

TONNY and ANNIE CALDERWOOD'S DIARY January 1 to December 31, 1961

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Jan. 1, Sunday	<i>Annie:</i> 26 above. North East snow storm, changing to sleet and rain. We delivered milk. Got around and home before it got too bad. Made a batch of ice cream this P.M. Called the Whipples. Talked with Violet.
Jan. 2, Monday	<i>Annie:</i> North East wind. Snow flurries all day made it quite hard walking. Ton del. milk. I went along. June and Bill here to ice cream.
Jan. 3, Tuesday	<i>Annie:</i> 16 above. North N.E. wind. <i>Tonny:</i> Snow flurries making slippery traveling. Delivered milk. Pumped water and chored.
Jan. 4, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 16 above. Cold but nice. Bill Hopkins helped me breed Elliott Brown cow to Charlie Holstein. Delivered milk. Nan washed at Burgesses.
Jan. 5, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 10 above. Nice but windy. Delivered milk. Worked on limb pile about an hour. Pumped water and chored. Quite icy on roads.
Jan. 6, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 12 above. Still icy. Chored and delivered milk. Had a nice chicken pie dinner with Jennie and Etta. Then we went over to inspect Montgomery's house when we got home.
Jan. 7, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Nice day. Thawing. Chored and delivered milk. Worked on limb pile what time I had. Pumped and chored. Up to Burgesses this evening. Milton and Edith Ames there.
Jan. 8, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Beautiful and thawing. Really taking the ice off roads. I delivered milk. Nan stayed home to do housework. Elsie Morrison called this P.M. while Foster worked on light plant, cleaned carburetor, adjusted points, etc. The Elliott Beveridges down to supper and evening. Had a nice time.
Jan. 9, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Nice day but growing cold. Nan delivered milk. I chored and then Bill Hopkins came at 1:00 P.M. to help me dress out the bull calf that ran in Mrs. Pease's pasture all summer. Dressed out nicely. Going to bed early.
Jan. 10, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 10° above - clear. Nan delivered milk and went to V.H. Had a dentist appointment at 4:30. I chored and then Bill Hopkins came down to help me cut down and weight the animal. This calf born Mar. 13 1960 - dressed 325#. Gave Bill one fow'd qtr. Gave Lewis Burgess the other fow'd. Am giving Jim Brown a piece of back for the many favors he's done me - hauling shavings etc. We plan to eat, freeze and can the two hind qtrs. Nan came from V.H. at 9:00 P.M. while I was working on the milk.
Jan. 11, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Nice day Nan delivered milk and washed at Burgesses. I chored and split a trailer load of wood. Also repaired rear trailer cross-piece I broke when I hauled in brush the other day.

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Jan. 12, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Cold and windy - 10° above. Nan delivered milk. I chored and split on wood pile.
Jan. 13, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 12 above. Calm and overcast. Nan delivered milk. I split 2 trailer loads of wood, hauled them down and tiered them in wood shed. Chored and pumped water.
Jan. 14, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Warm. Thawed the ice quite a bit. Nan delivered milk. I chored, took booster cylinder off tractor, put saw rig on, and sawed wood for Eliot Beveridge this P.M. We spent evening at Garnet and Clara's. Had a nice time. Sawed wood for Eliot Beveridge - 3 hrs - 12.00.
Jan. 15, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Not very cold by thermometer but very raw. We delivered milk. Had dinner with the Burgesses. Pumped after we got home. Chored.
Jan. 16, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Light snow. Strong N.E. wind. I delivered milk. Nan stayed home. Very slippery walking wherever there's ice. Did chores a little earlier so we could go to a garden club movie at the Memorial Room. The movie was on the life cycle of birds, insects, flowers etc. in color. Very good. Then we went down to Burgesses and I helped him bone out and cut up the fow'd qtr of beef I gave him.
Jan. 17, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Nice day. Nan delivered milk. I chored, went up to Ern Whitmore's and sawed what was left of the wood I hauled out for him awhile back. Took saw rig off tractor and hauled trailer load of split wood for living room stove down from woodpile. Up to Bill Hopkins's this evening to help him cut up his fow'd qtr of beef for freezing. Also cut up a good part of my two hind qtrs. The girls wrapped and marked them for the freezer. Getting to bed at 1:30 A.M. Pooched. Pumped water. Sawing wood Ern Whitmore \$4.00.
Jan. 18, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Nice day but growing cold all day. Nan delivered milk. I worked at barn. Dumped grain. Put out D-Con stations, baled up grain bags etc. We rested a couple hours this P.M. Getting very cold tonight. Nearly zero.
Jan. 19, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 1° above this morning. Calm Then breezed up N.W. Chored and delivered milk. Split on woods pile above barn an hour or so this P.M. before pumping and choring.
Jan. 20, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 0° and blowing hard N.N.E. Warmed up to 5° above and started snowing before I started for barn. Almost another blizzard. Put chains on before we started back from town after delivering milk. At least 8 inches of snow. Wind backed in to N.W. tonight and blowing very hard. Nan was going to stay home to watch the "Big Doings" in Washington D.C. Inauguration of Kennedy but television set pooped out.
Jan. 21, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 0° and calm. Chored. Delivered milk. Nan went with me. Pumped water and chored this P.M. We went up to Burgesses this evening as our television set burned out a transformer yesterday. Edith and Milton Ames at Burgesses.

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Jan. 22, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 1° above and almost calm. Warming up some. Nan delivered milk so I could stay [to] work on my income tax papers. When I started barn chores this P.M. the Hiram cow had just started to calve. Put her in calving pen and in less than half hour she gave birth to a black heifer. Charlie Bull's first offspring.
Jan. 23, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 0°. Clear and cold but warming up some. Nan delivered milk so I could work on my tax papers. Foster brought his Jeep down at dark and took the Chevy back with him to do an overhaul job on. Pumped at chore time.
Jan. 24, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 0° and clear. Chored and delivered milk. Nan went with me in Foster's Jeep. Not as handy for milk delivery as the Chevy. Called at the town office to see Bob Sawyer a few minutes while Nan washed. Bill Hopkins called a few minutes this P.M. This morning when I went to the barn the Hiram cow's eyes were swollen nearly shut and she didn't feel good. By the time I finished milking and watering up she appeared to feel better. Dr. McDonald said it was probably an allergy in the hay. Eating and drinking okay tonight.
Jan. 25, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 4° below. Clear but hardly warmed above zero all day, except in direct sun. We chored, delivered milk and chored. Also pumped this P.M. Spring is well frozen over. Worked on Income Tax papers this evening. T.V. still not repaired. Cold getting into the building bad now.
Jan. 26, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 2° above. Little Thoroughfare about skimmed across. Chored and delivered milk. Jeep started nicely in garage but when we were ready to go with milk it wouldn't start. Foster came down, worked on the points and gave the Jeep a push to start it. Put in a new sets of points at the Iron Point garage after milk delivery. Chopped a few alders. Bill Hopkins helped me breed Lawrence Beverage heifer at chore time.
Jan. 27, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 2° above/ Still skimmed over. Chored. Over to Montgomery's before going with milk as Bill H. wanted us to see the house after the carpenters had cleaned it up and moved out. It is nice and will look very good when painted. Drove down west district as far as Lewis Mills' when we came from milk route. Pumped water and chored. Up to Burgesses this evening to watch Mitch Miller program.
Jan. 28, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 8° above. Water has worked in by Bull Rock some from the westerd. A pretty morning. Water opened up by the time we got home from milk route. Chored and spent evening at the Milton Ames'. The Burgesses were there. Had a good time. Cold when we came home. Prudy brought us down a television to use until ours is repaired.
Jan. 29, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 10° above. Chored and delivered milk. A nice day. Pumped and started chores early as we were invited up to the Beveridges to a supper snack. Had a very nice time.
Jan. 30, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 2° above. Chored and delivered milk. Nan stayed home. Worked on papers what time I had this P.M. before starting chores. Going to bed as soon a chores done tonight. Still staying cold.

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Jan. 31, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 4° above. A nice day. Chored and delivered milk. Down to Pingree's Garage to see how Foster was coming along on Chevy. Had it practically ready to try out. Looked some better with new springs under rear and also one new coil spring and shock absorbers forward. Had new rings and a good overhaul. Foster brought the car home shortly after we got home. Cold, cold, cold.
Feb. 1, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 4° below zero. Sunny. Chored and delivered milk in the Chevy. Runs nicely. Nan washed a batch at Burgesses. This is Grumpy's birthday. 75 yrs old. Worked on Income Tax papers this morning and again tonight.
Feb. 2, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 8° below zero. Sunny. Nearly skimmed across to Stimpson's again. Thoroughfare completely frozen over from below Iron Point out to Brown's Head. Boat is having considerable trouble getting in and out. The Ground Hog saw his shadow and it served him right coming out a day like today. Foster and Elsie down a few minutes this evening. Brought the repair bill for the Chevy. 59.25 each for he and Shorty. \$126.00 for repair parts at cost.
Feb. 3, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 2° above, calm and slowly warming up. Really frozen over between here and Stimpson's this day. Nan went with milk. I worked on income tax papers. We hauled two loads of wood from woodpile above barn and put it in to wood shed before I started chores. Smearing up tonight for snow. Glass pretty high.
Feb. 4, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 18°. Looks very snowy this morning. Still frozen across solid. Laurel had to break out the North Haven again yesterday morning. Wind breezing up E.N.E. and blowing hard tonight. A terrible all day snowstorm the whole length of the Atlantic seaboard but has skipped Maine. Practically the whole state of N.Y. in a state of emergency. Went on milk route. Had quite a job thawing out discharge line on water pump before I could pump water.
Feb. 5, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 17° above. Nice, sunny and warmer. The easterly wind last night broke the ice out of Little Thoroughfare. Nan delivered milk so I could work on Income Tax papers. Don and Cynthia here an hour or so this P.M.
Feb. 6, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 8° above warming up rapidly. A lovely day. Nan delivered milk. Bill H. came down and went to Calderwood's with me to get the three sheep - Abbie, her last springs lamb and the yearling new. Had dandy luck getting them and bringing them home, except we couldn't get into the yard cove because of ice. Had to land out on the point nearer the fish hawk's nest, and lead the sheep over. They appear to be in good shape.
Feb. 7, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 16° above. Another beautiful morning. Nan delivered milk. I worked on Income Tax papers. Nan washed a load of clothes at Burgesses.
Feb. 8, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 22° above. A beautiful day. Nan delivered milk. I worked on and finished making out my Income Tax papers. Have \$96.00 S.S. and \$145.00 tax to pay. Finished up about 2:00. turned the cows out for the first time this winter to rub around. Split some wood until I went over to pump.

