

## TONNY and ANNIE CALDERWOOD'S DIARY January 1 to May 4, 1958

*transcribed by Elizabeth MacLean*

Jan. 1, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Happy New Year. Heavy rain and wind. Chored, delivered milk, and got ready to wrap mutton. Up to Burgess' tonight as Nan went to the regular Christmas party.
Jan. 2, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Chored. Wrapped four bundles of mutton, and Nan took them to fgt. shed at mail time. Shipping wt - 390#. Took the pelts to carriage house, then went up to Mrs. Pease's and drove the remaining six sheep. Bro[t sic] them home in trailer. Growing cold tonight - 17° above.
Jan. 3, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> Cold - Ern worked. Chored and then dressed out the six sheep we brought home yesterday. Growing real cold tonight.
Jan. 4, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 0° this morning and windy. Chored and delivered milk.
Jan. 5, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 0° this morning but warming up slowly. Nan and Pat delivered milk. I rigged up the table, wrapped the six mutton and loaded them in the car ready for tomorrow morning. The Witherspoons and Beveridges called this P.M.
Jan. 6, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Warmer. Chored. Salted my sheep pelts - 14 - in carriage house, and spent rest of P.M. putting machinery into Mrs. Pease's barn. Tedder - roller - 2 mowing machines and hay rack. Light plant stopped generating tonight. Prudy and Harvey worked on it. Took muttons to wharf this morning.
Jan. 7, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Nice day. Engberg bro[t sic] sheep from island - Calderwoods. Ern and Bill Hopkins helped me drive - left them at Mrs. Pease's. This P.M. Ern and I cleared up the wall of the open shed at Tumbledown that blew down during last gale. At 3:00 P.M. we went up to Mrs. Pease's & drove the sheep from Calderwoods Island, picked out either and bro[t sic] them home.
Jan. 8, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Chored and then dressed out the eight sheep we bro[t sic] home last night.
Jan. 9, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern didn't work. Nan & Pat delivered milk and then washed. I wrapped six of the eight sheep, dressed yesterday and took them to wharf. Kept a 36# one for Grumpy and a 50# one for us.
Jan. 10, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked this P.M. Chored. Nan delivered milk. I took mutton over to Gregory's and got bottle of drinking water. Took pelts to carriage house to salt. Just finished when Ern came and we spent the P.M. clearing up the rest of the open shed that blew down in the last gale. Hauled the culch to the burning rocks in eastern pasture. Gregory's paid \$8.50 for mutton. I bought Nan a pair of lined Suburban boots with it.

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Jan. 12, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Cold - 0°. Chored and then I delivered milk. Rested about an hour and a half this P.M. Talked some more with Mike Williams about pulping Indian Point. Uptown at 10:00 tonight to get Pat from Vinalhaven.
Jan. 13, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Cold but warming up. Ern worked. He finished putting wood in shed. I delivered milk as Nan had a committee lunch with Dorothy Beveridge. This P.M. we cut and hauled a load of banking brush for the house. Banked North end and eastern side.
Jan. 14, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. N.E. wind making ready to snow tonight. We cut another load of brush to finish banking house and a load to cover Nan's flower gardens. Spent P.M. at the farm. Finished boarding in fence and started to frame in doorway to well house in same. Put the wheels off of hayrack onto pulp trailer to have ready to haul Eliot Beveridge's wood.
Jan. 15, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Started snowing early this morning. Put chains on before going with milk. Rested an hour or so this P.M. Snow changed to rain tonight. No. Haven II went over this morning but didn't come back this P.M.
Jan. 16, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Rained most all day. Delivered milk. Was getting wet some by the time I got home. Nan went to Auxiliary this evening.
Jan. 17, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> Almost foggy and almost raining this morning. Nan and Pat delivered milk. I took off my cordwood saw and filed it in top of shop. First fire I've had in shop this winter. Changed the oil in tractor and put in new filter cartridge.
Jan. 18, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Almost rained at times. Sawed 5 cords wood for Cuddy Curtis. Nan & Pat delivered milk. Had Garnet and Clara down to baked bean supper tonight. Had a nice time.
Jan. 19, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Cold. 0°. Delivered milk. The Lawrence Grants and Bessie Grant called for an hour or so this P.M. Invited the Bill Hopkinses down this evening.
Jan. 20, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Cold and windy. Nan and Pat washed. I delivered milk. Rested a few minutes after getting home.
Jan. 21, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Warmer. Hauled out about 5 cords of wood from Beveridge's Point for Eliot Beveridge. Berger Yonquist helped me. Nan and Pat delivered milk. Berger is doing quite a job clearing up and burning the pulp and lumber slashing.
Jan. 22, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Hard rain with wind. Delivered milk. Nan drove as I wore my oilskins. Tried to rest a little while this P.M.
Jan. 23, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Drizzly. Ton delivered milk.

