most of day. Forry and Lottie down to supper and spent evening.
Feb. 20, Thursday	Harvey and I started hauling Father's wood uptown. Took up three loads apiece. Would of [have] made four but I had to go up to Frank's garage first to pump up my truck tires.
Feb. 21, Friday	Hauled on Father's wood again today. Made four trips apiece. Had supper at Father's.
Feb. 22, Saturday	Finished hauling Father's wood this A.M. Hauled 1 load apiece. Yoked up the calves in their new yoke as soon as dinner, and dragged in some small rails to make a calving pen gate of. Then yoked them to their scoot and started to haul the wood down off the ledge that we couldn't get at with the truck. The second load we came down with the nose of the scoot fetched up on a rock and snapped that new yoke in two quicker than scat. Spent the rest of the P.M. putting the calving pen in place and making a gate for it. Down to Owen and Mary's to play Pinochle this evening. Took Pat with us.
Feb. 23, Sunday	When I went to the barn this morning I found a calf standing up back of the Irving G. heifer. She had probably been calved out a couple of hours. Put she and the calf in the calving pen. Spent most of the P.M. at the barn. Cleaned up this P.M. and rested. Did chores early and took washing up to Mother's. Nan went to church and Pat and I visited at Father's.

Feb. 24, Monday	Took Nan and Patsy to wash. Went down to Franze's to borrow a yoke but when I got it home here the bow holes weren't large enough to take the new bows I made. Spent the remainder of the day laying a tie-up floor in the north end of the tie-up so I could chain up Jack and Jill instead of keeping them tied on a rope.
Feb. 25, Tuesday	V.L. Beverage started hauling out Uncle Will's wood and alders. Didn't quite finish it.
Feb. 26, Wednesday	Pd. V.L.B. in full for hauling alders 1.75. Finished Uncle Will's wood this A.M. The "King" had dinner with Uncle Will and then he hauled out the two loads of alders Uncle Will gave me, and a load I had cut for myself.
Feb. 27, Thursday	Worked in woods. Cut in back of cliff. Took a ride up town to visit with Father and Mother this evening but she had gone to church.
Feb. 28, Friday	Fair kind of a day. Spent the day at Father's as Harvey & I helped Parker and Ronald saw Father's wood. Nan and Patsy went to Jackie Brown's birthday party this P.M. Father had about ten cords of wood. Took Patsy down to Mother's this evening, and Nan and I went to a Minstrel show and dance at the grange Hall. The show as pretty good, but the dance wasn't so hot.
March 1, Saturday	Helped Parker C. and Ronald G. saw Uncle Will's wood this A.M. He had about 3 1/2 cords. Took Nan and Patsy up to Doug Stone's birthday party this P.M. Called on Lloyd Whitmore a little while and then we went down to see how Prudy's house is coming along. Had a little while to spare before the party was over so Lloyd and I split on Father's wood.
March 2, Sunday	Lovely day. Did chores and painted Mother's ice cream freezer pail this A.M. Took a bath as soon as dinner and dressed up. As soon as Pat woke up we went for a ride to Jim Wooster's field, and called on Mary and Owen on our way back. Shirley C. was taken sick this morning and lost her five months baby. She is resting comfortably tonight. Took our washing down to Mother's before we came home.
March 3, Monday	Fairy good day but raw. Town meeting. Helped Nan do our washing at Mother's before we went up to the hall. Nellie B. called up and said she would take care of Pat. Same officers were elected. Winona Brown elected town clerk. I was instrumental in getting \$3000 instead of \$1000 raised for roads and bridges, but then "Big Shots" finally whittled it down to about \$2,300 by passing over several small road items. Sleeted some tonight. Uncle Will went to Rockland, came back tonight.
March 4, Tuesday	Clearing but raw. Took Nan and Patsy up to Mother's to iron, and I worked in Father's shop repairing the yoke I broke that Uncle Frank let me have from Mrs. Pease's. Did a good job, making it stronger then ever. Worked on Father's wood pile an hour and a half this P.M.
March 5, Wednesday	Nice day - strong N.W. and West wind. Worked in woods. Succeeded in getting the opening clear through to the shore this A.M. and from the end of the house we can see only a small place in Mrs. Pease's North pasture. The road is behind a rise in the south pasture. Jessie C. called on Nan a few minutes this evening, and then Franze, Ann and Dale came. We played Hearts and enjoyed it.

March 6, Thursday	Nice day - strong N.W. wind. Finished cutting the trees off the edge of the bank back of the cliff this A.M. and started working my road down around the cliff. Made more fence rails than wood this P.M.
March 7, Friday	Worked in woods. Finished road around cliff, also trimmed a broad into Bill G.'s last year's opening so we could haul out that way if necessary. This has been a nice day. The cows have been out all P.M.
March 8, Saturday Tonny's birthday	Thelma B., Donald Stone and Tonny's birthdays. Overcast, starting to snow N.E. just before dinner. Spent the whole day just doing "catch - up" chores. Refilled chemical, replenished wood in storm entry, killed a rooster, lugged water and various other chores. Went uptown as soon as dinner after groceries. Came on to storm hard about 3:00 P.M. and kept it up way into the night. Nan had planned a little party for me but it was so snowy no one came.
March 9, Sunday	7 eggs from 7 hens this day. Very overcast, kind of sleeting some, and snowing a little more tonight. Did chores and made ice cream this A.M. Took a bath and cleaned up this P.M. Had a nice roast chicken dinner. Snow plow came down about 8:00 A.M.
March 10, Monday	Owe Squire Grant - use of his truck hauling my hen houses \$3.00. Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Contacted Squire and got him to haul my buildings. Brought the one at H.C. Parsons down this A.M. Took the skids up when we went back for the building at Father's. Lawrence came down to Father's as soon as dinner and we put skids under that building and had it down here by 4:15. Had to use a snatch block on Bank's hill and by barn ledge garden.
March 11, Tuesday	Nice day. Used the calves most of the forenoon. Hauled out what was left of Father's wood chopping on the ledges, and brought two loads from Indian Point for myself. Worked on my alder pile this P.M. Cut up one load and started on the second. Took Patsy up to Mother's while Nan & I went to Fostie D.'s Pinochle party. Came on a tough snow storm during the evening and we were forced to stay the night at Mother's. It not only snowed, but blew a gale.
March 12, Wednesday	Followed the snow plow home about 9:30 and there was at least a foot of snow on the level. Did my morning chores about noon. Too much snow to do much but chores.
March 13, Thursday	Nice day. Finished my alder pile by digging them out of the snow some. Prudy and Sal spent the evening with us. We had a nice chat.
March 14, Friday	7 hrs. Lawrence B. hauling out my wood with Jim and Pat. Boy were those horses balky today. Hauled about six cords.
March 15, Saturday	Lawrence came down again today, finished my wood and also Harvey's. Harvey and Sherman C. helped haul. They were here to dinner but Lawrence had to go home after a horse shoe. I went clamming before breakfast to get clams for a chowder for dinner. It was very good. Finished the wood about 2:00 P.M. Took Nan & Patsy uptown the last of the P.M. Bob, Nora, Lloyd and Fostie came down this evening to play Pinochle. Bob brought ice cream and cake. We had a nice time.

March 16, Sunday	Did chores and helped Nan with the house work this A.M. We tried to relax this P.M. Did chores early, cleaned up, and took the clothes up to Mother's. She took care of Patsy while Nan and I went to church.
March 17, Monday	Rained all day. Cleaned up Nan's sewing machine. Took care of Patsy this P.M. while Nan tired to get a nap. Was down to Mary's and Owen's to play Pinochle this evening. Took Patsy with us. The party was a surprise to Mary.
March 18, Tuesday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Was planning to split on Father's wood but Henry C. asked me to be one of Jesse Brown's pall bears, so I came home as soon as dinner and changed my clothes. Lloyd W. rode down with me. Phil Brown, Elmer Carver and V.L. Beverage were the other bearers. Stopped at Lloyd's a while after the funeral.
March 19, Wednesday	Cut forty fence posts and four rails for the house yard.
March 20, Thursday	Cut 27 more rails this A.M. Yoked the calves up this P.M. and hauled the rails and posts to the shanty and then brought a load of wood from Indian Point. We went up to call on Harvey and Shirley this evening a little while. Took Patsy with us.
March 21, Friday	Nice day. Cut up the alders and limbs that Lawny hauled out the last load from beyond the cliff. Steamed the White-birch bows and re-bent them in the shanty this P.M. Mother took care of Patsy while Nan and I went to the Grammar school play and dance at K. of P. Hall. Had a nice time.
March 22, Saturday	Nice day. Went in the woods a little while this A.M. up on schoolhouse hill to cut fence posts. Nan and Patsy went along with me to Dalon Brown's this P.M. to get some ash to make calf bows of. As Patsy was asleep, Nan stayed in the car and held her. Then we went down town to watch the traffic.
March 23, Sunday	Nice day. Went to S.S. and church. We had dinner at Mother's. Called at Don and Cynthia's on our way home. Don was clamming.
March 24, Monday	Hazel Pendleton and Gussie Beverage's birthdays. Nice day. Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Worked on Father's woodpile until we came home about 3:00 P.M. Cuddy Curtis' house caught fire this P.M. and burned quite badly inside and of course the water damaged a lot. Went clamming as soon as I got home, and got a nice mess for ourselves and one for Uncle Will. Owen and Mary were down to have steamed clams with us for supper. We had a nice time.
March 25, Tuesday	Heavy rain all day, changing to snow tonight. Worked in the shanty all day. Peeled 37 fence posts, and sharpened and re-trimming 15 of them. We plan to put a yard around the house to keep the baby from running off.
March 26, Wednesday	Nice day. Snow melted quite rapidly. Sharpened and re-trimmed 22 posts, and peeled four rails this A.M. Used the calves all the P.M. hauling wood from in back of Carver's. They worked pretty good. Hauled a little over a half-cord. The telephone has been out all day as the damp snowstorm last night broke it in several places.