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Feb. 9, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 18° above. This has been a beautiful day. Warmed up so that the snow melted considerable. Nan delivered milk. I sheared the ram lamb and dressed him out. He was poorer than a crow. Only dressed 33# even though he looked good from outside. After Nan returned from milk we had a lunch, then went up to Hiram's to chain saw some trees for him on the mill stream side of the road above his hen houses. Bill H. down at chore time to help me use the bull on "Liz Grey." No luck. We went up to call on them a while this evening as he had a letter for me to read. Made a clam stew for refreshment.
Feb. 10, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 30° above. N.E. wind. Chored and went on milk route with Nan. Home at 1:00 P.M. Swept out and washed up milk room floor. Helped peel some apples. Pumped water and chored. Bill and June down to watch Mitch Miller program. Stayed till twelve.
Feb. 11, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 19° above N.E. wind. Nan delivered milk. I hauled in the wood from Cobb's lot that I had junked into stove length last winter as I cut it. The butts of the large trees. Had three full trailer loads. Over a cord. Started watering chores early so we could go uptown to the K. of P. public supper. Came home and did milking chores.
Feb. 12, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 15° above. Sunny. Chored. Delivered milk. Nan stayed home. Rested a short time. The Beveridges called a little while just before chore time.
Feb. 13, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 10° above. Sunny and nice but sharp. Nan delivered milk. I worked on woodpile. Split one trailer load and brought it down to the house. Flo helped me split this P.M. Made quite a showing. He worked about 3 1/2 hrs. Gave him taxi fare to come down tomorrow.
Feb. 14, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 30° above. Stormy looking. Strong S.E. wind. Started snowing while I was doing chores and snowed and drizzled all forenoon. Went on milk route. Rested a few minutes this P.M. Pumped and chored.
Feb. 15, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 18° above. Sunny. Windy N.W. Nan delivered milk. Flo came about 9:45 and started splitting wood. Nan delivered milk. We finished wood pile above barn and nearly finished the big wood I hauled in from birch tree corner last Saturday. Hiram and Albert down to play 83 this evening. We had a nice time. Flo worked about 7 hrs.
Feb. 16, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 8° above. Light air N.E. Clear. Nan delivered milk. I finished splitting the big stuff by woodshed and then wheeled up the junked up tree below our outdoor fireplace and split that up. Pumped and chored.
Feb. 17, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 8° above. Chored. Nan delivered milk. I worked on limb pile. Bill Hurd came down this P.M. to see about lowering the discharge pipe shift off in the spring to keep it under water. The spring is lowering quite a lot.
Feb. 18, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 28° above. Nice day. Warm. Chored and delivered milk. Nan had a permanent at Bertha's. I used chain saw an hour up to Hiram's for him and then went up to get Nan and to get my hair cut. When we came home we had no water at the kitchen sink. Bill Hurd had left the shut off valve open in the spring yesterday and the water from the tank had drained back into the spring. Took me over 2 hrs to pump back up and water up.

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Feb. 19, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 32° above - foggy. Chored. Delivered milk. Nan stayed home. Pat, Mike and Jr. came up to dinner. The baby can almost walk by himself. The Beveridge's down to have a snack with us this evening.
Feb. 20, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 25° above. Clear and sunny. N. wind. Nan delivered milk. Collected my wood tools together, ground my double-bitted axe and started in out on birch tree corner where I left off last spring.
Feb. 21, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 15° above - clear. Nan delivered milk. I worked on the birch tree corner after finishing chores here. Made quite a little showing today. A hard place to work on the side of a hill.
Feb. 22, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 28° above - S.W. wind. Nice day. Nan delivered milk. I chored and then worked in woods on birch tree corner. Pumped and chored. Up to Bill Hopkins's a while this evening.
Feb. 23, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 34° above. Cloudy and raw. Nan delivered milk. I worked in woods on birch tree corner. Came in about 3:00 P.M. as it started to frizzle. Changed to snow about 7:00 and snowed hard for an hr or so. Did chores early so as to go up to Burgesses with Nan as this is the annual Christmas tree party. Mercedes and the children are over. Prudy, Jim, Milton, Frank S. and I spent evening in den.
Feb. 24, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 24° above. Snowed during night. May 2 inches. Trees loaded. Chored and delivered milk. Gave Eben a screw-driver set for a birthday present. Rested a little while this P.M. Pumped and chored. Up to Burgesses again tonight as the Oldroyds go back to Owl's Head tomorrow.
Feb. 25, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 34° and foggy, starting to rain as we started out with milk. Worked over in shop a short time this A.M. putting a roof on the bird house she made at crafts two years ago. Garnet and Clara T. down this evening.
Feb. 26, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 35° above. Wind N.E. Rained hard all night. Went on milk route. Rested an hr. or so this P.M. Pumped and chored.
Feb. 27, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 17° above. Clear and Sunny. Turned cloudy and snowed this A.M. Warmed up. Chored and went on milk route. Nan washed at Burgesses. Out in woods about 2 hrs. this P.M. Cleaned up the mess I left Saturday night. Prudy and Sal down to supper and evening.
Feb. 28, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Overcast and very calm. 27° above. Nan delivered milk. I worked in woods. Pumped and chored.
March 1, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 18° above. Sunny and calm. Nan delivered milk. I chored, put handle into my ice chisel and took watering trough over to Tumbledown. Opened up the spring over there. Towed five animals over to Tumbledown tie up. Liz Grey's last fall 1960 calf, Liz Grey's 1959 Jack Brown calf, Flora, Lawny heifer and Agnes. Had to go over a fourth time to put a stanchion post.
March 2, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 28° above. Overcast. Snowed during night. Maybe 2 inches. Easterly air. Chored. Went on milk route. Had about an hr. in woods before doing Tumbledown barn chores. Sawed down a dozen or more trees. Pumped and chored.

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March 3, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 34° above. Wind S.W. cloudy clearing to sunny this P.M. Squire brought his cow down for me to use until some of mine freshen in April. Got there before I'd finished milking. Nan delivered milk. I worked in woods clearing up the ones I sawed down yesterday. Chored.
March 4, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 36° above. Sunny. S.W. breeze. Nan delivered milk. I worked in woods. Didn't get much wood cut but burned a lot of brush. Got cleaned up to start again.
March 5, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 26° above. Sprinkles. Overcast N.E. breeze. Chored. Delivered milk. Had a nice dinner with the Burgesses. Came home and chored.
March 6, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 24° above. Light snow during night. Up at 5:00 o'clock. Thrashed to get to town meeting at 9:00. Delivered milk from fountain corner to Shorty Beverage's on way down. Had sandwiches at Community Bldg. at noon, then delivered milk from fountain to Pulpit Harbor and middle road back to town meeting. Left at 3:30. Delivered rest of milk. Came home, chored and pumped. V.L. Beverage, Lewis Haskell, and Foster Morrison elected Selectmen. Raised four units of State Aid so here goes the rest of Bank Swamps road beauty.
March 7, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 29° above. N.E. wind. Overcast. Bill Hopkins called while we were having breakfast. I went with Nan on milk route. She washed at Burgess. Cleaned up in top of shop some so we could put the couch out of kitchen over there. Put it over there and now have the table back by the windows where it belongs. Grain didn't come so I have nothing to feed except fodder green. Pumped and chored.
March 8, Wednesday <i>Tonny's birthday</i>	<i>Tonny:</i> 18° above. Clear. Wind North. Happy Birthday. Chored. Delivered milk. Took Nan to town first and delivered milk backwards as she took a taxi to V.H. at noontime. Dentist appointment at four. I visited with Hiram a few minutes on way home. Washed tonight's bottles and most of tomorrow morning's before starting chores. Fed and watered up at Tumbledown, then pumped and chored. Harvey D. brought my grain and my birthday tetch from Nan. Pat sent me a packet of 8 handkerchiefs, a handy 6 of Ballantine's and a nice frosted birthday cake. Was at barn starting milking chores when Nan got home.
March 9, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> N.E. wind strong. 24° above. Snowing. Tough snow storm and most [of] a gale of wind. Chored and delivered milk. Nan went with me. Tore out front partition of hallway this P.M. so we can make the hallway and window closet into a bathroom. Snow let up this P.M. and almost rained so that the snow is pretty damp. Freezing tonight.
March 10, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 18° above. Clear. Westerly wind. Snow frozen crusty during night. Miserable walking and driving. Chored and went on milk route. Nan washed a load of clothes at Burgesses. We had a bunch there. They had finished their lunch. Worked 3/4 hr. or so taking finish off of doorway into toilet. Pumped and chored. We watched Mitch Miller program tonight. Growing cold - about 15° above at 11:00 P.M.
March 11, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 15° above. Strong westerly wind. Chored and delivered milk. Nan stayed home and worked. Didn't accomplish much what little time I had this P.M. except to chore.

