

TONNY and ANNIE CALDERWOOD'S DIARY

January 1 to July 25, 1950

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Jan. 1, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Mild and not so cold. We went to S.S. and church and then had dinner at Aunt Ell's. Chicken and all the fixings We then called at the Burgesses a little while. Don and Cynthia called a little while. Early to bed tonight.
Jan. 2, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Not a breeze today, mild and overcast. I washed clothes, not drying very good. Tonny at Garage to get heater fixed on car. Didn't get home until after dark. Heater works nice. We took a little ride after we got chores done.
Jan. 3, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Raining and breezing up all day. Tonny had planned to go down to Islands to get sheep but it was raining too hard by the time they got ready to go. Tonny took car to garage, finished putting heater in, got horn fixed etc. He went up to Hiram's in afternoon to settle their account. I went down town to do some errands, brought Pat home. Up to Alta's "Little Christmas Tree" tonight. Twelve of us there. Pat visited with Sheila and Roseann. Tonny played cards with Frank, Lewis, Ray, Ben & Sherman at the camp.
Jan. 4, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Overcast but pleasant, the sun shines through quite a little, quite a wind blowing, quite warm. I took Pat to school this morning. I let her sleep an hour longer. Tonny went this forenoon and got a load of grain this afternoon he brought the cow home that he bought from Lawrence G. Lewis and Alta here for supper tonight.
Jan. 5, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Continues warm, 50 above this morning. Don and Cynthia went over to the Islands with us to help us drive sheep. We only got five on Stimpson's, got them all very easily on Calderwood's. Harvey came down with this scow and took them over to Frank's for us. Tried to drive the sheep again on Stimpson's when we came back from Calderwood's. Tonny cruised around for an hour and couldn't get them. He was gone so long that I feared he had gotten lost. Our road is in such terrible condition that I didn't dare drive over it to go to Auxiliary. Mary Brown died suddenly tonight.
Jan. 6, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> 32 above this morning, raining a little, turning to sleet. Tonny worked in woods until rain drove him in. Patsy walked out to Merryconeag to meet the bus as the roads are so soft [I was worried] about him driving in.
Jan. 7, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> 28 above this morning. It snowed during the night and again today. We went uptown after dinner, delivered milk to Baird's, Frank Waterman, Lloyd's and Eleanor. Betty Joy down to play with Pat today.
Jan. 8, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> 4 below zero this morning, lots of vapor flying. We didn't go to S.S. or church. Alta said there were nine in church. Elizabeth Bunker and Buddy took charge of the service. Olive and I had Frank come down to take us to the funeral. Tonny stayed with Pat. Tonny walked over to Tumbledown to feed the sheep. The first real hay feeding.

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Jan. 9, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> 10 above this morning. Snowing a little, clearing some during day, a lot of vapor flying. The temperature didn't go above twenty today. Tonny got Lewis and Jimmy Oldroyd to go over to Island and see if they could get the rest of the sheep which they did, also the little calf which surprised them as they thought she would be hard to get. She is quite thin. Harvey came down with his scow and left the calf on Uncle Will's beach and took the sheep over to Frank Waterman's beach where they drove them up to the barn.
Jan. 10, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> 15 above this morning. After chores were done Tonny had to change two tires on the car, one was flat and one was slack. Took them up to garage to fix, put his honney tread tires on the back of the Ford, bought two inner tubes for front tires, fed sheep on way over. I visited at Alta's and sold Avon. Sleeting hard this afternoon, snowed some first.
Jan. 11, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny went up to the Waterman Farm and helped Ray kill his steer. As soon as we had a lunch we went up to Mrs. Pease and got our sheep corralled and down to Tumbledown barn. Also got the lambs out of the big field now we have all the sheep at the barn and feeding them hay. I washed and it blew so hard I had to take my sheets in before they were dry, two of my lines broke to help matters.
Jan. 12, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Baby Ronald Gillis. 14 above. Ray helped Tonny kill his bull this morning and then Tonny helped Ray kill his heifer. Tonny had lunch at Ray's. I went uptown and picked him up at boat time. Jessie and I went to Auxiliary tonight. Pat stayed at Gram's and Tonny played cards at Sherm's. The roads are quite slippery.
Jan. 13, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered his bull as soon as he got it ready. Gus and Garnet had a ride and Lewis had a hind quarter. We are keeping a foreward quarter ourselves. Sleeting this forenoon, turning to rain.
Jan. 14, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny did chores. We started early for uptown as we had to go by way of Albert Beverage's to get some potatoes.
Jan. 15, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> We went to S.S. and church. Tonny took part in the service, read sermon and so forth. The Burgesses came down and had supper with us.
Jan. 16, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Rained hard during night. Tonny went over to other barn and worked there fixing gate and doors and etc. Went in woods a little while taking his tractor in to pull down some trees that were lodged. Gram came down to keep house for us. I went up and got her. We went up to Barbara's and Austin's tonight. Don and Cynthia there.
Jan. 17, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Blowing a gale. Tonny went in woods. Got a nice big trailer load of dry limbs. Hauled them in when he came.
Jan. 18, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Snowed during night, turned to rain this morning. Pat home from school today, got a cold. Tonny worked some on his accounts.
Jan. 19, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat home again today. Tonny worked in woods, hauled in two loads of limbs and so forth. Uptown as soon as he fed sheep to get mail.