March 27, Thursday	Nice day, S.W. wind. Went hunting through the swamp beyond the cow spring this morning to find some white maple to make calf bows of. Made three before dinner. Worked on the house fence rails this P.M. Drawshaved eleven, trimmed them, and junked up twenty more ready to peel. Didn't have much luck bending the bows as they slivered quite badly. The telephone line hasn't been put in commission yet.
March 28, Friday	Nice day. Harvey and Prudy got the telephone lines in commission this day A.M. Spent the day cutting and sharpening fence posts. Mother took care of Pat while Nan and I went to a Pinochle party at Bob's and Nora's. Lloyd, Fostie, Owen and Mary there. Had a nice time.
March 29, Saturday	Up town this morning to get a couple bags of grain at the freight shed before it stormed too hard. Nan and Patsy went with me. Fixed up my small drag and used the calves to haul the grain to the barn. Hauled both bags one trip. Had a short nap this P.M.
March 30, Sunday	Went to S.S. and church. Sal took care of Patsy while we were at church. Came home and had just finished dinner when Shorty and Greta came with their baby. Harvey and Shirley here to supper. Nan went to church this evening while Patsy and I visited with Father.
March 31, Monday	Nice day. Ronald, Parker and Harvey down to saw wood. They were here to dinner. Sawed mine and then Harvey's. Used the calves to haul the saw rig from Harvey's pile back to Carver's turn so Ronald could get it with his truck. Bert Grant and his family arrived from Florida today.
April 1, Tuesday	Took Nan and Patsy up to iron. Mother did our washing yesterday and also our ironing, but we didn't know it. Had two pairs of oak bows sawed out this A.M. and borrowed Foss Quinn's steam box and steamer. We came home just after dinner and I tried to bend one pair after steaming them over an hour and they both broke.
April 2, Wednesday	Sandpapered and painted the outside of my double-ender this A.M. and it sure needed it. Started the steamer going in our outside fire place before dinner and steamed the second pair of oak bows over four hours but they broke just as quickly as the ones did yesterday. Started splitting on the woodpile just before dinner. Harvey and Shirley down this evening. We played 3 games cribbage and two of Progressive Rummy.
April 3, Thursday	Nice day. Worked on the woodpile all day. Carver and Jessie over to have baked beans with us tonight.
April 4, Friday	Beautiful day. Worked on my woodpile all day. Made quite a little showing. Shirley and Harvey here to dinner as Harvey came down to fix Uncle Will's aerial. Nan and Patsy went up with Shirley to sing in the choir rehearsal. We had supper at Father's and then I got a haircut at Joel's before we came home.
April 5, Saturday	Nice day. Nan, Patsy and I went to Rockland. Nan bought Patsy an Easter coat and hat, and herself a suit. Got the plates for the truck and trailer and had two teeth filled. Saw Henry Pendleton in the restaurant, and he kindly brought us down to the steamer. We went over with Lypowski. The baby was pretty tired when we got home and so were we. Up at 4:30 this morning.

April 6, Sunday	Nice day but the wind is quite raw. Have been to S.S. and church. Nan sang in the choir. Came home as soon as Communion as we wanted to get Patsy to bed.
April 7, Monday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Had the Ford greased at Frank's, then Stan Quinn came home with me. We put the new plates on the truck and trailer and took the Irving heifer down to H.O. Grant's as he wants to rent a cow for a time. He is having this one at \$2.00 a week. Left the calf at Hiram's to be vealed. It dressed 106 lbs. and was 6 weeks old yesterday. Went back to Grant's at 4:00 P.M. and hauled Lawrence's cow to his Mother's for him.
April 8, Tuesday	Got up early as I thought I'd have to take my veal to the boat but Hiram took it down. Finished splitting my wood. Started at 6:30 and finished at 5:00. Took Nan up to choir rehearsal this evening. Pat and I spent the evening at Mother's.
April 9, Wednesday	Built tier around the woodpile, threw up all the round and got over half of the living room wood tiered up.
April 10, Thursday	Puttied the bottom of the skiff and Nan painted the outside a second coat. She, Pat and I went over to Stimpson's Island with Uncle Will to see how the place had kept. Harvey and Shirley called a little while this evening. Finished piling up my living room wood. Woodpile is all done except cleaning up sawdust. Cleaned out the calving pen this P.M. and put Bell into it. Burned my banking brush on the garden this evening. Connected up the sink drain to shore this P.M.
April 11, Friday	Brushed the storm entry and milk room down and shellacked the knots and painted the side of it with grey paint before taking Nan up to choir rehearsal at 2:30. Victor Walker and I took Pat and Judy riding while Nan and Mrs. Walker were at rehearsal. Owen and Mary came down this evening. Mary visited with Nan while Owen and I went to a movie at the grange shown by a state dairy inspector. It was interesting. We brought home some ice cream and cake. Owen's car refused to come further then the old schoolhouse by the spring so we had to walk the rest of the way. Lawrence came down in his truck and towed Owen home.
April 12, Saturday	Painted both ends of the storm entry with aluminum, also the new windows. Took Nan up to rehearse again this P.M. Pat and I waited in the car for her. Bob, Nora, Owen, Mary, Fostie and Lloyd down to play Pinochle. We made scallop stew for refreshments. It was good. Took off the storm windows as soon as dinner and put them up over head here in the house.
April 13, Sunday	Easter Sunday. Went to S.S. and church - 105 at S.S. Sherman Baird, John Beverage, and Nellie Baird were baptized this morning by Dr. Bousfield. Had dinner with Father and Mother. Went to church again tonight. Nan sang in the choir at both services. Then we were invited up to Aunt Kath's from church to see Phyllis and Dr. Sapington's movies. They were nice.
April 14, Monday	Rainy this morning so didn't start work on the road. Helped Uncle Will launch his power boat and bagged up sawdust from sawing my firewood this P.M. Yoked up the calves this P.M. and hauled up beach gravel for the cow yard. Hauled 3 bushel baskets full to a load. Up to Mary and Owen's to supper and then went down to Aunt Kath's to see the movies again as Owen and Mary had been invited down.

April 15, Tuesday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Worked on the beach bridge putting in some new stringers and planks. Used my truck to go down to Sid Maker beach to get a log for one of the cross stringers. Got through about 2:30 so took up the snow fence in J.B. Crockett's field and also above the high school building. Buttons calved standing in the tie-up this P.M. and the Ayrshire calved in the calving pen while I was doing chores. Ayrshire - a bull, Buttons - a heifer.
April 16, Wednesday	8 hrs. with truck on roads and bridges hauling 8 loads from Sampson's beyond Crabtree hill on southern road. Prudy and Sal down to supper with us - pea soup followed by ice cream which they brought along. Enjoyed the evening very much.
April 17, Thursday	4 1/2 hrs. on roads and bridges from Sampson's beyond the Crabtree hill on southern road. Rain knocked us off at noon. It cleared soon afterward so Gussie and I got the town plow and plowed the rest of the greensward piece I started last fall. He had supper with us. Ralph Wentworth came on tonight to caponize 100 chickens for Hiram B. I met him there after super and we called on A.W.B. a little while. Ralph is spending the night with us. Babes calved this P.M a bull calf.
April 18, Friday	8 hrs. 9 loads on roads and bridges hauling from Sampson's onto southern road beyond the top of Crabtree hill. Got the Twin out of the storeroom after work and got it going. It started up nicely.
April 19, Saturday	3 hrs. on snow fence. 6 hr. on road and bridges hauling from Sampson's onto southern road by Elmer H.'s garage. Rain drove us about 8:00. Cleared about 9:00 so two gangs of us went out and finished cleaning up the snow fence. Got home about 12:00. Mr. and Mrs. Sapington, Dr. and Mrs. Sapington, and Aunt Kath were here making a short call. Plowed the garden above the ledge by the barn for Uncle Will and nearly a third of mine in front of the house this P.M. We went uptown to get the mail.
April 20, Sunday	Foggy this A.M. clearing this P.M. Cleaned up the Coldspot and started it going this forenoon. Have taken a bath and cleaned up this P.M. After Pat woke from her nap we went for a walk around the place and then drove over to Frank Waterman's so I might tie a big log that had drifted into the had of Fostie's cove. Nan wore her new Easter brown and white pumps for the first time this P.M. Wind is blowing very hard S.W. this evening.
April 21, Monday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash before going to work. 8 hrs. with truck on roads and bridges hauling from Sampson's onto S.S. road. Rocker Arm shaft broke in the truck some time during the day. Had Parker put in a different one after work.
April 22, Tuesday	8 hrs. with truck on roads and bridges hauling 11 loads from Sampson onto S.S. road. 4 of us hauled about 44. Got my harrow out of winter storage, attached it to tractor and harrowed what I had plowed, and Uncle Will's garden.
April 23, Wednesday	8 hrs. with truck on roads and bridges hauling 12 loads from Sampson pit onto S.S. road. 4 of us hauled 47 loads. Nan and Patsy came up along with Mervyn to the Turner woods and went with me after grain. Check from town for last week not including snow fence \$34.00.