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March 12, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 18° above. Calm and beautiful. Nan delivered milk. I stayed home and worked in the bathroom tearing out around the toilet door entrance. One more time tearing out and then I can begin putting back. Rested about a half hour this P.M. and then pumped and chored. The Witherspoons and Hopkins called this evening.
March 13, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 22° above. Sunny and calm. Snow melted considerable. Nan delivered milk. I worked in woods for first time since March 4 th . Cut the alders on swamp along fence beyond Merryconeag where my fence starts across Cobb's corner lot. Cutting the alders opens up more of Little Thoroughfare to view as you top Birch Tree hill. Didn't get any cutting done on Birch Tree corner.
March 14, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 20° above. Overcast and gray. N.E. wind. Started snowing and blowing about 8:00 A.M. Bad storm. Delivered milk. Nan stayed home. Pumped water and chored this P.M.
March 15, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 18° above. Cloudy. Westerly air. The day after another damn snowstorm. Shoveled some to get the car out of garage to go to other barn but didn't get out of dooryard. Did these chores first, then put on chains and did Tumbledown chores on way uptown with milk. Shoveled out driveway when we got back. Rested an hour and then started chores again.
March 16, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 30° above. Cloudy - westerly breeze. Chored and delivered milk. Worked in woods about an hour on my way to other barn. Pumped and chored.
March 17, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 10° above. Strong N.W. wind. What do you think of that? Warmed up some by delivery time so Nan delivered and I worked in woods. She also washed at Burgesses.
March 18, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Cold all night - 12° above this morning. Wind light west. Swung into N.E. and then dropped out. Nan delivered milk. I worked in woods. Cleaned up from yesterday and took down the ones right on the corner across from big birch tree. Pumped and chored.
March 19, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 30° above. Mostly clear and very little wind. Nan delivered milk. H. Demmons brought my grain this morning. I worked on bathroom, finished tearing out except for 2 x 3 on ceiling where closet partition came. We visited with the Hopkins this evening.
March 20, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Beautiful sunny morning. Westerly wind - 28° above. Nan delivered milk. I worked in woods on Birch tree corner.
March 21, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 12° above. Sunny. Nan delivered milk. I worked in woods on Birch tree corner. Prudy and Gordon B. down to put new transformers in our television which burned out Jan. 20. Nice to have the big set working again.
March 22, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 26° above. Sunny, Light breeze N.E. A beautiful, beautiful day. Nan delivered milk. I worked in woods on Birch Tree corner. Burned brush this P.M. Pumped and chored. Purdy and Austin down this A.M. to fix brushes in generator but it acted up again by the middle of evening, refusing to keep the television going.

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March 23, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 30° above. Sunny Breeze N.E. Abbie's "Nibblers" had twin ram lambs last night. One dead this morning. As soon as Nan started with the milk I started for town with the tractor and trailer to get shavings at Brown's shop. Got 18 bags from the outside planer. Walker Ames had taken the inside ones before I got there. Put these shavings on eastern scaffold. Filled up my grain barrels out of panel truck while I had big doors open.
March 24, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 34° above. Wind E.N.E. Overcast. A cold rain most of the time all day. Went on milk route. Rested an hour this P.M. Pumped and chored. Television refused to work when Nan snapped it on so we couldn't watch Mitch Miller program. Going to bed about 10:00.
March 25, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 32° above. North wind. Overcast. Nan delivered milk. I worked out on Birch Tree corner after choring. Foster and Prudy down this P.M. Foster to do a valve and carbon job on new light plant. Prudy to work on television. Up to the Beveridge's to a baked bean supper. Very good.
March 26, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 32° above. Wind N.N.E. Cloudy but clearing to be beautiful this P.M. Chored and went to church. Delivered milk on way home. Rested about an hour. Pumped and chored. Turned the cows here at home outdoors while I did chores at Tumbledown.
March 27, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 30° above. Sunny Northerly air. Nan delivered milk. After choring I put a new handle in one of Uncle Will's single bitted axes, ground it, took the tractor and trailer, chain saw, etc. and went up to my Tumbledown wood lot to cut some of the hard wood along the road where the state aid road will be constructed this summer. Couldn't bear to see these trees just bulldozed out and destroyed. Hauled home what little I cut.
March 28, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 36° above. Clear and calm. Some high clouds. Nan delivered milk. I went up to Tumbledown wood lot again. When Nan came back from milk we took a walk in to our back line but couldn't find it. Wandered around over in there and finally had to back track in the snow to find our way out. It's a hell of a mess what with blown-ups, rotten down firs, etc.
March 29, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 33° above. Rain and snow. Nan stayed home. I delivered milk. As soon as I got home she went up to work on the Church Easter sale. Hardly anyone attended. I worked on the bathroom this P.M. Prudy down to repair our T.V. this P.M.
March 30, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 30 above. Nice day. Chored. Nan delivered milk and then went to V.H. Pat came up after her. Don and Cynthia went down too. I washed the milk room floor before going up on the Banks Road wood lot. Brought home what I cut, mostly two big birches close to the wall. Nan got back from V.H. about six. Two snow squalls this P.M. Nan heard wild geese this morning.
March 31, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 27° above. Sunny. A nice day. 23 yrs. ago we moved down here. Nan delivered milk. I worked in woods along side of Banks Road. Cut the beautiful ash tree that I've admired so many times. Clifted the trunk junks and hauled home all but the limbs. Chored.

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April 1, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 34° above. Cloudy and damp. Rained hard P.M. and evening. Went on milk route. Stopped into Selectmen's Office to declare valuation. Had haircut at Bertha's on way home after taking ride to Crabtree's Point. Chored and pumped.
April 2, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 36 above. Nice and sunny most of time but windy S.W. Chored and went to church. Delivered milk after. Had dinner with the Burgesses. Chored.
April 3, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 32° above. Some clouds. Snow squalls all A.M. Rode up to Bank's cutting when Nan went with milk and worked there until she came home.
April 4, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 35° above. Cloudy, calm. Chored. Nan delivered milk. Worked on Bank's road cutting. Brought home load of wood. The Thorntons called this evening. Pat and Little Mike up to visit. Went with Nan on milk route. He can just about walk by himself now. Has four teeth.
April 5, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 36° above. Light air north. Cloudy. Chored. Nan delivered milk. I worked on Bank's road cutting. Brought home a load of white birch. The Burgesses visited with us this evening. Pumped water. Agnes cow calved at Tumbledown this morning. A bull.
April 6, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 43° above. Beautiful - Sunny. Chored. Nan delivered milk. I hauled out 4 loads wood for Ern - \$10.00. Frost coming out pretty bad. Brought home a load of limbs from Bank's road cutting when I came from Ern's. Chored.
April 7, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 40° above. Calm Some overcast. Showered some during day. I was so pooched I laid down and rested while Nan was gone with milk. Repaired bottom of green trailer and brought Agnes and calf home from Tumbledown. Pumped and chored. Prudy and Edwin down this A.M. to put the old generator back together. They sent it to Rockland to have the inside section turned down.
April 8, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 36° above. Calm and cloudy. Looks like rain. Did rain some during night. Sprinkled by spells all day. Little Mike not feeling good so we took car across and went to V.H. after delivering milk. I did some errands and called on Clint Calderwood a few minutes. Little Mike appeared to be feeling better tonight. Dr. Earle could find nothing wrong with him. "Clint died Feb. 1, 1962"
April 9, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 34° above. Calm and Sunny. Little Mike better this morning. We delivered milk. Rested a few minutes and then I pumped and chored. Old light plant stopped on us tonight. Had to start the new one.
April 10, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 36° above. Calm and cloudy. Rained and snowed hard this P.M. Changed to rain tonight and blew a gale. Nan delivered milk. I worked in bathroom. Chored.
April 11, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 36° above. Cloudy. Rained some. Has rained hard all night. E.N.E. wind. Blew very hard last night. Has drizzled most all day. Delivered milk. We went clamming after we got back. Got enough to steam for supper. Pumped and chored. New light plant stopped just as I was getting ready to do milking chores. Old one run just long enough for me to finish. Stopped as I was coming from barn.