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Jan. 24, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Ton finishing hauling out Eliot Beveridge's wood. Brought home a load of big stuff for our living room stove. Mike came up this P.M.
Jan. 25, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Raining. Ton and Mike went after a load of wood up to Beveridge wood lot. Pat and I delivered milk.
Jan. 26, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Raining. Ton and I delivered milk. Picked over some papers.
Jan. 27, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Misting a little. Pat and I delivered milk. Ton worked on wood pile. Did some work on income tax.
Jan. 28, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Raining. Ton delivered milk. Worked on income tax some.
Jan. 29, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Snowed about 3 in. Tonny delivered milk. Did some paper work.
Jan. 30, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Nasty, snowy drizzle. Tonny delivered milk. Pat went to V.H.
Jan. 31, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Snow flurries on and off all day. Pat and I washed some of the clothes. Dried nicely. Tonny delivered milk and went back up to Jim Brown's and bagged up some shavings. 18 bags.
Feb. 1, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. Pat and I delivered milk. Ton repaired Grumpy's cellar steps. Ton and I brought sheep down from Mrs. Pease's. They looked nice. Pat went to V.H. I went after her at 10:00.
Feb. 2, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Overcast, some sunshine. I guess the ground hog saw his shadow. <i>Tonny:</i> Delivered milk. Rested a few minutes this P.M.
Feb. 3, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Nice day. Nan & Pat delivered milk. I worked on income tax papers. Fed sheep hay first time. Ern had a new Wright Power saw come today.
Feb. 4, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 10° above. Delivered milk. Worked at desk a little while. Went back over to Tumbledown to repair the grain bin. Put 3 bags corn into it. Fed sheep grain first time. Mike up this evening.
Feb. 5, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 8° above. Beautiful sunshiney morning.
Feb. 6, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat & I delivered milk. Tonny worked on his income tax books. Pat went to V.H. Tonny went after her (Pat) at 10 o.c.
Feb. 7, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> 14 above. Pat and I delivered milk. Tonny went up to Eliot's woodlot and got a load of wood. Sawed some of it up with his chain saw and split some and I put it in the woodshed. Snowing some tonight.
Feb. 8, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny delivered milk. Tonny and Pat went up town to get mail and do shopping. V.L. and Nellie here this evening.
Feb. 9, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Delivered milk, had dinner at Burgesses'. Pat went to V.H. for evening. 12 above when we got home. Snowing on and off most of forenoon. Tonny went after Pat at 10:00. 8 above. Cold.
Feb. 10, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> 2 above. Tonny delivered milk. Did sheep chores on way home.