April 24, Thursday	Rainy - cleared before dinner. Didn't get up very early. Drawshaved a few fence- rails this A.M. As soon as dinner I hauled two bags of super onto Indian Point clearing and spread it, and two in the big pasture back of the barn between the pasture gate and the big shade spruces. Then I took eleven bags in the truck, spread six of them on the Indian Point clearing and five on the newly laid down piece back of the ledges. Filled out my selective service questionnaire tonight.
April 25, Friday	8 hrs. with truck on roads and bridges hauling 14 loads from Hooper place onto N.S. road. 4 of us hauled 58 loads. Brought a battery home from Wayside when I came from work to put in the Ford. Took Nan up to Aunt Kath's birthday surprise party. Patsy and I spent the evening with Father.
April 26, Saturday	8 hrs. with truck on roads and bridges. 12 loads from Hooper pit onto North Shore road. Went down to Father's after work to get Nan and Patsy. They went up with Earl this morning so Nan could do up her curtains. 4 of us hauled 57 loads. Pd. Wayside Service on acc't \$15.00. Gussie and Les Ladd were fooling before work this morning, and Les tore one of his ribs from his breast bone. He had to go to Vinalhaven to have an x-ray taken.
April 27, Sunday	Rain storm. Have done chores, helped in the house, and helped make out an order to Sears.
April 28, Monday	Nice day but the road was too wet to haul over. Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Came home, furrowed out what I had plowed of the shop piece, and also furrowed Uncle Will's garden. Planted 2 rows of Early Morn, 1 row of Lowe's Champion, 2 rows corn, and 1/2 row each of spinach and lettuce.
April 29, Tuesday	8 hrs. with truck hauling on North Shore road and Crabtree point road. Got Olive G. to take care of Patsy tonight while we went out to Waterman's camp to an anniversary supper and Pinochle party for Mary and Owen. Bob and Nora gave the supper — rump steak broiled and all the fixings. Boy was it good.
April 30, Wednesday	8 hrs. with truck on road. Hauled from Hooper pit to Crabtree's point. Planted a row of beets and a row of carrots after work.
May 1, Thursday	8 hrs. with the truck hauling from Hooper pit to Crabtree's point beyond Sid Maker house. Harrowed part of new potato patch after work.
May 2, Friday	Rainy part of the A.M. Cleaned out the calf pen and dismantled it this A.M. so I could pitch the hay from the mew under the beam into the barn floor. Put the plow onto the tractor and plowed all the old potato patch and what hadn't been sowed down to the eastward of it.
May 3, Saturday	8 hrs. with truck hauling from Hooper pit to Crabtree's point beyond Sid Maker place, and from George Young turn around to H.O. Grant's.
May 4, Sunday	Spent the A.M. hauling the pig house from the big yard beyond Carver's in here just back of this house and made a small yard for the pigs as it would be so much easier tending them while they are small. Spent the P.M. logging with Uncle Will on the beaches of Burnt Island, Calderwood's Island, and Stimpson's Island. Also got a nice log from the head of Fostie Duncan's cove. We were just taking our baths and making ready for bed when Harvey and Shirley arrived.

May 5, Monday	8 hrs. with truck on Lewis' hill hauling material out of ditches. Ben's truck worked too. Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Our 3 pigs came tonight from Alvin Rhodes, Union, Me. They look very good and cost with freight \$17.50.
May 6, Tuesday	8 hrs. with truck on Zimmerman's hill hauling material out of ditches. Dumped it below Frank Waterman's tunnel.
May 7, Wednesday	8 hrs. with truck on tunnel hill, pulling alders and hauling material out of ditches. Ben's truck worked there too.
May 8, Thursday	8 hrs. with truck on Bank's rd. Started hauling with the others from Thurston's to tunnel hill this morning. Had hauled three loads when Ben placed my truck to haul blown material from the second nubble below Ann Beverage's. Harrowed on potato patch after work.
May 9, Friday	8 hrs. on road with truck. Lovely Day after the fog burned away. Used my truck on the road hauling away the blown material from the first nubble to the southward of Ann Beverage's barn on the Bank's road. Geo. Carver and Foster hauled from Thurston's to the tunnel hill. Nan, Patsy and I went up to Shorty's birthday supper this evening — baked chicken with all the fixings. Boy did it sure rain about the time we got to Shorty's. Quite a little thunder shower. Used the tractor for Ben a little while this A.M. working down the second nubble some. Ordered 100 ready to lay pullets from "Little" in Rockland for June 1 st . \$150.00.
May 10, Saturday	8 hrs. on road with truck. Showery but we worked all day. Used my truck on the road hauling away the blasted ledge from the first nubble this side of Ann Beverage's barn. Geo. B., Sampson and Foster hauled from Thurston's to Frank Waterman's tunnel hill. Nan and Patsy spent the day at Mary Grant's. Nan went to choir rehearsal. Gussie came down to supper with us — baked beans. About 9:00 he and I went over to Frank Waterman's smelting. Nan's sandals that the baby is giving her for Mother's Day came tonight.
May 11, Sunday	Mother's Day. Nan called her mother on the telephone this morning. Went to S.S., then Pat and I went down to Franze's to get some strawberry plants while Nan sang in the choir. Harvey and Shirley were down on a beach party, and when he took a load of wood up town, we road [rode] up with him, rounded up some ice, came home and made ice cream. We had a nice time.
May 12, Monday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Worked in truck hauling blasted material. Worked on nubble beyond Ann Beverage's toward Owen Quinn's. Went to the doctor's after work to get a check-up and help for the tenderness in my throat.
May 13, Tuesday	Worked with truck hauling blasted material. Finished nubble beyond Ann Beverage's and shifted to top of Bank's hill. Finished the day out there.
May 14, Wednesday	Raked rocks. Worked the truck part of the time. Raked the Bank's road, and the west district road from Benson's to beyond Burton's cottage. Fuel pump gave out on truck this P.M. and Neal came down below Benson's to put one on. Mother, Harvey, Father and Shirley were down a little while this evening.
May 15, Thursday	8 hrs. with truck. Started hauling tar sand from Carver's beach onto special resolve road above Frank Waterman's barn. Started just below tunnel. Harrowed the potato patch some more after work.

May 16, Friday	8 hrs. with truck. Hauled tar sand from Carver's beach on to special resolve and on up through Bank's swamp. Don and Cynthia called this evening. Planted row of peas and a row of string beans after work.
May 17, Saturday	Finished sanding Bank's road, and sanded the new piece of State road below Franze's. Up town after work.
May 18, Sunday	Worked all day starting yard fence for Nan. Got the posts all driven, the rails on the western end and started along the front. Harvey and Shirley came down to have a supper lunch with us. He brought ice so we made ice cream.
May 19, Monday	Worked on road - 6 hrs. with truck hauling sand piles on special resolve above Frank Waterman's and on Crabtree hill. Finished at 2:30. Had my truck tail board welded at Frank's. Brought my Irving heifer home from Boss Grant's. Rec'd from "Boss" Grant for use of Irving heifer \$10.00. Pd. Bessie Grant on Irving heifer acc't \$10.00.
May 20, Tuesday	Turned cows into large pasture for first time this P.M. Pd. Von for helping me \$2.00. Went up after Von this morning and we repaired the pasture fence from the butchering place gate to the tide fence by Elmer Hopkins' place. John Crockett came down as soon as dinner and castrated my bull - Jack. Went up to A.W.B.'s when we took Von home to get some potatoes - 4 bu. and a young calf to put on Irving heifer. Cleaned up as soon as we got chores done, and went up to Owen Grant's a little while as it was his birthday. Bob and Nora were there. Owe A.W. Beverage for potatoes and calf \$3.20.
May 21, Wednesday	8 hrs. 8 loads sand from Carver's beach. Sanded in piles on Owen Lermond's road and Church St. down by Calderwood's Hall. Then started at end of tar on R.F.D. road to the north of Ann Beverage's and sanded the road nearly to Ann Beverage's barn. Uncle Will and I furrowed nearly half of the potato patch after work using my tractor and his horse cultivator.
May 22, Thursday	8 hrs. 12 loads sand from Carver's beach to road from valley beyond Ann Beverage's barn to second nubble. Down to doctor's to get a check-up after work. Sherman Cooper and Phyllis Thayer down to supper. Sherman brought down some tenderloin steak and we had a grand supper. Played a game of cards during evening.
May 23, Friday	8 hrs. 12 loads sand from Carver's beach onto to Bank's road. Sanded part way up Bank's hill. Down town to doctor's a minute after work. Only did chores tonight.
May 24, Saturday	Rained early this morning so didn't work on road. Had Von come down to help me move the two hen houses I hauled down this spring. Moved them out onto the pig yard field. Harvey brought Father down clamming this P.M. so Harvey helped us awhile. We went uptown at mail time to contact the farmers on conservation. Von and I got hair cuts at Joel's.
May 25, Sunday	Strong north wind. Planted Nan's rose bushes, cleaned out the pig house and the hen house this A.M. Have worked on conservation papers this P.M. Owen and Mary were down this evening a little while.
May 26, Monday	8 hrs. with truck on tar sand. 12 loads. Got nearly down to Frank's barn. Nan and Patsy washed.