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April 12, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 36° above. Partly sunny but raw. Wind still N.E. Chored. Nan delivered milk. I worked in bathroom. Foster down to work on new light plant. Some part of magneto had loosened up inside of flywheel and bound up. Repaired it and had it running about five P.M.
April 13, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 34° above. Stormy looking. Wind E.N.E. Chored. Nan delivered milk. I worked in bathroom. Pumped and chored. Prudy pulled armature out of old light plant again. Not turned down good at all.
April 14, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 30° above. Snowed all night and still snowing this morning. About 2 inches. Nan delivered milk so I could work in the bathroom. Put first application of filler and tape on joints in ceiling and on walls, finish around doors, etc. Prudy down this P.M. to put new plant back into carrying frame. Had taken it to garage (the frame) to have it welded and reinforced. Left off work in bathroom to help him. Cold and disagreeable doing chores.
April 15, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 32° above. Wind still N.E. Overcast. Cleared about noon so this P.M. was fairly nice. Finished the wood repair in bathroom by cutting and fitting the last piece of baseboard, putting header finish over doors, second application of crack filler on ceiling, etc. Hauled load of hay from Tumbledown this P.M. 75 bales. The Witherspoons called this evening. Pumped and chored. Boy what a dose of dust fever I've got from carpentering in bathroom along with haying. Nan delivered milk.
April 16, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 34° above. Overcast N.E. wind. Looks rainy. Chored and went on milk route. We came right home and rested for two whole hours. Had a nice nap.
April 17, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 36° above. A gale of wind and pouring rain all night long. What a night. Doesn't look now as though the ground could every dry up. Chored and went on milk route with Nan. Brought home some snow from Birch tree hill and froze ice cream. Ruth Abbott arrived this P.M. Pumped and chored.
April 18, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 35° above. N.E. wind. Overcast. Drizzly by spells. Nan delivered milk. I put stiffening brace on our closet door. It had sagged so it hasn't shut for a long time. Cleared left over lumber out of bathroom and Pat's room. Chored early. Harvey Demmons brought grain tonight. The Beveridges and Abbie down to supper.
April 19, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 30°above. Ground froze some. Snow flurries. Overcast. N.E. wind. Cleared nicely late this P.M. Chored. Went on milk route with Nan. worked on milk tax papers when we got back. Pumped and did watering up chores early as we were invited out to the castle on Castle Rock with the Beveridges and Abbie. Had a nice little visit. What a beautiful view from out there. Got home about 7:15 and then did milking chores.
April 20, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 30°above. Sunny and calm. Nan delivered milk. I used up all the celetex left from tearing out in the bathroom to cover the walls in the milk room. Made it look much different. Chored. Nan went to Auxiliary supper. When I went to barn I found the Black Liz heifer starting to calve so had to make a calving pen in the ground mow. She had a handsome bull calf. I had hoped for a heifer.

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April 21, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 34° above. Calm and Sunny. Beautiful day except for wind airing up S.W. Nan delivered milk. I vacuumed the milk room and started painting it terrace green. After Nan came home she helped and we very nearly finished it. Used all the paint I got at Jim Calderwood's the day I was down (2 qts). Chored and Pumped.
April 22, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 42° above. Overcast. Wind back N.E. again but nice day. Chored. Nan has a head cold so I delivered milk. Hauled a load of hay (80 bales) from Tumbledown this P.M. Chored. We went up to Burgesses this evening. The Montgomerys arrived this P.M.
April 23, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 36° above. Rain. Must have rained hard during night. Cleared to be a nice day. We delivered milk. Came home and had a nice baked chicken dinner with huckleberry pie. Rested an hour. Pumped and chored. Used the tractor to haul the Montgomery's out of mud hole beyond hill toward their place. He visited me a moment at the barn. Lawrence Grant came for his cow this A.M. Gave him what milk he had (58 qts) and the breeding for use of her.
April 24, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 46° above. Wind westerly. Some sunny. Nice day. Nan delivered milk. I boxed in around the stack in the bathroom above and below the close shelf. The Montgomerys invited us over to see their house at 1 P.M. It looks very good and will look even better when the painting is finished. Chored early and visited at the Thornton's this evening. We addressed the cemetery notice cards. Had a nice time.
April 25, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 42° above. Nice day. Nan delivered milk. I finished the stack box in the bathroom and then pitched over the top of the manure pile. Chored and pumped.
April 26, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 38° above. Rain. Chored. Went on milk route and then went to V.H. this P.M. Bought a broom, a mop and some paint at Jim Calderwood's. Visited at Pat's and at Bunker's Store. Got home shortly after five. Chored. Painted the head wall and east wall in our bedroom this evening. Light yellow over flamingo didn't cover good at all. We set up to watch Robert Montgomery on the Jack Paar show. Got to bed after 1 P.M.
April 27, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 35° above. Sunny. N.Wind. Nice day. Nan delivered milk. I finished giving our bedroom walls the first coat of yellow and had started putting on the second coat when Nan came home. Together we finished the second coat. Pumped and chored. Flora had calved this morning when I went over to Tumbledown. A heifer - all black.
April 28, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 32° above. Sunny. Nan delivered milk. I cut opening through ground mow part of western end of barn, made a frame for a six light sash and put it in the opening. Hope to get another windows in the back side of the barn in the ground mow for a manure window. Chored. Nan washed and then painted the shelves and around the windows in the milk room.

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<p>April 29, Saturday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 33°above. Air N.E. Some clouds. Nan delivered milk. I painted out the inside of our bedroom closet. Hauled a load of hay from Tumbledown. Brought Flora and her calf home from Tumbledown. Took Black Nell and Stimpson Island cow over to Tumbledown. Had a hell of a time doing same as Black Nell balked on me and tore the back end of my Frank Waterman trailer to pieces. Finally had to lead the Stimpson's Island cow rest of way from Emery's by hand. Then Black Nell lead nicely behind tractor. What a time. Pumped and chored. Came down from barn last time after Matt Dillon came on.</p>
<p>April 30, Sunday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 40° above. Overcast. Easterly wind. Chored. Nan delivered milk. I wrote a letter to Mr. Fay regarding a building for his next light plant and chopped alders. We rested a little while this P.M. The Burgesses were down this evening. Had a nice visit.</p>
<p>May 1, Monday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 36° above. Sunny calm. Nan delivered milk. I separated the surplus milk after she left, built a new water well pump shelf in the milk room and had washed and rinsed the milkroom floor when she got home. I painted the milkroom floor and she finished painting the walls and window casings. Rototilled about six feet on upper side of the garden in front of house. Pumped and chored. Thrashed through our chores to go out to "Castle Rock" to have a "Moon Rise" supper with the Beveridges. A pretty spot out there. Bred Liz Grey to Charlie Holstein.</p>
<p>May 2, Tuesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 38° above. Overcast N.E. breeze. Looks rainy. Started raining about 9:30. Very cold. Almost snow. Heavy wind East North East. I delivered milk. Nan stayed home and started to paint the entry but was so disagreeable cold she gave the job up. Wrote up my diary and copied in my cemetery notes of the 1960 business meeting.</p>
<p>May 3, Wednesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 36° above. Sunny. Almost as strong S.W. wind as N.E. was yesterday. Nan delivered milk. Harvey brought grain and fertilizer this morning. I painted ceiling in entry what time I had. Nan got ready this P.M. to go V.H. to Aux. supper. Pat came up after her at 3:30. I pumped and chored. Prudy came down to put the armature back into new outfit. It ran an hour or so and then loaded up so I started other plant.</p>
<p>May 4, Thursday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 41° above. Clear. High clouds. Quite warm by spells when the sun wasn't behind clouds. Nan delivered milk. I put my plows on and plowed for Hiram - most of his piece at end of house and the western part of his piece to the westerd of his barn. About 2 1/2 hrs - \$14.00. Then thrashed over to Garnet's and plowed for him. \$4.00 paid. Chored.</p>
<p>May 5, Friday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 37° above - high clouds - Windy N.W. Finished copying my cemetery report this morning. Nan delivered milk. I finished painting out storm entry, cleaned up entry floor and painted it. Started chores early. Went to cemetery meting at Memorial Room this evening. Fourteen of us there. Had a nice time.</p>
<p>May 6, Saturday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Beautiful, calm sunny morning but frosty. Just 33°above. Nan delivered milk. I painted the outside of kitchen door and the storm entry door inside and out. Gave the entry floor a second coat of grey. Grumpy and Manna Hubbard here a few minutes. He put his boat off.</p>

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<p>May 7, Sunday</p>	<p>40° above. Overcast, some sun trying to break through. S.W. air. Chored. Went on milk route. On our way home we stopped at the town dump. Found a nice pair of glassed doors, single light which would be nice in back side of barn over grain barrels. Also walked up onto Webster's Head where Bowers had the well drilled. Beautiful view from up there. Then drove down to Mr. Gates' and borrowed some of his rhubarb. Then walked down into the old Stone Place before we finally got home. Up to the Hopkins this evening. Nan made the first rhubarb pie of season after we finally got home from milk route. Very good.</p>
<p>May 8, Monday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 42° above. Drizzle and fog all night. Foggy most of day. Nan delivered milk. I hauled a load of hay from Tumbledown - 81 bales. Then hauled home a trailer load of sheep manure to use in the garden. Pumped and chored. Nan finished papering the bathroom.</p>
<p>May 9, Tuesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 41° above. Wet and foggy. We delivered milk. Took the car to V.H. to have aligned but must have a king-pin job done first. Got myself a haircut. Albert Beverage went down with us. Visited at Pat's a little while.</p>
<p>May 10, Wednesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 45° above. Very foggy. Rained all P.M. Nan delivered milk. I had rototilled the upper side of the garden again and made four furrows by the time Nan came home. I was just putting my tools away because it was beginning to rain so hard. We varnish stained our bedroom closet and the linen closet this P.M.</p>
<p>May 11, Thursday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 36° above. Calm, sunny and beautiful. Wind aired up N.E. Forrest Adams started building Mr. Fay's power house. Pumped after Nan started out with milk. Then spread two bags of Urea in night pasture besides friggin around with Forrest showing him where to get rocks and other things.</p>
<p>May 12, Friday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 40° above. Flat calm. Sunny. Chored. Nan delivered milk. I manured out the four rows I had made, covered them, planted 2/3rd of a row of peas, balance with onion sets, and a row of Thornton spice potatoes. Pat brought us up 2 trees from the A & P store (a flowering crab and a crimson king maple) to the ferry landing which Nan brought home from the milk route. We planted the flowering crab where the Mac apple tree stood and the maple between the Red Astracou and house where the other maple had stood.</p>
<p>May 13, Saturday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 44° above. Very foggy. Cleared before noon. Nice day. Nan delivered milk. I collected material together and repaired the barn pasture fence. Got clear around it with Nan's help after she came back from milk. Had to pump before I could water up this A.M. Saw first Kingbird.</p>
<p>May 14, Sunday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 48° above. Dripping fog. Mother's Day. Chored. Turned into a beautiful day. Warmest of the season. Went to church. Small crowd. Delivered milk. Had clam chowder dinner at Burgesses. Swung up to look at Mr. Gates' garden on way home. About ready to work. Visited with the Beveridges a few minutes where they were shearing sheep out by their bldg. Jimmie Brown was helping them. Foster and Elsie were at Gates' pumping the water system full. Pulled us a second mess of rhubarb. Don and Cynthia here this evening. Took the car across the ferry at chore time and came home in Shorty's truck. Pat and Mike came up after car. We came home in Shorty's truck.</p>