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Jan. 20, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> cold all day. I washed, clothes froze solid. Tonny worked in woods what time he had after helping me hang out clothes. He hauled in a load of limbs when he came. I went uptown to get Pat's assignments. Took milk up to Whitmore's, also Lewis.
Jan. 21, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> 4 above this morning. Snowing a little early, clearly to a beautiful sunshiney day. No wind, growing cold again during afternoon. Tonny up to Hiram's, hauled him out of the ditch where he slipped in and then they hauled out of wood. Pat and I uptown. Pat to take her lesson.
Jan. 22, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> We didn't go anywhere today. Tonny worked some on his income tax. Franklyn and Erma called a little while when they came after the milk.
Jan. 23, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Kenneth Gillis 1904. Hard traveling this morning. Overcast, turning to snow during afternoon. Tonny got Frank Waterman to help him saw down Uncle Will's old apple trees. Tonny wanted to get them fitted up today so as to get Shorty to saw them when he saws the other wood tomorrow maybe.
Jan. 24, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Temperature 20, overcast, snowing during afternoon. Shorty, Lawrence & Gus down to saw what dry wood Tonny had corralled. Also sawed up Uncle Will's old apple trees, pretty nasty before they got through.
Jan. 25, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Nasty day, quite a little snow, raining some. Tonny did some desk work after doing chores here. We then went uptown. Tonny cut up Lewis' meat and hauled two loads of grain. I helped Alta on some Auxiliary napkins.
Jan. 26, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Overcast and foggy. We went over to the other barn and rearranged the sheep clearing a little while in the afternoon and again clouding up. I went to Auxiliary tonight. Tonny and Pat spent evening at Frank Beverage's. They played Rook.
Jan. 27, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Around 40 this morning. Overcast this forenoon, clearing during afternoon and turning colder. I washed, got my clothes lovely and dry. It blew quite hard. My clothes _____ quite a lot. Tonny fixed Pat's window. Harry and Sherman here a little while. Tonny cleaned up around woodpile. Then we went up and sawed off two junks off the apple tree stump, making two nice chopping blocks. Tonny also boned out meat.
Jan. 28, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny worked on woodpile, getting it all split up. Started uptown around noon. Fed sheep on way over. Went down to Saw Mill, got nine bags of sawdust and then downtown. Tonny got a haircut. I did shopping. Pat took her lesson and spent the rest of the afternoon and evening. We went to "The Royal Order of the Stinkers." Had a baked ham supper at Aunt Ell's, very good. Went to dance a little while. Barbara and Cuddy played, seemed like a nice crowd there.
Jan. 29, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> We didn't get up very early. Didn't go to S.S. or church. Went to play rehearsal at two at Legion Hall. Called at Shorty's on way home. Invited them down to supper and ice cream.