May 27, Tuesday	Rainy. Spent the day clearing out the larger of the hen houses, putting in roosts, dropping boards, and laying nests, etc. Don and Cynthia called this evening.
May 28, Wednesday	6 hrs. for the truck on tar sand. Von drove. Nan and I built the hen yard. Run 300 ft. of wire taking in practically all of that field. Didn't get the gates finished. Showers knocked the road crew off this P.M.
May 29, Thursday	Planted my potatoes. 8 hrs. for the truck on tar sand. Von drove. Cut, dropped, fertilized and covered two bushel. Uncle Will helped me furrow out the rest of the piece as soon as dinner. Planted all but three rows to potatoes. Nan helped me finish when she came back from her picnic with Mary G. and Aunt Kath. Went to Alumni officers meeting at the Thoroughfare school this evening. Nan and Patsy stayed at Mary's.
May 30, Friday	8 hrs. for the truck on tar sand. Von drove for me. Took Nan and Patsy up to the children's parade this A.M. Finished plowing the garden in front of the house this P.M. We rode up to see the cemetery just before dark. Called at Mother's a minute and then on Bob and Nora at their camp.
May 31, Saturday	8 hrs. for the truck on tar sand. Von drove for me. Ray and Ted came down with the team and spreader and spread my manure. We put out 32 loads. Put it in upper field. Up town at mail time so Nan could do an errand at Mrs. Burr's cottage. Gussie came down this evening with his accordion. He does pretty well on it. Pd. Ray by check for day's work including Ted's \$12.00. Pd. Von for driving this week and helping me last Saturday \$12.90.
June 1, Sunday	Bred the "Ayrshire" to Uncle Frank's "Whiteface" this morning. Took the cow up to Herb's as soon as breakfast. Nan and Patsy looked the cemetery over while I was at Herb's. Took the banking paper off the front and back of the house this A.M. Nan, Patsy and I went over to see how the cows are doing on Stimpson's Island. Took a lunch with us and ate it on Foy's float. The cows are looking very good.
June 2, Monday	Started supplying the Winlocks with milk and cream. 8 hrs. with truck hauling tar sand from middle of schoolhouse field to top of hill to the eastard of the old Waterman icehouse. Nan and Patsy washed. Gas line plugged on me four times today. Had the tank drained and cleaned out after work.
June 3, Tuesday	8 hrs. with truck hauling tar sand to southern road from Aunt Lottie's eastern icehouse field to foot of pumping station hill. Went to garage at noon to get an inspection and while there I had a flat tire. Called on Harvey and Shirley in their new rent over Waterman's Store a few minutes when we took the milk up.
June 4, Wednesday	8 hrs. with truck hauling tar sand onto southern road from foot of pumping station gate hill to middle eastern side of hill in Aunt Lottie's field. Rigged up the hen yard gates after work and did some other fubbing. Came home at noon and took Babes' calf up to Hiram's.
June 5, Thursday	8 hrs. with truck hauling tar sand onto west district road. Finished sanding southern road to Turner gate about 10:00 and started to sand pile from Grange Hall corner. Sanded to beyond J.B.C.'s southern pasture gate. Gussie came home with me from work, and hauled hay out to the hen houses while I cleaned out the pig pen, put up more nests in the hen houses and fastened the wire down on the bottom between the posts. Took Gussie home after doing chores.
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June 6, Friday	8 hrs. with truck hauling sand piles on west district road from beyond J.B.C.'s southern pasture gate to top of Red House hill and back to Grange Hall nearly. Down town after work to get our pullets from Little in Rockland. Frank Lypowski brought them over - 100 ready to lay N.H. Reds \$150.00. Gussie helped me. Edna B. and her two children spent the day with Nan and Patsy. Gussie took them home in the Ford when he took the milk & cream up to Winlock.
June 7, Saturday	8 hrs. with truck hauling tar sand to town building. Generator refused to charge today. Came home as soon as work and took Nan and Patsy uptown. Had the Ford inspected at Parker's.
June 8, Sunday	Lovely day. Put new skids under the pig house, and moved them back out to the big yard with Nan's help. Also put higher side boards on the hens' mash hoppers, and put the milk room screens on. Have spent the P.M. catching up on my writing. Helped Nan make out orders to Sears and Wards.
June 9, Monday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Finished hauling tar sand about 10:30. Got Von to come down and help me put new skids under the small hen house in the little pasture and moved it out to the poultry lot for a grain building. Cleaned it out and put my grain containers into it. Up town with milk and cream.
June 10, Tuesday	Planted the three remaining rows on the greensward piece to corn, beans, and squashes this A.M. Harrowed the western millet patch this P.M. The eastern side was pretty stiff going as it had melded in so. Up town with milk and cream.
June 11, Wednesday	Churned for Nan this A.M. before mixing my grass seed and millet and sowing the western millet patch. Over to Frank Waterman's as soon as dinner to get his leveling harrow. Used it behind my tractor with the drag in two to put the witch grass and rocks on. Got the seed harrowed in and started to drag the piece down. Have been to the high school dance at Calderwood's Hall with music by an orchestra from away. It was very good.
June 12, Thursday	Finished ragging the western millet patch this A.M. Harrowed the lower side of the shop piece, and sowed millet on and harrowed, and dragged the upper side of the shop piece this P.M. Up town with milk and cream this evening.
June 13, Friday	Worked in garden all day. Weeded the row of carrots and row of lettuce and spinach, and then used Harvey's cultivator on the whole thing twice. Nan raked up the weeds and I wheeled them off. Uptown with milk this evening.
June 14, Saturday	A beautiful slow rain, and one much needed. Finished drawshaving the fence rails in the shanty this A.M. Had a nap this P.M. and then churned for Nan. Up town at boat time to get mail and shop. Foster and Elsie down this evening. Foster wanted help on his Selective Service Questionnaire. Got a bull calf from A.W.B. on my way home.
June 15, Sunday	Foggy. Did chores and replanted our early corn this A.M. Only part of it came up. Also planted Nan's gladiolis. We went over to the island as soon as dinner to see the livestock. Fished for flounders a little while by Uncle Will's boat when we came back. Caught one. Up to Winlock's with milk after doing chores. Called on Harvey and Shirley a little while.

June 16, Monday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Got Gussie to help me get a load of gravel off Constance's beach to dump over the shoulder of the road where I drove into the pig yard lot. We spent the rest of the day hauling the rest of the manure away from the barn. Had three big truck loads. Spread them on the low land on the left side of the road going to the Hopkins' place. Got through in time to wash the truck at Father's.
June 17, Tuesday	Nan started cleaning up to Burr's. Nina H. is helping her. Pat and I kept house. Furrowed the lower side of the shop piece fertilized all the rows, and worked it in this A.M. Planted 2 rows of beans, 3 rows of corn and beans, 2 rows of peas, and one row of carrots and 1 beets.
June 18, Wednesday	Nan cleaned up to Burr's. Pat and I kept house. Took Buttons and Bell up to Herb's this A.M. to breed them to Whiteface. Did the house work this P.M.
June 19, Thursday	Nan cleaned at Mrs. Burr's. Pat and I kept house. Out in the pasture this A.M. and dug a spring to make a drinking place for the cows. Put a half molasses barrel in it. Did house work this P.M. Had a vomiting spell while doing chores at the barn, and threw up some blood, so had Dr. Shields come down. He said I have ulcers of the stomach and has put me on a diet with orders not to do any lifting.
June 20, Friday	Very hot. Did very little except chores. [drawing of a cat]
June 21, Saturday	Still very hot. Did very little again except chores. Uptown late this P.M. Got a 100# bag of sugar from Perry's - 5.77 without freight.
June 22, Sunday	Did chores, cleaned up and had dinner at Albert Beverage's. Skip is home. We had a nice dinner although my menu was limited. We played croquet this P.M. and had a grand time. Skip came home with us, and we took him home when we took the milk uptown.
June 23, Monday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Finished getting my class alumni cards out this morning and then came home to take Buttons' calf and the Ayrshire calf up to Hiram to have them vealed. As soon as I came back from Hiram's Uncle Will and I went over to Foy's and put the screen doors and screens on. Brindle has calved but I didn't see the calf.
June 24, Tuesday	Nan cleaned up at Burr's. Gussie started driving my truck on the road for me. Hauled from Fred Carver pit onto the R.F.D. road from Zimmerman's turns towards Bill Lobley's. I didn't get much done except house work as I spent the A.M. hunting Turner up to see if he'd care to work for me this summer.
June 25, Wednesday	Nan finished cleaning at Burr's. Didn't do much but housework. First boat load of tar came this A.M. They're hauling it down to John Crockett's field. Killed our last rooster this P.M. to have for supper tomorrow night.
June 26, Thursday	Still no rain. The hay crop is going to be very light. Planted a row of New Zealand spinach and a row of Swiss Chard. Then hoed the first planting of beets, corn, beans, lettuce, spinach, and carrots. Started working the witch grass out of the potatoes this P.M. Skip down to chicken supper. We made ice cream for dessert.
June 27, Friday	Hot. Worked hoeing potato patch. Got returns from the veals I shipped to Adams Chapman. They weighed 262 and I got \$.20 per for them, giving me a clear check of \$44.47.

June 28, Saturday	Hot. Worked in potato patch. Up town this P.M. Word came this morning that Carl Thurston died this morning. It doesn't seem possible. Basil Stinson was found dead in bed this morning. Carl died of a heart attack.
June 29, Sunday	Hot. Uncle Will helped me swim Jack across to Stimpson's Island after we came back from uptown this A.M. We used the power boat and had no trouble. Rested this P.M.
June 30, Monday	[blank]
July 1, Tuesday	[blank]
July 2, Wednesday	[blank]
July 3, Thursday	[blank]
July 4, Friday	Nan and Patsy went to deliver milk with me. Owen, Mary, and Stanley came down ad we went on a picnic dinner on the beach at the eastern end of Stimpson's Island. Boiled lobsters, and had a nice time. They stayed down to supper and Nan and Mary kept house while Owen, Stan and I went to movies. Saw "Buck Private" - just fair.
July 5, Saturday	[blank]
July 6, Sunday	Delivered milk this morning. Didn't get back very early. Was resting this P.M. when Foss and Mrs. Quinn came and stayed a half hour or so. Gussie came just as we were having supper and while we were eating Carl Kelwick came. He is going to work for us this summer — at least for a while \$30.00 per month and found [?]. Gussie took the truck home with him to work on the road tomorrow.
July 7, Monday	Rainy this morning. Took Carl with us this morning and got the garbage at the Inn. Had him scrape and sweep down the tie-up and he did a corking good job. Then we started repairing the little pasture fence.
July 8, Tuesday	Bred Babes to Whiteface. Carl picked over the grain bags at the barn this A.M. This P.M. we repaired the eastern side of the little pasture fence as far as the own road gate and built a good gate there. Gussie came down after supper and took "Babes" up to Herb's. Ann, Franze and Dale were here to supper as Franze came down to pay for the potatoes he had last winter. Gussie brought his accordion along and played awhile.
July 9, Wednesday	Carl went on the milk route with me this morning and then cut both ends of a gate for the barn and brought the rails in from the woods while I was helping wash bottles. Built the gate this P.M. and got it tied in place.
July 10, Thursday	Re-bred Belfast Heifer. Nice Day. Carl hoed the rest of the potatoes, and the corn and beans this A.M. Took Nan and Patsy up to iron when I went with the milk. We finished the big gate at the barn this P.M. Gussie came down from work and took Bell up to Herb's again, also brought my cow and hen grain down from freight shed. He stayed to supper with us.