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<p>May 15, Monday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 46° above. Very calm. Pretty on the water. By 8:00 A.M. wind had struck up S.E. cold enough to freeze one and fog came in. I went on milk route with Nan as we used Shorty's truck. Rather difficult about handling as it didn't steer so good. As soon as we got home we picked out crabmeat for lunch. (Lee Witherspoon gave us 4 crabs). Then I changed the oil in the lawn mower and got it going. Nan mowed part of the lawn first time. I worked on limb pile a little while until we went back uptown to get car. Pumped and chored. Our parakeet died tonight.</p>
<p>May 16, Tuesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 50° above. Foggy and wet. Wind out to the eastward. Pat and little Mike came up this morning so I delivered milk as Mike had to nap. They are staying up tonight as Mike went to Portland to take plumber's test. Rained hard this P.M. Harvey Demmons came with grain and fertilizer.</p>
<p>May 17, Wednesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 46° above. Sunny - N.W. air. A beautiful day. Nan delivered milk. I rotered a little more on house garden, shortened the legs on my watering tubs and mounted them on the three inch casters I bought of Bill Hopkins out of Eliot Beveridge's boat shop. Hauled a load of hay from Tumbledown - 81 bales. Have less than 30 left. The Thorntons and Alvi Carvers called a few minutes this evening. This was clean up night at cemetery.</p>
<p>May 18, Thursday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Nice and clear but wind N.E. 40° above. Nan delivered milk. I washed some of the milk containers after separating milk. Hauled down a load of split wood from above Fay's and put it in woodshed. Put booster cylinders on tractor. Went over to Tumbledown and with Nan's help took spreader out of sheep pen and mounted manure fork on tractor. Brought spreader home. Supposed to go to Alumni meeting but was too late and too pooched.</p>
<p>May 19, Friday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> N.E. wind. Raw - 40° above. Nan delivered milk. I greased and oiled spreader and spread 9 loads. Two below shop and 7 on O.P. piece.</p>
<p>May 20, Saturday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 40° above. N.E. wind - raw. Nan delivered milk. I pumped water and chored and then hauled out 11 loads manure. Spread 9 on piece across from O.P piece and 2 on old cellar piece. The Hopkins down this evening. Had coconut cream pie and apple crisp.</p>
<p>May 21, Sunday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 50°above. Calm. Overcast. Nice day but wind raw off the water S.E. Nan delivered milk. I took rototiller up to Gates and rotered his garden. When Nan came we furrowed out and planted it with Ern's help who showed up about the time Nan got here. Harvey and Shirley here a few minutes tonight as they came down to roto Fay's garden for Ern.</p>
<p>May 22, Monday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 43° above - calm, almost sunny and did clear nicely. Nan delivered milk. I rototilled the lower side of garage garden so we could set out a row of Fairfax strawberry plants from Ernie Boy. Started to spread manure and was just finishing the second load when the hitch plate on the manure fork broke and bent. Went to garage and had it straightened and welded and a bolt put through but the very first forkful I lifted the plate bent again. Set out the strawberry plants. Nan mowed lawn. Looks very good. Ern down to work on Fay's garden.</p>

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<p>May 23, Tuesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 48° above. Calm and sunny. Beautiful. Garnet brought us some nice dahlia and glad bulbs this morning. Nan delivered milk. I rotored more of the garden, and pumped water before going to garage again to have the manure fork hitch straightened and welded again. Nan went to V.H. about 3:30 to baby-sit with Mike Jr. while Pat & Mike went to a Lion's supper. Stayed down the night. I put out two loads of manure after getting home from garage. Finished chores about nine.</p>
<p>May 24, Wednesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 48° above. Sunny. A nice day. Nan delivered milk. I had four loads spread in old cellar piece when Frank Sampson came with Luther Glidden and visited a half hour or so. Then had to have lunch. Succeeded in getting out eleven loads. Hiram and Wilson down a few minutes while I was doing chores. Brought me down nearly two bags of fitting ration.</p>
<p>May 25, Thursday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 47° above. Cloudy some. Wind S.W. breezing up hard this P.M. Ernie Boy showing up this morning to work. Started him in on limb pile. Also had him load the trailer with fitted wood above Fay's. Hiram let Wilson help me on manure this P.M. and was just taking my third load out when I discovered that the rear wooden cross member on the spreader was broken. Ern helped me dismantle the spreader and get the cross member out to take up to Brown's to have a new one sawed out. Got home about 4:30 and bed piece back in place but not put together. Pumped water. Nan planted some of her glads tonight.</p>
<p>May 26, Friday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 50° above. Wind blowing like the devil S.W. Yesterday morning I was up at 5:15 and planted a row of dahlias, furrowed two rows, manured, dropped and covered two rows of corn. Nan cut and dropped a row of russet potatoes and I covered them. Did this before starting chores. Ern came to work. As soon as Nan started out with milk, we went to work on spreader. got it back together and oiled. Discovered a broken slat so replaced that. Brought down a trailer load of fitted wood and was just starting to put it in wood shed when first sprinkles fell. Raining and blowing hard by the time we finished lunch. I had an hrs. nap after Ern went home. Almost a downpour all P.M. and night.</p>
<p>May 27, Saturday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 46° above. Pouring rain storm all day. Heavy S.S.W. wind. Chored. Went on milk route. Wore oilclothes. Nan drove. Worked in bathroom after we got home. Put base board around stack and sanded the patches in floor. Nan varnished them later. Up to Burgesses this evening.</p>
<p>May 28, Sunday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 42° above. Raining - wind nearly North. Had stopped raining by 10:00 A.M. and sun came out. Everything is soaked. We went to church service and then delivered milk. Had fish chowder dinner with the Burgesses. Rested an hour after coming home. Chored.</p>
<p>May 29, Monday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 46° above. Sunny - S.W. wind. Ern worked. Mowed grass for cows in front of Fay's house. Hauled home my last 32 bales of hay from Tumbledown. Sheared my two sheep. H.D. brought grain. Went uptown to see boat come, then to cemetery to mow Uncle Ry's lot and trim the Calderwood lot. Went to Lawrence and Alice Grant's anniversary party. Don and Cynthia there. Had a nice time.</p>

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<p>May 30, Tuesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 44° above. Rained during night but cleared this morning. A beautiful day. Went on milk route with Nan. As soon as we got home I cleaned out the sink spout and trap and repaired the leak in the bell of the sink. Helped Nan mow the lawn and trim the Chinese Elm hedge. The Beveridges called this evening.</p>
<p>May 31, Wednesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 36° above. Now what do you think of that. Ern worked. Finished hand scything below Fay's. Planted or set out Nan's 25 Sparkle strawberry plants. Put up her sweet pea fence. Greased up the spreader and spread 7 loads manure - 5 on hog pen piece and two on dump piece. Picked up the piles of rocks along the road to Montgomery's that the Road Com. made when he graded the road. Forrest Adams wanted them to use in a rock drain for the light plant exhaust at Fay's. Pumped and chored. Nan mowed with mower Fay's lawn.</p>
<p>June 1, Thursday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 46° above. Sunny. Air S.W. Ern worked. Nan delivered milk. We mowed fodder. Rotored some of the house garden. Furrowed out 7 rows. Planted 3 rows Thornton Spice and 3 rows Green Mts. Also 1 row peas. Chored early. Had a picnic supper with the Beveridges at Castle Rock. Had a nice time.</p>
<p>June 2, Friday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 44° above. Raining E.N. E. wind and thunderstorm. Delivered milk and then went to V.H. as it was Little Mike's first birthday. Cleared to a beautiful day. Didn't get home till about 6:00 so was late getting chores done.</p>
<p>June 3, Saturday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 55° above. Some clouds. S.W. air. Ern worked. Nan delivered milk. Ern mowed fodder. I pumped. Then I mowed at end of garden so I could park my manure fork. Hauled my Mrs. Pease hay from Pease barn except for 5 broken bales. Launched Bernice and took the sheep and lambs to Calderwood's Island. Went up to Mrs. Pease with the box trailer to get rest of hay. Chored.</p>
<p>June 4, Sunday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 54° above. Sunny. Westerly air. Nice lovely day. Went on milk route with Nan. Just got home when Mike came with big truck loaded with sawdust for me. Pat and little Mike with him. Shoveled the sawdust right up onto the eastern scaffold. Mike helped me take out the living room stove. They started home shortly after four. We dodged up to see how Mr. Gates garden was coming. Very slowly. We didn't know the Gates arrived yesterday. Called on the Beveridges a few minutes. They have their place looking nice.</p>
<p>June 5, Monday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 50° above. Air S.W. Some cloudiness. Ern worked. Mowed grass for cows. Rotored rest of house garden - furrowed it. Brought home load of sheep manure from Tumbledown, dunged out the rows and planted two of Seneca Beauty and two of lochief corn, one row of three kind of beans, top crop kidney wax, and tender green. Planted a few squashes and set out nine tomato plants.</p>
<p>June 6, Tuesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 50° above. Clear S.W. wind. Ern worked. Mowed grass. I repaired broken board in porch floor. Then we cut fence material out where I've been cutting on Cobb's. Cut and sharpening enough to tide fence below Abby's. Repaired the fence back of Tumbledown barn and turned Black Nell and the Stimpson Island cow out. The Montgomerys invited us for a sail in their new launch "Papoose" this evening. Went down through between Stimpson Island and Calderwood's, up the channel by Goose Rock light and back home. A nice boat.</p>