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Jan. 30, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Overcast, temperature around 45, growing colder all day. Tonny carried a cow to Ray's, then churned for me. Then Tonny went into woods a little and then over to Frank's.
Jan. 31, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat has been sick since three o'clock this morning. Had Dr. for her this afternoon. She didn't have any temp! Don and Cynthia called this forenoon. It has been a nasty day today. Tonny did chores early, went uptown a minute after Ginger Ale for Pat.
Feb. 1, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny did a churning for me this morning and then went in woods. Pat and I walked in to see him a little while. Pat feels better today but didn't go to school.
Feb. 2, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Overcast this morning, snowing hard around ten and away into afternoon, changing to rain. I delivered my Avon products when I got home. I was sick with this up and down trouble. Tonny worked in woods until it got too wet for him.
Feb. 3, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Blowing a gale So West. and some colder this morning. Up to Don's birthday party tonight. Lawrence, Alice, Barbara, Austin and we-uns there. Had a nice time.
Feb. 4, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> I washed. Tonny worked in woods uptown in time for Pat to take her lesson.
Feb. 5, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> We went to church. Mr. Cassius preached very good. Called on Burgesses a minute before coming home.
Feb. 6, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> I cleaned Pat's room and hall closet. Picked up some clothes and packed three boxes to take up to Alta. Tonny worked in woods.
Feb. 7, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> I took down my paper drapes and cleaned my windows. Tonny put up my new curtain cranes and I hung two pairs new plastic drapes. They look swell. Tonny worked in woods.
Feb. 8, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny got Frank W. to help him saw down some big trees. They worked on them up to quitting time. I went uptown and got Elsie Morrison to shorten a skirt for me.
Feb. 9, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> 4 below this morning. Southerly rainstorm, blowing hard, not very cold. I cooked this forenoon. Tonny helped Foster work on light plant engine all forenoon. Uptown in time to pick Pat and deliver milk for Harvey. Barbara, Austin, Don, Cynthia, Lawrence and Alice here for the evening. Barbara played the piano for us and then the men folk played Canasta and we played Bridge.
Feb. 10, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Beautiful mild day. I washed. Hiram and Chester helped Tonny go through sheep Blackleafed them and sheared the udders of the ones about to lamb.
Feb. 11, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny fed sheep this forenoon and then went [in] woods. Uptown this afternoon.

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Feb. 12, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Went to church. Had dinner at Barbara's. Went to rehearsal. Came home, did chores early, went to church tonight. Down to Burgesses a minute afterwards.
Feb. 13, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Dalon helped Tonny saw down two big trees. Cleaned them all up but the tops. Mary and little Mary spent day with me.
Feb. 14, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny worked in woods I ironed about all day. Shorty hauled seven teen bags of grain, then of them for sheep, five cracked corn, five grain. I went to the Christmas Club meeting at Alta's. All eight were there. Tonny spent the evening at Harry's. Also Lewis was there. Pat spent night at Alta's. Went to school from there.
Feb. 15, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Snowed. Tonny churned for me. I made butter. Over to feed sheep in afternoon.
Feb. 16, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny killed five roosters and two ducks. Cleaned them in afternoon. I went uptown to get some bottles. I went to rehearsal and afterwards with Tonny to joint meeting. Not enough there for a meeting but we had a nice time. Pat spent night at Alta's.
Feb. 17, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Overcast this morning, changing to a beautiful day. I did quite a little wash by hand. Tonny hauled two cows to the boat for Dalon. We didn't get our milk chores done until after ten. Tonny worked in woods. Movies tonight. "You're My Everything" with Don Bailey.
Feb. 18, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. Tonny worked in woods. We had hamburgs and hot dogs in there. Betty Joy came down and spent day with Pat. Went home when we took Pat up to her music lesson. We didn't go to High School play tonight.
Feb. 19, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Our two first lambs. Raining all afternoon. We didn't go to S.S. or church. Went to rehearsal at 2 p.m. and then down to call on Owen and Mary. Had a nice visit.
Feb. 20, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> North East snowstorm, growing colder, ten above at 6:30. <i>Pat:</i> Dad and Dalon Blackleafed the sheep and sheared their tummies.
Feb. 21, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> 6 below this morning. Tonny took Ford to garage. Had her clutch and brake thawed out. Don and Cynthia here this afternoon. Tonny did chores over to sheep barn before going uptown to help Shorty get a load of limbs. Hauled two loads down and put in barn here. 5 ton in all. Greta and kids visited here. No Christmas Club meeting tonight where it was so cold.
Feb. 22, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Mary Ella Brown. Around zero. Tonny worked in woods. Got two trailer loads of dry stuff for living room stove. Pat and I helped him haul it in. Up to Dalon's a little while before doing sheep chores. Had ice cream and cake. It was wicked cold in the sheep barn. No rehearsal tonight.
Feb. 23, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Jimmy Oldroyd & Sherman Baird. Snowed hard all day. Cold brrrr, 123 above at nine o'clock p.m. Tonny picked over our apples and peeled the ones that had started to spoil. I made two apple pies and an apple crisp and some applesauce. Did chores at Tumbledown. No new lambs. No one got here after milk today.