July 11, Friday	Carle went on the milk with Pat & I this morning. Came home by way of Jesse Brown to get his second hand horse rake. Bought it of Flounce. Pd. her \$10.00 for it. Carl cleaned out the hen houses and put new hay in the boxes and floors. I worked on the rake getting a stub pole ready to put on etc. We went to see a "Jimmie and Dick" program at Calderwood's Hall this evening — benefit of Library. It was quite good. Patsy stayed with Mother.
July 12, Saturday	Showery. Carl went out to Cobb's to rake out the orchard and other places we couldn't get at with the truck and rake. Rain drove him so he came home and went clamming. Nan and Patsy went on milk route with me. Had some drilling done at Frank's on the rear end of the truck frame so I could put on a rake attachment. We worked on the rake this P.M. putting on and bracing a stub pole. Took Nan uptown to the library.
July 13, Sunday	Rainy this A.M. clearing before noon. Delivered milk this morning. Since dinner we have been to Stimpson's Island to see the cows and calf. Brindle calved over there about June $22 - bull$ calf. They are looking nicely. Carl went over with us. Have made ice cream since coming home.
July 14, Monday	Clear — Carl worked in garden while I was delivering milk. As soon as I got back we sprayed the potatoes with Arsonate of Lead. Rigged the rake up on the truck and went out to rake Cobb's hay up this P.M. Nan and Patsy went with us. The rake worked very good. Started to make a hay rack out of the rig I had last summer on my truck when we got back from Cobb's.
July 15, Tuesday	Carl worked on the hay rack while I delivered milk. Nan and Patsy went up to wash. Finished the outfit before dinner, and then hauled two loads of hay from Cobb's this P.M. Put it in the ground mow. Had to go up after the family.
July 16, Wednesday	Carl picked peas while I was uptown. Rigged the mowing machine up on the tractor when I got home. Carl went out to Cobb's as soon as dinner with the hay rack and cleaned up the scatterings. I had just started the tractor to try out the machine when the breaker point spring broke. Had an extra set on hand so as soon as Neal B. got back from Mrs. Freeman Howard's funeral he came down and put them in. Took Carl uptown as soon as chores that he might go to Vinalhaven to see his Father. Carver and Jessie called this evening.
July 17, Thursday	Foggy. Carl got back from Vinalhaven just as I was getting the garbage at the Inn. We ground a scythe before dinner, and a mower knife after dinner. Carl mowed about the house and wood pile, and around the shanty. We went to movies tonight to see Gary Cooper and Madeline Carroll in "Northern Mounted Police." Quite good. Alta took care of Pat.
July 18, Friday	Carl finished hand scything around the shanty, around the pig yard and hen yard, and the thistles and mustard in the little pasture. Raked it up late this P.M. took Gussie's Heifer down to Herb's to breed to Whiteface tonight.
July 19, Saturday	Carl cleaned out the shanty this A.M. and we cleared it up and arranged things this P.M. Gussie was here to dinner as I settled up with him for driving my truck on the road and also for helping me haul out my manure and other odd jobs — paid to date. Had time to finish the yard fence as far as the eastern gate before supper.

July 20, Sunday	Foggy , clearing off nicely this P.M. Helped wash dishes and bottles since dinner. The folks on Stimpson's Island say May calved the 18 th .
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July 23, Wednesday	John Crockett was found dead in bed this morning. Died of heart attack.
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July 31, Thursday	Gussie brought the truck home this morning and worked with Carl in the garden this A.M. Carl and Gussie raked up the western field while I finished mowing the center of it. Hauled in one big load and then while the boys were loading what of the cover was dry enough and raking scatterings I struck out the frog pond piece. We went to movies — "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" — very simple.
August 1, Friday	Went to Stimpson's Island as soon as dinner and hunted all the P.M. for the cattle, but couldn't find them. Gussie had supper with us and then I took him home. Carl swept down the tie-up and put teeth in the drag rakes this A.M. Gussie came down just after we came from the milk so to go the island with us.
August 2, Saturday	Hauled in one load. Carle raked scatterings in the upper field and spread super while I was delivering milk. Spread 5 bags in the upper field, 2 bags on the well field, and one bag on the manure pile. I mowed on the frog pond piece until noon when the tractor stopped and refused to go. Carl spread the hay that was left in the western field. Had Parker come down as soon as dinner and he finally got the Twin going. Carl and I raked up what I had mowed before dinner as it was okay to haul in but we had just time to rush the rest of the clover patch to the barn before the shower struck.
August 3, Sunday	Nan, Patsy and Carl went on the milk route with me. Came home and took the "Gussie" cow up to Herb's. Gussie B. came back with us. Had a shower right after dinner. Carl went clamming and then we all went over to Stimpson's Island to catch Brindle and May, and their calves. Nan and Patsy picked berries over there. We just got the cows and calves caught when Franze came with Goldens' scow. Had no trouble bringing the cattle over except that May fell off the scow just as we were landing. Franze, his mother, Ann and Dale stayed down and had a steamed clam supper with us. Brindle's calf is a corker, would dress over a hundred now.

August 4, Monday	Hauled in two loads. Nice day. Nan and Patsy went on milk with me. Carl worked weeding the corn and beans on the potato patch piece until the dew was off and then started spreading. I finished mowing the frog pond piece before dinner, which completed the mowing on this place. Turned the hay as soon as dinner that Carl spread this A.M. Then bunched it and hauled in two loads. Have it all in but the frog pond piece. At a special town meeting tonight Phil Brown was elected first selectman to take J.B.C.'s place. Looked out on the water as we came from the barn this morning and there was Jack and Jill swimming home from Stimpson's.
August 5, Tuesday	Hauled in one load. Nice day with a shower this P.M. Carl picked a half bushel of yellow beans for Nellie B. and raked the scattering on the western field before I got home. Nan and Patsy up to wash. We had an early dinner and went up to Marsh Cove to paint Owen Quinn's scow. Got home about two, hauled in the western scatterings, raked up the frog pond piece, and hauled that in but didn't get it pitched off. Mrs. King left a cute little doll in the milk box for Pat, and Jane T. sent her a toy wrist watch.
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August 7, Thursday	[blank]
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August 11, Monday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Carl raked scatterings at Frank's. Helped him finish when I got back, and then we came home and pitched off a load before dinner. Brought home and unloaded the scatterings this P.M. and while Carl weeded in the garden I washed bottles.
August 12, Tuesday	Rainy this morning. Carl went over to the Stone Cove shore and repaired the place where Brindle got through yesterday P.M. and cleaned up the storeroom while Pat and I were uptown. As soon as dinner Uncle Will went up to Marsh Cove with us to tow the scow down. Am moving it in the shanty cove. Ground a mowing machine knife after getting back.
August 13, Wednesday	Cold. Carl repaired pasture fence from butchering place gate to Stone's Cove while I was delivering milk. Got the tractor and mowing machine ready to drive over to Fostie's place as soon as dinner. Carl worked in the pasture this P.M. cutting alders and small trees between the pasture gate and Carver's place. I mowed three and 3/4 hrs. at Fostie's. Nan and Patsy came over with a little lunch about four. We took the tractor canvas over after chores to cover the tractor and then rode up the North Shore road and home the middle.