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June 7, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Beautiful morning but cool. 38° above. Ern worked. Chored some earlier this morning so I could work on Abbie's tide fence before flood tide. Had to build a completely new fence, bed pieces, posts and wire. Finished in time to repair the fence from tide fence to town road. Stimpson Island cow calved this P.M. at Tumbledown - a black and white heifer.
June 8, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Clear. S.W. wind. 50° above. Ern worked. Mowed foddering of grass for cows. Got things together and went fencing at Mrs. Pease's. Repaired the line fence from Ox-Bow gate to shore. Of course we had to drive the King's sheep out first.
June 9, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 50 above. Foggy, clearing to nice. Ern worked. Nan delivered milk. Ern mowed grass for cows. I cleaned up the culch on the Hopkins jigger body. Went fencing at Mrs. Pease's. Repaired fence around her building and from Ox-Bow gate to her driveway gate.
June 10, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Foggy and rainy. Rained all day long. Went on milk route. Rested a few minutes this P.M. and then oiled up and mowed fodder for cows. Left them in barn tonight.
June 11, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 52 above. Beautiful day but cool. N.E. breeze. Black Nell calved at Tumbledown this morning- twin bull calves. Nan delivered milk while I mowed foddering grass for cows. Rested an hour or so this P.M. Toured the fields hunting "Yellow Rocket" grass quite thick in most places.
June 12, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Very nice - almost hot after fog cleared out. Ern worked. Mowed grass for cows. Hauled and spread three trailer loads manure onto garage garden. Put spreader on tractor and took the three young stock from Tumbledown up to Mrs. Pease - the Lawny heifer (2 yr. old), the Liz Grey red heifer (2 yr old) and Liz Grey's black & white heifer (yearling). Bill Hopkins brought some leftover ice from Montgomerys this P.M. Late this evening he and June came down and we made ice cream. We went up to Bertha Joyce's as soon as chores to get me a haircut and Nan to have her hair set.
June 13, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Beautiful and maybe drying a little. Ern worked. Mowed grass for cows. took the Stimpson Island cow's red heifer (2 yr old) and the Liz Grey heifer's heifer (yearling) and the Alice cow's heifer (yearling) up to Mrs. Pease. Harvey Demmons brought grain. Brought side delivery rake in from oat and pea piece where it has set since last fall. Also brought the tedder in from western field. Buried one of Black Nell's twin calves at Tumbledown. Went to graduation exercises and then to the dance at Community Building.
June 14, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 60° above. Lilacs are all in bloom and very pretty. Showers most all day. Ern worked this A.M. Mowed grass for cows and side-dressed the upper half of vegetable garden. Went on milk route with Nan and we stayed up town to go to Nellie Beverage's funeral. Pumped water and chored. Nan tried to mow some of the lawn but too wet. Turned the cows up into night pasture first time to graze.
June 15, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 46° above. Sunny but cold. Ern worked. Mowed grass for cows. Put coop on tractor and spent day picking rocks on the piece plowed last fall in the corner of the frog pond pieces where Martin cut along the fence. Also pulled tree roots that they plows had cut off.

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June 16, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 44° above. Sunny and calm. Ern worked. He run the scuffer through the upper side of garden to discourage the young weeds. Also scuffed through the two rows of new strawberries. We cleaned up the piles of dirt around Mr. Fay's light plant bldg. and finished filling exhaust ditch with rocks. Mowed around his garden and down to his garden. Hauled won a load of living wood junks and tiered them by woodshed. Spread a load of tar chobblings in driveway that George Beverage brought us.
June 17, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 46° above. Sunny and calm. Ern worked. He worked in Mrs. Fay's garden a while. We mowed a swath from her garden to the shore. Brought the two cows and their calves home from Tumbledown. Chored early tonight so to go to the Alumni Banquet at the K. of P. hall. Bernard Mills, Pres. Mr. Wright, North Shore speaker. Had a nice time. Pat and Mike up. When we were going up to the banquet we saw two of our young stock in Mrs. Pease's yard.
June 18, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 46° above. Calm and mostly sunny. A very nice day. Received a handy six and a sport slip-on from Pat, Mike and little Mike. Mrs. C. gave me a tetch of Carstairs. Chored and went on milk route. Stayed downtown to watch the Alton Prock cow bringing a load of road sand to the parking lot and unload it. The Beveridges dropped in for a few minutes before I started barn chores. Up to Mrs. Pease's before 6 o'clock this morning trying to fence the animals out of her yard. Didn't have much to do it with and they were back in there when we went with milk.
June 19, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 52° above. Sunny. S.W. breeze. Ern worked. Mowed grass. Cut up my barn staging poles into fence posts and sharpened them. Spent the remainder of day until 6:00 P.M. posting Mrs. Pease's yard fence and running a strand of barbed wire from S.W. corner to brow North of barn from corner of barn to same brow, and from pump gate to S.E. corner of barn. Lorny Beverage down with cow tonight.
June 20, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 50° above. Overcast some. S.W. wind. Ern worked . Mowed grass around shanty. Cut my house staging poles into posts and sharpened them. Spent all the remainder of day on Mrs. Pease fence along road. Repaired and run a strand of barbed wire from drive-in gate eastward to big swamp. Just fixed the worst places from there down over hill. Walker Ames down with cow tonight.
June 21, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 52° above. S.W. wind - foggy some. Ern worked. Mowed grass for cows and then spent all the time we had repairing fence at Mrs. Pease's from where we left off yesterday eastward toward Abbie's.
June 22, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 50° above. Raw southerly wind. Sprinkles. Rained all day with wind. Flattened my hay. Delivered milk and chored.
June 23, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 52° above. About calm. Foggy. Ern worked. Mowed grass. Hauled load of bedding hay for calves from Tumbledown barn. Spread 5 loads manure on well piece. Got stuck once. Walker Ames down with cow tonight.
June 24, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> <i>Tonny:</i> 50° above. Very foggy. Southerly wind. Ern worked. Mowed grass. He cultivated the house garden and hoed strawberries while I rototilled the garage garden. Spread four more loads manure on well piece. The Thorntons visited with us this evening. Had a nice time.

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June 25, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 52° above. Foggy. S.W. wind. Turned into a nice day except for wind. We delivered milk. Came home and rested a couple of hours. Visited at Fay's about an hour. Then chored.
June 26, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 56° above. Foggy clearing to a nice day. Ern worked. Mowed grass for cows. We furrowed out the garage garden and planted it. Then hauled a trailer load of wood from above barn and tiered it in woodshed. Then loaded another one and left it on trailer.
June 27, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 50° above. Calm. Looks rainy. Cleared to a beautiful day. Ern worked. Mowed grass for cows. Put load of wood in shed left on trailer last night and hauled down 2 more putting one of them in the shed. This cleans up my woodpile above barn. H.D. came with grain. Spread 5 more loads of manure on well piece - 14 in all. Finished it. Abbie and Eleanor arrived yesterday and called a few minutes tonight.
June 28, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 50° above. Calm. Sunny coming up very red. Ern didn't work. I chored and then spread 7 loads manure on piece I plowed last fall below little island.
June 29, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 55° above. A beautiful day. 8 more load of manure on plowed piece below little island. Finished the piece and finished the manure pile. Ern didn't work.
June 30, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 58° above. Calm. Hazy looking. Ern worked. Mowed for cows. Took manure spreader to Tumbledown and put it in western end. Brought harrow home and harrowed the piece I've been manuring. Ern ground scythe and then hoed over half of the vegetable garden. Nan went to Vinalhaven from delivering milk. I hauled home a load of grass from Abbie's that Martin mowed after I finished harrowing.
July 1, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> 50° above. Calm and clear. A beautiful morning and a nice day. Ern worked. Nan delivered milk. I mowed below ledges and under trees out back before doing chores. Ern raked and piled it up after he came we hauled it to the barn. Then cleaned up the rest of grass Martin mowed at Abbie's. Dragged the piece I harrowed yesterday and sowed millet and lidino clover on it. Also spread all the old corn seed I've had left over for years to get rid of it. Dragged the piece again. Up to Burgesses tonight. Edna and Bob arrived today. This their anniversary. Arthur and Emma there. They came today too.
July 2, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> 46° above Calm and sunny. A beautiful morning. Clouded up and sprinkled a little during day then started to rain. About 5:00 P.M. and rained all night. We went with milk and picked up lobster from Don Witherspon on our way home. When we got home Dana and Flora Smith were here in their boat with a Dr. and Mrs. Brown and a couple who teach under Dana. We had a nice picnic out back. They left about 3:30 and then Arthur and Emma nad Etta called a little while. Frank W. arrived today.
July 3, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> 50° above. Overcast. Just stopped raining. Calm. Ern worked. Mowed grass for cows on old hen yard piece and swampy part of well piece. Had two trailer loads. Put plows on tractor and plowed a turnip patch for Ern back of this back on the western end of the well piece to and from Montgomery road. Also plowed rest of hen yard piece by putting on chains.