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Feb. 25, Saturday	<i>Pat:</i> Went uptown for me to take my piano lesson. Got radio battery for the radio and two new lead wires. <i>Annie:</i> Mercedes and Jimmy spent evening with us.
Feb. 26, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Didn't do anything but chores today. Bill and June here to see about getting some milk. They stayed to supper. Pat and I went up to V.L. B. to get excise tax papers so we could send for our plates.
Feb. 27, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Raw and cold this morning. Nice in woods. I took a lunch with Tonny and helped him saw a big tree down.
Feb. 28, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Did chores and worked in woods. Uptown to Shirley's party. Tonny visited at Jim's.
March 1, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Snowing. Just did chores. Went clamming. Uptown for gas, picked Pat up. Don and Cynthia here a minute this forenoon.
March 2, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Worked in woods. I went to rehearsal at Andrews Hall. Tonny visited at Harvey's.
March 3, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Five below zero. Did chores and then went in woods awhile. Over to sheep barn and did chores there early.
March 4, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Five below zero. Cold again today. Tonny went in woods awhile until Shorty came with his fertilizer. Uptown around two to see boat come in. The Vinalhaven came as our boat broke her shaft. Shorty and Greta here this evening.
March 5, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Did chores all morning. Uptown to Rehearsal. Stopped at Lawrence's a minute on way home.
March 6, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Growing cold all day. Ten above when we went to bed. We went to Town Meeting. They voted to hire Dr. Shields for another year. There were three more for him than were against him. Nor a very big majority. The meeting wasn't over when we left at 6:30.
March 7, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> 14 above this morning. Nice sunshiney day. Tonny did chores. Tonny worked in woods. I went uptown to get salt for ice cream. The nasty nighters met here tonight. Everyone present. We had ice cream, angel cake and cookies and coffee. Lewis spent evening with Tonny here.
March 8, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny got one load of dry wood over on ridge. I washed and then went uptown. Tonny walked over to the barn. Was feeding up when I got back. <i>Tonny's birthday</i>
March 9, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny started hauling Lewis' logs out. I spent afternoon at Alta's.
March 10, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny worked on Lewis' logs. I spent day at Alta's. Got my ironing all done and got my skirt made with the aid of Gram.

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March 11, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny finished hauling out Lewis B's logs. Pat and I uptown this afternoon. Legion and Auxiliary play tonight and free dance afterwards.
March 12, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> We stayed home all day, just did chores. Don, Cynthia and Dickie here a minute this evening.
March 13, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Nellie Baird. Spitting snow. Tonny cut and hauled in two trailer loads of alders. I went uptown and delivered milk to Nellie Baird and the Whitmore's.
March 14, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Arthur Patrick. Beautiful sunshiney day. Snowed quite a little during night, more of [it] went during day. Shorty and Lawrence hauled seven loads of hay from Lamont hay stack. Three in this barn and four in sheep barn. Tonny got Eddie B. to help load at stack.
March 15, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Did chores and go tone load of hay in this barn and one in the sheep barn. Made nine loads in all that Dyer let Tonny have. It will help us quite a lot. Tonny went up to Lamont Barn and got a bag of our potatoes. I called at Cynthia's. Snowed by spells this afternoon.
March 16, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Did chores. Got into woods long enough to get two loads of alders and haul them out.
March 17, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Did chores. Tonny got in woods long enough to cut more than a load of alders and hauled one out. We went to movies tonight to see "Barclays of Broadway" - nothing to brag about. I washed cold but sunshiney.
March 18, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Snowing East North East this morning. The worst snowstorm this year so far. The boat didn't come tonight. We went uptown it was hard going when we came back we did barn chores, found the old triplet sheep had triplets again, the cutest things.
March 19, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Beautiful sunshiney day cold in the shade quite windy. The boat came this morning. Tonny found one of our triplets dead when he went over this morning. I'm sorry they were awful cute together.
March 20, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Nice and sunshiney, wind cool. Tonny cut alders what time he had and hauled in one load. Shorty and Greta here this evening.
March 21, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Chores took up a lot of the day. Tonny did get in woods long enough to haul out a load of alders and cut another small one and get them out. I went to Lena's to Club tonight. Tonny and Pat visited at Harvey's.
March 22, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. Tonny went in woods and cleaned up those trees that he and Frank Waterman cut some time ago.
March 23, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Wilson [Beverage], Linda, Rocky & Gussie. Raining and blowing a gale. Tonny had Lewis come down and get his veal calf to take up to Ray to have him kill and ship for Tonny. We had dinner at Burgesses and did come home until after Pat got out of school. Did our chores on way home. Had to take milk up this evening as we didn't have any when Franklyn got here. Lewis and Alta had ice cream at Aunt Ell's with us before we came home.