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August 22, Friday	Nan and Patsy spent the day at Sal's. As soon as dinner Carl and I went up to Geo. Beverage's to get the town drag, and started dragging the boulders down over the steep westly bank. Got the upper field pretty much cleaned up. Went up after Nan about 5:00. Carl went over the fields filling in the rock holes as best he could this A.M.
August 23, Saturday	Carl dug out or around two or more boulders in the western field this A.M. and this P.M. We finished dragging them over the bank by working until after five. Took Jill up to Herb's after doing chores. Bred Jill to Uncle Frank's Whiteface. Jill is Whiteface's daughter by Brindle in June 1940. Paid Carl off tonight as he's leaving tomorrow to go to Springfield soon to get a job. \$55.00.
August 24, Sunday	Nice Day. Nan and Patsy went on milk route with me. Carl headed for Vinalhaven this A.M. Have helped Nan wash the bottles and dishes this P.M.
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Sept. 11, Thursday	Nan and Patsy went on milk route with me. Pd. Ray \$1.50 for 2 frd. qtr's of lamb I got of him yesterday. Picked Nellie B. a bushel of spinach this P.M. and also a peck each for Mrs. Harromer and Mrs. Winlock. Also pounded away some at the ledge in front of the barn, trying to get the corner off it as it bothers so about backing in the barn. Annie O'Donnell and Gramma Ada Rogers called this P.M. and stayed to supper. Gram Ada made a fruit cake for Nan. Pat stayed with Mother while Nan and I went to see "The Parson of Paniment." It was very good.
Sept. 12, Friday	Nice norther. 8 hrs. on road with truck by Gussie - 3 rd class. Pat went on milk route with me. Started digging my potatoes this P.M. Got seven bushel off of two rows. I'm afraid they're going to rot some. Milton Ames was down this evening to get help on his Selective Service Form. Edith came with him.
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Oct. 5, Sunday	Spent the entire day trying to get ready to pull out tomorrow. It seems there are countless things to do the last minute. Stored things in the shanty, covered all our preserves in paper, took our eggs over to Carver as he is taking Babes for me, and tending the native milk customers, also tending the hens and egg market, and feeding the pigs. Gussie was coming down in the truck as soon as dinner to haul the Ayrshire up to Irn [sic] Whitmore's, but the truck wouldn't start so we hauled her in the trailer behind the Ford. This may be our last night home for some little time.
Oct. 6, Monday	Left home at 7:00 this morning so to have time to take some milk and things down to Mother. Left our Ford with Parker to overhaul. Pat was seasick on the boat although it wasn't very rough. Did several chores in Rockland and took the 2:10 train out for Boston. Had a nice trip up - had to change trains at Portland. Mr. Smith met a with his car at the north station and took us right out to Aunt Viola's. Mr. Smith is her second door neighbor. Have to get up in the morning to go into Boston along with Mr. Smith.
Oct. 7, Tuesday	Got up early enough to go into Boston at the same time Mr. Smith went in his car. Made my appointment at the Lahey Clinic and had an examination by two doctors. Found my way back to Aunt Viola's by train and bus. Got home about noon. Rested this P.M. Was not to eat, drink or smoke after midnight.
Oct. 8, Wednesday	Went in to the Clinic again this morning along with Mr. Smith at 8:00. Had three saltines and a glass of warm water to eat the first thing, then had a sample of my urine taken, a sample of blood drawn from my arm, and a drop taken for a blood count, then some of the crackers taken from my stomach to check on. Then had several x-rays taken of the stomach. Got home by trolley and bus. Had to eat a supper of sweetened fruit juices and then drink several glasses of sweetened juices during the evening. Also had to take a large dose of laxative and have an enema before going to bed. Kept Uncle Walter's toilet very busy.
Oct. 9, Thursday	Up in time to go into Boston along with Mr. Smith. Had an enema before leaving for town. Had x-rays taken of the gall bladder, full and empty and then pictures of the colon - full and empty. Waited around until 3:00 P.M. to get my report from Dr. Mcdonough. He said there was not the least sign of an ulcer or any other growth. That the whole trouble was due to the nerves of my stomach being under emotional stress which hinders the digestion of foods, and delays the opening of the valve in the lower part of the stomach. The whole check up and x-rays cost me \$40.00. Got home on the cars about 5:30. Nan and I went over to Smith's to make a couple phone calls. I wanted to let Mother know how the check-up came out. Nan and Mrs. Smith rode into town along with us this morning and made a shopping tour of the town. She also visited Station WEEI.

Oct. 10, Friday	[today's birthday] Tryphosia Kimball Calderwood - my mother. It rains today. Have
	spent the A.M. writing to Mother, Uncle Will, and Dr. Shields $-$ the P.M. reading and taking a bath.
Oct. 11, Saturday	Lovely Day. Left Aunt Viola's about 9:00 A.M. Took the bus to Quincy and waited there until 9:50 for the Greyhound bus for New York. Had a nice trip down. Got off the bus at Port Chester, and took the bus from there to White Plains. Took another to Tarrytown, and still another to Irvington. Fred and Minnie met us just as we got off the Irvington bus. Fare on the Greyhound cost us \$7.80. Fare on the White Plains bus \$.75 per and the same on the Tarrytown. Ten cents on the Irvington bus. Uncle Walter saw us off in Quincy.
Oct. 12, Sunday	Nice Day. Rested some from our trip yesterday. Harry took us over to Woodlands Park this A.M. to see the ducks on the pond. Minnie, Fred and their family were over to call this P.M. Sam and Peggy came in this evening.
Oct. 13, Monday	Nice day. Harry and I took pat and Charlie around this A.M. — over to Tarrytown and to Woodland Park. This P.M. Nan and I went for a long walk down by Randall's estate and around. Fred Whipple came for us about five and we went over to Fred's and Minnie's to supper. Mrs. G. and Ada went too. Had a very nice supper. Then we were taken down to see Sam and Peggy in Hastings. Got home about 12:00.
Oct. 14, Tuesday	Fair most of the day with slight showers this P.M. Nan, Patsy, Charlie & I went on a walk up to see Betty Jones this A.M. Bob brought us home at noon. After dinner Harry took me down to Randall's to see one of Sears Roebuck's 4 wheel Handiman tractor. I believe the outfit would do quite a lot of work, but the forward axle assembly seems pretty light. Then Nan and I rode to Yonkers and back with Harry. Walked home from Irvington village.
Oct. 15, Wednesday	Fair this A.M. Started to rain this P.M. and kept it up all evening. Connie had the P.M. off so she took Nan and I in to New York City. Drove as far as Van Cortlandt Park in her car and then took the Subway. Went to Radio City Theatre to see Deanna Durbin in "It Started with Eve." A good picture. The stage orchestra and lighting effects were most impressive. Was some disappointed in the height of the buildings. Went to another theatre to see Fred McMurray and Errol Flynn in "Dive Bombers." A grand picture.
Oct. 16, Thursday	Nice day. Harry took us over to Woodlands to see Ethel this A.M. Also took us over to White Plains this P.M. so Nan and Mrs. Gilchrist could do some shopping. Nan, Patsy and I up to have supper with Bob and Betty. We sure had a grand time a delicious beef steak supper. They are taking us to Greyhound White Plains to get the bus for Boston tomorrow night. Left us home about 10:30.
Oct. 17, Friday	Nan washed and ironed some this A.M. Went to Tarrytown with Harry this P.M. Went across the ferry to Nyack and back just for fun. The family saw us over to White Plains to take the bus tonight at 9:30. The bus is loaded so we have to take the rear seat.
Oct. 18, Saturday	Arrived in Boston just after five. Clara and Jane came in for us about 8:00. It was a long, hard ride last night. They told us on our way out to Marblehead that Franklin and his "lady-love" were visiting them. Clara and Jane had a very nice house, and were certainly nice to us. Took us on a ride this P.M. around Marblehead and Salem. Saw Hawthorne's House of Seven Gables." Start for Rockland tomorrow morning.

Oct. 19, Sunday	Clara and Jane brought us in to Boston to take the 9:30 bus for Rockland. It has been a lovely day and the ride was the best of any we've taken. The roadside stands were nice to look at. Arrived in Rockland about 4:00. Hired a room at the Stanley House the same room we had the night we were married. We hit the hay early tonight.
Oct. 20, Monday	It seems nice to be back in Maine again. Called on Ralph at the farm bureau this morning. He was not so very busy, so he took us up to Hope that I might see the small size John Deere tractor that his neighbor Allen has. He says it works nicely, and it sure seems like a nice outfit. Had a nice smooth trip home on the boat, but she sure is dirty. Parker met us at the boat and brought us home as he didn't have the Ford done. Home looks like a million dollars to us tonight, and are we tired.
Oct. 21, Tuesday	Went over to Burke's this morning and got the truck out of the barn. Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Up to Parker's garage all A.M. Started to do a little checking this P.M. but didn't make much headway.
Oct. 22, Wednesday	Parker brought the Ford home right after dinner. Gussie was here and he and Patsy rode back with me to take Parker uptown.
Oct. 23, Thursday	Went to Vinalhaven taking the Ford across to do conservation check-up work and to take orders for Super. Nan and Patsy went down with me. Mr. Pears rode around with us and we had dinner with him. We bought \$10.00 worth of canned goods at the A and P store.
Oct. 24, Friday	Delivered our eggs this P.M. Got my gunning license and duck stamp. Saw Gussie up town and he wants to go gunning in the morning. Came home with us, and went up to his home in the Ford so he could get here early in the morning.
Oct. 25, Saturday	Nice day, but breezed up some. Up at 4:15. Had my chores done when Gussie came, and was waiting for him. We set first down on the back side of Calderwood's but the birds wouldn't toller so we shifted up to Big Green as Jonny [sic] Waterman and Victor Walker were on Little Green. We got six on Big Green and eight more on Little Green after they left. They had shot twenty four during the forenoon. We skinned and cleaned the fourteen this P.M. I gave two to Olive and Bill.
Oct. 26, Sunday	Went over to Stimpson's to see the cattle this A.M. Gussie came down and went over with us. The cattle were okay and in fine shape. May's calf is nearly as large as Brindle's. Prudy, Sal and Rosanne down to supper with us. Hauled the double-ender up from the shore with the Ford and Gussie helped me load it on the truck as I want to take it up to Father's to have some repair work done on it as it leaks badly.
Oct. 27, Monday	Took Nan and Patsy sup to wash. Left he double-ender at Father's. I stayed up, cleaned it out and painted it on the inside.
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Nov. 6, Thursday	I helped haul Uncle Will's power boat, lobster car and double-ender up. Used the truck as power. Also hauled his dory, and then hauled a load of pot buoys to the shop.
Nov. 7, Friday	Rainy. Picked nine hens in the Shanty. Had a fire in there for the first time this fall. Was so late getting started that I had to dress them this evening by lantern light.
Nov. 8, Saturday	Victor Walker and I went gunning on Little Green Ledge. Got eight during the forenoon. He had dinner with us. Gussie had come down during the forenoon so he ate with us too. Did as many of my chores as possible before going up town to deliver hens and eggs.
Nov. 9, Sunday	Went to S.S. Came home to dinner and then went for a ride. Walked into Mrs. Pease's place looking around the house and buildings and then continued on down to Hallowell's and Crocker's. Walked out onto the point where Penny Hallowell had his house built. Called on Lawrence and Alice on our way home. Then they and Austin came down and had supper with us.
Nov. 10, Monday	Took Nan and Pat up to wash. Called at Ken Mills' to see him about doing some work on the barn for me. Had dinner at Sal's with the rest and then came home and spent the whole P.M. clearing up the conservation papers and orders so I could mail them tonight when I went up after the family.
Nov. 11, Tuesday	Gussie came down. We cleaned up the sods on the road from Carver's turn to Uncle Will's house where Ben cut them out with the tractor. Put some of them as banking around the end of the house by Uncle Will's sink drain and the rest below his well to fill up a steep place. Cleared a chance to back onto his beach as soon as dinner and hauled up four loads of gravel to spread on his road. Uncle Will is paying Gussie.
Nov. 12, Wednesday	Got my tractor going this morning. Had a stuck exhaust valve on the forward cylinder, so had trouble getting it to go. Gussie came down and cleaned the beets and turnips out of the garden. Gave him a bushel of beets and few turnips for doing it. Got the whole of the shop piece plowed. It is getting much colder tonight. They are having a reception at the church for the new minister tonight.
Nov. 13, Thursday	Gussie and I spent the day hauling gravel from Uncle Will's beach onto his road. Hauled several loads and three load of traps to the shop. Covered the road in good shape from his house to Carver's driveway. Nellie B. was down to spend the day with Nan. I guess she had a good time. Took her uptown about 4:30. Uncle Will paid Gussie.