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July 4, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 52° above. Very foggy. Cleared to be a beautiful day in P.M. but windy S.W. Went on milk route. Came home and had delicious fried clams out back (Mr. Fisher gave us a nice mess). Then we went up to see the Beveridge's garden and other projects. He had the state road bulldozer there working all day, making drainage ditch for his pond, leveling the field, etc. Played a couple games of croquet before coming home.
July 5, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> 50° above. Sunny and calm. Ern worked. He mowed grass for cows. I sharpened posts I picked out of the wood, hauled down from the Banks Swamp wood project and we repaired the big pasture fence from the main gate up by what was the oat and pea patch to frog pond field. Put enough rails to make main gate of. Over to Mrs. Pease. Took mower out of barn and started to mow out the yard but didn't have much luck. Discovered that the pitman rod bolts had loosened up.
July 6, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 46° above. Clear, calm and beautiful. Ern worked. He followed fence line from butchering place gate to Stone's Cove and back across pasture. I followed it from main gate westward to Montgomery's. Turned cows into big pasture first time. Up shortly after five this morning and built gate into big pasture while water was pumping. Worked on mowing machine, put in sharp knife. Finished mowing Pease yard and mowed between Abbie's house and brook and what was the orchard. Ern sharpened mower knife and bunched rocks on hen house piece and piece back of barn.
July 7, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 50 and foggy. Easterly air. Ern worked. We hoed in house garden until I finished mowing chores. Put scoop on tractor and hauled the rocks off of piece back of barn and hen yard piece. Dumped them in gully below raspberry patch. Harrowed both piece. Mr. Fay and Mrs. Fay down at six to have cocktails with us.
July 8, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Very foggy and raw with occasional spatters of rain. Ern worked for himself. Furrowed out 7 rows on the piece back of my barn. I harrowed yesterday and planted them to turnips. I went on milk route with Mrs. C. Over to Tumbledown with tractor and trailer to bring home watering trough. Re-corked it and put it out in big pasture.
July 9, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Heavy rain early this morning with thunder and lightning. To see my heavy stands of hay would make you sick. Went on milk route. Enjoyed turkey dinner with the Burgesses and Butmans. Called on Eleanor and Abbie a few minute on way home as we just heard that Abbie's mother died last Tues.
July 10, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern didn't work. I went on milk route with Nan. Bought some rope at Brown's for cow lead ropes. Put spreader on tractor and brought the six animals from Mrs. Pease's down to Tumbledown in two trips. Don, Cynthia and Dick called this evening.
July 11, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Dr. Corey, the cow tester, and Clayton Davis the inspector came on morning boat. Frank Sampson brought them down.
July 12, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. He set out 2 rows of cabbage plants on turnip patch which I chored. Mowed this O.P. piece and sister piece. Very heavy crop. Used new side deliver first time at Abbie's and Mrs. Pease's. Very nice working outfit. Ern raked by hand along the brook bank while I raked with machine.

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July 13, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Nan delivered milk. Ern worked the hay at Abbie's and Mrs. Pease's while I teddered the O.P. piece and sister piece. I also mowed what was the last oat and pea piece beyond big pasture gate. Baled hay at Mrs. Pease and put it in her barn. About 50. Had just hooked onto trailer to go down to Abbie's when rain came. A heavy shower for over an hour. Went back over to Abbie's to cover the bales about 6:00 and visited with Abbie and Eleanor a few minutes.
July 14, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern didn't work. Cow tester back to check on T.B. test. Removed the 5 th test on the yearling Liz Grey heifer for me. I then went up to Mrs. Pease's, cleaned up scattering sand along road to gate and brought them home in trailer. Spent P.M. spreading the mowing at Abbie's. Very poor drying but baled between house and brook and Nan helped me haul it into Tumbledown. 50 bales. The Beveridges called a few minutes tonight.
July 15, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Cool. N.E. Poor drying. Ern worked. He shook out bunched up, placed in old oat and pea patch and washed milk house floor while I put new tongue in tedder. He then worked the hay in Abbie's orchard while I teddered the O.P. piece and sister piece. I also teddered the oat and pea piece. Over to Abbie's, raked scatterings, baled the orchard, unloaded yesterday's load in Tumbledown and brought orchard hay home. 40 bales. The Hopkins and children called a few minutes this evening.
July 16, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Foggy turning to rain all day. Went on milk route with Mrs. C. We had a nap this P.M. Up to Fay's a few minutes before chores. Set 5 steel traps in strawberry patch tonight as coons or something are ruining our berries. Haven't even got one box off of them yet.
July 17, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern didn't work. Went on milk route. We went to Rockland on noon boat as I wanted to see what Pete Edwards had for yearling bulls. He wasn't home but his right hand man took me to the pasture. Selected a Purebred Holstein (supposed to be anyway) that Pete claimed came from Ben Nickels farm in Union.
July 18, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. He bunched rocks on big piece in pasture while I chored. We took young stock at Tumbledown back up to Mrs. Pease's. Got McCormick mower out of Mrs. Pease's barn and mowed part of the big piece in Tumbledown field that I haven't gotten sowed down. Part of it is a solid mass of sorrel and oxheart weeds and the western part witch grass with some timothy.
July 19, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Bunched rocks. Finished mowing piece in big field after teddering O.P. piece and sister piece. Started to rake O.P. and sister piece but shower came and rake wouldn't work good anyway. The stripper kept winding up with hay. By calling Glidden tonight he found out for me that the stripper had to be set in as close to the reel as it could turn without hitting.
July 20, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Bunching rocks on pasture piece. Spread hay on O.P. and sister piece. I finished raking O.P and sister piece and oat and pea piece. Baled O.P and sister piece. 3 loads - 210 bales.
July 21, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Bunched rocks. Spread the hay on oat and pea piece. Mowed between Fay's house and barn and between barn and power house. Baled oat and pea piece and hauled it in two loads. 124 bales.

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July 22, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. He hand scythed around fence between Fay's and barn and down by shop and hand raked. I raked yesterday's mowing. Then raked the best of the unsowed piece at top of big field we mowed the 19 th . Baled it and hauled it into Tumbledown 145 bales.
July 23, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Beautiful day. Nan delivered milk. I picked about a peck of peas. Spread the hay by power house and between Fay's and barn. Helped a little mowing lawn. Rested a half hour or so. Raked the mowing by shop and below garden. The Lawrence Grants and Bessie called this P.M. Also the Doug Stones. Mowed the rest of O.P. and sister piece and the old millet piece above barn.
July 24, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Almost foggy. Poor hay day. Ern worked. Sharpened mower knives. We worked through the hay twice - around shop, power house piece and between Fay's and barn. Baled it and hauled it in - 55 bales. Gussie and his boy called a little while this P.M. Bertha J. down to give Nan a permanent this P.M.
July 25, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern didn't work. Very foggy. Sprinkled at times. Went on milk route. Nan worked at home. Harvey Demmons brought grain. I piled up the Bank's road destruction wood hauled down by the road crew. We went up to A.W. Beverage farm to see the progress A.W. and Emma have made. What a mess the place must have been when they started in. They really have made quite a showing. Nearly ready to move in.
July 26, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Cultivated the garage garden and hoed the strawberries. Staked pigs. Raked the S.W. corner of O.P. piece what was left of sister piece and old millet piece. Mowed oak tree field.
July 27, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Spread S.W. corner of O.P. piece and old millet piece above barn. I teddered oak tree piece. Brought hay wagon home from Tumbledown. Teddered oak tree piece again. Baled and hauled in what Ern spread - 124 bales.
July 28, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. He sharpened mower knife. Side-dressed corn and other vegetables on garage garden. We spread hay on oak tree field by hand except outside windrow by oak tree. Hay so heavy no room to spread. Baled and hauled it in - 224 bales.
July 29, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. He thinned his turnips. I shucked out clams Mr. Fisher gave us. Stowed away hay in this barn. Took Pete Holstein up to Mrs. Pease to turn out with heifers. Helped mow lawn.
July 30, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Rainy this P.M. Delivered milk and then took car across to V.H. Went down to call on Pat and Mike. It had rained very hard up here when we came home. Up to Fay's a few minutes before chores.
July 31, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Beautiful morning. Ern worked. Spread a bag of 8-16-16 on new yard piece and a bag on balance of turnip patch. Spread outside windrow of hay on oak tree piece. Ground my scythe. I mowed little pasture back of Tumbledown barn and ridge in big field across from barn. Came home and mowed the flat between Montgomery's road and lily ledge. Arthur and Emma called this evening. They have moved into the farm house now.