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Feb. 11, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> 6 above. Clear and sharp. No wind. Tonny delivered milk. Did sheep chores on way home.
Feb. 12, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> 12 above this morning, warming up. Beautiful day. Pat and I washed. Tonny delivered milk and worked on income tax.
Feb. 13, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> 30 degrees, blowing and snowing. Quite a change from yesterday. Snow plow out. Johnny and Lewis Haskell here to see Ton about running with them for Selectman.
Feb. 14, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> We all went with milk around 10 o.c. Waited for mail. Shorty and Greta brought down a load of shavings.
Feb. 15, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat and I went with milk. Ton worked on income tax. Pat went to V.H. Ton went up after her at 10.
Feb. 16, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Tonny and I went with milk. Stopped into Lloyd's on way home for some home made ice cream. It was snowing hard when we got home. Worked on income tax papers.
Feb. 17, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Snowing hard. Tonny and I and Pat went with milk. We didn't go until noon time. Quite a lot of snow. Snowing and blowing hard tonight. <i>Tonny:</i> Worked on income tax papers what time I had.
Feb. 18, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> 8 above. Ton and I went with milk. Fed sheep on way home. Worked on income tax. Finished it about 9:30. Mike came up.
Feb. 19, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> 10 above. Nice day. Pat and I delivered milk. We helped Ton saw wood after we got back.
Feb. 20, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> 14 above. Beautiful day. Tonny delivered milk. Pat and I washed. They dried lovely. Jane Oldroyd came down to spend the night. Tonny and I went to Joint Meeting at Auxiliary. 2 legionnaires there.
Feb. 21, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> 14 above. Rather a coolish day. Raw wind. Ton took milk. Jane went home this P.M. Pat went to V.H. We spent evening at Burgesses. The H.C.C. were there. Also the Milton Ameses.
Feb. 22, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> 28 above. Snowed a couple of inches during night. Ton and I went with milk. Burgesses here to baked bean supper.
Feb. 23, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> 8 above and very snowy looking. Tonny and Pat went with milk. Late getting started as the Witherspoons were here a little while. Mike came back with them. We made ice cream. Spitting snow all P.M.
Feb. 24, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> 16 above. Clear and no wind. Pat and I delivered milk. Ton worked on wood pile. Dr. Abbott sent some medicine on for cows. They have dysentery. Flora quite sick.
Feb. 25, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> 34. South Wind, quite strong, raining, clearing to a nice sunny day. Snow going fast. Tonny delivered milk. Pat went to V.H. Didn't get back, wind breezed up North West, quite strong.

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Feb. 26, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> lamb of season. 20 above. clear, cool and windy No. West. I did a small wash. Ton and I went with milk. Stopped into sheep barn on way home to do sheep chores. Found a nice little black lamb. He was a surprise. Pat came home tonight.
Feb. 27, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Nice mild day. Pat and I took milk. Tonny sawed Eliot Beveridge's wood.
Feb. 28, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Strong So. East wind. Overcast. Pat and I took milk. It started sleeting by the time we got to Don's and Lee's. It was snowing real hard by the time we were coming home. Had to stop at the garage as the brakes had let go. The fluid had all leaked out through the master cylinder. Still snowing hard tonight. Boat didn't come back. Quite a storm.
March 1, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> 30. Lots of wet sticky snow, five to seven inches. We all went with milk. Still snowing lightly. We waited up for mail. Spent evening at Burgesses.
March 2, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> 30 degrees. Snow flurrying all day. We all went on milk route. Pat went to V.H. We called on June and Bill this evening.
March 3, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Town Meeting Day. 30, overcast. A new board of selectmen, John Waterman 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Lewis Haskell 1 <sup>st</sup> , C.S. Ball 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Phip. Brown Traffic Officer and Constable. A lot of discussion about a town manager.
March 4, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Overcast, drizzly at times. Pat and I delivered milk. Ton sawed Berger Youngquist's wood. Mike up for evening.
March 5, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Ton in woods by spring. Pat and I delivered milk.
March 6, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Ton in woods. Pat and I delivered milk.
March 7, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat and I went to Jewelry class at Memorial room all day session. Marguerite Adair was up from V.H. Ton hauled a ton of hay with Geo. B. Also delivered milk.
March 8, Saturday <i>Tonny's birthday</i>	<i>Annie:</i> Ton's birthday. Pat and I delivered milk. Ton and George B. hauled a ton of hay. Burned brush out by spring. I had a turkey supper for Ton. The Burgesses and Calderwoods here.
March 9, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. It was a nice day. Pat went to V.H. Ton rested. We had supper with the Eliot B.'s. Very nice.
March 10, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> 38 above. Mild day. Sprinkled at times. Ton worked in woods. I delivered milk. We voted at 4 o.c. Pat went to Rockland with Mike from Vinalhaven.
March 11, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> 40 above. Beautiful day. Ton worked in woods. I washed & Pat delivered milk. Pat and I took a lunch out and had it with Ton.
March 12, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> 36.
March 13, Thursday	[blank through March 16]