Nov. 14, Friday	Nice day but I spent the day in the shanty picking ten hens. Didn't get the last two pinfeathered as the seventh one was so pinfeathery that I was over an hour picking it. We three went up to the Grange Hall tonight to see the primary school play. The high school furnished their Victrola for a dance afterwards.
Nov. 15, Saturday	Spent the A.M. dressing the hens I picked yesterday. Had time after dinner to plow Uncle Will's piece above the ledge. Delivered the fowl and eggs before mail time. Only had four dozen to deliver this week. Owen and Mary were down to supper and spent the evening. We had a nice time.
Nov. 16, Sunday	A lovely warm day. We went to Sunday School this A.M. 78 present. Came home, and went right over to Stimpson's to see the cattle. They are doing okay but I must get them home soon. Jill is a beautiful animal, having grown remarkably this summer. Have written to Ralph Wentworth, Bob and Betty Jones, and Charles Baird. We enclosed a dollar bill to Charles as a Christmas present.
Nov. 17, Monday	Took Nan up to wash. Pat came back with me and we cut banking brush out in the western field. Cut two of the clumps of trees on the right hand side of the road going to Hopkins. Put in three tiers of wood in the shed while Pat was asleep this P.M.
Nov. 18, Tuesday	Spent the day plowing. Plowed the potato patch and about 25 ft. of green sward onto the eastern side of it. Finished in time this P.M. to break open the piece of green sward above our well. Plowed four round trips. It will be about a third of an acre when I get it plowed.
Nov. 19, Wednesday	Mary G. down to spend the day with Nan. Shortened Nan's new winter coat. I spent the whole day plowing on the piece of green sward above our well. Had about a ten foot strip left unplowed in the middle tonight. Owen and Stan came down after Mary and stayed to supper. He came back after taking them home as he is staying here tonight so we can go gunning in the morning.
Nov. 20, Thursday	Thanksgiving. Owen and I were up at 4:15 and had our tollers set off of Big Green long before day light. Had meant to set on Little Green but Mervyn and Phip were ahead of us. We only got two birds — a devil-diver and a grey coot. Owen shot both of them as he had never been on a ledge gunning before. We came in a little after eight. Had a lunch and then I did my chores. Cleaned up and rested the rest of the day. Nan's shoes finally came tonight but one pair was poorly made and the other pair was too large.
Nov. 21, Friday	Started out to be a nice day but breezed up some. Got Gussie and Carver to help me ferry the cattle across from the island. Carver used his power boat. We brought May and the two calves the first trip and I thought we'd lose them before we got across as it was so choppy. Brought one at a time after that. Gussie cow, Buttons, Jill and Jack. Gussie and Carver had dinner with us. Picked and addressed a fowl for Olive G. this P.M. Have nine head of stock in the barn now. The Gussie cow was racing today so I'm out of luck with her.
Nov. 22, Saturday	Dr. Raleigh down today. Worked about six hours on the barn. He is fitting the windows into the big barn doors trying to get them tight. Got one all done and started on the others. Used my spare time to shingle out the place under the store room window where there had been no shingles since we came down here. Delivered our eggs after doing chores, as we had supper and spent the evening at Owen's and Mary's. They had a nice supper for us.

Nov. 23, Sunday We went to S.S. 80 present. Something like \$3.54 collection. Junior and Richard were there from the U. of M. This is a cold rainy day. As soon as dinner 1 went out and put the cows into the barn. Pat is sleeping this P.M. and Nan is writing. Nov. 24, Monday Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Ken worked alone on the barn as 1 had to contact the North Haven farmers on this farmer's defense program. Came home at noon to get Ken some dinner. Contacted all but four of the farmers. Kept house this evening while Nan went over to Nina's to a supper. William brought some of the women down in Prudy's car and when he was coming back to spend the evening and pulled him out. Used a snatch block on Prudy's car. Nov. 25, Tuesday Ken came down. We worked on the tie-up windows. Tore out the first two and while Ken made the stools and frames I cleaned around on the outside hooking out the shingles and nalls. The eastern window in the big doors was in such hard shape that it took Ken nearly all day yesterday to repair and replace it in the opening right. We went up to Owen and Mary's to supper again tonight as they were having venison. Owen and I went down to Joe's 1 bog et our hair cut this evening. Nov. 26, Ken came down. Got the second and third windows done and the fourth one torn out. I had to go to Vinalhaven on this farmer's defense program. Got Arthur Pears to meet the Ferry landing and he took me around. Called on G. Geary, Sukeforth, Fred Jones, Carl Ames and several others. Had dinner at Pears. Took Nan up to Nellie's to a supper and to spend the evening. Gustic care, so this shay with Pat while I went up after Nan. Then I took him home. Nov. 27, Thursday Father and Mother came down along with Ken to spend the evening. Guste care, so the stay with Pat while I		
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Dec. 2, Tuesday	Started feeding hay to the cows this morning. Shall keep them out of the field from now on. Rainy this morning, clearing this P.M. We were late getting up so didn't do much but chores this A.M. got the truck going as soon as dinner and took the "Gussie Cow" up to the Waterman farm for Ray and brought back the Sukeforth heifer I traded with him for. He gave me \$15.00 to boot. She is a Guernsey - will be 2 yrs. old in Feb. and due to calve about the first of June. Went back uptown after the mail. Nan's anniversary and birthday shoes came and they look and fit very nice. Smooth brown calfskin with cobra heels.
Dec. 3, Wednesday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash but the clothes didn't dry. Ken came back down with me and we put gutters, galvanized ones on the house front and back. Owen and Mary called saying they were coming down this evening and when they came Bob and Nora came making a surprise party. They brought scallops, crackers, butter, popcorn, and what not and we had scallop stew during the evening. Had a lively game of Pinochle. They also brought a nice anniversary cake and gave us six glass goblets as a present.
Dec. 4, Thursday	My wife's birthday and our anniversary. Mother had a surprise party for Nan at Sal's after prayer meeting. Pat and I stayed with men while Nan and Mary went to prayer meeting. Plowed 3/4 of an hour this P.M. on the green sward piece. Got most of it harrowed in where round trip would finish it. Spent the A.M. hauling super phosphate. Got Ken to help me haul it. Hauled 25 bags to Lew Foss and 28 bags to Dalon Brown's. Put Dalon's in Owen Quinn's barn. Then loaded mine (34 bags) on and got the big window and frame for the barn out of the freight shed and put them on too. Had dinner at Ken's and then he came right down with me. I took Nan and Patsy up to iron, came back and Ken and I made ready to tear out for the large window, but discovered that Hobbs had made the outfit too large. He made the sash the size we wanted the frame to be. We called Hobbs and he said for us to cut the frame down to fit our opening, send the sash back and he'd make up a new one for me. As it would take so long to make the exchange I've decided to make this one do by enlarging the opening to fit the frame which means taking two inches out of the plate.
Dec. 5, Friday	Ken came down. Foggy but calm. While he tore out over the big doors I ground my double-bitted axe. As soon as Ken was ready we started cutting out of the plate and out of both uprights. 1 1/2 inches out of each upright and 1 1/2 inches out of the plate. Got the opening made, the frame in and nailed and the sash fitted by 4:15. Had two tickets to the high school supper and dance in the K. of P. Hall but we didn't go as we were too tired.