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<p>August 1, Tuesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 52° N.W. air. Beautiful. A real hay day. Ern strung peas on garage piece. Spread windrow of hay on oak tree piece. I teddered yesterday's mowing in western field, raked yesterday's mowing at Tumbledown. Raked mowing in western field. Baled windrow in oak tree field and what I raked at Tumbledown. Hauled it into Tumbledown barn 175 bales. Mowed 5 found trips across western field below old cellar hole before choring tonight.</p>
<p>August 2, Wednesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 48° above. Beautiful sunny and calm but aired up S.E. A poor hay day. Ern spread on strip along Montgomery road in western field while I mowed around old cellar hole piece. We baled and hauled in 87 bales of this morning's spreading and the 20 bales made out of the outside windrow on Oak Tree piece yesterday. Nan uptown at 4:30 to the Fays and other Little Thoroughfare families to meet with the Coast Guard and Light (Electric) people about bringing electricity to Little Thorofare. The Coast Guard may electrify Goose Rock Light.</p>
<p>August 3, Thursday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Ern didn't work. No hay day. He came down and cultivated his turnips. I went on milk route with Nan. Raked what I mowed yesterday and Tuesday in western field this P.M. Then hoed corn and beans in garage garden. Nan mowed lawn.</p>
<p>August 4, Friday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Ern didn't work. Foggy this A.M. by spells but burned out to a nice P.M. Nan delivered milk. I chored, harrowed the hen yard piece and sowed it to millet. Spent rest of P.M. spreading hay in western field - spread the five round trips below old cellar hole.</p>
<p>August 5, Saturday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Made a pretty nice day. Ground scythe and pulled us a mess of greens (turnip). We spread the hay above and to the westward of old cellar hole. Also turned the lowest windrow of the five round trip mowing I spread yesterday. Mowed dump piece and hog pen piece. Baled and hauled in the hay we worked yesterday and today - 155 bales.</p>
<p>August 6, Sunday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> A beautiful, beautiful day. Nan delivered milk. I picked nearly a half bu. of peas off second planting. Mowed rest of western field from half-way ledge to bank. Have only Montgomery's and toilet field left beyond hill. Rested in hammocks an hour, then had hamburgs and hotdogs out back. Raked dump piece and hog pen piece. Up to Burgesses late this evening to have sherbet. Arthur and Emma there.</p>
<p>August 7, Monday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Sharpened mower knife. Very foggy all A.M. and part of P.M. Nan delivered milk. We stowed away hay in barn. Dumped grain in barrels from panel truck. Mowed truck side ways to line up with gate. It would be easier for H. Demmons to back up to. Bagged up what was left of my V.H. sawdust to get it off of the eastern scaffold to make room for hay. Took some posts and second hand hog wire over to Montgomery's to repair the pasture fence below his well. Old wire completely gone to pieces. Nan picked four baskets of raspberries off her patch this P.M. Must make about 20 boxes. Mr. Montgomery approached me about building his fence for him.</p>

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<p>August 8, Tuesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> This is a beautiful morning. Calm, sunny and bright. Ern worked. We spread the hay on hog pen piece and dump piece. Invited over to Abbie's and Eleanor's to picnic dinner - fried mackerel, salad, etc. Very good. Eliot, Dorothy, Lowell, Ida, Thomas and his new bride and the bride's father. Had a nice time. Came home - went through hay again, raked the lower side of western field. Baled and hauled in dump piece and hog pen piece - 101 bales. Arthur and Emma called this evening.</p>
<p>August 9, Wednesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. He spread lower side of western field while I mowed Montgomery's, the toilet field, the little corner in fog pond field by millet piece and between well and hen yard piece. Baled and hauled in 107 bales - lower side of western field. We were up to Fay's a few minutes before doing chores.</p>
<p>August 10, Thursday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Another nice hay day. Ern hand raked around edges and ledges at Montgomery's and toilet field while I used side delivery. Then we spread after raking. Also hand raked between well and hen yard millet piece. Mowed out Fay's. Baled and hauled in Montgomery's and toilet field - 49 bales. Had our first mess of green and yellow string beans. Gerald Beverage called on me at the barn this evening.</p>
<p>August 11, Friday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> A good day but not drying. Ern worked. Raked and hand raked Fay's. Cleaned up scatterings and Montgomery's. Walked fence line with him to discuss gates, tide fence etc. Agreed to let fence go along bank to cliff rather than try to maintain tide fence. Spread Fay's hay. Nan worked at Legion Cake sale. We baled and hauled in the hay between well and hen yard piece - 10 bales.</p>
<p>August 12, Saturday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Beautiful day. Ern down this A.M. Sharpened mower knife. Turned all the hay below Fay's before going on milk route with Nan as we wanted to stay uptown to watch the Legion Parade. Ern went home as soon as we turned the hay. The parade was very good. Came home about 4:30. Baled the hay below Fay's. Hauled it in - 51 loads. Up to dance at Community Bldg. Cost \$4.00 a couple. Finished the haying at Indian Point Farm.</p>
<p>August 13, Sunday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Another beautiful day but growing cold tonight. Went on milk route with Nan. The Bunkers - Pat, Mike and Little Mike and Woodrow and Elizabeth were up to dinner out back. Had lobsters and hot dogs. Mowed the top of big field at Tumbledown late this P.M. Up to Arthur and Emma's this evening. The Burgesses and Mercedes were there. They sure have the house fixed up nicely inside.</p>
<p>August 14, Monday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 50° above. Cold and some cloudiness. Became beautiful day. No dew. Ern worked. Picked peas and beans. Sharpened mower knife. Hand raked scattering below Fay's. I raked to yesterday's mowing in big field. Struck out junk to and from Bank's road to side hill field road - 1 round trip. Baled what I raked and we hauled in one load into Tumbledown barn.</p>
<p>August 15, Tuesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> 46° above with an air S.S.W. A heavy dew. Ern worked. He turned bales while I raked and finished mowing yesterday's junk. Unloaded yesterday's load and hauled in two more from top of hill. About 200 bales in the three loads. Struck out western side of big field next to Mrs. Pease's wood lot before coming home - 5 trips around.</p>

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August 16, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Sharpened mower knife. Just ready to start raking in big field when fire broke out in Mrs. Pease wood lot - near where the old lumber camps set. Worked up there helping fight fire until 2:00 P.M. Rolled yesterday's raking and raked yesterday's mowing except the piece I struck out last night.
August 17, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> 46°. Ern worked. cleaned up scattering below Fay's. I finished mowing a pace I struck on Tuesday. Raked and baled side hill piece and piece to and from Bank's Road. Hauled one load - 8 bales into Tumbledown and brought one load home.
August 18, Friday	<i>Tonny:</i> 46°. Ern worked Sharpened mower knife. Spread hay in upper back corner of field and turned bales while I raked the big junk I finished mowing yesterday. Baled it and hauled 1 load - 79 bales into Tumbledown and brought one load home - 80 bales in field. The Oldroyds, Burgesses and A.W. Beverages called this evening.
August 19, Saturday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Sharpened mower knife. He turned over bales in field while I stowed away in barn. Hauled 2 load into Tumbledown. Stowed them away before coming home.
August 20, Sunday	<i>Tonny:</i> Beautiful day. Nan and Winnie (she's staying with us until Friday) delivered milk. I rested out back in hammock while they were gone. Had a nice lunch out there. June Hopkins and her two youngest boys called a few minutes this P.M. Did chores early.
August 21, Monday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern didn't work. Nan and Winnie delivered milk. I ground scythe and mowed out the corner of hen yard piece where trees are planted. Rested an hour this P.M.
August 22, Tuesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern didn't work. Nan and Winnie delivered milk. I dumped grain in barn, raked and cleaned up the grassy I mowed yesterday. Also cleaned up the swamp grass by well and put it at bottom of manure pile. Cleaned up last year's piles and left it by raspberry patch for mulch this fall. Mowed strawberry hill at Tumbledown this P.M.
August 23, Wednesday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Picked a half bu. of Teton peas on garage piece. We raked the hay on strawberry hill, baled it and hauled it into Tumbledown - 68 bales. Mowed the rest of lowland bordering Bank's road.
August 24, Thursday	<i>Tonny:</i> Ern didn't work. This has been a very poor hay day. Almost foggy and almost rained by spells. I raked yesterday's mowing and baled it. Unloaded yesterday's load and hauled in today's baling - 46 bales. I will probably heat as some of the bales are very heavy. Mowed between carriage house and brook. Abbie called me up to house to see about checking over her property once a week during winter as there has been two or three houses broken into this spring. Lyford and Ruth Beveridge called a few minutes this evening.

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<p>August 25, Friday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Rained during night and foggy this morning. Ern didn't work. We delivered milk, took car across to V.H. Nan called on Pat while I called at Rossie Grey's. He is selling out all his equipment, having sold his cows a couple months ago. I bought the following: 11 watering cups \$44.00, 2-40qt. cans \$8.00, 5 Swinging stanchions \$20.00, 12 doz. milk bottles with cases \$8.64, 1 rubber tired wheelbarrow \$10.00 = \$90.64. Had a lunch with Pat and Mike and got home about six.</p>
<p>August 26, Saturday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Foggy. Raining this P.M. Went on milk route with Nan. Sharpened mower knife and tried to mow at Tumbledown, the corner by garage but hay was wet some on bottom and it started to rain so put tractor in barn. Was just starting to stow away hay when Nan came home from art exhibit. I rode home with her.</p>
<p>August 27, Sunday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Rain this morning but clearing some this P.M. Delivered milk. Took my suit along and dressed in Legion Hall kitchen. We went to Janet Lermond's wedding at the church and then the reception at the Community Bldg. A very nice affair. Abbie and Eleanor over to fried chicken supper with us. Had a nice evening.</p>
<p>August 28, Monday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> A beautiful morning. Ern worked. Hand raked around Abbie's eastern brook piece. I mowed western brook piece and struck out Abbie's western flat. Got it half done up. Raked eastern brook piece. We picked peas and beans off of garage piece this A.M.</p>
<p>August 29, Tuesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Sharpened mower knife. Spread some of yesterday's rakings. Raked around edges of Abbie's flat and western brook piece. I finished mowing western flat. Pat, Mike and Little Mike up at noontime as they brought up the equipment I bought of Rossie Grey. Went on ride with them in their Corvair pick-up. Also bought Ezee Flow lime and seed spreader with Eliot Beveridge \$37.50 each.</p>
<p>August 30, Wednesday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. I rolled hay on eastern brook piece. Raked hay on western brook piece and on flat. Ern spread the hay on the two brook pieces as it rained last night. I baled the western flat and we brought a load home.</p>
<p>August 31, Thursday</p>	<p><i>Tonny:</i> Ern worked. Gathered rocks on pasture piece while I chored. Unloaded the hay we brought home last night. He rolled bales on flat while I raked the two brook pieces. Hauled two more loads off of flat into Tumbledown. Baled the two brook piece. Hauled 1 load into Tumbledown and brought the rest home. Nan went to V.H. this P.M. Pat's birthday.</p>