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March 17, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> 28. Swept doorstep off for the third straight morning.
March 18, Tuesday	[blank]
March 19, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Heavy frost this morning. Beautiful day.
March 20, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> North East winds. Pat and I delivered milk. Ton went in woods.
March 21, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Spring came in on a No. East snowstorm. Delivered milk in P.M. Not bad traveling. Lots of wet slushy snow. Boat didn't go. Heavy wind and thick.
March 22, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Ton and Pat went with milk. Pat went to V.H. I did housework.
March 23, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Ton wrote letters. We rested in P.M.
March 24, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Ton hauled lumber from freight shed.
March 25, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat delivered milk. I cleaned dish closets. Ton went in woods. Mike here for the evening
March 26, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Nice day. Pat and I went to Jewelry class. Ton delivered milk. Pat went to V.H.
March 27, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Nice day. Sunny. Wind No. East. Pat and I delivered milk. Ton in woods.
March 28, Friday	[blank through March 31]
April 1, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Ton delivered milk and went to Selectmen's Office to declare his valuation.
April 2, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Put grain troughs into sheep pens and fixed up around them. Pat & I delivered milk.
April 3, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Ton worked in sheep barn starting to repair tie-up floor.
April 4, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Car in garage. Used Johnnie's to deliver milk. Ton worked on sheep barn. Mike came up about noon-time. Brought his car so we could use it, as ours is in Garage.
April 5, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Mike helped Ton on sheep barn. Pat and I delivered milk.
April 6, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> We went to church. Also Mike delivered milk on way home. Rested a few minutes. Went to pageant tonight. It was very good. Called on the Eliot Beveridges on way home.
April 7, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Ton worked in sheep barn. Pat and I delivered milk.
April 8, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Ton worked in sheep barn. Pat delivered milk.
April 9, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Ton worked in sheep barn. Pat and I delivered milk. Mike came up.

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April 10, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. We washed. Pat took milk. Ton worked in sheep barn. I went to Auxiliary.
April 11, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Ton worked in sheep barn. Pat and I delivered milk. Snowing and raining tonight.
April 12, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Some snow on ground, about 1 1/2 . Pat and I delivered milk. Ton work in sheep barn. Pat went to V.H. Ton got haircut. Ton and I spent evening at Burgesses.
April 13, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Nice day. Pat and I delivered milk. Val. Young came up and helped Ton finish the floor in sheep barn and took the five young stock over there.
April 14, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Saw our first Martin this morning. Ton worked at sheep barn. Got fence up so as to turn animals out to water. George B. hauled a load of hay from boat. Hauled in a load of limbs.
April 15, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Our first nice day. Worked around the house. Took off brush (banking), raked all around. Ton finished sawing big wood. Cleaned up sawdust etc. Took off storm windows. Pat and I delivered milk. Mike up.
April 16, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> So. West wind. Ton in Tumbledown woods to get fence posts and rails.
April 17, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Ton went in woods for some more rails and fence posts, after chores were done. Pat went to Vinalhaven. Mike leaves on class trip tomorrow.
April 18, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> I delivered milk. Ton worked at the sheep barn.
April 19, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. Ton and I went with milk. Went up later to get mail. Pat came home around 8 o.c. We all spent evening at Burgesses.
April 20, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Overcast, a few sprinkles at times. Eliot & Dorothy called on their way out to get an Oak tree. Ern also called to see if Ton could do some plowing for him. We all went on the milk route.
April 21, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Ton plowed for Hiram 4 hrs.
April 22, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Rainy. Ton delivered milk. George B. hauled 1/2 ton hay.
April 23, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Ton worked in sheep barn.
April 24, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. Ton plowed our garden out front and started plowing on old cellar piece.
April 25, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Pat and I delivered milk. It was a nice day. We had tea at Memorial room. Pat went to V.H. for weekend. Ton plowed on old cellar piece.
April 26, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Nice day. Windy. Val came up and he & Ton hauled 18 loads of manure and spread on upper fields. I delivered milk.