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March 24, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Overcast, foggy by spells. Shifted sheep and lambs into ground mew. Put lambing sheep in western end. Tonny hauled Buttons heifer up to Ray's.
March 25, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> I did housework. Took Pat up for her lesson. She is spending the night at Elsie-Re's. We had our stinker supper at Aunt Ell's tonight. Nice time. Tonny worked in barn (sheep) doing odds and ends.
March 26, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat and I went to S.S. and church. Tonny did chores and then went up to Hiram's. We had dinner as soon as he got home. The Owen Grants and Witherspoons called.
March 27, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny [did] chores here and at other barn. I washed, got my starched clothes dry, didn't hang out my sheets, it looked so like rain. Uptown this afternoon, took milk along to the different folk.
March 28, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Did chores here and at other barn. Raining so Tonny went over and sheared out four sheep. Shifted sheep and lambs into western end, put the lambing sheep into ground mew.
March 29, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny worked in woods. It was nice out there until the fog came in. Got my clothes dry today.
March 30, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny did chores here and at other barn. The Gregory's came today. Tonny went in woods. I went uptown, delivered milk and had Elsie Morrison fix my skirt and Pat's. Tonny was at other barn when we came along home.
March 31, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Pretty nice day. Tonny had to make a second trip over to the other barn to do chores. I went along. We trimmed a few junipers in the eastern pasture before coming home. Tonny went in woods. Harvey Demmons came down just before three and sawed some of the big trees. Movies tonight, "Big Jack" with Wallace Berry, pretty fair. The band played and Uncle Bob had an amateur show.
April 1, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. Harvey Demmons came down and finished sawing up the big trees. Over to the other barn early to do chores before Shorty came with grain. Also partitions off part of ground mew for small lambs. Pat and I uptown.
April 2, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Raining all forenoon. Up to Shorty's to dinner. We took along some ice cream. Had a nice time. Pat spent the night at Sandra's.
April 3, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Raining. Tonny hauled Ern Whitmore's cow to boat, did chores afterwards. Did chores at Tumbledown earlier so as to be uptown to help Shorty haul lime. They hauled two load. Put it in the building next [to] the open shed.
April 4, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Foggy and raining hard at times. Tonny did chores here just this morning and then went over to Frank's, up to Lamont's to help shear. I washed.
April 5, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny did chores here and at Frank's and then went to bed as he has taken a cold. Did chores at night.

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April 6, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny feels pretty rotten. Just did chores. Had to make a trip uptown to get gas.
April 7, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny still under the weather, pretty much rested all afternoon. Did cut a few alders before doing chores. I went up to Greta's. She made a little beanie for me.
April 8, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny worked on his woodpile. Uptown with Pat to take her lesson. Tonny got a hair cut.
April 9, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Easter. We all went to S.S. and church. A nice crowd out. No one called this afternoon.
April 10, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny worked on his junks out in woods.
April 11, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> I washed. Tonny worked on his big junks out in the woods. Shorty hauled some lime tonight after work.
April 12, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Chester helped Tonny cleaning out part of tie-up sheep pen. Tonny sheared some sheep and then went up to Hiram's and sheared four of his yearlings.
April 13, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny finished splitting his junks out in woods. I went Avoning.
April 14, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Worked on apple tree brush until it was time to go to boat and get Bossie Bull from Cabot.
April 15, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Uptown in afternoon.
April 16, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Nice and warm in the sun. We didn't go to church. Worked around the house. Tonny took off the banking paper, raked the manure out from around the apple trees. Albert B. called. Also Foster and family.
April 17, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> A nice day until the wind sprung up So West. Tonny got his apple trees split and hauled down here and pile dup. Jim Pendleton died this morning.
April 18, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. We went down from sheep barn chores to get some sawdust. Tonny yarded wood the rest of the afternoon. Pat and I worked in her bedroom, changed it around. Albert Beverage here to supper.
April 19, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. I washed after Edwin got the engine running. Pat and I also hung kitchen curtains and my bedroom curtains. Cleaned my bedroom windows. Ironed, getting it all cleaned up.
April 20, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Foggy, changing to rain. Tonny sheared sheep after he got chores done.
April 21, Friday	[blank through May 3]
May 4, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> I cleaned the kitchen ceiling, went to Auxiliary Initiation and Election of Officers tonight. Tonny worked on his eastern pasture plowed piece.
May 5, Friday	[blank]