Dec. 6, Saturday	Ken down. We worked all day on the barn even though it was raining by spells. Put battens around the big windows inside and also hooked it in two places. Beveled the drip board and fastened it in place on the outside of the long stool. Built out the up and down finish that the doors rest against when closed putting in some new. Beveled the plank which the bottom of the doors shut against and nailed that in place. Also enlarged the opening from the barn floor into the storeroom making it wide enough to drive my tractor through. Up town to deliver eggs about mail time.
Dec. 7, Sunday	Went to Sunday School -72 present. 16 in our class I think. Came home as soon as S.S. gathering some red berries and fir on the way. Nan is making decorations for the windows this P.M. Gussie and Mike Dyer called this P.M., also Bob and Nora. Owen and Mary came down tonight to take Nan to church. They stopped a little while when they brought her home. Japan jumped on our possessions in the Pacific this morning bombing Pearl Harbor at Hawaii and also some of our other islands. Without question we're in the mess now. God grant that we may be in the right.
Dec. 8, Monday	The Japs bombed the Philippines today. Clarks Island Field and Nichols Field among the places struck. The President officially declared War on the Japanese Empire at 4:15 P.M. England had declared war an hour or so earlier. Most of the countries of South America are also in the war. Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Ken came down long with me. He put finish on the storeroom and tie-up doors, put a double zinc over the storeroom door, and several other things. I primed the big window and the frame, shingled the open places at the lower ends of big doors on each side, and shingled the western end along the finish board Ken put on.
Dec. 9, Tuesday	Ken came down. We finished at the barn in short order this morning and then started on the north end of the house. Tore the asphalt roofing off, put on black asphalt paper and started shingling. Got up 5 or six courses with red cedar. Only tore off the asphalt roofing to below the windows. Had a heck of a job hooking the nails from under the finish boards.
Dec. 10, Wednesday	Pretty cold and disagreeable. Ken didn't get here until about 10:30. We put up a wind break on the end of the house and carried the shingles part way up the windows. Up town at mail time.
Dec. 11, Thursday	Very cold and windy. Ken didn't come down. Went into the woods this P.M. after getting chores done. Cut over by the oak tree where Uncle Will has been cutting alders. Yoked Jack and Jill up this P.M. using the same yoke and bows that I used on them last spring which were of course too small. They nearly run away with me two or three times. Hooked them onto a twelve foot stick which I had left when I cut banking brush, and when Jack straightened out on it, he broke his bow. Had difficulty getting them home. Up town this evening to an aerial observers meeting. Nan and Patsy stayed at Mother's and then while Patsy stayed with Mother, Nan and I had a visit with Ken and Net a little while.
Dec. 12, Friday	Real cold and raw. N.W. wind. Ken came down. It was too cold to work on the end of the house so I had him cut a lock into the kitchen storm door as we have been using it with only a hook and eye for nearly two years. We went uptown in Ken's car to get the door I bought of Prudy and some two inch strips at Brown's. Put a false casing around the kitchen storm door as it was thicker than the finish. Then we started fitting the Prudy door into the hallway. Got the back cut in any the door fitted but no butts on.
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Dec. 13, Saturday	Northeast wind with slight snow squalls. Ken came down and we started right in on the end of the house putting the stage up and ripping off the old paper. Had it all cleaned off and repapered at eleven. Had a heck of a job getting the old paper and nails from under the cover boards and window casing. Succeeded in getting shingles up to the top of the windows so that now we can have clear sailing to the peak. Went up town in time to get the mail and deliver eggs. Only had 3 dozen to deliver. Bill Gregory called a little while when he came for the milk.
Dec. 14, Sunday	Heavy rain and wind all last night and this morning. As the ground was frozen, a good part of the rain run off. We went to S.S. by rushing considerably. There were only 56 present. Made ice cream in our little freezer after coming home. Have gone over the letters on my desk this P.M., discarding all the useless stuff. V.L. Beverage brought Uncle Frank Beverage down to see the livestock this P.M. Nan has written to Aunt Viola this afternoon. Owen and Mary down after church this evening to ice cream.
Dec. 15, Monday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Ken came back with me and we finished shingling up the end of the house and got the staging taken down before dinner. This P.M. Ken finished hanging the hall door while I washed dishes did barn chores etc. Bill and Olive in a little while this evening. This was a mighty disagreeable cold windy day.
Dec. 16, Tuesday	Ken down. He put the back into the front storm door and cased around it while I cleaned up around the end of the house. This P.M. we put hooks on the big doors at the barn, and started fitting a slide door between the storeroom and barn floor. Got it nearly done. Meant to work on Christmas cards tonight but relaxed a little while on the couch and that finished me.
Dec. 17, Wednesday	Nice day. Went uptown about 10:00 to get grain at the freight shed using the Ford and trailer. When we were ready to come home, the Ford was skipping so that I stopped at Frank's to have it remedied. He cleaned the plugs, putting in one new one, a new distributor housing and a rotor button, and thought she was okay, but I hadn't got clear home before she started acting up again. Brought a load of brush from beyond the hill in the trailer and banked the end and front of the house this P.M.
Dec. 18, Thursday	Nice Day. Repaired the back side of the Shanty roof this A.M. using the angle sawed shingles from the rake on the end of the house. Brought in a trailer load of brush from beyond the hill before taking Nan uptown. Took Nan up to Mary G.'s to a progressive tea this P.M. Pat stayed with me at Wayside Service while they were endeavoring to get skip out of the Ford. Frank finally discovered a base wire under the breaker point.
Dec. 19, Friday	[drawing of an animal]
Dec. 20, Saturday	First real snow storm of the season. It was snowing when I got up this morning and made snow real fast all the forenoon. Gussie came down and we used Jack on the scoot I made last year to haul some rocks out to the butchering place to build up and enlarge the fireplace. We got it done just before dinner. Picked Uncle Will's eyes. Took Nan up to Bertha Mills' as soon as dinner to get a permanent. Gussie & Pat and I kept house. The snow plow came down this P.M. We went up after Nan at 5:00. It is getting much colder tonight.

Dec. 21, Sunday	Real cold. Zero this morning and held cold all day. Didn't go to Sunday School. Spent the day wrapping packages and writing Christmas Cards. Up to Owen's and Mary's to a surprise supper for Nora Waterman. Mother, Fostie Duncan, Henry D., Bob, Nora and Phyllis there. Aunt Elsie kept house with Pat while we all went to the pageant at the church. Owen had to tow our Ford to start it.
Dec. 22, Monday	Took Nan and Patsy up to wash. Gussie came down with me and we spent practically all the day getting ready to kill pigs tomorrow. Used Jack on the scoot I made last winter to haul barrels, tackles, ropes, water, etc. Also cut a scoot load of dry cat spruce limbs and hauled them to the fireplace. Killed two hens, picked and dressed them this P.M. One for Mother and one for Frank Sampson.
Dec. 23, Tuesday	Up early this morning. Had the fireplace going at 8:05 and the water was ready to boil at 8:45. Ray and Gussie came with Gussie's pig about 9:20. We had nice luck with the four, having them ready to pen up at 12:15. Used Jack to haul the pigs from the yard to the butchering place, and also to haul them back to the shanty tonight. Gussie stayed down to help me. Took him home about 7:00.
Dec. 24, Wednesday	Fair this A.M., starting to rain this P.M. Gussie came down along with Earl and helped me quarter and load my pigs. Also went with me to deliver. Delivered all but one forward quarter. Did chores up early so we could go to the Christmas Tree exercises at the church. Boy, has it rained pouring this evening. Harvey was Santa Claus. Not as large a crowd as usual on account of the rain. Killed a hen at noon time for us tomorrow. Paid Ray \$4.00 for killing the pigs. My three pigs weighed 278, 263 and 237. Gussie's weighed 126.
Dec. 25, Thursday	Merry Christmas to All. Pat had her stocking in bed and then we opened our presents before breakfast. We were all treated nicely. The watch chain with knife attached from Nan and Patsy was my best present. Also had three nice neckties, a diary, two prs. socks, a box of home made fudge; also a large cribbage board with Nan. The board is large enough so that it has a drawer for cards in it. We had a nice dinner at Father and Mother's. Lottie came home from Portland. Harvey, Shirley, Mother and Lottie came down this evening to see our presents.
Dec. 26, Friday	Nice day. Used the truck this morning to haul up the scow, also put the brush along the back of the house that I left in the trailer the other day. Went over back of the hill towards Hopkins with the Ford and trailer this P.M. to get more brush. Loaded the trailer and then couldn't get back up the hill. Had to leave the trailer finally. Went back over with a hoe and filled in the ruts I made. Milton B. called while I was over there. Pat and I stayed at Father' this evening while Nan went to Sal's birthday party at Burgesses.
Dec. 27, Saturday	Rigged up sheer poles to turn the scow over with this morning. Broke one of the first set, so used two of Uncle Will's that he had cut for hauling in poles. Carver and he helped me on the tackle. Had just finished dinner when Rev. Johns called. Cleaned up the tackles and other ropes this P.M., watered up the stock, and then went uptown to deliver our eggs. Only had 2 dozen and 8.

Dec. 28, Sunday	79 at S.S. As the ground was frozen a little this morning, I went over back the hill to bring the trailer load of brush home but the Ford spun so easily that I couldn't get the car home even without the trailer hooked on. Got Uncle Will to drive the Ford while I pulled with Jack on ahead which brought the Ford up on solid ground. Olive rode up to S.S. with us. We stopped at Nellie's on our way home to see her presents. Owen and Mary down to supper. They took Nan to church and I stayed home with Pat and did dishes.
Dec. 29, Monday	Too stormy looking to go up to wash. We went cruising this A.M. to find a good tree to make a scoot of. Located one across the road from Waterman's Camp. Hewed out the two runners and the four bunks. The runners are just about six by six or a little larger after getting them hewed out. Skip called just before supper to visit a few minutes. He stayed to supper and until nearly nine o'clock.
Dec. 30, Tuesday	Took Nan up to wash. Pat came back with me. Ken came down with me and we made a wood box for the kitchen out of the boards I had left from laying the floors in the house here. It took us all the time we had. I paid Ken in full for his repair work \$32.00. Nan felt pretty miserable when she got home with a sick stomach and headache.
Dec. 31, Wednesday	Worked on my scoot what time I had. Hewed out the bunk toppers or whatever the two pieces are that run forward and aft over the bunks with the bunk fins sticking through them. Also cut the fins this A.M. This P.M. I went over back the hill and got the trailer of brush and put that across the side of the storm entry and milk room. Then spent the rest of the P.M. boring the bunk holes in the sills and filling a few Owen and Mary down this evening. I wish you all a Happy New Year.