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April 27, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Ton and I went with milk. Took a walk up through Mullen place and along the beaches and out by Mr. C.I. Gates and up to Dorothy Beveridge's. She gave us a ride back down to where we left the car. Pat came back tonight from V.H.
April 28, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> Rainy. Ton delivered milk & rested awhile after he got home. Made out cemetery notice so we could post it when we went after mail.
April 29, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> Foggy and showery. Pat and I took milk. Ton tried getting the old washing machine to work as the wringer on Flo's is letting go.
April 30, Wednesday	<i>Annie:</i> Foggy. Pat delivered milk. I mowed our lawn for first time. Pat mowed Mr. Fay's. Ton worked on limb pile, tried to get down to Eliot's sawdust pile but it was too soft. We tagged the rest of the lambs and have them all in ground mow now.
May 1, Thursday	<i>Annie:</i> Beautiful day. Pat & I delivered milk, did a wash after we got home. Val up. They hauled two load of hay from sheep barn. Pat & I went to a baby shower for Patricia Staples.
May 2, Friday	<i>Annie:</i> Westerly wind. Pat & I delivered milk. Ton planted a row of potatoes & peas. Also sweet peas and 13 glads. Plowed a little while over back of hill.
May 3, Saturday	<i>Annie:</i> Drizzly all day. Val here. Cut rails and fence posts. Fixed fence back of barn. Pat & I delivered milk.
May 4, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> Overcast & cool. Pat and I took milk. Ton hauled in a load of limbs, rested awhile. The Beveridges called.

[clipping found at beginning of 1959 diary]



## Yes, December Was a Cold Month

So you think December was a cold month? Well, the local U. S. Weather Bureau observer, Oliver Holmes of Purchase Street, agrees with you.

Wednesday, Oliver noted that December had averaged six degrees below normal for the month. In 1957, December was seven and one-half degrees above normal to make an average difference of this December and a year ago of 13½ degrees. There were only 11 days above freezing.

Snowfall the past month has been one and two-tenths inches below normal and last year was even lower, the heavy storms not coming until late February and March.

Oil dealers agree with him, commenting that sales have been up about one-third over a normal December as householders clamored for their product to keep warm.

Mr. Holmes has been recording the weather locally since 1941 in addition to his duties as custodian at Rockland High School where he has been employed 25 years. Today marks his 25th anniversary and his 70th birthday.

The day-to-day high and low temperatures, which Holmes records each day with instruments supplied by the Weather Bureau, are listed below for December.

Date	High	Low
1	25	8
2	30	11
3	26	9
4	38	24
5	43	23
6	48	21
7	24	13
8	26	12
9	21	13
10	19	1
11	20	-4
12	15	8
13	23	4
14	29	4
15	36	13
16	26	11
17	23	2
18	26	8
19	40	9
20	40	8
21	16	-3
22	19	-5
23	37	13
24	33	13
25	15	-4
26	17	-3
27	32	15
28	40	15
29	39	24

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