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May 6, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny washed the living room ceiling. Pat and I helped until it was time to go uptown to the H.S. Carnival. Went to the school plays at three. Tonny cleaned the barn all down and hauled a load of manure for Bill.
May 7, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Frank Waterman. Blowing a gale. Pat and I went to S.S. Tonny built tide fence. We watched ball game a little while and then went down and called on Jim and Dazie. Cynthia and Don here awhile this evening.
May 8, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Blowing hard and cold, 26 above this morning. Tonny went plowing. Plowed Clifford's garden and Ray's. I delivered milk all around, 66 qts. in all.
May 9, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. I washed. Ern came down and worked for Tonny today. He worked on limb pile until Tonny was ready to work with him. They worked on cow yard fence until Dr. French came to test cows. Vern asked Tonny to come up and help him test his cows so he and Ern both went. Went to boat from there to get harrow but it didn't come.
May 10, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Blowing hard, heavy rain and thunder, what a day. Tonny sheared six sheep in afternoon. Finished living room ceiling before noon. Malcolm Crockett and Norman Morrison were drowned today.
May 11, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny and Ern finished building cow yard fence and went in woods and cut posts and poles. I went to Auxiliary supper and Installation. Tonny and Pat visited awhile at Uncle Frank's and at Burgesses.
May 12, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny and Ernie W. built ledge pasture fence. Went up and got harrow from freight shed after work. Pat and I went to movies to see "In the Good Old Summertime."
May 13, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Nice day. Wind North West. Pat and I went to Vinalhaven to Dr. Ras. Had a nice trip. Tonny plowed Harry Baird's garden and Dalon Brown's garden.
May 14, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat and I went to church. Tonny fixed gates leading to ledge pasture and finished running barbed wire. We went to church tonight to see "King of Kings." The Burgess family here a little while tonight.
May 15, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Nice day. Tonny and Ern took eighteen yearlings, 1 sheep and her lamb over to Stimpson's. Cleaned up Buck rake and little mowing machine and took them out to the woods, pulled Uncle Will's lilac bush and snow ball bush,. Threw them down over the bank.
May 16, Tuesday	[blank through May 29]
May 30, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Memorial Day. We went to the exercises. They were very good. The Band played. We had dinner at Aunt Ell's and they waited around until after boat time.
May 31, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny and Ern ...
June 1, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny and Ern worked in sheep barn as it was so foggy and wet. They got the ground mew cleaned out and part of the western end. They tried to get the seed planter to work during afternoon. They didn't get her to pull right. I went to Auxiliary tonight. Ton and Pat visited at Lewises.


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June 2, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. I did my regular washing and then washed two pads, two spreads and four blankets. Also the door curtains. Everything dried wonderful. Tonny and Ern cut material and repaired Valentine's fence. Pat and I went to moves to see "Blossoms in the Dirt," but it turned out to be "Adam's Rib." Someone had made a mistake, and sent the wrong one. It was good.
June 3, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny went to Garage to get trailer hitch made for seeder in afternoon. He hauled Lew's electric light poles.
June 4, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Went to S.S. and church. Drove the sheep in Mrs. Pease's pasture. Just looked them over. Called on George and Nan a while afterwards.
June 5, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Harrowed and limed and fertilized Stinkey place.
June 6, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Worked on Gay's place, seeding, harrowing and so forth.
June 7, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny sheared 10 sheep and Ern finished dragging down Gay's place.
June 8, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> I washed. Tonny hauled two loads on sheep and lambs up to Valentine's and hauled the Bull and little Island heifer up to Ray's pasture.
June 9, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny and Ern drove sheep on Mrs. Pease's. Got them all down to sheep barn, sheared eleven. Pat and I went on School picnic to Marsh Cove.
June 10, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Ray came down and he and Tonny sheared around forty by 1 oc. when Ray had to go home. Tonny sheared the last ten after dinner.
June 11, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny hunted all forenoon for the Island heifer and Bull. They got out when Ray came from farm Sat. night. He and Ray finally found them up back of school house. They got them down to Ray's barn and took them back up to farm. <i>Tonny:</i> Up with Wilfred in plane trying to find young stock.
June 12, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny, Pat and I took 35 sheep and 35 lambs up to Mrs. Pease along with three rams. Piano recital tonight. We went as Pat was playing in it. She played "Long, Long Ago" and "Air from Mozart." We called on Burgesses afterwards. Tonny started plowing millet patch above little pasture. [Crossed out] On way home Marion stopped Tonny and told him that three of his sheep were on their farm. He hunted everywhere for them but couldn't find them. They must have gotten back into pasture. Tonny drove them all into yard.
June 13, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Plowed on millet patch. Ern hauling off rocks.
June 14, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Finished plowing millet patch. Spread lime and harrowed it in. Ern picked rocks.
June 15, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Down to Nettie's to see her about renting her half of Calderwood's. She was up to Hiram's.
June 16, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny & Ern went to the other farm to get sheep ready to take to Calderwood's Island. Pat and I went over later to help drive them down to Frank Waterman's beach where Harvey came in with the scow and got them slicker than a button.

