

TONNY and ANNIE CALDERWOOD'S DIARY January 1 to February 16, 1953

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Jan. 1, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Happy New Year. Split some wood this A.M. The "King" hauled my pelts (lamb) to the wharf as soon as lunch. Took milk along and while Nan and Pat were over to Lamont's skating pond I went down to Cabot's to see the chain saw work. Don W. started cutting pulp with his new "Homelite." Alf. S. is working with him. Down to mail. Nan went to U.N. tonight. Pat went skating and I went up to H.S.B.'s to straighten out our accounts. Showed some of my colored slides. Came out on accounts owing Hiram about \$70.00
Jan. 2, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> Spent the day at the office. Bob Sawyer came to start the audit. The King and I put out all the water bill. Went to movies this evening. Bob Sawyer, the auditor, came tonight.
Jan. 3, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Rain. Put some wood into woodshed. Called Burgess and son in Union to order a McCulloch power saw. Went to office this P.M. Nan, Pat and I went to Grange Installation and supper tonight as the King's and Nellie's guests. Had a nice time.
Jan. 4, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Hauled water this A.M. Nan and Pat rested this A.M. We visited at Lloyd Whitmore's this P.M. Met with Mr. Hochschild with the King and Arthur this evening.
Jan. 5, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Nan washed. I spent all day at the office, also evening. Light snow tonight.
Jan. 6, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Killed Alfred Dyer's pig this A.M. Dressed 302#. Had dinner there. At office this P.M. We spent evening at Bill Hopkins'.
Jan. 7, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> At office all day and evening. Nan spent evening at Burgesses Christmas tree. Pat went to band rehearsal.
Jan. 8, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> At office all day and evening. The auditor finished his job tonight. Nan went to United Nations supper. Pat visited with Janet L.
Jan. 9, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> Snowed this A.M. Helped Lawrence and Shorty kill Lawrence's cow "Buttercup." Harvey and Shirley visited with us this evening.
Jan. 10, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Still snowing. Went to office early. Went to movies - "Bugles in the Afternoon."
Jan. 11, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> We went to S.S. and church. had dinner at Aunt Ell's. Don and Cynthia brought down some shocked clams and we had clam chowder for supper.

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Jan. 12, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Overcast. N.E. wind. Nan washed. I patched floors in sheep pens in sheep barn. Went to office this P.M. Made out Sleepyville Sewer assessment. Went to Men's Club supper at Aunt Ell's. A Dutch Exchange teacher from Holland spoke and showed slides. My McCulloch Power Saw came tonight.
Jan. 13, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Snow storm. Rested some and helped Nan tack the patch work quilt Aunt Viola gave us for a wedding present.
Jan. 14, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Gassed and oiled up saw after doing chores Started in woods about noon. Am going to clean off wood on left hand site of road coming in from mailbox as the trees are starting to blow into telephone line. Used axe cutting small stuff today except for sawing down and junking one tree to try saw. A beautiful day. Up to Frank Beverage's this evening as this is his 92 nd birthday. Hiram, Albert, he and I played Rook.
Jan. 15, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Another beautiful day. Bricks went to Calderwood's Island to help me drive sheep and Harvey came down after them. We had dandy luck. Found every sheep. Unloaded them on Mrs. Pease's beach and drove them down to sheep barn along with the Pease flock. Drove the car at Emma Snow's funeral this P.M.
Jan. 16, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> Nan and Pat have bad colds. Pat stayed home from school. Over to feed sheep, then went into woods. Cut mostly small stuff until just before I came in when I sawed down seven or eight trees along the road. The wind was right to take them away from the telephone wires.
Jan. 17, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Did chores and fed sheep. Went in woods and trimmed and junked the trees I left last night. I think the saw will be very good when we get used to each other. Went to office this P.M. Betty Joy came down to spend night with Pat, and Nan and I had supper with the Don Witherspoons. Played Whist this evening.
Jan. 18, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Rain this A.M. Did both barn chores. Women folks didn't go to S.S. or church. Have written letters and worked on books this P.M.
Jan. 19, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Worked in woods. [Crossed out: Started raining before daylight. Did chores and fed sheep. Wrote letters and checks this P.M.]
Jan. 20, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Up to Ern's this A.M. to fix up our accounts. In woods this P.M. Came out at 4:00 to freeze ice cream. Don, Cynthia, Lawrence, Alice, Austin and Barbara down this evening. We played cards.
Jan. 21, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Pat pretty sick with swollen glands. Had Dr. Shields down to here. Went uptown on tractor to get grain. In woods this P.M. Prudy and Sal visited with us this evening.
Jan. 22, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Worked in woods a while this A.M. Then up to the King's to help kill a heifer. Pat feels some better today.
Jan. 23, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> Worked in woods after doing chores and feeding sheep. Lloyd W. visited with me a while this P.M. Then Mr. Pepper of St. Regis Paper Co. called to tell me he'd taken what pulp wood I could cut. Pat feeling better today.