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June 17, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny picked rocks on millet patch and dragged it.
June 18, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny helped Ray shear his sheep. Had dinner at Leah's. Pat and I stayed home. I had a rotten cold. We went on a ride in afternoon. Were going to call on Owen and Lena but they were not home so we called on Mary and Owen Grant. Clara and Garnet here after milk.
June 19, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Planted peas and beans etc. during forenoon. Took Frigidaire over to Fay's after dinner. Tonny went uptown and got Frigidaire in his trailer. Harvey came down with scow, took tractor, trailer across and Tonny hauled it right up to house. Tonny harrowed down the grass on hog pen piece, getting it ready to plow for fodder corn.
June 20, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny plowed the hog pen piece. Ern picked rocks. Put on lime and harrowed it.
June 21, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Raining hard. Ern didn't come. Tonny finished cleaning out western end of sheep barn and scraped out the ground mew. Uptown for Pat to take her music lesson. Tonny went along.
June 22, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Furrowed and fertilized the fodder corn patch and dropped and covered eight rows. Clara and Garnet here after milk and visited.
June 23, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny and Ern finished planting fodder corn, dropped and covered over twenty rows. We went to movies tonight. "Red Stallion in the Rockies." Fair. Down to Mercedes & Jim's afterwards to ice cream.
June 24, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Raining hard this morning, clearing during day. Tonny cleared out tie-up and back shed in sheep barn. Uptown to get a hair cut. Raining hard again this evening. We needed rain badly. Don and Cynthia here this evening.
June 25, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Foggy. Fog hanging around all day. Tonny spread lime on and plowed the pasture piece. Rested a little while during afternoon. Garnet and Clara brought us down a nice mess of flounders. Harvey and Shirley came down around 9:30 and brought some ice cream.
June 26, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Foggy, clearing to a nice hot day. Tonny and Ern picked rocks and sods off the hog pen piece. Painted the porch and coat as far as kitchen door in the afternoon. Tonny and Pat went to see "Steamboat Round the Bend."
June 27, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Foggy and windy almost raining at times. Tonny and Ern harrowed, spread fertilizer and sowed the hog pasture mixture on the pasture piece, harrowed and dragged it and picked rocks completing the job. Tonny harrowed the little piece above Uncle Will's before quitting. We are having quite a thunder storm tonight, raining very heavy. Jim didn't get down for the milk as they were out fixing transformers.
June 28, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Clear this morning, wind north.

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<p>June 29, Thursday</p>	<p><i>Annie:</i> Nice day. Tonny and Ern finished the rape patch in eastern pasture. Picked rocks on new rape patch and spread some lime.</p> 
<p>June 30, Friday</p>	<p><i>Annie:</i> Pretty nice day. Tonny hoed the strawberries, went uptown after grain and then went over and finished spreading lime on new rape patch in big field. Ada and Bud came tonight.</p>
<p>July 1, Saturday</p>	<p><i>Annie:</i> Foggy, turning to rain. Tonny & Bud worked in barn repairing tie-up.</p>
<p>July 2, Sunday</p>	<p><i>Annie:</i> Went to church in old church. Nice service. Picked field strawberries. Got a bowl full each and then filled a lard pail.</p>
<p>July 3, Monday</p>	<p><i>Annie:</i> Foggy. Mowed all around the house and down back. Harrowed on new rape patch. Moved the old ice box off door step. Sherm & Stewart helped. Dance to-night, pretty good.</p>
<p>July 4, Tuesday</p>	<p><i>Annie:</i> Foggy, clearing a little around eleven. We went on a picnic to Martell's beach. Had a nice time even tho it rained before we had finished our picnic. Downtown afterwards to listen to Band Concert and watch the people. Picked 11 baskets of strawberries tonight.</p>
<p>July 5, Wednesday</p>	<p><i>Annie:</i> Ben Ames had 16 baskets, Mr. M 2. Picked 7 baskets this morning. Tonny, Ern & Buddy hauled manure onto new rape patch. We were up to Alta's to tea.</p>
<p>July 6, Thursday</p>	<p><i>Annie:</i> Rained all forenoon, Sharpened mower knives. Took veals to stores. Up to Dalon's to plow. Up to Orilla's to tea.</p>
<p>July 7, Friday</p>	<p><i>Annie:</i> We washed. Tonny & Ern planted beans and corn and finished hoeing corn. Hauled manure on new rape patch. Movies tonight. "Sea Biscuit." Very good.</p>
<p>July 8, Saturday</p>	<p><i>Annie:</i> A beautiful day. Tonny & Bud hauled manure and then put 0-14-14 on new rape patch. Bob, Edna, Phyllis and kids down to picnic on beach. They invited us. Had a nice time. Uptown with milk and shopped.</p>
<p>July 9, Sunday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Had picnic dinner on the beach. Harrowed that part of big piece in big field that I fertilized yesterday. Helped pick 30 boxes of strawberries this P.M.</p>
<p>July 10, Monday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Ern W. - 8 hrs. Sowed rape and oats on that part of the big piece in big field that I had ready. Ern dragged it down. Got the mowing machine out and started to mow thistle patch on side of hill in big field. Discovered the pole was bent.</p>

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July 11, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 8 hrs. Ern. Took the stub pole off of mowing machine to garage and had it straightened. Repaired Mrs. Pease pasture fence along road. Reassembled mowing machine late this P.M. Nan & Pat to Rockland this P.M. as Ada left for New York.
July 12, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 4 hrs. mowing Hiram 12.00. 1 veal calf 3 wks. Hiram 12.00. Picked strawberries this A.M. Bud & I mowed Lowell Beveridge's place for Hiram this P.M.
July 13, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Picked cultivated strawberries this A.M. Up to Fuller Cemetery at noon to meet Frank Waterman to select a lot for Nellie B. and one for Aunt Viola. Finished mowing the thistle patch on side hill in big filed. Mowed in front of Frank W. house and the side of the town road to top of Bank's Hill. Also to the head of Stinkey's Cove.
July 14, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Today's Birthdays: Mercedes Oldroyd, Floyd Calderwood. <i>Tonny:</i> Cultivated doffer corn with walking tractor. Ern hoed garden. Sheared two sheep this P.M. and raked hay along sides of road to top of Bank's Hill.
July 15, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> First hay put in today. <i>Pat:</i> Today's Birthdays: Alice Nutt. 2 load of hay and rail bed of a load in Tumbledown barn.
July 16, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. Tonny, Bud & Pat over to Tumbledown to get the hay that was piled up a long the road up as far as the Bank's gravel pit. Had our lunch on the shore. Uptown for an ice cream. Called on Bill and June. Irven & Lena & Foster and Elsie.
July 17, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny sheared sheep for Ern W.
July 18, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Packed wool in forenoon. Went to Normal Morrison funeral in afternoon. They found his body Sunday night. Tonny started out to mow Cobb's hay. Got around about five times when it started raining.
July 19, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Down to Calderwood's to look lambs over. Mowed out the Orchard after he got home. Also finished mowing Cobb's.
July 20, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Hauled in two loads of hay. Picked strawberries and cut two stringers for scaffold.
July 21, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Went to Garage to have tractor repaired. Cultivated corn after he got home. Pat and I up to Cynthia's.
July 22, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny mowed the observation post piece, raked it and raked around Uncle Will's. Also raked scatterings and got in two loads.
July 23, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Cleaned up around the place. Clipped grass and so forth. Had a lunch out by our rose bush and rested awhile. Uptown to see the boat go. Looked at Elliot's pictures and then home. Ben and Lottie here. We played croquet.
July 24, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Ern mowed hay around shanty and along shore. Fixed scaffold. Mowed first oats for cows from Stinkey's. Mowed the well field. Then up to Hiram's to mow for him.

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July 25, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Rainy.
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