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Jan. 24, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Did chores, cleaned up and went to office early. Came home and rushed through barn chores to go up to Don & Cynthia's to supper. The Flaggs were there. Had a nice evening. Betty Joy stayed with Pat.
Jan. 25, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Nan and Pat went to S.S. and church. I worked cleaning up my desk. Up to office this P.M.
Jan. 26, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Nice day. Flo came down to help me in woods. Made quite a showing in the poplar grove and young fir. Worked on my books.
Jan. 27, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Flo didn't come down as he helped Elmer H. haul logs. I worked in the woods and cut and piled over a cord if I never do it again. Worked on books a while this evening. Harvey and Shirley down this evening. Brought some ice cream and we had a nice visit.
Jan. 28, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> A very rainy day. Did chores and was going to work on Income Papers but worked all day cleaning out my desk drawers. Made quite a change. Pat went to band rehearsal, and Nan and I visited with Frank W. Straightened out our accounts and settled them up.
Jan. 29, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> This has been a nice day. Flo came down and we worked in woods. Worked on Income Papers until 12:30.
Jan. 30, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> Nice day. Flo came down and we worked in woods. Succeeded in getting several of the brush piles burned that has been collecting for days. Went to movies – "Big Trees" with Kirk Douglas. Quite good. Worked on Income Papers until 2:15 A.M.
Jan. 31, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Rain this morning, clearing before noon. Up at 4:45 this morning to finish Income Tax papers so as to have E. Carver mail them. In the woods before dinner a little while to finish the two trees I left trimmed last night. Up to office this P.M. Went to bed early.
Feb. 1, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Rain and snow this morning, clearing cold tonight. Strong N.W. wind, 5° above now. Nan and Pat went to S.S. and church. I fed up sheep and walked home. Frank W. called a while this P.M. Don, Cynthia and Dick here to supper.
Feb. 2, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 2° above this morning. Coldest of the winter so far. The ground hog saw his shadow. Flo came down and we shifted to the side hill in the pasture to cut blown ups around Pat's pond. Went to high-school movie this evening. Doris Day and Ronald Reagan in "The Winning Team."
Feb. 3, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Snowed during night and still snowing today. Worked in woods after doing chores.
Feb. 4, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Still snowy some. Worked in woods after doing chores. Went to a "Heart Drive" card party at Sisterhood this evening. About 35 there.
Feb. 5, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Worked in woods after doing chores. Nan washed. We delivered the milk before doing night chores.
Feb. 6, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> Worked in woods after doing chores. Cut better than a cord. Nan and Pat went to movies. I'm pooched. Going to bed.

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Feb. 7, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Raining all day and into evening. Went to office this P.M. We went up to call on Bill and June this evening. Had a nice time.
Feb. 8, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Started to snow this forenoon and has been snowing damply up till now. We went to S.S. and church. Up to Dalon's this afternoon to straighten out our accounts. Fixed them up okay and we're starting with a clean slate on both sides. Telephone and electric light wires broken tonight.
Feb. 9, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Good sledding. Dragged my big pine log down to the mill this A.M. In woods a couple hours this P.M. Came out early planning to go to Men's supper but Nan and Pat both had the up and down disease so I stayed home. Almon Cooper was guest speaker.
Feb. 10, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Flo came down and helped me in woods. The telephone line was repaired by noon time.
Feb. 11, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Worked in woods after doing chores. Pat stayed up to Band rehearsal so we went uptown after her this evening.
Feb. 12, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Worked in woods. Came out at 3:00 P.M. to deliver milk. Nan went to Untied Nations supper. Pat stayed at Burgesses and I went to a church business com. meeting at Mr. Merriam's.
Feb. 13, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> Worked in woods after doing chores. Went to movies this evening, "The Life of Will Rogers." Very Good.
Feb. 14, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> The prettiest day we've had in a long time, but boy was the sun bright on the snow. Shorty brought my grain down this A.M. Did chores and went to office. UP to Shorty's and Greta's to watch television this evening.
Feb. 15, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Went to S.S. and church. We had dinner at Aunt Ell's. She tells us that Mike Williams is taking over her lunchroom and movies. Pat had dinner with Betty Joy. Visited at Lawrence Grant's this afternoon. He's feeling much better and is able to use his leg some. Had a heavy rain storm this P.M. and evening. First lamb came today.
Feb. 16, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Clear with the wind blowing a gale N.W. Flo helped me in woods. Found 3 dead lambs in barn yard when I went over to feed up this P.M. Suppose a sheep had triplets last night.
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